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## Wayne Memorial JROTC heads to D.C. competition



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Wayne Memorial's JROTC team is headed to a national competition in Washington, D.C., in June.

School in top 3 percent of nation's leadership teams

After advancing through two phases of online competition, the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Leadership Team will compete in person at the Championship event in Washington, D.C.

The 2017 U.S. Army JROTC Leadership Bowl Championship will be held on the campus of The Catholic University of America, June 23-27. Wayne Memorial High School is in the top 3 percent of the nation's leadership teams. They have competed against more than 2,000 high

school programs across the country.

Wayne Memorial High School's JROTC team earned top scores out of the 1,378 U.S. Army JROTC teams that competed from around the world. The team is one of only forty Army JROTC Leadership Bowl teams in the nation to advance to the National Leadership Bowl competition. During the two fast-paced preliminary rounds, cadets were tested on their knowledge of current events, leadership values and leadership skills.

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## Redistricting reform group holds meeting in Livonia

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Jamie Lyons-Eddy believes several of Michigan's congressional districts come in some pretty strange shapes. Just look at the ones in Metro Detroit.

"If you start at Campus Martius and you drive up Woodward to downtown Pontiac, you will switch U.S. congressional districts six times," said Lyons-Eddy, a presenter at a meeting regarding redistricting Tuesday night. "You'll pass through the 14th three times."

A statewide, nonpartisan organization and ballot committee is looking to make some changes to the way the state handles redistricting, or the process of redrawing legislative districts. That group, Voters Not Politicians, held a meeting Tuesday night at the Disabled Americans Veterans Chapter 114 in Livonia. The meeting, one of several being held across the state, gave the more than 100 people in attendance an overview on the process of redistricting commonly referred to as "gerrymandering," which is done to group certain populations together in order to achieve more power by a political party.

The organization has made it its goal to put a proposal on the 2018 that would change the way the redistricting process, which will take place after the 2020 U.S. Census, is handled.

Katie Fahey, another presenter from the redistricting group, said many races in Michigan are decided well before voters cast their ballot

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Emma Carlton of the Garden City Figure Skating Club.

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## AREA SKATERS DANCE ON ICE

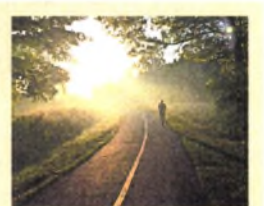
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A natural skater is how Theresa McKendry describes her 10-year-old student Jessica Wu. And she should know. The figure skating coach works with her charge weekly — and eight months later is stunned by her natural grace and skills on the ice.



See SKATERS, Page A2 Sadie Davis of the Westland Figure Skating Club hugs coach Laurie Sitarski.

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## JROTC

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Academic Bowl (JLAB) is a nationally recognized competition created exclusively for JROTC students. By participating, cadets learn the values of citizenship, academic competition and college opportunity. The competition is designed to create opportunities for JROTC cadets by allowing them to demonstrate leadership and academic abilities.

College Options Foundation is a nonprofit

organization dedicated to enriching the academic development of high school students and assisting them in preparation for higher education. Using academic competitions, college exam study guides, college admissions tutorials and personalized counseling, College Options Foundation has assisted the nation's JROTC cadets worldwide for over a decade.

For more information on the WMHS JROTC Leadership team, contact Steven LaHaine at LahaineS@wwcsd.net.

## SKATERS

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"She was great right away," McKendry said, referring to Jessica of the Arctic Figure Skating Club in Canton.

"I practice six times a week," said Jessica, a Bentley Elementary student, adding she wanted to learn because her friends skate.

McKendry describes Jessica as a "natural skater," who "has great body awareness and a great work ethic."

Jessica was one of the 215 skaters who hit the ice March 10-11 at the 35th annual Learn to Skate Competition, hosted by the Garden City Figure Skating Club.

The skaters performed throughout the weekend before 18 judges and skated in various age/skill categories. "Everyone gets a placement — first, second or third," said Mon-



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Sadie Davis of the Westland Figure Skating Club.

match. Ava Nienus, a member of the Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club and student at Webster Elementary School in Livonia, began skating when she was about 3. "I get to do a lot of jumps," she said. "It's fun."

Her coaches, Nicole Reitz and Stacy Barber, spend a lot of time with Ava. "It's a building process," Barber said.

With new or younger skaters, it's a consistent message of learning the basics. "It turns them into good skaters," Reitz said.

Sixteen-year-old Kayla Harris of Livonia, a member of the Westland Figure Skating Club, has been skating since third grade. And she skates just to be happy. "I have been doing this program for a while," she said. "But I have other passions I am interested in, too."

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## MEETING

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during the elections because of the makeup of the district.

"They should be getting reelected because their constituents like them," she said. "And because they voted for them and because they have a real option or choice of being unelected. Because when that is real, when you have a competitive election, that's when people have to start paying attention to what people actually want."

The meeting saw more than 100 people in attendance, including Livonia Public Schools board of education member Dan Centers. Centers said the division in the state would move in the right direction if the process of redistricting were changed.

"Politically we are more divided than any time in recent memory," he said. "Redistricting reform will stop Lansing from picking winners

and losers, and give that power to our voters. That is good for democracy."

Northville Township resident Pat Timmons said he's hopeful some sort of movement will take place when it comes to redistricting. He said the state's been gerrymandered and "leads to very bad government."

He said he came to the

meeting to see how serious the movement was, and thinks he'll get involved.

"Based on the attendance tonight, I'm a little more optimistic. I've been involved in petition drives before and it's been very hard on other issues," he said. "But I think this one will resonate with people and I

think there's a chance."

Another meeting hosted by the group is scheduled to take place from 7-9 p.m. March 28 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth Township.

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Jaime Lyons-Eddy speaks about redistricting at the Voters Not Politicians town hall.

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# City council shows concern over proposed LA Fitness

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It looks like a little more work may have to go into it before approval will be granted for the proposed LA Fitness at the former Farmer Jack on Seven Mile.

The Livonia City Council reviewed the waiver petition for the proposed development at the site, located at 29659 Seven Mile, Monday night during its study meeting. After the presentation, several council members said they were concerned with some elements of the proposed work, including the larger-than-needed amount of parking spaces and some of the building's design, including the larger-than-required amount of parking spots currently planned for the entire center.

The proposal currently calls for 523 parking spots for the project, which consists of the proposed LA Fitness, a small shopping center with retail stores and another commercial pad that will house another business at a later date.

"Did I hear correctly that you think you need all 523 spaces?" asked Councilman Scott Bahr. "I'm blown away by the amount of parking on this, and that's something I'm very sensitive to. I'd rather see green and shade than more concrete."

The proposal for the redevelopment was recommended for approval by the city's planning commission last summer. The proposal calls for the removal of the former Farmer Jack, which has been empty for nearly 10 years, and replace it with a new LA Fitness and two other



The former Farmer Jack building on Seven Mile west of Middlebelt.

commercial buildings. Developers said the amount of parking was done to make sure the facilities would be able to accommodate as many customers as the business could have at one time.

"I think what LA Fitness is trying to portray certainly is with their experience, one spot short turns a customer away," said Karl Zarbo, director of operations for Lormax Stern. "I think they certainly design for the load."

Councilman Brian Meakin said he'd like to see some of the proposed parking space land banked, especially if one of the out-lots is not expected to be developed in the near future.

"I'm sure the neighbors to the east would appreciate something like that, too," he said.

If approved, it would become the second LA Fitness in Livonia: another gym currently

operates in Wonderland Village near Plymouth and Middlebelt roads.

Councilwoman Maureen Miller Brosnan said she noticed the design of the proposed building is different than the one in Wonderland Village.

"It looks remarkably more substantial in its building materials than what you're proposing for Seven Mile and Middlebelt," she said. "Is there any way we could get closer to what that looks like? That's a good-looking building."

### Out-lot buildings

Officials said they planned on using many of the same designs for the smaller building on the property to mirror the ones in the Livonia Marketplace shopping center across the street. Lormax Stern also owns that shopping center as well.

Zarbo said there are a few companies who have a lease in escrow at the

proposed new center, though he declined to talk about which companies those were in detail. He said the additional pad would be filled most likely at a later date, a strategy that allows the company to be more selective about the type of businesses that go into that center.

"It allows us to be way more selective than just taking something early to pay the bills," Zarbo said.

The council has two motions on the floor for its next regular meeting: one to approve the development and another to send the issue to the council's committee of the whole for further discussion. The council's next regular meeting takes place at 7 p.m. March 27 at Livonia City Hall.

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# Westland aided in setting up shelter

In response to record-breaking winds and power outages, the Westland Fire Department was prepared to provide overnight accommodations for residents in need from Friday evening through Sunday last weekend.

"We would like to extend a special thank you to Jim Hart and Staff Sgt.

Steve Surmann from the U.S. Army 406th CSSB out of Ann Arbor for providing cots for people to sleep on as well as Gary Bulson from Men on the Move for providing us with 25 clean moving pads to make the cots more comfortable," Westland Mayor William Wild said.



Cots set up for an overnight warming station at the Westland Fire Department.

# Another hit for drivers: No-fault insurance fee hike

Paul Egan  
Detroit Free Press

The fee Michigan motorists must pay as part of the state's no-fault auto insurance plan will rise \$10 per vehicle, to \$170, on July 1, the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association said Monday.

It's the latest in a series of extra costs to hit motorists this year. Effective Jan. 1, vehicle registration fees increased 20 percent and the state gas tax went up 7.3 cents per gallon, as part of a \$1.2-billion road funding deal.

The 6.3 percent increase in the per-vehicle assessment insurance companies pay to the MCCA — which is passed on to motorists — is because of an increase in the estimated cost to pay

existing Personal Injury Protection benefit claims covered under Michigan's no-fault insurance system, the association said in a news release.

Michigan's system is unique in that it provides for unlimited, lifetime medical auto insurance benefits for catastrophic claims, and the fee covers benefits that exceed \$550,000 per claim, the MCCA said. The association said of the \$170 fee, \$143.33 will go to pay anticipated new claims, \$26.27 to address a \$1.9 billion estimated deficit related to claims, and 40 cents will cover administrative expenses.

The MCCA said it paid out \$1.1 billion — more than \$154 per insured car — in 2016 for claim costs resulting from catastrophic injuries.

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# Referee's family calls for tougher assault penalties

**Kathleen Gray**  
Detroit Free Press

Kyle Bieniewicz became a sports referee at age 12 because it's what his father loved to do.

But their shared passion turned to tragedy in 2014, when John Bieniewicz was punched by a player in the Livonia adult soccer league and died two days later. Now Kyle and his mother, Kristen Bieniewicz, want some good to come from the death.

"When someone is overly passionate about their kid fighting their way around the rules of the game, it gets taken out on us," Kyle Bieniewicz told the Senate Judi-

ciary Committee on Tuesday. "We screw up sometimes. We shouldn't have to worry about the fear of being attacked when we screw up."

The mother and son were testifying on two bills that would increase penalties for an assault against a referee, making a simple assault a misdemeanor punishable by one year in jail instead of the current 93 days. An assault causing injury that requires medical attention would be a felony carrying a maximum penalty of two years in prison, rising to five years for a serious impairment.

John Bieniewicz's attacker, Bassel Saad,

was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and is serving 8-15 years in prison as part of a plea deal.

"The big difference between what is in place and what is being proposed is one key word: felony," Kristen Bieniewicz said. "That word alone is able to help deter people and make them think twice about what they're doing and saying in the stands."

"Referees are out on an island; there's nobody there to protect them," she added. "It's not like they're packing a gun. They've got a whistle. That's it."

The committee voted 3-1 to move the bills to

the full Senate for a vote, with the hope that they go further than they did in 2015, when bills passed the committee but never got a vote in the Senate or House of Representatives.

"I really get the feeling that we're dealing with a much larger problem," said Sen. Steven Bieda, D-Warren. "Maybe there could be more signs posted or warnings on tickets. There needs to be a mind-set change here."

James Dworman, an attorney and sports official from West Bloomfield, said increasing penalties helped organizations like Mothers Against Drunk Driving

hammer home the point that drunken driving is a costly crime.

"Years of exposure to the message, along with greatly enhanced penalties, have really curtailed that problem," he said, adding that discourse at sporting events and even in politics has deteriorated. "Unfortunately, we don't live in (an) Andy Griffith society. We live in the 'Jerry Springer' society."

But Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, who voted against the bills, said they run counter to the state constitution, which guarantees equal protection for all under the law.

"There is a coarsening

in society. People are getting divided by race, religion, and now it will divide us based on occupation," he said. "How does this bill, carving out special protection for certain citizens, comply with our Constitution?"

Michigan would join 23 other states that have laws regarding assaults on referees, according to the Wisconsin-based National Association of Sports Officials, which has been advocating for such laws since 1984.

The bills — SB 200-201 — now move to the full Senate for consideration.

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Musician Kenny Lang will perform Saturday at the BaseLine Folk Society.

## BaseLine Folk Society hosts St. Patrick's Day concert

BaseLine Folk Society will host its 12th annual St. Patrick's Day concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon.

The evening will feature open-mic performances from 10 musical artists and featured performer Kenny Lang at 8 p.m.

The season schedule is available on the BaseLine Folk Society's Face-

book page. For more information, email bfpresident4u@gmail.com.

The JWH Center for the Arts is on the east side of Sheldon, on the corner at Junction Street.

## Novi pool and spa show returning

The 22nd annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show returns Friday through Sunday, March 24-26, to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"New this year is the consumer education and showcase area that will display the best of backyard, pool and spa projects by Association of Pool & Spa Professionals-Michigan Chapter members," said Richard Martin, president of APSP. "This expo is the one and only time per year homeowners can meet the best backyard, pool and spa professionals of Michigan in one location."

APSP is the event sponsor and a nonprofit local trade association composed of member companies in the pool, spa and backyard living business.

Exhibitors will have a wide selection on display and showcase the latest trends and innovations to fit any space or budget for enhanced backyard living relaxation and fun. Hundreds of ideas, products and services are available from the major outdoor living environment categories, including in-ground and above-ground pools, spas, swim spas, hot tubs, saunas, decks, patios, fencing, awnings, outdoor kitchens and living spaces, landscaping, water features, brick paving, decorative concrete, patio furniture and accessories.

Homeowners will find the information they need about building and buying a pool or spa at show exhibits. Experts are available with tips and advice on designing,

building, purchasing, planning, maintenance, safety and landscaping.

"It's time to get ready for summer and create the perfect backyard escape for swimming, exercising or entertaining your family and friends," Martin said. "Start now at our show to design a new outdoor living space or renovate an existing backyard."

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue, between Novi and Beck roads. Show hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8, \$4 for children ages 6-14 and children ages 5 and under admitted free. For show information, go to [www.NoviPoolShow.com](http://www.NoviPoolShow.com) or call 734-398-9700.

## LENTEN CALENDAR

### 'Turn to Jesus'

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have special midweek Lenten worship services on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. through April 5. This year's theme is "Turn to Jesus!" There will be free treats after the services. For more information, call 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523.

### St. Mary's Fish Fry

St. Mary, Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Council No. 7444 hosts a Friday fish fry for the next four weeks at the church, 1955 E Commerce St, Milford.

The fry runs from 5-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 adults; \$8 for seniors; \$7 for teens; \$4 for kids; children 5 and younger are free.

### Knights of Columbus fry

Knights of Columbus hosts a Friday Fish Fry throughout the Lenten season March 17 to April 7 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 30 S Lafayette St, South Lyon.

The Fish fry runs from 4-7 p.m. Adult are \$10; seniors: \$8; Kids 12

and under \$6 each. Carry outs are available from 4-6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586.

### Holy Week services

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, announces its schedule for Holy Week. Maundy Thursday service is at 7 p.m. April 13. Good Friday services will be held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 14. Easter Sunday service will be held at 9:30 a.m. April 16. A free Easter breakfast will be held from 8-9:15 a.m. All visitors will receive a free DVD "My Son, My Savior." For more information, call 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523.

### Easter services

Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman Road, Livonia, will offer the following Easter services: SONrise Service at 6:15 a.m., an outside service; Prayer Service, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; Easter Breakfast, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

### Fish Fry

St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne is hosting its Lenten Fish Frys.

The weekly Fish Frys are held from 4-7 p.m. and run for seven weeks through Good Friday, April 14.

Dinners are \$7 or \$10. Choose from fried or baked fish, shrimp dinner or mac and cheese. Each meal comes with french fries or baked potato, cole slaw, roll and lemonade, water or coffee. For an additional small charge, desserts and pop are available.

### Resurrection Parish

If you knew you were going to die today, what would you do? How would that reality change you? Would you be more forgiving? More merciful? Attend a Lenten presentation at 7:30 p.m. March 16 by author Chris Stepien as he shares the inspiration for his latest book, "Dying to Be Happy Discovering the Truth About Life."

### Orthodox Christian services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will hold the first in its annual series of Vespers services on the five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent on March 5, Sunday of Orthodoxy, at

6 p.m. at St. Clement Ohridski Macedono-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn.

Members of the St. John Chrysostom Clergy Brotherhood and clergy from the host parish will conduct the service. The homilist will be the Rev. Gabriel Bilas of St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church, Fenton. The Orthodox Lenten Vespers Chorus, directed by Victoria Kopistiansky, will sing the responses.

Youngsters age 7 through high school from parish church schools are encouraged to bring an icon of their choice and participate in the Procession of Icons.

The remaining services in the series will be held on:

» March 19, Sunday of the Holy Cross, at St. George Romanial Orthodox Cathedral, 18405 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield;

» March 26, Sunday of St. John Climacus, at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 20500 Anglin St., Detroit.

» April 2, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075

W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Members of the public are invited to attend the services.

### Praise and worship

St. Edith Church will have a Praise and Worship Concert from 4-5 p.m. Sunday, March 12. Come and sing to your favorite Christian rock hits.

The music will be provided by In Praise and a small fellowship will follow in the Gathering Area.

For more information, visit [www.stedith.org](http://www.stedith.org)

### Lenten Fish Fry

American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, will host its annual Lenten fish fry from 5-8 p.m. every Friday through April 29.

Cod dinners are \$10 and perch will return. Baked items will be sold for \$1 each. The meals are open to the public.

### St. Bellarmine Fish Fry

St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club will host fish frys every Friday during Lent with drive-thru service available.

The dinners are avail-

able from 4-7 p.m. every Friday. St. Robert's is at the corner of West Chicago and Inkster roads in Redford.

### Prince of Peace Lutheran

Midweek Lenten services with a soup supper will be offered at Prince of Peace Lutheran on Wednesdays with supper at 6 p.m. followed by service at 7:30 p.m. Join on Wednesdays through April 5. Contact the church at 248-553-3380.

### 'Calling them Home'

St. Michael the Archangel Parish will offer a new Lenten series, "Calling Them Home," for all parents, grandparents, siblings and others interested in helping loved ones find their way home to the church.

The four-week series, which will meet on consecutive Mondays from March 6-27 in the St. Michael's School cafeteria, will be led by well-known Catholic author, apologist and award-winning "Michigan Catholic" columnist Gary Michuta, who has extensive teaching experience with teens and young adults.

There is no charge or reservation required for this series. All area Catholics who are interested in this subject are welcome. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. For more information, call the parish at 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or visit [www.livonia.stmichael.org](http://www.livonia.stmichael.org).

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS

#### CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN FIRE STATION DIESEL EXHAUST SYSTEM PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, March 28th, 2017 at which time the RFB's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the Livonia Fire Department Headquarters, Station #1, 14910 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154 at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 21st, 2017. Bids will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.

Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info)

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Faxed bids in response to this request will not be accepted.

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN FIRE STATION DIESEL EXHAUST SYSTEM PROJECT, name of vendor and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No vendor may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Shadd A. Whitehead  
Livonia Fire Chief

Dennis K. Wright  
Mayor

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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  
In the school cafeteria

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

### LIVONIA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT 5 YEAR MASTER PLAN REVIEW AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department has developed a Five Year Master Park Plan for 2017-2022. The Master Plan serves to address the current and future recreation needs of Livonia residents. Once complete and adopted by City Council, the Master Plan will allow the Parks and Recreation department the opportunity to apply for Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant opportunities.

A draft version of the 2017-2022 Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan is available for public view for a 30 day period. Livonia residents are invited to review and comment on the plan from Monday, Feb. 20 through Tuesday, March 21. The draft of the plan is available at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Dr. (City Clerk Desk) and the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard during regular business hours and online <http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us/Departments/ParksandRecreation.aspx>.

Following the 30 day period, there will be a final opportunity for comment at a public meeting. This will take place during the City Council Study Session at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 27 at City Hall. For more information, please contact the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 466-2900.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Body found after suspected overdose

Livonia police were called Sunday to the wooded area near Ann Arbor Road and east of Newburgh on the report of a deceased individual from a possible drug overdose.

When police arrived, they discovered the body of a 25-year-old Shelby Township man. Police said they believe the man was the victim of a drug overdose by the evidence found nearby and do not

suspect any foul play.

Identity theft reported

A resident in the 37100 block of Muirfield came into the police station Monday afternoon to report an identity theft.

The resident said she received a letter from the IRS saying they had received her and her husband's tax return but needed more information to process it. She said the couple had not yet filed their taxes. She contacted the IRS, who told her to

contact the Better Business Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission.

Stolen bicycle ridden out of store

Livonia police were at Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, at about 2 a.m. Friday on the call of a retail fraud when they were informed of another retail fraud that had taken place while there.

A store employee told police the suspect appeared to have taken a bicycle on sale inside the store and rode it out of

the store without paying for it. Police went outside and saw the suspect on the bicycle and ordered him to stop. He then began riding the bicycle away until another officer arrived and shone their vehicle spotlight on him. The man was stopped and arrested under the suspicion of retail fraud. After reviewing security footage, police reportedly saw the man select the bicycle and attempt to ride it out an entrance which was closed. He then went to

another entrance and rode the bicycle out that one.

Retail fraud reported

Police were dispatched Friday morning to Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud suspect that had left the store.

Police say the suspect came in the store with a backpack and was monitored by loss prevention employees. The suspect was then seen going through the store and

selecting several pairs of socks. He then placed the socks in his backpack. He later reportedly tried to leave without paying and was stopped. An employee tried to get the suspect back into the store, but he did not comply. He reportedly fled southbound on a bicycle and could not be located by police. He was believed to have taken other items as well, police said.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

ID, debit cards taken

Westland police were dispatched Friday evening to a building in the 7000 block of August on the report of theft of debit and ID cards.

The victim told police they were at the CVS at Warren and Middlebelt earlier in the night. She said she was at the pharmacy counter with her driver license and debit card. She said she stepped aside so other customers could be taken care of, and left her driver's license and debit card on the counter. When she realized she

did not have her cards, she went back to the counter and saw they were gone. She said she spoke to the pharmacist, who said they did not see anyone take the items.

Phone taken from vehicle

A patron at Lowe's, 6555 Newburgh, came to the police station Saturday afternoon to report his phone had been taken from inside his vehicle.

He said he left his phone on the center console of the vehicle and went into the store. When he came out, he noticed the phone was missing.

He said the door was not locked and he observed no damage to the window or key lock.

Hit-and-run

A motorist came into the police station Saturday to report a hit-and-run incident involving her parked vehicle in the 32000 block of Avondale.

She told police the car was parked on the street. She said she later heard a sound that sounded like her vehicle had been struck. When she looked outside, she saw a gold truck and black car drive by. She later went out to her car and found her

mirror had been damaged. She was unsure what car actually struck her vehicle.

Building damaged

Police were called Sunday to Quick Meal Coney Island, 2717 S. Wayne, on the report of some damage done to the property.

A witness told police they were inside the building when an individual approached the door and demanded to be let in.

The witness said he was not letting him inside because the building was under construction. The

witness reportedly then took some steps back, yelled an obscenity and kicked the glass door, cracking it. The suspect then fled on foot.

Bank door window smashed

Police were called Thursday morning to Bank of America, 7957 N. Wayne, on the report of damage to a glass door to the building.

When police arrived, they spoke to a security officer for the bank. He said he arrived on location early that morning and found the glass on one of the front doors

broken. The glass was attached to the door, but was cracked.

Bicycle stolen

A resident in the 37000 block of Oakview came to the police station Friday to report the theft of a bicycle.

She said someone took the bicycle, which was locked to the carport near her home. The lock appeared to have been cut and the bicycle was taken sometime earlier in the month.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Westland Police Department.

Stars & Stripes Festival moving to Novi this summer

Brian McCollum  
Detroit Free Press

After a decade as a Macomb County institution, the Stars & Stripes Festival is taking its rock bands, monster trucks and carnival rides to a new home in Novi.

The Fourth of July week fest will touch down June 29-July 2 on the grounds of the Suburban Collection Showplace to make its Oakland County premiere — and give Novi its first major fireworks display.

Today's announcement follows a months-long hunt by Funfest Productions for a site to replace the Michigan Lottery Amphitheater at Freedom Hill, the festival's home since 2013. Funfest officials said they were ousted from the Sterling Heights venue by new operator Palace Sports & Entertainment; a Palace spokesman said Funfest rejected a proposal to jointly produce the fest.

Stars & Stripes debuted in 2006 as a free Mount Clemens street fest and quickly became one of Macomb County's top summer draws, pulling

ing tens of thousands annually for a lineup of national and local music, family events, BMX stunts and more.

Now those attractions are headed 30-plus miles west to set up shop on the surface lots and other spaces outside the Novi facility, which was selected after relocation discussions with several Oakland County municipalities, said Funfest head Joe Nieporte.

"We're excited," Novi Mayor Bob Gatt said. "We've never had a big Fourth of July event, other than a local subdivision parade. This is going to be big, it's going to be at the right place, and we're happy to have them come here."

With the Suburban Collection Showplace, Stars & Stripes gets a sprawling site with festival experience: The revamped, privately operated Michigan State Fair has run there on Labor Day weekends since 2012.

"They already have the infrastructure in place to do a big festival," Nieporte said. "The landscape is plug-and-play."

Westland police seek Bed, Bath & Beyond shoplifting suspects



COURTESY OF WESTLAND POLICE  
Westland police are looking for this woman, who, along with two others, is suspected of committing retail fraud at a Westland Bed, Bath & Beyond.

David Veselenak  
hometownlife.com

Westland police are asking for the public's help in identifying three women accused of stealing several hundreds of dollars worth of items from a local shop.

Police say the three women entered the Bed, Bath & Beyond store at 35615 Warren at about 5:15 p.m. Feb. 22. Police say the three left the store with more than \$600 worth of merchandise.

All the suspects appear to be women in their 30s. The first suspect is described as having long straight black hair. She was wearing blue and white

Detroit Lions shirt and black pants.

The second suspect has black hair pulled into a bun. She was wearing a blue button up shirt, dark pants, and pink shoes.

The third suspect has straight black hair and was wearing a shirt with a white face and multi-colored hair pictured on it. She was also wearing gray pants and was carrying a red purse.

Anyone with information regarding these three individuals is encouraged to call Westland police at 734-722-9600.

dveselenak@hometownlife.com | 734-678-6728 | Twitter: @DavidVeselenak

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2017-08 March 7, 2017

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Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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City Clerk

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LENTEN SEAFOOD BUFFET



FRIDAYS  
March 3 - April 7\*  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

\*No seafood Buffet on 3/17/17. Join us for our St. Patrick's Day Party! Fish and chips will be available.  
\*No Seafood Buffet on Good Friday, April 14, 2017

BUFFET MENU

Soup • Fried and Baked Cod • Fried Calamari • Pasta (variety)  
Cole Slaw • French Fries • Vegetable • Garden Salad • Cold Salads (variety)  
Dessert available ala carte (ask server for selection)  
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

Adults: \$12.50 Children under 10: \$7.00 (Gratuity not included in price)



Hellenic Cultural Center  
at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church  
36375 Joy Rd., Westland, MI 48185  
(734)525-3550  
helleniccc@gmail.com

**ENROLLMENT OPEN HOUSE**

**Tipton Academy**

Open Enrollment  
March 20<sup>th</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup>

Enrollment Open House  
March 21<sup>st</sup> - 4:00 - 7:00 pm  
March 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 - 11:30 am

4-yr old Free Pre-School Program  
Pre-School and Kindergarten Round-Up  
March 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm  
March 17<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am

- Enrolling Pre K-8th Grade
- Full day Kindergarten
- Latchkey before/after school
- Enrichment classes - Music/Band, Theatre, Art, Technology, Science, Spanish, P.E., Health
- Sports Program 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades
- Small class sizes (NOT TO EXCEED 25)

1615 Belton • Garden City, MI 48135  
In the Former St. Dunstan School Building  
734-261-0500 • 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Redford Township District Library will be holding a public hearing on Monday, March 20, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. at the Redford Township District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48240 in regards to the 2017-2018 library budget. A copy of the budget will be available before the hearing at the Library's Adult Reference Desk.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GARDEN CITY Wayne County, Michigan

To all residents and interested parties: The following legal notices are available for review on our website.

The agendas and minutes (including approved ordinances) from regular and special Council meetings are available at: [www.gardencitymi.org/AgendaCenter](http://www.gardencitymi.org/AgendaCenter)

Current requests for bids and proposals are available at: [www.gardencitymi.org/218/Purchasing](http://www.gardencitymi.org/218/Purchasing)

You may also access this information at City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours, or in the Police Station Lobby 24 hours a day.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To submit calendar items, email [jmaliszews@hometownlife.com](mailto:jmaliszews@hometownlife.com).

**Jazz at the Elks**

Jazz @ The Elks is held from 7-9:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

On March 28 the The Paul VornHagen Quartet will perform. Hear the standards and some of his original songs.

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](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com) or visit [www.plyaa325.com](http://www.plyaa325.com).

**Kindergarten roundup**

St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan Road in Wayne, is having a kindergarten roundup at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16. A tour of the school and information about the program will be provided. Guests will receive a free hot pizza to take home for dinner. For more information, call 734-728-3315.

**P-CEP all night party**

To raise money for the Plymouth-Canton Education park senior all-night party, the public is invited to a vendor fair for all things graduation party, tents, caterers, photo booths and other things. It is free to get in and lots of vendors will have deals that day if parties are booked. It is in the Salem Cafeteria at Salem High School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18.

**Belle Isle talk**

At 2 p.m. Monday, March 20, the Livonia Historical Society will present a free program on "Our Island Jewel: Detroit's Belle Isle Park" presented by Brendan Roney of the Detroit Historical Society. Meet at the Alexander Blue

House at Greenmead, Livonia's Historical Park, which is off Newburgh Road just south of Eight Mile Road. For more information, call 734-464-0450.

**Livonia Towne Club**

The Livonia Towne Club, a nonprofit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December when it's held the second Thursday).

The group meets for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. Program could include an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music, entertainment and more.

The next luncheon is March 23. The program will be the third annual fashion show. For more information, call Vicki at 734-591-3254.

**Eat better**

Plymouth Seventh-Day Adventist Church will host Dr. Arthur Weaver to speak on diet and cancer prevention. Attendees will complete a meal, watch a demonstration and provide recipes. The event is at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the church fellowship hall, 4295 Napier Road, Plymouth. Call 989-965-4861 to register by March 16. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

**Westland American Legion Post 251**

Post meetings are the first Wednesday of each month. Anyone with an honorable discharge and meets service requirements is eligible to join the American Legion.

Created in 1917 Blue Star Service Banners were a common sight during World War I and World War II. Resurrected by the American Legion in 2001, the banner is displayed to show that a family member is

currently serving in the Armed Forces. Gold Star Service Banners are displayed to show that a family member has died while serving. Each star represents one family member.

Any family who would like a Blue or Gold Banner to display can call Adjunct Ron Nickels at 734-455-3415 or the Post Commander Bill Acton at 734-776-5491. There is no cost to the family. For more information, visit [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org).

**Cancer screening**

Roughly 50,000 new cases of oral, head and neck cancer are diagnosed in the United States each year, which is why St. Joseph Mercy Oakland is offering a free oral, head and neck cancer screening on March 17. Screenings take about 10 minutes and are performed by St. Joe's dentists and dental residents. They are non-invasive and painless. Signs and symptoms of oral, head and neck cancer include:

- » Soreness in your mouth that doesn't heal
- » Constant pain in your mouth
- » Lumps or patches in your mouth
- » Pain around your teeth
- » Changes in your voice
- » Lump in your neck

All participants in the screening will be entered to win two tickets for the April 3 Detroit Red Wings vs. Ottawa Senators game. Screenings will be offered inside the hospital's Education Center, located in the hospital, near the visitor parking lot. Appointments are available from 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 248-858-3952 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

**Caregiver support**

The Dorothy & Peter Brown Adult Day Program holds free monthly family caregiver support group meetings at two

locations. Respite care may be available during the day meetings; if interested, inquire when you RSVP.

The next meeting is at JVS, 29699 Southfield Road, in Southfield from 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, March 20, for family caregivers of all older adults.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Dorothy Moon at 248-233-4392 or [dmoon@jvsdet.org](mailto:dmoon@jvsdet.org).

**Garden City Lions breakfast**

For the 26th consecutive year, the Garden City Lions will host its annual pancake breakfast. This year's event is set for 8-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Garden City Moose Lodge No. 538, located at 29137 Ford Road.

Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. Guest chefs are members of the Garden City Fire Department. Cost is adults \$5, children 12 and younger \$2. For more information, call Bob at 734-612-1775 or Vicki at 734-524-1330.

**For the ladies**

Crossroads Church, 34500 Six Mile Road, Livonia (meeting in the lower level of Trinity Church, enter through the north side doors), hosts Ladies Craft Night from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, March 24. Chase away the winter blues while you make a difference in someone's life. This month's theme: T-shirt bags. Make two bags. Keep one and donate one to be filled with goodies for new babies and moms through a local crisis pregnancy center. Bring one pair of good cutting scissors (if available), one T-shirt (youth XL-adult med) to make into a bag, and donations for bags (see website for suggestions to donate). Cost: \$5 donation. For more information, visit

[www.crossroadsnow.org](http://www.crossroadsnow.org) or call the church office at 734-338-5149.

**For parents**

Crossroads Church, 34500 Six Mile Road, Livonia (meeting in the lower level of Trinity Church, enter through the north side doors) offers Creating a Safe Internet for Our Kids from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 29. A free Internet safety seminar for parents. Find out what you can do to protect them. For more information, visit [www.crossroadsnow.org](http://www.crossroadsnow.org) or call the church office at 734-338-5149.

**All about the arts**

Wayne County Community College's All about the Arts series welcomes The Boogie Woogie Kid Trio (Emma Aboukasm - Matthew Ball - Gary Stevens) from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at the college, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville. Admission is free and refreshments are available. For more information, call 734-374-3232.

**Slice for Life**

Buddy's Pizza will team up with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to host the 41st annual Slice for Life fundraiser. From 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. April 24 patrons who purchase a ticket can visit any Buddy's Pizza full-service location to enjoy an all-you-can-eat two-topping pizza and salad meal. A carry-out option is also available for purchase at all 11 Buddy's Pizza locations and includes either a four-square two-topping pizza or a medium-sized antipasto, Greek or house salad.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Advance tickets can be purchased at [www.cskdetroit.org](http://www.cskdetroit.org) or by calling 313-579-2100, ext. 170. Tickets will also be available at the door. All ticket holders may also register to win one eight-

square Buddy's Pizza every month for one year. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's community outreach services.

**Change of date**

Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman Road, Livonia, has changed the date of the Annual Mystery Purse Auction to noon Saturday, April 22. For more information, call Melissa at 734-765-1827

**Community craft-making**

The public is invited to join others for Craft-Making Fun from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. This is a free event. Just bring your own craft materials and enjoy the conversation and fellowship of other crafters as you make your craft and see what others like to do. You can also bring a snack to share if you wish. Beverage will be provided. For more information, call 248-474-3444 or email [clarencvillechurch@gmail.com](mailto:clarencvillechurch@gmail.com).

**Archery range to open**

The Livonia Archery Range will open for the season at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1. The archery range offers several target lanes and one lane specifically for shooting broad heads to tune-in hunting bows. The archery range is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, April through October, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, May through October. An adult must accompany all children ages 10 and under. Daily fees for adults are \$4 for Livonia residents and \$6 for non-residents. Children are \$2 for Livonia residents and \$4 for non-residents. For more information call 734-466-2900 or visit [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us).

# Springtime Marketplace

VENDOR SHOW

**SATURDAY, 18 MARCH 2017**  
10am - 3pm

**Sts. Peter & Paul Banquet Hall**  
750 N. Beech Daly Rd., Dearborn Heights MI  
(between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads)

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Dr. Paul Makela, urogynecologist, provides insight and education about a variety of female conditions including bladder dysfunction, overactive bladder and pelvic prolapse. Grab a friend, your sister or mom and learn about the latest therapies and procedures available that may eliminate or reduce your symptoms or pain, and improve your quality of life. Attend any date!

**April 19 • May 17 • July 19**

St. Mary Mercy Livonia  
Classrooms 1 and 2  
36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia

**5:45 p.m. - Check-in • 6 p.m. - Presentation**  
Presentation is free but registration is required.  
Please call 734-655-1980.

**BeRemarkable.**  
[stmarymercy.org/westside](http://stmarymercy.org/westside)



# Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day

**C**ead mile failte ron-  
net!  
One hundred  
thousand welcomes!

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day. A favorite holiday for many, St. Patrick's Day (March 17) is really a week-long celebration here in metro Detroit.

St. Patrick's Day, like many in years past, was a time to honor Ireland's patron saint. It is said that St. Patrick drove all of the snakes, which were of tremendous population, from the Emerald Isle. In present time, the day is an excuse to drink a few stouts and eat beef stew or corned beef and cabbage.

Ireland is a country of limited resources and a peasant background. Economic factors dictated the use of inexpensive



and simple food products. Ireland boasts fresh food from its bountiful supply of produce, livestock and fish. Onions, leeks, garlic, cabbage and carrots are some of the most common crops. Watercress and sorrel are used with the same frequency as iceberg lettuce in the United States. What a delightful difference, greens with a taste.

Potatoes were brought to Ireland in the 1600s and the Irish were the only people in Europe to eat the tubers. On several visits to "the old sod," I found the food to be top

## GUINNESS STOUT CHOCOLATE CAKE

- ¾ cup cocoa powder to dust baking pans
- ¼ # butter
- 1 cup Guinness stout
- ¾ cup dark cocoa powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 cups unbleached flour
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1½ teaspoon baking soda, sifted
- 2 extra-large eggs
- ¾ cup sour cream

Heat oven to 350°F degrees. Lightly dust two greased spring form pans with cocoa powder. In a heavy saucepan heat butter, Guinness and cocoa powder until melted. Cool. Sift dry ingredients together, add the cooled butter mixture and beat for one minute on medium speed. Add eggs and sour cream and beat an additional two minutes on medium. Pour batter into pans and bake 25-30 minutes until a knife inserted into the middle comes out clean. Place pans on wire rack for 10 minutes then remove the sides and continue cooling. Frost (recipe below).

## CHOCOLATE FROSTING

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3 cups confectioners sugar
- 2 tbs. milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup semi sweet chips melted, cooled to room temperature

Beat all ingredients together other than chocolate until smooth. Stir in cooled chocolate.

notch. The bacon is meaty — not all fat, lamb sweet and very fish-oriented, making it lighter. Irish salmon is some of the most coveted in the world. The cooking of Ireland is not regionally driven as in most other countries. The only dish that changes from area to area is lamb stew. The base is lamb, onions and potatoes, but from there it changes from town to town with the variations being limitless. It's really an experience to enjoy.

It's a favorite time of year to see all of our Irish friends, as everyone, Irish or not, celebrates St. Patrick's Day. This year, we'll be celebrating at the Bistro with traditional fare beginning Friday, March 17, through Sunday, March 19. Corned Beef and Cab-

bage, Beef and Stout Stew, Pot Pie Filled with Chunks of Main Lobster in a Sherry Lobster Sauce with Pearl Onions and Fresh Peas, Irish Lamb Stew, Rainbow Trout with O'Brien Potatoes and, of course, Guinness on draft. Our specialty Irish dessert will be the Chocolate Guinness Cake. This is a favorite rich indulgence of many and I am happy to share the recipe for you to make for your loved ones at home. "Erin Go Bragh!"

Mary Brady is a certified executive chef by the American Culinary Federation and owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, located in the Novi Town Center. You can reach her by email at djbistro@aol.com.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Submit letters to the editors by email to [jmaliszews@hometownlife.com](mailto:jmaliszews@hometownlife.com).

### Where is Tarzan?

The current state of ecology in the 21st century. Hannan Road, Wayne County, within one-half mile of preserved wetlands.

These mega-dumps were sited on a collection of natural meadows, clear springs, vernal and permanent ponds and remnants of the Black Swamp. The charter townships that license this activity collect millions in fees but perform virtually no regulation.

This is on the surface and in the trees. The monstrous flow of poison below the mounds silently poisons our water sources from below. It can be fixed. What will you do?

Alfred Brock  
Wayne

### Affirmation for LGBTQ students

Earlier this evening (earlier this year), the administration of President Donald J. Trump has formally rescinded Title IX protections regarding transgender students in schools. Although none of us should be shocked by this action, I find it appalling, and surreal, that this reality is us.

President Trump and Attorney General Sessions have been quoted in the press as saying that LGBTQ issues in schools should fall within the realm of "states' rights" and "local control." Through the veil of political doublespeak, what this says is that socially conservative communities can brush the topic of LGBTQ rights, and even the reality of the presence of LGBTQ persons in our schools as a cultural group, under the rug — furthering generations of discrimination, second-class citizenry, and taboo.

To put the issue more specifically, transgender students face a unique set of obstacles in our world today. Transgender persons face more discrimination in our world than any other sub-group of the LGBTQ community. Transgender persons are becoming much more vocal, however, in their fight against discrimination and oppression. An example: In 2011, the United States Department of Education received two complaints of discrimination against transgender students in our nation's schools; by 2016, that number had increased to 84 — an increase of 4,100 percent over the course of five years. This number is astounding. We know that discrimination against transgender students existed before 2011 — the fact is that it was simply never reported, or rarely even spoken about, within the education community.

We have LGBTQ students, families and staff members here in Farmington and within the Farmington Public Schools. Our LGBTQ students deal with daily harassment, bullying and



Flying garbage on Hannan Road in Wayne County, not far from a landfill.

ALFRED BROCK

anxiety not only in our hallways, but in the corridors of our community and society.

LGBTQ persons are deserving of equal rights, equal protection and equity under the law. On a national scale, President Trump's actions earlier this evening have denied that access of equal protection to a great many number of students in our society. I fear that the rescinding of the Title IX language will put a muzzle upon a great many advocates for LGBTQ rights. However, through the vision of President Trump and Attorney General Sessions, we have the power locally to determine our own destiny in terms of protection of minority groups.

I am urging you as a school board to provide a public statement of affirmation and supportive language of LGBTQ students here in the Farmington Schools, specifically of our transgender student population. This action would guarantee that our student population knows they are valued, and that they are a part of an inclusive learning environment. Right now, FPS is vague on what it values socially — the social expectations of us as a school community are not explicitly clear. Until we clarify our values as a school system, values will be assumed; more often than not, these assumptions are through a lens of racial/sexual/gendered oppression that has been a constant in our nation's history.

Please make the choice to lead FPS down the inclusive path for student success, both academically and socially. Please provide a public statement of affirmation and supportive language of LGBTQ students here in the Farmington Schools.

(This letter was sent to the Farmington Public Schools Board of Education).

Matthew Nix  
Farmington Public Schools  
orchestra teacher/director

### Trump flips on jobs report

The Bureau Of Labor Statistics compiles and publishes monthly assessment of Americans who are unemployed. During the 64 consecutive months of private job sector growth under the Obama presidency, Trump rejected these figures. He consistently maintained that these figures were phony and

published only to make Obama "look good." He repeatedly accused President Obama of "cooking the books." Trump repeatedly accused President Obama of perpetrating "the largest hoax in America history."

However, Trump takes full credit for the February report from the same Bureau of Labor Statistics. The BLS reported that 235,000 private sector jobs were created in February and the unemployment rate was now 4.7 percent. When asked, Shawn Spicer, Trump's press secretary, smiled and said Trump believes the BLS monthly report is now accurate.

Amazing that Trump now self-servingly takes credit for what he claims is now an accurate BSL report, while he consistently claimed President Obama was cooking the books.

Gerald Maxey  
Farmington Hills

### In disbelief of Colbeck

Sen. Colbeck's article about broad based economic development left me shaking my head in disbelief. I'm so sick and damned tired of corporate welfare and the trickle down theory. It's never worked and why Republicans are so obsessed with it is beyond me. You guys, Republicans, just gave corporations a \$1.2 billion tax break that you swore would solve our economic problems and it didn't produce jack. Obama saving the auto industry did more for us than any wacky tax scheme.

Sen. Colbeck tossing around all these numbers sounds reasonable until you realize that we've been down this road before. Many times. And it always ends the same; huge corporate profits, negligible job growth and budget shortfalls. They get the gold mine, we get the shaft. Our Republicans are always robbing Peter to pay Paul; \$250 million from school aid, millions more from unemployment insurance, slashing infrastructure budgets.

Colbeck boasts of a measly \$127 in electricity savings while I'm spending 10, 12 times that in millages, increased fees for registrations, licenses, permits and lost deductions. We simply cannot afford corporate welfare and Republican accounting practices anymore.

How about we research what Minnesota's

billionaire Gov. Mark Dayton did and what Californians are doing now? Dayton, elected in 2011, inherited a \$6 billion deficit, unemployment over 7 percent and schools in decline. By 2015 he had one of the top economies in the nation: \$1.25 billion surplus, 3.7 percent unemployment rate, schools flourishing. Reducing corporate welfare, taxing the rich, raising the minimum wage and guaranteeing equal pay for women are just some of the policies he enacted.

Sen. Colbeck's business health insurance costs aren't entirely accurate either, corporate tax deductions (welfare) mean we're footing most of that cost, too. There has never been a successful, competition-based, for-profit healthcare system anywhere in the world. Ever. California has come to this conclusion and is taking the lead in creating a statewide single-payer system. In response to the upcoming Trumpcare debacle, several legislators and the California Nurses Association have introduced SB 562. The goal is, "to treat healthcare as a societal good and not as a commodity to inflate corporate profits." There's some seriously smart and determined people behind this so let's study what they're doing. If we want to make our lives better, we, the people, will have to point Lansing in a new direction.

Mitch Dubanik  
Livonia

### Again, GOP tries privatizing Medicare?

U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan; Rep. Kevin Brady, chairman, Ways and Means Committee; and Rep. Tom Price, chairman, Budget Committee, who is now Secretary of Health and Human Services, are among Republican leaders in the U.S. House who support legislation to privatize Medicare by converting it to a "premium support" system. I urge your newspaper to editorialize against their efforts to change Medicare to a "voucher" plan that will raise the cost of health care for seniors.

Just because the Republican Party has majorities in the House and Senate and the President-elect, it is not a mandate to destroy Medicare with a "voucher" plan to pay outright subsidies to insurance companies who make big contributions to many members of Congress.

In April 2011, the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives passed in a 2012 budget blueprint a proposal to replace traditional Medicare with vouchers. This ignited a firestorm of opposition from Congressional Democrats, America's seniors and the general public.

Back then, an analysis of the proposal by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) concluded

that turning Medicare over to private insurance plans would result in seniors paying twice as much for their care, would raise administrative costs and would not keep medical inflation as low as traditional Medicare has done.

It is astonishing that after the bashing delivered to Republicans on the "voucher" proposal in 2011 that they would be reviving it again.

Ralph Henry  
Ypsilanti

### GOP is Trott's only interest

Rep. David Trott has repeatedly voted to repeal the ACA since being elected in 2014. He has argued that the ACA needs to be eliminated because it has resulted in rising healthcare costs that have impacted middle-class families' budgets.

As soon as House Republicans put out a new plan this past week, Trott confirmed his support for it (or so his staffers tell me on the phone). This new plan would raise the costs of average enrollee in an individual plan by \$1,542 a year, according to Huffington Post. It gives large tax credits to the wealthiest Americans, while putting

the burdens of maintaining coverage for preexisting conditions on the middle class and the poor.

Let's not beat around the bush. Trott is a liar. He was elected to represent the people of the 11th District but is only interested in supporting Washington Republicans.

Christopher Fort  
Northville

### Coast Guard poised to lose

Trump recently touted his plan to increase military spending by \$54 billion. He neglected to mention that one branch of our armed forces, the Coast Guard, will have a budget cut of over \$1 billion.

One of the many duties assigned to the Coast Guard is to patrol the Arctic region and also monitor Russia's aggressive actions in the area. Russia is building outposts there in its efforts to control all the oil and natural gas deposits in the Arctic. Naturally, they don't like to be under surveillance.

A third ice-breaker under construction would be shelved under Trump's plan. Russia has 40 of these ships.

James Huddleston  
Canton

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### SALLEE



**JOHN HARTFORD** Born November 20, 1954, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2017. John was a soft hearted sentimental man with a wild and stubborn soul. He cried often at whatever pulled his heart strings. John loved connecting with people, friends and strangers alike. He had an uncanny connection with dogs, becoming best friends instantly. John's adventures started at a young age, working on the rails and wrangling horses in British Columbia. His adventures continued when he met Kelly Bookmyer, his love, his life for over 40 years. Together they hitchhiked across Canada, lived in a tipi, a cabin on Aspen Mt., traveled to Europe and Hawaii finally settling in Snowmass Village, Colorado. They skied, windsurfed, hunted and fished together. It fueled his passion. John is survived by his wife, Kelly of 38 years; his mother, Elizabeth; sister, Christine of Santa Fe, New Mexico; and sister, Kathy of Inverness, Florida. John's father, William and sister, Debbie preceded him in death. He is survived by many buddies-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and too many friends to count. Please join us at Mt. Bayou in Snowmass Village, CO April 2, 4 p.m. or May 26 in White Salmon, Washington to celebrate John's life. A John Sallee memorial account has been established at Alpine Bank, Snowmass Village, CO 81615. Condolences may be sent to P.O. Box 5756 Snowmass Village, CO 81415.

### WOLYNIAK



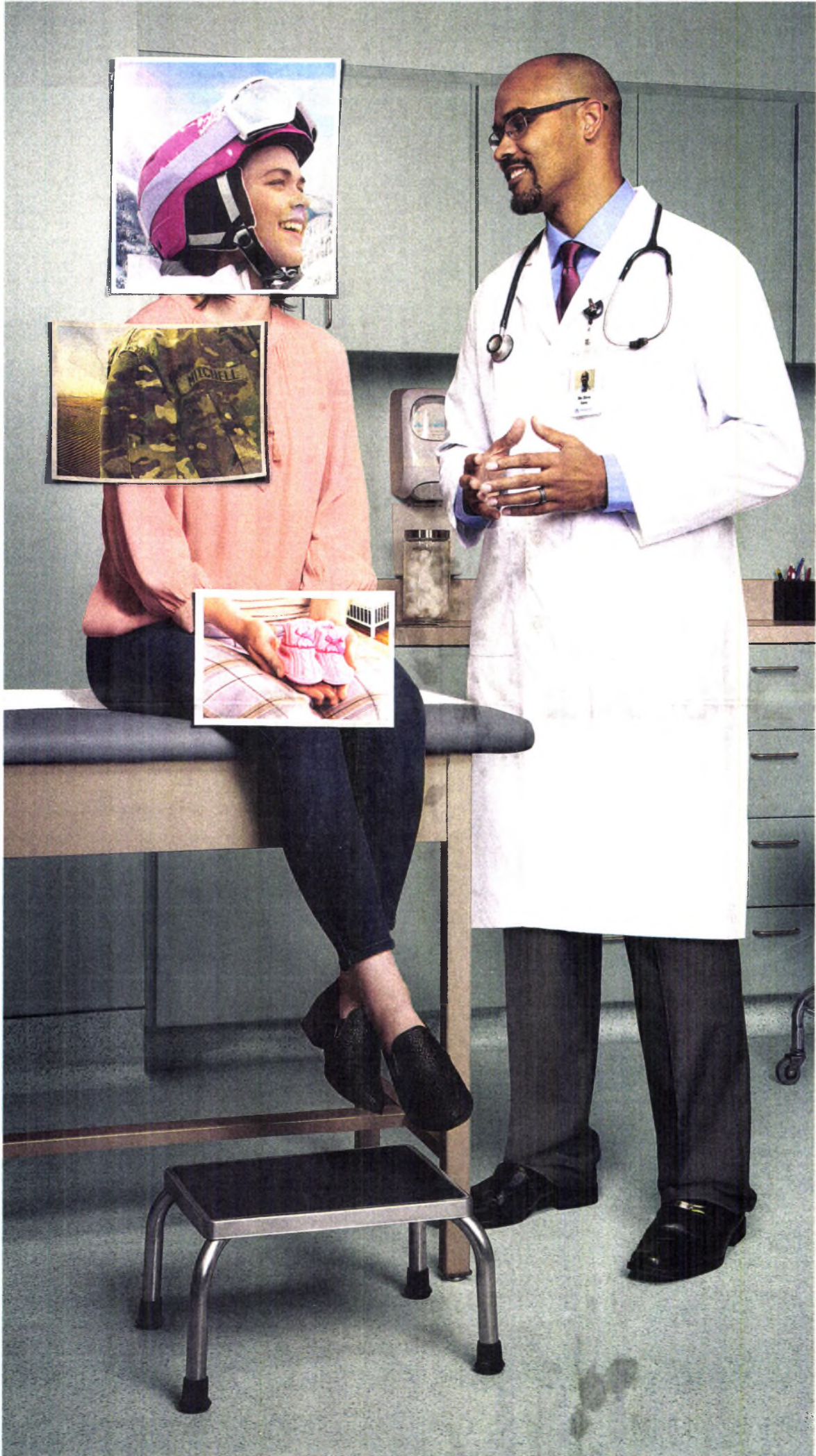
**JOSEPH "JOE" F. 87** of Quincy, Michigan and formerly of Livonia and Temperance, MI, died Saturday, March 4, 2017, at Hummingbird-Hartland Hospice, Hartland, MI. Born October 4, 1929, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, he was the son of Michael and Mary (Dryla) Wolyniak. He married Dolores M. DeBalso on September 2, 1950. She preceded him in death on March 5, 2006. Joe was owner/operator of Crescent Printing in Taylor, Michigan for over 15 years, retiring to Marble Lake in Quincy, MI. He enjoyed boating and fishing, especially with his friends, family, and beloved golden retriever, Sancy. Joe had a zest for life and teaching everyone how to "catch the big one!" He also enjoyed bowling and golfing, but his favorite past time was hockey. Joe is survived by his loving children, Dale (Sharon) Wolyniak, Nancy Brieschke, Doug (Erin Timmerman) Wolyniak, and Glenn Wolyniak; sister, Lillian Zaremba; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Todd Brieschke. Visitation and services were private.

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GIRLS GYMNASTICS FINALS

# Canton rally comes up short

Livonia Blue's Weak, Conway among top area performers

Tim Smith  
Hometownlife.com

Canton's made a push in the final event at Friday's MHSAA team girls gymnastics finals, earning a 35.725 in uneven parallel bars to top the field.

But the Chiefs needed to make up 1.4 points to catch first place Rockford, and despite a gallant effort could not come all the way back. Rockford finished first with 145.300 points and Canton was runner-up with 144.775.

"We averaged nines in every event," said veteran Canton coach John Cunningham, whose team battled tooth and nail against Rockford at Plymouth High School.

Top performers for the Chiefs included Kelsea Kernosek (9.3 on vault, 9.025 on balance beam, 9.1 on floor exercise), Jana Hilditch (9.125 on vault, 9.325 on beam, 9.175 on floor), Victoria Faber (9.5 on bars, 9.325 on floor), Katie Dickson (9.2 on floor) and Rachel Socha (9.025 on beam).

Faber earned the Chiefs lone individual championship with her showing on Division 1 bars.

"After the first event, Rockford and

Canton were both on beam and we were actually ahead by .025," Cunningham said. "And then they went ahead of us on floor."

Rockford enjoyed a 37.525 to 36.800 edge on floor exercise, the highest tally by any of the 13 teams in any event all day.

In third place with 143.250 points was Brighton, followed by Farmington United (fourth, 143.025) and Plymouth (fifth, 141.850). Placing ninth and 10th respectively were Northville (140.750) and Livonia Blue (139.950).

Several area gymnasts, in addition to

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Livonia Blue's Jessica Weak was a standout at team finals Friday and individual finals Saturday.

CLASS A REGIONALS



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Westland John Glenn's Roq Williams (10) goes up for a layup against University of Detroit Jesuit's Gregory Eboigbodin (11), during Monday's regional game.

# DOWNED ROCKETS

District champ John Glenn can't sustain momentum against UD Jesuit boys cagers

Tim Smith  
Hometownlife.com

A missed rebound here, an unforced error or errant 3-ball there.

Those all added up to Westland John Glenn's 75-57 loss Monday night against defending Class A boys basketball champion University of Detroit Jesuit in a regional semifinal at Dearborn Fordson.

The Rockets, fresh off winning their first district title in 23 years, tied the contest at 9-9 with 4:15 to go in the first quarter on a triple by senior Roq Williams — who on a play made possible by an acrobatic defensive rebound and outlet pass by senior Christian Agnew.

Unfortunately for head coach Rod Watts' team, the Cubs went ahead to stay moments later on a putback by 6-9 forward Gregory Eboigbodin (17 points) and the Rockets were unable to sustain any kind of run.

"I wouldn't say they pushed us out of our comfort zone because pressure is what we're used to," said Watts, whose team finished 20-4. "That's what we play, that's what we give. We just gave up too many second chance baskets, because I thought we did a decent job of stopping what they wanted to do offensively."

"It was just the second chance points that hurt us. And again, we got the looks we wanted out of the offense we ran. The shots just didn't fall."

UD Jesuit, who improved to 19-3 and moves on to face Cass Tech (19-4) in Wednesday's regional final, built leads of 22-15 after one quarter and 36-27 at halftime.

John Glenn did make a push in the fourth quarter in hopes of tightening the collar on the Cubs down the stretch.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Splitting Cubs defenders for a basket Monday night is Westland John Glenn's Kijuan Chandler (25). Jesuit players are Gregory Eboigbodin (11) and Julian Dozier (3).

CLASS D BOYS BASKETBALL

# Eagles rise to challenge in regional

Defense lifts PCA; Warriors end year with tough loss

Tim Smith  
Hometownlife.com

Trailing by four points at halftime, Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys basketball team came out in full-out glass-cleaning mode in the third quarter.

And the aggressive, defense-first posture worked enough for the Eagles to rally and earn a 53-46 win over Hillsdale Academy in Monday's Class D regional semifinal at Lansing Christian.

PCA (16-7) advanced to Wednesday's championship against the regional hosts.

Essential to the Eagles living to play another game was holding Hillsdale's 6-7 center Peter Kalthoff in check. He scored 50 points in a district final and was held to 20 on Monday.

"I thought Jayme (Fadden) and Max (Okolo) did a great job in keeping Kalthoff off of the offensive glass," Eagles head coach Matt Windle said. "Their defensive efforts were huge."

Okolo was a major factor, with 17 rebounds. He also helped the PCA cause with nine points.

Levi Yakuber paced Plymouth Christian with 14 points, with Matt Malcolm contributing 13 to the cause. Brian Schlientz added 11 points.

Warriors foiled in OT

Lutheran Westland came within inches of joining PCA as Class D district champions.

Had a jumper at the horn Friday been taken behind the three-point arc, the Warriors would have edged Detroit Public Safety Academy in a district final matchup.

Instead, the attempt by senior Zach Burk — although on the mark — merely tied the game at 46-46. The Warriors then fell short in overtime, losing 58-49.

"It was (taken) 4 inches inside the line," said Lutheran Westland interim coach Kevin Wade about what might have been.

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FILE PHOTO  
Going in for two earlier this season is Lutheran Westland's Zach Burk. He finished his career with the most points in school history.

BOYS HOCKEY

# Brighton goalie Neaton stymies CC title quest

Brad Emmons  
hometownlife.com

Novi Detroit Catholic Central was gunning for its 13th boys hockey state title, but Brighton goalie Logan Neaton unloaded the chamber.

The senior stood tall in net Saturday, making 31 saves as the Bulldogs earned their fourth MHSAA Division 1 state title in school history by

unseating three-time defending champion Shamrocks, 5-2, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

It was the third state finals meeting between the two state powers, with CC winning last year, 3-0, and Brighton in 2013, 2-1.

CC (22-8-1) was unable to dig itself out of an early hole as the Bulldogs (24-6-1) scored on two of their first three

shots.

Just 52 seconds into the game, Brighton's Keith Wikman scored from Spencer Gehres and Joey Martini. Gehres then followed with a rebound goal from Adam Conquest and Brody White at 2:23 to make it 2-0.

"Obviously, they set the tone early, no question," second-year CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "We talked

after the game if we could take back those first two minutes, it's a little bit different hockey game. But they jumped us, they got the lead. I thought about halfway through the first (period), you could see we finally found our legs, found our game. Guys settled down, the nerves went away. And from that point on, I

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## BOYS SWIMMING

## Mustangs, Shamrocks shine at state meet

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Moving up four places from the year ago, Northville broke four school records en route to a top 10 finish in Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 boys swimming and diving state finals at Oakland University.

Birmingham Brother Rice (238 points) held off stiff challenges from Ann Arbor Skyline (212), Saline (202) and Novi (196) to garner its fourth straight state crown. (See related story.)

Northville, 12th in 2016, placed eighth this year with 105 points.

"We set a goal coming in here of getting over 100 points and we finished with 105," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "There were six teams at this meet that were just really good teams. Then there was a group of about six teams behind them that we fell into, so somewhere between seventh

and 12th were I figured we would could finish and we got eighth."

Junior Kirk Maibach spearheaded Northville's effort, taking all-state honors (top eight) with fourth in both the 50 and 100 freestyles with varsity record times of 20.92 and 46.25, respectively. Maibach's 50 clocking was an All-America consideration time, while his prelim time in the 100 freestyle was 46.02.

He also teamed with Arthur Greenlee, Nikolai Arton and Cameron Heaven for sixth in the 200 medley relay with a varsity record and All-America consideration time of 1:34.81.

The Mustangs' 200 freestyle relay team, consisting of the same foursome, placed ninth (1:27.05).

"My favorite was watching our 200 free relay go from 15th on Friday and come back to win the consolation heat today," Bennetts said. "That was fun. That was Northville. That's

what we have to get back to and we saw some of the pieces that can do it out here today."

Northville's other all-stater was sophomore Travis Nitkiewicz, who set a school record with fifth in the 100 breaststroke (57.85).

Other scorers for the Mustangs included Arton, 10th, 100 breaststroke, 58.38 (58.18 in the prelims); Travis Nitkiewicz, 10th, 200 individual medley, 1:54.26; and Trevor Degroot, 16th, 500 freestyle, 4:49.37 (4:47.41 in the prelims).

Other finishers for the Mustangs included Jason Nitkiewicz, 28th, 100 butterfly (53.57), and 38th, 200 freestyle (1:47.92); Degroot, 29th, 200 freestyle (1:46.56); and Thomas Rys, 33rd, diving (122.20 points).

"At the end of the day, you take your hat off to Brother Rice," Bennetts said. "They had to work a little harder for it this year because Skyline was right on their heels, but they found a

way. Saline lost 20 points on the diving board prior to the meet and still found their way into the mix and Novi found a way to get out of here with a trophy, so good for them, too. We have been up there before, many times. We will be again. People can forget about us, make fun of us, whatever. It's fine. We know what we have to do to get better. It's not a secret. We got a lot out of this team this season, but we have to get better."

## Shamrocks 11th

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Jonathan Lee, a junior, placed third in the 100 breaststroke (56.45) and 13th in the 200 IM (1:55.69) as the Shamrocks finished 11th overall with 99 points.

Lee also teamed with Chris Barron, Charlie Walsh and Tommy Wiaduck for eighth in the 200 medley relay in 1:36.21 (after going 1:35.41 in the prelims).

The Shamrocks' 400 free-

style relay team of Wiaduck, Conor Brownell, Bennett Loniewski and Dan Vela placed ninth (3:11.55). CC's 200 freestyle relay team of Wiaduck, Brownell, Logan Mills and Vela also added a point in 16th (1:28.71).

Other individual point scorers for CC included David DeBaacker, 10th, 1-meter diving, 376.40 points; Wiaduck, 11th, 100 freestyle, 47.49 (47.51 in the prelims); and Loniewski, 15th, 500 freestyle, 4:48.70.

Other state meet prelim participants for CC included Barron, 17th, 100 backstroke (53.88); Walsh, 18th, 200 IM (1:57.66) and 34th, 100 butterfly (54.41); Brendon Connelly, 23rd, diving (144.05 points); Loniewski, 24th, 200 freestyle (1:45.96); Vela, 29th, 500 freestyle (4:53.87) and 35th, 200 freestyle (1:47.17); and Brownell, 39th, 200 freestyle (1:49.38).

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## GYMNASTICS REGIONALS

## Canton wins, Livonia Blue fourth

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Catapulted by six gymnasts' all-around excellence, Canton captured another MHSAA regional championship March 4 at Plymouth High School.

The Chiefs tallied 143.425 points to edge runner-up Northville (142.45), with Plymouth third at 141.05.

All three of those teams qualified for Friday's team finals, set for 2 p.m. Friday at Plymouth, as will a fourth team from Region 3 — Livonia Blue, which tabulated a 140.4 score and got in as the state's 13th team as a wild card.

The top three teams from four regions automatically qualified.

"Canton started on floor exercise and essentially put the meet away with a 37.3 team start," said John Cunningham, veteran coach for the Chiefs. "Not that it was easy, since bars was the only other event that they won."

Cunningham pointed to Division 1 performers Victoria Faber, Katie Dickson, Kelsey Kernosek, Jana Hilditch and D2's Katherine Najduk and Rachel Socha for coming up big in the clutch.

All six qualified for the individual finals.

"Victoria led the way with firsts on bars (9.475) and all-around (36.6), plus 8.75 on vault (sixth), 9.125 on beam (sixth), and 9.25 on floor (fifth)," Cunningham said. "Rachel led the D2s taking first on beam (9.15), third on floor (9.275), and third all-around (35.1)."

Kernosek placed in the top 10 in every event (the top eight per event qualified for the individual final with the top six in the all-around making the

cut). She tallied ninth on vault (8.65), seventh on uneven parallel bars (8.626), eighth on balance beam (9.025), third in floor exercise (9.3) and fifth in the all-around (35.6).

"Jana had a great floor (second, 9.425) and missed qualifying in all-around by .025," said Cunningham, referring to her 35.525 score, which was good for seventh.

Hilditch also qualified on beam with a seventh-place score of 9.1.

"Katherine made it on vault (fifth, 8.75) and Katie's 9.3 floor qualified and tied Kelsey for third," Cunningham added. "So three all-arounders and three specialists will represent Canton."

Other Division 1 champions included Anissa Conway (Livonia Blue, who tied with Northville's Erin McCallum on vault with a 9.125 and Saydee Viau (Livonia Red), floor (9.45). Livonia Blue's Jessica Weak was the Division 2 champion in the all-around (35.65) and vault (9.15), while Livonia Red's Mikaela Hille won floor exercise (9.35).

## Individual qualifiers

» Individual qualifiers in D1 included the following:

**Vault:** Livonia Blue's Conway (tied for first, 9.125); Allison MacMartin (third, 9.075); Plymouth's Emily Caragay (fourth, 8.850); Canton's Faber (sixth, 8.750); Livonia Red's Viau (seventh, 8.7) and Plymouth's Paige Sanders (eighth, 8.675).

**Bars:** Faber (first, 9.475), Caragay (second, 9.450), Livonia Blue's Conway (fourth, 8.750), Canton's Kernosek (seventh, 8.625), Viau (eighth, 8.6)

**Beam:** Sanders (second,

9.475), Caragay (fifth, 9.375), Faber (sixth, 9.125), Canton's Hilditch (seventh, 9.1), Kernosek (eighth, 9.025).

**Floor:** Viau (first, 9.450), Hilditch (second, 9.425), Canton's Dickson and Kernosek (tied for third, 9.3), Salem's Camryn Moyers (tied for fifth, 9.250); Livonia Red's Olivia Dillon (tied for seventh, 9.2).

Faber, Caragay, Conway, Kernosek and Viau all qualified for individual state finals in the Division 1 all-around.

» In Division 2, individual qualifiers included the following:

**Vault:** Livonia Blue's Weak (first, 9.15), Livonia Red's Hille (fourth, 8.850), Canton's Najduk (fifth, 8.75), Plymouth's Jaya Dhande (sixth, 8.725) and Salem's Kaleigh Sibel (eighth, 8.65).

**Bars:** Weak (second, 8.950), Salem's Cloe Longeway (third, 8.575) and Sibel (tied for sixth, 8.275); Livonia Blue's Haden Florn and Hille (tied for eighth, 8.250).

**Beam:** Canton's Socha (first, 9.15), Plymouth's Adrian Hartford (second, 9.075) and Sarah Hosmer (tied for fourth, 8.775), Livonia Red's Mackenzie Borrman (tied for fourth, 8.775), Livonia Blue's Katie Grover and Livonia Red's Hille (tied for sixth, 8.725), Salem's Julia Devine (eighth, 8.675).

**Floor:** Hille (first, 9.35), Weak (second, 9.325), Socha (tied for third, 9.275), Salem's Riley Fisher (fifth, 9.225), Plymouth's Victoria Silvester (sixth, 9.2) and Adriana Tao (eighth, 9.1).

Weak, Hille, Socha and Longeway all qualified for individual state finals in the Division 2 all-around.

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Brighton goalie Logan Neaton (right) smothering the puck against CC's Zachary Sprys-Tellner.

## HOCKEY

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thought we were a pretty good team. When you spot a team like Brighton two goals and a goalie like Logan two and, eventually, three, you're going to have to really pour it on to get that many back."

Just 43 seconds into the second period, Conquest took advantage of a CC giveaway and, on a two-on-one, scored on a wrist shot between the circles for a short-handed goal. White and Martini assisted to make it a three-goal advantage.

CC got on the board at 6:01 of the same period, when Brendan West scored on a wraparound, a power-play goal from Zachary Sprys-Tellner to trim the deficit to 3-1.

The Shamrocks carried the play in the second period, out-shooting Brighton, 14-3, but still trailed by two goals.

Just 44 seconds into the third, CC made it a game, cutting the deficit to 3-2 on West's second goal, from Michael Considine and Jared Lee.

"We knew they were going to have a push coming out for the third," Neaton said. "We came out a little flat-footed, playing a little too defensive. But as soon as it turned it into a one-goal game, our seniors really picked it up."

Despite being out-shot in the second period, 13-3, Brighton regrouped for the third as Conquest fired a shot from the point that Gehres re-directed at waist level to make it 4-2 at 5:16.

"When we got that second one, we had faith we could get the third, but unfortunately they scored," Kaleniecki said. "You have to keep them off the board. When they got a killer blow for us. We threw all kinds of pucks at them, but we just couldn't get another one past them."

CC out-shot the Bulldogs in the final quarter, 13-7, but it was too little, too late.

"It was tough to see that one go in, but the game plan didn't change," West said of Brighton's fourth goal. "We still tried to make their D-men go wide, chip pucks, pass it in deep, go get it. I thought we played a hell of a game. Their goalie is unreal. It's hard to get pucks past him."

In a last-ditch attempt, the Shamrocks pulled goalie Sean

Finstrom (15 saves) with just over two minutes to play and Brighton's Mr. Hockey candidate Jake Crespi scored on an empty-netter with 1:08 remaining to seal the win.

"The players win games, they win championships and, obviously, they sacrifice a lot," Brighton coach Paul Moggach said. "They make the sacrifices, they put the time in. They do the things that are needed and that's why their state champions."

Neaton was the difference-maker throughout Brighton's championship run as he allowed just four goals in six games.

"They got a great goalie and one line that can absolutely fly," said West, who had two of those four tourney goals against Neaton. "Tough team to play against. They have good defensemen as well. Tough team."

Afterward, Neaton deflected the praise to his teammates.

"Our defensemen stepped up so much throughout all of the postseason, keeping everything to the outside, which made it easier tracking everything," he said. "Made my life easier throughout the playoffs."

West, who was the Shamrocks' point leader this season, was an offensive catalyst throughout the tourney run.

"He played phenomenal down the stretch," Kaleniecki said. "I'm sure he had multiple points every single play-off game. He really amped his game up and it was fun to watch. It's unfortunate it's not in a winning effort."

Only five players returned from CC's state championship team of a year ago.

"What I was truly proud of was the progress they made from day one in the season to where we finished," Kaleniecki said. "For us to fall a couple of goals short of a state championship, it's unfortunate, but we're reminded we played the toughest schedule we could possibly play. We were right there and that's the fun part about it not knowing if it's going to go your way or not. I would have loved to see them finish it off, so they could look at that. But we reminded them we improved a great deal this year. It was a great experience to be part of this game."

The Shamrocks lose 15 seniors to graduation.

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## GYMNASTS

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Faber, won in their events Friday.

Plymouth's Paige Sanders earned the individual championship in D1 on balance beam with a 9.6, edging Northville's Erin McCallum (second, 9.550) and Plymouth teammate Emily Caragay (third, 9.500).

Livonia Blue's Jessica Weak took the top spot in Division 2 on uneven parallel bars with a 9.250 total.

Two FUG gymnasts prevailed. On balance beam in D2, Jacquelyn Farquhar won with a 9.400, while Elisa Bills' 9.500 on floor earned her the championship in D2.

## Saturday recap

Because individual state finals followed on Saturday, also at Plymouth, the Chiefs needed to quickly reboot and Cunningham said they did a noteworthy job with four medalists.

"(Individual finals) were a true test of endurance and focus," Cunningham said. "Of the 33 teams represented only 13 were trying to repeat their performances in a 24-hour period."

Canton's Faber earned a second-place medal on D1 bars with a "sterling" 9.525.

Finishing fifth on D1 beam was Kernosek, with a 9.375. She also medaled on vault (seventh, 9.3). Other Canton medalists included Dickson on D1 floor (ninth, 9.4) and sophomore



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Anissa Conway won several medals for Livonia Blue.

Katherine Najduk in D2 vault with a ninth-place score of 8.9.

"Rachel Socha had a fall on beam so she couldn't follow through from her regional win and ended up 12th with an 8.8," Cunningham said. "Jana Hilditch performed a pretty 9.2 floor, but that was 13th. All in all, Canton's performance was among the elite and deserves a loud cheer for making us all proud."

» Other P-CEP and KLAA gymnasts also had medal-winning performances Saturday, led by Farmington's Bills — who earned D2 championships in all-around (37.550), vault (9.575) and beam (9.400).

Performers finishing in the top 10 in any of the categories won medals.

Livonia Blue's Weak prevailed in D2 bars with a 9.325 score. Weak was third in the D2

all-around with a 36.675, tied for fifth on floor with Farmington's Jacqueline Farquhar (9.425) and tied for sixth on vault with Livonia Red's Mikaela Hille (9.000). Weak also finished 10th on beam with a 8.925.

Also medaling from Livonia Blue was Anissa Conway (D1 vault, eighth, 9.200; D1 bars, 9.375; D1 floor, sixth, 9.500).

Outstanding for Plymouth was Sanders, who finished second on D1 beam with a 9.450 score.

Also from the Wildcats, Emily Caragay's 9.225 on D1 bars was good for a sixth-place medal and she finished 10th in the all-around (36.075).

Salem's Cloe Longeway earned a medal for D2 beam. She finished seventh with a 9.100 tally.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL



Mercy's Jenna Schluter (right) pushes the ball up the floor against Cousino's Aubrey Fetzer.

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# Defending champ Cousino reels in pesky Marlins

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The defending Class A girls basketball champions simply wouldn't wilt under the pressure.

Leading from start to finish, Warren Cousino withstood a late Farmington Hills Mercy push to reach its second straight state semifinal with a 47-41 victory Tuesday night over the Marlins at Southfield A&T High School.

The Patriots (24-2), just two wins away from repeating, captured their 19th straight game and will face Flushing (22-3) in the Final Four beginning at 1 p.m. Friday at Michigan State University's Breslin Center.

Georgia Tech signee Kierra Fletcher, the Miss Basketball runner-up to Jordan Walker of Muskegon Mona Shores earlier in the week, was once again the catalyst scoring a game-high 19 points, while sophomore guard Kate McArthur added 13.

"We knew they were a very good team and wanted to control the tempo, so we knew we wanted to push the ball to our speed," Fletcher said of the Marlins, who finished 22-4 overall. "I didn't worry about Miss Basketball too much. The individual awards really aren't my thing, I'll take losing Miss Basketball to winning a state championship any day."

A steal and a layup by Fletcher with 3:25 left gave Cousino an early 12-4 lead forcing an early Mercy timeout.

The Patriots, making 8-of-11 shots from the floor, led 18-7 after one quarter with Kate McArthur and Fletcher each scoring six. Mercy, meanwhile, committed five first quarter turnovers and went 3-for-9 from floor.

"That's what really hurt us," said Mercy senior guard Chloe Godbold, who finished with a team-best 13 points. "Defensively, I would just say we did not guard Fletcher hard enough. We did not get out on shooters hard enough. That's what we could have done better and we could have rebounded better. We just had to pick up the pace. It came at the end, but we kind of started late."

Cousino went up by as many as 13 in the second quarter and led 28-20 at halftime thanks to 10 points apiece by Fletcher and McArthur as the Patriots shot 57 percent from the floor (12-of-21). In the third quarter, Mercy got within five, 30-25, on a basket by Jackie Bauer with 5:45 to go, but the Patriots upped their advantage to 39-28 as Erin McArthur, Kate's older sister, converted a put-back just before the horn.

With 6:35 to play in the fourth, Mercy freshman Jess Mruzik scored five straight points to pull the Marlins to within six, 39-33.

Mercy then cut it to four, 45-41, on Jenna Schluter's basket and free throw with only 3:01 remaining, but ironically be the last point the Marlins would score.

The Patriots also got a key

block with 1:19 to go by Fletcher on drive to the basket by Godbold and the Miss Basketball runner-up made two free throws just six seconds later to make it 47-41 and help seal the win.

"It was a miscommunication, we were supposed to switch, but we didn't switch," Fletcher said of the pivotal defensive stop. "And instead of getting off and letting her Godbold get in for the layup and have this game potentially get a little closer, or potentially overtime, I decided to go for the block. I'm pretty long for my size and I just try and use that to my advantage."

Schluter, who got into second half foul trouble, added 10 points along with Bauer.

"We were pressing and a couple of times they hurt us over the top on our press, but that's obviously something you're going to risk when you press," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "I thought we really battled. They're a tough team because they have that ability when things kind of break down, or for them being pushed a little bit, Fletcher can make a play. That's what that type of player can do, which is make a play when a lot of other people can't."

The Marlins shot only 34.6 percent (9-of-26) through three quarters before nailing 5-of-9 in the final period, three-pointers each from Mruzik and Godbold.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

# Defending Class B champ Henry Ford ousts RU

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Detroit Henry Ford had lots of winning history on its side in Saturday night's Class B district boys basketball final against visiting Redford Union.

The defending state champions and 2015 runner-up pulled away in the second half and got a game-high 24 points from Devontaye Webb to earn a 67-41 victory over the Panthers.

Deonta Ulmer added 14 points for the victorious Trojans, who improved to 13-10 overall while earning a spot

in Monday's regional semifinal against Detroit Osborn (14-9) at Livonia Clarenceville.

The Panthers (11-11) were outscored 47-21 during the second half after being deadlocked at halftime, 20-all.

"They turned up the pressure and we never responded," RU coach Randall Taylor said. "We turned the ball over 17 times."

Jacob Gagnon and Eric McCarter paced the Redford Union with 10 and nine points, respectively.

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# ROCKETS

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A 11-5 run by the Rockets made it 65-57 with 2:25 to go. Senior Kijuan Chandler drove to the basket for a high-glasser-and-one.

"We had a nice run we got it down to eight ... we had time, I told the guys we were down four baskets," Watts said. "I think that was with three and some change left. And so, I was good with where we were."

The Rockets then blocked a Cubs shot but could not corral the basketball and rather than possibly getting within six, Zachary Winston made two foul shots to bump the spread back up to 10 at 67-57.

An emphatic slam by Eboigbodin with 1:08 to go made it 70-57 and the Cubs then tacked on some free throws as the Rockets were forced to foul in order to get some last-ditch possessions.

For UD Jesuit, Elijah Collins led the way with 19 points, with Julian Dozier adding 12. A thorn in John Glenn's side was Scott Nelson, who drained three treys and finished with 14 points.

Adding nine points was Winston.

Scoring 16 points for John Glenn was Agnew, with sophomore Joe Moon IV and senior forward Daijon Parker contributing 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Chipping in with nine points was Chandler, while Williams scored seven.

# Rushed too much

According to the 6-6 Parker, nicknamed the Rockets' "big fella," the fact the Cubs had three players 6-9 or taller (Eboigbodin, Jalen Thomas, Ikechukwu Eke) did not negatively impact how he or his teammates performed.

"It really didn't affect me, I played tough," Parker said. "I showed them I'm not going to lay down for anybody."

"But they played good I give them their respect, they're good players."

Instead, Parker, who will be playing football at Saginaw Valley State University, said the Cubs' team speed wreaked havoc and contributed to several turnovers and inopportune times.

"We didn't value each possession, we kind of were rushing everything," Parker said. "If we slowed the game down we would have been all right."

"They sped us up, that's what they wanted us to do. They dictated our game."

Agnew said the loss boiled down to rebounding at both ends of the floor.

"But we left it all out on the floor," Agnew said. "You got to play like it's your last (at state tournament time), and unfortunately, this one was our last."

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Daijon Parker (13) of the Rockets, guarded by University of Detroit Jesuit's Jalen Thomas (25), looks for the basket.

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BOYS SWIMMING

# Murphy sets fly record; Novi fourth in D1

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It was another record-setting day for Camden Murphy and his Novi teammates Saturday at the MHSAA Division 1 Boys Swimming and Diving Finals at Oakland University.

Murphy, a senior, captured two individual events: the 200-yard individual medley (1:48.99) and 100-yard butterfly (46.63), where he set an all-class MHSAA record.

Birmingham Brother Rice nailed down its fourth consecutive team title with 238 points. Ann Arbor Skyline (212), Saline (202), Novi (196) and Holland West Ottawa (190) rounded out the top five.

Murphy, a University of Georgia signee, also teamed with Joey Berman, Daniel Chung and Philip Billiu for an automatic All-America qualifying time of 1:32.74 in the 200 medley relay, taking runner-up honors to Brother Rice (1:31.72).

Rice also won the 400 freestyle relay (3:04.25), while Murphy, Alexander Yuan, Siddhardha Kareddy and Berman placed fifth with a school record and All-America consideration time of 3:06.80. (Murphy's lead-off split of 44.78 was also a school record and All-America consideration

time in the 100 freestyle.)

"I did really well, but as a team, we also did really well," said Murphy, who was named Division 1 Swimmer of the Year. "It was really fun. It was really close this year. We definitely had a really good chance to get top three and, even though we got fourth, we really did well and it's the highest we've ever placed."

Novi's 200 freestyle relay team Philip Billiu, Maxwell Williams, Kareddy and Yuan placed seventh with a school record and All-America consideration clocking of 1:26.26.

Berman, taking fourth in the 100 backstroke (51.35), added a new school record with an All-America consideration time of 50.62 in the prelims. He also placed seventh in the 200 freestyle (1:43.64).

Other Novi individual scorers were Kareddy, fifth, 100 butterfly, 50.52 (after going 50.34 in the prelims); Billiu, eighth, 100 backstroke, 52.96 and 12th, 50 freestyle, 21.72 (21.67 in the prelims); Williams, 12th, 100 backstroke, 52.06 (52.64 in the prelims); Max Robbins, 12th, 500 freestyle, 4:43.09; and Preston Harrell, 14th, 100 butterfly, 52.63.

Other state meet participants for Novi included Joel Kotyk, 20th, 200 IM (1:58.72); Brian Son, 200 IM, 2:00.95;

Jack McClure, 18th, 1-meter diving (237.30 points); Yuan, 24th, 100 freestyle (48.31); Erik Halboth, 22nd, 100 backstroke (54.07); and Chung, 100 breaststroke (1:01.21).

"I was so proud of how hard our boys fought to bring home a state meet trophy on Saturday," said Novi coach Brent Pohlonski, who was named MISC Division 1 Coach of the Year. "Going into the finals, we knew there were six great teams fighting it out for four trophies. Our swimmers didn't back down and went faster or moved up in almost every event. After so many heart-breaking disappointments over the past few years, I was so happy to see our boys get the rewards they deserve. This was one of those special seasons that you never want to end."

# Livonia Stevenson recap

The Spartans, who finished 13th with 61 points, had a couple all-state performers at Oakland University.

Junior Parker Wasielewski finished fifth both in the 50 free (21.33) and 100 backstroke (51.49) to medal in both events.

Meanwhile, sophomore Benjamin Rojewski's time of 4:37.02 in the 500 free was good for third place and all-state honors.

# HOOPS

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The Warriors (16-6 overall) needed the Burk basket to avoid losing in regulation, however. DPS went up by two with just two seconds left and Wade called a timeout to discuss options.

"We ran a full-court play and got a shot off as time expired and made it to force overtime," Wade said.

But after falling behind in OT, the Warriors were forced to foul in the closing minutes which led to extra points by DPSA.

"A 9-point game is not nearly an indication of how close it really was," Wade said.

Burk wound up with 17

points, and finished his Warriors career with more than 1,100 points — a team record. He ended with 500 exactly for the season.

Chipping in with 14 points was Kyle Farley, with Kory Barikmo helping the cause with 11 points and six assists. Another key performer was Luke Smith, with 10 rebounds and five assists.

Scoring 18 points for Detroit Public Safety Academy, up 32-29 after three frames, was Vincent McKinney.

"We had eight seniors who worked their butt off to get to this point, so it's disappointing for them to get this close and lose," Wade said. "... I'm really proud of the boys the way they fought."

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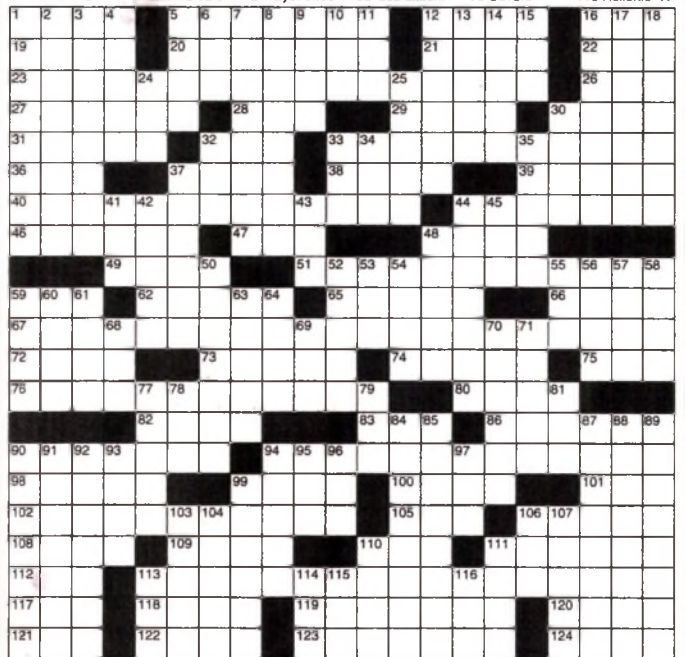
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### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Goof (up)
  - 5 Gland near a kidney
  - 12 NASCAR units
  - 16 ER skill
  - 19 Vocal quality
  - 20 On the dot
  - 21 Jal —
  - 22 "... boy — girl?"
  - 23 "This shop sells every fruity frozen dessert flavor?"
  - 26 Ryan of films
  - 27 Hot peppers
  - 28 Bank charge
  - 29 In — (bored)
  - 30 Three or four
  - 31 Segway inventor
  - 32 Broncos' gp.
  - 33 "John Brown's Body" poet's wages?
  - 36 Mexico Mrs.
  - 37 Long cut
  - 38 TV's Swenson
  - 39 Lofty nest
  - 40 Flying disc that toy spaniels love to fetch?
  - 44 Was a blowhard
  - 46 Big name among cello virtuosos
  - 47 Label for Elton John units
  - 48 Bric-a- — (trinkets)
  - 49 Ship's trail
  - 51 Thorough search of an Apple computer?
  - 59 Pierre's "here"
  - 62 Virile type
  - 65 Inferior to
  - 66 Mixed in with
  - 67 Lots of sun-dried brick surrounding an empty space?
  - 72 Former Navaho foe
  - 73 Toy with 110 D.C.
  - 74 Massive mammal, for short
  - 75 K'ung Fu — (Confucius)
  - 76 Political group turns against one of its own members?
  - 80 This, in Argentina
  - 82 Dinghy pair
  - 83 — polloi (the masses)
  - 86 Some electric cars
  - 90 Early-flowering leguminous trees
  - 94 Flemish painter being violent?
  - 98 Love, in Paris
  - 99 Slacken
  - 100 Beard, e.g.
  - 101 Ming of basketball "here"
  - 102 "The Zoo Story" playwright with red hair?
  - 105 — Jima
  - 106 "— de Lune"
  - 108 Momentous time periods
  - 109 Omanis, e.g.
  - 110 D.C. ballplayer
  - 111 Milano of short "Charmed"
  - 112 Was idle between Siberia and Alaska?
  - 117 Broke bread
  - 118 Years on end
  - 119 Put in place
  - 120 Tony winner
  - 121 Danson of "Dad"
  - 122 Player's fee
  - 123 Multinied ship of 1839
  - 124 Mems. of the upper house
  - 33 Highchair neckwear
  - 34 Atlanta-to-Charlotte dir.
  - 35 Racial rights gp.
  - 37 Twisted and lured
  - 41 "— goes it?"
  - 42 Largest city of Nebraska
  - 43 Walton of Wal-Mart
  - 44 Chocolate
  - 45 Sturdy wood
  - 48 Kiosk, e.g.
  - 50 Stage hams
  - 52 Nuns' home
  - 53 Co. honcho
  - 54 Hazy image
  - 55 Rally yell
  - 56 Skip over
  - 57 Boxes for recycling
  - 58 Ax feature
  - 59 "It's my turn" (dance)
  - 61 Cakes froster
  - 63 Helps illicitly on sports
  - 64 Approaching
  - 66 Pres. before DDE
  - 69 White — ghost
  - 70 GM security service
  - 71 Clan symbol
  - 77 "— one to talk!"
  - 78 Severe
  - 79 The lady
  - 81 Nile slitherer
  - 84 Away for an extended break
  - 85 Cry after catching someone in the act
  - 87 Save for later
  - 88 "Little Birds" author
  - 89 Warehouse charges
  - 90 Directs fury toward
  - 91 Dubai, e.g.
  - 92 Gave away
  - 93 Pastors
  - 94 Shul head
  - 95 Spend
  - 96 Stinging flier
  - 97 Brazilian port city, in brief
  - 99 Pass by
  - 103 Expose by blabbing
  - 104 "— you clever!"
  - 106 The Indians, on sports
  - 107 U-shaped instruments
  - 110 Terse denial
  - 111 Undercover?
  - 113 V/king realm
  - 114 Intel org.
  - 115 Senator
  - 116 Hellenic "H"



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

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

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H	M	I	N	W	S	Y	R	B	C	D	B	H	I	K	I	N	G	W	Z
D	U	S	E	I	G	R	E	L	L	A	N	A	T	U	R	E	A	U	E
S	P	R	I	N	G	H	O	H	F	B	E	N	I	H	S	N	U	S	U
B	M	T	I	D	N	U	N	L	G	G	L	U	D	A	Y	T	R	I	P
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B	O	P	K	S	S	W	N	E	B	K	M	K	O	F	W	M	I	W	E
I	Z	K	G	A	E	I	N	E	L	L	O	P	I	M	I	B	L	Y	S
E	D	Z	E	R	L	H	U	M	M	I	N	G	B	I	R	D	M	C	S
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E	R	G	T	A	M	D	S	D	L	E	I	F	M	E	R	D	I	K	E
C	D	T	S	T	C	E	S	N	I	D	Y	N	G	E	F	C	D		
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H	R	A	A	L	L	E	R	B	M	U	G	Z	T	P	K	N	O	I	U
G	D	T	C	B	T	S	E	N	L	A	W	N	H	O	W	E	R	R	M
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B	G	C	B	K	S	G	G	E	O	R	S	N	E	E	Z	I	N	G	E

#### WORDS

- NATURE
- NEST
- OUTDOORS
- PICNIC
- POLLEN
- RAINY
- REPRODUCTION
- SCENTED
- SEASON
- SNEEZING
- SPRING
- SUNSHINE
- SWARM
- TREES
- UMBRELLA
- WARMING
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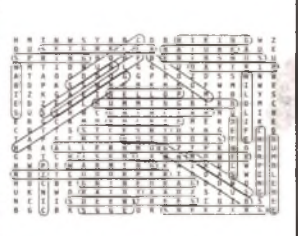
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

#### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

**Crossword Answers**

1	GOOF
5	KIDNEY
12	NASCAR
16	ER
19	VOCAL
20	ON
21	JALAPENO
22	BOY-GIRL
23	ICE CREAM
26	RYAN
27	PEPPERS
28	BANK
29	IN
30	THREE
31	SEGWAY
32	BRONCOS
33	JOHN BROWN
36	MEXICO
37	LONG
38	TV
39	LOFTY
40	FLYING
44	BLOWHARD
46	BEETHOVEN
47	ELTON
48	TRINKETS
49	SHIP
51	THOROUGH
59	PIERRE
62	VIKING
65	INFERIOR
66	MIXED
67	BRICK
72	FORMER
73	TOY
74	MASSIVE
75	KUNGFU
76	POLITICAL
80	THIS
82	DINGHY
83	POLOI
86	SOME
90	EARLY
94	FLEMISH
98	LOVE
99	SLACKEN
100	BEARD
101	MING
102	ZOO
105	JIMA
106	DE LUNE
108	MOMENTOUS
109	OMANIS
110	D.C.
111	MILANO
112	WAS
113	ENTER
117	BROKE
118	YEARS
119	PUT
120	TONY
121	DANSON
122	PLAYER
123	MULTINIED
124	MEMS

#### Word Search Answers







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