# Westland library board hires attorney 

City officials unhappy about recent layoffs LeAnne Rogers

An independent attorney no one working for the city's by the Westland William P. Faust Library Board. The move came at a special city council members made public comments demanding the firing of Library Director Sheila Collins and removal of

the library board members. Mayor Wil-
am Wild has taken a similar public position. City officials
are unhappy with a library board decision

## to lay off five librarians as a

 cost-saving measure. "There were a couple of plish. We hired an independent counsel," Library Board President Mark Neal said. "These responses from the counciland mayor were getting out of hand. They are looking to take over the library. It didn't make ense to use an attorney from the city attorney's office." Neal sad the lerary was established under state law
with its own board and funding. The board is appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council.
"The first job for the atorney is to open a discussion
with the city attorney to agree with the city attorney to agree
on our independence under library law," said Neal, who added there is also no legal equirement that the council
approve the library's annual hike for this to all be behind him, naturally, in an election year," Neal said. "Council members are using the library
as stepping stones to make themselves look better.' Since the layoffs, some of the laid-off librarians and their supporters have protested at library board meetings, as well as to the city
council. Following the layoff library employees voted to be
represented by the Service
Employees International

Union. The workers also recently filed an Unfair Labor Practice charging the firings
were retaliation for organizing, something the library board denies.
Neal paid the initial fee to Maddin, Hauser, Roth and Heller in Southfield to attend the special meeting since the board had not yet taken action to hire the firm. The board a 50 approved a contract with library adminis trative assistant Sherri West,


The cause of the fire at Grindstone Smokehouse on May 6 is still undetermined.

## Restaurant fire cause still undetermined

## LeAnne Rogers

he cause of a fire that The cause of a fire that
damaged a Westland restaurant is still listed as undetermined.
The fire at the Grindstone Smokehouse on Wayne Road just south of Ford was report extensive interior damage I can't give you a whole lot of information. At this point we are listing it as undetermined," Westland Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers said. "We
know where the fire started and it shouldn't have started
there."
An electrical fire was being looked at as a possible cause company had an electrical engineer out to confirm or discredit that theory," Eggers said. "He said no way it was an electrical event.
The fire department has pretty much completed its investigation, he said. with the matter now turned over the Westland Police Department Samples from the scene have been sent to the Michigan testing. "The building is definitely
not a complete loss. The roof collapsed on the northeast corner second floor," Egger
said."The HVAC cooling units) fell through th cooling units) fell through the
The second floor, which didn't extend over the main dining room, had a couple offices, dry storage and a restroom. been worlice department has been working with the Westland Fire Department regarding the fire at the Grindstone restaurant," Westland Police said. "As of this time, we are awaiting final determination
from the fire department as to the cause and classification of the fire. Until we get that orficial determination, we will As this is an ongoing in vestigation, Miller said he couldn't really comment about the matter from a police per spective.
Owner recently said that he planne to rebuild the restaurant, which opened in late 2015 as the Grindstone Smokehouse Extensive remodeling wa
done to the former Beave Creek Restaurant before it reopened.

## Congratulations

 Hometown Life Top 6 studentsThey have organized barbe cues for the homeless, are founders of numerous school in local hospitals, do research at local universities and have started their own businesses. They sit on mayoral councils, play guitar in hospice centers ters. That is what they do in their spare time. What they all have in common is that they are the shining stars of our ocal public and private high schools.
They are the 2017 Home Twenty-six schools respon ded to our call to honor their top six, representing a total of Life coverage area - and the list is impressive.
"Each of these students reflect a wonderful combination of character, academic skill and hard work. We are excited to see how they impact High School Principal Kevin Weber said.
Not surprising, these students have plenty of support room. "Every person I have met has influenced me in some way, especially my family, but I would have to say Mrs. (Amanda) Laidlaw and Mrs.
(Catherine) German have in fluenced me the most," Kera Sells of John Glenn High School wrote in an email. They are both extraordinary Women in the field of science cided to follow a path into neuroscience and biochemistry. I

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## LIBRARY

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## Annuities can makes sense but not for all

who beside the director would be the only other library employee not represented by the new un
unit.
A severance package with Collins was also approved. "We hated to do it
because we don't want because we don't want
Sheila to leave. The board is there to pro tect the library and citizens," Neal said. "If Sheila was fired without cause, she could financial loss the library."
Wild couldn't be reached for comment. Irogers@hometownife.com 1rogers@homet
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was watching TV I when a commercial came on about annuities. The commercial
made it out that annuities were the best things since sliced
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Rick Bloom MONEY MATTER
oesn't fit your situation. I thought I would take this opportunity to talk a little bit about cons. Basically, there are three types of annuities: fixed annuities, variable annuities and imFixed annuities and variable annuities have the benefit of income growing tax-deferred. You only pay taxes
when money is with. hen money is within time, it is taxed at your ordinary income bracket. Although tax deferral can be a benefit, it also can be a prob omes out of an annuity it's taxed at your ordinary income bracket, which is your highest qualify for the favorquale capital gain treatment, so it is possible that by deferring your taxes, you are actually raising them, defeating the purpose of an annu-
The returns on annuities depend upon the type you purchase. In a traditional fixed annuity you get a guaran

If a salesman is overly aggressive, simply walk away. Because annuities are generally long-term investments, you need to take time and shop around. teed rate of return. Currently, traditional ing about 2 percent. An ndex annuity is also considered a fixed anhuity, but your return is based upon an index that you select - typidexes. The nice thing about these types of nnuities is if the market goes down, you
don't lose money It is don't lose money. It is mind dividends are not figured into the equafion and most indexbased annuities do not participation rate If your participation rate s 60 percent and the market went up 10 per cent, your return would be 6 percent. One of the problems ties is that tex annu very complex and ometimes very diff
you end up buying an is important to learn about them and then to shop around. There are tremendous differences these annuities. Variable annuities are ones that allow you to invest in, typically,
mutual funds. Your return is based upon the funds you select. The problem with variable annuities is if you held these investment
outside the annuity outside the annuity, to capital gain treatment vs. ordinary income. In addition, just like with the fixed annuities, you typically ey up for a period of time. It's not unusual to see variable annuities with a 10 -year penalty period, which means if you cancel the annuity lose some of your mon ey. In addition, variable annuities tend to have very high administrafive an
An immediate annuity is a different anima all together. An immediate annuity is similar to buying a pension for
yourself. In an immed ate annuity, it guarantees a certain amount of money for the rest of
your life. No matter
get a regular paycheck.
For many people, this is a very comforting in vestment. The downside is once you're in an immediate annuity, you
cannot cancel it -it's an irrevocable investment. Just like with fixed and variable annuities, it does pay to
shop around. Not all companies are the same.
In certain situations, annuities make sense. They are not for everyone should be pressured into purchasing one. If a salesman is overly aggressive, simply walk away. Because annuities are generally
long-term investments, you need to take your time and shop around. One last note: If you
are looking at a variable are looking at a variable
annuity, you want to annuity, you want to
make sure you look companies like Fidelity Vanguard and Schwab. They all offer low-cost annuities without penalties. You have greater
flexibility in the fact that you can withdraw your money at any time without penalty.
Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com If you would like him to
respond to questions, email Rick $\quad$ bloomasset

## Westland police arrest hit-and-run suspect



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ed for injuries. As of Thursday afternoon, the victim remaine
cal condition. After follow-up investigation by Westland police, including infor-
mation from eyewitness mation from eyewitnesswas located and the sus pect arrested. Police say
an arraignment could
an arraignmen
come Friday.
Police said more information will be released as it became avail-
able. able.
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## Federal judge takes plea deal in sexual assault case



State Rep. Robert L. Kosowski (D-Westland) and Father Ken Mazur.

Westland pastor performs invocation at Michigan House of Representatives

State Rep. Robert L. Kosowski (D-Westland) had the privilege of having Father Ken Mazur, a constituent and pastor from his district, perto the Michigan House of Representatives legislative session.
"It was an honor to have Father Mazur come to Lansing and perform ski said. "I want to thank him for delivering his
> thoughtful words befor the Legislature. "To have him as my guest during House ses sion was truly a privi$\underset{\text { Fathe." }}{\text { lege }}$ pastor at Saint Mary Cause of Our Joy, a Catholic church in Westland. The parish is fairly new to the community, as it was the result of a former parishes. c. $\%$

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## WAYNE COUNTY PARKS EVENTS

June is a great mont unique locations in Wayne County Parks. Take a guided tour Bennett Arboretum to explore the tree collections or a naturalistled hike through Holliday Nature Preserve to
learn how to identify many different ferns and other plants. You can also attend indoor programs at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center on fern identification or the
history of the Detroit Riverfront. A wide vari ty of program topics about local nature and history are offered throughout the year for All programs requir pre-registration by calling the Parks Division at 734-261-1990. The programs offered in June gram fee is $\$ 3$ per person, payable in advance or at the door by cash, check or charge. Checks should be made payable to Wayne County Parks hikes must be made in advance by calling the

Parks Division. Deciduous Tree Collections - Bennett Ar boretum
p.m. Saturday, June
${ }^{3}$ Bennett Arboretum Bennett Arboretum was originaly planted in
the 1930 s , with rare trees from around the world as well as native Michigan tree collections. Participants will leisure-
ly hike the rolling hills of this beautiful areato explore and enjoy the trees. Meet at the Disc Golf Parking lot on the east side of Hines Drive north of Six Mile Rorn of Southern Michigan - Indoor Pre entation at Nankin ter 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10 Ferns are some of the oldest groups of plants on earth. They can be
difficult to identify. Joi this indoor presentation at Nankin Mills to learn clues about how to recognize these botanical
treasures treasures. Detroit Riverfront History - Indoor Presenta

Interpretive Center 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17 From the ancient Native American moun
builders to the current riverfront parks revival the Detroit riverfront has seen many changes over the years. Join the park naturalist for this Nankin Mills to learn more about the Detroit riverfront history.
Foraging for Ferns Holliday Nature Preserve Koppernick 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 17 The western end o Holliday Nature Preforest habitat with around 20 different fer species as well as large
beech and tulip trees and many other botanical wonders. Meet the Park Naturalist at the parking lot on Koppernick Road, off of Hix Road between Joy and Warren, to enjo
a hike in this unique natural area. Insect re pellent recommended. For more program information, contact Carol Clements, 734-261

## McDonald's celebrates grand reopening



Livonia McDonald's restaurant owner Dr. Artie Vann celebrated May 17 the grand reopening of her restaurant at 38015 Ann Arbor Road. As part of the grand reopening celebration, Vann presented the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit with a $\mathbf{5 1 , 0 0 0}$ donation. (From left) McDonald's Chief Happiness Officer Ronald McDonald, Ronald McDonald House of Detroit esident Manager Irma Hudson, McDonald's restaurant owner Monique V

## Court hearing adjourned for accidental shooting suspect

David Veselenak<br>A Farmington Hills man will return to cour today for a probable cause conference on an accidental shooting at a Livonia gun range. Michael Hearn, 44, was before District Judge Sean Kavanagh in Livonia's 16th District Court able cause conference held typically a week before a preliminary examination. Hearn is charged with careless, reckless or negligent us of a airearm, a misde- meanor that carries a maximum sentence of two years in prison. Hearn's attorney, Tery Johnson, told Kavanagh he wanted a little case, considering it is a "high court" misdemean-<br>"I want to make sure Mr. Hearn's rights and ered," he said<br>Hearn was charged

Hearn is scheduled to be back in court at 9 a.m.
Thursday for a probable cause conference and a preliminary examination is currently scheduled for June 1. He remains free on bond. A Facebook post by the
Firearm Exchange earlier this month addressing the incident states the facility was simply being
used for the class and th used for the class and the
facility's ownership had nothing to do with the incident that took place "It has been been our long standing policy of allowing NO firearms or
ammunition inside the ammunition inside the
classroom. This rule wa broken by an instructor who currently and has never served any affiliation with our company, the post read. "We are
currently taking appropriate steps to ensure that something like this does not happen again, the classroom area should be a safe area at all times." dveselenak@hometownlife .com Twitter: ©DavidVesetenak


BILL RRESLERI HoMetownlfe. .om Defendant Michael Edward
Hearn stands in Judge Sean Kavanagh's courtroom with his attorney, Terry L.
earlier this month after an incident took place at Frirearm Exchange, 3030 Police say Hearn, a concealed pistol license instructor, was in a classroom at the range with a handgun. While in the took the gun and fired it while it was pointed at a door. The weapon had ammunition in and and discharged a bullet, which traveled through classroom at the range, where it injured a 38 taking a CPL class.

## LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

| Catalytic converter taken | used and found the converter missing. | Vehicle broken into Police were alerted by |
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| re | Car scratched | Police were alerted by a witness near Six Mile |
| led May 18 to a resi- | A shopper at Menards, | and Merriman the after- |
| nce in the 30700 block | 01 Middlebelt, came to | noon of May 17 regarding |
| way on the re- | e police station May 17 | reak-in of a vehicle in |
| port of a stolen catalyt | to report damage to his | a condo parking lot in the |
| converter. The resident | vehicle He said he | 28800 block of Five Mile. |
| ked in front of her | parked in the lot far away | When police arrived, |
| residence the night be- | from other vehicles be | they saw the vehicle, |
| fore. When she came out | cause it was new. When | which had its doors |
| the car that morning, | came out of the store, | locked and a window |
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| ment from the carjack | shopping cart. | th Livonia Police Department. |

Secure your independence at home.

Woodhaven at Home is a new and unique member program that helps residents of Southeast Michigan maintain as much independence and financial security as possible so they can age in place

Designed for heathy, active adults between the ages of 55 and 81 who value vitality and aging independence. Woodhaven at Home is structured to provide asset preservation, the support and advocacy of a Wellness and Care Coordinator, and care at home if and when it is needed. Mernbership community, Woodhaven Retirement Community.

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Catalytic converter

Livonia police were dence in the 30700 block port of a stolen catalytic converter. The resident parked in front of her fore When she came out to the car that morning,
she found the catalytic converter had been stolen. Police observed ment from the carjack
verter missing.
Car scratched 12701 Middlebelt ame to the police station May 17 to report damage to his vehicle. He said he from other vehicles away cause it was new When he came out of the store, around the left wheel. It may have the damage shopping cart.
witness near Six Miley of may 17 re after-break-in of a vehicle in a condo parking lot in the When they saw the vehicle, they saw the vehicle,
which had its doors locked and a window
smashed. The in-dash radio was missing.

- Compiled from reports filed



## Detroit teen charged in Livonia home invasion

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A17-year-old Detroit
resident faces criminal
charges after Livonia
police say he broke into
a home and stole a safe.
Laron Christmas
was charged with sec-
ond-degree home in--
vasion in Livonia's 16 th
District Court earlier
this month after police
say he broke intoa
home in the 30000 block
of Westfield. Police say
a probable cause con-
ference was held in his
case last week, and his
preliminary examina-
tion was waived, bind-
ing him over to Wayne
County Circuit Court.
Christmas is expected
to arraigned this month

## Sibling robbery: Brother, sister charged in theft at Livonia bank

## David Veselenak

A brother and sister are facing robbery charges after Livonia police say they worked
together to rob an individ ual making a deposit at a local bank.
Earnest Gardner, 23 of Detroit; and Tiara Gardner, 25 of Westland, were
arrested and charged with arrested and charged with
unarmed robbery, larceny from person and larceny $\$ 1,000$ to $\$ 20,000$.
Those charges stem from an incident that took place the afternoon of 19410 Middlebelt, where police say Earnest Gardner grabbed a bag of cash being dropped off for
deposit at the bank by an deposit at the bank by an
area Burger King employ
Eara
Gardner
ee.
Golice sard Earnest
Gardner held the door
open for the employee and
proceeded to take the bag,
which contained an undis-
closed amount of cash. He
was later found and ar-
rested through investiga-
tion and identification
with help from the bank's
security cameras.
After investigating,
police believe Tiara Gard-
ner was also involved.
Police say she worked at
the same Burger King as
the employee making the deposit, and coordinated brother.
The two were arraigned earlier this month
in Livonia's 16th District in Livonia's 16th District
Court and were given $\$ 20,000$ cash or surety bonds. Neither were listed as inmates in the Wayne County Jail as of Monday morning. The two have
since been bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court, where they will be arraigned at 9 a.m. Thurs day, May 25 in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.
If convicted, they both face
on.

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## HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW

St. Baldrick's shaving
event battles cancer

## Brad Kadrich

Seven years ago, the folks organizing the firs head-shaving fundraiser head-shaving fundraise
to fight childhood cancers had to pull a few bucks out of their own pockets to hit the $\$ 10,000$
mark. This year, in the sev-
enth annual event, held again at the Plymouth Roc on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, the day started at $\$ 18,00$ or And that as organize Robb Drzewicki pointed out, was before a single
head had been shaved. head had been shaved. The event, Drzewick growing.
"This just keeps ge ting bigger and bigger because of people like
you," he told the hunyou," he told the hun-
dreds of people gathered dreds of people gathered began. The St. Baldrick's event took over the Ply-
mouth Roc, inside and

bRAD KADR Missy Hinkson takes the first chunk out of the hair of her
friend, Vince Austin, who was part of the largest fundraising team for the event
out, with a canopy set up to guard against potentia rain. There was facepainting, food and drink, of those sledge-hammer feats of strength games A variety of super
heroes - Batman heroes - Batman, Won-
der Woman, Spider-Man der Woman, Spider-Man treated kids to photo opportunities, bagpiper
kick off the event and music abounded through ${ }^{\text {out. }}$ And
And the forks at the py again to donate their space, "It's
"In's an amazing event," said Plymouth
Roc manager Jessie Roc manager Jessie Po
ter. "It's a great cause, it's for the kids. Who doesn't want to help kids?"

Missy Hinkson wasn there to get her head shaved, but that doesn't
mean she didn't get in on the action. Hinkson was there to support her good friend, Vince Austin, part of Team Chrome Dome, at $\$ 23,000$ the event's
largest fundraiser. largest fundraiser.
Hinkson paid $\$ 20$ to take the first chunk out of Austin's hair.
"He's a great friend," Hinkson said. "He's been
doing this a long time. I doing this a long time.
just had to be the first just had to be the firrs Austin and his son, Shaun, have both particievent for all seven years event for all seven yea
of its existence. That of its existence. That
commitment earned commitment earned Knights of the Bald Table designation.
A cousin of Vince's got A cousin of Vince's got
the duo started years ago the duo started years ago
with his own participation in a similar event in Romeo.
"It rais
"It raises money for a good cause," VInce Aus-
tin said "It's awesome to tin said "It's awesome to less fortunate than us."

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Super heroes like Wonder Woman, Batgirl and Captain
America abounded.

## WAYNE COUNTY EVENTS

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## Angels for Isabelle

 and Elliottfundraiser
A fundraising event to costs of medical care for two young Plymouth residents - Elliott, age 3 , who has autism, and sabelle, age 2, who has
stage 4 cancer and Sotos syndrome - is being held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at Sum mit in the Park in Canon. Tickets are on sale until May 29 . and has already spent over 45 days in the hos pital this year alone fighting cancer. She wa diagnosed with a Wilms tumor on her kidney in
January 2017. She had the tumor removed as
well as her left kidney; however they also foun stage 4 cancer in her
lungs. She has been undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment since then, and will coninue treatments unt the end of August. 4 , and was diagnosed on the autism spectrum at age 2 . He currently attends therapy five days week, which is very costly
ance.
Between all the doctor appointments and hospihave had to take weeks
off work at a time, which
has been financially has been financially move in with relatives to help offset the costs of treatment combined with the lack of ability work full time. This fundraiser will help pay off some
of the thousands of dol of the thousands of dol
lars in hospital bills as well as to provide a safety net for the family as they are one emergency away from disaster. adults 13 and up, $\$ 10$ for children 12 and under Tickets are presale only at www.eventbrite.hk/m yevent?eid=33881167484
or in the Facebook event page
facebook.com/events /1900331323584096. The event features a
full breakfast buffet in a beautiful setting white linens and china. There will be a live DJ, live music from a local band, magician Steven Skinde performing, costumed Disney princesses from
the local Plymouth Canton theater group for photos, face painting, a $50 / 50$ cash raffle, and a prize-based raffle with es donated by local businesses. All prizes are on display on Facebook page www.facebook.com/ angelsforisabelle andelliott

## Senior Health \&

 Fitness DayArea seniors are in-
vited to join a celebra-

## tion of the 24th annual National Senior Health

 National Senior Healthand Fitness Day from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. This nationwide health and fitness event is held to
promote the importance of regular physical activity, and to showcase what local organizations are
doing to improve the doing to improve the older adults in their com munities.
Seniors age 55 and older can enjoy a variety of senior health- and fitness-related activities,
including: Health Fair and health screenings from 8:30-10 a.m.; work shops, and fitness class
${ }^{\text {es. }}$ Registration fees are $\$ 7$ for Summit members, and $\$ 10$ for non-residents. Fee includes boxed lunch, workshops and participant bag.
Morning workshops starting at $10: 30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. include: Intro to Begin ner Yoga, Fall Prevention 101, and Safe While Out and About Attirnoon workshops starting at $12: 45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
include: Intro to Lyrical Dancing; Cooking with Chef Kristi; and Custom Coasters Make \& Take workshop culminates with an Intro to Fitness Gold at 2 p.m. featuring fitness moves

## cardiovascular endur-

 ance. Participants inCanton's National Senior Health and Fitness Day must register by Monday, May 29, by calling the Canton Club 55+ 5485 . For more inform tion, visitwww.cantonfun.org.

## Inspectors answer

 home improvement questionsInspectors from Canton's Building and Inspection Services Divi sion will be at Home Depot, at 39825 Ford p.m. Saturday, June 3, to help answer resident questions about home improvement projects.
As a homeowner you will need to obtain a permit if you are building an addition such as a room or sunroom, making an alteration to your home such as windows, siding or basement re-
molding, if you're building a shed, detached garage or deck or if you're putting in a pool or installing a sprinkler system. You will also you are adding or altering electrical, plumbing, heating or air condition-
ing. 0 June 3 , there will be Rental, Building, Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC inspectors there to help answer resident questions one-on-one and
they will come equipped with code books and permit applications. This
session is free of charge and all residents interested in making their home safe and code com pliant are encouraged to
attend.

## Families Against

 Narcotics meeting Northwest Wayne County Families Against Narcotics will hold itsmonthly meeting at $6: 30$ p.m. Monday, June 5, at LifeChurch Annex, 6900 N. Haggerty Road, Canton.
The group will explore how addiction imFamily therapist Pat Schafer from Brighton Center for Recovery will discuss "dos and don'ts" fealing with addiction all your questions. Codependency and enabling behaviors will be discussed, as well as how to raw the line between helptul behavior supharmful behaviors that can damage the family and perpetuate addiction. The group will also hear from Angela Bo long-term recovery from addiction; and Andy Hopson, who struggled with two addicted children and
For more information
email nwwayne
amiliesagamst
narcotics.org or visit

## familiesagainst

Westland resident
lands scholarship
Alliance Catholic Credit Union has recent ly named Divine Child
High School Senior and Westland resident Kelsey O'Brien as a recipient of the 2017 "Melinda Bryant" Sch
gram.
ireless smile never fades while working at organizations such as PBJ Outreach and local soup kitchens
She plans to pursue a She plans to pursue a it to help those in under developed countries as a member of the Peace Corps.
Medial professionals change the world every
day - they develop new day - they develop new
technologies, cures to disease and procedures," O'Brien said. "Knowing that I could have the possibility to improve
the lives of children, women and men from under-developed countries fills me with hope." parochial education for parochial education for
her conviction to serve others by extending charity.
"I have been taught that charity is much more than service or

## TOP 6

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thank them for strength ening my love for sci-
"Many of my teachers iessly dedicated their time to help me succeed in all of my endeavors,


Kelsey O'Brien is Alliance Catholic Credit Union President/CEO Rob Grech.
is love," she said. "Cha ity and every lesson I have been taught in high school will help me to positively impact the
world, whether the im world, whether the imO'Brien was awarded $\$ 1,000$ that will be applied toward her tuition at Wayne University, where she will be attend
ing next fall. ing next fall. ated the scholarship program to award educational scholarships to students and families who are committed to
making a difference in the lives of others through their service and volunteer work. Applicants were evaluated essay.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

## Hombirg among

 Citadel graduatesDarren Hombirg of Wayne graduated from The Citadel, The Militar na, on May 6. Hombirg earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Members of The Citadel Class of 2017 were
recognized for excelrencegnized forership, ser vice and academics at commencement. The South Carolina Corps o graduation of 551 cade graduation of sst cadedents and 23 veteran students. Of those cadets, 129 were commissioned as officers.
The Citadel with The Citadel with
conic campus in Charleston, South Carolina, offers a classic military college education for young men and women profoundly focused on and academic distinction The 2,300 members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets are not required to serve in the
military but about onethird of each class commission as officers in every branch of U.S military service. $+$
or volunteering is a popular sentiment among the Top 6 honorees. I I found high school academic career was balancing my time in order to make sure that I was able to succeed both in school" Churchill High School senior Timothy Ohtake
said. While sports, spending time with
friends or earning money at my job was sometimes was more appealing, I always made sure my school work was finished. My family and classmates have been a huge motivation for me.
Having support at home and learning companions

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| them enough for their | Top 6honorees. |
| unwavering support and | "The hardest chal- |
| encouragement over the | lenge I found during my |
| years," Kelly Ni of Ply- | high school academic |
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| she has received during | sure that I was able to |
| her high school years. | succeed both in school |
| Adjusting to high | and outside of school," |
| school by getting in- | Churchill High School |
| volved in clubs, athletics | senior Timothy Ohtake |

05-17-0130 Motion by Miller, seconded by Gabriel and unanimously carried, it was resolved
to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance \#2017-02, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

CITY OF WAYNE
PUBLIC NOTICE
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 210 TO THE WAYNE CITY CODE CONCERNING UNIFORM FEE SCHEDULE
Section 1. That Chapter 210, Section 210.11 (1) of the Wayne City Code is hereby amended

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Section 2. That Chapter 210,
amended to provide as follows:

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Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is
adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby
Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance
are, to the extent of such inconsistencies herehy repealed are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.
Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the
manner required by law. Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Adopted: } & \text { May 16, } 2017 \\ \text { Published: } & \text { May 25, } 2017\end{array}$
Effective: May 26, 2017 Matthew Miller
City Clerk

College at the top of her class, majoring in English with a minor in Latn. At Hillsdale, she belonged to the Catholic paciety and the Phi KapHonorary, played violin, and worked in the president's office as a Winston hurchill Fellow.
Her family lives in oldest of three children. Coleman is a recipien of the Allison Churchill Fellows Scholarship, the Eleanor Carlson Babcock Cholarship, the George rship, and the H. K. \& Carolyn A. Williams cholarship.
Next year, Colleen will be teaching at the Trinity
School at River Ridge in Eagan, Minnesota. Garden City grad joins Scholars
Kayla Nicole Cane of Garden City has acceptNational Society of Collegiate Scholars, according to a press release. just a symbol of academjust a symbol of academ ounder and chief executive officer Stephen E. oflin said in a press elease " "Membership mazing benefits, in
cluding career and net working resources, scholarships, travel and service projects both on munity," Cane Garden City High Schoo and will be a junior at Central Michigan Un ersity this fall. NSCS is the nation' honors organization for first-year and secondyear college students the press release say vitation only, based on grade-point average and class standing. NSCS has more than 1 million lifetime members and 300 chapters in all 50 states,
Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, the organization says.
For more information go to nscs.org.

## Dean's list

The following students achieved the dean's ist at Bermont Universemester. Eligibility is based on a minimum and a quality grade-poin average of 3.5 , with no grade below a C: Leah Bruce and Meg Bruce of ley of Northville. critical to my educationa development.' Getting involved with tional Honor Society was a key for Plymouth High School senior James Laurer. "NHS introduced me to some of my greatvice, something I am now
very passionate about. I feel like getting involve with these activities me to figure out who I wanted to be and started me on the path to get there," he said.
Ladywood valedictori an Marykate Barnauska to "keep eyes on the prize," something she

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Crescent Academy will hold a public hearing June 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm at 17570 W. 12 Mile Road in Southfield (248) 4234581 to review the proposed 2017-2018 operating budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address

CARE AND PROTECTION, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION, DOCKET
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 "By knowing her mom. "By knowing your goals, mportant things first and succeed in achievin your goals. Stay focused and never lose sight of your dreams," she said. Plymouth senior Rith
vic Jupudi credits Pioneer Middle School science teacher Barb Johnson for jump-starting his interest in learning. "Through her encouraging of me to join the Scifirst gained a true appreciation for knowledge,"
he said. "Then in high he said. "Then in high school, one of the most influential teachers who
reinforced this in me and helped me grow has been Mr. (Scott) Milam, a chemistry teacher at Plymouth who recently gained the title of MichiThe Year.'
James Gibbons, interim principal at Churchill High School, sums it pp nicely when speaking about his students. "All
of Churchill's Top 6 academic performers are students in the highly competitive magnet accelerated academic program - MSC (math, sciMSC students, along wit the other MSC students considered for this recognition, are dedicated, young people of high young people of high
character. I believe I speak for the entire staff when I say it has been a pleasure working with women."
The academic achievements of all the Top 6 students are impressive. Their accoming. The desire to suc ceed, get involved and make a difference is truly amazing. We at Hometown Life congrat ulate all these students,
as well as the parents, as well as the parents,
family, friends and teach ers that have poured into their lives with support, guidan
ment.

## 2017 TOP 6 STUDENT HONORS

Hometown Life congratulates the following students chosen as their school's shining stars. Each public district and private high school within the coverage area of students submitted, while individual to each school, is based on a suggested six students and formula of 40 percent grade point, 40 percent test scores and 20 percent character.


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# SPORTS 

## BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

## Salem outlasts Chargers to win regional

Second-place Churchill boasts record showings by Allen, Dooley

Tim 5mith
From start to finish Friday, Salem's varsity boys track and field team had major momenthat comes with knowing the territory.
The Rocks earned back-toback Division 1 regional championships with an impressive 124-point tally on a chilly day ton Educational Park. Their closest competitor, Livonia Churchill, registered 87.66 points while Canton came in third with 77 points
"Our boys just ran and per
formed really well today," Salem second-year head, coach Dale Maskill said. "It started early and they just kept carrying that momentum over and
they were just firing each they were just firing each
other up. They kept carrying it other up. They kept carrying it
through every event through every event. the field events and the sprints and right on through to a nice finish with the 4 -by-4 (relay).
But a big surprise was Sharriff But a big surprise was Sharrif
Dyer won the 300 hurdles today; that was the fourth time he ran against (Canton's) Jemal (Vaunado) and he finally beat
him." ${ }^{\text {Dyer, a junior, won the }}$ event with a time of 38.94 sec -
onds, edging Vaunado (39.56) Both will go after each other again at the June 3 state meet in East Kentwood; the top two finishers in each event Friday automatically qualified. winning brand of determination that helped rack up points for the Rocks.
"He (Dyer) had a really good leg of the 200 of the 4 -by- 2 and he was warming up
for the 300 (hurdles) and he talked to me and told me he felt really good, and he was going to try to win it," Maskill

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Jamal Allen of Livonia Churchill (left) nips Salem's Andrew Davis in the 100-meter dash during Friday's Division 1 regional at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

D1 GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD


One of Livonia Churchill's top valiner performers at regionals, senior Gabampionship in the mile run.
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## CHARGERS GO THE DISTANCE

Livonia Churchill veterans spark back-to-back regional championship

## Tim Smith <br> hometownlife.com

The weather changed drastically from Thursday to Friday,
going from warm and breezy to chilly and damp. Yet Livonia Churchill's varsity girls track and field team had a job to do Friday aftersion 1 regional hosted at Ply-

## mouth-Canton Educational

 Park.Wit
With senior veterans such as phy, Takia Bradley and the George sisters leading the way - and not letting uncomfortable weather conditions bother them - the Chargers repeated as regional champions, totaling
123.5 points to nip second-place Plymouth (113).
"I actually do better in the
cold so I was hatey cold so I was happy about that," said Murphy, who was 4-by-800 relay team along with Kathleen George, senior Megan Gendjar and Swider which finished in 9 minutes long distance is just not good at

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D1 BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

## Stevenson

 fifth despite Knoph's record setterSpartan's senior vins high jump, sets new school mark Marty Budner

Defending state champion Oak Park won six event others to dominate the 15 team Division 1 boys regional held Saturday at North Farmington.
The Knights finished with 145 points, easily sprinting past runner-up Birmingham 71 points despite winning just one event. Farmington Harrison was third with 62 points, followed by Bloom-
field Hills Brother Rice (59), West Bloomfield (57) and Livonia Stevenson (55)

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tom beaudoin Stevenson senior lan Knoph set a school record of 6 -foot-9 in winning the high jump Division 1 regional meet.

## Full-circle for new gymnastics coach

## Tim Smith

It's like coming home again for Mandy Brown, who is the new Livonia Red girls gymnastics coach.
up in Livonia, went to Churchill High School (where Livonia Red is based) and was a catalyst in the gymnastics program getting launched there during she was Mandy Hein.

And now, she is back - this time as the coach instead of as an athlete
"The reason this position is so exciting is because when I twin sister Melanie and our
good friend Michelle all tried start a high school gymnasccalam our freshman year," recalled Mandy, in an email to the Observer. "Although we weren't successful, we asked ly (before) our senior year (athletic director) Marc Hage had told us if we were to get 100 signatures (of interested ymmasts from Churchill, Stedevelop a team within the three high schools."
There were many young gymnasts from Livonia who wanted a chance some 15 years
ago and now, Brown will guide ago and now, Brow
"We were able to get those
100 signatures and our senior
year we were part of the first nastics team," Brown said. "I had always wanted to go back to coach at the school where I start the team." Brown - who coached the previous seven years at Saline High School - is all pumped up for the new era to begin as she greeted student-athletes and you event on Tuesday. She described the meeting as a chance to informally talk about rules, fundraising, prac
tices and other topics. tices and other topics.
"I have a fun yet detailed "I have a fun yet detailed plained. "Most of the girls are coming from a club setting and
now looking forward to a mor relaxed type of gymnastics. "So I want them to have fun but I also am very particular about their form when doing skills, their work ethic, being groups or cliques."
Brown, who is succeeding Kelly Grodzicki at the helm, said her own high school days were very rewarding. tain of the cross country, gym nastics and track team my senior year," Brown noted. "I also graduated with the current Livonia Blue coach Lisa to stay in touch with her over the years.
"And now she can help me


Livonia Red's new gymnastics coach is Mandy Brown. She helped get the program started during her Churchill.
with any questions I have may for the Livonia teams."
tmith@hometownlife.com

## CHARGERS

all. But for sprinters you want it to be hot, so I feel kind of bad Murphy also was an automatic qualifier in the two-mile fin 11.05 The first place time of 11:24.05. The first- and sec event automatically earned spots at the state meet, set for June 3 in East Kentwood. A number of athletes also made the cut by meeting additional mined by the MHSAA

## Going the distance

Another distance runner who was outstanding was Swid-
er. She earned regional championships in the 800 and 1600 meter runs with times of 2:20.78 and 5:13.29, respectively. In the latter race, she outdistanced Livonia Franklin sophomore (and automatic state
qualifier) Erin Seibert (5:18.0 qualifier) Erin Seibert (5:18.03)
Another double winner for the Chargers was Bradley. She finished second both in both hurdles events. In the 100 hurdles, she finished in 15.04, trailEssien of Salem ( 15.00 ) Bradley's 46.36 in the 300 hurdles only trailed the 45.18 turned in by Wyandotte Roosevelt's Kyana Evans. "She (Swider) actually and 1,600 meters, winning both of those for us," Churchill firstyear head coach Bruce Rivera said. "Our other senior point collector was Takia Bradley. Al tough in the hurdles and the 200 (dash) and she anchors that 4 -by-4 for us as well.
But our distance crew, collectively, Gabby Swider's the ( 800 ) and the (mile) Christina Murphy and Kathleen George, the George girls, Caroline (George) as well. They're going to be tough to replace ext year, big time
Rivera said his team will, going to East Kentwood. "We won the pole vault today, I can't forget about my pole vaulters, Rivera said. "In fact, twa gins qualing or the today with these conditions that was Cathleen Visscher and Natalie Yurgil."
He added that his team guttions to get past formidable opponents such as Plymouth and Salem (third, 96 points).

ivonia Churchill's varsity girls track and field team celebrates winning the Division 1 regional Friday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

A very nice surprise, 1 couldn't be more proud of the girls, how they all ran and com peted," Rivera said. "And we came away with one, for sure. Salem was there until the last couple events. Hats off to them as well."
Still a good day Veteran Plymouth head will accompany a nice group up the state meet, pointed to Churchill's strength in distance came up just short in the team standings.
"That's where they (Churchill) got us today, they scored a lot of points in the distance and we tried to make it up in he sprints," Styes said. Takia Bradley, good kids in the Takia
vault.
"(S.
"(Senior) Annie Bonds, our best distance runner, ran 14 seconds faster than she has all 1:30.80). She ran phenome nally, but it's they got a lot of depth."
The Wildcats qualified in the 00-and 800 -meter relays, however. In the 4-by-100, Erin Brennan and Reghan Draper finished second (50.29) while the combo of Sanders, Faith Washington, Reghan Draper and Ryen Drap
In the latter race, Salem's
Ayanda Brydie, Madeline Ker-

michael vasilnek
En route to her first-place finish the 100-meter dash is Wayne Memoriai's Anavia Battle. She won
the regional championship with a time of 11.91 seconds.
nahan, Lauren Ogarek and Haven Essien also qualified with a second-place finish of
$\stackrel{1: 46.72 .}{\text { Ryen Draper, a senior, }}$ earned the No. 1 spot in the 400 earned the No. 1 spot in the 400 placed second in the 200 dash behind event champion Anavi Battle of Wayne Memorial. Battle wran win finished time

Double winner

Battle was a double regiona champ, also winning in the 100 dash - with her 11.91 time
outpacing Canton sophomore outpacing Canton sophomore
Jada Sabir's 12.32 .
Field events also yielded several state qualifiers for Plymouth.
Leading the way was freshman high jumper Kennedy Chastang, who jumped 5 -feet
even.
even.
"She (Chastang) did a grea
job, she's been improving all job, she's been improving all year," Styes said, "Long jumper Paige Sanders jumped 16-11, hit
the qualifying mark It was her the qualifying mark. It was her she stepped up. "Our two pole vaulters, Nat alie Janke and Emily Caragay, have been really solid vaulter for us. Both hit the qualifying mark of $10-3$ in jumps and Also qualifying for state was Canton's $1,600-$ meter relay team of Ryan Sparks, Sabir, Carmen Bruchnak and Donae Adams. That quartet came in Other regional champions included Salem junior Essien in the 100 hurdles (15.00) and Churchill sophomore Vissche in the pole vault (11-0). lace finishers were cond Sabir (100 dash, 12.32) and Bruchnak (800 run, 2:23.79 Franklin's Seibert (1,600 run, 5:18.03), Churchill's Murphy
$(3,200$ run, 11:24.05) and Brad (3,200 run, 11:24.05) and Brad-
ley ( $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ hurdles, $15.04 ; 300$ ley ( 100 hurdles, $15.04 ; 300$ (high jump, 5-0), Plymouth's

Caragay (pole vault, 11-0), Franklin senior Mikaela Hille (long jump, 17-2), Salem's Lyniah Wilson (shot put, 36-2.5)
and John Glenn's Vanessa Romero (discus, $105-1$ ).
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## TRACK

over the third to last flight he took the lead and just never looked back. He had a great

## Weather a facto

 Churchill interim coachJordan McLellan said the weather conditions were some thing all teams had to deal with, but he wasn't about to complain all
Leading the Chargers with a new school mark of 11.01 sec-
onds in the 100 dash was Jamal Allen. "In the 100 dash it (cold, we broke the school record, we had a nice tailwind," McLellan said. "But in some of the other 4-by-2. We thought we were going to get through on time today and definitely we were a little off.
i... But there are a lot of
kids from different schools maybe not turning the times they were expecting. But it's track, everybody gets the condition and you just got to fight for those spots." long jumper Martell Dooley set a new mark in that event with a 21-10.5 and "we had another long jumper get through into states (Evan Cum mins), he jumped the
er," McLellan added. Churchill also prevailed in the 3,200 -meter relay with a time of 8:10.50. In that tandem were Frank LaFave, Josh Mussen, Josh Momeyer and Da
Dobar. Shough said the weather Shough said the weather
slowed some of his runners


Salem's Mason Phillips (right) closes out the hotly contested 200-meter dash during Friday's D1 regional. Phillips won the race in 22.09 seconds, edging Livonia Franklin's Brandon Smiley (center) and Garden City's Eian Castonguay (left), who finished in 22.22 and 22.27 seconds, respectively.
"but we scored in virtually every place we felt we could.
"The last race, the 4 -by-4 relay, it came down second week in a row where we came up against Churchill and beat hem," Shough said. "So we're Jemal Vaunado was outstanding again, he placed in the state in three events. Both hurdles and the 4 -by-4 relay. We were Very close in a lot of races
Vaunado anchored the hampion relay team, whic also included Dirk Thornhill, Caleb Moraw and freshman rikar Komanduri Senior Andrew Koenig
sknecht and junior Chuck Carey went 1-2 in the pole vaut with respective marks of 13-0 and 12-0.
team," Shough said. "When you core 77 points that's good tion. We battled all season. This was a great accomplishment for them."
Other region
Other regional champions (high jump, 6-3) and Churchill's Dobar ( 800 run, 2:00.03) Also going to the state mee thanks to finishing second in heir respective events, were
Livonia Franklin senior sprintLivonia Franklin senior sprint onds), Westland John Glenn sophomore Jared Tarrance (50.38 in the 400 dash), Churchill's LaFave in the 800 run Bobby Madley ( $51-10$ in the shot put)
Plymouth junior Ethan
Byrnes was a
 "I was proud of the whole



# Oak Park proves too tough to catch 

Stevenson finishes ninth at North Farmington-hosted regional
Marty Budner

Entering Saturday's DiviSion 1 track \& field girls re-
gional meet at North Farming ton, it was pretty much a given three-time defending state champion Oak Park would The real race would be for second place.
$\underset{\text { Birmingham Seaholm won }}{ }$ that battle.
The Knig The Knights did rule the regional, winning nine of the 1
events en route to 122 points. The Maples were 36 points behind in second place with 86 .
Detroit Renaissance was third Detroit Renaissance was thir
with 55 points followed by with 55 points, followed by
Farmington (47) and North Farmington (42)
In ninth place with 28 points was Livonia Stevenson. The Spartans' bright spots for the day included freshman pole
vaulter Kyria Gowman (first with a mark of $8-3$ ) and the 4-by-800 meter relay team of Lexi Jenkins, Gracie Droz, Kylie Callison and Emily Lauzon (automatically qualifying with a second-place time of
$9: 38.37$. with its veteran distance runners and its fleet of young field-event standouts.
In the 3,200-meter run, for

of the top four spots. Senior veteran Audrey Ladd led the long-distance race with
a winning time of 10:44.78, topping Farmington's Abby Inch who was runner-up in 11:04.27. Maple juniors Rachel McCardell (11:06.75) and Emily Rooney (11:16.47) were the next
two runners across the finish
line.
It is Ladd's second state qualifying berth as she went as
a sophomore but did not go last year because of an injury. "I felt really good abou today," Ladd said. "I knew there wasn't going to be a big clump of girls at the front, but
time. So, having a good time by myself was a big confidence

## Farmington's Inch

measures up
Farmington's Inch, a sophomore, was satisfied to finish among the pack of Seaholm
straight state-qualifying berth "(Seaholm's) Audrey (Ladd) she got out hard," said Inch, whose personal record is 10:51 "It was a tough race. I was by myself for a long time which, deally, is not the way you want ood race. It was a good oppor unity to learn how to learn how to push myself by my-
Farmington also did well
Farmington also did well in
the field events.
Senior Morgan Murphy won Senior Morgan Murphy wo feating Mercy's Arianna Allman who was runner-up in 5-3 In the shot put, junior Micayla of 34-11 75 . Harrison sophomore Ti VanHorn was third in 34-6.75.
Farmington's $4 \times 100-$ meter relay foursome of freshman Kylie McKinney, junior Jaila
Brooks, Janay Pope and senio Akili Echols was third in 50.04 North Farmington received big points from senior Raven Tatum (third in the 200), senior A'Jani Wililams (third in the
400 ) and the $4 \times 200$ meter relay 400 ) and the 4 X 200 meter rela Crockett and Tatum) which finished second in 1:44.54. Oak Park seniors Tamea McKelvy ( 100,200 ) and Carlita
Taylor ( 100 and 300 hurldes) Taylor ( 100 and 300 hurldes) were each double winners. The The top two placers in each event earned the automatic state-qualifying berths to the Division 1 state meet set f
June 3 at East Kentwood.

## D1 GIRLS TENNIS

## Stevenson runner-up to Mercy at regional

Cormier is flight champion at No. 3 singles for Spartans Marty Budner

Farmington Mercy finished with five flight champions to easily win Friday's Division 1 girls tennis regional tourna-
son. The Marlins posted 29 points to outdistance the host Spartans, who had just one flight ${ }_{23}$ chamion, but still segitered nia Churchill (16) and Livonia Franklin (13) were the next two highest scoring squads. Mercy and Stevenson are now qualified for the state scheduled for June 2-3 at the Greater Midland Tennis Center. Mercy was the top seed in all four doubles flights and defeated Stevenson - seeded second up in straight sets.
The No. 1 Marlin duo of senior Carly Demkowicz and junior Abby Bush defeated Stevenson's team of junior Natalia Roznowski and senior
Allison Malkowski, 6-1, 6-3. The closest match was at No. 3 flight where the Mercy team of freshman Alivia Callaghan and Ashley D'Souza derailed the Spartans duo of sophomore
Shannon Ward and freshman Jillian Cormier, 6-5, 6-3.

Mercy's other doubles winners were the teams of senior Emmie McCann and freshman Amanda Herdoiza (No. 2) and Weele and Maphie VanderWeele and Maggie Ewald (No.
4) who lost just three games combined.
The lone singles champion for Mercy senior senior Nicole Meek who defeated Stevenson senior Natalie Hay, 6-4, 6-1, at
No. 4 flight No. 4 flight.
was senior Molly Cormier wh captured the No. 3 flight singles crown with a victory over Mercy junior Krissy Jackson. Cormier, the second seed, won
when Jackson was forced to

Churchill's two champs emerged from the top two sir gles flights.
At No. 1 flight, junior Kaitlyn seeded billing with a hardearned victory over Mercy sophomore Natalie Zielenski. At No. 2 singles, Churchill freshman Allison McConnell
was seeded second but upset was seeded second but upset
Mercy's top-seeded sophomore Jacquelline Hijaouy in the final match without losing a game, 6-0, 6-0.
Dearborn scored seven points to place fifth and Wood-
haven tallied five points to take sixth. Dearborn Fordson, John Glenn and Wayne went score less in the nine-team regional.

## Braun qualifies

tennis regional held at Ply-


Livonia Stevenson's Molly Cormier, shown from last season, wom №. 3 singles at Friday's Division 1 girls tennis regional.
mouth-Canton Educational Park, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Ar
flights.

Plymouth's Jessica Braun
did qualify for the state tourna ment, however, finishing sec--
ond at No. 1 singles to Pioneer's ond at No. 1 singles to Pioneer'
Kari Miller

## REGIONAL

 six. "We did a lot better than thought we were going to meet," Harrison coach Steve Gallero said. "We ended up with a few state qualifiers. We did all right and I'm satisfied with the way things went today. have a major bright spot in senior Ian Knoph. He won the regional championship in the high jump with a nark of 6-9 to seta new school record in the process. Spartans were junior Collin Bowersox and senior Logan Delonis, who finished $1-2$ in the pole vault with and 12-0.
Seaholm's lone champ on was junior Ben Barton who won the 300 -meter hurdles in a time of 40.10 edging Oak Park senior Dewan Hawthorne who of 40.46. Stevenson freshman Jake Kaupp was third in that event in 41.79. In other O\&E results Birmingham Groves wa Thurston 12th (13) and North Farmington (13th) The top two finishers in each event are automatical ly qualified for the Divisio state meet set for June 3 at East Kentwood.

## PREP ROUNDUP

## Boys baseball

WARRIORS CUINCH: Lutheran Westand dinched the MIAC Red chanpionsthip witha 14.1
victory May 16 vere $\begin{aligned} & \text { Iloomfied }\end{aligned}$ tils Roeper. The vicoon May 16 over B loomfied
game ended d det five innirgs. Leading the Wariors $12: 20$ vereall 7.0 in the divsion) were Kory Barikro( 3.50 .4 , three BBs Andy Faith (3-3or-4, three nu homef, five RBSS), Jeremy Ome $(2$. - to-3, two-tu homer, double) and Ben Brown (2-tor-2).
Earning the win was Evan Ragata, who gave up one unearmed nn n anc cranned eight in five inning
On May 18 , the Wariors defereted Ropere ragin this time 18.0 - to improve to $13-2$ and 8 -0 in the division, fristhing und feraeded in the MIAC Red. Faith went 3 -for: while others with multipe hits Brown (2.-or 3). Snyder pitched four scorless innings for the vicory.
"We had a great week, wirning Tuesday to secure the title and winining Thursday to finish the conier-
enee season undeleteted, coach Kevin Wade sid "We have been playing well and we hope to keep it up as we move towards distrits."

PCA 11, PARKWAY 1:On Thuscday, Pymouth
Christian Accaeny earned a sixi-innig mery win
 Leading the Eagles' oftense were Austin A Addres
(homer, double), Conner Smith three hits) Albert
 Aber gave up just one uneamned run, giving up four hits and strikng out five.
"He was in contol the entire game with a naty
wind-aided cunvebal and slider," PCA coach Joe
SPARTANS SWEEP:
pair from Walled Lake Weep Ivonia Stevenson took a 3-1 and 6-3. In Game 1 , 8 obby Cavin went 3 -for-3 ard drove in
two rus two runs while Chirs Tandens (2-for 4 . Nate Micallef Connor Beck ( ino $(2$-for-2) also had multiple hits. 5.1 innings: Retinino the firal five batters for the sswe was lacob Way.
In hen nighcap, the Spartans (27.7) scored four uns in the sixth to edge the Wariors. Devin Dunn (2-for-3, two tuns) and Brandon Posky


2 innings.
STEVENSON 6, CC O: Southpaw George Ferguson blanked Novi-Detroit Cathtricic Central on
 (2)ntibutung trom an offensive standpopont. Contibubuting trom an ofenivive standpoint.
REDFORD UNON 18-15, EDISON O-O: On Saturday, Trevor Hamilton had five hits and six RBI e day as the host Panthers (15-7) swept Dettoit run-rule non-conterence games. Ru pither Tyler Colard (7-2) won both encs of the twibbill $\begin{gathered}\text { tiYMOUTH } 5 \text {, FARMINGTON 4: The Wildats } \\ \text { TLI }\end{gathered}$ PIYMOUTH 5 , FARMINGTON 4 : The Wildat
won in 10 inning Salurday on a walk-oth hit by ake won in 10
Macbien
Combinin
Combining to throw a solid game on the mound were Brendan Lacorato and Dylan Brown. ARMED FORCES DAY: Northil les baseball program saluted the mil tary Sati
The Mustargs then played a papio of non-conterence
Cames defeating White :akke lake lakeland in the
opererer $7-0$, beforer fall ing to West Bloomfied, 5 -
the round-robi fomat which as 50 featured Nov

The event also included aKK ru-walk lang with "It's fuly an honorot to be able to use baseball as a way topay tribute to toll of the men and women both great nation," Northyile coach John Kostreewa said "Coach (Bili) Fohbr and our Ammed Foreses Day comnittee did an outtanding job orgadizizng and cilitating all of the days events Ryyan Pumper pithed six strong innings $\begin{aligned} & \text { llowing } \\ & \text { just woo hits and two walks while stivikng out six. }\end{aligned}$ Conncor Ziparo pithed d scoreless severnt to presereng The save in the Noothvill tiumph over Lakeland.
Nick Ppystash paceed Northyil es offense quing Nick Pystash paced Northile 'e oftense going
3 for: with a double, two RBl and woo uns scored Bily Flohr also went 2 -for- 3 with two R8, while Jac Sargent was 2 -for- with an RBl.
Losing pither Spencer Shorling gave up al seven
Iuns on seven hitr in four innings
The Eagles were led offensively

## Boys golf

CANTON 161, FRANKLIN 175 : On Monday at



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