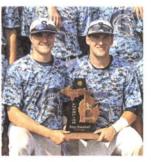
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### Library expansion plans dropped

Board reduces millage; taxpayers to save \$1.6M

LeAnne Rogers

Westland property owners will see a reduction in the millage that supports the William P. Faust Library as plans for an addition to the building have been dropped.

At a special meeting Friday the library board voted to cancel all contracts relating to a planned 6,500-square-foot expansion of the building. The project was budgeted at \$3.2 million and had been expected to be ready to open by the end of the year.



the project not going forward, the library board also voted to reduce the millage it levies. Specifically, a .99-mill ap-

proved by voters for 10 years in 2012 will be reduced to .50-mill — that's 50 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value. The library has another mill levied in perpetuity.

That will save taxpayers \$1.6 million over the next five years We are the fiduciary guardians of the people," Li-brary Board President Mark Neal said. "If the money isn't going toward the addition, it

doesn't need to sit in the library bank account."

The expansion floor plan had called for new quiet study areas, a reorganization to improve flow in the library and expansion of the children's area. The library board had indicated the plans were developed with input from a patron

survey. Instead of expanding, Neal said the library will look at some different options within the existing 25,400-square-foot building, which opened in 1996 on Central City Parkway be-tween Ford and Warren.

"We are looking at alternatives for closing the small classroom that we use for programs and going back to like it was when it had cubicles for the job seekers lab," Neal said. Or we could take furniture from the end of the library near the fireplace to set up cubicles

The additional millage was sought in 2012 to address a number of capital projects that were needed and have been completed, Neal said, such as heating and cooling and im-

proved parking lot lighting.
Following a staff reorganization in March the library laid off five librarians, which the library anticipated would save \$178,000. With over \$3 million in fund balance and plans to fund the construction through a five-year bond sale, Neal said the planned expansion and the

lay-offs weren't related.

'We said from the beginning that the addition had nothing to do with the librarians. That has to do with sufficient funds for operating the library and we had that," Neal said. "Not building (the addition) has nothing to do with that. We had too many people (on the library staff). We are maxed out on our space and we don't need more staff."

Remaining library staff voted to unionize with representation by the Service Employees International Union. An Unfair Labor Practice was filed alleging the five librarians were fired for protected

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### Westland grads take life's next steps



Wayne Memorial graduates Devon Davis, Kent Goodling and Brandon Constable are ready for graduation day as commencement exercises are about to begin. For more photos from the graduations, please see pages A4 and A6 and visit www.hometownlife.com.

John Glenn graduates enter EMU Arena to



cheering family and friends Saturday morning.

### Wayne Rouge Rescue event looking for volunteers

There's been lots of good news flowing out of the Rouge Rescue in recent years, espe-

cially in the city of Wayne.

Monitoring of the Lower
Branch of the Rouge, which is the main artery that flows through Wayne from west to east, has shown significant improvement in water quality since the city began implementing pollution controls over the course of the last couple decades. As a result, fish communities and aquatic insects, which are a great indicator of water quality, have started to return to the river.

At the same time, volunteers have waded into the river and pulled out most of the trash that fouled the Rouge in Wayne. Over the last couple decades this small army of volunteers has pulled out of the river tires, shopping carts, car parts, bathtubs, stoves, barbecue grills, lawn mowers and a pop machine. Working in conjunction with Wayne city officials, the volunteers have really improved the aesthetic of the river and helped change attitudes about the Rouge.

"Over the years, we have had hundreds of people come out and volunteer — from school children to seniors who remember playing in the Rouge when they were kids,' said Kurt Kuban, who has helped coordinate Wayne's Rouge Rescue event since "People really care about the river and want to see it cleaned up. It's really encouraging to see all the hard work paying off."

In addition to cleaning up all the trash, the volunteers have also been busy opening up all the logiams in the Rouge River

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union organizing activities, which the library board denied.

"I think it's unfortunate (that the addition plans were dropped) but with the way the politics are now, it's probably a wise decision to back off building, although it's needed," Westland City Council President James Godbout said. "Rather than keeping the money (from the millage), the library is doing the right thing and reducing the mill-

While the library board, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by council, approves the operating budget, council approval of the bonding that was expected for the expansion was

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not likely, Godbout said. At a recent meeting the majority of council demanded the resignation of Library

Director Sheila Col-lins and removal of the library board members In response, the library board recently hired an attorney to represent the library instead of the city attorney.

The five-member board had been short one member. The two most recent appointees to the board, Bob Johnson and Delano Hornbuckle, both recently resigned leaving only Neal and Antoinette Martin as board mem-

Westland Mayor William Wild couldn't be reached for comment.

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### Art program students create mural

munity Schools offers a variety of fine arts classes. Over 100 students in the multicultural art classes at Stevenson Middle School made a mural using the zentan-gle method.

Tracy Cosgrove, art teacher at Stevenson, said zentangle is the art of using purposeful lines. The method creates abstract images from re-

petitive patterns.
Students created their designs on 3.5-inch square tiles. Together the tiles created a 4x5 mural that shows a student's hands making a heart shape. The mural is hanging in the cafeteria.

Cosgrove makes a mural every year with her art students

#### **Bus driving champ**

Wayne County Trans portation Supervisors Association held its Region 11 driving championship on May 20, and Wayne-Westland Community Schools had three drivers compete in the rodeo: Jason Konopka.



PHOTOS COURTESY WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS Brooklyn Betke, Mackenzie Adamczak and Kennedy Parker are three of the Stevenson students who created tiles for the



John Montes Richard Drennan, Konopka and his wife, Christine

Drennan who won first place in the championship. Konopka took sixth place and Montes took 10th place.

Team Wayne-Westland took second place overall in the team event.

Drennan will participate the State Driving Championship on June 10 in Mason. Konopka will serve as an alternate driver in case one of the top-five winning drivers cannot compete in the state competition. Bus drivers from

around Wayne County region (11) participated in a variety of events to showcase their skills as a school bus driver. The events include two written exams. The first test is on overall transportation/law knowledge and the second test is on vehicle inspection. Then they drive on a closed skills course with 12 events. These events included parallel parking, diminishing clearance and a serpentine course. The top placing drivers go on to the State Bus Roadeo.

### ROUGE

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through Wayne so the river can be used for canoeing and kayaking. City officials jumped on board, applying for a couple grants in recent years to help make this recreation opportunity a reality.

First, the city received a million dollar federal grant through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to remove the obsolete Wayne Road dam, which impeded passage of both canoes and spawning fish. The project was completed in

The city also received a grant from Wayne County to build a canoe/ kayak launch at Goudy Park. The project was completed last year. The Goudy Park launch is now even listed on the Michigan Water Trails

website at www.michiganwater trails.org/location.asp? ait=av&aid=5010. There is still "plenty

of work to do to make the Rouge River a sustainable source of recreation in our community," Kuban said. And the up-coming Rouge Rescue event on Saturday, June 10, will be an opportunity for local residents to lend

The event will take

place at Wayne's Goudy Park. Not only is the launch located there, but there is also a trail and benches situated along the river where anglers can wet a line or people can just sit back and enjoy a great natural setting that is in the heart of downtown

Wayne.

Volunteers are needed to pick up trash in and along the river from Goudy Park and the near by Mill Trail/Dynamite Park areas as well as maintain trails and clean up/refinish some of the benches along the river. Some volunteers will also be in the river opening up logjams for canoeing. So there really will be something to do for people of all physical abil-

Rouge Rescue T-shirts and work gloves will be provided to all volunteers. There will be refreshments. Sign-up begins at 9 a.m., and work will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30

p.m.
"This is a great event for Scout groups and students who are looking to complete public service projects. Rouge Rescue is great if you are looking for a way to help improve the community," Kuban said. "So come out and give a hand. The

Rouge River needs you." For more information, contact Kuban at 734-716-0783 or kkuban3240@

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### Police: Woman robbed bank, bought crab legs

**David Veselenal** 

Livonia police say a Detroit woman facing a bank robbery charge spent money she robbed from a bank on items such as Air Jordan shoes, crab legs and paying off a delinquent car loan.

Police say Chloe Adams, 25, of Detroit was arrested and charged with bank robbery after they say she robbed a Livonia bank last month.

Police contend Adams entered the Citizens Bank at 28999 Five Mile, east of Middlebelt, at about 11:30 a.m. May 27. Police say she entered the lobby at first, but left when she



Adams

She came back in and went to a teller, police say, and passed a note to

the lobby.

them that demanded money or "things would get bloody." Police say she left the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash.

After an investigation, Livonia police were able to identify the suspect as Adams and arrested her at her Detroit residence May 30. Police located other evidence connecting her to the robbery at

She was questioned by police, and told them what she had spent the money on, including a trip to Chicago and a weekend

barbecue. Adams was arraigned June 1 in Livonia's 16th District Court with one count of bank robbery She was given a \$1 million cash or surety bond, and is scheduled to return to court June 8 for a probable cause conference. A preliminary examination is scheduled to take place

If convicted, she faces up to life in prison.

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Students raised \$637 with a bottle return.

### **Stevenson Relay for Life team** raises \$2,839

The Livonia Stevenson Relay for Life team raised \$2,839 for the American Cancer Society during the school's National Honor Society and Senate organized fundraising efforts during spirit week April 24-28. The week included an evening of courtyard jams, euchre night, volleyball tournament

and a Mr. Spartan pageant. Soon âfter this success, leaders also launched a bottle drive raising another \$637. In addition, Stevenson conducted a school loose change classroom challenge raising \$987. In total, Stevenson exceeded its initial goal of \$7,500 this year. NHS and Senate leaders

would like to thank the community and also students from Holmes Middle School, who conducted their own hat contest to raise money as well as send performers to the Stevenson courtyard jams event. Relay for Life was scheduled for noon to 6 a.m. Saturday-Sunday.

#### LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

#### Wrench, cookies taken from store

Livonia police were called May 31 to Menards, 12701 Middlebelt, on the report of retail fraud suspects who had fled the store.

Police were able to locate the suspect vehi-cle driving on Middlebelt. They pulled it over and detained the passengers. Police also went to the store and spoke to an employee, who said two suspects were seen entering the store that morning. The employee said once was seen going to the tool area and concealing a screwdriver and a wrench. A suspect was later seen approaching a cookie display and concealing a package of cookies in their coat. They allegedly tried to leave without paying but were stopped by an employee. They then alleg-

edly fled the store. Both suspects in the vehicle were arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

#### Fraud reported

A resident in the 32800 block of Curtis came to the police station June 1 to report someone used her information to file unemployment benefits

She received an email from her office's human resources department regarding unemployment benefits. She said someone collected two months of benefits under her name. She said she had not filed for unemployment and that someone was using her info without her permission.

#### Wheels, tires taken

Police were called May 31 to a residence in the 18500 block of Loveland on the report of stolen wheels and tires.

When police arrived, they saw the vehicle missing all four wheels and resting on landscaping blocks. The husband of the vehicle's owner said his wife left the car in the driveway the night before intact. When she came out the next morning, she found the wheels had been taken.

#### Larceny from auto

Police were dispatched May 31 to a residence in the 33400 block of Vargo on the report of wheels and tires taken from multiple vehicles

The victim said his son came home the night before and the vehicles were intact. The next morning, the resident came outside and found the wheels missing on both vehicles.

 Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police

### Wilson Barn to host 30th annual car show

Rev up your engines for one of Michigan's largest classic vehicles event, the Wilson Barn's 30th annual Car Show and Swap Meet, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the Wilson Barn, at the corner of Middlebelt and West Chicago roads in Livo-

This event is co-sponsored by The Friends of the Barn, a nonprofit group that supports this historic site; and the Road Knights Auto Club, a group that was formed more than 60 years ago in northwest Detroit by a group of teenagers whose love of hot rods, drag racing and street machines brought them together. The show attracts many spectators each year to stroll back into time among 500 custom, restored and

historic vehicles.
This is a family event and fun for all ages. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. live music is performed by Men in Black. There

will be a petting zoo with free pony rides for kids. The show also offers visitors an opportunity to purchase unique arts and crafts and vehicle-related items. Lots of good food and refreshments will be available.

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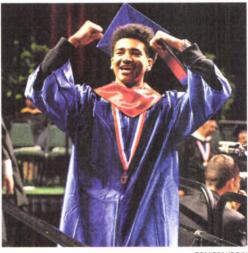
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### Congratulations, Wayne-Westland Community Schools graduates!



Proudly displaying her graduation cap is John Glenn graduate Zharia Jackson along with classmate Jayda Horn.



A proud graduate of John Glenn High School, Dae'Qjuan Jones pumps his fist in the air after receiving his diploma.



Wayne Memorial graduate Steven Rupert graduates with Honors at his commencement held Saturday



Wayne Memorial graduates patiently wait with their classmates at the Convocation Center at



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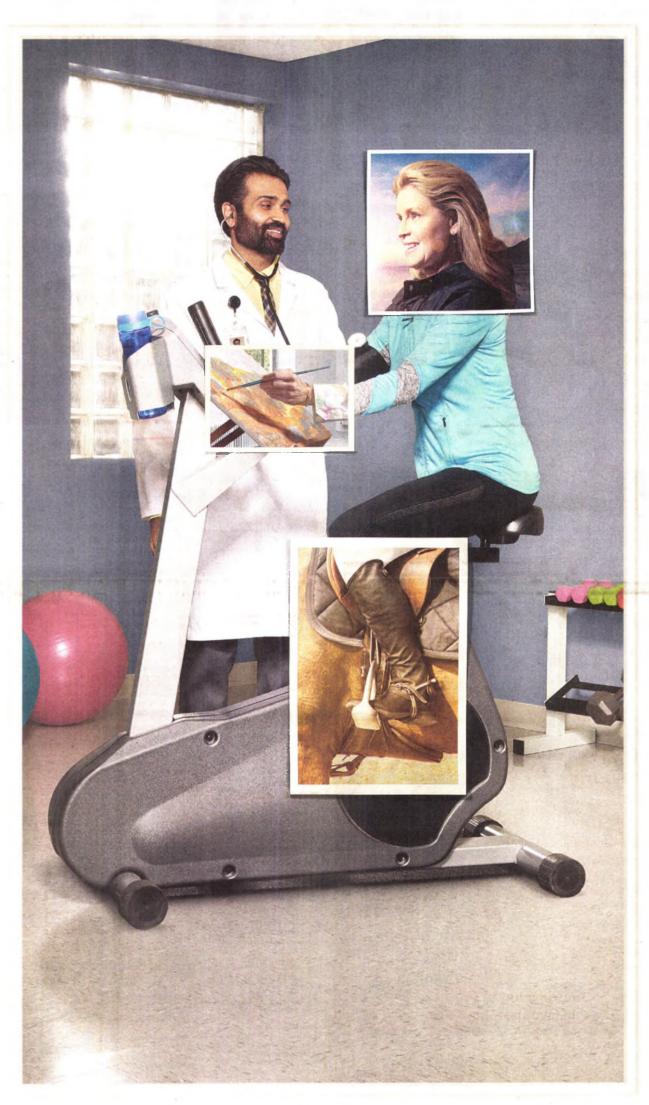
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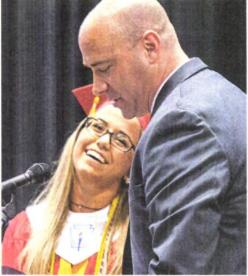




### Congratulations, Livonia Public Schools grads!



Livonia Stevenson graduates pile in for a group photo-



Senior Class President Madison Koslowski presents the class gift, new welcome signage for the parking area, to Assistant Principal Kevin Etue.



Franklin's Senior Choir sings "Defying Gravity" from "Wicked."



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Graduate Abby Lee Jenkins gets a hug from Superintendent



Livonia Stevenson High School commencements begin Friday evening with smiles everywhere.



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### Moran



Deralynn Lee (Crowe) Born Derayin Lee (crowe) Borri February 14, 1393 in Detroit, Michigan, has returned to her heavenly home on December 20, 2016 after a valiant struggle with dementia. Her devotion to her family and her firm belief in God supported her and ultimately gaye her her and ultimately gave her peace. Deralynn was preceded in death by her father and mother, William & Evelyn Crowe. She is survived by her husband Thomas Moran, whom she married in 1964 her sister Dawn Worthington, ner sister Dawn Worthington, children Colleen (Tom)
Donner, Kevin (Kim) Moran, Christine (Mark) Cygan, Karen (Brian) Smith, and thirteen grandchildren. Deralynn graduated from Brighton High School in 1957. She was a stay-at-home mother a loving stay-at-home mother, a loving wife of 52 years to husband Thomas, tending to her home and her four children, later returning to work for George H. Pastor & Sons. She enjoyed H. Pastor & Sons. She enjoyed vacationing, golfing, shopping and spending time with her grandchildren.For 50 years they called Livonia home. In 2001 they retired to Bradenton, FL. Along with the many memorable sunsets, she also enjoyed disport with friends. memorable sunsets, she alst enjoyed dinner with friends, walking the beaches and collecting unique sea shells. Service for Deralynn Moran, to celebrate her life with her friends and family, will be held on June 17, 2017 at St. Michael's Parish in Livonia (11441 Hubbard Livoia MI)

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(11441 Hubbard Livonia, MI 48150) at 10:00am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America in her

honor at alzfdn.org

#### Shaffer

Nancy Jane (Snook) Age 86, May 26, 2017. Loving mother of Terri Jill, Melinda Lee (Jay) Kirkman, and Todd Jeffrey (Eve). Beloved grandmother of Connor, Lachlan, Sarah, Matthew and Michael, and great-grandmother of Makiyah and Maddox. Dear sister of Jim Snook and aunt of David, Greg & Brian. A graduate of Grandview High School and The Ohio State University, Nancy was a long-time Nancy Jane (Snook) Age 86, May 26, 2017. Loving mother The Ohio State University, Nancy was a long-time resident of Birmingham and later of Novi, MI. She worked as a legal secretary, was an avid collector, and was actively involved in the Michigan Quilters Guild, NALS of Michigan, Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan, and the Oakland County alumni chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. A private memorial service will private memorial service will be held. Meanwhile, the be neid. Meanwhile, the family requests that memorials be directed to Henry Ford Hospital or the American Diabetes Association. Please share a memory at www.cremationmichigan.com.



Edward passed away May 30th at his home in Canton, age 66, after his battle with pancreatic cancer, surrounded by family. Loving husband of Chris. Beloved father of Julie(Keith)Thompson of Westland and Scott(Christie) Toma of Manteo, VA. Cherished Papa of Luke Toma. Dear brother of Michael (Sandy) Dear brother of Michael(Sandy) Toma of Saratoga Springs, NY. Also leaves behind several aunts, uncles, cousins, brother in laws and sister in laws in NY. Family will receive guests Friday June 9, 2-7 pm, at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 45100 Warren Road (between Sheldra and Canton Home, 4510U warren Hoad (between Sheldon and Canton Center Rds) with a service at 7 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Joseph Mercy Home Care & Hospice Ann Arbor. To sign the



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#### Verville



Elizabeth Ann age 73 of Westland Michigan died December 13, 2016 with her sister by her side. Elizabeth was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on June 10, 1943. Known to many as Betty, she was the daughter. Betty, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Anne (Andrake) Newton. After her family moved to Michigan, she grew up in Dearborn Heights grew up in Dearborn Heights and graduated from Henry Ford Community College. She was a longtime resident of Westland, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Verville and her daughter, Robin Arnold. She is survived by her sister. She is survived by her sister, Charlene Zajac, her nephew David Zajac, her niece Julie Goff and numerous relatives and friends. Betty will be remembered at a mass at St Mary's Cause of Our Joy Catholic Church (formerly St. Theodore's) on June 11, 2017 at 12:00. Cremation has taken

### Moore

Chester G. of Livonia, Michigan, passed away May 29, 2017. Chet was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 1, 1927. He married his beloved wife and soul mate. Joyce Stephens on May 14, 1949. Chester was a Marine veteran of World War II, where he served in the South Pacific. Celebration of Chester's Life celebration of clester's Life will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2017, from 12:00-4:00 pm at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Ml. Memorial donations may be directed to Habitat for Humanity. View the full oblit obituary at

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Caps fly as the ceremony ends.



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Stevenson graduates Alec Wegmann, Tirrell Williams-Bey, Alexander Weber, Jack Wasiak, Erick Williams and Conner Weidman relax before commencements begin Friday night.

#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

#### **Protect our** resources

Based on what I read in recent articles on the Trump administrations budget cuts, I am deeply concerned about what the proposed Trump budget would mean for clean water here in Michigan.

The Great Lakes are vital to our ecology, our health and our way of life here in Michigan, Federal EPA funding has been critical in helping the Great Lakes address major challenges — including the Asian Carp threat and algal blooms. Yet, the Trump administration's budget would drastically cut funding to address these problems, and would mean less environmental cops on the beat to go after polluters.

The budget virtually eliminates funding for the Great Lakes restoration which is vital in maintaining our clean water.

Senators Peters and Stabenow should reject

this budget. The Great Lakes comes in dead last in this so-called "America First" budget. Let's get a budget that helps us secure clean water for all Michiganders.

Sincerely,
Misbah Arshad
Canton

### **Keep pension plan**

An open letter to my

state legislators. A vote for HB 4647 and/or SB 401 would be both a mistake and a breach of faith. For decades the negotiated pay package accepted b teachers included the retirement benefits. The pension is a result of contracts negotiated and signed. This pension is not an entitlement program. It's deferred wages that have been earned.

Now, through fiscal irresponsibility that pension fund is seriously underfunded. Now, the Republican party in Michigan is actively attacking the fund on two fronts. First, by trying to

find a way to pass a further tax cut, which the state cannot afford. Second, the passage of these bills would eliminate the only remaining source of revenue for the pension

The state needs revenue to fund its responsibilities. The Legislature needs to fulfill its oath of office and find the money to fulfill this obligation. Even if it means raising taxes.

Lee Estes

### Presidential support

While President Donald Trump is far from perfect, the nonstop attacks by the left-wing main-stream media, regardless of what he does, are largely unfair. According to a recent Harvard study, 80 percent of the daily reports on Trump by the mainstream media are negative (93 percent negative on CNN and NBC). This is nothing more than a propaganda campaign, mostly devoid of facts.

Here are some posi-

tive facts that hopefully will provide a more bal-anced perspective.

It was Trump who finally had the courage to authorize a missile attack against Syria's use of chemical weapons on innocent civilians (unlike President Barack Obama, who drew red lines but did nothing). It is Trump who is leading a worldwide war against radical Islamic terrorists, including a thoughtful but direct speech to the major Muslim lead-

It is Trump who is reversing the tsunami of heavy-handed government regulations and endless intrusion by the Obama administration into our daily lives. He has initiated actions to boost our nation's economy for everyone, rebuild our weakened military, secure our borders, de-port illegal alien convicted criminals and restore the enforcement of our laws in order to keep our citizens safe and allow them to pursue their individual dreams. Hal-

Trump has appointed a top-notch cabinet and an outstanding pro-life judge, Neil Gorsuch, to

the Supreme Court. In addition, lots of new jobs are on the way, based on recent major corporate announcements. Do not believe the negative media propaganda campaign.

Randy Kniebes

#### **Hire private** companies

In a recent Northville Record, Matt Jachman reported on some paving coming in July to the Northville area namely Beck Road and Northville roads

I am objecting to the county crews paving these two projects in the Northville area, the objection is not the actual paving, but the work being done by county DPS forces.

I don't know why the county continues to insist on doing these jobs that should be performed by private industry. There

are plenty of available private MDOT and Wayne county prequalified contractors able to perform this work. This work should be performed by contractors who have the experience and skills honed by doing this work every day of the paving season.

The private contractors also have to pay sales and use taxes (and other taxes) on their materials, equipment and profits and still remain in the very competitive construction and paving market. I object to the county forces paving these roads in competition with the private industry. Private industry should not have to compete with government organizations. I suspect the quality will suffer.

Why does the pavement on Beck Road have poor ride quality? It was also paved by Wayne DPS forces approximately 20 years ago

John MacInnis Northville

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#### Pancake breakfast

The annual Canton Lions Club Charity Pancake Breakfast at Liberty Fest is set for 7 a.m. to noon June 17. It includes pancakes, sausages, juice or coffee. The charge is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12.

For more information, contact Bill Van Winkle 734 254-9404 or govbill1@wowway.com.

#### Madonna hosting elder abuse conference

The Aging Studies Department at Madonna University is hosting the Elder Abuse Has No Borders Conference, which was developed by the Coordinated Community Response Coalition (CCRC) of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties.

The conference features an expert panel discussion of elder abuse issues, and guest speakers from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, PACE Southeast Michigan and the U.S. Postal

The conference is set for 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, in the Franciscan Center. Registration and continental breakfast start at 8:30, and the last session ends at 2:30. A boxed lunch is included. Register before June 8 and pay \$20 for just admission, or \$25 for admission and Continuing Education Units (CEUs). The rates increase \$10 after June 8. Register at http://bit.ly/2rLYo2x

#### **Lost Voices of Trafficked Kids**

Lost Voices of Trafficked Kids: A Concert is set for 8-10 p.m. June 17 at Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC), 650 Church St. in Ply-

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Suggested donations are \$15 at the door. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.lostvoices.org.

#### **Farmers market**

The Westland Farmers Market runs from 3-7 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 13. The market is at 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road. The market features produce, plants, fresh foods, crafts and live music weekly. EBT is accepted. For more information, email westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

#### **Canton Girls Night Out**

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's fourth annual Girls Night Out is set for Thursday, June 8. It's an opportunity to check out some of the great businesses in Canton.

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counts and other special gifts. Everyone will head to Fellows Creek Golf Club for the Girls Night Out After Party for more socializing, drink specials, light refreshments and lots of door prizes. Girls Night Out will feature a special purse raffle during the after party. Ladies will have the chance to bid on the handbag of their

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**D1 BASEBALL DISTRICTS** 

# Make it six straight districts for Spartans

State-ranked Stevenson stops Farmington in district final

Marty Budner

It was a good day for Livonia Stevenson's state-ranked baseball team

The Spartans defeated host Farmington, 4-2, to capture

their sixth straight Division 1 district championship Saturday afternoon. The result gave No. 6 Stevenson its 31st victory of the season, which set a school record.

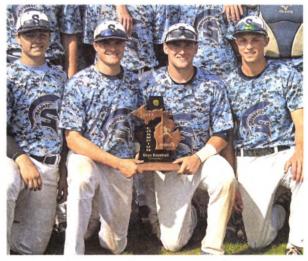
"Six is the highest we've been (ranked this year) and 31 is the most wins we've ever had in a season," veteran Stevenson head coach Rick Berryman said. "I'm excited. For an old guy like me, that's an accomplishment.

"We don't look at it has hav-

ing any pressure on us. We talk about it and our philosophy is we just approach it as a game. We don't get too high or too low. We do a lot of focusing on the next pitch. That's been our philosophy all year."

Stevenson, which opened with a 14-0 mercy-rule win over North Farmington in the district semifinal, would score all the runs it would need against the Falcons in a wild three-run

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MARTY BUDNE

Members of Livonia Stevenson's No. 6-ranked baseball team celebrate the program's sixth straight Division 1 district title on Saturday.

**D1 BASEBALL DISTRICTS** 

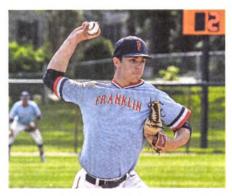


WENDY DEWHIR

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### IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

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After tough loss in 2016 district final, Franklin savors taste of victory

Tim Smith

Last year's tough loss to Garden City in the district baseball final still resonated around Livonia Franklin's baseball field throughout the week leading up to Saturday's Division 1 districts at Dearborn Patriots head coach Matt Fournier said some of the 2016 grads came back and gave a bit of a pep talk to the 2017

seniors.

Their message was do whatever it takes not to face that same heartbreak, both on the baseball diamond and at that night's graduation ceremonies (held without fail the same night as districts each

"We had a couple of them that talked to the kids over the

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D1 SOFTBALL DISTRICT

### Cougars flawless in final

Eight straight district titles for Garden City

Tim Smith

Hall of Fame coach Barry Patterson knows a good high school softball team when he sees it. And his Garden City squad is meeting his lofty standard, winning Saturday's Division 1 district title 8-0 over Livonia Churchill.

over Livonia Churchill.
With the victory at Dearborn, the Cougars made it eight consecutive district championships.

"We are playing solid 'D,' not walking any hitters, getting bunts down and some timely hitting as well," Patterson said. "It feels as though we are playing all facets of the game well and peaking at the right time. I was a great team effort and team win."

team win."
Garden City, also the Western Wayne Athletic Conference champions, improved to 26-12 overall and will move on to face Monroe at the Grosse Pointe South-hosted regional. The game is set for noon.

Earning the shutout winover Churchill was April Rudolph, who gave up six hits and struck out five. But Patterson said she had early adversity to overcome when Chargers leadoff hitter Brooke Hanson singled and wound up at third after the ball got past an outfielder.

"April Rudolph then retired the next three hitters in order stranding the runner at third," Patterson said. "I felt that was a really big early

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GIRLS SOCCER

### Stevenson falls to Novi in district final

First-half penalty kick proves costly for Spartans

Brad Emons

You can't give the Novi girls soccer team an inch because it'll take that extra mile

The Wildcats parlayed a penalty kick with no time left in the first half to break a scoreless deadlock and followed with three straight second-half goals en route to a 4-1 win Saturday over Livonia Stevenson in the MHSAA Division I district final at Northville's Tom Holzer Field.

With the victory, the Wildcats (13-5-2) moved into the regional semifinals, scheduled

for Wednesday at Dearborn High against Plymouth (15-3-1) in a rematch of the KLAA Kensington Conference championship. Novi won the first game, 2-0.

"We came out a little hesitant the first half, kind of played a little cautious," Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said of the third meeting this season against the Spartans (17-2-4). "We settled down and started actually playing our game of soccer, possession and building it up. About the last five minutes of that first half, we started playing our kind of soccer and that's how we were able to get that corner kick."

Only 40 minutes had been played, but the turning point of the match occurred when

Novi sophomore Julia Stadtherr converted a penalty kick against Stevenson goalie Haley Demers after a Spartans defender was flagged for a handball in the box with only one second left.

one second left.

"When you play a team of the ability of Stevenson, which is a very good team, a lot of times it comes down to set pieces," Pheiffer said. "And I give our girls so much credit, because there was only 13 seconds when that ball went out. And Gracie (Backus), one of our captains, hustled over there, set the ball down and puts the ball into the box. If she doesn't do that with only 13 seconds, that PK never

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Stevenson's Abby Werthman (right) takes on Novi's Jessie Bandyk on the

dribble.

### FRANKLIN

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course of this week," Fournier said. "They talked about how sitting through graduation after that tough loss was a very difficult for them to do last year, and they could not let that repeat.
"I think this year's group

took that to heart, to try and finish up what the last two groups couldn't quite do." Behind one of this year's

seniors, pitcher Kolby Dewhirst, the Patriots went to graduation a very happy bunch having defeated Livonia Chur-

It marked Franklin's first

district title since 2008.
"Obviously, from the get-go, as soon as our season ended last year ... it was the goal that this group has been out to get, Fournier said. "We were able to accomplish that yesterday with two shutouts

#### Pitcher's duel

The hard-luck loser for the Chargers was sophomore southpaw Drew Alsobrooks

"We knew it was going to be a low-scoring games because both kids throw well," said Fournier, whose 26-14 team will face Detroit Western 10 a.m. Saturday at the Grosse Pointe South regional. "Kolby being a senior and Drew a seasoned sophomore ... he's good now, but he's going to be very, very good in the future.

Dewhirst gave up just five hits (two each by Noah Cross and Connor Burnette) and two walks while striking out seven in a complete-game perfor-

Alsobrooks allowed just two runs and three hits in five innings of work before Luke Jaroszewicz finished the final two frames

The Patriots got on the board in the second inning. Jon Montie doubled, and came around to score following two

wild pitches. Franklin upped the lead in the third. Ryan Celmer singled with two out and scored on Harrison Merrill's clutch base

But Fournier and the Pats had some anxious moments before it was over. With two on and two out in the seventh, Brandon Lowry hit a sharp ball that Dewhirst had to snag quickly and throw to first for

the final out 'He hit it hard," Fournier said. "If it's two feet to the right or left it's up the middle and at least one run scores. But



Livonia Franklin's varsity baseball team Saturday celebrates its first Division 1 district title since 2008.



WENDY DEWHIRST

Running out a double in the district final is Livonia Franklin's Jon Montie.

it was right at Kolby."

### Make it quick

And finally, the Patriots vere district champions. But due to graduation at USA Hockey Arena, the victory celebration had to be short and

"They presented us with the trophy, we talked very briefly

and let parents and seniors take pictures with the trophy," Fournier said. "We had to get them out of there. We told them whatever you need for graduation keep it in your car.

"It's a cool thing for the kids when we do win it to have the opportunity to go right to graduation. That made yesterday a very special day for a lot of

those seniors.'

In the earlier district semifinals, both Franklin and Chur chill enjoyed lopsided victo-

Franklin cruised to an 11-0 five-inning win over Dearborn Heights Crestwood, behind Celmer's shutout pitching

Franklin had their hitting shoes on from the get-go.

"We had a bunch of key contributors that got hits in that one," Fournier said. "Jon Montie had a double, Ryan Celmer had a double, Ben Raisch, Colin Metzler and Cal Fournier all had (RBI) triples.'

The Chargers rolled to an 8-0 win over Dearborn. Going the distance and giving up just three hits and two walks was Madonna University commit Joe Wozniak.

Collecting two hits and two RBIs each for Churchill were Wozniak and Lowry. Noah Cross doubled to clear the bases in the first inning to set the tone.

And the Patriots now will look to make it past the next postseason hurdle.

"We have 16 on the varsity roster, seems like every single game I only had 13 or 14 kids ready to play," Fournier said. 'We are finally — knock on wood — healthy.

"Whatever happens next weekend, we're going to go out and compete. It's a very good region that we're going to. No matter what happens, three out of four are going to go home

"But it gives us another week to enjoy these kids, be-cause they are good kids and we as coaches enjoy being around them.

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GARDEN CITY SOFTBALL

Garden City's varsity girls softball team celebrates after winning the Division 1 district championship at Dearborn.

### SOFTBALL

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momentum shift in the game." The Cougars then went to work offensively, with three runs in the fourth fueled by Alicia Ascencio's leadoff triple.

Sparking the cause for Garden City were Ascencio (2for-2), Shelby Casey (2-for-4) and Natalie Billings (2-for-4).

In the district semifinals, Garden City only needed three innings to take care of Dearborn Heights Crestwood, winning 15-0.

Pitching a 3-hit shutout was Aubrey Boston; leading the offense were Ascencio (3for-3), Casey (2-for-2) and Alissa Turnbull (2-for-2).

"Aubrey Boston pitched a solid game for us allowing April Rudolph to rest for the championship game," Patterson said. "We hit the ball very well top to bottom and didn't allow a run for the second straight

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### SOCCER

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happens.'

The Wildcats used their halftime talk to get refocused and re-energized.

Novi then struck twice during the first 10 minutes of the second half to build a 3-0 advantage, as senior forward Annie Fisher scored on back-to-back goals from fellow senior forward Bailey Baumbick with 37:17 and 31:04 re-

maining. junior forward, then put the game out of reach on a goal with 19:49 to go, off an assist from sophomore defender Riley Balconi, to make it 4-0.

"All four of our goals came as a result of corner kicks," Phieffer said. "And we worked on that yester-day. We talked about as you get further and further in the tournament, you're going to keep playing teams that are just as good, if not better than you and a lot of times it comes down to we're not going to get the opportunities like we had against (Walled Lake) Western, not going to get the opportunities like we did against South Lyon. We knew that today, so it was important to take advantage of the opportunities when they were there."
With 9:25 left, Stevenson

freshman Abby Werthman scored from fellow fresh man Meredith Hage to avert the shutout, but it was too little, too late

The first-half PK by Stadtherr seemed to deflate the Spartans.

"It's a game-changing moment and there's nothing else you could say about it other than it changed our complete vibe at halftime and how the second half went," Stevenson coach Ken Singledecker said. "There was no way to get it back. It just crushed us.'

The Spartans, who lost one of their key players (Megan Verant) to a knee injury midway through the season, were also missing ton scorer Audrey Koni (25 goals, 15 assists). The junior forward went down with a knee injury May 31 in Stevenson's 2-1 marathon 14-round shootout victory over host Northville.

Both of Stevenson's defeats this season came against the Wildcats, who hope to make another run

to the final four. Seventeen wins and two losses ... a lot of people would like to have that Shingledecker said. "But I'm super-proud of the players. The girls are a great group. But it's a little bit of what if and what it might have been. It feels a little unfinished and it's a bummer. The kids put in the work during the offseason and you hope you're going to get a fair chance winning the whole thing and it never really happened.

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**PREP BASEBALL** 

### Clarenceville seizes first district since 2000

### Trojans rally from 4-run deficit to beat Panthers for title

**Brad Emons** 

The last time Livonia Clarenceville captured a baseball district title was just after the first year of the new millen-

It was 2000 to be exact and the Trojans find themselves back in the winner's circle after rallying from a four-run deficit Saturday at home to beat Redford Union, 5-4, for the MHSAA Division 2-District 58 crown.

RU had swept Clarenceville earlier in the season in a double-header, but the Trojans pulled off a stirring comeback that coach Craig Cotter de-scribed as "unforgettable."

Down 4-0, freshman Tavian Cruz hit a two-run homer in the fifth inning on a blast that cleared the 360-foot sign in right-center field by 20 feet to cut the deficit to 4-2.

Clarenceville then went ahead for keeps scoring three times in the sixth on a one-out, two-run bases loaded double by Cruz, who just missed hit-ting the top of the fence on the fly while missing a grand slam

The Trojans' Zack Richards and Matt Drain then executed a perfect suicide squeeze bunt for the go-ahead run.

Clarenceville, which also captured their first league title



The Clarenceville baseball team has now won the WWAC Red Division and Division 2 district titles.

in 23 years this spring, improved to 14-11 overall

"At the beginning of the year we set two goals, win the league and win the district," Cotter said. "We were fortu-nate enough to do both" Clarenceville staring pitch-

er Logan Calimazzo, a junior, allowed four runs in 3 2/3 innings before giving way to reliever Nick Bisaro, who ended an RU threat with runners on second and third in the fourth inning with a pivotal

"Logan pitched better than the numbers indicated, just had a little problem finding the strike zone consistently and falling behind on batters,'

Bisaro then no-hit the Panthers the rest of the way to earn the victory.

The game ended when RU's Tyler Collard, the losing pitcher, bounced out to Bisaro. The two are best friends and play on the same summer league team, according to Cotter.

"Redford Union is only two miles away from Clarenceville and the players on both teams know each other well and played little league together

growing up," Cotter said.

It was also the Trojans' first

win over RU in five years. Afterward, RU coach Bob Miller Jr. wished the Trojans the best as they advance to the D2 regional semifinals against Hazel Park beginning at noon

Saturday, June 10 at Madonna University's Ilitch Ballpark

"Clarenceville played a great game and is a deserving champion," Miller Jr. said. "I spoke to the Clarenceville team after and told them congrats and that they beat a good team. They were surprised to see me walk over, as were the coaches. RU stands for class, fair competition and no ex-

Meanwhile, the feeling was mutual for Cotter.

"I have gone up against Bob in CYO (Catholic Youth Organi-zation) even before he took over the Redford Union job and never beat him," Cotter said. "Coach Miller is a class act, He came over after the

game and personally congrat-

ulated our boys on the win."
Both teams cruised in the district semifinals earlier in the day as Clarenceville defeated Detroit Mumford, 15-0, scoring five times in the first, six in the second and four in the third to win on a three inning run-rule.

Senior Bobby Jaber pitched two no-hit innings, while Richards threw a scoreless third.

Offensively, Jaber doubled twice, scored three runs and had three RBIs, while Justin Kelley Kam MacIver and Cruz

each contributed multiple hits. "Our boys worked hard all year, very rarely if ever missed practice and came together as a tight unit the last two weeks of the season with laser focus," said Cotter, whose team captured the Red Divi-sion of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference this year with a 9-1 record.

In the other district semi-

final, RU ousted Detroit Communicate & Media Arts, 11-0, in five innings

The Panthers finished the year with an 18-9 overall rec-

"We won 18 games this year and I'm very proud of my young men," Miller said. "Most are in the honor roll, and coming from six wins last year is a great achievement. All have a plan for next year, too. I'm sorry to see the season end, but could not be more proud of my team and coaches."

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### **SPARTANS**

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first inning when it took advantage of four walks and a pair of hits.

Chris Tanderys, Dan Bos and Bobby Cavin walked to load the bases. One run scored on an fielder's choice and the other two runs came home on a single by Josh Marquedant and a bases-loaded walk to Danny

Farmington gradually pecked away at the lead, scoring single runs in the second and fourth to make it 3-2. After base hits by Devin

Mahanti and Scott Newhard, Collin Finn's sacrifice fly produced the first Falcons run. Two innings later, base hits by Jack Politowicz, Newhard and Alex Magrum brought home the second run

Stevenson scored its final run in the bottom of the fourth. Parker Graham and Tanderys smacked consecutive base hits, which put runners on the corners with no outs. Graham eventually came home on a

Farmington had opportunities early, putting runners on base in each of the first four innings against Stevenson starter George Ferguson. However, the Falcons had two runners thrown out on the bases during that time which stalled rallies including a pick-off at first base when Stevenson catcher Cavin's quick toss down to first baseman Mark Pettersson resulted in the final out of the fourth inning.

Ferguson, a junior southpaw, got the win, allowing six hits in five innings. Stevenson's ace, Oakland University-bound senior Branden Posky, who started against North Farmington but still had plenty of pitches left, came on to shut down the Falcons with just one hit over the final two innings.

The Falcons had a pair of bases runners in their last atbat, when Finn worked his way on with a one-out walk and pinch hitter Steven Flowers got on with a swinging bunt. However, Posky struck out Matt Lane for the final out.

Farmington outhit Steven-

son in the game, 7-6. "I thought we had a good chance to beat them. If North Farmington could have given them a little bit more of a game in game one, then maybe Posky doesn't go to the hill," Finn said. "I thought we were starting to dial in on Ferguson, who's a



Stevenson's veteran head coach Rick Berryman makes a point to junior Josh Marquedant in Saturday's game against Farmington.



Stevenson third baseman Danny Morris tags out Farmington base runner Scott Newhard (7) during fourth-inning action of Saturday's Division 1

good pitcher, but I thought we were close to getting him.

Berryman was proud of the effort his team gave to keep its string of district titles intact.

"It was team effort all the way. Obviously, we had good pitching," Berryman said. "We were lucky to get a lead and save our number one pitcher to close the second game. I was very pleased with the effort as a group.

"The big play is we picked a runner off of first base (in the third inning). We work very hard. We bunt," he added. "We get the bunt down, which creates situations. I'm proud of the little things that they do. It's things that people don't notice, but that we've been successful with all year."

Stevenson now advances to the Division 1 regional June 10 hosted by Novi High School The Spartans will play at 12:30 p.m. in a semifinal rematch against Hartland. The Spartans

were eliminated by the Eagles in last year's regional, 11-0. In fact, while Stevenson has

won six straight districts, it has lost five straight times in the regional semifinal. Stevenson's last regional win came in 2012, when it won the championship before falling to Saline, 5-1, in

"We're excited to go there and play," Berrmyman said.
"That's it."

Farmington opened the district with a 6-3 victory over Farmington Harrison. The Falcons finished the season with a 24-14 record.

The Faclons senior class finished with 73 wins over a three-year period, tied for the second-most wins in program history. The three-year record is 77. This year's senior class consisted of Artie Bentley, Elliot Edsall, Finn, Lane, Margrum, Newhard, Politowicz, Rushil Putumbaka and Brian

**BOYS LACROSSE** 

### **Catholic Central books** another final four berth

**Brad Emons** 

There was no letdown for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's lacrosse team during Friday's MHSAA Division 1 state quarterfinal.
After an emotional and

hard-fought 13-10 regional final victory May 31 over rival Northville, the Sham rocks dismantled Troy Athens in a pre-cision-like manner, 14-5, at Birmingham Seaholm.

Junior attack Peter Thompson, who went pointless in the previous match, pumped in four goals and added two assists as the Shamrocks improved to 14-5 while earning their fourth straight trip to the state semifinals.

After nearly squandering a 9-3 halftime lead against Northville, the Shamrocks built a 10-1 advantage at intermission against Athens (13-5) and increased their lead o 13-2 after three quarters before coach Dave Wilson emptied his bench in the fourth.

"Having the ball is a great thing, isn't it?" Wilson said. "You dictate the tempo of the game and, of course, (Jeff) Lining is a threat, so when he doesn't have the ball, it's good for us. It worked out that we were scoring and keeping it away from a very dangerous weapon."

Athens went 25 minutes, 19 seconds without scoring until Andy Filips broke through with a goal late in the third quarter to make it 13-2.

"Yesterday in practice, we were really trying to make sure we were moving off the ball," Thompson said. "When other guys are moving off ball, it makes it easier on you to either pass or score. We did a really good job as a collective team instead of just one guy."

One of Thompson's goals was a nifty behind-the-back effort off a feed from senior Nick Capatina.

"I think a lot of it had to do with the fact the other night

we were just kind of stagnate as a team and we tried to play, like, hero ball and not really together," said Thompson, a junior captain. "We let North-ville be in the game and they did a good job stopping us. I just think we were kind of watching each other. That was probably the biggest problem in the offense last game, so it was probably good that I didn't score."

Six different players scored for the Shamrocks, including freshman Ryan Sullivan, who finished with three goals. Adding two apiece were senior Brennan Kamish, sophomore Joey Kamish and Capatina, while Ethan Pattinson had the other.

"Northville is really close to CC, so I think we kind of got a little hyped up or ner-vous," Thompson said. "I just think letting the game come to you was one of our main points. It was great team win and we, obviously, played a lot better than we did (May

Also adding assists for CC were Mike Molchan, Patrick Brandemihl and Liam Cun-

The great thing we have, if you check our score book, we consistently have six guys that are chipping in at least one or two goals," Wilson said. "It was a quiet four for Pete, but It's good for him to be on the board."

Senior goalie Hunter Braun also played a pivotal role, making nine saves while allowing just two goals before backup Zack Downey finished in the final quarter.

Athens got a pair of goals from Thomas Kennedy, while Zack Spinek, Tyler Nelson and Filips added one apiece.

The Shamrocks, who have been state runners-up three straight years, were scheduled to face unbeaten Hartland (21-0) in the state semi-finals Wednesday at Troy Athens.

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**D1 BASEBALL DISTRICTS** 

### **BATTLE TO THE FINISH**

LOCAL SPORTS

Plymouth survives white-knuckle ride in district final against Canton

> **Tim Smith** hometownlife.com

Saturday's Grand Prix on Belle Isle in Detroit had nothing on the wild, crazy ride that was the Division 1 baseball district final between red-hot Canton and Plymouth.

There were plenty of twists, turns and "wow" moments — such as fence-clearing blasts by Plymouth sophomore Anthony Sharkas and Canton sophomore Aaron Dolney — not to forget about a homer by the Wildcats Chase Every.

But it was the pesky Wild-cats to win 7-6 in eight innings, snapping Canton's 24-game winning streak and moving on to the D1 regional next weekend at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

After a two-out single by Kyle Aniol scored Logan Dziad-zio with the lead run, Plymouth senior lefty (and winning pitcher) Josh Janovsky had to escape a bases-loaded jam with only one out in the bottom of the eighth.

He went to 3-0 against Jake

Dattilio and was one errant pitch away from walking in the tying run.

Catcher Zach Beadle went out to settle Janovsky, however, and the pitcher came back to get Dattilio out on a pop-up and and then struck out Joe Vespa-ziani for the final out.

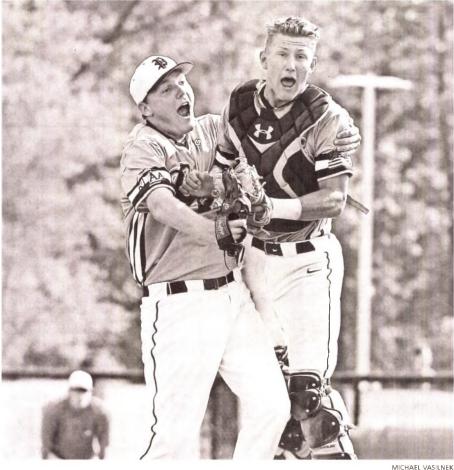
"I had Zach and Laco (Brenden Lacorato) come out to the mound, they calmed me down, they're the team captains, Janovsky said. "They've been leading this from the beginning and they just told me 'Josh, it's going to be all right, you can do

"And so I went back out there, and just like they said,

we got it done."
The Chiefs were still sitting in disbelief following the dis-trict trophy presentation, their season over instead of moving on to the next round

"We definitely feel if we could play a couple more games we would beat them, for sure," said Canton senior catcher Justin Mattson, who temporarily kept the game tied earlier in the top of the eighth when he tagged a runner trying to score. "I love these boys, the way we come together. There's not one person that's not cry-

The Chiefs were one out away from getting out of the



Plymouth pitcher Josh Janovsky (left) and catcher Zach Beadle celebrate the final out against Canton.

jam. Then came a balk against relief pitcher Aaron Dolney which set the table for Aniol's winning hit.

"He (umpire) said he (Dolney) turned his shoulders, that he wasn't set yet," Mattson

#### Just crazy

Plymouth head coach Jason Crain was able to laugh after the crazy ending, although he said Janovsky "was trying to give me a heart attack, he doesn't know how old I am. We were at Grosse Pointe last weekend in the exact same situation. Obviously not the same gravity of game, but bases loaded. We were up 2-1 in that game, and he struck the kid out after being down 3-0.
"So I have all the confidence

in the world in that kid. He's been with us for four years, he's got ice water in his veins and I'll trust him with the ball

any time." Crain praised the Mark Blomshield-coached Chiefs, who finished with a 33-6 record and KLAA championship to their credit.

"Canton's a very good team,

they're on quite a streak," Crain "They re playing great baseball and unfortunately for them, we came up on the better

side.
"But they played a great game, a lot of clutch hits on both sides. We had a couple gap shots, one down the line, a few homer runs. If the game kept going who knows how it would have ended up. But I'm glad it ended up where it did.

It was a back-and-forth tussle throughout, with the Chiefs breaking out to a quick 3-0 lead in the first on a three-run double by Dolney — who knocked in five runs, the final two on a moon shot over the right field fence in the fourth to at that

point give Canton a 5-3 lead. The Dolney blast came right after Sharkas connected on a two-run roundtripper to left off Canton junior starting pitcher Seth Marano, which at the time made it a 3-3 contest.

"He (Sharkas) came up half-way through the year, he was playing JV to start the year, and he's stepped in and been in-credible," Crain said. "He's been a great asset to our team.

### **Back and forth**

Yet there was plenty more drama to come.

Plymouth (26-14) got to within 5-4 when Avery laced a homer to left off Marano to open the sixth. Blomshield then brought in senior sidearmer Tyler New som, although the Wildcats didn't waste time getting to him, either.

Lining a single was Dziadzio (who had three hits in the game) but Newsom struck out the next two batters. Dziadzio went to third on a double by Max Marco and Nik Patel walked to load the bases

That brought up the hardhitting Jacob MacBrien who did nothing but hit all day. He had four hits in Plymouth's 10-0 rout of Westland John Glenn and he doubled to left to score two runs and put the Wildcats

Canton showed its champi onship mettle by coming back to tie the game in the bottom of the frame against Janovsky (who relieved starter Evan Good in the fifth).

A.J. Brazelton's single and bad-luck error against leftfielder Sharkas was enough to plate senior Justin Dolney (who singled) with the equalizer.

#### Had no doubts

Sharkas atoned for the miscue on the next batter. With Brazelton on second, Ryan Cassidy laced a ball that looked certain to split the gap, but Sharkas flagged it down with a nifty running catch. The seventh gave fans a

respite, as both teams went down 1-2-3.

All that did was get them ready for the frantic finish. One player who remained calm through it all was junior catch-

"I told him (Janovsky) there was not another pitcher in the KLAA that I would have wanted on the mound at that time.," Beadle said. "He's a senior, he's been there before and he was perfect for the job.

"I had no questions he was going to get the job done."

PLYMOUTH 10, JOHN GLENN 0 (5 INNINGS): Taking advan-tage of errors, Plymouth scored runs in every inning to win this Division 1 baseball district contest.

Jacob MacBrien was the big gun for the Wildcats, going 4-for-4 with four runs batted in.

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Plymouth got off to a fast 2-0
start against Rockets junior
pitcher Brian Martin when
Logan Dziadzio singled to left
to plate Nik Patel (2-for-4) and
Evan Good (2-for-3) in the bottom of the first.

MacBrian singled to score

MacBrien singled to score Patel in the second and Anthony Sharkas ripped an RBI single in the third to open up a 5-0

The Wildcats finished the mercy win with two more runs in the fourth and three in the fifth, with another MacBrien hit (this time a double) scoring two. The 10th run of the game came home on a Good double, a fly ball that the left fielder just missed making a spectacular diving catch on.

Earning the win for Plymouth was starting pitcher Brenden Lacorato, who went all

Tree innings.

CANTON 4, WAYNE 0: The Chiefs opened Saturday's Division 1 baseball district at Salem with a shutout of the Zebvas.

Canton senior starting pitcher Dean Dawson went the first six innings for the win, with senior Turner Donlie pitching the seventh for the save.

After sconing a run in the first, the Chiefs added two in the second to go up 3-0 against Wayne sophomore pitcher Malik Lewis, who deserved a better fate.

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In the third, Aaron Dolney singled to score Ben Spencer (who walked). Some good defense by the Zebras kept the game relatively close in the sixth. Wayne catcher Justin Johnson gunned down a runner trying to steal third and the inning ended on a diving catch by junior center-fielder Jalen Adams.

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D1 BOYS TRACK AND FIELD FINALS

### Salem impresses on the big stage

Mason Phillips' first-place finish in the long jump at Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 boys track and field finals at East Kentwood sent a surge of confidence through the rest of Salem's lineup.

"We were really happy about it," Salem head coach Dale Maskill said. "We knew we had a good shot to score some points. When Mason won the long jump everybody just got really excited and it carried over into other events.

The Rocks made an impressive showing, tallying 26 points to finish fifth overall in the team standings. In first place with 78.50 points was East Kentwood.

Phillips set a new state meet record with his jump of 24 feet, 2.75 inches.

But the senior also was part of two other all-state perfor mances (the top eight make the cut). In the 400-meter relay, Salem's quartet of senior VerShawn Patrick, Phillips, senior Trevor Nowaske and junior Andrew Davis placed fourth with a time of 42.53 seconds.

The 800-meter relay tandem of Patrick, Phillips, junior

Sharriff Dyer and Davis placed seventh (1:27.81)

Other all-state performances were logged by Dyer in the 300 hurdles (third, 38.69, a Salem record) and Davis in the 100 dash (eighth,

In the former event, Dyer nipped Canton senior Jemal Vaunado, also an all-stater with his fifth-place finish of 38.98. For Vaunado, it set a new school record.

### Staying focused

Maskill said Phillips qualified for the finals in the long jump after going 23-5 during preliminaries. He then left to run the prelims in the 200, but although qualifying for that event seemed to have his mind on the long jump.
"He gave himself a little

time to recover from the 200, and came back and it was a pretty good duel (with East Kentwood's Andre Welch)," Maskill said. "Mason's first jump back went 24-2 and three-quarters and (Welch) really didn't have an answer for him after that so it was very exciting.

"We needed a PR for him to win it. We were kind of nervous there, but he said 'Coach, I got it, I know I got it in me."



SALEM ATHLETICS

All season long, Canton's Jemal Vaunado (left) and Salem's Sharriff Dyer were neck-and-neck in the 300-meter hurdles. On Saturday, Dyer finished third at the Division 1 state meet while Vaunado placed fifth. Both earned all-state honors.

Nearly making all-state status was junior thrower Alex Howie. His mark of 50-7.25 in the shot put was ninth, just shy of the 50-11.25 turned in by eighth-place Max Godsil of Portage Central. Another individual state

champion from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park was Plymouth freshman Connor Bush. He won the high jump with a mark of 6-feet, 6-inch-

"Connor was actually calm and confident," Wildcats assistant coach Dean Clemons said I think from all his high level AAU basketball. He actually told me he thought he could win the night before.'

Livonia Stevenson senior Ian Knoph also was an allstate finisher in the high jump. He placed eighth with a mark off 6-3.
In 16th place overall was

Canton, sparked by Vaunado and senior pole vaulter Andrew Koenigsknecht (third with a mark of 14-9). In that same event, teammate Chuck Carey had a PR 13-0.

The Chiefs boasted an allstate quartet in the 1,600-relay as Dirk Thornhill, Caleb Moraw, Srikar Komanduri and Vaunado finished eighth with a time of 3:24.06

Canton coach Jess Shough added that Vaunado was se lected to represent Team Michigan June 10 in the Midwest Meet of Champions

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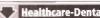
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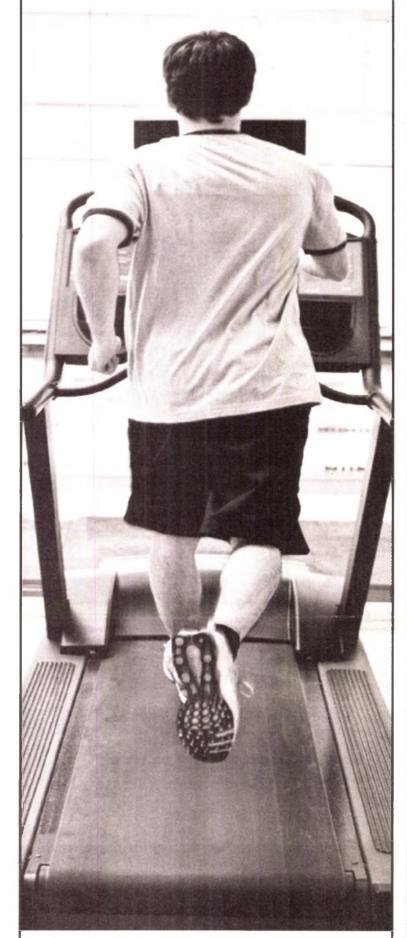
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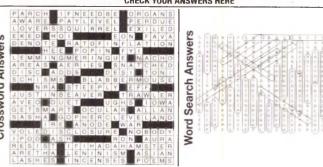
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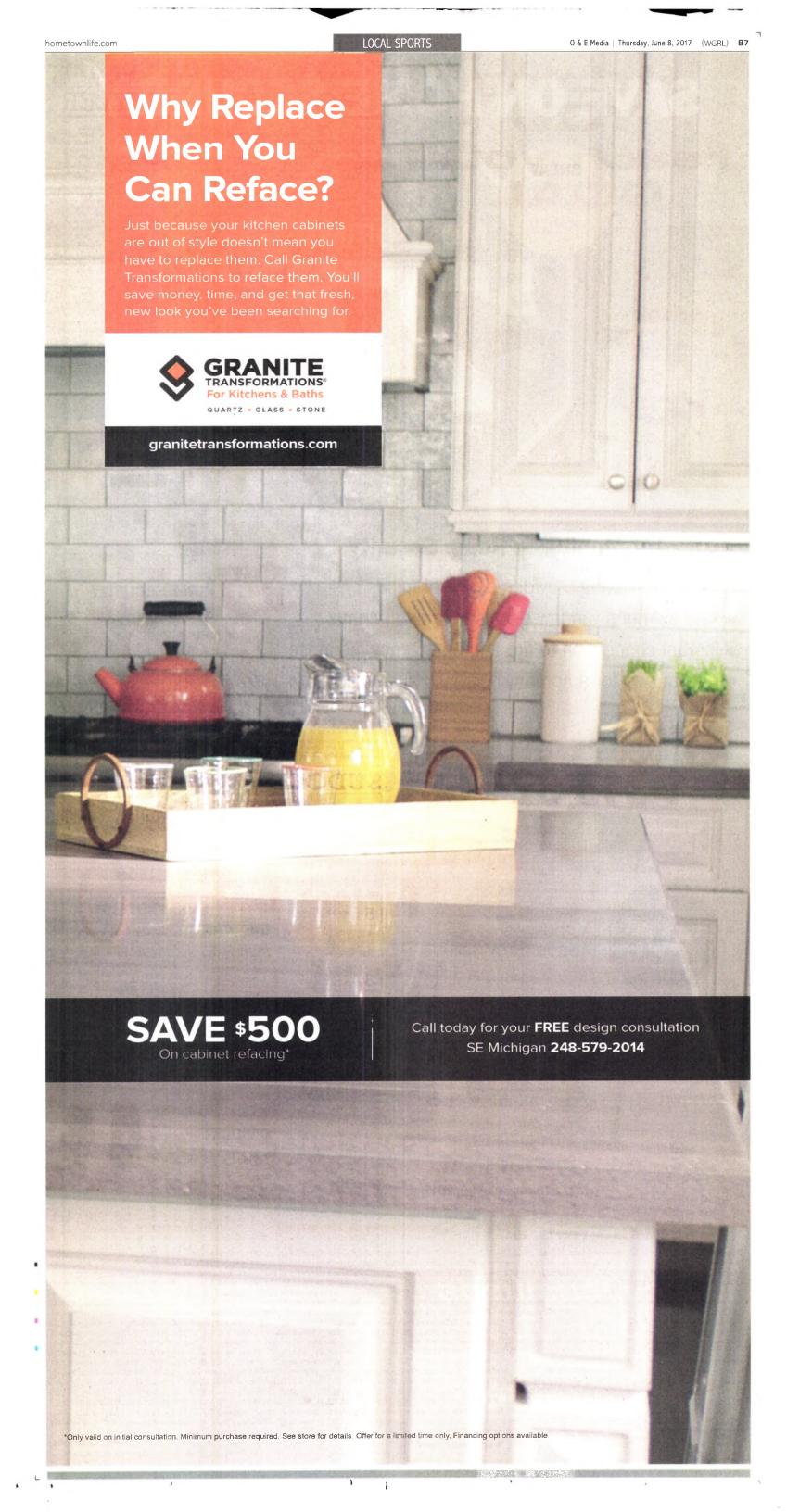
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