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# **Hawthorne Valley sale approved**

### Westland City council **OKs sale for \$500,000**

### **LeAnne Rogers**

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The sale of a long-closed Westland golf course and restaurant for new residential development is moving forward.

The city council recently voted to sell the former Hawthorne Valley property for \$500,0000, authorizing Mayor William Wild and the city attorney to negotiate a purchase agreement. The city

took ownership of part of the property. including the restaurant and frontage on Merriman north of Warren Road, at tax sale after the business went into foreclosure.

"The developer will have his due diligence period, but made it clear it was to be a 2018 project," Wild said.

Three Oaks Development and Advisory Services, based in Washtenaw County, is purchasing the property. Designed with Liberty Housing Services, the concept for the new Hawthorne Oaks is attached condominiums to provide independent living for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults,

with accessibility for developmentally disabled adults, seniors and others. The homes would be one or two stories, customized to address accessibility issues.

The idea is to develop a community where adult disabled people can live independently in the condos and their families can live nearby in the singlefamily homes. A similar development was constructed in Saline and is reportedly full, which Wild said is creating some customers for the Westland site.

The proposal cites the mixed-age use for the development and describes it as a good transition use between nearby

along with single-family homes built homes and apartments to the north and east, commercial uses heading south.

The proposal calls for 33 units to be constructed on the former golf course and banquet center property. The business went into bankruptcy and has been closed since 2011. It's been the site of extensive vandalism and multiple fires at the main building, along with other buildings on the property.

"It was well-received by council. The previous council approved the sale and developing a purchase agreement. The new council will have a chance to ap-

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# **Glenn wrestlers** lend a hand to vets



# **New parks** and rec director appointed

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Westland has a newly promoted Parks and Recreation Department director with plans to grow the programs.

The city council unanimously approved the appointment of Brian Harnos as Parks and Recreation director, a post he had filled on an interim basis since November. Since 2010, Harnos has been Municipal Services director, managing the municipal golf course and Mike Modano Ice Area. Harnos

Westland John Glenn High School wrestlers Ethan Collins (left) and Anthony Gibson helped pack holiday food boxes for area veterans.

### High school students volunteer to pack holiday packages

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Members of the Westland John Glenn High School wrestling team lent a hand in preparing holiday food boxes for needy veterans.

Wrestling coach Shamir Garcia had contacted Wayne-Ford Civic League President Vic Barra about a volunteer opportunity for the students. That contact came at the right time for students to help pack the holiday food boxes.

It's the fourth year for the holiday food program, which serves Westland veterans. Nearly the entire team participated in packing the food boxes, along

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Members of the Westland John Glenn High School wrestling team, with other volunteers, packing holiday food boxes for area veterans at the Wayne-Ford **Civic League.** 



Plans call for filling Harnos's former position, although Councilman Bill Johnson asked whether Harnos could do double duty to fill both jobs.

"If the Parks and Recreation director is only part time, we would not be able to grow the department like we want to," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We expect to back fill Brian's spot by February. Once that spot is filled, Brian's main focus will be working with sports associations to build those programs back up."

Last year, Westland reinvested in its ballfields with improvements at parks citywide, he said, along with looking at better utilizing sections of Hines Park within the city.

"I think that Brian will also pursue what programming the Y can offer that won't compete with what we already offer through the athletic associations," Wild said.

The pavilions in Tattan Park are fully rented and community space at city hall has also proved to be a popular rental location that includes a warming kitchen for food.

"The city hall room rentals are pretty full. We will look at the revenues and probably adjust the fees," Wild said.

The city is likely to begin closing the farmers market pavilion for the winter due to heating costs vs. the number of rental booked, he said.

Additionally, Harnos will oversee

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the park ranger program that operates when the H20 Zone sprayground is open over the summer months. The Livonia YMCA will again offer a summer camp through Parks and Recreation.

Harnos is also being tasked with populating the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. He became interim Parks and Recreation director in No-

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prove the site plan," Wild said. "It appears that they plan to build upland and will try to use the lower lands as nature trails.'

Part of the property is within a flood plain, which had caused some concerns when it came to redeveloping the site. The developer has committed to meeting with residents in the adjoining about the project.

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### ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING #2018-01 **January 2, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was not held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. as it had previously been cancelled due to the New Year's Holiday.

> Matthew K. Miller City Clerk LO-0000337333

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL **MEETING NO. 2018-02 January 3, 2018** 

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. PRESENT: Rowe, Miller, Rhaesa, Gabriel, Webster ABSENT: Porter, Sanders. APPROVED: excused Porter and Sanders; agenda; minutes of Regular City Council meeting of Dec. 19; Materials Recovery Lic. At Broome Auto Parts and Annapolis Auto Parts; second reading & adoption of ordinances #2017-07; #2017-08; reappoint Staley to Pers. Board; accept resignation of Hawley from Hist. Comm.; appt. Zimmerman to Hist. Comm.; reappoint Sparks to Housing Comm.; MDOT resolution for R-O-W; call a Public Hearing for CDBG. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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vember when then-director LaTricia Gunnells was fired after a year with the city.

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"I terminated LaTricia's employment. We had not seen as much progress as we wanted," Wild said.

Before managing the golf course and ice arena, Harnos has worked as a superintendent in the city's Department of Public Service. He began his career with the city working at the municipal golf course in 1997, when he was only 15 years old.

"Brian is a long-time employee of the city and has worked his way up from the ground floor to his current position. While serving as the interim director, I have been impressed with his ability to step into a challenging position and manage it at a high level while maintaining his other responsibilities," Wild said.

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## Wrestlers

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with Garcia and coach Bill Polk.

Veterans were provided their choice of either a turkey or ham, along with mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce and rolls. The food was provided at no charge to the veterans.

Team members reported having a great time and that they enjoyed being able to give back to the veterans.

Barra and the civic league have worked on the holiday meals program with state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, and Westland Mayor William Wild. This year, new Councilman Jim Hart and council President James Godbout also got involved. There was also a Go Fund Me page added this year to raise funds to support the food program.

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# Lane is honored veteran for January

Richard Lane, Korean War era veteran from Livonia, was honored as the January 2018 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Lane served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950-54. He was born in 1929 in Toronto, Canada, and put in an orphanage. At 10 months of age, he was adopted and moved to Battle Creek, where he was reared and attended high school. On June 25, 1950 North Korean forces crossed the 38th parallel and invaded South Korea. The U.S. supported South Korea with naval and air support and, on June 30, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was given two divisions of troops to support the U.N. troops defending South Korea.

Lane received his draft notice and decided to join the U.S. Army before being assigned to the air force. He enlisted in September and was sent to Lackland Air Force base, near San Antonio, Texas, for basic training. The war in Korea was escalating quickly and the military was building up at a fast pace, so his basic training was shortened from eight weeks to four. He was the then sent to technical school at Francis E. Warren AFB near Cheyenne, Wyo. "I spent five months there and the winter was brutal. There was a three day stretch when it hit 27 degrees below zero," Lane said.

He was trained as an administrative clerk and, in 19 months, worked his way up to staff sergeant. After training, he assumed he would be sent to Korea, but was surprised when he was assigned to Ernest Harmon Air Force Base, in Stephenville, Newfoundland, Canada, as part of the Atlantic Circle rescue group. They were equipped with Grumman SA-16A Albatross amphibious planes and B-29s with boats for sea rescues in the Atlantic.

"There were a couple missions where we sent planes out to rescue persons and they were pretty routine, but a month after I was transferred out, a good friend of mine, a flight engineer, was on a mission when their plane went down and the whole crew was lost," Lane said. "It was a very sad time for me, but



things like this happen when you put yourself in harm's way."

Lane spent 1½ years there. Then he was transferred to Palm Beach AFB in Florida for the next two years. He was assigned to the Air Police Squadron for the first year, then was promoted and put in charge of the Group Maintenance Depot Headquarter Office. The base was the main repair facility for rescue aircraft.

"It was great duty," he said. "I had it easy, but I also remember all the people that went to Korea and lost their lives and those that fought and died in World War II and I have the utmost respect and admiration for their sacrifice. I have been very blessed to live such a wonderful life in such a great country and owe them and all that served my heartfelt gratitude."

In 1954, Lane was discharged and sent back home to Battle Creek, where he joined his father as an insurance salesman. He finished his college education and graduated with a master's degree in hospital management from the University of Michigan. He was an ad-

Lane of Livonia, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, was honored by the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32

for

January.

Richard

ministrator in the Battle Creek Sanitarium and Health Center before moving to Howell as chief executive officer at the McPherson Community Health Center. In 1984, he became vice president at Hinsdale Hospital in Hinsdale, Ill., and, in 1987, became chief executive officer at the Westland Medical Center.

Lane married Lorraine in 1952 in Battle Creek. They have three sons, two daughters and six grandchildren. Lane retired and moved to Livonia in 1992. He is also a member of the National Seniors Games Association. He is an avid basketball player and is on the 85-andover basketball team. The team, Oldies but Goodies, has participated in eight national championship games and received the silver in one tournament.

Lane was interviewed by members of S.A.L. and a DVD was made of the interview and shown at the S.A.L. January membership meeting. A plaque was presented to him from Livonia Trophy with his picture and service information. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

### Local students named to honor roll

The following students have been named to the dean's honor roll for the fall 2017 semester at Lawrence Technological University. To be named to the honor roll, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the term.

From Livonia: Adam Alger, architectural engineering; Kassem Chammout, architecture; Allison Cirocco, nursing; Jarrett Cutting, mechanical engineering; Jeffrey Gist, mechanical engineering; Benjamin Grund,

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computer science; Hans Heiman, construction engineering; Benjamin Lenze, mechanical engineering; Ryan Paulus, mechanical engineering; Bradley Rayman, mechanical engineering; Viviana Sofia Segebre Zaghmout, industrial/organizational psychology; Katelyn Seger, engineering undeclared; Hope Sheffield, audio engineering technology; and Gabriella Tiseo, civil engineering.

From Redford: Alexander Lanzon, information technology.



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# PET FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS



The Kroger store at 36430 Ford Road in Westland recently held a pet food drive, with customers and employees making donations to help support the Westland Humane Society.

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# Murder trial date now pushed back to April

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A Wayne man will wait until later this spring before facing a jury on charges he killed his son last year.

Marc Minter, 30, was originally scheduled to go before a jury in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in December. But that hear-



Minter

ing was delayed and he will now go before a jury April 2 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Minter is charged in the death of his 2-year-old son, Christian Minter, who died in October 2016. Marc Minter faces charges of felony mur-

der and two counts of child abuse after police say he was responsible for the child's death.

A Wayne County deputy medical examiner testified during Minter's preliminary examination back in August that the child appeared to have sustained an injury to his back two weeks before he died, as well as another injury due to blunt force trauma to his back just hours before his death. The medical examiner said during testimony that those injuries were in line with those usually caused by someone else.

Police say the boy was taken to the hospital after first responders were called Oct. 19, 2016, to the home Minter was living at with other members of his family in the 4500 block of Williams in Wayne.

In addition, investigators discovered his infant daughter had also suffered a pair of broken legs weeks before her brother's death.

A final conference in the case is scheduled to take place Feb. 16 before Circuit Judge Mark Slavens. Minter remains lodged in the Wayne County Jail after being remanded during his arraignment back in July.

If convicted, Minter faces up to life in prison.

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# Man accused in murder faces competency exam

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A Westland man accused of killing his mother just before Christmas will undergo a series of tests to determine whether he's competent to stand trial.

Justin Paul, 22, went Thursday before visiting Judge Raymond Charron in Westland's 18th District Court for a probable cause conference in his first-degree murder case.

Charron, who retired from the now-defunct 26th District Court that covered River Rouge and Ecorse, ordered Paul to undergo an exam for competency and criminal responsibility and set his next court date as March 15.

David Lankford, the attorney representing Paul at Thursday's hearing, said he spoke to Paul's father, the husband of the victim, and received information from him regarding his son's previous mental health background. That included contact information from a counselor Paul had worked with previously.

"Based upon all that, I am asking for a referral," Lankford said.

Paul is accused of killing his mother, 50-year-old Jeannette Paul of Westland,



back on Dec. 20 at her home in the 6100 block of Walton in Westland. Police say she was stabbed in the throat that morning and police officers arrived to find her dead.

Police then put out a bulletin to area departments seeking the suspect, who was spotted by a Livonia police officer near Joy and Donna on the Westland/Livonia border. An altercation between the two occurred and the officer fired shots at Justin Paul, wounding him in the leg, a scene that resulted in a road closure for several hours. He was then taken into

custody and taken to a local hospital for treatment before being released into police custody. The officer was not injured.

Justin Paul has remained in custody since his arrest, spending the holidays in the Wayne County Jail without bond after being arraigned Dec. 22. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

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### LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

### **Stolen vehicle recovered**

Police received a call Jan. 3 that a stolen vehicle, originally taken from the Amazon warehouse site, 39000 Amrhein, had been recovered.

The vehicle, a work truck, was reported stolen from the fulfillment center back in September by a contractor. Police received a call that day the vehicle had been recovered in Detroit and an arrest had been made.

### Vehicle broken into at gym

Livonia police were called Jan. 3 to LA Fitness, 30273 Plymouth, on the report of a vehicle broken into and a purse stolen.

A manager said someone contacted her and informed her of a vehicle that had a window smashed. The victim met police outside and told them she had left her purse in the vehicle and the window was smashed and the purse missing. Her bag contained her wallet, which had cash, credit cards and her driver's license. The gym's manager said there was video footage of the parking lot, though said she needed a warrant to provide it to police.

### **Car stolen from Bill Brown Ford**

Police were called to the fleet center for Bill Brown Ford, 32333 Capitol, on the report of a vehicle that had been taken. The employee said they parked their car at the fleet center. Several hours later, they came out and found their vehicle missing. There were no signs of damage or broken glass and the vehicle was not located in other parking lots used by the dealership. There were no suspects and the vehicle was up-to-date on payments.

### Another stolen vehicle

Police were dispatched Jan. 4 on the report of a stolen vehicle at Roush, 11800 Market.

The employee said the car, which had a firearm inside, was in the parking lot that morning when it was taken. Also in the parking lot that morning was a briefcase from another vehicle in a separate

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### Intro to Microsoft Word

When: 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16 Details: This class requires basic computer knowledge and the ability to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

### **Non-Fiction Book Club**

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17 Details: Please join us this month for a discussion of "Stiff: The Curious Life of Human Cadavers" by Mary Roach.

### **Friday Night Movie**

When: 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 Details: Join us for a Friday night movie. Snacks/refreshments are provided donations accepted and appreciated.

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### Thousands in tools taken

Police were called Jan. 3 to a home in the 18100 block of Deering on the report of some tools that had been taken from a garage.

The resident said he came home and noticed a door to his garage was open and called police. A door handle was broken and on the ground. Thousands of dollars in tools were taken from the garage, including a miter saw, cement cut off wheel, hand tools, a nail gun and others. No suspect information was available.

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# First step: Identify your personal goals and objectives



**Money Matters** 

**Rick Bloom** Guest columnist USA TODAY NETWORK -Michigan

As we enter 2018, we will all face our fair share of challenges when it comes to our personal finances. My goal in writing this column is to tackle a variety of issues that affect your finances and to try to provide you the best independent information. It's important to remember that you should apply the information to your individual situation. Remember, what's good for your next-door neighbor may not be good for you. That's why it's always important to be in tune with your own situation.

When it comes to understanding your personal situation, one thing everyone should do is re-examine and redefine their individual goals and objectives from an investment standpoint. To be successful when it comes to investing, you must be able to articulate what you're looking for from your money. It is important to also know the time frame you have to achieve those goals.

For example, if you're saving for retirement and retirement is 20 years down the road, your portfolio would be different than if you were planning to retire next year. I have always told investors that age is relatively immaterial when it comes to investing, because it does not tell you what you should do with your money. It's your goals and objectives that define how you invest.

If you're 90 years old and you're saving for college for a new great-granddaughter, your portfolio should mostly contain equity-type investments. If you're 60 years old and need income, your portfolio would contain a sufficient amount of bonds and fixed income investments to provide you income. It's not your age that dictates your portfolio, it's your goals and objectives. That's why this is a great time of year to make sure you know what you're trying to achieve with your portfolio.

Another thing that goes hand in hand with establishing your goals and objectives is establishing your risk tolerance level. Risk tolerance is not based upon age, but upon time and comfort. Every investment has risk. The key is to understand that risk and make sure your portfolio is diversified. Risk is a function of time. The stock market may be risky and volatile if your goals are one year down the road; the market is a lot less risky if you're looking 15-20 years down the road. That is why goals and objectives are so important, because it also helps in establishing your risk tolerance level.

Every investment has risk. When it comes to risk, most people only consider principle fluctuation as risk. but it's not that simple. Even investments like CDs and U.S. treasuries have risks. No, the U.S. government is not going to default on its obligations and, yes, CDs are insured, which means you are going to get your money. The risk in these investments is that the interest rate you receive is extremely low, which means by the time you pay your taxes and factor in the increased cost of living, your investment is actually losing money when it comes to purchasing power. Purchasing power is a risk investors need to consider. I think we can all accept that things are more expensive now than they were 20 years ago and things will be more expensive 10 years from now than they are today. If it costs you \$3,000 a month to live today, I can guarantee that 10 years from now your cost of living will be substantially higher. If your investments don't reflect that reality, you may find that down the road you have the same amount of money - but it buys substantially less

As we enter 2018, before we review our individual investments, it is important to first review our overall strategy and what we're trying to achieve with our money. Investing is sort of like planning a vacation. When we plan a vacation, we don't pack first and then decide where we want to go. Instead, we decide where we want to go and what we're going to do, then we pack accordingly. The same thing applies to your investments. Before you go out and buy investments, you first have to know what your goals and objectives are. Good luck!

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### **AREA EVENTS**

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### Livonia Republican **Club meeting**

The Livonia Republican Club will host guest speakers Klint Kesto, candidate for Congress, and state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, candidate for governor, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Livonia Victory Center, 33462 W. Seven Mile Road.

Coffee, tea and light snacks will be provided. There is no charge and all are welcome.

### Westland MLK celebration

Huel Perkins, lead anchor at WJBK-TV (Channel 2), will deliver the kevnote address at the city of Westland's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ceremony on Monday, Jan. 15. Participants are asked to gather at Westland City Hall, 36300

Sacred Heart Byzan-Catholic Church. tine 29125 Six Mile Rd., Livonia will host a class on the basics of the ancient Greek language from 10:30 a.m. to noon each Saturday, Jan. 13 to March

The class will cover the basics of the ancient Greek language used in the Septuagint and New Testament, including the Greek alphabet, pronunciation, accents, nouns, prodefinite articles, nouns, present tense verbs, adjectives and prepositional phrases. Cost is \$24 for the textbook "A Primer of Biblical Greek" by N. Clayton Croy. Students must preregister to ensure the correct number of textbooks are ordered.

Contact the Rev. Joseph Marguis at 734-522-3166 for more information and to register.

### **Classes at St. Michael**

St. Michael's, 11441 Hubbard Road, in Livonia will present several classes. For more information, contact the parish office at 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to www.livoniastmichael.org.

7 p.m. the second Friday of each month. The next PPW will be held Jan. 12 and will include Eucharistic Adoration, confidential prayer teams and communal intercessory prayer.

**Revelation** Bible >> Study continues 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the school cafeteria. The series is taught by Michigan Catholic columnist Gary Michuta.

#### Livonia's 100 Days to Health

Registration in underway for Livonia's 100 Days to Health 2018 at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The community-wide event, which benefits the entire family for the first 100 days of 2018, is presented by Mercy Elite and sponsored in part by Vibe Credit Union, Dick's Sporting Goods, Jimmy John's, Nestle Water, Sport and Spine Performance Institute, Time to

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gether women for social interaction, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December, when it's the second

25 will be speaker Barbara McQuade, former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. Call Vicki at 734-591-3254 for more information.

The program for Jan.

**Recycle your Christmas tree** 

Westland residents can drop off their Christmas tree at the recycling center at the DPS building, located at 37137 Marquette, during regular operating hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday through Jan. 19. Trees should be free of decorations.

As part of the city's Mission: Green initiative, all trees received will be chipped and recycled for use at the city

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cations.

You can also put your Christmas trees at the curb the day of your trash pickup through Jan. 15, but trees taken to the curb will not be recycled. For more information, call 734-728-1770.

» On Monday, Jan. 15, all city offices will be closed in observance of MLK Day. This includes the 18th District Court and the Westland Public Library. Trash and recycling pickup will not b

The Livonia Town Hall announces the speakers for its 54th season:

Jan. 17. Chuck Underwood is one of the researchers who did a comprehensive study in the field of generational dynamics and strategies. He is the creator and host of the National-television PBS series which presents life stories of the Silent Boomer, Gen X, and Millennial generations from each era and what the future holds in store for them.

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March 21. Elliot Engel, an American author, writer, scholar, lecturer, and playwright will narrate the stories of Cornelius Vanderbilt family from the 18th century to Gloria Vanderbilt and her designer jeans.

For more information, call 734-466-2912 or go to www.livoniaparks.org. **Livonia Town Hall** Thursday).

Warren Road, beginning at 8:30 a.m. From there, participants will be shuttled to the Westland Public Library for the Freedom Walk, which will begin at 9 a.m. The Freedom Walk will symbolize all of those who marched with Dr. King over 50 years ago.

The short walk will end at Westland City Hall. City hall doors will open beginning at 8 a.m. The ceremony, which begins at 10 a.m., will include messages from Mayor William Wild and other state and local elected officials. Light refreshments will be provided by the Westland Police Community Partnership Committee.

### **Livonia Historical** Society program

The Livonia Historical Society will present a Power Point program on "Aviation Pioneers: They Put America in the Air" at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, given by Russ Dor'e, historical speaker. There is no admission fee.

The program is at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, Livonia's Historical Park, off Newburgh Road, just South of Eight Mile Road. The parking lot is to the right as you enter and in front of the house. For more information, call Barbara Mansfield at 734-464-0450.

**Biblical Greek class** 

"Calling Them >> Home," for all parents, grandparents, siblings and others who are interested in helping loved ones find their way home to the church in which they were raised. Fourweek series meeting each Wednesday, through Jan. 31, in the cafeteria.

» Praise, Prayer and Worship services are held

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The program offers the opportunity to participate in a range of activities, including exercise classes for all ages, nutrition and wellness seminars, rock climbing, free Friday workouts, open swim and more. Additionally, adults can take part in the 100 Day Weight Loss Fitness Challenge. Register for the challenge and be eligible for monthly prizes. Last year's participants lost a total of 578 pounds,

season which includes lunch and lecture or \$180 for priority seating. Single seats are available for \$55. Programs are held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. Call 734-751-1898 for tickets between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### **Livonia Towne Club** meetings

Livonia Towne Club, a nonprofit women's organization that brings to-



### Martin J. Kennedy

LIVONIA - Martin J. Kennedy Age 81, December 31, 2017, of Livonia. Beloved husband of Annette (nee Bozek). Loving father of Martin "M.J.", Karin (Loren) Hoffmann and Melissa Piotrowski. Dearest Pa of Rebeccah and Leah. Dear brother in law of Denise Rosenbaum. Uncle of David and Eric. A Private Service will be held. Memorials may be directed to the Lustgarten Foundation (Pancreatic Cancer Research, www.lustgarten. org). Please share a memory of Martin at www.cremationmichi gan.com.

of Westland Communiaffected by the holiday.

### **Raymond Custer**

DALE, PA - Raymond Elmer Custer, Age 94, passed away January 4, 2018. He was born in Dale, PA to Elmer and Helen Custer and later married Eugenia L. Wallace. Raymond was a POW in WWII then worked as an electrical engineer for Lockheed Martin at NASA.

Loving father of Gregg (Debbie) and the late Jay (Cathy), proud grandfather of 6, and beloved great grandfather of seven.

A burial will take place on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 11am at Grandview Cemetery in Johnstown, PA.



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# PREP FOOTBALL Harrison's Thorne named to hall Defensive coordinator

seventh Hawks football coach to receive lofty honor

### **Marty Budner**

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Dave Thorne had an inkling last month while in Europe. But it wasn't until returning to Detroit that Farmington Hills Harrison's defensive coordinator officially learned he's destined for a spot in the Michigan High School Football Coach's Association Hall of Fame. "It was funny. John Herrington, Jon Herstein and I got asked to speak in that American Football Federation Clinic in Germany and I was actually there when I got the call about it," Thorne said. "It was the first time I had ever been in Europe, but I didn't use my phone over there. I got a voice message and the area code was from Holland (Michigan).

"Herrington kept telling me, because he and I did a lot of stuff together while we there, that that's where Jack Carlson (the MHSFCA's historian, who notifies the inductees) lives and that has to be

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Farmington Harrison's longtime defensive coordinator Dave Thorne (center) is headed to the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. DAN DEAN

### BOYS BASKETBALL

# Thurston defense turns over Pats

Berry leads way with 21 points for Eagles

### **Brad Emons**

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Redford Thurston proved Friday that good defense can parlay itself into good offense.

The Eagles, who overcame a 27-24 halftime deficit, buzzed in-andaround Franklin's backcourt all night long and it resulted in a convincing 74-50 non-conference boys basketball victory.

"We finally got into our full court," said Thurston coach Brian Bates, whose team improved to 5-2 overall. "Tried to get into it the first half. We tried different defenses and, finally, we said let's go full court, man, and just go play like you can play. We got some pressure on them and made them play faster than they wanted to play. The whole goal tonight was just to make them play faster than they wanted to play."

# **TINY POWERHOUSE**



Senior Karlos Berry was the second-half catalyst, scoring 19 of his team-high 21 points as the Eagles outscored Franklin, 50-23.

Berry's steal and layup with 6:07 left in the third quarter tied the game at 32-32 and Matteo Maisano's 3pointer just 30 seconds later put Thurston ahead for good, 35-32.

And from there, the rout was on.

"The first half, we didn't get a good warm-up," Berry said. "So the second half, we were just talking to each other, like, 'We've got to pick it up, pick it up and get better.' I missed a lot of shots

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Thurston's Karlos Berry takes to the air. Franklin's Roger Carpenter (left) and Matthew Elrod watch the show. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Camree Clegg is all smiles about getting a full-ride scholarship to play women's basketball at Clemson University. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Wayne's Clegg short in size, but huge in stature on and off the court

### **Tim Smith**

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Although Camree Clegg is only 5foot-5, the Wayne Memorial senior point guard already is a big-time talent who inspires a nickname befitting Marvel Comics.

Who else could own and completely justify the wild nickname Zebras coach Jarvis Mitchell slapped on her — "The Beast That Swallowed Tokyo"?

And Clegg could enjoy some big success the rest of her high school career, including potentially being named Miss Basketball and helping

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Miss Basketball contender Camree Clegg is one of the smaller players on the team, but you would never know it by watching her performance on the basketball court. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### BOYS SWIMMING

# Northville sweeps own quad meet

Mustangs defeat South Lyon Unified, Canton and Plymouth

### **Brad Emons**

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Despite a 7-0 start to the season, Northville boys swimming and diving coach Rich Bennetts isn't doing any cartwheels just quite yet. On Saturday, the host Mustangs swept all three opponents to win a quad meet against South Lyon Unified (113-73), Canton (120-66) and Plymouth (153-30), but Bennetts was less than enthused.

"Horrible start to the meet," he said. "We did bounce back after the 100 butterfly, but our performance in the first six events was just terrible. Clearly, we were not ready to go. I was OK with the second half of the meet, but if we want to be any good at all, we can not start out like that."

Northville captured six of the 12 events, led by double-winner Travis

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# **BOYS HOCKEY** Northville holds off Churchill for 3-2 win

Senior captain Sargent tallies goal and assist in KLAA crossover game

### **Brad Emons**

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Northville's hockey team wanted to start 2018 like it ended 2017 - with a victory.

The state-ranked Mustangs, coming off a big 3-1 road win Dec. 20 over defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Brighton, made it two straight Jan. 3 at Edgar Arena with a 3-2 triumph over host Livonia Churchill.

Fourth-year senior defenseman and captain Jack Sargent, a Dream Team all-stater a year ago, figured prominently in the win with a goal and assist as Northville, ranked No. 6 in Division 1, improved to 7-3 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA Gold Division.

Northville started the season 3-0, but then went 2-3 in its next five before snapping a two-game losing skid with the victory over Brighton at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

The Mustangs, who only had two practices during the 13-day holiday break, hoped to use the Brighton victory as a springboard for the rest of the season.

"Beating Brighton is huge," Sargent said. "And I think the special thing with this team is that everyone is really close. We don't really have groups on the team. I think our first three losses against pretty good teams were because nobody really cared that much about losing. And I feel for the Brighton game, that a lot of us dug deep and realized we've got to win one or we're not going to have a chance at the (KLAA Gold) division. Going into the new year, we're kind of on fire now and the fire is building."

Sargent scored unassisted just 39 seconds into the game, going end to end to beat Churchill goalie Chris Sergison, who finished the night with 29 saves.

"He's a leader and such a cerebral player, so smart and strong in three zones," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "You saw the goal tonight. He's able to go coast-to-coast. It's going to tough to replace a guy like



Churchill's Willis Wuebben (left) and Northville's Brendan Lovett get tangled up trying to get to the puck. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

that after four years."

Northville senior forward Alex Garbacik then made it 2-0 at the 4:11 mark of the same period on another unassisted goal.

'It was big getting out and getting those two goals," Robert said. "We're a little short-handed right now. We were down to nine forwards for tonight's game, so we knew we kind of had to get off to a good start and try and hang on."

After being outshot 11-4 in the opening period, Churchill (6-4, 3-3 KLAA Black) settled in and got a power-play goal from Josh Friend at 6:51 of the second, with Seth Kucharczyk and Conor Burnette drawing assists.

"We always try to reiterate to these guys to start on time," Churchill coach Jason Reynolds said of his team's 2-0 first-period deficit. "It's one of our big mantras, especially against top teams. Unfortunately, it's stung us in the past. You can't give too much time and space to somebody like Jack Sargent and expect things to go well when you give him time to shoot the puck. That was a tough go."

At 1:26 of the final period, Northville Sanuta Gun-

aratne scored what proved to be the game-winner, from Noah Eckerle and Sargent, to make it 3-1.

But Churchill made it a one-goal game again at 9:58, when Burnette scored from Kucharczyk.

The key moment of the final period came when Northville junior goalie Owen Moruzi robbed Churchill's Willis Wuebben from just inside the left circle with a nifty glove save with only 4:13 remaining.

Willis had a great game tonight," Reynolds said of the 6-foot-2 senior defenseman. "He's consistent on the blue line and is very patient with the puck. He seems find opportunities to get pucks to the net. We just, unfortunately, we just couldn't bang home those second and third opportunities."

Sergison was pulled for an extra attacker with just over a minute left, but the Chargers couldn't score the equalizer against Moruzi, who finished with 16 saves.

"I've said all along the strength of our team is our goaltending, both '(Nate Williams) and Owen (Moruzi)," Robert said. "And Owen played great tonight, came up huge when he needed to. We feel real good with our goaltending."

Sargent, meanwhile, has improved his offensive game as he raised his season goal total to eight to go along with seven assists, which is not bad for a defenseman.

"I've really been looking to do that for a while," he said. "For the three years, I really couldn't finish. I don't think I've ever had above 10 goals. I'm trying to finish this year and I've been working a lot on picking corners more and trying to get the goalie moving.

Churchill, ranked No. 6 in Division 3, will play the rest of the season without top point-getter Jordan Venegoni (10 goals, 12 assists), who opted to defect to the junior ranks just before Christmas to Honeybaked, a Midget AAA team.

"I thought we settled in once we got past those two goals," Reynolds said of the early deficit. "It certainly woke us up. Overall, I like how we battled, particularly in the second period. We just couldn't get the bounces we needed couldn't put the puck in when we needed to finish it out."

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## **BOYS HOCKEY** Franklin rallies to edge Berkley in OT

Captains Augustine, Van Vliet carry the load for Patriots

### **Tim Smith**

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Captains seem to lead in different ways for Livonia Franklin's varsity boys hockey team.

Take junior goaltender Will Augustine, a towering figure of a player and one who keeps the conversation flowing with teammates in the locker room and on the

Down Saturday to Berkley at Oak Park Ice Arena, 3-0, it was as though Augustine told the rest of the Patriots, "Don't worry, I'll keep it here until we can star chipping away."



Berkley's Marcus Frankel is parked in front of Livonia Franklin junior goalie Will Augustine. At right for the Patriots is senior defenseman Brandon Webb. TIM SMITH

### Quad

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Nitkiewicz, who swept the 200-yard individual medley (1:57.92) and 100 breaststroke (59.27).

Other individual winners for the Mustangs included Kirk Maibach in the 50 freestyle (22.54) and Trevor DeGroot in the 500 freestyle (4:57.44).

Northville's 200 freestyle relay team of brothers Travis and Jason Nitkiewicz, along with Cameron Heaven and DeGroot, won in 1:31.45.

The Mustangs' 400 freestyle relay team of De-Groot, Jason Nitkiewicz, Heaven and Craig Maibach also placed first (3:22.37), edging Canton's Tristen Shao, Ethan Shimones, Daniel Mullen and Derek Goderis (3:22.75).

"We are back in school Monday so, hopefully, getting back into the routine of school and rest will help pick things up," Bennetts said. "We need to improve in all areas: coaching, swimming, diving ... you name

And one of the team's other captains, senior forward Trevor Van Vliet, grabbed the other end of the leadership reigns - setting up the equalizer with 52 seconds left in the third period and scoring the winning goal in the final minute of overtime, sparking Franklin's 4-3 victory.

"They both have a little bit of different styles of leadership," Franklin head coach Dan Phelps said. "Trevor is more impactful. He's a pretty dynamic player, he does his work on the ice.

Will does a little more in the room, a little more (with) the structure. Trevor, not only with his play, but he corrals the troops on the ice a little more."

### Jolt of confidence

Along with the team's other captains, sophomore forward Jacob Cox and senior forward Jonah Pollack, the quartet is helping teammates bounce back quicker from bouts of doubt. Saturday's comeback lifted Franklin over the .500 mark at 7-6-1.

"It's a huge boost for our confidence," said Van Vliet, the team's leading goal scorer with 15 following the first game of 2018. "We play a lot of the top teams in the state and getting as many wins as we can helps when we play those teams."

But make no mistake, Saturday's victory could not have happened had Augustine not stymied the Bears during a penalty-filled second period. That bought enough time for the Franklin offense to turn things around.

"I was just trying to keep my cool through all the penalties and all the bombardment of shots," Augustine said. "But I knew our team could do it, just keep pushing for them."

Phelps acknowledged how important Augustine's performance was in nabbing the two points.

'He's been used to holding us in games," Phelps said. "We know when Will's on that things are going to happen for us."

Berkley (2-9-0) got off to a fast start when senior forward Will Reaume scored a pair of goals in the first period.

The Bears then cashed in on a four-minute power play, although Augustine made a series of stops that nearly got his team through the mess. With about one minute to go in the second minor, Berkley senior defenseman Liam Fox chipped in a rebound to make it 3-0.

### **Holding the line**

More Franklin penalties followed, but Augustine was up to the task. And the Patriots then got one past Berkley junior goalie Ian Wagner with 13 seconds remaining in the middle period.

Van Vliet broke the ice, with assists going to junior forwards Steven Morris and Dakota Keaton.

With another 17 minutes to go, Phelps reminded his team of the importance of taking the puck "to the house," instead of hanging around the perimeter.

"We told them to go to the net, they went to the net and good things can happen when you get that puck in the paint," Phelps said.

Midway through the third, Augustine flashed his right pad to stone junior forward Marcus Frankel's partial break-in.

Soon thereafter, it was Berkley's turn to have some penalty problems and the reinvigorated Patriots got to within 3-2 just seconds after a power play concluded.

Sophomore defenseman Luke Ores snapped a shot from the left point that eluded Wagner at the 12:03 mark. It was Ores's first varsity goal.

### **Back to even**

Franklin kept the pressure going and, with Augustine pulled for an extra attacker, the Patriots netted the tying goal.

Van Vliet muscled his way along the right halfwall, gained control of the puck and sent it to Cox between the circles. The subsequent one-timer found the back of the net on Wagner's trapper side and Cox flung his arm in celebration.

The overtime was a back-and-forth affair, until Van Vliet turned nothing into something with 35 seconds left. He collected a loose puck, coughed up by Berkley's defense and went hard to the left post and jammed it home.

'(Wagner) was hugging (the post) really hard and I just kept digging," Van Vliet said in describing the goal.

And as soon as the referee extended his arm toward the Berkley net, signaling the winning goal, Augustine flew down the ice from the other end to celebrate.

"It was an amazing feeling," Augustine said. "I skated down there real fast to join them." tsmith@hometownlife.com Twitter: @TimSmith\_Sports

it. We weren't very good today.

Meanwhile, South Lyon finished 2-1 on the day to improve to 4-1 overall as Logan Boals, Max Topping, Max Kempisty and Brandon Bell combined to win the 200 medley relay (1:39.44).

Boals was first in the 100 butterfly (53.45) and 100 backstroke (53.54).

Canton, 1-2 on the day, was led by Mullen, who swept the 100 and 200 freestyles in 49.46 and 1:47.25, respectively. Teammate Tobias Artman-Chance was the 1-meter diving winner (195.15 points).

Plymouth, which finished 0-3, got a sixth from Ethan Byrnes in the 100 freestyle (53.95).

NORTHVILLE QUAD MEET RESULTS Jan. 6 at Northville TEAM SCORES: Northville 113, South Lyon Unified, 73; Northville 120, Canton 66; North-ville, 153, Plymouth, 30; South Lyon 135, Plymouth 45; South Lyon 113, Canton 73; Canton 132, Physical H 67 113, Plymouth 67

### FINAL HEAT RESULTS

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100 freestyle: 1. Mullen (Canton), 49.46; 2. Jacob Grimmer (N'ville), 51.87; 3. Cameron Heaven (N'ville), 51.88.

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Boakstroke: 1. Boals (SLU), 53.54; 2. Shao (Canton), 55.25; 3. Greenlee (N'ville), 56.18.

100 breaststroke: 1. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 59.27; 2. Topping (SLU), 1:04.23; 3. Brian Ding

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South Lyon Unified's Logan Boals figured in three first-place finishes, including the 100-yard butterfly. JOSEPH LEAHY

# **GIRLS BASKETBALL** North Farmington falls to Southfield, 62-36

#### **Marty Budner** hometownlife.com

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North Farmington and Southfield A&T's girls basketball teams are streaking in opposite directions, record-wise.

Head coach Michele Marshall's Warriors dropped four of their first five games, but have since won three straight. The latest was a 62-36 triumph Jan. 4 over host North Farmington after impressive showcase wins over Detroit **Renaissance and Saginaw Arthur Hill in** holiday tournaments.

"We had a tough start with a tough schedule. We've had to get used to playing without the kids we had last year and we've had some injuries," said Jackson, whose team is 4-5 overall. "But we've been playing very good basketball the last two weeks. We finally have every body back and we're playing much better now."

Jeff Simpson's Raiders, on the other hand, won their first six games. However, they have since dropped three straight to stiff competition - Chandler Park Academy in the Bloomfield Hills Showcase, Kalamazoo Central in the Motor City Roundball Showcase and now Southfield A&T in OAA Red Division play.

"We've had three quick teams in a row," Simpson said. "And we're learning each game and tonight was just a bad shooting night. We'll get better.

"I did not think it would go the way it did, but that's what happens when one team makes its shots and the other team struggles to score and we struggled to score tonight. That might have been our worst shooting performance of the year and you have those nights.



Southfield A&T's Cheyene McEvans (left) brings the ball up court against North Farmington defender Kyra King-Ealy. MARTY BUDNER

"You have to give them credit. They made shots that maybe we didn't expect them to knock down and we did not shoot the ball well," he added. "We just have to learn from it, not let it get us too down and just keep getting back after things tomorrow."

### **Raiders take early lead**

At Raiders Arena against A&T, North Farmington got off to a decent start.

Senior center Sam Cherney slammed home a hook shot under the basket for the game's first basket and sophomore Maya Kelly hit a layup off a steal to give the Raiders a quick 4-0 advantage. After Southfield tied the score a 4-4, Cherney connected on a layup to give the Raiders a 6-4 lead.

Southfield then registered 11 straight

points to go up 15-6 and never relinquished the lead.

North Farmington rallied a bit late in the opening quarter and trailed by just four points, 17-13, heading into the second.

But Southfield A&T simply took control with a 23-6 second-quarter offensive explosion. The Warriors put the game away with a resounding 21-2 run which included four treys, four twopoint field goals and one free throw.

The Warriors held a 40-19 halftime lead and were never threatened. They outscored the Raiders by a 22-17 second-half margin.

"One of the things we wanted to do was come in and put some pressure on them," said Marshall, whose team hit seven treys for the game. "We are pretty athletic, so we wanted to pressure the

ball and get some easy baskets. Once you start getting easy baskets, those jump shots fall a lot easier.

'We shot the ball really well and made some threes, but our threes were opened up by our defense and our ability to get some easy baskets in transition," she added.

### **Cherney again leads offense**

Southfield's scoring was dominated by four players who combined for 59 of the 62 points. Cheyene McEvans led the way with 18 points, followed by Alexis Johnson (16), Shawna Manning (14) and D'Layna Holliman (11).

North Farmington was led again by Cherney, who tallied another doubledouble with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Kelly contributed nine points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore wing Molly Simpson added four points.

"Sam has had a good season so far. She's averaging a double-double in points and rebounds so, obviously, and we played against her last year, so we knew the things they were going to try and do would go through her," Marshall said. "So Alexis Johnson, our starting post and leading scorer and rebounder, and Rhyea Williams, our freshman, did a good job of guarding her."

Simpson knows the opposition is going to key on defending Cherney hard all season

"Most teams in our league are going to keep an eye on Sam and other kids are going to have to make shots," Simpson said. "Unfortunately, the kids who had been making shots just didn't make them tonight and that happens. We have to just keep working at it."

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## Thurston

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that first half and my teammates kept picking me up. They kept telling me to play (defense) to get into the offense. We came out with a defensive mindset. That just led to offense and easy buckets for us.'

The Patriots (3-3) had trouble taking care of the basketball, committing a total of 31 turnovers.

"It's 100 percent the issue, the turnovers," first-year Franklin coach T.J. Hurley said. "And it really picked up in the third quarter. You could see in the first half we were doing all right with it. We'd start to pull away, then lose the 10-point lead because of those turnovers and this time we weren't able to regroup and get verything in motion those guards on Thurston, who really

pressured us. I really didn't do a good job for our guards to handle it."

Franklin opened up a 10-point first quarter lead, but it quickly evaporated by halftime when the Patriots took an illadvised quick 3-point shot on their last possession, leading to a basket by Thurston's Hakim Salaam with only one second remaining to make it 27-24.

Thurston outscored Franklin 27-14 in the third quarter to go ahead 51-41.

Berry then scored six straight points to open the final quarter and that was it. "He's our quarterback on the floor,"

Bates said. "He's our point guard. He does a great job. I've got nine seniors. They did well as sophomores. They like each other a lot. They communicate, talk to each other and help the younger kids out. Obviously, we played well tonight. The whole season, I've enjoyed coaching these kids."

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Jamar Boyd contributed seven apiece for the Eagles, who shot 19-of-31 from the floor in the second half (61.2 percent) after going 9-of-27 in the first half (33 percent).

But it was defense that led to offense in Berry's eyes.

"That's what we focus on in practice," he said. "Coach (Bates) forces us to play (defense), so when the time comes to play (defense), we've got to do it. We've got to lock down and, even if we're tired, we can't let down. We've got a deep bench and a lot of young guys, so they help us a lot, too."

Franklin's 6-foot-9 senior center Mark Mettie, despite picking up two quick fouls in the first half which sent him to the bench, finished with a game-high 24 points on 6-of-10 shooting from the floor. Roger Carpenter came off the bench to contribute 10 points.

"One hundred percent, we have some scoring with Mark, but the problem is we couldn't get the ball up the floor to get it to him," Hurley said of the Madonna University signee, who also registered three blocks. "I know that's frustrating for him and frustrating for all of us, but when he did have the ball, he was extremely efficient today. But I don't know how many times he touched the ball in the second half. It clearly wasn't enough.'

Thurston, meanwhile, finished with 15 turnovers, a number a little too high to Bates's liking. But the offense did click over the final 16 minutes.

"We talked about at halftime getting some kickouts off our penetration," he said. "We started doing that a little bit and moving the ball. We're getting better at it. We just have to continue to get better at moving the ball, not stalling the offense out and going one-on-one.'

ed nine points, while Malik Walker and battle (8-5), but lost the war.

The Patriots won the 3-point shooting

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# Thorne

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him. He kept saying, 'I think that must be Jack and I think you got into the Hall of Fame' and he was all excited about it.

"Actually, on the way back from the airport, when we landed in Metro on Dec. 9. I called Jack back and he told me on the phone," he added. "And it was pretty cool."

Thorne is one of 14 coaches in the MHSFCA's Hall of Fame Class of 2018. He is the seventh Farmington Hills Harrison football coach to become a member of that esteemed group.

That list is headed by Herrington (1986 inductee), the only head coach in program history who became the state's all-time winningest coach last fall. The other Hawks coaches in the hall include Bob Sutter (1990), Bob Sallow (1993), John Witkowski (1996), Jim Weston (1999), Ron Brown (2006) and, now, Thorne.

"I never really thought about (going into the Hall of Fame) as a goal, but it sure is truly an honor for me," Thorne said. "I mean, working with the guys I've worked with ... Herrington, Sutter, Brown, Witkowski and Weston ... they are all in the Hall of Fame and it makes me very happy to be in the Hall of Fame with the guys I've coached with all those years.

"Herrington had nominated me for it a few years back and I'm sure there are a lot of other guys who had been coaching longer than I have," he added. "So it's quite an honor to be selected."

### A proud head coach

Herrington couldn't be happier for

his longtime assistant. And since Herrington takes over as the MHSFCA president Jan. 17, he will serve as master of ceremonies at the induction ceremony, scheduled for March 10 at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West.

"I'm very proud of him. He's the sixth (assistant) coach from our school to go in and I think that's more than any other school in the state," Herrington said. "He definitely deserved it. I think he's one of the best defensive coordinators in the state, without a doubt. He's very innovative and he's done a lot of things.

"I thought maybe he would have gone in sooner than this, but this year is perfect timing," he added. "I'm going to be president of the association and I'll actually be kind of the master of ceremonies for the night and I will get to see him go in. It's going to be a great night."

Thorne is a Harrison lifer.

A 1975 Harrison graduate, Thorne was a three-year varsity player for Herrington as a running back and defensive back. In his senior season in 1974, Thorne helped lead the Hawks to an 8-1 record while amassing more than 1,000 vards rushing.

Thorne then went on to play football at Wayne State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in special education and later a master's degree in sports administration.

He began his coaching career in 1980 at Livonia Stevenson, where he served a junior varsity coach for two years before heading to North Farmington in 1983. He spent five years with the Raiders as a JV/varsity assistant before taking a nine-year coaching hiatus to help raise and tend to his family.

In 1998, Herrington asked Thorne, who was teaching at Harrison, to help with the football program. Thorne has been with the Hawks ever since, moving up the coaching ladder from JV assistant, to varsity line/defensive backs to varsity defensive coordinator - a position he's held since 2007.

"I was so happy to work in one school district for 31 years, to teach special ed, which I wanted to do, and coach. It is a neat feeling," said Thorne, who also coached track and field for the Hawks. "It doesn't happen much anymore when you can teach in one school district for that many years. It was just fantastic and I don't think I'd do anything different. It was a great time.

"Somebody once asked me if I wanted to be a head coach and I said, 'No, not really," he said. "I just enjoyed doing what I did and enjoyed my place at Harrison. You find your niche; you find your place and it's been great working with the guys that I've had the privilege of working with who have been great mentors for me."

### **Capping a tremendous year**

The Hall of Fame honor caps a tremendous year for Thorne and the Hawks football program.

Harrison, in its second-to-last year, as the school is closing, earned a share of the Oakland Activities Association White Division championship. The Hawks then followed that excellent regular season with an exciting postseason.

Harrison won district and regional championships, earned a semifinal victory and advanced to the Division 3 state championship, where it lost to a superior Muskegon squad. The Hawks finished with a 10-4 record.

"It was a special year, although it was really tough because of distractions," said Thorne, whose team successfully dealt with all the media coverage deal-



Harrison defensive coordinator Dave Thorne, who also played football for the Hawks, gives the 2017 squad a pep talk prior to a game. DAN DEAN

ing with Herrington setting the state record for most career coaching victories. "But it was great, with Herrington's leadership and the coaches coming together just trying to focus on one game at a time.

'We made it to to state finals and it was a tremendous year. The kids put in a tremendous amount of work, as did the coaches. I don't think people, other than the wives, know all the time that coaches put in. That's our system and we just do it.

"I guess that's one of the things I've learned the most," he added. "You have to stick with the system and you got stick with it and stick with it and get kids to buy into it and believe in what you're trying to teach them and it's pretty cool to see the kids respond."

Thorne stuck with the program and his reward is now the Hall of Fame. mbudner@hometownlife.com

# Clegg

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lead her team to a long postseason run, before taking her hoop skills and 4.5 grade-point average to Division I Clemson University.

Dare we say, a major force of nature is headed to South Carolina? Clegg recently signed her national letter of intent to play at Clemson, in the top-drawer Atlantic Coast Conference.

"Man, one day we were all in the gym," the 17-year-old Clegg said, recalling when her nickname was coined. "And (Mitchell) said, 'Yo, The Seast That Swallowed Tokyo!' I'm, like, 'Where did you come up with that?' It's just kind of stuck since then.

"In my opinion, it kind of comes from the Godzilla-type of thing. He thinks I'm really small, but I have a really big heart and play bigger than what I am. I think it fits."

### Odds in her favor

A couple of years later, the high-energy, likeable Mitchell isn't taking it back, either.

"Everyone knows Godzilla's thing was he destroyed everything that came in his way," Mitchell said, adding with a laugh that "so you look at her body, not a beast at all.

"We have fun with it but, honestly, she destroys anything that comes in her way. I've coached her over 200 games and I can probably think of once or twice that the other point guard got the best of her. Other than that, I feel that's a match-up I'm going to win 99.999 percent of the time."

That could mean plenty of trouble for other Kensington Lakes Activities Association teams during 2017-18, not to mention opponents the Zebras hope to meet — and vanquish — in the state tourney.

For Mitchell, Clegg, junior standout Jeanae Terry and the rest of the team, there remains unfinished business from last winter. A season ago, when Clegg averaged 27 points and eight assists, Wayne Memorial cruised through the regular season and district before hitting the wall in regional.

"Losing in the regionals was heartbreaking," Mitchell said. "Any team that misses 17 layups, 11 free throws and turns the ball over 18 times, it's tough to



Wayne Memorial junior Jeanae Terry (left) guards Camree Clegg during a recent practice. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

win, I don't care who you're playing against.

"So when a game comes down to those numbers, it leaves a bad taste in your mouth ... girls felt like we let it slip away."

### Lesson learned

Clegg noted that the crushing defeat taught her and the rest of the Zebras something important.

And since the team captain is an exemplary student, taking Advanced Placement courses, it's pretty certain she retained the entire lesson.

"I learned that you can't take any game for granted," Clegg said. "Any game could be your last, so you got to play every game like it is your last. But this team, we're definitely better. I think we can definitely go farther than we did last year."

The Zebras could really earn their basketball stripes in Clegg's third and final season there.

### The right move

But she and Mitchell both shake their

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heads in amazement when they look back on Clegg's decision to transfer from Detroit Country Day in Beverly Hills after her freshman season. (Clegg did see action in a few games at Country Day in 2014-15.)

Who knows how things might have turned out at Wayne Memorial had Clegg merely stayed put with the Yellowjackets — a storied program and magnet for college basketball scouts to find talent?

"Yeah, 110 percent I did the right thing," Clegg said. "At the time, I was going back and forth: 'Do I really want to leave? Should I go? This is a big leap of faith.'

"But I trusted myself and I trusted in what Jarvis was doing and it ended up being one of the best decisions I ever made."

Mitchell, however, acknowledged that staying at private school Country Day would have been an "absolute slamdunk" for Clegg's quest to land a college opportunity.

On the flip side, Wayne Memorial went 0-21 in 2014-15 and the future was filled with questions.

### **Getting noticed**

Enter Clegg, convinced by Mitchell that she'd have a better chance to develop and get noticed playing for his team.

"Camree lives down the street; she lives two blocks from here," Mitchell said. "I'm not sure about the financial situation, but that plays a part, too.

"And then you have to drive for an hour and a half to drive to Country Day, in the snow and things of that nature."

It helped that Clegg had a mentor in



Showing her skills during a Wayne Memorial practice is senior point guard Camree Clegg. Her prep career skyrocketed after transferring from Detroit Country Day in 2015. BILL BRESLER I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### THE CAMREE CLEGG FILE

**Who:** Camree Clegg, 17, senior point guard for Wayne Memorial's varsity girls basketball team.

What: The 5-5 Clegg is a strong candidate to win Miss Basketball and recently received a full-ride scholarship to play women's basketball at Clemson University.

Gamble pays off: After her freshman season, Clegg transferred from Detroit Country Day in Beverly Hills to Wayne Memorial. The move turned out to be the right one, as Clegg has gained skills, poise and confidence under the guidance of coach Jarvis Mitchell.

**Miscelleneous:** Clegg, whose parents are Boston and Felicia Clegg of Wayne, carries an exemplary 4.5 grade-point average. She is taking Advanced Placement courses this year.

### self accountable, even when it really wasn't her fault."

Which is why Mitchell has no doubt Clegg will keep grinding it out physically and mentally in order to succeed at Clemson.

### **Better get ready**

"She's going to the ACC," he said. "The ACC is one of the best, if not *the* best, college conferences for (women's) basketball. So as much as it's an honor, you're also going to have your boots strapped tight. Because it's not going to be easy."

Clegg said waiting for the Clemson offer proved to be another winning move, the same way transferring to Wayne Memorial turned out to be.

"That was my 11th or 12th offer," Clegg said. "I went down there (Clemson) and

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Mitchell, who beginning that spring started coaching her with his Amateur Athletic Union basketball team.

"He believed in me," Clegg said. "So it was an easy move for me. But all credit to (the Yellowjackets), they're a great program, they have a great coach (Frank) Orlando. I just saw myself better here. I think I had a better opportunity here."

### Smart and sensible

In the time since her transfer to Wayne Memorial, Clegg has grown considerably, as a basketball player and allaround person.

"Camree is probably the most likeable kid, ever, because of her personality," Mitchell said. "She's so smart, the kid has a 4.0 with a 1,200 SAT. She's very compassionate, she loves her teammates.

"She has a car now, so she picks them up, she takes them food. She kind of serves like an assistant coach sometimes. We went to team camp this year (in Fort Wayne, Ind.) and she helped drive. Teenagers are gung ho about driving anyway ... she's becoming a pillar in the community."

Clegg, whose parents are Boston and Felicia Clegg, is all about accountability, too. That is something that amazes Mitchell, who serves as a father figure on the basketball side of things, having played point guard at the collegiate and professional levels (the latter in Latvia).

"I'm able to tell her that this is what's expected," Mitchell said. "When any of my players get to college, they won't be blindsided by anything."

She leads stretching exercises before a Zebras practice, sitting in the center and giving out instructions to the rest of the team. She gets after it on the basketball court during workouts and games, but isn't afraid to blame herself if something backfires.

"Camree is a vocal leader. She'll get her teammates in line," Mitchell said. "And then she'll come up to me and say, 'Hey coach, I messed up.' She'll hold herit was just everything. Anything I thought I wanted in a college, they had, the family atmosphere, in the South.

"And my former AAU teammate and former Country Day teammate Tylar Bennett goes there. I'll always have somebody down there if I ever get homesick. And the coaches are great. It was just a perfect fit for me."

Yet there remains some more goals to surpass at Wayne Memorial in 2017-18, a season that began in karma-like fashion for Clegg with a game-winning triple to defeat — of course — Detroit Country Day in the opening game.

"She started off with 41 points against Country Day and hit the gamewinning three; it was amazing," Mitchell said. "If you draw up a story, that would be the best-seller. Because it was a dream come true. It was something she envisioned a long time ago and she seized the moment."

### **Double bonus?**

Doing everything in her Godzilla-like power to help the Zebras win a championship is another dream Clegg wants to fulfill. If that were to happen, perhaps there would be a Miss Basketball trophy in her future.

That award will be presented in March by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan and Detroit Free Press. Other early contenders include Novi's Ellie Mackay and two players from the Yellowjackets — Maxine Moore and Kaela Webb.

"Team comes first before me," Clegg said when asked about the possibility of winning the prestigious award. "I just want everybody to get better. I want us to compete every night."

With Camree Clegg taking the wheel of the Wayne Memorial basketball bus, that's a given. When that's over and done with, it's on to Clemson.

Look out South Carolina, here she comes.

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**01-18-0006** Motion by Rhaesa, seconded by Webster and unanimously carried, was resolved to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2017-07 amendments to Chapter 678 Minors in Possession.

#### CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2017-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 678 OF THE WAYNE CITY CODE CONCERNING MINORS IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL

Section 1. That Chapter 678 of the Wayne City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

The full ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office.

Section 2. 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 3. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 4. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Adopted:January 3, 2018Published:January 11, 2018Effective:January 13, 2018

Matthew Miller City Clerk

#### Published: January 11, 2018

**01-18-0007** Motion by Webster, seconded by Rhaesa and unanimously carried, was resolved to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2017-08 amendments to Chapter 211 Emergency Services Reimbursement.

### CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2017-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 211 TO THE WAYNE CITY CODE CONCERNING EMERGENCY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT

<u>Section 1</u>. That Chapter 211, of the Wayne City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

The full ordinance is at the City Clerk's Office.

<u>Section 2</u>. <u>Severability</u>. 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.

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