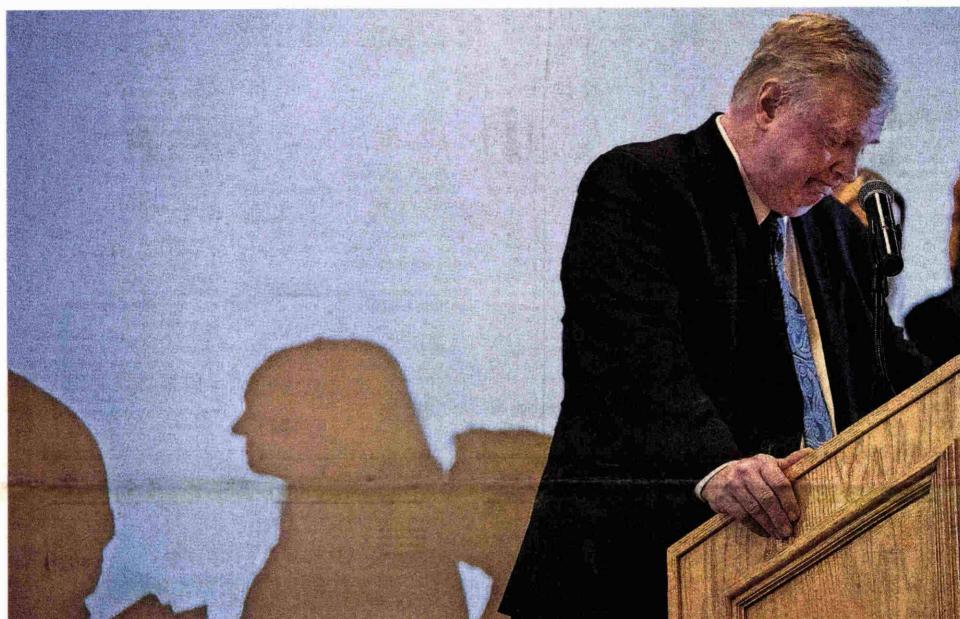


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Too close to home



Clarenceville Superintendent Paul Shepich asks for a moment of silence for the 17 victims of a Florida high school shooting. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Even when they're far away, tragedies like Parkland tug at local fears

Brad Kadrich

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Jennifer Bennett feels like a conversation with her students is necessary when there's a tragedy like the school shooting that happened last week in Parkland, Fla.

Bennett, a social studies teacher at Plymouth High School, spent most of the class time in all five of her social studies classes Feb. 15 - in the wake of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where the 17-yearold suspect killed 17 people - trying to help her students make sense of yet another tragedy.

She figures this is at least the 10th time she's had to have this conversation with her students -and she's tired of having them.

"My immediate response is an obligation to communicate with my students to help them better understand why these events occur," said Bennett, who has taught in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district for 13 years. "I spent 35-40 minutes in each of my classes answering questions, allowing them to have a voice and talk about their concerns.

"It's one of those teachable situations that supersedes anything we're going to do," she added. "I tell them, 'I can't do what I need to do today because this is too important."

Call to action

Clarenceville School District Superintendent Paul Shepich couldn't agree See PARKLAND, Page 6A

more and he's calling on local leaders to stand up and take the lead on doing something about it.

Shepich gave an impassioned speech Feb. 15 at the Livonia Leadership and Awards Banquet before handing out the Teacher of the Year awards for the small district that covers parts of Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford.

He called on all community leaders in the room to stand up and work to correct the issue across the U.S., after leading a

St. Mary School in Wayne closing in June

David Veselenak

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Add one more area Catholic school that will close its doors at the end of the school year in June.

St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., in Wayne announced in a letter to parents this past week it would close at the end of the academic year.

The school, which has operated since 1925, cited a decline in enrollment and budgetary issues as the reasons behind the announced closure by the Archdiocese of Detroit. A letter was sent to parents Friday from the school and was

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St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne. The K-8 school, which has operated since 1925, announced it would close at the end of this school year. The church will remain open. FILE PHOTO

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Mary, Abraham Lincoln visit Valentine's Day tea

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First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln was joined by President Abraham Lincoln for a visit to Westland's Historic Village Park.

The occasion was a Valentine's Day tea at the Octagon House. Mary Todd Lincoln (Tina Hadley Woolum) spoke about her courtship and marriage to Lincoln, along with their eventual move to the White House.

Abraham Lincoln added some comments and played a trivia contest with tea guests to give away some extra raffle tickets - in case it comes up again, he didn't have a middle name.

The room was decorated for the day and a full tea was catered by Victoria's Tea Salon. That included sandwiches, cream scones with clotted and lemon curd, desserts and, of course, tea served in china pots, cups and saucers.

The tea has become an annual event and fundraiser for the Westland Historic Society and the Historic Village Park, located on Wayne Road, just south of Marguette.

Now that the holidays are over and everyone is back to work and the kids are back in school, community mem-



Abraham Lincoln (Ron Carley) joined Mary Todd Lincoln (Tina Hadley Woolum) for a recent Valentine's Day tea at the Westland Historic Village Park.

bers are being sought to fill slots on the Westland Historical Commission, as well as the Westland Historical Society.



The Octagon House at Westland's Historic Village Park was all hearts and flowers for the Valentine's Day tea.

The Westland Historical Commission is open to any city resident and is an appointed position through the mayor's office. Commissioners are responsible for the running of the Westland Historic Village. That includes conducting tours, helping with research, facilitating events - sponsored by the commission or by others - and general upkeep such as cleaning and minor maintenance of

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The Westland Historical Commission works with the Westland Historical Society to raise money for different projects on the museum grounds. The commission also works within the Westland Parks and Recreation Department to bring awareness to the community about where Westland came from -Nankin and Bucklin townships before the city incorporated.

Anyone interested in serving on the Westland Historical Commission can stop by the Historic Village Park any Saturday it's open and talk with one of the commissioners or contact the mayor's office. Membership in the historical society only requires a membership.

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Intro to Excel

When: 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26 Details: An introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010. The class covers basic terminology, formatting cells and creating lists. Basic computer knowledge and familiarity with Microsoft Word is necessary. It is required to know how to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

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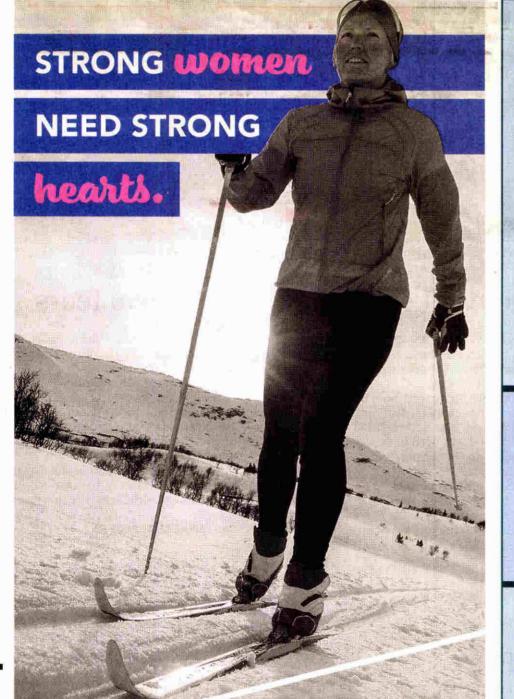
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Writers Club

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26 Details: Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Looking to get back into writing, but could some support and/or exercises? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Writers Club. Just bring anything that you're working or come to receive Cheryl's set of monthly prompts. Refreshments provided. No sign-up required.

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Distinguished Women to hold scholarship competition

The Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland will be holding its 51st annual scholarship program at 7 p.m. Friday, March 9, at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth Street. Fourteen contestants from Wayne, Westland and Inkster will compete for thousands of dollars in college scholarships and the chance to represent those communities at local events and at the state finals in July in Canton. The scholarship program is based on academic scholastics, leadership, physical fitness and talent.

Competing this year are Rebecca Foster, Kiara Steward, Leah Kennedy, Michelle Ferrell, Astou Dia, Chevenne Herren, Kayla Myles, Shamiya Carter, Fatima Herrera, Omowunmi Ayangbayi, Alana Broadnax, Jade Elder, Alanha Rudd and Nyah Phillips.

Contestants will perform an opening number and compete in a performing arts talent routine, a physical fitness routine and self-expression. Contestants are also evaluated based on academic scholastics and interview. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any participant or the night of the show. All proceeds go toward scholarship awards.

"This is an amazing group of smart and talented young women and we are excited to have them showcase their talents at our 51st annual scholarship program," said Lauren Reed, co-director. "We invite the public to come and support these accomplished young women."

The Wayne-Westland local program is part of the Distinguished Young Women of America, the largest and oldest scholarship program for high school juniors in the country. Since it first began in 1958, more than \$106 million in cash college scholarships has been awarded, along with \$1.1 billion in college granted scholarships. The mission of Distinguished Young Women is to positively impact the lives of young women by providing a transformative experience that promotes and rewards scholarship, leadership and talent

For more information, go to www.distinguishedyw.org or email wavnewestland@distinguishedyw.org.

Police seek driver they say injured bicyclist

David Veselenak hometownlife.com

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Westland police hope members of the public are able to lead them in the right direction of a hit-and-run suspect that injured a bicyclist on Super Bowl Sunday.

Police say a bicyclist was riding at about 11:30 p.m. Feb. 4 southbound along Newburgh, near Marquette, when he was struck by a vehicle behind him.

Police say the vehicle did not stop and fled the scene, traveling southbound on Newburgh. The bicyclist suffered several injuries, police said, including a broken leg and back.

It's believed the vehicle that struck the cyclist was a 2008 or later black Lincoln MKZ, according to evidence left at the scene. The vehicle is expected to have damage to the front bumper on the passenger side and may be missing a chrome-colored passenger side mirror.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Westland police at 734-722-9633.

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Westland police say a vehicle that looks similar to this one may have struck a bicyclist riding the evening of Feb. 4 near Newburgh and Marguette. WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

St. Mary

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provided by the archdiocese.

"The parish carries a debt of almost \$5 million, much of which dates back over many years," wrote Bishop Walter Hurley, an administrator at the school. "It has become clear with the data available that it is not responsible to accept registrations for the 2018-19 school year. Without a continued, substantial infusion of outside resources, the school is simply unable to open its doors."

The letter from Hurley indicates enrollment at the K-8 school is 122 for the current school year. That's down from 157 students in the 2016-17 school year and 243 in the 2010-11 school year. Several grades, including kindergarten, first

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and sixth, have fewer than 10 students enrolled.

The school projects it would only have between 110 and 113 students in the 2018-19 school year if it were to remain open. Costs for the school were also expected to increase by \$1,000 per child next year, going from \$5,900 to \$6,900 per student. Currently, tuition for one child enrolled at the school is \$4,470 and \$5,200 for students out of parish.

Principal Kathy Sparks wrote in a letter distributed to parents she was thankful for parents and teachers that supported the school, especially in recent years.

"I know many of us were filled with hope during recent years, as we worked to create a positive Catholic culture and a challenging academic program," she said. "I am grateful for the support and dedication among teachers, parents, students and parishioners who have worked hard to promote the school.

"As we are disappointed with this decision, and have a deep sense of loss, we must rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength to move us forward."

A message was left Monday morning with both the school and the archdiocese seeking comment.

St. Mary Catholic School has operated since 1925. St. Mary High School operated for 24 years, closing in 1971, according to the school's website. At one point in the 1960s, the schools had an enrollment of more than 1,000 students.

St. Mary joins another Catholic school in western Wayne County that will close later this year. Ladywood High School in Livonia is scheduled to close in June, though there are some parents and alumnae hoping to save the site and keep it operating as a Catholic high

school next year.

Hurley wrote in his letter to parents he requested the authority to close the school from the archdiocese after reviewing the situation. Doing so, he said, is never an easy decision to come to.

"Decisions such as these are never easy. In fact these are painful decisions," Hurley wrote. "In a spirit of faith, we must look to a future guided by the Spirit, recognizing that the Lord journeys with us. Please join me in praying for our entire school and parish community, as we walk together through this difficult time."

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Wayne police find decapitated coyote

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Police in Wayne are investigating a possible animal cruelty case where officers discovered a decapitated coyote body earlier this month.

Police were called the evening of Feb. 2 to the intersection of Glover and Wayne roads on the report of a dog that was laying near in the northeast portion of the intersection with its head cut off. There, police found the animal without a head.

Officers could not locate the head in the nearby area and there was no blood or cutting instruments nearby. The animal appeared to have open sores on its body and was missing fur along its tail and stomach. The body was frozen.

The remains were taken to an animal shelter, where the animal was determined to be a coyote, not a dog, after testing was done on its remains.

Lt. Ryan Strong of the Wayne Police Department said it's certainly an unusual sight to see in Wayne. If it



Coyote sightings are on the rise in southeast Michigan. The decapitated corpse of one was found along a road in Wayne. FILE PHOTO

is determined the coyote was decapitated maliciously, officers could open a criminal investigation.

"Then absolutely we would pursue criminal charges," he said.

Coyotes have been seen all over southeast Michigan and have been spotted in communities such as Canton, Wayne, Livonia, Southfield and Royal Oak. Coyotes will typically not cause a threat to humans, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources's website, though can be considered dangerous if they are fed by humans and get accustomed to people.

The DNR recommends the following when dealing with coyotes:

- Never approach or touch a coyote
- Never intentionally feed a coyote
- Eliminate all outside food sources
- Put garbage out the morning of pickup day

Clear out wood and brush piles; they are good habitat for rats and mice and may attract coyotes

■ Good husbandry practices, guard animals and coyote control measures can help to protect livestock

Do not allow pets to roam free when coyotes are present. Consider keeping pets indoors or accompany them outside, especially at night

Messages left with the DNR asking questions regarding the found coyote in Wayne were not returned.

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Zeal Credit Union seeks nominations for Hard Working Spirit Awards

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"As the credit union for hard-working Americans, Zeal knows that hard work is not often recognized," said Lisa Fawcett, chief marketing officer for Zeal Credit Union. "Last year, we created the Hard Working Spirit Awards to celebrate people who go the extra mile. There were so many heartwarming stories that we realized how important these awards are." The deadline to submit a nomination is Wednesday, March 14. The winner does not need to be a member of Zeal Credit Union.

A winner will be selected from each of eight categories, including skilled trades, medical, office, service industry, civil service, education, unsung hero and community superstar.

Winners will receive special recognition and a \$100 VISA gift card Friday, March 23, at Zeal Credit Union's 63rd annual meeting at the Dearborn Inn . In addition, one lucky winner will be named the Hardest Working Member for 2018 and receive a \$1,000 grand prize. Regina Lee, winner of last year's Hardest Working Member award, was nominated by her daughter Rogi Banks, who is pursuing a doctorate at Howard University in school psychology. Banks described the sacrifices her mother had made for her, her siblings and cousins that enabled them to have what she never had growing up.

For more information and to apply for this year's Hard Working Spirit award, go to www.HardWorkingSpiritAwards.com.

For more information about Zeal Credit Union, go to www.ZealCreditUnion.org or call 800-321-8570.





Regina Lee, winner of the 2017 Hardest Working Member Spirit award, received a bouquet of flowers and \$1,000 check from Zeal Credit Union CEO Anthony Carnarvon (center) and marketing coordinator Bryan Feldpausch at the credit union's annual membership meeting. ZEAL CREDIT UNION







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Bakowski honored by Legion as February's featured veteran

Robert (Bob) Bakowski, a Vietnam War veteran from Canton, was honored as the February 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.

Bakowski served in the U.S. Army from 1965-68. He was born and raised in Lackawanna, N.Y. He graduated from Lackawanna High School as the war in Vietnam was escalating. In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson called for 50,000 more ground troops to be sent to Vietnam, increasing the draft to 35,000 each month. Bakowski was watching the news in August 1965 as 5,500 marines made the first major offensive in Vietnam known as Operation Starlite or the Battle of Van Tuong. This was the first major offensive regimental size action conducted by a purely U.S. military unit during the Vietnam War.

At the same time, the 1st Cavalry Division was arriving and began using helicopters in combat. Bakowski was 19 and decided it was time to get involved. As a child, he would play army games and always envisioned himself as a paratrooper, like his uncle, so he went down to the recruitment office and enlisted in the U.S. Army.

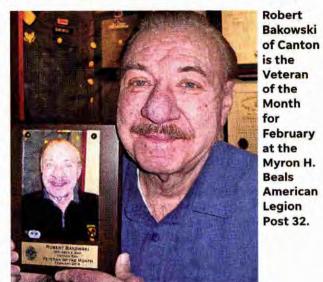
In December 1965, he was sent to Fort Dix, N.J., for eight weeks of boot camp and then to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for eight weeks of training. Bakowski had taken a lot of high school classes in industrial arts and, as a result, was assigned as a combat engineer. He let it be known that he had always wanted to be a paratrooper and was surprised when they told him his request had been granted.

He was sent to Ft. Benning, Ga., for four weeks of training as a paratrooper. His next stop, June 7, 1966, he landed in Vietnam just outside of Saigon. He was then and sent to Camp Radcliff in the An Khe District of central Vietnam for three weeks of combat training. "We spent the first week learning air assault tactics," he said. "We did a lot of repelling from towers to mimic repelling from helicopters, then more specific combat training."

Bakowski was assigned to the 1st Air Cavalry, 8th Engineering Battalion, A Company, 1st Platoon. His specialty was demolition. Many times he would be sent out with two other engineers to heavily wooded areas to clear the trees so helicopters could land and bring in troops as a temporary base for defense and offense.

"We were always the first ones on the ground and never knew what we would run into," he said. "We always had to keep on guard. We also had to go into these areas after they were treated with Agent Orange. We had no idea on how it would affect us later in life."

Bakowski was involved in many skirmishes, during



which they blew up bridges and tunnels and cleared forest area. "Sometimes we would go for a month or two with no action, then for the next few weeks, there would be no let-up," he said.

When asked if he lost any buddies during his time there, Bakowski lowered his head and said, "Yes, I did." One year from the day he set foot in Vietnam, he boarded a plane for the U.S. "I remember when I got down to a few days before shipping out, I would walk behind other soldiers in their footsteps to make sure I didn't step on something," he said. "I was ready to go home."

He was then sent for nine months to Fort Bragg, N.C., where he was involved in an experimental program to build temporary airstrips. Their goal was to helicopter a crew into a place and build a landing strip capable of handling small planes within 24 hours, transport planes within 48 hours and jets within three days. Bakowski was then sent to Anderson Army Base in Dexheim, Germany, for eight months. In June 1968, Bakowski was sent back to Fort Hamilton, N.J., where he was discharged.

Bakowski went back to his hometown of Lackawanna and civilian life. He met his wife Irene in 1971 and they were married in 1973. Bakowski took a civil service test for the Federal Protection Service and was hired and sent to Albany, N.Y. He was promoted to supervisor and spent four years there. He was then sent to Southern California for five years before being transferred to the Detroit Border Patrol Sector as a border patrol agent in 1982.

He worked his way up to intelligence agent then agent in charge of the Trenton and Grand Rapids office. Bakowski retired in 1999 as assistant chief patrol agent at the Detroit Sector of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Headquarters at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Bob and Irene bought their home in Canton when he was transferred to Detroit and have lived there since. They have a daughter and a son and four granddaughters. He is a long time member of Post 32 in Livonia and has served the past 19 years as the post Santa for the Christmas party.

Bakowski was interviewed by members of S.A.L. and a DVD was made of the interview and shown at the S.A.L. February membership meeting. He and his daughter's family were also present at the 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 their 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, MI 48150.





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moment of silence in remembrance of those who had died in the shooting.

"It isn't just about teaching facts. Education is changing very quickly and we have a room full of leaders here from all walks of life," he said. "It simply is time to stop what is going on, to the best of our ability. We may never be able to stop it, but we should be trying a whole lot harder than we are now.

"So I ask all of you to bind together and make your voices heard in regards to this. It simply has to stop. Our young kids don't deserve this."

First responders

Jim Etzin knows a little bit about the impact of such tragedies on the human condition. It was, after all, a shooting incident that killed "many women and children" at a McDonald's restaurant in San Diego, Calif., that set Etzin on the career trajectory he's followed for some three decades.

Etzin, emergency management services coordinator for the Farmington Hills Fire Department, said he has "long-time personal friends" in the first responder business who were on the scene in Parkland.

He said the fact the shooting happened so far away hardly lessens the impact on all first responders.

"It's upsetting because, just like anyone else, we're deeply bothered by it," Etzin said. "We're all about protecting and serving the people in our community. Whether something impacts our community or someone else's, it's upsetting.

"Very quickly, we think about how easily something like that could happen here. We start questioning how wellprepared we are.

Adding security

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Across metro Detroit, school districts have spent countless hours and resources over the last two decades preparing for the worst - fears heightened by shootings in Columbine and Sandy Hook that shook the nation.

They've trained staff on how to react when there's a threat. They've made their school entrances more secure, of-



A bronze bell sits next to a sign reading "#Enough" at a rally in Milford to support the victims of the Florida shooting. MARIA TAYLOR

ten barring visitors from entering until they can be identified. They've installed security cameras. Some even have put panic buttons in their offices.

"Parents send their kids to school assuming they'll be safe," an emotional Steve Matthews, superintendent of the Novi Community School District, said in the wake of the shooting. "When something like what happened in Florida happens ... it's overwhelming realizing we have the lives of all these students and staff in our hands every day."

Measures taken by schools in metro Detroit include:

The Farmington Public Schools district has installed panic buttons in main offices. The silent buttons communicate directly with local law enforcement.

Many districts, including the Birmingham Public School district and the Lake Shore Public Schools district in St. Clair Shores, restrict entrance into school buildings.

In Novi, all staff members are trained in how to react when there's a safety threat.

Armada Area Schools, Warren Woods Public Schools, the Gibraltar School District and the Avondale School District are among those whose recent bond proposals have included school safety projects.

Etzin said fire and police departments have done "a tremendous amount of collaboration" working together to put together a response to these types of situations. For instance, Farmington Hills fire trucks carry ballistic protection so that firefighters, with security provided by police officers, can get to victims as quickly as possible.

"The initial arriving police officers will step over casualties to prevent more casualties," Etzin said. "They get to the suspect as quickly as they can and stop the violence as quickly as they can. Our job is to get into that environment and get help to the victims as quickly as we can."

And that doesn't just include the shooting victims. Etzin and Bennett both said there are other victims. Etzin said first responders themselves often become emotional victims when dealing with such a situation.

"When these incidents occur, the public safety people who respond act heroically, doing everything humanly possible to help those victims," Etzin said. "But those emergency responders will never be the same. The minute they enter that environment, they've condemned themselves to PTSD for the rest of their lives. That's something they and their families will have to deal with the rest of their lives."

Survivors impacted, too

Bennett expressed concern not only for families, but the survivors inside the building who had to watch classmates and teachers being gunned down.

"I'm a teacher and I send my daughter to school," Bennett said. "The fact that I live in a world where that could happen ... is it likely to happen? No, but the fact is that it could. The media focuses on the victims and the perpetrator, but what about the kids who saw it? They're never going to be the same again."

The fear that it could happen here was heavy at a rally Sunday evening in Milford.

Tyler Capra, a senior at Milford High School, pointed out that Parkland had been named the second-safest city in Florida.

"What makes Milford different from Parkland?" Capra asked. "What makes those students and staff any different? Nothing."

'How would I react?'

So how does it get better?

Ezin said the solution, whatever it is, will have to be a collaborative one.

"It's going to take a comprehensive approach and it's going to take all hands on deck," he said. "There needs to be a willingness on the part of everyone out there to report suspicious behavior. It's the term that was coined by the New York Transit Authority after 9/11: 'See something, say something.' As overly simplistic as that seems, if you see something, don't just swallow it. Report

Meanwhile, teachers charged with keeping students safe in the classroom have to wonder, and worry, whether it will ever happen locally. It's a fear they know they shouldn't have to live with.

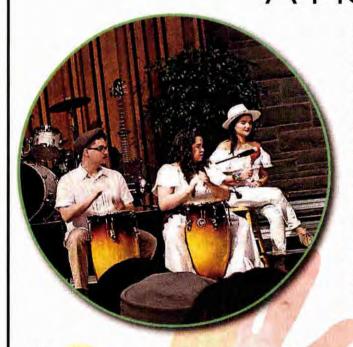
"The thought is, how would I react? I'm responsible for these children," Bennett said. "What would I do? If a shooter showed up in my class ... I don't know how I would react. That's what's frightening to me.

"I'd like to think I'd have the courage to do what I have to do," she added. "I know I'd take care of the students who are in front of me. But I couldn't tell you what that looks like."

Detroit Free Press staff writers Lori Higgins, Christina Hall and Kristen Shamus contributed to this report.

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Fourth Annual Multicultural Music and Dance Concert A Place for Everyone



It is a night that is anticipated every year. Each winter, people from all races, traditions and religious backgrounds come together for a night of music, dance, food and fellowship. On Sunday, February 25 at 4pm, there will be a diverse variety of musicians, dancers and entertainers representing different cultures from around the world. This event is free and open to all who wish to attend. For those unable to attend the event will be broadcast on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/pg/NewburgUMC/.

Lineup: Irish dance team **Polish Couples dancers** Salsa dancers **Brazilian Capoeira** Native American drum circle African drums

Traditional Appalachian tunes Church choir singing in Swahili A variety of bands and featuring multiple "World Music Award" winners, Joe Kidd & Sheila Burke.

Sundays February 25 at 4pm

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After the event, a strolling buffet of food from around the world will be provided. This night is not about decorative world flags hung from the ceilings, multiple groups of entertainers, or tasting a vast variety of favorite family recipes from traditions around the world. This night is about coming together in a place where all feel safe and stereotypes are dropped, new friends are made and old acquaintances come together in fellowship.

Newburg has a long and rich history of participating in missions locally, across the United States and globally:

In 2017, over 450 individuals were fed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas gifts were supplied for over 150 children in foster care, as well as bedding and towels for 35 local families. We also have a disaster relief team heading to Puerto Rico in March.

Worship Services and Choir for all ages are offered on Sunday's at 9:15am and 11:00am with Wednesday study groups and a meal starting at 5:30pm.

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Congressional candidates talk opioids at debate

David Veselenak hometownlife.com

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The primary election may still be nearly six months out, but Democrats from across the U.S. House 11th District packed a union hall Saturday morning to hear their candidates speak.

A debate was held at the Ironworkers Local 25 hall in Novi, which featured the five Democrats that have announced they'd run for the seat being vacated by current U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, who announced last year he would not run again.

The five candidates at the event included state Rep. Tim Greimel of Auburn Hills, businessman Suneel Gupta of Birmingham, lawyer Daniel Haberman of Birmingham, former chief of staff for the U.S. Treasury Department's auto task force Haley Stevens of Rochester Hills and Fayrouz Saad of Northville, a former staffer in the Department of Homeland Security.

A similar debate for Republican candidates was held last month by the Michigan Conservative Coalition.

The 11th District covers northwest Wayne County and most of southern Oakland County, including the communities of Livonia, Plymouth and Northville, Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships, Novi, Farmington, Milford, South Lyon, Birmingham and Troy.

The five were asked questions ranging on several topics by moderator and former U.S. Rep. Hansen Clarke.

One such question dealt with the issue surrounding opioids and what can be done as drugs have continued to grow and have created a problem across the district and the state.

Haberman said, as all the other candidates did, that the United States needs to legalize not only medical marijuana, but recreational marijuana usage. Doing so, he said, will lead to a decrease in opioid use.

"The first thing we need to do is acknowledge that the war on drugs is a failure. An absolute failure," he said. "In states that have legal medical marijuana, we see a 25-percent drop in opioidrelated overdose deaths. That number



Candidates running for the Democratic nomination in the U.S. House 11th District pose for a photo at a debate Saturday in Novi (from left): Fayrouz Saad, Suneel Gupta, Tim Greimel, moderator Hansen Clarke, Dan Haberman and Haley Stevens. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

increases over time."

Saad said one way to combat the epidemic is by electing candidates who do not receive donations from companies that would expect favors in return. She said she has pledged to do just that.

"They're essentially what's causing this opioid epidemic," she said. "One way to do that is by electing more leaders that don't accept corporate donations and who aren't accepting donations from the pharmaceutical companies, so that when they go to Washington, they know who they're serving."

Stevens said 812 people from the 11th District died in 2016 from an opioid overdose. She also agreed changing the laws surrounding marijuana would be something she'd push for if elected.

"That is a right and ready solution for us and I will be an advocate and a partner from our nation's capital working directly with this district to address this opioid epidemic," she said. "It is hurting too many families. It is getting into our classrooms and it needs to stop."

Greimel said his views on legalizing marijuana had shifted in recent years as well and that he supported that movement. He also shared the efforts the Michigan Legislature, of which he is the Democratic leader in the state House, when it came to battling opioids.

"It includes increased funding for treatment, it includes steeper penalties

for those doctors who run 'pill mills' and it also includes, I think importantly, measures to make sure that we're tracking what pharmacies are dispensing these medications to people, so that patients who are abusing this can't just go from pharmacy to pharmacy to get additional refills," he said.

Gupta said his experience in the medical industry provides him additional knowledge, including knowing the opioid epidemic was an issue before it became a talking point. He said it's important for federal leaders to focus their efforts on that crisis vs. keeping marijuana as an illegal substance.

"This has been an epidemic that has been on the horizon for a very long time. This isn't a recent thing," he said. "(President) Donald Trump and (U.S. Attorney General) Jeff Sessions have had an opportunity to do something about it and what do they do? They focus on marijuana instead."

Voters will hit the polls Aug. 7 to select candidates for each party to move onto the general election, which will take place Nov. 6.

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WISH YOU WERE HERE



Eileen Melvin of Livonia took this photo of her grandchildren, Isabella and Cameron Melvin, while the family visited California for a wedding in San Francisco. This picture was taken while they toured the coast, in the Bodega Bay area. They try every year to remember to bring the Observer with them while they travel. If you have a photo of you on vacation with a copy of the Observer, email LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com.

Obituaries

WEST PALM BEACH, FL - Edward Mark Duncan, loved father, grandfather, uncle and friend will be remembered and missed. Ed was born December 7, 1921 in Clyde Michigan to Richard F. Duncan and Bernice Alice Tyler.

Ed graduated Royal Oak High School before enlisting in the WWII, Army in 1942. During his service with the Army he attended Stanford University prior to being deployed traveling aboard the SS Louis Pasteur to France and then Germany with the 788th Battalion as a 1st Staff Sargent. In 1945 in a field near Lippe, Germany near the Rhine River he was awarded the Bronze Star for his actions and bravery during battle. He enjoyed retelling the WWII war history and how he and a buddy picked up Albert Speer from the British and drove him in an open jeep to the International Center in Nuremberg. In addition to other Military service awards He was most proud of receiving the French Legion of Honor Medal. After 7 years of Army service Ed returned to The Detroit area and remained in the Army Reserves for an additional 3 years. As a young boy Ed learned to work hard and often worked as a golf caddie. As an adult Ed was a scratch golfer even in his senior years, he was a lifetime member of the Detroit Golf Club, Pine Lake Country Club, Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club and Lakeland Country Club. Ed's Army service,

Edward Mark Duncan



helped him to gain employment in the auto paint and coatings industry. Ed worked as a Senior Account Representative for the most prestigious companies in the automobile coating industry, Celanese, United Technologies, BASF and Dupont, retiring in 1988.

Ed Married Lillian Gagne in 1955, settling down in a home in Birmingham, Michigan where they raised their 2 children Lisa and Mark. Traveling back and forth for many years to West Palm Beach, Florida during the winters, he finally relocated to Florida in 2002 permanently. Living in West Palm Beach a few blocks from his Children and 2 beloved granddaughters Lauren Carey and Lyndsey Carey. As a child of the depression Ed could be frugal often preferring canned beans and weenies to steak but could often be generous helping his granddaughters with their education tuition expenses. Ed passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home as he wished it to be. Edward is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Gerald Duncan, sisters Marjorie Jones, Dorothy Ferns and Rose Marie Walsh, nephews John Ferns, Richard Ferns, Rob Ferns, Ed Ferns. Survived by: Daughter Lisa Duncan Carey, son in law Michael Carey, son Mark Edward Duncan, granddaughters Lauren Carey and Lyndsey Carey, sister Ellyn Rojas, and his best friends George and Susie Vickers, nephews Timothy Duncan (Marilyn), Ronald Walsh (Rita), Billy Ferns, David Ferns, Donnie Ferns, nieces Lynn Statton (Bob), Joni Jones (Steve), Sharyl Culver (Dave), Rosanne Lewis (Greg). A Memorial Service will be taking place Friday February 16th at 12:30 PM at Quattlebaum Funeral Home, 5411 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL. golfing prowess (he had a lifetime 3 holes in 1) and easy nature no doubt Follow by Internment at South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth, FL.

Mary Arthur "Mimi" (nee Johnson) Marks

Chelsea, Michigan. Born in 1925 in Toledo, OH, to Arthur and Ada (Dean) Johnson, Mimi was the youngest of six children.

She attended Ursuline Academy, and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Business in 1946 from the University of Toledo. She worked for Owens Illinois and United Airlines. Mimi married Richard Ellis "Dick" Marks on October 14th, 1953, near Toledo, OH. They were attended by their life-long friends, Bill and Angela Ligibel, also deceased. Dick and Mimi began their married life and started a family in Detroit, MI, before moving to Dearborn, and then finally "out to the country" to Plymouth, MI, in 1961. Mimi lived a life of service-to God, to her family and friends, and to her community. Although small in stature, she was remarkably strong in both body and spirit. Mimi was faithful, consistent, kind, and generous. She was sweet and thoughtful. Mimi was impatient and did not like to waste time. She always saw her glass as half-full, and she was thankful. She knitted and baked as a creative outlet and to show her love for others. She enjoyed a good game of cards any time. Mimi was a woman of few words, though she did have many personal aphorisms, such as "If you don't toot your own horn, no one else 11:30 AM, with visitation from 10:30-11:30 AM. A funeral luncheon for will" and "Never turn down a date because he may have cute friends." She family and friends will follow on site. Memorial donations may be made in never lectured; she lived by quiet example. She had a beautiful smile and memory of Mimi Marks to Manna Community Meal, 1050 Porter, Detroit, twinkling blue eyes.

Mimi will be lovingly missed by: her children, Susan (Douglas Stelsing) of Salt Lake City, UT; Tom of Seattle, WA; "Shadie" Babak Roshan Tabari of Dexter, MI; Bill (Terri) of Dexter, MI; Tricia (Luis) Mendoza of San Diego, serve meals to the homeless population near old Tiger Stadium. She always CA; Buck of Raleigh, NC; Sarah of Raleigh, NC; and Charity (Tim) Madion of said, "What do I have to be afraid of? This is the least I can do."

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CHELSEA - passed away peacefully in her sleep recently at Silver Maples of Traverse City, MI. She also will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren, Rachel, Olivia, Zoe, Jamie, Tomás, Camille, Aimee, Annie, Carl, Nora, and John; step grandchildren, Kelly and Kimberly; great-grandchildren, Ryan and Cole; her brother- and sister-in-law, Emil and Penny Marks; and many nieces and nephews. Mimi was preceded in death by her husband, Dick, in 1999, and her grandson, Martín, in 2004.

The Marks Family would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Mary Kleaveland, Mimi's internist for 17 years, for the exceptional, dedicated, and patient care she provided. We would also like to thank the nursing and professional staff at Silver Maples of Chelsea for the wonderful care they provided Mimi during her residence there. The family is also grateful to Wanda Pagano for her close and caring friendship with Mimi during their time together at Silver Maples.

Visitation and Rosary will be held Friday evening, February 23rd, from 6-8:00 PM, at Nie Family Funeral Home, 3767 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor, MI. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 7870 4th Street, Dexter, MI (village church) on Saturday, February 24, at MI, 48226. While living in Plymouth, Mimi made weekly trips to Manna Meals for nearly twenty years as a parishioner of Our Lady of Good Counsel. She collected food, clothing, and toiletries and drove others downtown to

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If it's spring, that means it's tax return time again



Money Matters Rick Bloom USA TODAY NETWORK -MICHIGAN

It's that time of year, when we are getting our tax information and getting ready to sit down and prepare the 2017 tax returns. I thought I would run through some issues with regard to taxes that will be helpful for you.

First, don't let anyone fool you about the new tax law. The new tax law took effect January 2018 and does not affect whatsoever your 2017 tax returns.

It is important to remember that, as taxpayers, we are the ones that ultimately are responsible for our tax returns. Yf you hire a someone to assist you in preparing your return, it is important that you hire a qualified professional. That doesn't necessary mean you have to hire a certified public accountant, but it does mean that you have some responsibility when it comes to hiring a preparer to make sure they are qualified. One ingredient of a qualified preparer is that they have a commitment to continuing education. Even though the new tax law doesn't affect

this year's tax return, there were many changes over the last year that do impact 2017 returns.

Many people can do their own tax return. One option is to buy a software package such as TurboTax or one by H&R Block. For the great majority of people who do their own return, I strongly recommend some sort of software package. Tax returns have gotten more complex and it has become more and more difficult to do your return by hand.

For those who make less than \$66,000 a year, you can actually obtain free software to do your return through the IRS. To obtain this free software, all you need to do is go to the IRS website at IRS.gov and click on free file.

If time passes you by and you are going to miss the April 17 deadline, you can file for an extension. By completing Form 4868, you get an automatic sixmonth extension to file your return. Contrary to popular belief, there is no increase in audit risk when you file an extension. The one caveat: when you file for an extension, it's an extension of time to file your return, not to pay your taxes. You still need to estimate your tax liability and potentially make an estimated tax payment on Form 4868.

I also want to remind you that this is the time of year the crooks crawl out of their hole with tax-related schemes. Every year, the crooks get smarter and look for more ways to take advantage of you. While it would be impossible to list all the types of tax scams, it is important to remember some of the basics. In most of these tax scams, the crooks contact you either by email or phone, claiming you owe money to the IRS and you must make a payment immediately or it will bring a lawsuit or even have you arrested. If someone claims they are from the IRS and they contact you via email or phone, they are a fraud. The IRS does not make initial contact with the taxpayer through the email or phone. If you get an email claiming it's from the IRS, don't open it, delete it. If you get a phone call from someone who claims they are an IRS representative, hang up no matter what the caller ID says.

The crooks are getting smarter and they keep trying new ways to take advantage of you. One of the latest is the crooks will send you an email that they are from your tax preparer or your tax software company, asking you to provide them information related to your

refund. Once again, don't open those emails, delete them.

I know many of you are thinking, "What if it is a legitimate request?" If you think that the email may be legitimate, I still recommend that you don't click on the links or respond to that email. My advice is call the preparer or the tax software company yourself to determine if the email is legitimate. I think you will find, in the great majority of cases, the email is fraudulent.

Unfortunately, we can never afford to let our guard down. You must prevent the crooks from getting your sensitive information. Just because someone requests something doesn't mean you need to provide it. Be very careful with your tax information and only deal with a professional. I guarantee you the few extra dollars that a professional will charge you to do your return is well worth it.

Good luck!

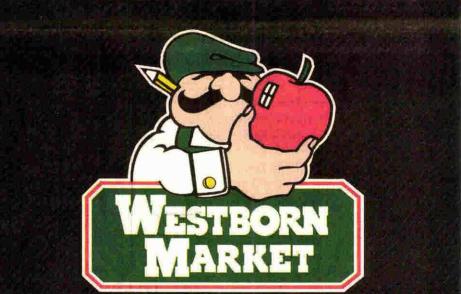
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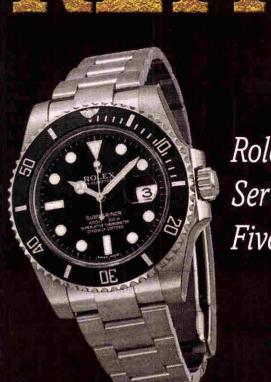


LOCAL PASTOR **INVITED TO** STATE CAPITOL

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, invited the Rev. Vincent J. Matthews (center) to deliver the invocation before the Senate session Feb. 14. Matthews has been pastor at Peoples Community Church in Westland for the past 12 years. Lt. Gov. Brian Calley (right) was also on hand. Senators are able to invite individuals from their districts to lead the chamber in an invocation at the beginning of every session.







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AREA EVENTS

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Dance class at Madonna

Madonna University is offering a free master class that combines ballet and modern dance, taught by its acclaimed dance faculty. Scheduled for 9:30-11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, during winter recess for some area high schools, the class is structured for intermediate to advanced-level dancers age 16 and up.

It takes place in the Center Dance Studio, 14221 Levan Road, Livonia (north of St. Francis Pond). To reserve a spot and obtain a liability waiver, high school students should contact Susan Panek at spanek@ madonna.edu or 734-432-2432.

Trinity House hosts Graham

Jon Dee Graham, a guitarist and songwriter from Austin, Texas, will perform a concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at Trinity House Theatre, 38400 W. Six Mile Road, in Livonia. A former member of the True Believers with Alejandro Escovedo, Graham is the only musician ever to be inducted into the Austin Music Hall of Fame three times. Ben de la Cour will be the opening act.

Tickets are \$20 (\$17 for subscribers) and are available at the door.

LSO to present world premiere

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will perform a concert at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, that features Dr. Michael Coonrod, a pianist from Traverse City, and the world premiere of "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra," composed by Richard Cioffari.

Coonrod has been a piano faculty member at the Interlochen Arts Academy for 41 years. He is also part of the artist/

er of the year, the LIVa Las Vegas Raffle and Auction event, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Supernatural Brewing and Spirits, 36685 Plymouth Road.

The event provides several chances to win prizes, including a live auction featuring services and fun opportunities; Foodie Frenzy, a chance for one of many gift cards/certificates to local dining establishments; Gift Grab, a chance for a variety of gift cards/certificates to local businesses; Wheel of Wine, a chance to win a bottle of wine; and a silent auction, featuring prizes including donated items from Michigan Metal Artwork, Glass2Glass and more.

The ticket price of \$30 per person includes a flight, a pint and an appetizer buffet, plus a free ticket to enter a drawing of your choice. Tickets can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite. com/e/livonia-jayceesliva-las-vegas-tickets-42000759402.

Barefoot to present 'Macbeth'

Barefoot Productions Theatre will present the classic "Macbeth" with local playwright Kirk A. Haas's adaptation. The show is scheduled through Feb. 25, with show times set for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$17 for students and seniors. Groups of 10 or more can buy tickets for \$12 each (call box office at 734-404-6990).

Barefoot's new location is at 33735 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For more go information, to www.justgobarefoot.com

or call 734-404-6889.

Treasure Hunters chili cook-off

The Michigan Treasure Hunters Club is having its inaugural chili cook-off at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, in Livonia. Come taste our efforts and learn about metal detecting in a family atmosphere.

Livonia chamber to host Lions player

Detroit Lions player Don Carey will speak to a group of business people and high school students during a Livonia Chamber of Commerce luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road.

When not on the gridiron, Carey runs a real estate company, studies to earn a master's degree in theological studies, leads a para-church organization and operates a foundation geared toward empowering children. For the chamber luncheon, the event's sponsors -AlphaUSA, law firm of Fausone Bohn, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, LMR Associates and Dave & Buster's - are sponsoring a table of students from each of Livonia's five high schools: Churchill, Clarenceville, Franklin, Ladywood and Stevenson.

Admission to the luncheon is \$30 for chamber members and students. For more information, contact the Livonia Chamber at 734-427-2122 or go to www.livonia.org.

Inspire Theatre to present 'Breeze'

The Inspire Theatre, located at Westland Cen-



ter for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road, will present "Gone With The Breeze" throughout the month of February. The play is a behind-the-scenes musical/comedy set in Hollywood in the 1990s.

The "Gone With Breeze" will run Friday through Sunday until Feb. 25. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, with a 3 p.m. matinee scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased at inspire theatre.ticketleap.com. For more information, call at 734-751-7057.

Hernia seminar at St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host hernia night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, in the hospital's South Auditorium. The night will include a free educational seminar and screening.

Dr. Jacob Roberts, M.D., will answer questions, discuss hernia-related symptoms and provide education about the latest hernia treatments. Attendees will be entered to win Detroit Red Wings tickets and refreshments will be provided. Guests should enter from the hospital's south entrance, 14555 Levan Road.

For more information or to register, call 734-655-8486.

Food drive

The Youth of Unity (Y.O.U.) is collecting food and funds for the poor and homeless. Collection boxes for non-perishable items will be at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Middle-Drop-off times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and

Wednesday and 9:30 a.m. to noon Sunday. Monetary donations can also be made by cash or check. Make checks payable to Unity of Livonia and include "Fast for Food" on the notation

Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

line. Checks can be mailed to Unity of Livonia, 28660 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48154. Cash donations need to be delivered to the church.

On Saturday, April 14, the Youth of Unity (Y.O.U.) will fast for 24 hours to raise awareness of hunger and nutrition challenges within our community. Donations will be delivered to Redford Interfaith Relief, a local hunger organization, and ChristNet, a partnership of local churches serving southeast Michigan's homeless.

St. Michael Lenten fish dinners

St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites the community to its annual all-you-can-eat Lenten fish fry, scheduled for 4:30-7 p.m. each Friday through March 23, in the St. Michael School cafeteria. There will be no dinner Good Friday.

The dinners will all feature baked or fried, hand-dipped fresh Atlantic cod. mac and cheese, green beans, cole slaw, French fries or baked potato, rolls, beverages and ice cream. Prices are: adults, \$10; seniors, \$8; children ages 3-13, \$5.50; and under age 3, free. Take-out service is also available at \$9 per dinner. Lenten Stations of the Cross services will be offered in the church at 7 p.m. each evening following the dinner.

St. Michael is located at 11441 Hubbard Road in

Livonia. For more information, call 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to www.livoniastmichael. org.

St. Mary Mercy weight management classes

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled Weigh Your Options. Classes are scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. both Thursday, March 22, and Thursday, May 24.

Registered dietitians will provide attendees with information to help individuals begin a weight loss program. Attendees will learn about successful weight management programs, where to find reliable resources and healthy activities in the community and what is needed to create a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn how to read food labels, write SMART goals and how to determine their healthiest weight.

The class will take place in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 10, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, accessed from the South Entrance. There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required. Register at www.stmary mercy.org and click on "Classes and Events."

American Legion fish dinners

The Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia will host fish dinners 5-8 p.m. each Friday during Lent through March 30, that are open to the public. Cost is \$12 for perch, \$10 for cod or shrimp and \$9 for chicken, which includes side dishes.

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belt, from Sunday, March 18, until Sunday, April 15.

faculty at the Amalfi Coast Summer Music Festival in Miaori, Italy.

The concert will be at the Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, in Livonia. Tickets, \$20 for adults and \$10 for student, are available at the door starting at 3:30 pm. or online at www. livoniasymphony.org.

Film screening at Unity

A networked live online event is scheduled for noon Sunday, Feb. 25, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. The event will feature ministers and leaders multiple from New Thought centers around the U.S. who will view and discuss a the documentary White Like Me" by author and producer Tim Wise. It explores the issues of white privilege and their psychological effects on societal norms. The Rev. Eileen Patra will lead a local discussion after the film. Event is free. There will be a national online discussion at 5:30 p.m. Individuals can register free to join the dialogue at https:// zoom.us/webinar/ register/WN_4-yv15 birdeYymey8sfwCA.

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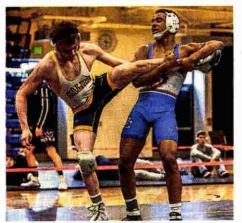
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PREP WRESTLING Shamrocks sending 14 to Ford Field



Catholic Central's Josh Edmond (right) gets a leg up on Saline's Daniel Paupore during the regional final. SCOTT CONFER

Division 1 MHSAA individual state finals set for March 1-3

Brad Emons hometownlife.com

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It will be an invasion of Novi Detroit Catholic Central wrestlers when the Division 1 individual state finals commence March 1-3 at Detroit's Ford Field.

For the third time in program history and only the sixth time in the history of the Michigan High School Athletic Association tourney, the Shamrocks will be sending 14 qualifiers following a dominating performance Saturday at the regional tourney hosted by Saline. The Shamrocks were led by defending state champions Kevin Davenport (145 pounds), Cam Amine (152) and Ben Kamali (119).

Davenport improved to 35-2 overall with a 9-0 major decision over teammate Joe Urso in the finals, while Amine ran his mark to 37-2 with a 11-2 major decision over Temperance Bedford's Niel Antrassian, 11-2. Kamali, now 28-1, decisioned Dearborn Fordson's Aseel Almudhala, 5-2.

Also in position to earn top four seeds at the individual state finals are regional champs Josh Edmond (130), 17-0; Derek Gilcher (135), 32-5; Rory Cox (189), 35-5; and Easton Turner (215), 32-1.

The Shamrocks also had five runner-up finishers and a pair place thirds.

"We had a terrific day," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "It's incredible when advancing 14, but in our program, it has become the norm or expectation. I don't think everyone really fully understands how difficult this is. It takes a lot of health, resiliency and focus to get all 14 through and to think we have two state placers and several more guys at home, who I think would qualify, is a testament to our depth."

Also placing runner-up in addition to Urso, who is 32-9 overall; Stone Moscovic (125), 31-7; Logan Sanom

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INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY All-American triumph



COLLEGE RECRUITING Northville's **Daniel is** ready to fly for Air Force

Senior standout for FC **Crew Academy Wolves** is center midfielder

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Giuliano Daniel believes the chance to become an U.S. Air Force Academy cadet offers him the best of all worlds.

The Northville High senior, a center midfielder for the Crew SC Academy Wolves of Elite National Club League, was looking for an NCAA Division I

soccer program along with a regimented service academy environment and strong academic program.



U.S. players hoist the Five Nations Tournament Cup after beating Finland. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Resilient Team USA blanks Finland to capture U-18 Five Nations trophy

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Hockey teams sometimes need to stumble in order to soar.

That seems to have been the case with the U.S. team during the electrifying and entertaining 2018 U-18 Five Nations Tournament at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The tourney hosts laid a 6-2 egg Feb. 14 against the Czech Republic and that proved to be the wake-up call needed to close out the tourney with victories over Russia and Finland.

Saturday night's 4-0 victory over Finland gave the U.S. the chance to lift the coveted Five Nations Tournament Cup and gear up for April's U-18 World Championship in Russia with an extra

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Jonathan Gruden scores the first goal Saturday. The goal was the eventual tournament clincher as the U.S. won 4-0 over Finland. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

"I really buy into the program, to be honest with you," Daniel said. Daniel "I think the military

side of it and it being so strict will kind of help me develop as a person, as opposed to a civilian college where you're really on your own. Although you'll have guidance from the soccer team, the coaches ... it's not always going to be a straight line. I'm looking to be able to develop as a person, not only as a soccer player when I go to college. I think it will be a good challenge."

In the middle of his junior year, the Air Force Academy soccer staff made contact with Daniel, who not only fit the bill athletically, but also in the classroom, carrying a 3.93 grade-point average to go along with a 31 ACT test score.

And last season under coach Chris Hill, Air Force finished 14-3-3 overall and earned a bid to the NCAA tournament.

Daniel visited the picturesque Air Force campus last spring in Colorado Springs, Colo., met with players and enjoyed the experience before going through a tedious application process, which included a series of interviews, followed by congressional and Senate recommendations for an appoint-

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INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

U.S. completes riveting rally against Russia

Four-goal third period propels U.S. Under-18 team to Five Nations tourney win over Russia

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It was an entertaining hockey game with no shortage of slick offense from the likes of this year's expected No. 2 NHL draft pick Andrei Svechnikov, American phenom Jack Hughes and others.

Yet Friday's U-18 Five Nations Tournament showdown between the U.S. and Russia essentially boiled down to shooter Vladislav Mikhailov vs. goalie Drew DeRidder.

Russia nursed a 3-2 lead at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, with the American squad coming on strong in the third period when Mikhailov was brought down on a breakaway. Then came the penalty shot.

"When you're down to the Russians, you got to push, you got to take some chances," U.S. head coach Seth Appert said. "They're so good on the counterattack and so good at capitalizing on those things, like they were in the first (period).

"You felt that Drew was going to have two saves like that in the third period if we were going to have a chance to come back and he did. He delivered."

Crazy stuff

Although Russia — who built an early 3-0 lead — would later tack on a goal midway through the third to go up 4-2, the U.S. had its offensive mojo working and scored three unanswered goals to earn a thrilling 5-4 victory before 2,042 fans.

Svechnikov was as good as advertised, however, with one goal and three assists, teaming with linemates Alexander Khovanov (goal, two assists) and Grigory Denisenko (goal).

"(The U.S) was the team that we expected to see, fast and active," Svechnikov said, speaking through an interpretor. "You're going to be running up and down the ice. ... It's hard to lose because it's the (Five Nations) championship."

DeRidder (Fenton) stood his ground on Mikhailov's penalty shot attempt and ultimately flashed out his right leg to stop the puck and ramp up the buzz and drama inside the arena.

"He came in, made a nice fake to my left and then I got my leg over to the right really quick," DeRidder said, then adding with a chuckle that he was "pretty



U.S. goalie Drew DeRidder of Fenton stretches to deny Russia's Vladislav Mikhailov on a penalty shot during the third period Friday. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY



Jack Hughes of the U.S. team tries to ward off a check from Russia's Andrei Svechnikov. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

deep into the splits there.

"That (save) got us going, that got the bench going. The bench was going crazy after that."

Quick response

The power-play goal by Russia's Danila Galenuk at 10:24 briefly sagged the enthusiasm of the home crowd.

But Joel Farabee answered just 40 seconds later to restore the buzz. He one-timed a shot from the left circle past Russia goalie Amir Miftakhof, who was brilliant early and wound up making 38 stops.

And then came the equalizer, by Oliver Wahlstrom with 6:47 to play. Hughes, who scored just 54 seconds into the final period to jump-start the U.S. rally, won a face-off and slipped the puck back to Wahlstrom, whose wrist shot from a sharp angle beat Miftakhof inside the far post. "Wally's an NHL shooter, of course," said Hughes (goal, two assists). "Wherever he plays next year and in following years, he'll be really successful.

"I'm kind of a pass-first guy and he's a shoot-first guy, so it's a good little thing we got going right now."

That led to the winning goal, scored by U.S. forward Tyler Weiss, with 1:26 remaining. Weiss and linemates Jake Wise and Jonathan Gruden (Rochester) crashed the front of the Russia goal and the puck bounced in off Miftakhof.

"Coming back like that was really something special," Weiss said, adding that Appert always reminds players that "crazy things happen when you play the Russians. It was a lucky bounce and we won from that."

Following are other takeaways:

STARTING THE COMEBACK

Appert praised the all-around game turned in by defenseman K'Andre Miller, who got the U.S. on the board at the 19-minute of the second period to give the team new life. Miller also centered a pass to Hughes on the latter's goal, cutting the Russian edge to 3-2.

"Kee was awesome, we don't win that game without him," Appert said. "We needed a spark at the end of the second. ... It just felt like we needed something to ignite us, get the crowd going and maybe plant a seed of doubt in their mind.

"And Kee gave it to us and he gave us the next one as well, with that great end-to-end rush and the pass to Jack to get the comeback going in the third period."

THAT WINNING FEELING

After the U.S. broke the 4-4 tie, Gruden and defenseman Bode Wilde (Birmingham) happily galloped down to the other end of the ice in the direction of DeRidder, while the crowd cheered boisterously.

READY TO SERVE

With hundreds of scouts and officials from NHL, college and OHL teams in attendance, a special hospitality room was set up all week. On Friday, a number of USA Hockey NTDP billets helped them feel welcome, making sure there was plenty of food and drink.

PATRIOTIC FUN

A station was set up for young fans to have their faces painted red, white and blue and plenty of miniature American flags were thrust into the air, especially after the U.S. began rallying late in the second period and throughout the third.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Stevenson downs Hartland in KLAA finale

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The object, of course, was to keep winning.

Come to Livonia, capture a third straight KLAA hockey championship, knock off another state powerhouse, extend the winning streak to 10 games.

But when Hartland was unable to accomplish those things, losing 3-0 to Livonia Stevenson in the league title game Friday at Eddie Edgar Arena, it was time to put a rare loss in perspective.

Three weeks from now, if the Eagles are celebrating a Division 2 state championship, they will undoubtedly look back at the loss to the top-ranked team in their division in a positive light.

Maybe, after cruising through one of the most demanding schedules in the state, this is what Hartland needed to hit the reset button before the state tournament begins Feb. 27.

"It's good for us at this point in the season to get knocked off our high horse," Hartland coach Rick Gadwa said. "We need to understand how much work we actually have to do. It doesn't matter how many games you win, even in February. By the end of it, you've got to be ready to go for games like this, and we weren't tonight. We've got to figure it out."

The third-ranked Eagles (18-5-1) came into the game as one of the hottest teams in the state. Their nine-game winning streak included eight victories against state-ranked opponents and eight away from home. One of those victories was a 6-5 decision Jan. 26 at Stevenson.

Already last week, Hartland had



Livonia Stevenson goalie Will Tragge stops Hartland's Josh Albring for one of his 20 saves. TIMOTHY ARRICK | FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

beaten Brighton (the No. 3 team in Division 1) and Orchard Lake St. Mary's (the No. 2 team in Division 1).

If Hartland and Stevenson meet again, it will be in the Division 2 championship game March 10 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

"It's 100 percent a good thing in the long run," Hartland senior forward Josh Albring said. "Providing we both make it to the state championship, we'd end up playing each other. This will be in the back of our minds until that day. The boys will learn from it and come back even stronger."

Friday provided an opportunity for redemption, not only for Stevenson, but star goaltender Will Tragge.

Tragge had a rare off-night in the first

game against Hartland, allowing five goals on 25 shots before getting pulled after two periods. He bounced back strongly, making 20 saves for his fifth shutout of the season.

"It wasn't my best," Tragge said of the first Hartland game. "But I'm glad we got another shot at them to make it right. It was good. Our overall effort was better. We were diving around, blocking shots. All the credit to my teammates, for sure. They definitely helped me out a lot."

After an uneventful, scoreless first period, there were nine penalties called in the second period. Hartland got a four-on-three power play early in the period, but Stevenson took advantage of the open ice to score a shorthanded goal. Vinny Decina carried the puck into the Hartland zone and slid it across the front of the net to defenseman Jake Beaune, who shot it past goalie Brett Tome at 1:43 of the second.

The Spartans (19-5) put it away with two goals in the third period.

Decina made it 2-0 when he took the puck out of the skates of a Hartland player, went to the net and scored on a backhander at the 5:07 mark.

On the final goal, Cole Parkhurst skated in from the left boards to the front of the net and scored with 8:31 left in the game.

Stevenson lost three straight games to Hartland, including in last year's state quarterfinals. The Spartans ended the Eagles' two-year reign atop the KLAA, winning their first association championship since the 2009-10 season. Livingston County teams had won eight of the first nine KLAA crowns.

"They're so good offensively, have so many weapons and are so wellcoached," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We really tried to focus on limiting their chances. As you saw in the first period, they kind of took it to us a bit and had a number of opportunities. Will Tragge played an outstanding game in net for us."

Playing three games in five nights against teams the caliber of Brighton, St. Mary's and Stevenson is a difficult chore for any team. Gadwa didn't want to use the schedule as an excuse for what happened Friday.

"We've got to be in better shape," Gadwa said. "A third game in however many nights, that's how it goes if you want to win a state championship. We've got to learn how to play in situations like that."

Wrestling

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(140), 37-7; Brendin Yatooma (189), who is 31-9 after losing 3-1 to Cox in the finals; and Steven Kolcheff (285), 31-7.

Meanwhile, Aidan Wagh (171) and Dom Lomazzo (125) both took third for the Shamrocks.

"We have a lot of talent on this team and I wouldn't be surprised to see many of these guys in the semis on March 3," Hancock said. " We have a few adjustments to make and areas to focus on but, overall, our guys were

gritty, tough, and sharp."



Mars

Rockets send five

Led by regional champions Michael Mars (125) and Anthony Gibson (140), Westland John Glenn qualified five for the individual finals.



Mars improved to 48-0 with a 6-0 win over Moscovic in the final, while Gibson pinned Sanon in 3:15 to up his record to 46-3. Other Rockets qualify-

Gibson

ing were Isaac Lefler (130) and Caleb Meekins (119),

both third; and Branton Polk (145), fourth.

Patriots qualify four

Livonia Franklin earned four spots at Ford Field, led by regional runnerups Russ Rusnell (112) and Manee Willie (215), while Johnny DiPonio (135) and Jake Swirple both placed fourth.

We came in knowing we had some good shots, but this region was so competitive, you never know what's going to happen," Franklin coach David Chiola said. "Russ and Manee qualified last year, and their brackets looked really good. Russ is so dedicated. He puts in so much extra work - he really tries to improve every day. Manee is wrestling really well this year.

... Johnny had an incredibly disappointing loss last year at regionals where he lost in the last seven seconds on a questionable ref call. It took a lot of determination and mental toughness to get back to the same place a year later and get the results he wanted.

"Jake Swirple was in an incredibly tough weight class, with the top three raked kids in his weight along with a kid that had beaten him before. He lost his first match and then came back to win his next two."

Other area qualifiers included Ja-Quan Baker (Salem), who placed third at 160, and Plymouth's Tyler Campbell (112), who placed fourth.

"All of our guys showed a lot of



Catholic Central's Ben Kamali (top) won the regional title at 119 over Fordson's Aseel Almudhala. SCOTT CONFER

heart Saturday," Salem coach Jeremy Henderson said. "We dropped a couple really close matches, at regionals almost every match is a finals match at a regular tournament.

'The good thing is three of four regional qualifiers are coming back next year in Max Hirvela, DaQuan Baker and now state qualifier JaQuan Baker."

CC top team seed

In Friday's Division 1 team state finals at Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo, defending champion Catholic Central (26-1) will be the top seed and face Hudsonville in a 3 p.m. quarterfinal.

The other match-ups, also at 3 p.m., feature John Glenn (No. 4) vs. Davison (No. 5); Macomb Dakota (No. 3) vs. Oxford (No. 6); and KLAA foes Brighton (No. 2) vs. Hartland (No. 7) The Division 1 semifinals will be at

9:30 a.m., followed by the finals at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Wings Event Center. MHSAA DIVISION 1-REGION 3

INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING TOURNEY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS Feb. 17 at Salin

(top four qualify for state finals) 125 pounds: Michael Mars (Westland John Glenn) decisioned Stone Moscovic (Novi Detroit Catholic Central), 6-0; third place Dominick Lomazzo (Detroit CC) pinned Ryan Caciedo (Southgate

Anderson), 1:59. 130: Josh Edmond (Detroit CC) p. Daniel Paupore (Saline), 5:52; third: Isaac Lefler (Westland John Glenn) p. Logan Palshan (Southgate), 0:52.

135: Derek Gilcher (Detroit CC) dec. Mason Grasso (Woodhaven) 2-0; third: Chris Cosgrove (Lincoln Park) dec. Johnny DiPonic (Livonia Franklin), 9-6.

140: Anthony Gibson (John Glenn) p. Logan Sanom (Detroit CC); third: Mikale Mitchell (Woodhaven) won by injury default over Blake Williams (Belleville). 145: Kevon Davenport (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Joe

Urso (Detroit CC), 9-0; third: Kyle Emery (Woodhaven) won by major dec. over Branton Polk (John Glenn),, 8-0. 152: Cam Amine (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Niel

Antrassian (Temperance Bedford), 11-2; third: Joseph Muzzin (Woodhaven) p. Jeffrey Jones (Ypsilanti Lincoln), 2:31. 160: William Marano (Dearborn Edsel Ford) p. Hadi Chemeissani (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), 0:28; third: JaQuan Baker (Salem) p.Josh Watters (Woodhaven), 1:16. 171: Ali Makki (Edsel Ford) dec. Colin Jagielski (Bedford), 1-0;

third: Aiden Wagh (Detroit CC) dec. Jacob Smith (Monroe), 14-7. 189: Rory Cox (Detroit CC) dec. Brendin Yatooma (Detroit CC), 3-1; third: Hiram Robinson (Wyandotte Roosevelt) dec. Moham wi (Dearborn Fordson), 7-2

215: Easton Turner (Detroit CC) won by injury def. over Manee Willie (Franklin); third: Blake Wingate (Bedford) dec. David Wilson (Woodhaven), 4-3 (overtime.

285: Austin Emerson (Bedford) dec. Steven Kolcheff (Detroit CC), 3-1; third: Jaden Rice (Belleville) p. Jake Swirple (Franklin), 0:22. 103: Zain Bazzi (Crestwood) p.Jake Campell (Wyandotte), 1:21; third: Jamal Chakkour (Crestwood) won by injury def. over Mojahid Ahmed (Fordson).

112: Alec Balogh (Southgate) p. Russ Rusnell (Franklin), 0:54; third: Isaac Stench (Southgate) dec. Tyler Campbell (Plymouth)

119: Ben Kamali (Detroit CC) dec. Aseel Almudhala (Fordson), 5-2; third: Caleb Meekins (John Glenn) p. Kyle Cox (Wyandotte), 0:49

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Five Nations

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boost of confidence.

"It's always good to win a championship," U.S. head coach Seth Appert said. "I'm really happy for our guys. Obviously, I've only been here for one year with them, but they've been working hard for two."

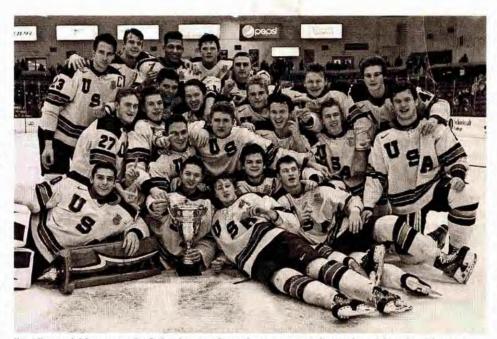
Wild finish

Goalie Drew DeRidder of Fenton was the game's No. 1 star, earning the shutout with 33 saves. But he and his determined teammates had to withstand a late Finland barrage. In the final 53 seconds, with two U.S. players in the penalty box and the Finland goal empty, it was a six-on-three situation.

"Especially having the shutout, you want to keep that," DeRidder said. "But it's nice knowing we have a four-goal lead and it's not live or die if you let one in. You have a little bit of a cushion. That just calms me down a little bit and that helps, but it's pretty nerve-wracking."

In the final minute, DeRidder made a couple of sparkling stops. But his defense came to the rescue with timely clears and blocked shots.

"The boys just really energized off each other," defenseman K'Andre Miller said. "Obviously, in that last 30 seconds. there were two big saves and five unbelievable blocks. So the boys really got energized from that."



"J.J." would be proud of the boys after the tourney championship win. The U.S. team poses with the tourney trophy on the ice, behind the logo honoring the late Jim Johannson. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

3-0

"We got down a little bit early in the week and we weren't sure how this was going to turn out," Wilde said. "But we stuck to what our game plan was and our identity as a team. We finished strong, we stayed together and it was awesome to come out with the trophy on home soil."

ment victorious, so going into April we were comfortable.

"I think losing to Czech, it just helped us a lot. Because going into April, we'll know how to deal with those types of situations coming back the next night and playing an unbelievable game like we did.'

It took a while for things to take shape Saturday. The U.S. outshot Finland 13-7 in the opening period, but could not solve goalie Justus Annunen.

by Gavin Hain at 3:15 of the third. Linemate Jake Pivonka's shot was stopped by Annunen, but Hain flipped in the rebound from below the circles.

Wilde then provided breathing room with 5:27 remaining, when he onetimed Joel Farabee's pass high into the Finland net. Also assisting was Jack De-Boer.

Closing out the scoring was Hughes, at 16:24, from Oliver Wahlstrom.

At that point, the only matter to be decided was whether DeRidder would get the shutout. It was still up in the air until the final buzzer, as Finland peppered the U.S. goal.

The closest Finland got to scoring was when a rebound popped loose in front of a wide-open net. But defenseman Adam Samuelsson got to the puck and cleared it away in time.

That was awesome, that was a for sure goal if he wasn't there," DeRidder said. "And Mattias blocked a shot, K'Andre blocked a shot. It was unreal knowing that, even at 4-0, kids are willing to do that.'

Gruden said it was "good to see" the way the team pulled together to help De-Ridder keep the shutout.

"He's been our backbone all tournament, all season long," Gruden said about DeRidder. "So it's unreal to see him do that.'

Appert praised the team's effort in winning the second of back-to-back pressure-packed contests. He cited the defensive work turned in by the line of Hain, Pivonka, Patrick Giles and defensemen Mattias Samuelsson and Ty Emberson.

Defenseman and captain Mattias Samuellson said it was good to see the way the team bounced back after the Czech game.

"We had that embarrassing loss against the Czech Republic and the next day we had an off-day," Samuellson said. "We got a good practice in and, basically, had a meeting and said it was time to figure it out.

"It's basically do or die now, put it all on the line here and that's what we did in these last two games."

Concurring was defenseman and Birmingham resident Bode Wilde, who assisted on the game's first goal (scored by Rochester's Jonathan Gruden) and later buried one himself to put the U.S. up,

Setting the tone

The seeds for Saturday's championship win in front of 1,734 fans were planted Friday night, when the U.S. rallied from an early 3-0 deficit to post a dramatic 5-4 win.

That set up Saturday's winner-takeall match against Finland and there was no way the U.S. was about to let the gold cup (sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln of Plymouth) slip away.

The U.S. wound up with a 3-1 record and nine points, enough to surpass three 2-2 teams (Finland, Russia and Sweden) and the Czechs (1-3).

"It's an unbelievable experience, knowing that we can do that against these four best teams in the world," Miller said. "We can do it again in April. Our goal was to just come out of this tourna-

It was more of the same in the middle period, until Gruden chipped in the rebound of a Wilde shot at 10:51.

"Once we got that first one, I think we kept rolling with it and we were comfortable," Gruden said. "Bode Wilde took a shot at the net, it kind of came off the boards. I just went to the net, it just popped to me and I jammed it home. If you go to the net, good things happen."

All he needed

DeRidder was determined to not give up that lead, especially in the wild third period, when Finland ramped up its offensive pressure with a 16-8 edge in shots.

Helping ease the pressure was a goal

That five-man unit helped shut down Finland's dangerous Jesperi Kotkaniemi.

'Those five were really good and really hard and physical," Appert said. "What great offensive players hate doing is playing in the defensive zone.

'That's what that line made Finland and Russia's best players do, is stand in their defensive zone most of the night. And that's a real, real key to winning hockey games."

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Daniel

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ment.

Under coach Scott Duhl, the U-18/19 Crew SC Academy Wolves stand 6-5-1 in the ECNL and are fighting for a postseason spot when league play resumes next month.

"It's not always easy, but it's towards the developmental side of soccer, what your don't really find at all clubs or even at the high school level, in my opinion," said Daniel, a 5-foot-10, 150-pound center-midfielder who has appeared in all 12 ECNL games. "As a team, we're having an average year, nothing really outstanding. We're right at the tail end of the playoff spot, which is not an ideal spot, but we have a guy coming off an ACL injury. We have another guy coming back. He lives in Grand Rapids, he didn't play with us in the fall season, but

he'll play for us in the spring. We've got a guy coming back with an MCL tear, so the spring is looking very hopeful for us."

During his free time, Daniel enjoys cross country skiing and has a passion for trail running; he can be found frequently at nearby Maybury State Park.

He ran track for a couple of years at Northville, but comes from a tennis family. His older brother Oliver is a sophomore at Earlham (Ind.) College, where he runs track and cross country. Oliver was also an honorable mention all-state player in tennis for the Mustangs.

As a senior last fall, Daniel reached the MHSAA Division 1 tennis quarterfinals at No. 1 doubles with partner Matt Freeman. He also reached the semifinals with Stephen Freeman as a junior (2016) and was a quarterfinalist during his sophomore year (2015) with Ryan Gallagher, both at No. 1 doubles.



Northville High senior Giuliano Daniel starts as a center-midfielder for the **Crew FC Academy Wolves.**

Daniel was a Division 1 all-stater three consecutive years while helping

the Mustangs finish sixth twice and seventh once in the team standings.

"I grew up playing tennis and soccer, then dropped tennis for a few years, but once high school rolled around, I picked up again," Daniel said. "I played JV my first year, then I got much better between my freshman and my sophomore year."

In soccer, Daniel had interest from Division I programs Notre Dame, Villanova, Penn and Michigan State, but Air Force seemed to fit all his future goals and aspirations.

"I'm hoping to make the most of it," said Daniel, who plans to study engineering and math. "Northville has treated me so well. It's a great small town. I was hoping to go out of state and spread my wings a bit. I'm pretty sure it will be worth it in the end."

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Athletes tout college choices on National Signing Day

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There might have been hoopla and celebration Feb. 7 as high school student-athletes made their college decisions official as part of National Signing Day.

But days, weeks and months of serious thought went into those choices, said former Canton football coach Tim Baechler — whose son Lou was one of five players from his 2017 team to take part in signing day.

"I've tried to tell kids to base their decision on four things: Will the degree you get from this school be well-respected everywhere? Will you have an opportunity to play and play early? Is the team going to win and win big while you are there? How bad do the coaches want you?" said Baechler, who retired in November after a 20-year hall-of-fame career with the Chiefs.

Linebacker Lou Baechler signed with Hope College (NCAA Division III) after mulling over offers from several Division II schools.

"He had two D-II offers and an opportunity to be a preferred walk on at a few others," Baechler said. "Julie (Lou's mom) and I are thrilled about his decision. It is a great school (in Holland, Mich.) with a coaching staff that is going into their third year there and I feel their program is about to take off."

Also ready to start careers in college football are outside linebacker Noah Brown (Northwood University, D-II offer), running back/defensive back Colin Troup (Colgate University, D-IAA offer) and offensive lineman Max Mulvaney, who will walk on at Indiana Wesleyan.

Meanwhile, a fifth football player who was a key factor in Canton's success, linebacker/running back Nick Polydoras, is going to Cleveland State to play men's lacrosse.

"I'm happy for all of them," Baechler said.

Following is a National Signing Day roundup highlighting the college choices of senior student-athletes from other area high schools:



This group of Canton football players celebrated on National Signing Day: (front (from left) Noah Brown, Lou Baechler and Colin Troup and (back, from left) Max Mulvaney, former Chiefs football coach Tim Baechler and Nick Polydoras. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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■ In addition to the Canton football players, several seniors who play other sports also participated in the National Signing Day festivities Feb. 7.

MALL SATE GIALLADE

Those included: Kathleen Brady (softball, Heidelberg University), Isabelle Dawson (softball, Aquinas College), Hailey Domzalski (rowing, Michigan State University), Sarah Hammond (soccer, Wesleyan University), Alaina Heitmeyer (basketball, Calvin College), Sabrina Lee (lacrosse, Concordia University), Emily Meredith (volleyball, East Stroudsburg University), Dan Mullen (swimming, Grand Valley State University) and Hannah Zajdel (softball, University of the Incarnate Word).

Plymouth

Joey Robb will play men's basketball at Kalamazoo College.

"I am very happy for Joey and his family," Plymouth boys basketball coach Mike Soukup said. "He has worked really hard the past four years and it is great to see that work pay off with an opportunity to play at the collegiate level.

"Obviously, you have to be gifted academically to go to Kalamazoo College and Joey is a great fit for their program both as a student and as a player."

UNIVERIAL STATE BUARDAN

■ Kyle Aniol is slated to continue his baseball career at Madonna University, where he also will study to go into the nursing program.

"He is one of the hardest workers we have in the program," Plymouth baseball coach Jason Crain said. "Extremely athletic and is one of the best defenders in our program in the infield or outfield. He is aggressive on the base paths that puts tremendous pressure in the opposition. He is a team leader."

Crain added that Plymouth baseball "couldn't be more proud that he signed with Madonna. It is a perfect fit for him."

Salem

■ Alexandra Derubo signed to play Division I women's soccer at Ball State University. Although the goalkeeper did not play for the Rocks during her high school years, she has been an instrumental piece of 2014 and 2017 national championship teams earned by the Michigan Hawks Academy team.

"It was pretty close to home (just over three hours), so I didn't have to travel very far and I loved the coaches there and the atmosphere there is really cool," Derubo said. "I've been told to be prepared and fit, because the goalkeeper coach is going to be really tough. And I'm ready for it, because I'm really excited to play. I can't wait to get down there."

Derubo, who intends to study for a degree in business, said she will continue with the Hawks until June or July and then make the move to Ball State, where she will play in the Mid-American Conference.

■ Katie Coleman opted to sign with Central Michigan University, another D-I MAC program. The forward has one more season left with Salem before beginning the transition period.

"I've always really liked playing soccer and then I wanted to go to a school that had some options, because I'm not sure what I want to go into yet," Coleman said. "And it was a really good fit for me with the team and coaching philosophies."

She said she expects to have no trouble adjusting to college life because "they play formations that I like, they have a really good team culture. ... I like the ball at my feet, I can hit the ball pretty well."

Garden City

Cam Walter signed to play football in the NAIA with the Blue Devils of Lawrence Technological University.

Walter is a three-sport standout with the Cougars (also playing basketball and baseball) and is expected to play tight end at LTU. During his prep career, he was valuable because of his versatility, playing wide receiver and quarterback.

"They love him, with his size," Garden City head coach Jim Baker said. "He has the ability to do some things. He has great hands, athletic ability, he can get open and do some things in the open field. He's just a smart kid. He knows how to play the game."

Contact Tim Smith at tsmith@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @TimSmith_Sports.



LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474 (734) 744-2500

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the purchase of:

2018 Pavement Replacement Bid Package #2 -(3 Sites) Bid for the 2017-2018 School Year

(See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, <u>www.livoniapublicschools.org</u> under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2017-2018 school year, open bids OR the SIGMA Website, <u>www.michigan.gov/SIGMAVSS</u>. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Sealed bids marked 2018 Pavement Replacement Bid Package #2 - (3 sites) will be received until 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of March, 2018, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, 48154. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

The Bid Opening will take place at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of March, 2018, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

A **mandatory** pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for February 20th, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., starting at Cooper Upper Elementary, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI; proceeding to Randolph Elementary, 14470 Norman, Livonia, MI 48154; Buchanan Elementary, 16400 Hubbard, Livonia, MI.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Director of Finance, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance – Iran Economic Sanctions Act. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement. This is a Prevailing Wage bid.

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$23,230.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award to other than the low bidder: to waive any irregularities and/ or informalities: and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Destination**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

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Phillip Francis, Director of Operations Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road Livonia, MI 48154-5474

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One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files. Any questions **regarding bid specifications** should be referred to Nth Consultants, Ltd., John Stadnicar.

jstadnicar@nthconsultants.com, 248.662.2730; Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, <u>hlau@livoniapublicschools.org</u>, 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

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THE BOARD WILL MEET ON THE DATES AND TIMES INDICATED BELOW.

Tuesday	March 6, 2018	Organization Meeting	11:00 A.M
Thursday	March 8, 2018	9:00 A.M. to	4:00 P.M.
Friday	March 9, 2018	9:00 A.M. to	4:00 P.M.
Monday	March 12, 2018	3:00 P.M. to	9:00 P.M.
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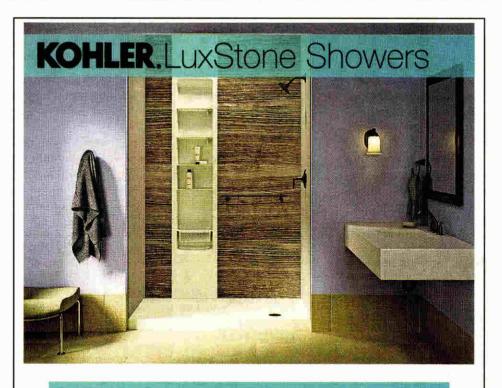
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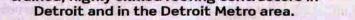
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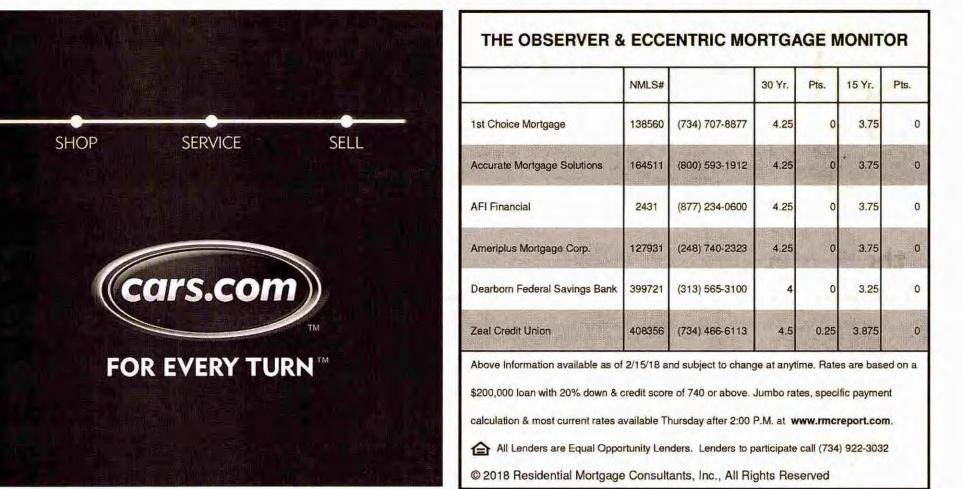


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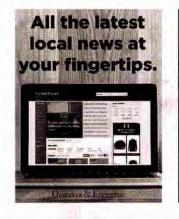
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The Wayne Housing Commission has completed revisions to its 2018 Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan (ACOP). The ACOP is available for review at the Wayne Housing Commission office located at 3355 S. Wayne Rd, Wayne, MI 48184. The Commission's hours of operation are 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday thru Thursday. In addition a public hearing will be held, to give interested parties the opportunity to comment on the revisions of the ACOP on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Wayne Housing Commission office.

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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE **2018 BOARD OF REVIEW**

Publish: February 22, 2018

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

Meeting dates are as follows:

Date	Day	Appointment Time	Petition
March 15, 2018	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Organizational Meeting
March 19, 2018	Monday	10:00 a.m 9:00 p.m.	10
March 20, 2018	Tuesday	10:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	
March 22, 2018	Thursday	1:30 p.m.	Wrap Up NO NEW APPTS

Your 2018 Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation and Property Classification will be mailed to you the first week of March 2018. The inflation rate, expressed as a multiplier, to be used in the 2018 Capped Value Formula is 1.021. The Inflation Rate Multiplier Calculation is outlined in Bulletin No. 11 of 2016 by the State Tax Commission on the State of Michigan website.

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

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

> Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF LIVONIA **BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING - 2018**

You are hereby notified pursuant to chapter VIII Section 6, of the Charter of Livonia, the Board of Review will conduct Public Hearings on the following dates in the Board of Review Conference Room of the Assessor's Office in the City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan and such additional meetings as may be necessary for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll for the year 2018 and hearing any taxpayers deeming themselves aggrieved by the said assessments.

The meetings of the Board of Review provide the only opportunity after March 6, 2018 for property owners to present protests or suggestions relative to the assessed valuation placed on property by the Assessor for the year 2018. Property owners deeming themselves aggrieved by the assessments will have the opportunity to be heard and may obtain further information from the Office of the City Assessor.

First Session 9:00am-3:00pm March 6,2018 **Organizational Meeting** Tuesday 1 :30p.m. - 4:00p.m. 1 :30p.m. - 4:00p.m. 1 :30p.m. - 3:00p.m. Wednesday March 7, 2018 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. March 8, 2018 Thursday 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. March 9, 2018 Friday Second Session 1 :30p.m. - 4:00p.m. March 12, 2018 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. Monday 5:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. Tuesday March 13, 2018

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE CITY OF WAYNE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE METRO STORAGE DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 33577 MICHIGAN AVENUE, WAYNE, MICHIGAN.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing shall be held before the City of Wayne City Council on March 6, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. EST at the Wayne City Hall located at 3355 S. Wayne Rd. Wayne, MI 48184, to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Brownfield Plan (the "Plan") for the property located at 33577 Michigan Avenue, Wayne, MI 48184, within which the City Council shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

A copy of the Plan is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Wayne, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184.

All aspects of the Plan are open for discussion at the Public Hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the consideration of the Plan.

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CITY OF WESTLAND 2018 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2018 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Council Chambers located at 36300 Warren Road Westland, Michigan 48185.

The Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Published: February 22, 25 & March 1, 2018

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Appeal Hearing by Appointment Only

Monday, March 12, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mail-In Appeals ONLY

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2018 Board of Review Petitions are required and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in-person before the Board of Review is Wednesday March 14, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions please contact the Assessor's Office at 734-467-3160.

Richard LeBlanc, CMC

City of	Livonia – 01/29/2018 1,841st Regular Meeting Synopsis
Present:	Kritzman, Bahr, White, McIntyre, Meakin, Jolly, and Toy.
Absent:	None.
#14-18 2018.	Approving minutes of the 1,840th Regular Meeting of the Council – January 17,
Items we	re received and filed for the information of the City Council.
#15-18	Waiving the City's Noise Ordinance to allow a car show with a DJ at Saint Colette's Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
#16-18	Confirming the reappointment of Andrew Lendrum to the Livonia Board of Review.
#17-18	Approving the location and schedule of dates and times for the 2018 Board of Review meetings, as well as compensation rates for members.
#18-18	Accepting the quote from Standard Insurance Company for Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment.
#19-18	Authorizing the purchase of seven (7) replacement Bullard QXT Thermal Imaging Cameras
#20-18	Authorizing the purchase of thirteen (13) tactical vests and helmets.
#21-18	Authorizing the purchase of four (4) unmarked police vehicles from budgeted funds
#22-18	Accepting the quote for the purchase of fifty (50) Dell Laptops; sixty (60) Dell Workstations; and twenty-five (25) Dell Laptops with a cellular data modem for the Police Department and twenty (20) Dell Workstations for the Fire Department
#23-18	Authorizing participation in the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and accept the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$9,138.00.
#24-18	Approving a six-month extension of the contract with TriMedia Environmental & Engineering Services, LLC, to provide sample collection analysis, and report production on required tasks associated with administration of the existing Type III Landfill from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018.
#25-18	Accepting the low bids meeting specifications for supplying the Public Service Division (Road Maintenance Section) with aggregates for the City's 2018 calendar year requirements.
#26-18	Authorizing the purchase of one (1) Toro Groundsmaster Tri-Deck Finishing Mower with one filter kit and three blades.
#27-18	Authorizing the purchase of five (5) Toro Zero Turn Mowers.
#28-18	Authorizing the purchase of two (2) John Deere Tractors.
#29-18	Authorizing the purchase of four (4) John Deere Turf Vehicles (Gators).

	9:00a.m 12:00p.m. 1:30p.m 4:00p.m. Public Acts of 1971, we hereby give notice that the following ill be used to determine the State Equalized Value (S.E.V.)	 First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Sections 090, to Title 13, Chapter 42 (Installation and Maintenance of Grease Interceptors, Discharge Prohibitions) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended. #30-18 Approving Petition 2017-11-02-15 to utilize an SDM liquor license in connection with the operations of BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, 19470 Haggerty Road.
tentative ratio and multipliers w		#30-18 Approving Petition 2017-11-02-15 to utilize an SDM liquor license in connection
		#31-18 Accepting a Grant of Easement at 11850 Adams Ct.
CLASS Agricultural RATIO	S.E.V. FACTOR (MULTIPLIER)	 #32-18 Accepting a Grant of Easement at 11850 Adams Ct. #33-18 Scheduling a closed Committee of the Whole meeting re: purchase of property at 35100 Curtis Road.
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Personal 50.00	1.0000	#35-18 Suspend rules for procedure.#36-18 Authorizing the Department of Law to resolve the case of City of Livonia v
<u>Note</u> : Appointments for the Boar 2018 by calling the Assessor's Off	d of Review may be made beginning Monday, February 19, ice at 734.466.2220.	Christopher Martin, Wayne County Circuit Court Case No.: 16-010098-CZ. Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
	Linda Gosselin, Assessor	Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk. Susan M. Nash Livonia City Clerk
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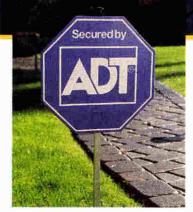


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