

Westland joins opioid lawsuit

Drug manufacturers are targets of numerous suits

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Add Westland to the list of cities joining lawsuits over the opioid crisis that has plagued the nation.

The city council voted unanimously

during its April 16 meeting to join a lawsuit being spearheaded by the Sam Bernstein Law Firm against manufacturers of opioids.

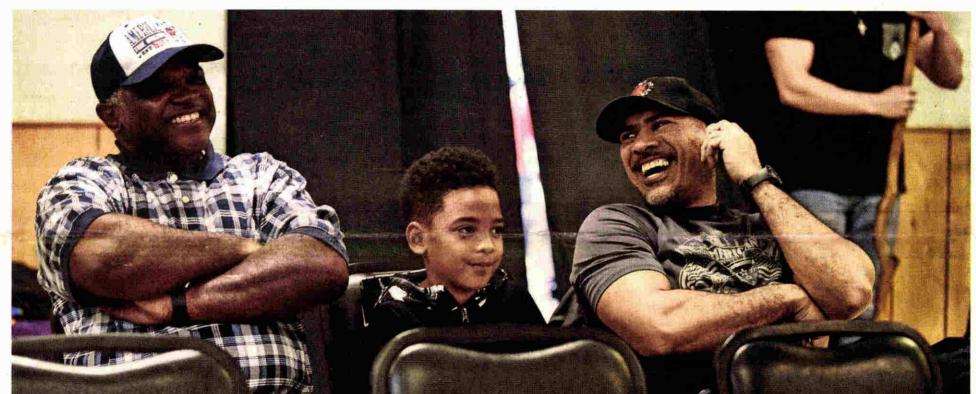
"This is something the city of Westland has been taking a look at for a while," Mayor William Wild said. "I know a lot of other municipalities have already started to join the mass-action lawsuit.

"It's an issue that affects all of us." Joining the lawsuit would not cost the city anything out of pocket and the lawsuit would have a 30-percent contingency fee.

Westland joins several other communities in suing manufacturers of opioids, including Canton and Livonia, though their lawsuits are being handled by other law firms. Both Wayne and Oakland counties have also filed lawsuits against the manufacturers after hundreds of deaths at the hand of opioids.

If the lawsuit is won against the manufacturers, cities such as Westland hope to recoup costs associated with combating opioid abuse, including first re-

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Enjoying professional wrestling at VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth are (from left) Larry Wright, Aidan Patterson, 10, and Aidan's grandpa, Daniel Patterson. The two men are military veterans who are interested in joining a post. TOM BEAUDOIN

A TROUBLING TREND

Veterans groups are battling to pump new life into membership

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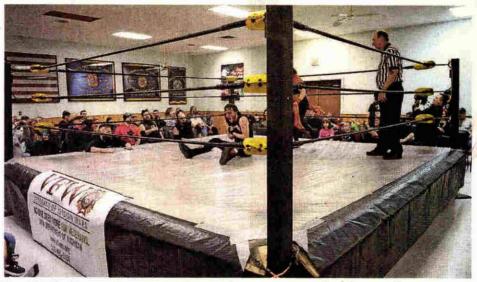
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The venerable Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695 on Mill Street in Plymouth rocked louder than it has in ages when "Father Time" squared off against Max Morrison during a Friday the 13th card.

"Tick-tock, tick-tock," roared Father Time, believed to be the only blind professional wrestler, whipping a capacity crowd into frenzy.

That sound is apropos. Time could be running out in military veterans service organizations such as the VFW and Vietnam Veterans of America (also located out of Post 6695).

Aging members, coupled with a reluctance of vets in their 20s, 30s and 40s to get on board, have put storied chapters into jeopardy for long-term rel-



The VFW in Plymouth was transformed into a pro wrestling ring April 13. TOM BEAUDOIN

evance.

"It's going to take a lot of work, a lot of work," said VFW Post 6695 officer James Kendall of Plymouth, 41, a staff sergeant who served stints in Iraq and Afghanistan. "My generation of vets are not really coming out. I don't know why, it's just not happening."

Enter a wild and crazy wrestling event as something that could become a catalyst for new members to perhaps join something that gives American he-



Iraq and Afghanistan veteran James Kendall is encouraging others to join veterans organizations. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

roes a place to meet, share stories, lean on each other during rough times and, yes, enjoy themselves.

"We need to get young people involved and events like this are perfect," said Larry Wright, 56, of Detroit, a U.S. Army veteran. "I see a lot of young people in there today and to get them involved with the post and know and

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Cops: Man stole tapestry depicting Last Supper

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It seems Judas isn't the only one to betray the Last Supper.

Livonia police say they are looking for a man accused of walking into a building at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, and taking a tapestry depicting the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples.

Security footage shared by the Livonia Police Department shows the man entering a room and walking out with a rolled-out tapestry depicting the Last Supper, known as the event that established the Holy Eucharist in the Christian faith.

Capt. Ron Taig of the Livonia Police Department said the tapistry went



The suspect walks out of the room carrying a tapestry depicting the Last Supper. LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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missing back on March 15, though Madonna University officials didn't realize and report it to authorities until April 23.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Sgt. Jim Green of the Livonia Police at 734-466-2318.

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emergencies.

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sponder resources used to respond to

reimbursement for taxpayer money

spent on opioid-related responsibilities,

"The mass-action litigation will seek

Livonia police say this man is accused

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of stealing a tapestry depicting the Last Supper from Madonna University. LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT



including law enforcement costs such as Narcan doses, incarceration, prosecutorial expenses, lab costs, drug courts etc," said Jim Fausone, Westland's city attorney.

During the meeting, Garden City Mayor Randy Walker spoke to the Westland council about the opioid abuse epidemic plaguing the region.

"We have an opioid epidemic that's

throughgout the United States and it's prevalent in Wayne County. We're losing young people every day in Wayne County," he said. "If we can save one life, it's worth it."

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Livonia Community Foundation awards \$44,600 in grants

The Livonia Community Foundation awarded \$44,600 in grants at its annual grant ceremony April 12. The event was well-attended by donors, grant recipients and community leaders.

A committee, chaired again this year by board member Mark Bublitz, reviewed grant applications to decide which ones meet the foundation's mission — to promote and develop community resources, properties and civic treasures; promote, support and develop public interest in the arts and other local cultural undertakings; or to promote programs that contribute to the welfare of the community and the needs of its citizens.

"We were pleased to fund the efforts of 11 of Livonia's 501(c)3 organizations," foundation president Brian Meakin said.

The organizations receiving grants this year were:

Angela Hospice – Honor Our Vets Program

Blessings in a Backpack – weekend meals for students

■ Greenmead Restoration Trust Fund – continued restoration of the 1926 Green House

Livonia Arts Commission – special music program for children during Music from the Heart

Livonia Civic Chorus – senior outreach and musical interlude programming

Livonia Family YMCA – summer



Brian Meakin, LCF president, with YMCA board chair Rich Potchnuk and executive director Brian Wolverton, after the Y received a 2018 grant for its summer camp program.

camp program

Livonia Goodfellows – No Child Without A Christmas

Livonia Kids and Families – Emerson Middle School and Franklin High School food pantries

■ Livonia Symphony Orchestra – Concert support and student outreach programs

Seedlings Braille Books for Chil-

dren – support for LPS visually impaired program

Visual Arts Association of Livonia
arts education and speakers

"This event gives the public a chance to learn about the foundation and these great organizations serving the community," Bublitz said. "We are excited about being able to help the organizations and showcase the efforts of the Livonia



YMCA campers learn about art on a trip to the museum as part of the summer camp programs, funded in part by the LCF grant.

Community Foundation."

The foundation, chartered in 1995, is a permanent endowment, built by citizen and corporate donors to support Livonia's charitable, cultural, arts, historical, educational and recreational institutions. Following its first full year, the endowment balance was \$32,000. In 1997, the first year funds were available for grants, it awarded \$1,500.

"We are proud to provide this year's \$44,600 in grants," said Meakin, in his ninth year as president. "Thanks to the generous support from the community over the last 21 years, we have provided grants totaling \$442,785 to organizations serving the residents in Livonia."

Police: Man charged after using fraudulent credit card

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Word of advice if you plan on using a fraudulent credit card: You might not want to do it right in front of a police of-ficer.

That's exactly what happened to a 23-year-old Canton man during the early morning hours of April 15 at the Holiday Inn Express, 27541 Schoolcraft. Livonia police were called to the hotel

on an unrelated noise complaint and approached the front desk. The suspect, Emmanuel Bowden, approached the desk at the same time as the officers, who let Bowden go ahead of them to

handle his business.

After Bowden finished, the clerk informed police he attempted to use a fraudulent credit card to rent a room. Police then left the hotel and went to locate Bowden, who was found about a half-mile away. He was arrested after a traffic stop and placed in the back of a squad car, where police said he caused damage to the interior of the vehicle.

He was arraigned April 17 in Livonia's 16th District Court on three felony counts: illegal use of a financial transaction device, one count of possession of a financial transaction device without consent and one count of malicious destruction of police property. If convicted, he faces up to four years in prison.

Bond was set at \$20,000/10 percent. His info did not show up in the Wayne County Jail inmate search database as of Friday morning.

Bowden is due back in the Livonia courthouse at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 3, for a preliminary examination.

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know that it's a fun place, we'll encourage them to come to more events.

"Hey, we're getting up there, too. I wish we would have got pulled in a little younger and had a little more time invested. That's what it's going to take, the young people to keep it going."

Wright and his cousin, 55-year-old Daniel Patterson of Southfield, decided to come watch the Pure Pro Wrestling event after seeing freebies on Veterans Tickets Foundation's Vet Tix — a nonprofit organization (VetTix.org) that provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving military and veterans.

That's the ticket

Since VetTix was founded in 2008, more than 4.2 million tickets have been given to military, veterans and their families throughout the United States.

Patterson, a veteran of the U.S. Marines, brought 10-year-old grandson Aidan (of Belleville) to the wrestling event.

"I watch it on TV, but my grandson here is an avid wrestling fan," Patterson said. "So when I saw the tickets come up on Vet Tix, I thought it was a great opportunity to take him out and bring him up close and personal.

"We're having a great time; the first match was very interesting. It was exciting to see the energy that they put on for the two guys getting out there. We can't wait to see the rest of the card."

Among those in the audience was 34year-old Joel Huren, an active U.S. Air Force recruiter in Toledo who graduated from Livonia Stevenson. Huren picked up a couple of the 10 free tickets offered by Pure Pro Wrestling via Vet Tix.

"Our son (Darien, 15) is into wrestling and I watch a little bit of the WWE, so I was, like 'Well, I'll go down and see what's going on," Huren said.

Spreading the word

On the marquee in front of Post 6695 was an invite to people to come out for "Sliders and Euchre" each Wednesday night.

Other area posts get right to the point with their signs. "New Members Wanted" could be a 21st century take on James Montgomery Flagg's famous "I



The Kendalls oversee dog therapy sessions for military vets, such as a recent one at Pet Smart in Plymouth.

Want You For U.S. Army" recruitment poster of the World War I era.

"Marketing's always needed," Huren said. "We do it in the air force, as far as recruiting-wise. We got to market."

There's no doubt that a new spin is needed in order to get younger veterans through the doors and Kendall — who joined the Plymouth VFW in 2017 — is one guy rolling up his sleeves to get it going.

Otherwise, prospective new members might cruise past Post 6695 and other venues because of "get off my lawn" stereotypes.

"I didn't know what those kind of clubs were," Kendall said. "I thought it'd be, like, bingo, old people stuff, you know? Stuff like, I couldn't bring my kids in because they'd crab at (them). I've been to bingos before and that's what they were like.

"But when I got in there, I was so well-received and my family was so well-received that I was amazed. In the last year, I've made better friends than I ever have in my life. These guys know what I went through. I know what they went through. And we almost instantly bonded."

Perception woes

Benjamin Light, 38, of Detroit VFW Post 2233, agreed there is a perception problem. "It's not a lot of guys my generation who take part," Light said. "I think one of the main reasons for that, in the VFW's case, there is this (image) that it's an old man's drinking club. And I think the reason that persists is people don't understand what it is that the VFW does within the community.

"We're very active with youth activities, Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay competitions every year. Every post is supposed to have a Boy Scout chairman.

"We also help veterans get their benefits. That's another component of the VFW. Yet the idea that it's a drinking club persists."

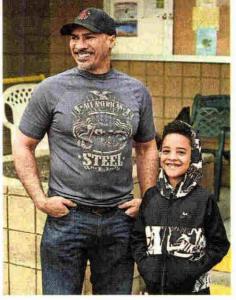
Kendall pulled the strings on getting Vet Tix for the Pure Pro Wrestling event, but he does much more at the post. He and daughters Gabrielle and Emma helped behind the counter at Friday fish dinners during Lent.

Coming up are karaoke nights May 4 and May 18, as well as participation in the Plymouth Memorial Day parade.

The Plymouth post currently serves approximately 800 members. That includes 315 VFW members, along with auxiliary members (families of veterans) and the VVA.

Kendall said lifetime memberships to the VFW are \$300-plus, while annual fees are \$40.

"One thing is for younger vets to know," Kendall said. "They don't know



Daniel Patterson (left) and grandson Aidan, 10. TOM BEAUDOIN

about that there's something out there for them. I think that's one of the biggest things.

"If we can get them in and they can see they could be a part of something, than maybe we can get more. But it's hard to go out in the community and find them. There's no list; you can't just pick them out of the community. You got to do events, like this wrestling, that appeals more to the younger people."

Doing good work

Each Saturday, Kendall (and wife Kelly, a Pet Smart dog trainer) oversees service dog training sessions for veterans.

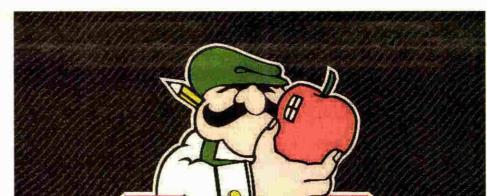
"Most of the time, the person who comes to us has their own dog," Kendall said. "We have to evaluate that dog, whether it meets the minimum qualifications of what we think a service dog should be, whether it be temperament or how it interacts with humans and other animals.

"And once we figure out, yes, this dog would be good to train, that doesn't mean it's going to definitely be a service dog. But we start training it. Our motto is, every dog can be a great dog once trained, but not all dogs can be service dogs."

He knows from personal experience just how valuable those sessions with

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canine friends can be. One of the demons Kendall battled after serving in Iraq (2005-06) and Afghanistan (2008-09) was post traumatic stress disorder.

"I had PTSD real bad, so one of the good things was, down in Texas, there was an organization called TADSAW, Train a Dog Save a Warrior," Kendall said. "And they actually helped me train my dog to be a service dog. That, and groups of other guys going through the same thing - guys and girls - that helped me the most.

"I've really recovered a lot from what I went through. That's why my wife and I are giving back."

According to Kendall, "just touching an animal will calm somebody down, especially once you've bonded with an animal. And we don't train their dogs. They (vets who participate) train their dogs and this gives them a bond to that dog."

Canines are "man's best friend," but military veterans also need other humans who have been through the rigors of combat to be there for them. That is the underlying strength of organizations such as the VFW.

Come on in

Getting out the word that the welcome mat remains out is Kendall's new mission.

"Everybody wants a friend," Kendall said. "But a lot of times, vets come back from war and feel alone, absolutely alone - because nobody understands.

"As much as a civilian wants to help you out, the people that can help you out the most are the people that know what you're going through. Just like AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)."

Potential remains to add members with every encounter, intervention and event.

"I don't believe a lot of young people know they're out there," Patterson said. "I live right down the street from the VFW post (in Berkley) and I ride back and forth and I've never been in the hall.

"Coming here today, sitting around and looking at the things they offer, it just opened up my eyes and my cousin's eyes about joining."

Yet perhaps as important as drawing in prospective members is recruiting men and women who are ready to do what Kendall does - get to work.

And Kendall doesn't buy the notion that younger veterans don't sign up because of the responsibilities that go with raising families.

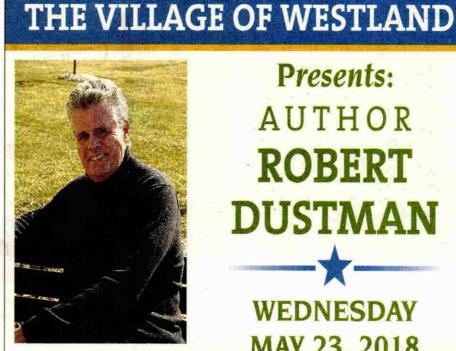
"I take my girls around to all kinds of stuff, band and sports," Kendall said, with a firm nod of his head. "You know, the Tuesday (VFW) meetings, I really make a point to make those. And I just say, 'Hey, you got your time, I've got mine.

"It works out for me. I don't know why it couldn't work out for other people.'

Getting more millennials to join military veterans service organizations is the thorny challenge for Kendall and others like him who get it.

Tick-tock, tick-tock, indeed.

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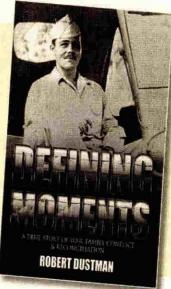
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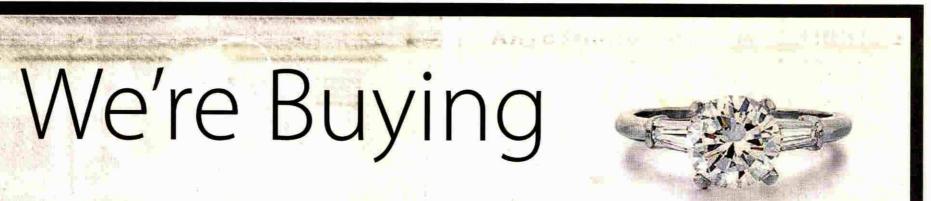
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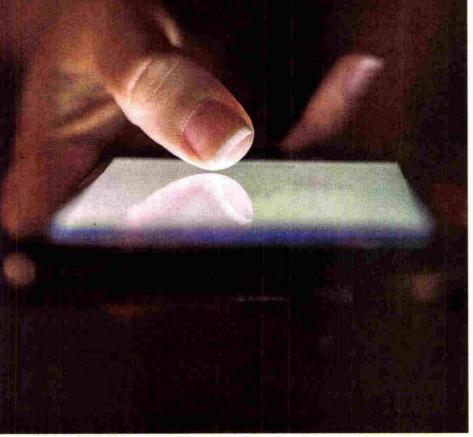
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he other day, I gave a talk at Troy library and the topic was how to protect yourself from scams. I thought I would share with you some of the highlights of the talk. After all, scams affect each and every one of us. It doesn't matter if you're rich or poor, old or young, the scam artists are after us and it's important for us to protect ourselves.

I wish there was something that we could do that would eliminate the risk of being scammed, but there isn't. The goal is to put up enough road blocks to make it difficult for the scam artist and to be able to limit the damage if we are taken advantage of.

Identity theft is real and can have severe consequences if you are a victim. Everyone needs to take some precautions. Everyone, in order to protect ourselves, needs to learn to say no. When someone asks you for your Social Security number, the automatic answer should be no. Just because someone asks for your Social Security number doesn't mean you have to provide it. When someone asks for my number, I ask why they need it. In the great majority of situations, they can't provide me an answer other than it's on the form. Yes, there are certain times we have no choice, such as to employers and tax-related situations. In the great majority of situations, we don't have to provide it and we shouldn't. With your Social Security number, scam artists can do all sorts of things, such as file tax returns and open charge cards. The bottom line: We all just have to learn to say no.

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The first is I don't invest in anything I

can't check out independently. If I can't check out an investment independently, I walk away. I don't believe what a salesperson is telling me; I only believe what I can check out independently.

Next is I don't invest in anything that doesn't have a track record. So many scams are because people think they're getting in on the ground for the newest, greatest technology. As far as I'm concerned, that is more gambling that investing. Before I invest in anything, I want to independently look at the investment's track record, generally three-, five- and 10-year records.

I don't invest in anything that I don't understand. If you don't understand an investment, you're more apt to let fear and greed dictate your decisions. If you invest based upon those two emotions, you will not be successful. We can all admit we don't know everything, so if we stay with investments that we understand, we would be more apt to be successful. The great majority of people who are purchasing annuities today have no clue what the contract says. When it comes to investments, you must know how you can make money, how you can lose money and how to get your money out if and when you choose to.

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There's nothing you can do that will 100-percent protect you. By being informed, learning to say no and taking the time to do some independent research, you are doing what you need to put up speed bumps to make it difficult for anyone to take advantage of you.

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The Star Wars-themed evening will include dinner, a battle between the light and dark side and training from a Jedi Master. Star Wars characters will demonstrate some of the skills seen in the movies and guests will be treated to a screening of the first movie in the Star Wars original trilogy, "Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope.

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Yankee Air Museum itself will be open with free admission for all Bomber Buffers that day and people are encouraged to visit after polishing the planes.

Take Pride in Livonia Day

The annual Take Pride in Livonia Day will take place beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 5. This day is designed to spruce up neighborhood parks with the assistance of organizations, families and school groups.

Individual groups choose a park and recruit volunteers to clean that park. We are especially looking to clean up trails through the nature preserves this year. Each group will be given trash bags, gloves and encouraged to bring rakes and brooms.

After the clean-up, all volunteers are invited to Ford Field, Farmington at Lyndon roads, for a picnic hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club.

For more information, contact Livonia Parks and Recreation at 734-466-2900 or at www.livoniaparks.org.

Livonia pitch, hit and run

Livonia's annual pitch, hit and run competition will take place at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at Ford Field No. 2, 33841 Lyndon. Participants will compete in the following events: pitching, which consists of six pitches to a "strike zone" banner worth points; base-running, in which the youngster is timed, starting from second base to home; and batting, which allows the youngster to hit a ball off a stationary tee, scoring based on distance and accuracy.

Registration takes place 8:30-11:30 a.m. the day of event. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 7-14 as of July 17. Boys and girls compete separately (baseball/softball) in four age classifications: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

Youths have the opportunity to advance to the sectional competition and possibly compete at Comerica Park. For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to www.livoniaparks.org.

World Labyrinth Day

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650

Six Mile Road, in Livonia will host Walk As One At 1:00, an event in conjunction with World Labyrinth Day, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5. A Veriditas-certified labyrinth facilitator and volunteers will be on hand. For more information, call 734-427-1414.

Kirksey Rec Center open house

The Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, in Livonia will celebrate its 15th anniversary and the grand re-opening of Mercy Elite from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

Enjoy the pool, climbing wall and a variety of gym activities. The gyms will be set up for roller hockey, pickleball, volleyball and basketball. Swim assessments will be offered from noon to 4 p.m. to ensure you register your child for the proper class.

Guests will have an opportunity to learn about organizations and businesses in the community. Organizations scheduled to participate include, the Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition, Healthy Livonia, Wilson Barn, Livonia Rotary Club, HealthQuest of Livonia, Livonia Jaycees, Accelerate Kid, Advocare, Costco, Little Caesars and many more.

Admission is free for Livonia residents and \$3 per person for non-residents. For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to www.livonia parks.org.

'23rd Floor' at Inspire Theatre

Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" will be presented at the Inspire Theatre, located inside the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road, through Sunday, May 6. The play is directed by Inspire Theatre founder Len Fisher of Wayne.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased online at inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com or by calling the box office at 734-751-7057.

Concert at Livonia library

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library will present the free Harmony Town Chorus concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Robert and Janet Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call the library at 734-466-

2495.

Addiction treatment series

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia offers an ongoing series titled "Addiction: What you need to know and what you can do." Classes are scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8 and 15, in Classroom 11.

Focus is on understanding addiction and the impact of addiction on families. No registration necessary. For more information, contact Karen Bonanno at kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org or 734-338-9580.

3D Photography Club

The 3D Photography Club will hold its next meeting 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, go to www.Detroit3D.org, or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Livonia Dems Club

The Livonia Democratic Club will hold its next meeting 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, at 33150 Schoolcraft Road, Room 104. All are invited.

Westland library book sale

The Friends of the Westland Library will hold their May used book sale Thursday through Saturday, May 10-12, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Hours are 3-6 p.m. Thursday (Friends members only) and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday (\$4 per bag day).

Spring rummage sale

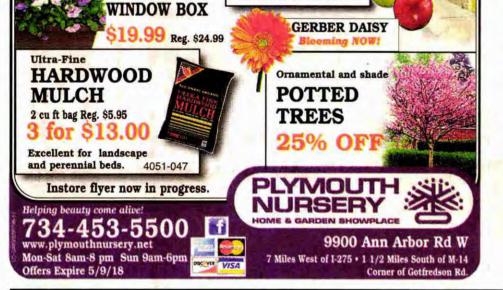
The First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Town Square (across from post office), will host a spring rummage sale Thursday through Saturday, May 10-12. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, which is also bargain bag day (two sizes, \$3 or \$6, fill as you wish). The site is handicap-accessible.



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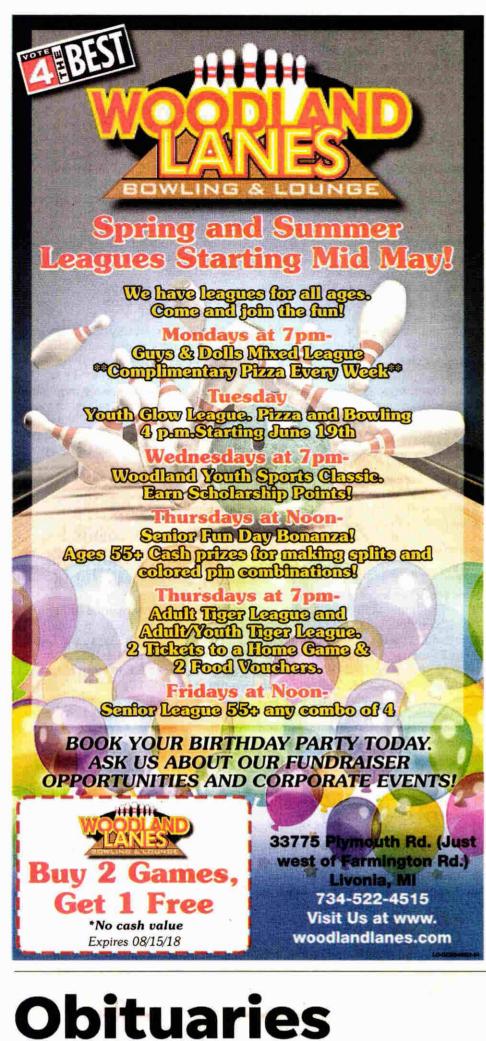
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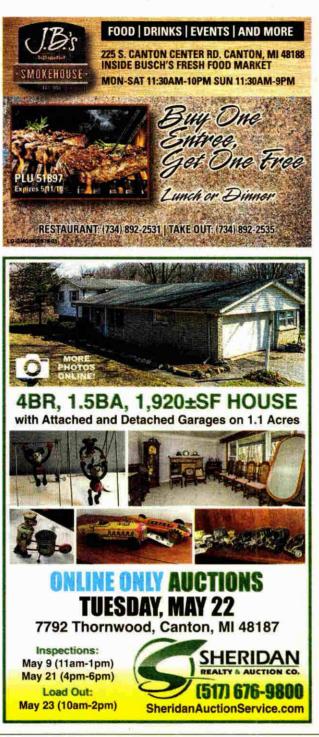
nounced Michael Smith

of Novi as its new presi-

His charitable background includes serving on the governing and foundation boards at Aquinas College, as chairperson of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Michigan and as lead volunteer for packaging and food distribution for the Meals on Wheels program at the Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe.

Novi's Smith to head Sweet Dreamzzz board

"Over the years, Sweet



Dreamzzz has demonstrated its innovative ability to improve the lives of Smith thousands of children



in need when it comes to preparing for and understanding the value of sleep," Smith said. "From a toothbrush and toothpaste to a storybook and teddy bear, along with a comfortable sleeping bag, they help children get what we all take for granted, a good night's sleep. It's my privilege to serve as president of the Sweet Dreamzzz board. My goal is to bring in additional resources to Sweet Dreamzzz so it can touch the lives of many more children throughout Michigan."

"Michael Smith has been involved with Sweet Dreamzzz for the past 15 years and, with his extensive background, is a perfect candidate to lead the board of governors," said nancy Maxwell, Sweet Dreamzzz executive director. "We are thrilled to have Michael's expertise in guiding the organization."

Founded in 1998, Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc., 19171 Merriman Road, in Livonia is a regional nonprofit organization committed to improving children's health, well-being and academic performance by providing sleep education and bedtime essentials to economically disadvantaged students and their families. Since its founding, Sweet Dreamzzz has served more than 55,000 at-risk children and families. For more information, go to www.SweetDreamzzz. org.

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ROYAL OAK - Charles Eugene Repp, 74, of Royal

LIVONIA - Kronk Sharon Barbara (nee Allen) Sharon Barbara Kronk, 76, of Livonia, Mich., passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 21, surrounded by her family. Sharon will be forever remembered by her loving husband of 42 years, Peter Kronk, and her children, Lisa Buck-



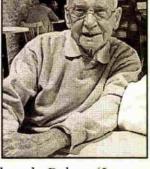
ler, Todd Buckler, David Buckler, and Danielle (Daniel) Barrick. Sharon also will be remembered by her grandchildren, Justin, Sylvie, and William, and by her brother, Carl Allen, her sister, Susan Zocco, her sister-in-law, Joanne Allen, and her brother-in-law, David Kronk (Janel Crooks). Sharon was predeceased by her brothers Dennis Allen and Mark Allen and by her parents, Margaret and Carl Allen. Sharon also will be forever remembered by her nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Sharon made friends wherever she went, and those who loved her will never forget how tough she was in the face of a long illness. Her love of life, interest in others, and her outsize personality will never be forgotten. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 27, at O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand

Sharon Kronk

River Ave., Novi, Mich. Sharon was a lifelong lover of animals; memorial donations may be made in her name to the Humane Society of the United States (www.humanesociety.org).



ren Stoddard, age 101, a long-time resident of Northville, passed away April 6th in Fort Myers, Florida. He was born December 9th, 1916 in Portland Maine to the late Ruben and Eva (Ryder) Stoddard. Beloved husband to Betty for 74 years. Loving father to



Joyce (the late Robert) Edwards, Robert (Joanne O'Connor) Stoddard, the late Thomas Stoddard, the late William Stoddard, James (JoAnn Isaac) Stoddard, and Jeanne (James) Mulhern. Proud grandfather to Elizabeth (Ed) Dixon, Madelynne (Jeff) Creel, Ian and Olivia Mulhern. Great grandfather to Graham, Lily, Harper, Caleb and Colton. Warren was a veteran of World War II, where he served as a medic for the 28th General Hospital. After the war Warren attended the University of Maine and Michigan State University where he received his undergraduate degree and then his Masters Degree in Business Administration. He spent a 32-year career at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, MI. Warren devoted 30 plus years to local Boy Scout Troop 755, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville where he acted as Assistant Scoutmaster, then Scoutmaster. There he is known for staring the wilderness Canadian canoe trips. Warren was honored in June of 2017 for his dedication and service to Troop 755 at their 70th anniversary. Warren led a remarkable long life. He was a lifetime stamp collector, lover of the bagpipes and the Highland Games, and an avid golfer - on the golf course up until a few short weeks before he passed. A celebration of Warren's life will be held this summer. Memorial contributions will be directed to Hope Hospice, Fort Myers, Florida.



Oak, MI, formerly of both Plymouth and Ann Arbor, MI, died peacefully at Angela Hospice in Livonia, MI, on April 27.

Charles was born in Detroit, graduated from Cass Technical High School, received a Bachelor of Science degree in



Engineering from the University of Wisconsin, and a Master's Degree in Business Management from Stanford University where he was a Sloan Fellow sponsored by the Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Repp worked for the Ford Motor Company for 34 years, and he held many assignments as a product development engineer, including Chief Engineer of Ford Australia, Vice-President of Ford Australia, and Program Manager of the Lincoln LS Program, which won the Motor Trend Car of the Year Award.

In retirement, he enjoyed restoring a classic car and building a cafe racer motorcycle with a friend that took best in class honors at the Battle of the Brits and was featured in the Cafe Racer magazine.

Charles was a loving and devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife of almost 46 years Janet; daughter Amy Repp of London, England; daughter Katherine Repp (Christopher Barron), and grandson Alexander Charles Barron, all of Royal Oak, MI; and six siblings, John Repp (Nancy) of Grosse Ile, MI; Susan Marose of Menomonie, WI; Christine Welch of Colorado Springs, CO; Paul Repp (Nancy) of Antigo, WI; Roberta Rich (Joseph) of Clear Lake, IA; Marianne O'Brien of Walnut Creek, CA; as well as 14 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Edna Ruth Repp.

Mr. Repp valiantly struggled with Parkinson's Disease for 18 years. His family encourages anyone who would like to honor his memory to make a donation to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation to support research.

Following cremation, his immediate family will scatter his ashes as he directed.



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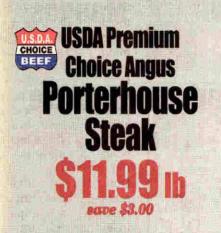
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BOYS LACROSSE

Plymouth earns P-CEP bragging rights

Rottell leads Wildcats to 11-6 victory over Chiefs

Brad Emons

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Plymouth earned bragging rights Friday night, completing the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hat trick with an 11-6 win over Canton.

The Wildcats, who improved to 9-3 overall and 4-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, led 4-3 at halftime before going on a 5-2 third-quarter run against the Chiefs (5-4, 3-3), who were unable to recover.

Just two days earlier, Plymouth also defeated P-CEP rival Salem, 6-3.

"Unfinished business has been our team slogan this year," Plymouth coach

Ray Miller said. "Winning the Park championship had a lot to do with it after last year's tough overtime losses. From top to bottom, this was a great program win for us tonight. I'm proud of all of our student-athletes and it's a great night to be a Wildcat."

Ethan Rottell paced Plymouth with three goals and two assists, while Harrison Albano added two goals and two assists.

Other top scorers for Plymouth included Gavin Roach, two goals, one assist; Brendan Allen, one goal, Bryan Twinney, one goal, Jake Roach, one goal; and Ian Gozdor, one assist.

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Plymouth's Jacob Roach (left) goes on the attack against Canton's Connor Flanigan. MICHAEL VASILNEK

BOYS TRACK

Momeyer, Hall propel Churchill to city crown

Both figure in four wins as Chargers repeat; Stevenson runner-up

Brad Emons

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Taji Hall and Josh Momeyer proved to be a potent one-two combination for Churchill during Saturday's Livonia city boys track and field meet.

Bothh figured in four first-place finishes as the Chargers repeated as champs, edging Stevenson, 107-94. Host Franklin was third with 38, while Clarenceville scored one point to place fourth.



Schoolcraft's Toni Biberaj hurls a pitch toward the plate during Friday afternoon action at The Corner Ballpark. TIM SMITH

Schoolcraft players soak in lore of old Tiger Stadium

Tim Smith

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The famous baseball field at "The Corner" was where famous players with famous names like Cobb, Kaline, Horton and Trammell plied their trade.

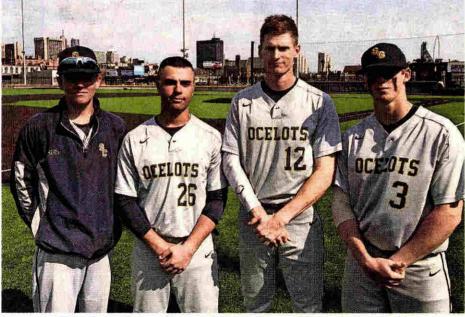
Now you can add new names to that list — Ogg, Harthun, Diponio, Ciesielski.

Those latter names belong to players on Schoolcraft College's baseball team, which Friday played a doubleheader against Macomb Community College at The Corner Ballpark Presented by Adient.

Baseball again is being played on the very spot where the Detroit Tigers roamed for a century, thanks to an \$18 million project undertaken by the Detroit Police Athletic League.

Unfortunately, as far as the Ocelots were concerned, it wasn't good baseball.

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Schoolcraft College players (from left) Nick Cotter, Michael Diponio, Ben Harthun and Nick Powell enjoyed the chance to play on the site of the legendary Tiger Stadium. TIM SMITH Hall, a senior, impressed by winning the high jump (6 feet, 1 inch), long jump (20-4¾) and 300 hurdles (42.97), while also teaming with Justin Carter, Will Hengy and Momeyer for a victory in the 1,600 relay (3:35.97).

"It's a cold day, but it's just a day to compete, just another day being out here with all my boys and just compete for another championship," Hall said. "I was happy with it, but I still have a lot more work to do this season with some more meets coming up. But it's hard with the weather and everything

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Churchill's Josh Momeyer (left) and Taji Hall both figured in four first-place finishes at the Livonia city meet. BRAD EMONS



GIRLS TRACK

Churchill repeats as Livonia city champion

Moultrie, Swider lift Chargers over Stevenson, Franklin

Brad Emons

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The Livonia Public Schools district girls track and field city meet was almost too close to call.

Churchill, however, continued its long reign by repeating as team champion, but it was by a razor-thin margin as the Chargers scored 88 points. Host Franklin and Stevenson were a close second and third with 84 and 82, respectively.

Junior Iamani Moultrie and senior Gabrielle Swider helped tip the scales in Churchill's favor.

Moultrie, a junior, swept the 100- and 200-meter dashes in 13.33 and 26.73, respectively. She also was second in the long jump (15-6¾).

Swider, headed to Michigan, won the 800 (2:24.78) and 1,600 (5:23.59), while also placing second in the 400 (1:02.07).

"Iamani is an incredible athlete, because she never lets anything else affect her performance," first-year Churchill coach Becki Barnes said. "She's consistently hungry for the win, regardless of the circumstances, regardless of the cold or anything that's going on. Gabi is the same thing, always gives 100 percent, 150 percent, all the time. She always has her game face on. I'm consistently amazed on how these athletes perform."

Other first-place contributions for the Chargers came from Cate Visscher (pole vault, 11-0) and Jessica Maladecki (high jump, 4-8), who also was runnerup in the 200 (28.52), as well as third in the 400 (1:02.83) after running back-toback with a leg in the 400 relay.

"Outstanding performance turned in by Jessica," Barnes said. "She's got a lot of heart."

With temperatures hovering around at 39 degrees for the 9 a.m. Saturday start, coupled with a 15 mph biting wind, conditions were less than ideal.

Churchill was also running its fourth meet in nine days.

"With injuries and as far as being able



The Churchill girls track and field team repeated as Livonia Public Schools district champion.

to come up with our strategy on how to win, we ask athletes to take on different roles that they might not be comfortable doing," Barnes said. "But as we work it through and score it different ways, everybody has to step it up in different departments and today they did that."

Churchill also survived a dropped baton that caused a disqualification in the 800 relay.

"My thoughts were, 'What?' Stuff happens and it's hard for the athletes," Barnes said. "That didn't go our way at all and it was actually a glitch, if you can call it. But everybody kept their chins up, kept their eyes on the prize, went hard and we were able to overcome it."

Franklin, meanwhile, garnered eight first-place finishes, led by sophomore Kelly Peyton, who swept the 100 and 300 hurdles in 17.9 and 51.17, respectively. She also teamed with Alaina Herrera, Brooke Gietzen, Emily Esker for a victory in the 800 relay (1:54.53).

Junior Anna Lauber was first in the shot put (32-0) and discus (86-5), while junior Erin Seibert captured the 3,200 (12:25.82) after placing third in the 1,600.

Sophomore Jessica Huddleston also captured the long jump (15-6¾), while the Patriots' 400 relay team of Cierra Echeblem, Gietzen, Josie Ransley and Herrera was victorious (53.06).

"Our girls made a great showing today," Franklin coach Megan Morris said. "We lost to Churchill by four points in the end, but it was a great meet. We had eight first-place finishes, which really shows off how versatile this team is. I'm so proud of the dedication I saw from all of my girls today. Across the board, everyone had their head in the game and they were super-focused. It is easy on bad weather days like this to get wrapped up in how cold it is. My girls, however, didn't let that get to them. I could not have asked for any more from them today."

Stevenson, only six points out of first place, got a win from junior Allie Terry, 400 (1:01.66), who also teamed with Kylie Callison, Gracie Droz and Emily Lauzon for a triumph in the 1,600 relay (4:20.55).

The Spartans' 3,200 relay team of Droz, Callison, Cassie McDougall and Lauzon also placed first (10:17.75).

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD MEET April 28 at Franklin

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 88 points; 2. Franklin, 84; Stevenson, 82. FIELD EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Anna Lauber (F), 32 feet; 2. Alexa Pierzynski (S), 29-4; 3. Jessica Mancini (S), 28-9; discus: 1. Lauber (S), 86-5; 2. Mya McKinney (C), 85-7; 3. Emily Thompson (F), 82-3; high jump: 1. Jessica Maladecki (C), 4-8; 2. (tie) Kya Dooley (C) and Iamani Moultrie (C), 4-6 each; long jump: 1. (tie) Jessica Huddleston (F) and Moultrie (C), 15-6¾ each; 3. Josie Ransley (F), 15-6¼; pole vault: 1. Cate Visscher (C), 11-0; 2. Natalie Yurgil

(C), 9-0; 3. Kyria Gowman (S), 8-6. RUNNING EVENT RESULTS

100-meter hurdles: 1. Kelly Peyton (F), 17.90; 2. Abbey Curtis (S), 18.11; 3. Samantha Hinkle (S), 18.48; 300 hurdles: 1. Peyton (F), 51.17; 2. Beth White (S), 52.37; 3. Curtis (S), 53.44; 100 dash: 1. Moultrie (C), 13.33; 2. Ransley (F), 13.96; 3. Brooke Gietzen (F), 14.06; 200: 1. Moultrie (C), 26.73; 2. Maladecki (C), 28.52; 3. Alaina Herrera (F), 28.84; 400: 1. Allie Terry (S), 1:01.66; 2. Gabrielle Swider (C), 1:02.07; 3. Maladecki (C), 1:02.83; 800: 1. Swider (C), 2:24.78; 2. Emily Lauzon (S), 2:28.36; 3. Kylie Callison (S), 2:32.53; 1,600: 1. Swider (C), 5:23.59; 2. Lauzon (S), 5:35.01; 3. Erin Seibert (F), 5:40.23; 3,200:1. Seibert (F), 12:25.82; 2. Cassie McDougall (S), 12:34.33; 3. Sierra Greener (F), 12:41.10. **RELAY RESULTS**

400: 1. Franklin (Cierra Echeblem, Gietzen, Ransley, Herrera), 58.13; 2. Stevenson, 1:00.62; 800: 1. Franklin (Herrera, Gietzen, Emily Esker, Peyton), 1:54.53; 2. Stevenson, 1:00.62; Churchill, disqualified; 1,600: 1. Stevenson (Callison, Gracie Droz, Lauzon, Terry), 10:17.75; 2. Churchill, 5:44.05; 3,200: 1. Stevenson (Droz, Callison, McDougall, Lauzon), 10:17.75; 2. Churchill, 10:56.51; 3. Franklin, 11:50.19.

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going out there."

Momeyer, a junior, swept the 400and 800-meter races in 52.87 and 2:03.96, respectively. He was also part of the victorious 3,200 relay team, along with Hengy, Camren Thomson and Eric Pensari (4:36.36) in addition being on the first-place 1,600 relay.

"Definitely getting sore, definitely feeling all the races," Momeyer said. "I'm just happy to run for my team, just a bunch of my hilarious, fun teammates that I love to be around and cheer them on. Just to be out here in front of the other Livonia teams is a great experience."

Hall accounted for 19½ of Churchill's points, while Momeyer figured in 15.

"Those guys were in four events and winning in all four events," Churchill coach Jordan McClellan said. "You can't talk enough on how much they do for us. Taji is actually just running his first meet of the season this week, so it took a while to get him to get up to speed and right away he showed it."

Other Churchill wins came form Deon Pitchford in the 100 dash (12.08) and Michael Parrish II in the discus (128-7). It was not an ideal day for track and field, as temperatures barely reached 40

with a stiff north wind.

"Today, we did really well with places, but the times are not there yet because of this weather we've had this season has been horrible," McClellan said. "We've had four or five meets in the last week-and-a-half. Weird schedule this year with the KLAA changes, weather delays and all that kind of stuff. There's an issue with Plymouth's track being out of commission, so it's caused a lot of schedule changes this year. It's made it tough, but our kids fought through the adversity, came out here, bad weather day, but they all fought and competed, came out with the win."



Livonia Churchill repeated as boys track and field city champion. ELIZABETH HENGY

Stevenson was paced by senior Ben Griffith, who swept the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs in 4:45.94 and 10:16.74, respectively. Other Stevenson wins came from freshman Caden Woodall, 200 (24.6); Brendan Plue, shot put (43-11); and Collin Bowersox, pole vault (12-6).

Senior Marcus Martin led Franklin with a win in the 110 hurdles (16.41), while also teaming with James Carpenter, Ethan Porecca and Doug Neal for a victory in the 800 relay (1:54.53).

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOYS TRACK AND FIELD MEET April 28 at Franklin

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 107 points; 2. Stevenson, 94; 3. Franklin, 38; 4. Clarenceville, 1.

FIELD EVENT RESULTS Shot put: 1. Brendan Plue (S), 43 feet, 11 inches; 2. Arsell Weary (F), 43-10½; 3.

Camden Gould (S), 42-4; **discus:** 1. Michael Parrish (C), 128-7; 2. Nicholas Leginza (S), 124-6; 3. Plue (S), 119-6; **high jump:** 1. Taji Hall (C), 6-1; 2. Chris Brown (C), 5-6; 3. Martell Dooley (C), 5-6; **long jump:** 1. Hall (C), 20-4³/₄; 2. Dooley (C), 19-6; 3. Aidan Pittenger (F), 18-0; **pole vault:** 1. Collin Bowersox (S), 12-6; 2. Jackson Ramsay (C), 12-0; 3. Russell Rusnell (F), 11-0.

RUNNING RESULTS

110-meter hurdles: 1. Marcus Martin (F), 16.41; 2. Jake Kaupp (S), 17.0; 3. Xavier Loggins (C), 17.5; **300 hurdles:** 1. Hall (C), 42.97; 2. Kaupp (S), 43.04; 3. Nithin Philip (S), 44.52; **100 dash:** 1. Deon Pitchford (C), 12.08; 2. Caden Woodall (S), 12.12; 2. Darrell Mason (C), 12.17; **200:** 1. Woodall (S), 24.6; 2. Pitchford (C), 24.72; 3. Mason (C), 24.93; **400:** 1. Josh Momeyer (C), 52.87; 2. Trevor Klatt (S), 55.83; 3. Brown (C), 57.06; **800:** 1. Momeyer (C), 2:03.96; 2. Michael Mackiewicz (F), 2:06.19; 3. Will Hengy (C), 2:06.21; **1,600:** 1. Ben Griffith (S), 4:45.94; 2. Hengy (C), 4:47.96; 3. Owen Rowader (S), 4:50.47; **3,200:** 1. Griffith (S), 10:16.74; 2. Eric Pensari (C), 10:21.23; 3. Rowader (S),10:30.07.

RELAY RESULTS

400: 1. Churchill (Pitchford, Almo Regazi, Tyrese Williams, Mason), 45.83; 2. Stevenson, 46.97; 3. Franklin, 47.26; 800: 1. Franklin (Martin, James Carpenter, Ethan Porreca, Doug Neal), 1:38.25; 2. Stevenson, 1:38.28; 3. Churchill, 1:38.96; 1,600: 1. Churchill (Justin Carter, Hengy, Hall, Momeyer), 3:35.97; 2. Stevenson, 3:45.58; 3. Franklin, 3:51.29; 3,200: 1. Churchill (Hengy, Camren Thomson, Pensari, Momeyer), 8:36.36; Stevenson, 8:38.08; 3. Franklin, 8:47.36.

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Farmington certainly got off on the right foot April 26 in the OAA White Division girls soccer game against stateranked Seaholm at Maple Field in Birmingham.

Senior captain Erin Abramczyk cleanly deflected a crisp cross by Marlee Pople to the far side of the net four minutes into the game to put the Falcons up, 1-0. It marked just the second time all season that Seaholm trailed in a game.

The Maples stormed back, however, to take a 2-1 halftime lead and took control with a sizzling four-goal second half en route to a 6-2 victory.

Seaholm's outstanding play on the pitch certainly impressed Farmington head coach Shaun Gray.

"Overall, they play fast. When they have the ball, they play quickly and they try to get from one end to the other as fast as possible," said Gray, in his second season at Farmington. "They really put the pressure on. As soon as we turn the ball over, we just found it really hard to defend from that moment. And the longer the game goes on, the harder it becomes.

'We took that early lead and I think that kind of shocked Seaholm a bit," he added. "At halftime it was still close and at 3-1 we had a couple chances that we didn't score on and if we convert those chances it could be a different game. But, they are just a very good team."

A wake-up call

Veteran Seaholm head coach Manuel Rodrigues indicated that early deficit served as a wake-up call for his talented squad. The Maples were sparked by senior captain Zoe Gaffney who finished with four goals and an assist.

"I wasn't worried that they scored the first goal, because we can kind of get them in bunches," said Rodrigues, whose No. 7-ranked squad (Division 1) is a perfect 9-0 this season. "But funny enough, the fact that they got the goal kind of settled us. We started passing the ball around and started playing the game.

"We know everyone is coming in here and they know that we're ranked and they are all giving us a good game," he added. "I give Farmington a ton of credit. They are strong, well-coached and they gave us something to think about."

After Abramczyk opened the scoring, Gaffney nearly tied it five minutes later with a deflected shot that Farmington goalie Alex Thomas was in perfect position to make the key save. A few minutes later, junior Cate Brown appeared to have scored for Seaholm, but the goal was disallowed because of offsides.



Farmington senior Erin Abramczyk (right) celebrates the game's first goal against Seaholm with teammates (from left) Kristina Agee, Marlee Pope and Casey Borden. MARTY BUDNER

side that hit the post and caromed into the net. Then, with 7:12 left in the first half, Gaffney scored her first goal from 15 yards out, on an assist from junior Bella Radrigues.

Seaholm's big second half

Liberty University-bound Gaffney connected from 20 yards out with a leftfooted shot that bent into the far side of the net.

Farmington had a chance to cut into the lead at the 25-minute mark, when Casey Borden was set up perfectly from two-goal game.

From that point on, it was all Seaholm

Junior Caroline Esper scored on a turnaround shot from 15 yards out directly in front of the net at 19:02 and Gaffney followed less than a minute later with a brilliant header into the far corner, which was set up by senior Natalie Erne.

Farmington sophomore Kristina Agee scored at the 12:45 mark and Gaffney finished off her big night with a goal at 9:23.

"It was a tale of two halves. I told them at halftime it was a terribly messy game," Rodrigues said. "The strength of our game is the possession game and, when we pass the ball around and we get space, we're OK.

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"I didn't really say too much at halftime. I'd like to take that credit," he added. "The reality was, we were playing a poor game and they had to step it up and they did."

Seaholm dominated the game statistically, out-shooting Farmington by a 21-5 margin and taking nine corners to one. Nesti made four saves in goal for Seaholm, while Farmington's Thomas made eight.

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The Maples finally broke through at the 22:08 mark, when junior Ashley David booted a 25-yard shot from the right minute into the second half, when the

Seaholm quickly made it a 3-1 game a

Abramczyk right in front of the net. However, Seaholm sophomore goalie Maya Nesti made the save to keep it a

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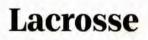
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Plymouth goalie Blake Nowicki made nine saves, with help defensively coming from Charlie Shaver, Jake Marciniak, Josh Montroy, Grant Caswell, Mitchell Bates and Mike Mathias.

"Outside of X's and O's, our message was clear that we were going to outwork them because this meant more to us," Miller said. "In my opinion, that's exactly what we did. We won the little battles, which ultimately led to result we worked hard for."

Top scorers for Canton included Jack Cervantes (two goals, one assist), Zach Sweet (two goals), Nick Polydoras (one goal, one assist) and Chase Meredith (one goal).

"We kind of carried the play in that first quarter," said Canton coach Josh

Simmons, whose team led 3-1, "but the game was won and lost on ground balls. They just beat us to a lot of ground balls. When the ball was on the ground, we just couldn't come up with them, especially in the defensive zone."

Connor Flanigan added seven ground balls, while goalie Sam Bowling made seven saves for Plymouth.

"They scored their first couple of goals off of fast breaks from scooping up ground balls in their defensive zone,' Simmons said. "They took two straight fast-break goals and tied the game. Once they got a couple of more goals, after that we just really couldn't get our footing. Face-offs, I was very happy with. I thought both our face-off guys did a very good job."

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Plymouth players and coaches celebrate after beating Canton, 11-6, for the P-CEP title. MICHAEL VASILNEK

Stadium

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Macomb won the opener 18-3 in six innings. Schoolcraft came back to win Game 2, 8-7.

"If you're a baseball guy, old Tiger Stadium has a lot of meaning to it," Schoolcraft head coach Rob Fay said. "And obviously, our players are a little young to remember.

"But I thought it'd be a great time for them to get out and get some more experience and learn the history of baseball a little bit."

All it took was a telephone call, an email, and a check for \$500 to book the all-turf field for a half-day. The Ocelots' regular field, Ford Field in Livonia, was unavailable all weekend due to a household hazardous waste and electronic waste drop-off event.

Little League and high school teams in the city now have a permanent place to hang their gloves and bats and with that are hopes that baseball will begin to flourish with today's youngsters.

"It's good for the city, because there was a vacant ground for a while," said Ocelots pitcher Nick Cotter, a Livonia Stevenson alum. "But I know a lot of people kept it up after they tore the stadium down.

"A lot of good things happened here. They won a World Series here, so it's kind of cool to say I played on the same ground."

Another Stevenson graduate, Michael Diponio, added, "It's just cool to play at the famous venue downtown. A lot of greats have played down at the old Tiger Stadium. It's just cool to be a part of it. It's a pretty nice field."

Northville alum Ben Harthun played in the same spot Hall of Fame player Al Kaline did, in right field. He had to pinch himself.

"It's a good feeling. (I'm a) big Tigers fan, I like all the Detroit teams," Harthun said. "It's really cool to be out here on the same location some of the greats were at. It's wonderful, a great ballpark."

Nick Powell, who hails from Walled Lake Northern, grinned about the unique opportunity.

"The all-turf field is really cool, I've never really played on anything like it. It's really nice," Powell said. "It's really cool to play on the same field as all the old Tigers and all the old greats."



played Friday featured the same dimensions as Tiger Stadium did — 340 feet to left, 440 feet to center and 325 feet to right.

Ciesielski played third base. TIM SMITH

The original and historic center field flagpole remains where it's always stood — and that means in the field of play.

"Everything's the same, the dimensions are the same, the flagpole is still in play in center field," Fay said. "The fencing for the outfield, I understand, was the fencing and the gates that they had around the stadium. But everything's laid out exactly the same. The dugout we're sitting in is exactly where the Tigers dugout was.

"When you drive by and you see this small piece of property that it's on, it's amazing thinking about how big Tiger Stadium used to be, with the three different levels of seating. It's kind of mind-blowing."

Schoolcraft assistant coach George Kontos stood out on the sidelines near the "Willie Horton Field of Dreams" logo that is painted into the turf in foul territory. He shook his head and smiled.

"It's a field of dreams, a lot of history today," Kontos said. "Earlier today, I sang the boys a song about the old stadium and they all got a kick out of it, because there's so much history since 1912.

"Just amazing. When I was growing up I couldn't wait to come here as a kid. ... Still a kick to be here."

That tune was "The Park at the Corner" by folk singer Russ Franzen.

Fay said he would like to see Schoolcraft make an annual pilgrimage to The Corner Ballpark.

"With the weather being what it is and losing games early, because of not having artificial turf, it would be great for us," he said. "We just got done playing 12 games in six days, because of postponements."

Tim Richey, CEO of the Detroit Police Athletic League, said response to the new venue has been overwhelmingly positive since it opened March 24.

"We're happy to have so many people that are really giving us some positive feedback about the field and how we've honored the history here," Richey said. "And at the same time, created a really state-of-the-art facility that will allow kids for generations to come to make their own memories out here. It's been a lot of fun."

There are displays and kiosks around the ballpark that delve into Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions history (the NFL team also played at old Tiger Stadium).

"Our campaign was 'The Kids at the Corner Campaign,' which was designed to give kids a chance to play at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull," Richey said. "But just as importantly, (it gives) a chance for kids to play at every corner in Detroit.

"So we're hoping that this corner here will really help serve as a beacon for other corners in Detroit and allow PAL to continue growing our programs throughout all the neighborhoods."

Richey said interest in PAL "diamond sports" such as baseball, softball and Tball are on the rise.

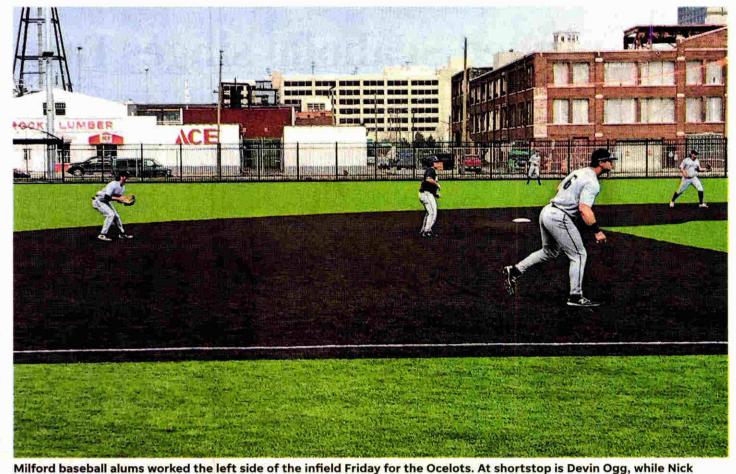
"But PAL's always had a very strong diamond sports program," Richey added. "We get grant dollars from the Detroit Tigers Foundation and others to support the diamond sports.

"But we think the interest in baseball is going to keep on growing from here."

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Sealed bids marked <u>Elementary Musical Instruments Bid</u> will be received until <u>1:00 p.m on the 8th day May, 2018</u>, 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, Michigan, 48154. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

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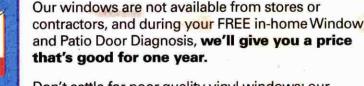
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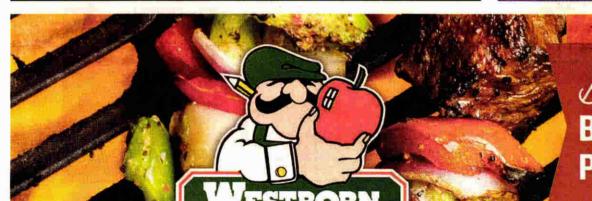
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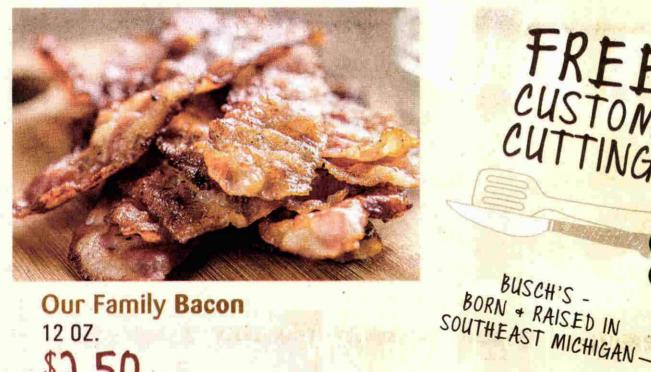




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