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Ford announces \$850M investment

Ranger, Bronco set to come to Wayne Assembly

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When manufacturing of the Ford Focus leaves the Michigan Assembly Plant in 2018, the plant will be retooled to build the Ford Ranger and, eventually, the Ford Bronco.

Ford Motor Company officials officially announced an \$850 million investment into the plant — Wayne's largest employer with more than 3,500 workers at the assembly plant

and adjoining stamping plant. The Ford operation covers approximately two square miles of the city's six-square-mile area.



Rowe

"For some time, there has been discussion about the future of the Wayne Assembly Plant. Since 2003, I've served Wayne first as a council member and now as mayor," Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe



FILE PHOTO

See FORD, Page A2 Ford Wayne Assembly is getting a large reinvestment by the company.



Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright (left) recently officiated the wedding of Gordon Gregoroff and Isabelle Ella Connor. Marry Potter (right) was the witness.

Garden City mayor to seek fifth term

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Randy Walker will seek his fifth term as mayor of Garden City in this year's city council election.

As approved by the city council last year, the mayor's term, beginning with the Nov. 7 election, will be a four-year seat.

"There's still a lot to be done," Walker said. "I still love being a part of this city."

Walker was first elected to a two-year city council seat in 2007. He was then elected mayor every two years beginning in 2009.

Seats now held by council members Jaylee Lynch, Pam King, Mark Jacobs and Patricia McKarge are also up this year. The November ballot will include a special election to fill the remaining term — ending November 2019 — of councilman Jim Kerwin who passed away earlier this year. The two top vote-getters in this year's city council election will receive four-year terms, with the remaining two successful candidates earning two-year seats.

Petitions to seek placement on this year's ballot are due April 25. Petitions must contain 75 signatures. If necessary, a primary will be held in August.

If re-elected as mayor, Walker will serve the new term until 2021, making a total of 12 years as mayor. "My vision hasn't changed. If it is good for Garden City, I will vote for it. If it's not good for Garden City, I won't," said the Ford Motor Co. research and engineering manager.

Walker said he will continue to campaign and — if re-elected — operate on a philosophy of fiscal responsibility to the city and its residents.



Walker

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I DO! GUESS WHO MIGHT GET TO MARRY YOU NEXT?

Jay Grossman
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When Bloomfield Township Supervisor Leo Savoie was asked if he wants to perform marriage ceremonies, his answer came without hesitation:

"I do!"

A new bill in Lansing just might make it possible.

State Rep. Mike McCready (R-Bloomfield Hills) has introduced a bill that would allow township supervisors to perform marriage ceremonies. Under the current law, judges, magistrates, county clerks and city mayors have the authority to solemnize a

marriage. House Bill 4272 would add township supervisors to that list.

Savoie spoke before the House Judiciary Committee two weeks ago in support of the legislation. He said that over the years, he's had numerous requests to perform marriage ceremonies.

"I think it would be a great honor," he said. "Hopefully, it's a joyous occasion."

It's one of the perks of the job that Dr. Ken Massey enjoys, and he's got a pretty good — if tongue in cheek — reason.

"It's the one time nobody

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Lisa and Kyle Clark get married on the steps of City Hall in Birmingham.



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FORD

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said. "I have seen the ups and downs of the economy and the detrimental impact plant closures have had on communities across the country. Ford brings a tremendous amount of traffic into our downtown, and I believe that this investment in our economy is an investment in our community."

Describing herself as elated at the news from Ford, Rowe said the timing couldn't be better for a city that is facing some

significant economic challenges. Wayne is working on its finances in an effort to avoid state control.

Although Ford announced the reinvestment earlier this week, the reinvestment at the plant has been a commitment in the 2015 agreement reached with the United Auto Workers union.

"We knew about the money allocated for retooling. It would have been rather hard for them to violate that. It was a main selling point of the national contract," said Bill Johnson, UAW chairman at the assembly plant.

"The plant will shut down for retooling for three to five months. The trades (employees) will be working during that time and some select production people will work."

Johnson has worked at the Wayne Assembly Plant, located on Michigan Avenue, since 1969.

Rowe had attended a Michigan Strategic Fund Board meeting in Lansing to support Ford's request for grant funding and State Essential Services Assessment Exemptions for their upcoming investments in several communities including Wayne.

When asked by the board what incentives the City of Wayne would be providing to Ford during the Wayne Assembly Plant project and what limitations, if any, the city had identified, Rowe discussed Wayne's current financial challenges and the inability to provide abatements.

"The City of Wayne was hit hard by the recession of 2008 and still has not recovered. In fact, we are working to stay out of the state's control," Rowe said. "At this time, with the loss of revenue sharing, the fact that the city owes hundreds of thousands from a tribunal tax settlement and the elimination of the personal property tax, the city is not in a position to provide any tax abatements to Ford for this project."

The city could expedite permits through the Buildings and Engineering Department and a letter was sent to Ford acknowledging this commitment, Rowe said.

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yells at me," the Farmington Hills mayor said with a laugh.

Massey said he's probably performed more than 40 such ceremonies, and has three scheduled in the next few weeks. He called it "a privilege" to take part in something so life-changing.

"It's a pleasure to participate when people are taking such a major step in their lives," Massey said. "If I can play a small role in that, it's fun."

Former Birmingham Mayor Rackeline Hoff has had the privilege of marrying 27 couples during her 16 years in public office.

"They've all been very happy affairs," Hoff said. "We've had ceremonies in the commission room, at Oakland Hills, Quanton Lake, Shain Park ... sometimes people only



CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
Farmington Hills Mayor Dr. Ken Massey (right) said he's probably done more than 40 wedding ceremonies since he became mayor.

have two witnesses, and sometimes there's a roomful of people.

There are some tears occasionally, but they're tears of happiness."

Lisa and Kyle Clark of Birmingham were married by Hoff on the front steps of City Hall last November.

"We were looking for an intimate civil cere-

mony, and the steps of City Hall was the perfect setting for our nuptials," Lisa Clark said. "Mayor Hoff made the experience very simple and fun to plan. We strolled to dinner with our guests, and enjoyed an afterglow and stay at the Townsend Hotel. It truly was the perfect day for us."

Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright, on the other hand, has performed about a dozen marriage ceremonies. The one ceremony that stood out most involved an 89-year-old bride and an 81-year-old groom.

"That was one pretty unique," the Livonia mayor said with a smile. "It was definitely true love."

House Bill 4272 was approved by the judiciary committee on Wednesday. The pending legislation now heads to the full House for consideration.

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2017-10 March 22, 2017

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Presentations: of the Police Officer of the Year, from Senior Alliance and Wayne Main Street. APPROVED: minutes of Regular & Special City Council meeting of March 7, 2017; special event permit for Goudy Park Concerts; call public hearing for 2016 Special Assessments; 2017 weed cutting fees; City Attorney to review weed cutting fees at railroads; IGA for Fire Chief Services; PSA with Hydro Corp; accept LED grant from State of Michigan; TCO #613; business with City Council owned business; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

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City Clerk

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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:

Churchill Tennis Courts / Buchanan Elementary Paving Bid for the 2016-2017 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT Purchasing Bids, 2016-2017 school year, open bids OR Buy4Michigan Website, www.buy4michigan.com. 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 **Churchill Tennis Courts/Buchanan Elementary Paving** will be received until 1:00 p.m. on the 6th day April, 2017, 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.

A mandatory walk-thru meeting will be on Monday, March 27th, 2017, 2:00 p.m. at Churchill High School which is located at 8900 Newburgh, Livonia, MI, 48150.

The Bid Opening will take place at 1:00 p.m. on the 6th day of April, 2017, 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.

PREVAILING WAGE RATES APPLY TO THIS BID.

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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.

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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.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

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WALKER

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Looking back at his years as mayor, Walker said he is most proud that the city endured the latest economic recession. "It was the worst in Garden City history. We took steps. We never came close to having an emergency manager."

The city survived the recession by offering longer-term employees buyouts and salary freezes to reduce costs, cuts in the use of city cars and cell phones, and a hold on purchasing certain new equipment, such as police patrol cars. "We went through all departments. We did

what we had to do." Walker praises city employees, who pulled together to reduce costs, as well as those who applied for grants to help with costs. Employees now receive about 2-3 percent raises. "The employees understood the trouble the city was in then. Everybody pulled together."

And today, property values are increasing and Garden City has received a Wall Street bond rating of A+, which would allow the city better interest rates. "We have been fiscally responsible in our spending."

Walker said he is also proud that the city began curbside recycling and continues to draw new

businesses.

What continues to concern Walker are the community's roads. "We rebuild the streets with the money we have. I wish Lansing would give us more back (from taxes paid). I know the residents are fired up about the condition of the streets — as I am."

Blight is an issue that also concerns Walker as the city continues to clean certain areas.

Walker has a bachelor's degree from Sienna Heights College and is an Air Force veteran. He is married to Linda and has four grown children and seven grandchildren.

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CORRECTION

A story in the March 23 *Westland Observer* about the possible recall of Westland City Councilman James Godbout mentioned fellow council members Kevin Coleman and Peter Herzberg. Councilman Coleman notified the *Observer* that neither he nor Councilman Herzberg is a part of the recall effort.

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A mandatory walk - thru meeting will be on Monday, March 27, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. Holmes Middle School is located at 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, MI, 48154.

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WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Motorcycle stolen

Wayne police were called last Thursday evening to a home in the 4500 block of John Hix on the report of a motorcycle that had been stolen. The victim said he left for work at 7 a.m. that morning. He came home about 12 hours later and discovered his motorcycle was missing from the yard. The victim said he had all the sets of keys for the motorcycle and could not provide any suspect information.

ID theft reported

A victim of identity theft filed a police report Monday morning saying their information was used a Citgo at 35600 Michigan Ave. The individual said their bank account has been used several times at the gas station.

Backpack taken from car

A victim of a larceny from auto filed a police report Sunday afternoon, saying their backpack had been taken from their vehicle parked at the State Wayne Theatre, 35310 W. Michigan Ave. They said they went to the theater and left their backpack on the backseat of their car. After returning to their vehicle, they noticed the backpack was missing. No damage or sign of forced entry was observed. Just the backpack was missing.

LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Car stolen from shopping center

Livonia police were called Saturday afternoon to the parking lot at Dick's Sporting Goods, 13301 Middlebelt, on the report of a stolen vehicle. When police arrived, they spoke to the victim, who said he went into the store with his son. When they came out, he saw someone sitting in the driver's seat of his vehicle and then drive off. He said his vehicle was being followed by a gold-colored sedan. He said the vehicle contained an iPad, sunglasses and Bluetooth headphones. Police checked the area the victim said they drove toward but could not locate the vehicle. Police went to the nearby Panda Express restaurant to ask them to check their cameras.

Purse missing

A shopper at Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, came to the police station Monday to report her purse had gone missing after a shopping trip at the store. She said she came out of the store, loaded her car up and headed home. After she got home, she realized the purse was missing. She returned to the store and could not find it. After searching, she went inside and asked if a purse had been turned in, which it had not. She said the purse contained her driver's license, social security card, credit card, gift card and cash. No suspect information was available.

Car stolen

Police were dispatched Saturday afternoon to Quality Metal Craft, 12001 Farmington, on the report of a

stolen vehicle.

The victim said he drove the vehicle to the business and parked it in the parking lot that morning. He came out a short time later and the vehicle was still in the lot. Later that afternoon, he found the vehicle was gone. He said he would try to access the security cameras the following week, and said he had both sets of keys to the vehicle. The vehicle was unlocked at the time.

Wallet taken from vehicle

A victim came to the police station Saturday to report his wallet was stolen while his vehicle was parked in a lot in the 12100 block of Levan. He said he left his wallet in the vehicle's center console and parked the car in the parking lot, leaving it unlocked. He said he came back to the vehicle later and found the wallet missing. It contained credit cards, cash and a fishing license.

Retail fraud suspect arrested

Police were called Friday evening to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody. An employee told police they saw a suspect bag peanut butter without scanning it. They then reportedly saw the suspect bag several items that were not scanned while at checkout. The individual reportedly tried to leave without paying but was stopped and detained by an employee. Police arrived and arrested her, taking her back to the police station for processing.

—Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

Farmington Hills man charged with 19 counts of child pornography

Jay Grossman
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A Farmington Hills man is being charged with 19 felony counts of possession of child pornography.

Jeremiah Moore, 40, entered a not-guilty plea at his arraignment Tuesday before 47th District Judge Marla Parker. Moore is being charged with multiple counts of possession of child sexually abusive material, along with one felony count of using a computer to commit a crime. His bond was set at \$500,000.



Moore

Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus said a coordinated effort between multiple agencies led to Moore's arrest.

"These cyber cops who work on these investigations, they will find you and they will get you," Nebus said. "We've worked with them before and they are very knowledgeable and extremely committed. They will get you."

Moore is currently on probation after he was convicted of possessing child pornography in 2015. In January, the Michigan Attorney General's office became suspicious that Moore was violating certain conditions of his parole.

That suspicion led to a multi-jurisdictional investigation that resulted in Moore's arrest. On Jan. 24, agents from different departments conducted a compliance check on Moore's house on Ardmore Street, where they reportedly uncovered multiple videos and hundreds of photos containing child pornography on computer devices allegedly belonging to the suspect.

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2017 FORD FIELD LIGHTING PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, April 25th, 2017 at which time the RFB's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at Ford Field, 14281 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, April 10th, 2017. Bids will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.

Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Faxed bids in response to this request will not be accepted.

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 2017 FORD FIELD LIGHTING PROJECT, name of vendor and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No vendor may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Edward Davis
Superintendent, Parks & Rec
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Dennis K. Wright
Mayor
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2017 GENERAL NOTICE REGARDING WEED CONTROL

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Marshmallows signal park season

Joanne Maliszewski
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Some things are so cool, no matter your age, that they stir your imagination and pump your adrenaline with amazing anticipation — like the annual Marshmallow Drop. The whoop, whoop of the helicopter filled with marshmallows is nothing but pure delight.

Corey Routen grew up with the Wayne County parks. You name it, he did it — learning about bugs and critters, Native Americans, camping, playing and just getting out in the fresh air. The Nankin Mills Interpretative Center in Westland was a favorite. But that helicopter and marshmallows falling from the skies was something to behold.

As a kid, the Marshmallow Drop was something he didn't miss. And the Westland John Glenn High School junior will be there again on Good Friday, April 14 — in time for Easter — with one major change. He's no longer a kid. But he will continue his five-year tradition of volunteering as the iconic bunny.

Routen was well known among parks personnel because he was long part of many programs. When he got older, he offered to volunteer wherever needed. Then five years ago came the request from Carol Clements of the Wayne County Parks Nankin Mills Interpretative Center — where Routen and his family played. Clements asked Routen's mom, Lisa, if he would serve as the official Marshmallow Drop bunny.

"It was a no-brainer," Routen said. "I get there a couple of hours early. It's fun with all of the kids. When the marsh-



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Corey Routen of Westland is in his fifth year as the Marshmallow Drop bunny.



Whoop, whoop! means the Marshmallow Drop helicopter is ready to drop its load of gooey treats.

At 11 a.m. kids and parents will watch the helicopter drop about 20,000 marshmallows over Nankin Mills on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. An earlier drop is planned for 9 a.m. in Elizabeth Park, Trenton.

mallows drop, I have photos (taken) with all of the people."

Life is definitely a circle. When Routen first dressed in the bunny costume, it was sort of big on him. "Now it's getting sort of small," he said.

When Wayne County residents next hear the whoop, whoop of a helicopter, rest assured the young man in the bunny costume will be Routen, ready to celebrate the 33rd Marshmallow Drop.

At 11 a.m. kids and parents will watch the helicopter drop about 20,000 marshmallows over Nankin Mills on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. An earlier drop is planned for 9 a.m. in Elizabeth Park, Trenton.

It's not just the helicopter that draws the kids. There's rhyme and reason to the marshmallows. The gooey, spongy goodies mean prizes. Each child in attendance needs only one marshmallow — though they can certainly fill up their baskets — to receive a prize at the treat area under the shelter in Nankin Mills. There will be three age groups in which kids will be awarded their prizes: 4 years and younger, 5-7 years and 8 and older.

Parents are urged to ensure that their kids do not enter the drop zone until the "OK" is announced and to avoid running or standing underneath the helicopter.

The free event is sponsored by Friends of Wayne County Parks, Team Schostak, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters & Millwrights and Trenton Parks and Recreation.

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How do you play?

Hiking nature

Armed with a camera, Kathy Marick of Canton hikes a couple of times a week. It's her "me" time and a moment for some alone fun. "I hike there two times per week," she said, referring to Kensington Metropark in Milford. The Woodland Hills Nature Center in Farmington Hills is another favorite.

As she hikes and sees birds and critters, she has her camera handy. "I always take my Canon 60D camera and use my iPhone for videos," she said.

Digging for treasure

Tom Kilsz of Livonia likes to dig. And so do the more than 100 members of the Michigan Treasurer Hunters. "It's the joy of the hunt — what's coming up next?" Kilsz said. "Why do people like fishing? You never know what you're going to get."

Kilsz has hunted treasure for 40 years and enjoys the research that goes along with it. Club members get permission to check out properties or bodies of water. They use metal detectors and, when they hear a beep, they delicately use a knife to dig back the dirt. "Some metal detectors have a meter," he said. "It will tell you if it's a quarter or a dollar."

Tokens, relics, jewelry and coins are among items Kilsz and his colleagues have unearthed. "We find mostly old stuff. This has set some members up in coin collecting and in using the Internet for research," Kilsz said.

"We often hunt Wayne County parks, as well as private residences," he added. "Get off the couch and see what your neighbors are finding and learn about our fascinating hobby!"

Michigan Treasure Hunters meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt. The next meeting is April 25. Contact Kilsz at 734-422-6345. "We usually have a guest speaker on metal detecting or history," he said.

Old Gear Shifters

As far as the Canton-based Old Gear Shifters are concerned, you are never too old to get off your duff and bicycle — literally all over the place — for health and fun.

"The members of our group have diverse backgrounds. Several are former engineers, but we also have a couple teachers, an airline pilot, a customs officer, an accountant and several other occupations represent-



Canton Old Gear Shifters photographed before the start of the 2016 Blue Water Ramble in Algonac. Members are (from left) Bhaskar Patel, Rick Grandke, Dave Young, John Chinn, Jesse Virden Jr., Don Weigand, Lise Lenahali, Spiro Karras and Valeria Krimmer.



A member of the Michigan Treasure Hunters displays found treasures following a dig.



KATHY MARICK
"These birds eat peanuts from your hand at Kensington Nature Center," said hiker Kathy Marick of Canton.

12-14 mph. On some bike tours, however, a few of us will go further (e.g., last August, three of us did the 62-mile metric century route at Wayne State's Baroudeur tour)," he said. "Needless to say, not everyone in our group has the same experience or ability, so we pretty much try to stick together and look out for each other."

Please send us photos that you have taken or anecdotes of what you are doing to have fun in our large array of Wayne and Oakland county parks. Do you hike? Do you run? What activities do you participate in at the county parks? Email your photos in jpg format and anecdotes to jmaliszews@hometownlife.com. For more information, contact Joanne Maliszewski at 248-396-6620.

GET OUT OF THE HOUSE AND PLAY AT WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

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What's your pleasure? Golf? Hiking? Soccer, basketball, baseball or volleyball? Nature? Swimming? Bicycling? Walking the dog? Fishing?

The question isn't what do you want to do, but where can you do it? Well, that's a no-brainer.

If you live in Wayne County, you don't have far to go to play, get outdoors, learn about nature or participate in an active sport. Parks are strategically placed throughout the county.

Wayne County operates 41 locations that include 37 parks, two golf courses, a marina and an aquatic center. And within those areas, some parks, such as Bennett Arboretum on Hines Drive, specialize in nature. It offers a two-mile trail through Michigan's oldest arboretum.

"Wayne County's parks system offers great experiences for people of all ages," Wayne County Director of Public Services Beverly J. Watts said.

"We hear that sentiment regularly from visitors, whether they're attending unique community-wide events, like Marshmallow Drop, or dropping by smaller interpretive programs, like maple sugaring. We continue to take pride in maintaining a world-class parks system with something for everyone to enjoy."

No doubt there's plenty of Wayne County residents who certainly have heard or attended the annual Lightfest, the Marshmallow Drop, Mud Day or the annual Fishing Derby. Those activities draw hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people and draw residents to the parks. Each park offers a variety of potential activities, depending on your

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Doesn't it look fun? Kids busy themselves on a playscape in Waterford Bend Park in Northville.

GoFundMe launched to support fallen county worker's family

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Jacqueline Scherle said David Wolf could always be seen keeping busy in the Garden City neighborhood he called home.

When he wasn't working at the Wayne County Department of Public Works, Scherle said she always saw him doing something to help the neighborhood, whether it

was mowing an elderly neighbor's lawn or helping to fix someone's car.

"All of our neighbors would see him," the Garden City resident said. "He was a very big presence on our street."

Wolf tragically died last Thursday while on the job: he was struck by another county vehicle while he was filling potholes on Beech Daly in Taylor. He was 47.

Since his death, a

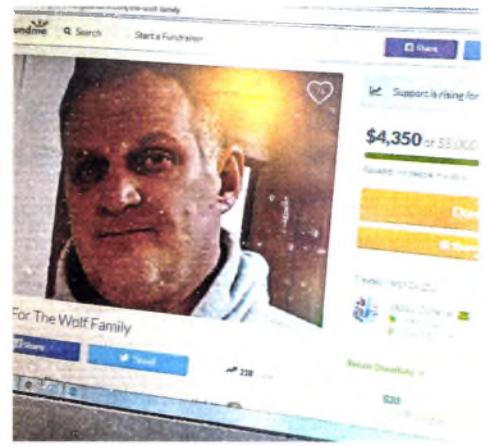
GoFundMe page has been launched to help cover his funeral expenses and help the family he's left behind. Scherle said Wolf was the breadwinner of his home, and he and his wife have two young boys.

"At home, he was a very loving husband and father," Scherle said.

As of last Thursday afternoon, the page has raised more than \$4,300

of the \$5,000 goal, with donations coming in all shapes and sizes and from all over. Those interested in donating can visit gofundme.com/the-wolf-family. Any additional money donated will go toward supporting Wolf's wife and their two children.

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DAVID VESELENAK
A photo of the GoFundMe page launched to help support the family of David Wolf.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Spared Trump Care

After seven consecutive years and over 60 votes in the U.S. House to repeal "Obamacare," House Speaker Paul Ryan pulled the GOP replacement for the AHC 3-24, 2017. It is quite obvious that the GOP, including Trump, ran on repeal and replacement of the AHC without any semblance of a workable replacement.

Trump Care was pushed fiercely March 23, as Trump wanted the bragging right to have his replacement bill, exactly seven years after President Obama signed the AHC. When the reality of insufficient GOP support from House Republicans, Ryan pulled the bill sparing those GOP representatives, who were poised to vote against Trump Care.

With but 17 percent support for Trump Care and only six percent strongly in support, the obvious incompetence of Trump and Ryan are on full display. Contrary to what has been the talking point for seven years, the GOP dripping hypocrisy was on full display with repeal, but incompetent replacement.

The ACA is the law of the land and the 24 million American people are spared from losing coverage due to Trump Care. Trump Care would have cost Americans more for less health coverage and simply resulted in more welfare for the already rich.

Over 90 percent of Americans now have health coverage, the highest rate ever. The American people are the clear winners in being spared Trump Care scarcely health care coverage.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Didn't even brake

To the person who rear-ended my friend and I on St Patrick's Day night about 11 p.m. and left. We know you drive a darker-colored car and a smaller car. You hit us on Lotz Road and Finley in Canton. Little do you know my friend is fight-

ing cancer, kidney disease and three other life-altering health issues, but also their walker was in the trunk that you destroyed when you didn't even slow down. In fact you didn't even hit your brakes! I hope you feel good about yourself for what you did. And next time you have something in your life go wrong, ask yourself what you did to deserve it.

Dennis Brown
Canton

Democrats: Take advantage of failure

After Trump Care failed in the House, Trump blamed the Democrats. I found that charge a little strange since not a single one of them had endorsed that train wreck. A few, very few, moderate Republicans thought the bill would hurt too many people. A lot more on the extreme Right said they would vote no, evidently not enough people would be hurt.

Trump boasted about replacing the Affordable Care Act with one that would be much less costly, would cover everyone, lower deductibles and be beautiful. Trump Care was none of those things. However, it did protect greedy pharmaceutical and insurance companies and gave a financial break to the ultra rich.

I hope the Democrats take advantage of this disaster of a bill and craft one that actually does what Trump promised. Present it to the House and Senate and let them fail to act, then blast them in every media available (including Tweets). Keep the pressure on these people, including Rep. Dave Trott, who favored Trump Care.

James Huddleston
Canton

Who is un-American?

Apparently Congressman Trott aide Stu Sandler (the guy caught on tape after a town hall admitting to "bouncing" constituents' questions replacing them with softball questions that Trott would rather answer) thinks many who attended the congressman's recent town hall are un-American because they

had the audacity to voice opposition to dramatic spending increases to the most wasteful, pork-laden, corrupt part of our government, the Department of Defense, while dozens of popular programs and departments are likely to face savage cuts. Since Trott didn't walk back the claim I assume he tacitly agrees.

Seems to me that those who are un-American are those who support a president, like Trott and Sandler, that would take food from the mouths of poor and or disabled seniors, as well as underprivileged children, eliminate regulations that prevent industry from polluting our air and water, roll back standards that would slow the destruction of the planet by unabated warming, cut education spending, severely limit the rights of average citizens to sue corporations, prevent women from controlling their own reproductive health, and promote a bill that would strip health care from millions over a decade resulting in an estimated 11,600 unnecessary premature deaths next year steadily growing each year to as many as 20,000 deaths in 2026 - the total carnage tripling the number of Americans who perished in the Viet Nam War - all so that the wealthy among us could enjoy generous tax cuts.

My guess is that many of the citizens of Michigan District 11 must have different values than Congressman Trott and aide Stu Sandler and would have different criteria for determining who is un-American.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Religious overreach

Last week state Sen. Patrick Colbeck introduced a bill (SB 269) which would exempt the clergy from a law that makes it illegal to offer inducements or threats of punishment to influence how a person votes. Under this amended law, it would be legal for a minister to threaten expulsion or excommunication to a person whose voting practices do not fall in line with what that pastor feels is right.

Sen. Colbeck is a dar-

ling of the Tea Party and a staunch supporter of the religious right. This is the group that goes positively apoplectic at the imagined threat of Sharia Law being imposed if we don't limit the Muslim population in this country, and yet this bill is exactly the kind of religious overreach that the religious right incorrectly fears.

How do we keep electing people like this?

John D. Webster
Northville

Harassment

Mr. Jachman would have done your readers a journalistic service had he spent some time explaining who organized the harassment of Mr. Trott and why. As we know, such events are not spontaneous.

Pierre Willermet
Livonia

Trott deaf to concerns

I am a constituent of U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, of the 11th District in Michigan. This district is one of the most gerrymandered in the nation. I live in Livonia, my girlfriend in White Lake also has Dave Trott as her representative, as does my friend in Troy, and my other friend in Canton.

The reason for my letter is the remarks Dave Trott made about the attendees of his Town Hall Meeting on March 18. After skipping the congressional break to go to India on the nation's dime, and apparently after viewing the press on the Town Halls put on by his constituents, Mr. Trott decided he better have one.

I got an email on Wednesday, March 15, at 12:06 p.m. about a Town Hall meeting where Mr. Trott would actually be present. The Town Hall Meeting was scheduled for Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m., less than 72 hours later, in Novi.

I woke up early on Saturday morning, and drove in a snowstorm to Novi, in horrible road conditions. I got there before 8 a.m., when the doors opened. There were already 1,000 people or more there. Only half of us got in. I was not among them. Of the half

that did get in, most had their written questions simply thrown away by Mr. Trott, and never answered.

I stood with 500 other people in the snow and wind for over an hour waiting to see if Mr. Trott would come out, or at least thank us for coming. This is what we got instead: "We are un-American." "We are paid agitators." "We are not from his district." "We hate the military."

Well, I am an American, my son is joining the Air Force, and we support all military personnel. I live in Mr. Trott's district, and I am certainly not getting paid to call or show up to his Town Halls, the ones he has, and the ones he can't be bothered with. I am aware that Mr. Trott does not read our letters or postcards. As he succinctly put it, he doesn't

need to, he listens to cable news. No one can get into his Troy office, and his constituents are usually turned away by his security guards. When I call his Washington office, I speak with a polite young man or woman, who I am sure, never relates my concerns or views to my "representative." The responses I always get are simply form letters emailed to me which do not address any of my concerns.

In short, Rep. Trott has demonstrated that he has nothing but utter contempt for the people in his district. He doesn't want to hear from them, see them, or listen to their real and honest concerns. Is it any wonder people boo? Look up what "representative" means Mr. Trott, and then maybe try to act it.

Mary Ann Arsenault
Livonia

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AHLGREN



KAREN JEWELL Age 73, passed away on March 27, 2017 at the Rose Home in Youngsville, Pennsylvania. She was born in Warren, PA on October 31, 1943 the daughter of Arnold E. Jewell and Eleanor "Billie" (Peas) Johnson. She married David Norman Ahlgren on December 4, 1964, who preceded her in death on September 4, 2009. Karen was also a former resident of Pittsburgh, PA and Plymouth, Michigan. Karen was a homemaker who loved history, genealogy, golf, camping, gardening, and Penn State football. She was a nursing student at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA. Karen was a member of the Woman's Club of Warren, the Conewango Valley Country Club, Meadowbrook Country Club, the Warren Shakespeare Club, Grace United Methodist Church, and the Red Hat Society. Karen was also an active volunteer and supporter of the Warren County Historical Society and Warren's Library Theatre. Surviving are her children- Timothy Ahlgren, his wife Lisa and their five children and two grandchildren of Canton, MI; William Ahlgren, his wife Rebecca and their two children of Cranberry Twp., PA; Carrie Reynolds, her husband Dave and their four children of Grove City, PA; Susan Mugerdichian, her husband Marty and their three children of Adrian, MI. Also surviving are four siblings: Kathleen Grettum, her husband Thomas of Fallon, NV; Judith Rapp, her husband Dan of Warren, PA; Jennilee Essig, her husband David of Seattle, WA; Jerry, his wife Carrie of Russell, PA; In-laws Audrey Hart of Dunedin, FL, Betty Carlson of Warren, PA, June Ellington of Lakewood, NY, Sharon and Roger Pike of Erie, PA, Judith Turner of Randolph, NY; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Friends will be received at the Russell United Methodist Church, 17 N. Main St, Russell, PA, on Saturday, April 1, from 2 to 4 p.m., at which time a funeral service will be held there with Rev. Jerome Kennedy, pastor, officiating. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a memorial contribution should consider the Russell United Methodist Church, or the Warren County Historical Society, 210 4th Ave, Warren, PA 16365. The Peterson-Blick Funeral Home, Inc. has been entrusted with arrangements. E-condolences may be sent by visiting petersonblickfuneralhome.com.

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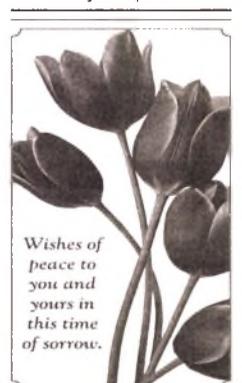


ROGER LEO 77, passed away peacefully on Monday night, March 20, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of June. Loving father of Nanine (Steve) Cvenogros, Kristen and Daniel (Emma) Lavoie. Proud grandfather of Madison Cvenogros as well as Luca and Nina Lavoie. Also survived by cherished sister, Janet (David) Solomon and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia, on Friday March 31, 3-8 p.m. Funeral Services will be held at St. Collette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd. in Livonia on Saturday, April 1, in state 9 a.m. followed by 10 a.m. Mass. Roger's full obituary can be viewed at www.harrywillfuneralhome.com.

SEYUIN

JOSEPH I. Age 97, of Livonia, Navy veteran of World War II, passed away March 26, 2017. Joseph is survived by his children, Joann Schlicht and Joseph (Mary) Seyuin; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren (and another on the way); and sister, Anna Jodway. Sadly, Joseph was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Gatha (d. 2014), daughter, Ruth Kelley, and brother, Lawrence Seyuin. Funeral Services will be conducted Thursday, March 30, 11 a.m., at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Interment Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. Memorial tributes suggested to Angela Hospice.

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interests.

"We would just go to get out there to do nature and other things. The kids learned about bugs, Native American history — we did a lot at Nankin Mills," said Lisa Routen of Westland.

Her son Corey for the past five years has volunteered as the bunny for the Marshmallow Drop. When the parks system needed a volunteer, Corey came to mind because his parents took him and his siblings to the parks all the time. "They did nature camp every year. It was so cool," Lisa Routen said.

The back yard is always a cool place to play. But if you want to get closer to nature, learn some new stuff, stretch those muscles with an activity or just get some fresh air, Wayne County offers 5,600 acres of pure relaxation or fun.

How about horseback

riding, cross country skiing or fishing? You'll find those activities, including trails for hiking, at Crosswinds Marsh in southeast Sumpter Township. If you're into trails, head over to William P. Holiday Forestry & Wildlife Preserve, east of I-275 in northwest Westland.

Ball diamonds are available at a number of parks, including Venoy-Dorsey in Wayne, Bell Creek in Redford, as well as parks in Trenton and Inkster. If you want to play disc golf, which is growing in popularity, head to Lola Valley Park in Redford or Cass Benton in Northville Township. Two water slides, wave pool and spray fountains are available at the Wayne County Aquatic Center in Detroit; For the kids, there are great playgrounds at Kinloch Park in Redford and Cass Benton in Northville Township.

How about model cars? There's dirt track for just that kind of fun at Gunsolly Mills in Ply-

mouth. Newburgh Pointe in Livonia offers a fishing dock and canoe rentals, while Oak Grove, also in Livonia, offers fishing. Nankin Mills in Westland provides volleyball courts, a playscape and ball diamonds. More ball diamonds are available at Perrin Field or Sherwood in Westland. Basketball courts are available at Perrin Field.

Practice your swing for two golf courses: an 18-hole course at Inkster Valley Golf Course and 36 holes at Warren Valley Golf Course.

Let's not forget the dogs. Wayne County residents can take their pooches to the Hawthorne Ridge Park in Westland (Hines Drive, west of Merriman Road) June to April. But you need to be registered at the Wayne County Parks office in the Nankin Mills building in Westland.

If you want to head to the parks to learn, Wayne County offers two interpretative centers. Westland's Nankin

Mills, a historic grist mill, showcases interpretive displays highlighting Native American history, water-powered settlements and Underground Railroad history. For nature enthusiasts with an interest in wetlands and wildlife, Crosswinds Marsh and its Interpretive Center is a must-see. You can explore diverse wetland habitats, where more than 240 species of birds and 40 species of mammals have been identified. Crosswinds Marsh is home to a nesting pair of bald eagles, beavers and other exciting native wildlife.

When you decide what you want to do or what your kids want to do, don't make a move without checking out Wayne County parks. The easiest way is online at parks.waynecounty.com, where you will find maps, available activities and resources and a schedule of events.

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Madonna hosts Interfaith conversation

The Center for Catholic Studies and Interfaith Dialogue at Madonna University will host the Rev. Michael Calabria, OFM, Ph.D., to present "A Look into Interfaith Understanding through the Words of Pope Francis." The lecture,



Calabria

which is free and open to the public, takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in Room S100 of the Franciscan Center at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Calabria is director of the Center for Arabic and Islamic Studies at St. Bonaventure University, which was established in 2015. Through the center, he works to promote understanding of Arab and Islamic cultures, an appreciation of their historical and contemporary significance in the global community and respectful relations between Muslim and Christian people. He also serves as general assistant for dialogue with Islam for the Order of Friars Minor.

"He brings a wealth of experience and having Father Calabria speak to us during Lent is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our call to conversion and on our Franciscan values — especially respect for the dignity of every person and justice and peace," said Jane Linahan, chair of Madonna University's religious studies and philosophy department.

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'Uncle Jessie White' film

"Uncle Jessie White — Portrait of a Delta Bluesman in Detroit" tells the story of the late Jessie White, an influential blues artist who had a profound effect on multiple generations of musicians. The film will be shown — as part of the Detroit Free Press Film Festival — 9:30-11 p.m. Friday, March 31. Guests are asked to arrive by 8:45 p.m. Jeff Grand and the Grandmasters will play at 9 p.m. at the Cinema Detroit, 4126 Third St., Detroit. The theater sits between Willis and Alexandrine streets.

An allegory of survival and redemption, this film traces Jessie White's story from his impoverished rural youth in Mississippi to his migration to Detroit where his charismatic personality and musical integrity kept the spirit of the original Delta blues alive during some of Detroit's darkest days.

After the film *Detroit Free Press* pop music critic Brian McCollum leads a discussion that will include Canton resident Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, the film's co-producer and co-director; co-director Doug Drummond and Jesse White's daughters, Lois and Janet White.

Office hour

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth will host an open office hour from 1-2 p.m. Monday, April 3, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville.

Hippity Hoppity

Join the fun at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center Hippity Hoppity Open House, 15100 Hubbard, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9. Enjoy the pool, climbing wall and a variety of gym activities. The gyms will be set up for roller hockey, pickleball, volleyball and basketball. Guests can learn about organizations and business in their community. Participating organizations and businesses will hand out treats to children. Admission is free for the day for residents and \$3 per person for non-residents. For more information, call the Kirksey

OBSERVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Recreation Center at 734-466-2900.

Spring career fair

Madonna University will host a Spring Career Fair from 3-5 p.m. April 4, at Madonna University Activity Center, Administration Building. Bring your resume and meet with employers who will be interviewing for part-time, full-time, internship and career positions. For more information, email careerservices@madonna.edu or call 734-432-5623.

Easter Egg Hunt

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will host an Easter Egg Hunt from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Inside there will be crafts, cookies and a basket giveaway; then head out for the big Easter Egg Hunt. There is no charge for this event and all are welcome. Come rain or shine. For more information, call the church at 734-422-6038

Curbside pickup

In Canton, curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 3 and continue until Nov. 30. All yard waste should be placed with recyclables on the opposite side of your driveway from your refuse. Yard waste and recyclables must always be placed separate from refuse to avoid confusion during collection.

Acceptable yard waste items include grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden waste, pruning debris, wood debris and brush. Unacceptable yard waste items include food scraps, animal waste, batteries, chemicals and sod.

Twigs, branches, brush, pruning and wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than 3 feet, not exceeding 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Bundles are limited to six bundles a week.

Grass clippings, leaves and garden waste must be placed in 30-gallon paper yard waste bags or 32 gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles marked "YARD WASTE." Stickers for reusable containers are available at the Canton Treasurer's Office. Please

note, dirt and clay are unacceptable yard waste items; if either are placed in the yard waste bag or receptacle, GFL Environmental Services will leave the yard waste behind.

Residents are advised that the oversized container rule also applies to yard-waste containers. Any container over 32 gallons and weighing more than 50 pounds will be left at the curb. For more information on yard waste collection, visit www.canton-mi.org or call GFL at 866-722-8900.

Bariatric seminars

The Michigan Bariatric Institute will offer free monthly educational seminars to the community from 6-7:30 p.m. The public is invited to hear a presentation about Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery by Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery at St. Mary Mercy Livonia and Dr. Jacob Roberts, a bariatric surgeon at St. Mary Mercy.

The upcoming seminars will be at 3622 Five Mile Road, Suite 202, in Livonia: Thursday, April 6; Thursday, May 5; Monday, May 15; Thursday, June 1; Monday, June 12

Seminars are free, but registration is required. To register or for more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at 877-949-9344.

School open house

St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan Road, in Wayne is hosting an all-school open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 1. Meet teachers and learn about programs. Also, the Leslie Science Center from Ann Arbor will present a wild animal exhibit from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 734-728-3315.

Blessings in a Backpack

Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia is holding its second annual Summer Cereal Drive. The group is currently provide weekend meals to 210 children in the Livonia Public School system during the school year, but when summer vacation starts, often hunger does too. The group wants to send lots of cereal home with students again this year to help them start their summer days out right.

People or businesses interested in holding a cereal drive, can email biablivonia@gmail.com, and receive a flier to post. Desired are healthier cereals in family-size boxes (but not gigantic boxes) with as little sugar and dyes as possible. All cereal will be collected by May 15. For more information, visit biablivonia.org.

Artists-of-the-year

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents its 2017 Artists-of-the-Year concert featuring duo pianists Yuki and Tomoko Mack, at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., just north of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. The concert will benefit a program supporting scholarships for outstanding young musicians.

The Mack Sisters will perform works by Brahms, Mendelssohn, Liszt, Smetana, Rachmaninoff, Barber and Gershwin.

Admission is \$25 for adults \$25; \$10 students; free for students 18 (courtesy of Perلمان Insurance Agency). Scholarship Support: \$50, \$75, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000 (gifts above the cost of tickets are tax-deductible). Make credit card purchases at 313-885-7882. Mail checks payable to Tuesday Musicale of Detroit, P.O. Box 36535, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or visit www.tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org for more information. Tuesday Musicale of Detroit is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Monte Nagler speaks

Three Cities Art Club will have renowned Farmington Hills photographer Monte Nagler as its guest speaker. He will reveal some of his secrets for creating award-winning photos. The public is welcome to attend this free event from 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 3, at Canton Township Hall, lower level meeting room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about this event, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939 or email marilynmeredith@wow-way.com. For more information about the art club, visit www.threecitiesartclub.org.

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2017 WOMEN'S WORLDS ARE A GO

Back to 'Plan A' as U.S. women approve deal

End to long contract struggle between team and USA Hockey green-lights tournament in Plymouth

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More than a year ago, USA Hockey officials joyfully announced that the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship would be coming to the former Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

Excitement in the room that day was palpable. There were young players from Compuware's girls hockey team filling the front rows and they later had the chance to meet and greet U.S. players. Mean-

while, USA Hockey director of women's hockey Reagan Carey excitedly talked about how great a showcase for the sport the Women's Worlds would be.

Fast forward to this month, when a highly controversial boycott by the U.S. women's national team — with potential replacement players also strongly on board with the stance — threatened to take plenty of air out of the tournament balloon when games are slated to begin Friday with a noon contest between the Czech Republic and Switzer-

land at USA Hockey Arena.

At long last the long fight is over. It was announced Tuesday evening by USA Hockey that a deal finally was struck that will allow the Women's Worlds defending champion Americans play 7:30 p.m. Friday against Canada.

"Our sport is the big winner today," said Meghan Duggan, captain of the U.S. Women's National Team, in a press release. "We stood up for what we thought was right and USA Hockey's leadership listened."

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Team USA's Brianna Decker (14) celebrates after scoring a goal in the second period during a December exhibition against Canada.

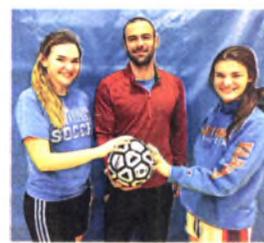
SCHOOLCRAFT SOFTBALL PREVIEW



Schoolcraft freshman pitcher Brittney Resinger throws the ball during a practice session last week.

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GIRLS SOCCER



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Ladywood soccer coach Zach Wilkes (middle) will rely on captains Amy Babon (left) and Brianne Rogers (right).

Ladywood, C'ville girls taking aim for season

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With their third coach in three years, Livonia Ladywood girls soccer is in the midst of another transition phase.

The Blazers, coming off a 10-7 season in 2016 under Joe Carver, opened their 2017 campaign Monday at home against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard losing 3-2 in Zach Wilkes' debut as varsity coach.

Ladywood (0-1, 0-1), getting goals from junior center-midfielder Amy Babon and senior forward Clare Kelley, held a 2-1 lead before the Fighting Irish (2-0, 1-0) stormed back with pair of goals to earn the Catholic League Division 1 victory.

Kaleigh Webber scored two of Gabriel Richard's three goals in the win.

"It's been interesting coming to a team that I can train every day and really work with and make progress quickly," said Wilkes, who played college soccer at Madonna University (2001-05). "They definitely have some strong players who can be impactful in games. I think the whole team brings a positive attitude, and in their training sessions, they generally go well. It's been running smoothly and everybody has been working hard."

Ladywood captured an MHSAA Division 2 district title a year ago and reached

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THEY'RE READY TO MASH

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It can be nerve-racking and rewarding at the same time to launch a team.

That was learned first hand by players and coaches on the Schoolcraft College softball team, which had an up-and-down debut season in 2016 (15-21). But the team closed things out strong and has that experience handy as the second season gets rolling.

For returning head coach Rey Linares and a nucleus of players back from last year — led by Observerland alums Kassidy Lipinski, Kelsie Powell, Rosie Garvin and Alaina DeFrain — the second go-around will show how much

Eleven talented players join nucleus as Lady Ocelots open second season



After Mikaela Smolar (left) puts the ball on the tee, teammate Kassidy Lipinski crushes it.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

attention they paid to the college scene a season ago.

"Our expectations and goals for this season are to compete for the conference title, then continue on through district and regional play and hopefully make a run at nationals," Linares emphasized in an e-mail to the Observer. "This team has bonded very well and certainly has the personnel, talent, skillset and competitive desire to do so."

Conference play was scheduled to get underway with Saturday's scheduled double-header at Henry Ford Community College.

But the Lady Ocelots already have gotten in plenty of

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PREVIEW

Hard work could pay off for Churchill

Chargers roll up sleeves, aim to make noise in KLAA

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For months, Livonia Churchill baseball players have been getting after it during winter workouts in preparation for the 2017 season.

And, if Chargers head coach Ron Targosz has anything to say about it, those players will be ready to hit the basepaths running in order compete in

the very competitive KLAA South Division.

"There were four teams in our division alone that won at least 20 games last season," Targosz said. "We are hoping that by playing a tough schedule it will get us ready for districts."

"The players have been extremely dedicated this winter and I am hoping that it will start paying dividends when the season begins."

The Chargers, who finished 15-18 overall in 2016, figure to improve on that record this

time around, what with 11 returning players on the roster.

"We have quite a bit of depth which will lead to very good competition at practice, as well as during the season," Targosz said. "We also know that we play in a very competitive conference (Kensington), so in order to be successful, then we will have to play at a very high level in all phases of the game."

A definite positive for the Chargers is having 10 return-

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FILE PHOTO
After a solid freshman season, Livonia Churchill pitcher Drew Alsobrooks is a fixture on the Chargers pitching staff.

Let's play ball!



TOM BEAUDOIN

Livonia Franklin's Jon Montie slides into home Tuesday, while Redford Thurston's Blake Meyers (3) and catcher Dimitri Snell wait for the umpire's safe signal. It was one of many runs scored by the Patriots in a 15-0 mercy-rule win over the Eagles.

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innings, beginning with a jam-packed fall schedule (against teams like Madonna University and Lawrence Tech University).

Power bats

In February, the team played a doubleheader inside the new sports dome on campus with 9-8 and 5-2 wins over Lakeland College (Ohio) but had a week of spring trip games postponed due to bad weather.

Then on March 19, Schoolcraft split a twinbill at Lakeland. Slamming their first collegiate home runs were freshman Victoria Porter (Canton) and Emma West (Divine Child).

Perhaps another sign of things to come, sophomore captain Lipinski (Livonia Stevenson) ripped a two-run homer that traveled more than 240 feet.

Porter comes in at catcher, but Linares still has sophomore Caitlin Fitzpatrick (Melvindale) behind the plate.

Lipinski is a hard-hitting, hard-nosed second baseman who anchors the infield along with third baseman Powell (Garden City), first baseman Garvin (Livonia Churchill) and Fitzpatrick.

Probably a front-runner to take the shortstop spot is freshman Autumn Dobrick of Melvindale, although several other freshmen infielders are ready to help the cause.

Those include Stevenson alum Cori Wilson, Livonia Ladywood product Madelyn Haas and Megan Poremba.

Recruiting pays off

Livonia Franklin alum DeFrain is one of the top returners for the outfield.

Linares has several talented rookies to also log outfield innings, with Garden City alum Mikaela Smolar, Bailey Wright and West when she's not catching.



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Taking a cut in the batting cage is Schoolcraft College's Lauren Sandie.

Taking care of pitching duties will be sophomore Kerry Prowse (St. Catherine of Sienna) and freshmen Julie Littler (New Boston Huron) and Brittney Resinger (Howell).

Rounding out the "outstanding" class of 11 freshmen is utility player Lauren Sandie (Divine Child).

"Our coaching staff worked hard at recruiting these young ladies and have high expectations that they will add significant contribu-

tions toward moving Schoolcraft into a top conference contender," Linares said. "... this freshman group includes several All League, Dream Team; All District; All Regional and All State awarded players.

"Additionally, each of these players are all long-time travel ball players, having played several years for an assortment of the top travel organizations in the area."

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In the end, both sides came together. I'm proud of my teammates and can't thank everyone who supported us enough.

"It's time now to turn the page. We can't wait to play in the World Championship later this week in front of our fans as we try and defend our gold medal."

Players, such as Duggan and Farmington's Megan Keller, approved the contract proposal Tuesday evening.

With the accord, fans and businesses — who have been looking forward to watching eight women's teams from around the globe — can exhale and plan on watching the U.S. team that had been announced in early March.

Also set to breathe again are USA Hockey officials who have felt increasing heat in the last week or so about the boycott.

"We look forward to the future with great anticipation," USA Hockey executive director Dave O'Grea said. "This process has, in the end, made us better."

Details of the agreement

were not disclosed. The press release noted there will be formation of an advisory group comprised of former and current players from the U.S. Women's National Team "to meet regularly to assist USA Hockey in efforts to advance girls and women's hockey in all areas, including programming, marketing, promotion and fundraising."

According to USA Hockey senior director Dave Fischer during an interview last week, the organization remained optimistic something could be done to save the week-long tournament.

Fischer emphasized that USA Hockey intended to still have the "players that we have previously announced to be a part of that team" compete in the Women's Worlds. But he stressed then that USA Hockey could ice a replacement team from a "very deep player pool with a lot of talented players that can populate the ice to play on our women's national team."

That plan went haywire. Players from the so-called B list said "no thanks." Even college club and high school players were approached; in virtually all cases the invitations to suit up were declined.

Thanks to the agreement, it's back to Plan A.

Other games in the preliminary round involving the U.S. are 3:30 p.m. Saturday against Russia and 7:30 p.m. April 3 against Finland.

The playoff round is from April 4-6 with the Relegation Series ending April 7 on the USA Hockey Arena's bigger Olympic-sized ice sheet.

Schedule

PRELIMINARY ROUND: Friday: noon, Czech Republic vs. Switzerland; 3:30 p.m., Sweden vs. Germany; 7:30 p.m., United States vs. Canada; Saturday: noon, Czech Republic vs. Germany; 3:30 p.m., Canada vs. Russia; 6 p.m., Sweden vs. Czech Republic; 7:30 p.m., U.S. vs. Finland.

PLAYOFF ROUND: Tuesday, April 4, 3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., quarterfinals; Thursday, April 6, 3:30 p.m., semifinal; 5 p.m., placement game; 7:30 p.m., semifinal; Friday, April 7: 3:30 p.m., Bronze-Medal Game; 7:30 p.m., Gold-Medal Game.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PREVIEW

Spartans figure to hit, pitch among best

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Look out, pitchers in the KLAAs Central Division. Livonia Stevenson figures to mash this baseball season.

The Spartans did plenty of thumping in 2016, going 21-18 and winning a district championship. Leading the attack were Chris Tanderys (second team all-state, .416), Mark Petterson (.390), Danny Morris (.370) and Devin Dunn (.307).

That quartet returns, and veteran head coach Rick Berryman must be thrilled about that prospect.

But Stevenson's pitching staff also is something for Berryman to smile about.

Seniors Branden Posky and Dan Bos will look to reprise stellar 2016 season, where they registered respective ERAs of 1.71 and 1.83.

Posky and Bos won't need to shoulder the pitching load, however, with the presence of juniors Jacob Way (4-0, 1.23), Josh Marquedant (1.75) and George Ferguson (2.76).

Aby framing pitches for the Stevenson staff will be senior Tanderys.

Other standouts around the diamond will include senior first baseman Petterson, junior third baseman Morris and junior shortstop Dunn.

"It will be a veteran group,



STEVENSON ATHLETICS

A key for Livonia Stevenson's chances is the pitching of senior Dan Bos.

with depth at pitching," Berryman said.

Good start

The Spartans opened the regular season with Monday's 4-3 win over Wayne Memorial.

At the plate, Bobby Cavin homered, Posky went 2-for-3 and Ferguson tallied one hit in three at bats and scored a run.

Pitchers Jacob Way and Cavin closed out the win with strong relief outings. Way went 2.2 innings and fanned seven while Cavin (save) retired the last eight batters.

For the Zebras, Ramsey Colin went 2-for-3 while Anthony Gray, Kyle Swindlehant and Tyler Napier each went 1-3.

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the regional final before falling 3-2 to Birmingham Marian. The biggest losses to graduation included Conner Huggins (Vilanova University), along with Elisabeth Pollock and Catherine Kenzie.

Senior defender Brianne Rogers, headed to Ferris State, is a captain along with Babon.

Other key returnees include Kelley, who is committed to Albion College, junior goalie Abbey Reppen, senior midfielder Shannon Wolfe, junior forward Catherine Charron, senior midfielder Kate Roney and junior defender Gabrielle Tulley.

"The time to prepare for our season is very small," Wilkes said. "With the weather we've been having it's been very tough get on a field that we can really get everything together at once. It's been our biggest challenge so far to get out to a nice space where we can really work as a whole unit."

Ladywood returns to Catholic League Division 1 play at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at home against Marian. The Blazers will also have stiff competition in the league from defending Division 2 state champion Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Farmington Hills Mercy, Dearborn Divine Child and Marian to name a few.

"We're going to have some challenges for sure and looking forward how the girls respond to those challenges and how we can work off of that and go forward in our season," said Wilkes, who played at Dearborn High and coached club soccer for the Plymouth Reign. "So far it seems like they've been responsive, they're enjoying themselves and working. I've been happy with their attitude so far."

Youthful Trojans

Seventh-year Livonia Clarenceville coach Amanda Truitt is hoping to build off last year's Division 3 district runner-up finish.

Lost to graduation off a team that finished 4-17 overall were Samantha Franco, Melayna Heller, Ashli Hearn and Kyla Johnson.

Among the leading returnees for Clarenceville, a member of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference, include sophomore center-midfielder Michelle Marzolo, sophomore forward-midfielder Allie Snage, sophomore forward-goalie Myla Hoskins, junior defender-goalie Allison Lay, senior midfielder Nickendra Thomas and senior midfielder Paola Gonzalez.

"With Marzolo and Thomas leading the team on the field, and experience in district finals, I feel confident that our core players will be a strong force on the field," Truitt said. "If we work hard and work together, and can stay healthy, then I'm confident we will have a successful season."

Truitt's promising newcomers include sophomores Jocelyn Gutierrez (forward-midfielder) and Mikayla Martin (midfielder-defender), along with freshmen Monica Gonzalez (midfielder), Breanna Ford (forward), Rena Ngo (midfielder-forward), Vicki Nolan (defender-midfielder) and Jordan Lay (defender).

"Coming into this season, I knew we were going to be a young team," Truitt said. "We have 15 underclassman and only 10 returning players. However, despite being young, I have a lot of confidence in our newcomers, who have some experience, as well as the returning players who stepped up last year. These girls give it their all in practice and are always willing to learn and grow."

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ing seniors set to lead the way.

Those seniors include outfielders Matt Smith and Troy Halkey; first baseman Joe Targosz; third baseman-DH Noah Cross; catcher Dan Dawes; pitchers Tim Ohtake (also an infielder), Jake Osen (also an outfielder), Joe Wozniak (also a first baseman and outfielder) and Brandon Campbell (also a third baseman and catcher); and infielder Brett Stern.

Also back is sophomore pitcher-outfielder Drew Also-brooks.

Augmenting that group are several newcomers — all juniors — with plenty of promise.

Those include Conor Burnette (pitcher-outfielder), Preston Dixon (pitcher-3B), Luke Jaroszewicz (pitcher-1B-outfielder), Michael Ohtake (pitcher-2B), Chris Sergison (catcher) and Mitchell White (infielder).



FILE PHOTO

Making a play last season is Livonia Churchill first baseman Joe Wozniak.

USA HOCKEY

NTDP U17s stick to plan, even in defeat

Friday's loss to Bloomington is 11th in row for developmental squad, but attention turns to next year

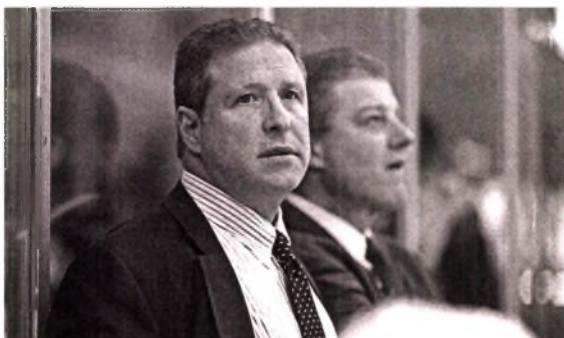
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Save for a few road games, the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-17 team is successfully through the hard part.

Oh yeah, the Danton Cole-coached squad lost 3-1 in its home finale Friday night to Bloomington, making it 11 consecutive losses.

But that didn't bother Cole, because he saw a team battling and fighting against the United States Hockey League rival before 1,173 fans at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

"It's a hard time, but if the guys can get through it and keep grinding and keep the



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Even though his team lost again Friday, NTDP Under-17 head coach Danton Cole (shown in a 2015-16 photo) sees plenty of growth from his group as it moves up next year to the U18s.

positivity and keep working, it's a good thing," Cole said. "But it's been a tough road. I think 18 of our last 20 are on the road and a lot of long trips. We found ourselves against some of the best teams in the league as well.

"So it's been a great experience for our guy. They learned

how to fight through that. I think we proved you can do it and keep picking yourself up. That's one of the biggest lessons that we get here, especially in the first year."

The U17s avoided a shutout when Skyler Brind'Amour — playing just his third game for Team USA — chipped in the

rebound of K'Andre Miller's blue line blast with just under seven minutes remaining. Drawing the first assist was Trevor Janicke.

"He's come out and helped us quite a bit," Cole said about emergency fill-in Brind'Amour. "He'll be heading back Sunday; he's got school starting out east.

"He helped out earlier with the U-18 team. He's a good player and it's a great experience for him. He'll play in the USHL next year."

Team USA was outshot 30-24 for the game, but enjoyed a 12-8 edge in the final period, which began with Bloomington up 2-0 on first-period goals by Jake Durlfing and Jerry Harding.

"We finished well. I thought the first was decent, the second was pretty good and the third was our best," Cole said. "We put more pucks on net. You got to keep pushing. There's no shortcuts out on the ice and there's no elevators to success. You got to take the stairs."

And following road games this weekend against Fargo and

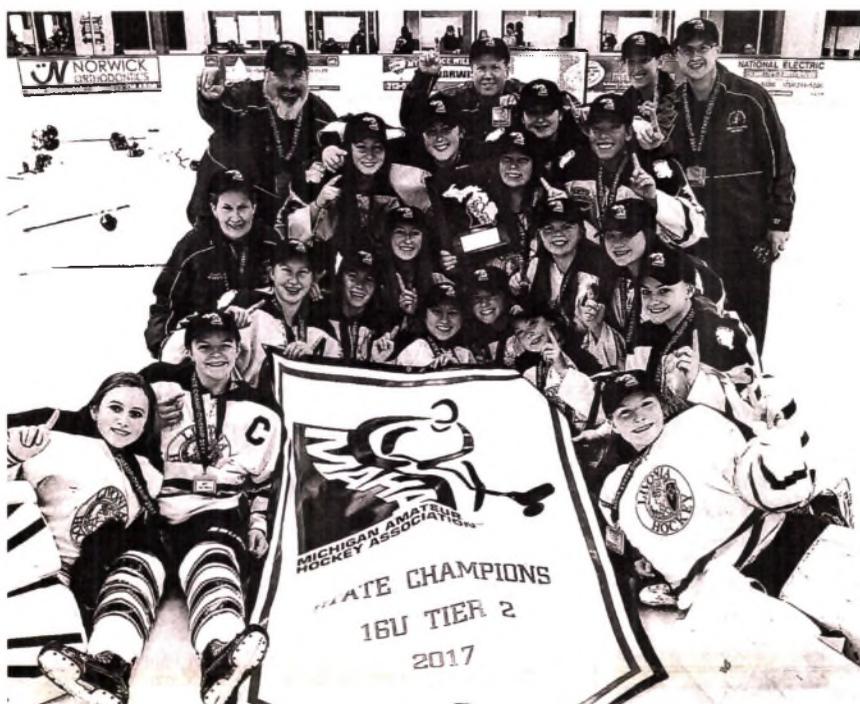
April 7-8 against Youngstown, the players will exhale and begin training in preparation of 2017-18 — when they will comprise the U18s.

Next year, with Cole moving up with them, those players (including Plymouth's Will MacKinnon and Birmingham's Bode Wilde) will hit the stretch drive of their two-year program.

"Crawl under the hurdle, go around the hurdle, jump over the hurdle, however you get past it that's the key," Cole said, discussing the challenge of closing out year one. "And the message tonight was keep doing it and doing it together."

"It is a rite of passage and those are the important lessons our guys got to get. That's why we play in this league. We have to be darn near perfect, plus get some breaks to win games and that makes it hard. But that's how you learn things."

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The Livonia Knights 16U Tier 2 girls hockey team recently won the state championship. Knights players (listed alphabetically) include Claire Antilla, Hannah Bigelow, Anna Braschwitz, Alyssa Buzar, McKenna Ceci, Nichole Collins, Kaylee Keledjian, Kate Mann, Maddy McCandless, Gabi Mitchell, Lauren Pearce, Maddie Reeves-Carson, Jenna Rice, Kamille Scarbrough, Nicole Stefanik, Holly Wikman and Kara Zink. The head coach is Carrie Sirola, assisted by Matt Ceci, Tim Rice, Kelly Roulier and Brad Ceci. Team manager is Kristie Ceci.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Dominant Livonia Knights win title

Girls hockey team prevails 1-0 to capture MAHA Tier 2 championship

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Perseverance paid off with a state championship for the Livonia Knights 16-Under Tier 2 girls hockey team.

The Knights outshot Lansing Meijer 47-9 in the championship game on March 12 at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center. But only one of those shots — by McKenna Ceci — found the back of the Meijer net.

No worries. That's all the team needed to prevail 1-0 for the championship win. Stopping all nine shots she faced for the shutout victory was goalie Maddie Reeves-Carson.

Ceci scored at 6:35 of the first period, on assists from

Kaylee Keledjian and Kate Mann.

The win followed a 2-1 victory against the same team earlier in the Tier 2 playoffs.

Anna Braschwitz and Jenna Rice scored the goals, Gabi Mitchell setting up Braschwitz for the tally.

Stopping eight of nine shots for the win was netminder Hannah Bigelow.

The Knights, coached by Carrie Sirola, opened up tournament play with a 5-0 win over the KV Ravens and a 3-1 victory over the Troy Sting.

Against the Ravens, Braschwitz scored two goals with single markers by Kara Zink, Maddy McCandless and Mann. Coming through with assists were Claire Antilla, Keledjian, Mann, Gabi Mitchell and Ceci while Bigelow collected the shutout.

Livonia's march to a title continued against the tough Sting.

Braschwitz, Jenna Rice and Mitchell lit the lamp for the Knights with Mitchell and Nicole Stefanik tallying two assists each.

Single helpers were picked up by Ceci and McCandless; the winning goalie was Reeves-Carson.

Knights players, listed alphabetically, include: Claire Antilla, Hannah Bigelow, Anna Braschwitz, Alyssa Buzar, McKenna Ceci, Nichole Collins, Kaylee Keledjian, Kate Mann, Maddy McCandless, Gabi Mitchell, Lauren Pearce, Maddie Reeves-Carson, Jenna Rice, Kamille Scarbrough, Nicole Stefanik, Holly Wikman and Kara Zink. Sirola's coaching staff includes assistants Matt Ceci, Tim Rice, Kelly Roulier and Brad Ceci and the manager is Kristie Ceci.

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PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

Senior-laden RU squad ready for big challenge

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Giving everybody playing time won't be an issue for this year's Redford Union baseball team under fifth-year coach Bob Miller.

The Panthers will be 12-strong entering the 2017 season led by nine seniors, including a trio who will be earning their fourth varsity letters paced by center fielder Brandon Pratt, pitcher-shortstop Jacob Gagnon and catcher Jackson Allison.

The three will serve as the team captains along with senior infielder-pitcher Jakob Bowles.

"Although our numbers are small, we are experienced with nine seniors," Miller said. "Many of the seniors have been league champions twice, played in over 100 varsity games with a few district finals. If we stay healthy we should be able to compete."

Gagnon and junior Tyler Collard will form a good one-two punch on the mound backed up by senior Brendan Kerkhof, freshman Brian Bertagnolli, Bowles and Allison.

The Panthers' infield will consist of Kerkhof, Collard, Gagnon, Bowles, Bertagnolli, as well as seniors Larry Elliott and Jacob Reams. Junior Trevor Hamilton is also in the mix.

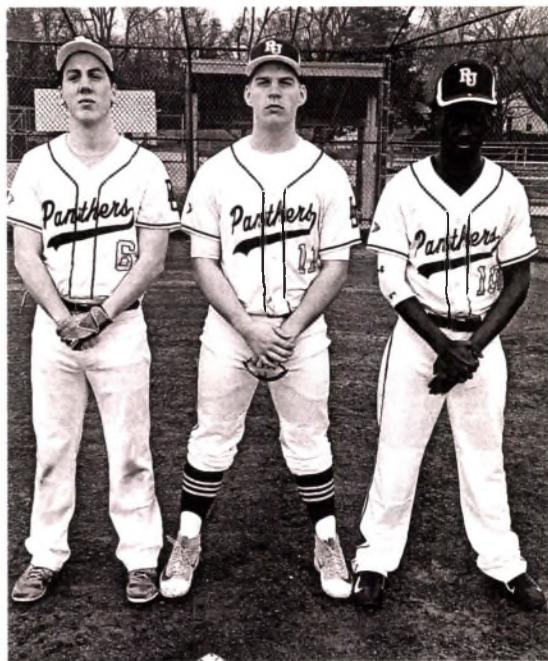
The same infield cast can also make the transition to the outfield joining senior Bobby Dixon and Pratt.

"Our strength is in our ability to have all players play at least three positions," Miller said.

The Panthers are coming off a 10-14 season, which included a 5-1 first-round MHSAA Division 2 district semifinal playoff exit against South Lyon East.

RU, which opens its season at 4 p.m. Friday, March 31 at home against Novi Detroit Catholic Central, will compete once again in the Blue Division of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference. That six-team division also includes Dearborn, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Garden City and Belleville.

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Redford Union's senior baseball trio of (from left) Jackson Allison, Jacob Gagnon and Brandon Pratt will be going after their fourth varsity letters.

PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

John Glenn ready to get into the swing

Tim Smith
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Don't count out Westland John Glenn when it comes to forecasting teams that might make a lot of noise this baseball season.

The Rockets are coming off a 22-12 record last season, which ended with a loss to Canton in the districts.

And the team could be poised to take the next step, led

by senior pitcher Trevor Smith and junior pitcher Brian Martin.

"He will be one of our returning pitchers and will be playing in the field when he isn't on the mound," John Glenn head coach Lawrence Scheffer said. "I'm looking forward to watching him lead and develop."

Smith already is getting it done from the pitching slab. In 2016, he went 5-2 and posted a

2.74 earned-run average.

Also expected to make life tough on KLAAs South Division opponents is Martin, coming off a 5-5 season in which he crafted an outstanding 1.88 ERA. Martin also packs a wallop at the plate. Last year, he hit .413 and slugged three homers.

"He has been on varsity since his freshman year and has proven to be an asset to our team on the mound and as a leader in our dugout," Scheffer

said. "He was an all-state infielder last year as a sophomore."

This isn't a two-man team, of course.

Other seniors include middle infielder Jacob Tuttle, first baseman Josh Ouillette, pitcher-outfielder Jared Stevens, second baseman Austin Jackson and outfielder Kris Spader.

Juniors Kyle Heim (catcher-infielder), Matt Nutt (outfielder-pitcher) and Mark Richards

(infield) also are ready to help the cause.

Rounding out the roster are sophomore shortstop-pitcher Korey Littlefield and freshman catcher-infielder Josh Muse.

According to Scheffer, Heim, Littlefield, Richards and Muse all have the chance to be impact newcomers for the Rockets.

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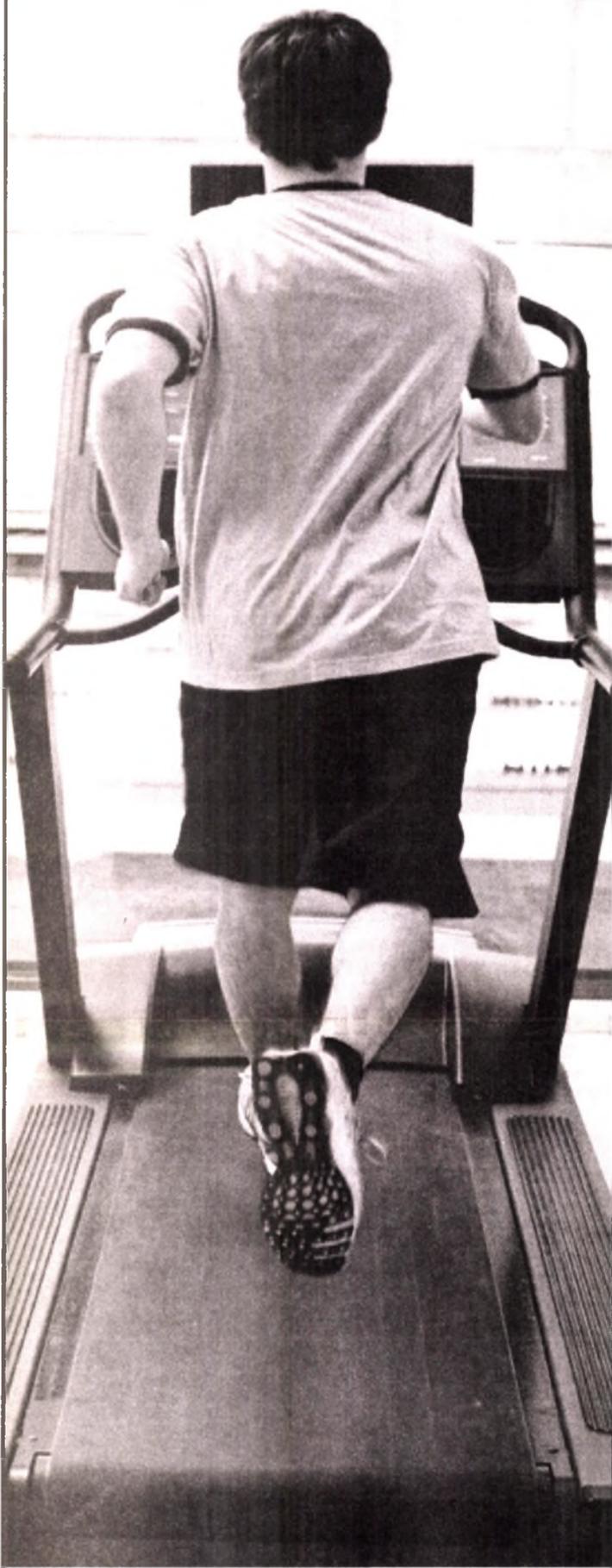
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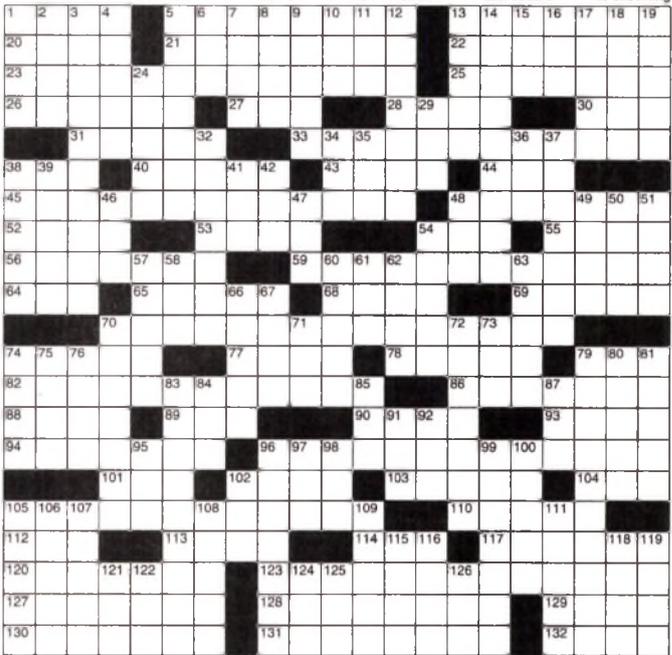
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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
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 - 22 Like waves, to shorelines
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 - 25 Heeded, as a suggestion
 - 26 Not be under the weather
 - 27 Note before la
 - 28 "Moses" novelist Sholem
 - 30 A, to Klaus
 - 31 Genuine
 - 33 Give a tot some grub?
 - 38 Psych, e.g.
 - 40 Trail rope
 - 43 Fram's city
 - 44 Part of USSR. Abbr.
 - 45 Tremble resulting from drawing curtains?
 - 48 Gas additive
 - 52 With 66-Down, she won a 1957 Tony for "L'il Abner"
 - 53 Sleek, briefly
 - 54 Tanzania's Salaam
 - 55 Moniker
 - 56 Quantity in a given area
 - 59 More irate about the cards one was dealt?
 - 64 Work unit
 - 65 Grain bundle
 - 68 Rod go-with
 - 69 Old region of Asia Minor
 - 70 Retaliation plan that's proceeding tediously?
 - 74 Mag revenue source
 - 77 River of Florence
 - 78 Dame Judi
 - 79 Larch cousin
 - 82 Statement about a tea box?
 - 86 Certain tax shelter
 - 88 Author Blyton
 - 89 LAPD division?
 - 90 Julio's "eight"
 - 93 Driving club
 - 94 Orate
 - 96 Sleep furniture designed for athletes?
 - 101 West ender?
 - 102 Cuddly "Star Wars" critter
 - 103 Office scribe
 - 104 TV "Science Guy" Bill
 - 105 Rice field with a salami factory in the middle of it?
 - 110 Used a bat
 - 112 What sit-ups work
 - 113 "Yeah, bro"
 - 114 Cheer for a 12-Down
 - 117 Love of Tristan
 - 120 Scrounged
 - 123 Rivals at auctions?
 - 127 Members of the mob
 - 128 Underscored
 - 129 Elsa's sister in "Frozen"
 - 130 Written law
 - 131 Euros replaced them in the Netherlands
 - 132 Lucy's guy
- DOWN**
- 1 Double — Ores
 - 2 Adviser, e.g.
 - 3 Changing the nature of
 - 4 Author — Rogers St. Johns
 - 5 Tool for cutting metal
 - 6 Year, in Brazil
 - 7 Movers' vehicles
 - 8 "Leave — me!"
 - 9 Library unit
 - 10 Skirt border
 - 11 Bit of gig gear
 - 12 Torero
 - 13 Georgia fruit
 - 14 Symphony performer
 - 15 Boozing type
 - 16 Mao — -lung (waited)
 - 18 Egg-shaped
 - 19 1-cent coin
 - 24 Rich boy in "Nancy" comics
 - 29 Pig holder
 - 32 Tried
 - 34 Abur. at JFK
 - 35 Before, to Browning
 - 36 — -noor diamond
 - 37 Novel by Sir Walter Scott
 - 38 Uppsala native, e.g.
 - 39 Apple quaff
 - 41 "Thar — blows!"
 - 42 Sharing word
 - 46 — Plaines
 - 47 DeLuise of "Fai Sate"
 - 48 Head organ
 - 49 Indian bread
 - 50 Old Dodge hatchback
 - 51 Mother of Helen, in myth
 - 54 Dig deeply
 - 57 — Brothers ("Fight the Power" R&B group)
 - 58 E'en if
 - 60 Inert element
 - 61 The, to Klaus
 - 62 Achievement
 - 63 Snug-fitting
 - 66 See 52-Across
 - 67 Unwavering
 - 70 Sells
 - 71 L.A.-to-Boise dir.
 - 72 Dresses
 - 73 SFC or CPL
 - 74 Nailed
 - 75 Aarhus native, e.g.
 - 76 Bank accl. homes
 - 78 Forefront of an activity
 - 80 Wry twist
 - 81 Span
 - 83 Most tenacious
 - 84 — -pah
 - 85 Blue Jays, on a scoreboard
 - 87 Covered up
 - 91 Euro divs.
 - 92 Pres. after FDR
 - 95 Paraghean of Notre Dame
 - 96 Goodie-filled gala gift
 - 97 Pea holder
 - 98 Permitted
 - 99 Coils around
 - 100 Drench
 - 102 Dermis or Pen lead-in
 - 105 "Dynasty" actress Emma
 - 106 "Three Men in —" (novel or film)
 - 107 Yank's land
 - 108 "Metro" star Murphy
 - 109 Sing on a peak, maybe
 - 111 Roving type
 - 115 Loan out
 - 116 Art Deco notable
 - 118 Cubs' homes
 - 119 Morales of "Caprica"
 - 121 Op. — (kin of "bid.")
 - 122 Astros, on a scoreboard
 - 124 Hospital div.
 - 125 Roman 601
 - 126 At any time, to Browning



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	7	5	6			4			
	6				1		9	3	
9									5
	8		5		6				2
5			3		7		1		
8									9
3	1		2				7		
		7			9	6	8		

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2	5	7	4	9	3	6	8	1
3	1	9	2	6	8	5	7	4
8	4	6	1	7	5	2	3	9
5	6	4	3	2	7	8	1	9
7	2	5	1	9	4	3	6	8
6	8	3	7	4	2	1	6	5
9	3	8	7	4	2	1	6	5
4	6	2	8	5	1	7	9	3
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Y	A	L	H	I	A	E	Y	L	A	N	D	S	C	A	P	E	L	O	W
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Crossword Answers

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia-Housing Commission, Michigan as Owners, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. (Local Time) on **Wednesday, May 31, 2017**, at the offices of the Livonia City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

DISPOSAL OF TWO VACANT CITY OWNED PARCELS: 18071 FLORAL, LIVONIA 48152, MINIMUM BID AMOUNT IS \$28,000.00, AND 15505 AUBURNDALE, LIVONIA 48154, MINIMUM BID AMOUNT IS \$40,000

The proposal package, bid requirements, bid form and certified site survey will be available beginning **Thursday, March 30, 2017** at the offices of the Livonia City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154. All proposals are to be submitted on the forms furnished by the Director of Housing. All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the property bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to Susan Nash, City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154. Bids must be on the form provided in the proposal package accompanied by a non-collusion affidavit and bid bond. Interested parties that have questions regarding the city-owned property or bid requirements may contact James M. Inglis, Director of Housing at 248-477-7086 ext. 5.

The City of Livonia-Housing Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the bid to the responsive and responsible bidder and to waive any informalities in the bids received. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the City of Livonia Housing Commission.

JAMES M. INGLIS, Director of Housing
DENNIS WRIGHT, Mayor
CITY OF LIVONIA

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03-17-0070 Motion by Sanders, seconded by Miller and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a resolution regarding the 2016 Special Assessment Roll and call a Public Hearing for April 18, 2017, at 8:00 p.m. to discuss this matter.

**CITY OF WAYNE
 RESOLUTION #03-17-0070
 NOTICE OF HEARING ON ROLL**

WHEREAS, the Assessing Department has prepared and submitted a special assessment roll covering all lots and parcels of land within the 2016 Delinquent Hazard & Nuisance, Snow/Sidewalks, Vacant Property Inspections and Property Transfer Affidavit special assessment district heretofore designated by resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, said special assessment roll assesses to each lot or parcel of land such sums as may have been directed by resolution of the Council in connection with the 2016 Delinquent Hazard & Nuisance, Dangerous Buildings, Snow/Sidewalks, Vacant Property Inspections and Property Transfer Affidavit; and

WHEREAS, such special assessment roll has been certified by said Assessing Department, and that said special assessment roll, as near as may be, according to the best judgment of said Assessing Department, conforms in all respects to the directions contained in resolutions of Council, the City Charter, and Chapter 218.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wayne; and

WHEREAS, said Assessing Department has filed said special assessment roll with the City Clerk, who has presented the special assessment roll to Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said special assessment roll shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk for purpose of public examination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Wayne will meet on the 18th day of April, 2017 at the Wayne City Hall, 3365 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing such special assessment roll.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption each assessment for Delinquent Hazard & Nuisance will be placed on the 2017 tax roll plus thirty percent (30%) penalty and Snow/Sidewalks will be placed on the 2017 tax roll with (10%) penalty and Vacant Property Inspections and Property Transfer Affidavit will be placed on the 2017 tax roll with no penalty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall give notice to the owner of each lot or parcel of land effected by said special assessment roll at his or her address or the address shown on the last tax roll of the City of Wayne, which notice shall be given by first class mail and which notice shall set forth and specify the time and place of said meeting and the purpose of having such a meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall give further notice by publication at least once in the newspaper of general circulation in the City, that paper being The Wayne-Westland Observer.

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