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NORTHVILLE COULD BE STARTING SPECIAL SEASON
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Friends of veterans host holiday gathering

On Saturday, Dec. 10, Rhett Reader and friends hosted the third annual Friends of the North Oakland County Veterans Treatment Courts Holiday Gathering of friends.

The event was held at the White Lake VFW, with approximately 60 people in attendance, including Veterans Court mentors, family members and the Veterans Court Team members.

Santa Claus was on hand for all the children to enjoy with a visit on his lap to tell him their Christmas wishes.

Guests enjoyed dinner and dessert, quilts were made and donated by Carole Carroll from Miraclequilts@att.net.

Also lending a hand was Lori Thueme with Blue Star Moms, who was on hand to collect donated food being sent to homeless veterans at the Veterans Administration, and to deployed troops in Afghanistan and Kuwait.

Northville Township political veteran named to vacancy

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

Richard Allen, a retired engineer and a longtime figure in Northville Township government, was appointed Dec. 15 to the township Board of Trustees.

Allen, who previously served on the board, will fill the vacancy left by the death of Marvin Gans, who died Dec. 2, less than a month after being elected to a sixth consecutive board term.

Gans, was a retired Schoolcraft College athletic director and a prominent figure in developing recreation programs and facilities in the township and throughout the area.

Allen had three four-year

board terms from 1980 to 1992 and is a 36-year member of the township Planning Commission. He has also served on the Economic Development and Brownfield commissions and the Historic District Commission.

Reached Tuesday, Allen said he has big shoes to fill in replacing Gans, whom, he said, had done much for parks and recreation programs in the area.

"He had a memory that would blow your mind," Allen said of Gans. "He could tell you the size of every park in the township down to one-hundredth of an acre."

Allen was nominated by Supervisor Robert Nix and con-



Richard Allen takes the oath of office, administered by Clerk Sue Hillebrand, after being appointed to the Northville Township Board of Trustees on Dec. 15.

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Bekah Greenman, 25, of Livonia, sings "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" in the show's finale.

MARIA TAYLOR

Church hosts Northville's 'biggest' Christmas party

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

Holiday cheer was in high gear last weekend at Ward Church in Northville. Horses clip-clopped through the snowy parking lot, pulling wagons draped with garlands and red bows. In front of the main entryway, people waiting for rides stopped at a manger-themed petting zoo to say "hi" to the camels, donkeys and little goats.

Inside, the church was an array of lights, carols and general festivity for Ward's first-ever Jingle Jam event, a holiday carnival billed as "Northville's Biggest Christmas Party."

Indeed, it may have been: About 2,250 people attended. Admission was free, with attendees split pretty evenly among Ward members and non-members.

"We think that's great, because that was our goal," said Barry McKenna, Ward's executive director. "We just did major updates to the church facility, so it's a chance to invite our



Horse-drawn wagons crisscrossing the Ward parking lot

MARIA TAYLOR

community to see what our church is like, as well as to have a big Christmas party for everyone. It's a gift that we would like to give to the community."

Susan Robinson of Novi, who spent most of the day working in the cookie-decorating room, was

one of the 500 volunteers who helped staff the event. "It's so good to see the people that come — we love welcoming them here," she said. "The transformation in the church is amazing."

McKenna and his team pulled

out all the stops. There was a DJ playing Christmas songs, several bouncy houses and a big green bouncy obstacle course that stretched the length of an entire hallway. "Who would have

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ever thought we'd have this in our narthex?" McKenna said, laughing. Around the corner, near the church's brand-new cafe and indoor playground, several motorized trains whistled their horns, waiting to take kids and their parents through a tunnel of lights to several rooms with bumper cars, games, crafts and cookie-decorating stations.

Highlighting the day were three performances of a special Christmas show, put on by the church's FX or "Family eXperience" production team. Green and red lights swirled through the darkened auditorium as performers and a live band acted and sang the Christmas story and its message of joy, finishing with a rousing version of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The big, splashy FX shows are a monthly occurrence at Ward,



MARIA TAYLOR

A boy at the petting zoo gets a kiss from a camel.

where they tie into the church's Christian education program. "Every month, we talk about a different virtue — honesty, persistence, trust," said Cindy Ziembra, director of children's ministry. "We take a positive virtue and present it in a way that's fun." That means drama, music, high-energy performance, lights and sound, all with the goal of getting kids engaged.

Matt Greenman served as Jingle Jam project manager. He is Ward's director of elementary ministries and he runs the church's FX productions.

"We're very passionate about family ... reigniting that flame of family togetherness, especially at Christmastime," Greenman said. "Our goal is that what we do here transfers home and affects conversations. These big, dynamic productions ... provide talking points at home, keep conversations going all week long."

Dan Waidelich, dressed in Renaissance garb, was one of the actors in the production. In between shows, he hung out in the hallway, giving kids impromptu acting



MARIA TAYLOR

Volunteer Dan Waidelich, dressed in Renaissance clothes, gives an impromptu acting lesson to Aidan Stratton, 8, Livonia, and Amaris Grubaugh, 10, Livonia. Both their families are members at Ward.

lessons. "Imagine someone just gave you the worst Christmas present ever — a box of rocks," he said as a crowd started to gather.

Aidan Stratton, 8, and Amaris Grubaugh, 10, followed his lead, making their best "shocked" faces and throwing their hands into the air. Both kids are Ward attendees, hailing from Livonia, and said they'd been having a great afternoon.

"We liked the playscape, the bumper cars,

and of course the show — all about joy during the holidays and the story of Jesus' birth," said Christine Grubaugh, Amaris' mom.

Aidan couldn't pick a favorite activity. "All of it," he said.

Down the hallway, the Perez family got their photo taken against a snowy Christmas backdrop. They're not members at Ward, but they thought Jingle Jam was pretty neat. "I like it — I think it's cool," said

Yvette Johnson as her family left the photo station.

That's exactly the kind of introduction to Ward that McKenna was hoping to provide.

"It's a large church; sometimes, people might be intimidated to come to regular church service," he said. "But then someone might come to this, think 'This is fun,' and come back. We're trying to break down those barriers."

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Library closed

Dates: Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 2

Details: The library will be closed for the holidays. It will reopen at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Movies and munchies

Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27

Details: Drop-in winter break movies and munchies for kids: *The Good Dinosaur*. Bring lunch to the library and enjoy a movie. Snacks and bottled water are provided. All ages are welcome. Kids ages 4 and

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younger must attend with a caregiver, and caregivers of children attending independently must remain in the library.

Drop-in Craftapalooza

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29

Details: Kids of all ages get creative making projects from a variety of fun craft kits, including paper plate frogs, handprint fishies, decorative heart-shaped boxes, lizard door hangers and more. No registration is required; just drop in. Due to space limitations, special groups

cannot be accommodated.

Between the Lines Adult Book Discussion

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9

Details: Enjoy a lively discussion of Nina George's "Little Paris Bookshop." The owner of a floating bookshop on the Seine prescribes novels to mend broken hearts.

Writing Your Memoir: Two-Part Workshop

Time/Date: 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, Jan. 10 and Jan. 17

Details: Write memoirs for family and friends. The two-part workshop will get you started, along with other tips with Kathleen Ripley Leo, creative writing instructor. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

Winter Storytimes

Details: For details about winter storytimes, please visit northville-library.org or call the library. 248-349-3020. Registration for certain storytimes begins in January.

Firefighters donate coats



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Township fire and police personnel gather Dec. 13 with staff from the Community Choice Credit Union on Six Mile to kick off the firefighters' Operation Warmth. With a \$1,000 gift from the credit union, township safety workers will be buying much-needed winter coats for local kids and donating them to Northville Civic Concern for distribution.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Township firefighter Kyle Lewis hands out coats to his co-workers Dec. 13 at Community Choice Credit Union on Six Mile. The firefighters, with a \$1,000 gift from the credit union, began to buy winter coats and will distribute them through Operation Warmth and Northville Civic Concern.

VACANCY

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firmed unanimously by remaining board members during the board's last regular meeting of the year. He then was sworn in by Clerk Sue Hillebrand.

Several residents expressed interest in the appointment, but it was important to nominate a candidate who could represent the same constituency as Gans and

"hit the ground running" with knowledge about how the township operates, Nix said.

"Mr. Allen is of the same generation and has championed many of the same projects; in short, he matches all these needs," Nix said.

Allen and his wife Pat have lived in the township for 42 years. Their son Jim is on the Northville City Council and is the city's mayor pro-tem. Allen is a retired Ford Motor Co. product development engineer. He said

community involvement is "absolutely" something he enjoys.

In addition to his service on various township commissions, he has also been involved with the Friends of Thayer's Park Committee and the Friends of the Northville Township Historic District Commission.

His term on the township board will expire Nov. 20, 2020.

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A second career takes her to a first love: animals

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

The fact that Plymouth resident Judi Hales grew up to become a dog trainer would surprise no one who knew her as a child.

While her playmates dressed their Barbies and nursed baby dolls, Hales was busy tending to her own flock — of stuffed animals.

"I don't know exactly what it is, but I've always been drawn to animals ever since I was a child," Hales said, "My family had dogs when I was growing up. I have always had a soft spot for animals."

Hales is owner of Trust and Obey Pawsitive Dog Training in Northville, a dog obedience business that specializes in a positive reinforcement method of training dogs.

The positive reinforcement method of training uses praise and/or treats to reward your dog for doing something you want him to do. According to the Humane Society of the United States, it is one of your most powerful tools for shaping or changing your dog's behavior.

In sharp contrast to other methods of dog training, Hales focuses on "teaching your dog with love, not harshness," she said.

In business since 2010, Hales rented space in various locations

throughout Wayne and Oakland counties before opening her permanent location in Northville in August 2014. She currently runs a variety of classes, including Puppy Basics; basic Obedience; Fun with Fido, Advanced Behaviors; and Leash Manners, five days a week at her location at 43145 W. Seven Mile. She is also beginning to offer hour-long seminars designed to familiarize pet owners with their new and potential furry family members. Information regarding classes is available at <http://www.trustandobeydogtraining.com/>.

Offering classes in both the daytime and evening throughout the week has been to her advantage.

"There are lots of stay-at-home moms and



Beagle-Basenji mix Sugarbaby of Plymouth (left) is a graduate of Trust and Obey Pawsitive Dog Training. Here, she is greeting a playmate at Northville's Maybury State Park.



Judi Hales, owner of Trust and Obey Pawsitive Dog Training in Northville, with husband Patrick Hales and their dog Lydia, a Catahula leopard dog.

dads and people working evening shifts or non-traditional hours that find it easier to attend training sessions with their dog in the daytime," she said.

Earlier this month, she was completing paperwork when she realized the number of dogs she has trained topped 1,000, with canine students coming not just from Plymouth and Northville, but Canton, Livonia, South Lyon and other surrounding areas.

"I didn't realize I had touched so many dogs' lives," she said.

Hales' path to dog training has been a circuitous one.

Trained as a graphic designer, she worked in the field for some 30 years before she decided she needed a new career. As it happened, it was a chance encounter with a dog that led her to her new vocation.

"I had been unhappy in the field on and off and I never really liked what I was doing," she said.

"One day, I was having just the worst day. I think I was actually near tears. A customer came into the lobby of the building in which I worked with their golden retriever and I came around the counter to greet the dog. Instantly, I felt better and it really changed my entire day."

Hales said it came to her then that working with animals was the path she needed to pursue.

"When I was 18 and deciding my career path, it was between art or working with animals," she said. "At that time, there weren't many animal-type careers. Dog training methods were more harsh back then and I knew I did not want to be a vet."

Hales attended California-based Animal Behavior College for more than a year before emerging as a credentialed ABCDT (Animal Behavior College dog trainer).

In the six years since

graduating from the program, Hales has continued her education, with additional training through the Association of Professional Dog Trainers and the Pet Professionals Guild. She also serves as a mentor for Animal Behavior College, sharing her knowledge with student trainers.

The opportunity to help guide student trainers in the positive reinforcement method has been particularly rewarding, Hales said.

"I have really enjoyed working with students," she said. "This is not a well-regulated business — you don't have to be certified to call yourself a 'dog trainer.' It is so important that trainers are properly instructed."

Citing the lack of oversight in the dog obedience field is a concern, Hales said, "Anyone can call themselves a dog trainer and there are some people promoting very harsh methods of training. The cruelty to animals astounds me."

Hales recommends trusting your intuition when seeking a training method: "You need to trust your gut instinct that is what it is there for. If it doesn't feel right to you, it most likely is not."

She is reminded of this time and again when new clients share tales of attempts at dog training gone awry.

"I have had people tell me that they did not feel comfortable when someone yanked on their dog's collar harshly, but they just thought it must be the proper way to train a dog. They just didn't know any better," she said.

Force-free training, using the positive reinforcement method, offers many benefits both to the animal and the owner, she said.

Hales cites studies by animal behavioral scientists indicating that employing harsh physical corrections with dogs can cause fear and anxiety. Most aggression in dogs is fear-based and

"when dogs have fear issues, they are more likely to be aggressive," she said. "Humans are the same way."

Some may question the wisdom of using food-based rewards for good behavior, but Hales espouses its effectiveness.

"A lot of people have issues with giving dogs treats for training, but you have to do what motivates them. Remember, they are dogs and we are trying to teach them to do things that are not natural to them," she said.

In addition to myriad dogs she has trained, Hales counts her 10-year-old Catahula leopard dog Lydia among those who have successfully passed through her classes.

With the holidays approaching, Hales reminds that it is not just shoppers feeling the stress.

"It is such a busy time of the year and dogs are so sensitive to everything that goes on around them," she said.

While some dogs may enjoy holiday company, others may not be quite as enthusiastic about visitors invading their territory.

Hales recommends keeping an eye out for specific behaviors in your dog that may indicate stress, including panting, drooling, lip licking, eyes darting and fleeing.

She also advises taking caution not to force your dog to do something uncomfortable and instead help them feel at ease when company visits by giving them a toy to keep them entertained.

"Take time throughout the holiday to enjoy your pets. They are part of the family, after all. The more positive interaction you have with them during the hubbub, the better they will adjust each year," she said.

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Keep holiday decorations, delivered presents safe

The Northville Township Police Department is helping deck the halls and fill residents' stockings with joy by offering a few tips for greater safety during the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season.

Every year, the department receives reports of damage to exterior holiday decorations. Surveillance cameras have often caught furry-tailed vandals committing those crimes.

One way to prevent that from happening and to keep those critters from foraging for food around outdoor decorations is to spread or spray a critter repellent in areas where electrical cords are placed on the ground. These repellents come in granules and

sprays and are the same materials used in organic gardening, so are not a harm to the environment.

Package pirates pose another challenge around the holidays. With the trend toward online shopping, we no longer need to wait in long lines or search for parking to make our loved ones' spirits bright. However, package pirates may be looking to steal holiday joy from the front porch.

These Grinches look for crimes of opportunity: They follow delivery vehicles and watch for deliveries to occur or simply drive through neighborhoods in attempts to score delivered packages that have been left on porches.

Residents can defeat package pirates by tak-

ing simple precautions. People who aren't commonly home when packages arrive can have them held at the delivery hub for later pickup, have them sent to the home of a trusted neighbor or have them delivered to them at their workplaces.

If you see something suspicious, whether in your own neighborhood or when you're out and about, the Northville Township Police Department encourages you to report the activity by contacting the public safety communications center at 248-349-9400.

The men and women of the Northville Township Police Department wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold north of Main Street near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. To become a member or make a donation, visit www.millrace-northville.org.

Upcoming events

The office and the archives will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 22 to Jan. 9.

Lecture series: When Amelia Came to Michigan: 7 p.m. Jan. 25. New

School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

Clara Ford Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. Feb. 18.

General info

Website: www.mill-racenorthville.org

Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many areas and is in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with fundraising teas. Students can have volunteer hours with school or scouts verified.

Rentals: Call or email

the office to rent the Cady Inn or Church for a wedding or party. Many dates are available.

Donations: Physical donations are accepted from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

Archives: The archives are open Monday and Tuesday.

Office: The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millracenorthville.org.

Varnum votes attorneys into the partnership

Varnum has voted a number of attorneys into partnership roles. New partners in the southeast Michigan region are Charles F. Gray, Timothy K. Kroninger, Jill M. Miller and Wayne D. Roberts.

"Our new partners have demonstrated not only excellence within their own areas of practice, but also an overall commitment to teamwork for the firm as a whole," Varnum chair-

man Dave Khorey said. "We are very pleased to welcome them to the partnership."

Gray is an intellectual property attorney with significant experience drafting and prosecuting patents in various fields, including the automotive and medical industries. He is also experienced in trademark prosecution, IP litigation and drafting software, trademark and patent license agreements. Prior to his legal

career, Gray was an electrical controls engineer at Herman Miller. He is based in Varnum's Novi office.

Kroninger has extensive experience in intellectual property and contract law, as well as the areas of franchising, corporate, IP litigation and prosecution and patent/technology/trademark licensing. Prior to joining Varnum, he served as chief legal counsel for an interna-

tional corporate IP/trademark licensing firm representing numerous Fortune 500 companies. He also served as a senior attorney for a Big Three automaker prior to entering private practice. He is based in Varnum's Detroit office.

Miller is a corporate attorney who practices in the electronic payment card processing industry, including electronic payments and data privacy and security law. She also

has experience in aviation law, advising clients on aircraft acquisitions, FAA filings and International Registry requirements. She is based in the firm's Novi office.

Roberts is a tax attorney who has represented both closely-held and Fortune 1000 companies in tax disputes with the IRS, Michigan Department of Treasury and several other state and local taxing jurisdictions throughout

Michigan and across the United States. He has served as chair of the Taxation Section of the State Bar of Michigan, has authored many articles and treatises on a variety of tax topics and has been named Best Lawyers® Tax Lawyer of the Year on multiple occasions. Roberts currently serves as chair of the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Bar Tax Sections.

LETTERS

A fresh approach

Fake news? Russians are coming? Excuses are boundless. Hillary was just an overcooked abysmal candidate left to be saved by a sycophant press.

Now those lazy minds attempt to discredit reality and ignore a landslide rebuke. Specific hacking conjecture offering nothing of substance. All governments do it to gain an edge and some to steal intellectual property.

As memory serves the second well-funded campaign lost by Democrat apparatchiks, the first working in Israel for the defeat of Netanyahu. This deserved a wink, but no investigation. A pig pen is dirty. The DNC hack was apparently sloppy like the State Department. So now most expecting better and push a new sense of integrity, trust and respect for the functional quality of leadership.

Hard to pick out truth. Read both The News and the Free Press. The Free Press is wild and almost a scream in defense of the Obama administration. The News somewhat less accommodating to their common publishers' viewpoint. So we evaluate Zero Hedge, Fox Nation and Drudge to sort assemble some consensus. The NYT is now, while artistically done, a simple fish wrapper of leftist mindsets. Their economist drifting haywire may need help. Sad so many mainstream journalists so politically infected toward dragging down candor and trust-worthiness.

Soon hammering of cabinet nominations. Who is the better American? The Democrat or the Republican? The

questioned or the questioner? Why not just choose the best and most talented Americans to employ for the nation?

This "no governmental experience" for the results-oriented provide great opportunity to house clean the parade of mediocrity and waste. Leftists fortifications now reset in a flurry of excuses for their surprise of results dumping on them throughout the nation with a "Gruber" expectation of public ignorance. The second effort of identity appeal had the blinders tossed after two terms of steady decline of spirit in America with Americans.

The recent historic landslide election of Donald Trump was a painful rejection for the so-called progressives. So poorly defined! America needs a leader. One who can inspire by leadership performance. Results matter. We try once again with expectation. Watching and waiting for serious efforts to end bureaucrat corruption, regulations padding and removing impediments and costly drain by the self-interested temples in Washington. Americans feel disappointment with the quality of leadership when it may be hamstrung with impunity like the IRS and VA.

Hurrah! A fresh approach to evaluate and finally *only* results will matter, no excuses, we have a commitment.

Jim Nowka
Northville

Wolf hunting bill: Contempt for voters

Believe it or not, another wolf hunting bill, SB 1187, has been rushed through the Michigan Legislature by Sen. Tom

Casperson. This is after voters overturned two of his previous wolf hunting laws, by wide margins, in Michigan's 2014 general election.

And this is after the State Court of Appeals, three weeks ago, declared unconstitutional a third wolf hunting law that was passed in an effort to override the vote of the people. And, again, this is after a federal judge put Great Lakes gray wolves back on the Endangered Species list.

Please call Gov. Snyder as soon as possible at 517-335-7858. Let him know that it is unconscionable that this bill, SB 1187, was even introduced, much less voted on, when the voting majority of Michigan citizens have already said no to wolf hunting, and no to giving authority to designate game species to the un-elected Natural Resources Commission, whose decisions cannot be overturned by our votes.

What's even more appalling is that the bill bypassed a Senate committee hearing altogether to be fast-tracked to the Senate floor, then was quietly passed by the House Natural Resources Committee without notifying citizens who would have wanted to offer opposition.

With only an estimated 618 wolves remaining in the state, there is no scientific justification for hunting and trapping them for recreation and reducing this small population of wolves even further. Please respect the wishes of your citizens and VETO SB 1187.

Ann Honhart
Birmingham

Thanks for nothing, Jill Stein

The vote recount in Michigan could cost taxpayers \$5 million and Jill Stein will only have to pay for \$8,000 to \$9,000. She should have her buddy Hillary Clinton pay for the balance with all her ill-gotten gain and billionaire-funded monies. Some may view Jill as a political Don Quixote fighting for the "Little Guy," but she's no hero in my book for this frivolous sideshow.

Liberals are such crybaby sore losers. Republicans put up with a similar situation in 2000 when Gore had Florida re-examined. Back then, we had protesters at George W's inauguration. This time, we had punks in the streets for several days.

The liberal media is now constantly criticizing Trump. The liberals won't spoil the sweet taste of victory though that Trumpsters feel.

I'd like to end my comments with a view to this most holy time of year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas — yes, even the infernal liberals!

Leo Weber
Livonia

Loepp not a good fellow

As I watched the praise being showered on Daniel J. Loepp, president and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, during the Thanksgiving Day Parade, I couldn't help but wonder if the host and hostess, along with the president of The Parade Co., were aware that Dan Loepp and his paid board of directors have elected to eliminate the defined

group health care coverage for the approximate 6,000 BCBSM/BCN retirees. He placed them, at great additional expense to the retirees, in the individual market, resulting in outrageous premiums.

These retirees, who have given up to 50 years of dedicated and loyal service to the company and who should be spending their golden years traveling and spending time with their grandchildren, now have to decide whether to put a roof over their head, food on their table and clothes on their back or pay for their health care and prescriptions.

Some retirees will now have to retain employment in order to pay for their health care and prescriptions. Retirees are asked to bear this burden at a time when Dan Loepp received \$9 million in total compensation, including a \$6 million bonus in 2015.

Health insurance is the product of BCBSM/BCN. The auto companies provide discounts to their retirees on their health care and on their vehicles. The elimination or reduction of health care is not a solution; it is merely an excuse. Dan Loepp and his wife Amy Tattre were recently awarded Goodfellows of the Year by the Goodfellows organization. Dan Loepp is no good fellow to the BCBSM/BCN retirees.

Susan Baringer
Canton

Privatizing Medicare bad choice

U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan; Rep. Kevin Brady, chairman, Ways and Means Committee; and Rep. Tom Price, chairman, Budget Com-

mittee, who is President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for Secretary of Health and Human Services, are among the Republican leaders in the U.S. House who support legislation to privatize Medicare by converting it to a "premium support" system. I urge your newspaper to editorialize against their efforts to change Medicare to a "voucher" plan that will raise the cost of health care for seniors.

Just because the Republican Party has majorities in the House and Senate and the president-elect, it is not a mandate to destroy Medicare with a "voucher" plan to pay outright subsidies to insurance companies who make big contributions to many members of Congress.

In April 2011, the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives passed in a 2012 budget blueprint a proposal to replace traditional Medicare with vouchers. This ignited a firestorm of opposition from Congressional Democrats, America's seniors and the general public.

Back then, an analysis of the proposal by the Congressional Budget Office concluded that turning Medicare over to private insurance plans would result in seniors paying twice as much for their care, would raise administrative costs and would not keep medical inflation as low as traditional Medicare has done.

It is astonishing that after the bashing delivered to Republicans on the "voucher" proposal in 2011 that they would be reviving it again.

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Dates/Time: Thursdays, Jan. 26, March 2 and March 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Details: MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center – at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook Road in Novi – is the setting for a new season of Evenings in the Garden classes this winter. Three speakers - Janet Macunovich on Jan. 26, Dr. Tony Reznicek on March 2, and Dr. Norm Lownds on March 30 - will share their wisdom and experience.

The cost of each class is \$20 and supports further adult education programming at MSU Tollgate. For more information and to register, go to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/evenings17win/>



Novi students try out new computer

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Parkview Elementary School students Camile Gazzari (left) and Mahima Palvai work Dec. 13 on a tablet-based math and problem-solving program called Osmo Numbers. The learning tool allows teams of students to work together to figure out geometric and mathematical problems by using cards that the tablet can “see” and then project onto the tablet’s screen as they work through the puzzles. The program is being rotated through the Novi elementary schools so that all students can have a try at them.

Enter the secret world of Masons

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

On a crisp Saturday night in early December, the Birmingham Lodge No. 44 of Free and Accepted Masons is opened for the installation of new officers.

In a ceremony dating back hundreds of years, Matt Wilde, a former backup quarterback for the University of Michigan football team, is elected worshipful master of the lodge. As a symbol of his new position, he is presented with a top hat and a master’s gavel.

It’s the same installation ceremony that George Washington followed in 1788, when he was elected worshipful master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22, shortly before he was elected the first president of the United States.

“My grandfather was a Mason,” said Wilde, a 2002 Birmingham Seaholm High School graduate. “I always had a curiosity about Masonry, so I looked into it and decided to join. You hear everyone talk about a ‘secret society,’ but really we’re just a group of guys who want to contribute to our community. We’re a service organization.”

Wilde is the 116th worshipful master of the Birmingham Masonic lodge.

Recognized as the oldest fraternity in the world, Freemasonry came to the Great Lakes territory in the mid-1700s via the French. The Grand Lodge of Michigan was established in 1826, while the Birmingham lodge received its charter in 1851.

A number of the key players in the American Revolution were Freemasons. Along with Washington, the list includes Benjamin Franklin, James Monroe, Paul Revere and John Hancock, among others.

The Boston Tea Party was planned at the Green Dragon Tavern, a gathering spot for Freemasons. The majority of Washington’s generals in the Continental Army were Freemasons.

Locally, prominent names such as Charles Shain, Wylie E. Groves, Ebenezer Raynale, Hugh McCurdy and Charles Bingham were members of Birmingham Lodge No. 44. So was Almeron Whitehead, founder of the Birmingham Eccentric, and many others. From 1922-63, the Freemasons of Birmingham met in the historic

“You hear everyone talk about a ‘secret society,’ but really we’re just a group of guys who want to contribute to our community. We’re a service organization.”

MATT WILDE

Peabody Mansion at the corner of Old Woodward and Brown Street. Wilde said his mom used to tell him stories about dropping off her dad at the Birmingham lodge.

Who are Freemasons?

“To be a Free and Accepted Mason means you’re a man free-born, of good rapport and well-recommended,” said Robert Hall, who serves as chaplain for the Birmingham lodge. “It means you’ll try to live up to what we call the tenets of Masonry: friendship, brotherly love and morality.”

Some date the Masons back to the days of King Solomon, suggesting the top hat worn by the worshipful master is a reflection of his crown. Freemasonry, as it’s widely known today, dates to the 17th century.

Many of the group’s so-called ancient rituals began in England and Scotland. A Scottish bagpiper in full kilt dress, for example, led the new officers into the hall at the installation ceremony. The term “worshipful” has Scottish roots and is meant to convey a position of honor.

Hall, a longtime resident of Royal Oak, became a Mason in 1985. He served as worshipful master twice, in 1997 and in 2007.

“We all have different reasons for joining,” he said. “My father was very active in the Masons. He was a Shriner – and to be a Shriner, you have to be a Mason first.”



JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A Scottish bagpiper in full kilt dress ushers in the new officers of the Birmingham Masonic lodge.



JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Matt Wilde, 33, will serve as worshipful master of the Birmingham Masonic lodge No. 44 in 2017.

Today, the Birmingham Masonic lodge is located at 37357 Woodward in Bloomfield Hills, just down the street from Cranbrook Schools. The lodge has about 300 members – a sharp decline from 25 years ago,

when there were well over 600 members.

Go Blue!

Wilde, 33, is a fourth-generation Birmingham resident. His family first arrived in Birmingham in 1919. His grandfather, Gordon Deneau, graduated

Birmingham High School in 1941, while his mother Gail (Deneau) Wilde graduated from Seaholm in 1970.

He played football at U-M under coach Lloyd Carr from 2002-05. Some of his teammates included future NFL play-

ers such as Chad Henne, Braylon Edwards, Mario Manningham, David Harris and LaMarr Woodley.

He also played on the 2002 lacrosse team at Seaholm that beat Brother Rice in the state finals.

“I actually had more offers to play lacrosse than I had for football. But at the end of the day, I knew I’d be happier playing football at Michigan,” said Wilde, an attorney who’s pursuing an MBA from the U-M Stephen M. Ross School of Business. His wife Liz is a social worker at Derby Middle School.

He petitioned to join the Birmingham lodge in 2010 and eventually became interested enough that he earned his three degrees of Masonry. The process took several years to complete before he reached the level of master.

His fellow Masons at the lodge elected him to serve as worshipful master for the upcoming year, a position that requires him to run the weekly Thursday meetings, preside over the

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Public Hearing Notice**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Zoning Board of Appeals** for the **City of Novi** will hold a public hearing on **January 10, 2017 at 7:00PM** in the **Council Chambers** of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

SignArt, Inc. (PZ16-0061) 27200 Beck Road north of Grand River Avenue and east of Beck Road Parcel # 50-22-16-176-033. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance Section 28-5(2)a.2.ii to allow increased height of an existing ground sign to 8 feet, 6 feet allowed. The property is zoned OST (Office Service Technology).

David and Colleen Bouren (PZ16-0062) 1391 East Lake Drive, north of Thirteen Mile Road and west of Novi Road, Parcel # 50-22-02-328-013. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance; Section 3.1.5 for new residence to allow reduced rear yard setback of 31 feet, 35 feet required, side yard setback of 1.5 feet, 10 feet required, rear aggregate total of 4.5 feet, 25 feet required front yard setback of 15.5 feet 30 feet required, lot coverage of 25%, 39% required, front deck set back of 9.5 feet, 25 feet required, front deck side setback of 3 feet 8.5 feet required, rear deck side setback of 3 feet 8.5 feet required. This property is zoned R-4 (One-Family Residential).

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JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Grand Marshall Frank Dascenza declares the officers being installed for 2017. Standing behind him are Matt Wilde (left) and past masters Carl Censoni, Tom Tabor and Dave Husk.

MASONS

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lodge and keep track of the books. Tom Baranowski, who is senior warden and second-in-command of the Birmingham lodge, also went to Seaholm, played football there and graduated in 1985.

"A lot of the older members are pretty thrilled because I'm the youngest Master in quite a while," Wilde said. "So it's a bit symbolic, bringing in a new generation.

A lot of the lodges really struggled with membership for the past 20 years, but there seems to be a resurgence of new people wanting to join. We'll have five new guys in January."

The Masons welcome "all men of quality," regardless of race, religion or creed. Although Masonry is not a religion, members must have a belief in a supreme being.

"My father-in-law is from Venezuela and he just joined our lodge," Wilde said. "You have to

be at least 21 and a resident of Michigan. We're not allowed to recruit members, but we're certainly supportive of anyone who's interested in joining."

Indians, Truman and Irving Berlin

The all-seeing eye above an unfinished pyramid on the \$1 bill is considered by many to be a Mason symbol.

The square and compasses is probably the most identifiable symbol of Freemasonry. The square, to square one's actions; the compass, to circumscribe and keep members within boundaries of their fellow men.

The top hat, worn by the worshipful master during meetings, is a sign of respect. The apron worn by all Masons is symbolic of honesty and integrity.

There are more symbols and rituals, but those are for the Masons to keep among themselves.

"We are not a secret society - we are a society that has secrets," Hall said. "And those secrets, very simply, are means of recognition. They're certain words, handshakes, steps and signs. Those are the only secrets we have ... everything else is pretty much public."

The Birmingham Masonic lodge has a storied history. In 1849, the first Masons in the area met at Lodge No. 22 in Pontiac. According to the lodge scuttlebutt, there were Indians along the trail who were rather hostile toward the traveling parties on horseback.

"This was all wild and undeveloped territory," Hall said. "White people were trespassing uninvited on Indian property and they didn't like it."

The Birmingham lodge was officially granted a charter Jan. 9, 1851, and a man by the name of William Brown was the first worshipful master. The annual dues at the time was 25 cents.

Ebenezer Raynale was the first postmaster of Franklin village and a delegate to the first territorial convention of Michigan. Hugh McCurdy, born in England in 1829, came to the U.S. when he was 8 years old to become a cooper's apprentice, which involved making barrels for beer or cider.

Alanson Partridge, whose portrait hangs in the entrance vestibule of the lodge, was the most celebrated member of the lodge in its first 100 years, having served as a worshipful master on and off from 1854-83.

A number of presidents, from Andrew Jackson to Franklin D. Roosevelt to Gerald Ford, were Masons. One of Hall's favorite Masons was Harry S. Truman.

"He was active all his life in Masonry and would always try to go to the local lodges whenever he traveled around the country," Hall said. "This drove the Secret Service nuts, because those who were not Masons could not go into the lodge room ... they had to let the president go into a room filled with strangers and they had no idea if they were honorable or not or if they carried weapons."

And then there's Harold Lanning. The 90-year-old member sang "God Bless America" during the installation ceremony. Afterward, Lanning told the audience that in October 1946, he shook hands with Irving Berlin, the person who wrote the song.

The heyday of Freemasonry in the U.S. was during the 1940s and early '50s. Today, there are roughly 2 million Masons in North America and around 5 million worldwide. There's a Grand Lodge in every state of the country. Michigan's is located in Alma.

"Go to the Grand Lodge website to learn more about us," Wilde said. "We're very welcoming."

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CLUCKEY

CARL E age 82, passed away December 14, 2016. He was born October 22, 1934 in South Lyon, Michigan, son of the late Earl and Alta Cluckey. He loved tinkering in his shop and was known to be able to fix anything. Carl is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Ann; his son, David Cluckey; his siblings: Irene (Herbert) Hoffmann, and Ernest (Jean) Cluckey; his sister-in-law, Joan Cluckey, and his brother-in-law, Norm Canfield. Carl was preceded in death by his first wife Barbara in 1971; his brothers, Arnold Cluckey, Dale Cluckey, and his sister, Shirley Canfield. Visitation will be held on Monday, December 19 from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 12:30 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Carl will be laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery.
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DOTSON



DEBORAH LYNN of Belleville and longtime resident of Milford, passed away in the loving care of her family on December 8, 2016 at the age of 53. Deb is survived by Dennis, her beloved husband of 34 years; son, David Dotson; daughter, Danell Dotson; grandchildren, Brooklyn Troy, Sienna Troy, Carter Dotson, Eris Troy and Ivey Troy; brother, Jerry Lewellen; sister, Lisa Papke as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Deb was preceded in death by her father, Gerald Lewellen and her sister, Alice Louing. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford on December 12, 2016. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials to: the American Red Cross, PO Box 37839 Boone, IA 50037-0839. For further information, please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

EVASIC



ERIC WALTER came into the world on August 11, 1987 and was lost way too soon on December 10, 2016. Eric was the oldest son of Walter Evasic and Kim Godby. He had two younger brothers, Alex and Jake. Eric was also blessed with many grandparents, Ronald and Carol (Nana) Evasic, Peggy (Granny) and Phil Smith, and Richard Rayle, all of whom he loved deeply. Eric is also survived by Aunts and Uncles: Tim, Rob, and Anne Sanders, Denise Rayle, Chris Rayle and Matthew Rayle and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Janet Perrin and uncle Dave Penley. Eric began as a quiet, reflective child but as he grew he had a light in his eye, wit in his brain and a physical presence that drew people in. He left this world with countless friends, colleagues and so many others whose lives he touched profoundly. His road was arduous as he walked down the path of addiction that weaved tenuously until his death at age 29. Throughout the peaks and valleys, treatment centers, meetings, therapies and 12 step meetings he began working as a cook. He never trained as a chef but serendipity prevailed when he began a job at RT Lodge that would change his life. He was gifted, he was mentored by Rick Mace and he thrived. He worked long and hard, he landed a job with Daniel Boulud in New York. He honed his craft and was then given a shot to move to Washington DC and work for Daniel Boulud at DBGB, which Eric helped open with the executive chef and dear friend, Ed Scarpone. Some have told me recently he was the most talented chef they'd ever had the pleasure to see work. He loved cooking, creating, feeding. He also loved helping other addicts. He felt it was his calling to cook and help. His dream was to open a restaurant and employ recovering addicts to give them the boost he had received. He wanted to give back. My heart is heavy to say his life now will help many because his death shows that addiction, no matter how well managed, is always hiding in wait. Eric was thriving but he turned his back for a minute and addiction struck. This is the lesson he leaves; never turn your back. Recently, I have heard from scads of people whose lives he helped turn onto the right course. He was amazing. The world is a little dimmer today as we say goodbye but as those he helped continue helping others the light will grow brighter again. Eric Evasic did more for this world than many will accomplish in 80 years. Well done, son. Services were held on December 17, at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon, MI 48178. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait St., Detroit, MI 48207 or Cornerstone of Recovery, 1214 Topside Rd, Louisville, TN 37777.
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FRIEDRICHS

ROBERT W. age 51, passed away December 12, 2016. He was born February 10, 1965 in Livonia, son of Manfred and Alma Friedrichs. He is survived by his beloved wife, Katie; his sons: Ryan and Zach; his parents, Manfred and Alma; his sister, Monica Kakos and many extended family members. Visitation was held on December 16th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on December 17th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial donations may be made to Friedrichs Memorial Fund and mailed to Phillips Funeral Home.
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KNOX



DARRELL ARTHUR Age 68 of Dewey Lake, Brooklyn passed away at home on December 15, 2016 under the loving care of his family and Henry Ford Allegiance Hospice of Jackson. He was born on March 31, 1948 the son of Harry W. and Margaret (Haworth) Knox. Darrell graduated from Livonia Franklin in 1966 and earned his Associates Degree from Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Darrell married his sweetheart: Peggy Taylor on March 14, 1969 in Farmington and she survives. He retired from Kroger/Foodland Distributors and Carmack Appliance & Service in 2010. Darrell had a passion for golfing, fishing and spending time with his family. He enjoyed their winters in Venice, FL. Welcoming Darrell home will be his many buddies that have gone before him. His Family...In addition to his loving wife of 47 years, Darrell is survived by his children: Michael (Christine); grandsons: Dylan and Jack which he was very proud; in-laws: Helen and Edwin Taylor; brothers: Ron (Juanita) Knox, David (Judy) Knox; sister-in-law: Shelly (Shawn) Gagnon; nieces: Sara Gagnon, Christine Andrews, Leesa (Chad) Lipman, Karen (Brian) Yaldeo and Lauren and Jennifer Taylor; nephews: Stephen Gagnon, Rick and Scott Knox. Darrell was preceded in death by his parents; brother: Dennis Smith; brother-in-law: Randy Taylor; step-father: I. Ward Smith. His Farewell...Per Darrell's wishes, a private bedside farewell was held and there are no services. Please sign Darrell's guestbook at www.borekjennings.com or leave a message of comfort for the Knox family by calling 877-231-7900.

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O'LEARY



RAND Age 76 of Orleans passed away after a brief illness, peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Friday December 9, 2016. He was born on December 11, 1939; the son of Kenneth and Barbara (Rand) Calkins in Northville Michigan and later adopted by David and Betty O'Leary. They along with his sister, Patricia Calkins (Martin) and brother Terry (Vicki) Calkins have preceded him in death. Rand is survived by his wife of 56 years, Charlotte; son Rand O'Leary, Jr (Sandra) of Eugene, Oregon, Kelly Truett of Ypsilanti and Shawn (Mike) Coutts of Tecumseh; grandchildren Robert (Sarah) O'Leary of Lymm, England, Christine O'Leary of Dearborn, Jonathan O'Leary of Marion Indiana, Joben Truett of Ypsilanti, Lauren Truett of Ypsilanti, Dylan (Samantha) Hall of Adrian, Daniel Hall of Ypsilanti; great grandchildren Annabel O'Leary, Jessica O'Leary of Lymm, England and Klaus Hall of Adrian. Rand's adopted mother Betty O'Leary was very active in the little community of New Hudson where she was the organist at the local Methodist Church. Betty's parents also lived in New Hudson and they spent many holidays and special occasions together along with his Aunt and Uncle Vic, Marion Rix, their children from Falls Church, Virginia and his Aunt Grace and Uncle Ed Rix and son from Plymouth, Michigan. Rand had many fond memories of summers at Pretty Lake in Michigan, and would often reminisce about his time there with family. Rand spent most of his youth in the New Hudson area, attending grade school there and High School in South Lyon. Rand was a Boy Scout, played in the High School Band and was one of the original members of the Spark Plugs Auto Club established in South Lyon in 1955. Rand worked for a number of companies during his working years, including Massey Ferguson Corporation in Detroit, Ypsilanti State Hospital, Standard Register Company, Household Finance and for over 20 years at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor Michigan where he served as the Assistant Director for Administration for the Clinical Laboratories. After retiring from St. Joe, Rand went back to school and obtained his Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti Michigan. Specializing in Mental Health Counseling, Rand worked an additional 11 years as a State of Michigan Licensed mental health counselor for several non-profit organizations. After retiring for the second time, Rand and Charlotte constructed a summer home on Catalpa Drive, at Long Lake in Michigan where they spent many happy years with family and friends on the "The Drive". In the winter, they enjoyed spending time as "Winter Texans" in their second home at Victoria Palms Resort in Donna Texas. Rand had many interests, including family genealogy and spent several years tracing both the Comiskey and Calkins family trees back many generations. Charlotte's family was extremely grateful that this family history would not be lost to time. Rand also earned his Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do Karate, enjoyed golfing with his friends, boating, fishing and antique cars. Especially his award winning all original 1953 Ford F-100 Pickup Truck. Rand had a big heart, especially for animals and was the neighborhood caretaker for any stray dog that wandered by, often feeding and caring for them until their owners could be located. Consistent with his wishes, no formal services will be held at this time, but a celebration of his life with family and friends is planned for May 2017 at the Winter Inn, Greenville Michigan. Memorial contributions would be appreciated in Rand's name to the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation at cjd.foundation.org

SANDERS



RUTH December 7, 2016. Age 100 of Northville. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of William (Shirley), Barbara (the late Ted) Franzel, Faye (Jim) Massie, Janice (Glen) Lee, Ida (the late Karl) Baugher, Stella (Jim) Bright, Mary (Lionie) Henson, Hazel Rose, Virginia (Michael) Schmitzerle, Cathy (Rob) Moran, and Sandra (Bill) Ratliff. Dear sister of the late Opal Ferrell. Dearest grandmother of 32. Loving great-grandmother of 50. Great-great-grandmother of 14. Ruth will be deeply missed by family and friends. Funeral service was Saturday December 10, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Dearborn Chapel of Voran Funeral Home (313-278-5100). Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Northville. Interment Knollwood Memorial Park. Visit Ruth's online guestbook and share memories at www.voranfuneralhome.com

STOWELL

GEORGE Age 75, passed away on December 17, 2016 in Northville, Michigan. Visitation 10 a.m., Funeral service 11 a.m. Thursday, December 22 at Legacy Church of Novi.

THORPE



SHIRLEY B. was a long time resident of Novi (1959) and contributed much to the early development of Novi as it became a city and the school district as the first High School was built and programs established. She was active as voting precinct volunteer and managed the Novi school elections in the 80's. She volunteered with the United Way locally and then managed the donation drive for all of Oakland Co. She spent many happy summers at the house on Lake Huron where she hosted the bridge club yearly sleep over and her 4th of July birthday bash. She was a kind and gracious lady who will be missed. She is survived by her husband Don, children: Don Jr, Marcia, Jeffrey and granddaughter Chelsea. Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society - michiganhumane.org. Online condolences to obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.



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Police: Missing Farmington Hills woman is a crime victim

Bill Laitner
Detroit Free Press

Investigators said they've determined that a 28-year-old Farmington Hills woman last seen Dec. 2 was the victim of foul play.

"All available information and evidence leads investigators to believe Danielle Stislicki

was the victim of a crime," Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus said Monday.

In addition to Farmington Hills police, detectives from federal



Stislicki

and state agencies, as well as from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, have been "working tirelessly" and "all of us want the Stislicki family and the public to know that we are determined and committed to finding Danielle and solving this case," Nebus said in a statement.

According to police,

Stislicki was last seen around 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, leaving her job at the MetLife insurance office building on Telegraph, north of 10 Mile, in Southfield. Her car, a 2015 Jeep Renegade, was found in front of her apartment building in the Independence Green Apartments complex in Farmington Hills, where

she lived, at about 6 p.m. the next day, police said. Stislicki, who is 5 feet, 5 inches, and weighs 123 pounds, left work wearing jeans, burgundy boots, a black zip-up shirt and a blue Eddie Bauer coat, according to police. Reward money for information leading to an arrest in Stislicki's case has risen to

\$125,000, with \$50,000 from the apartment complex, \$50,000 from MetLife and \$25,000 from a family friend's GoFundMe account, according to Nebus's statement.

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Holiday parties? Let the pros help you

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

'Tis the season to throw a fun and stress-free holiday gathering and, if that sounds impossible, rest assured it can be done.

The keys to a great party are fairly simple, local experts say — with the emphasis on delicious food and the overall mood. Eating, drinking and celebrating the opportunity to be together are what it is all about: lightening the workload by leaving the cooking to someone else may be your best option.

Tonya Rice, delicatessen manager at Canton's Holiday Market, said that purchasing pre-made appetizers and party trays helps keep the focus on enjoying time with your family and friends.

"Remember that the main goal is to have a happy and care-free event," Rice said.

It is just one reason that already prepared appetizers are so popular during the holiday season: they allow hosts and hostesses short on time to put together a delightful event and still be able to enjoy mingling with their guests.

Serving appetizers — rather than full meals — also allow for more variety in the menu and the opportunity to appeal to a wider variety of palates.

Rice recommends including both sweet and savory when selecting appetizers.

"Holiday gatherings are a perfect time to go beyond the everyday and try something new. Expand your guests' — and your own — taste repertoire by experimenting with new flavors," she said.

Santo Bruno, wine manager at Holiday Market, reminds that the holiday season is truly about the coming together of friends and family



Chef Carl Hakim of Johnny Pomodoro's Fresh Market in Farmington Hills with a Cooked Beef Tenderloin appetizer.

and beverage selections should be reflective of that.

"You want to choose something that is versatile and appeals to all — something that you don't have to have a sophisticated palate to enjoy," he said.

"Don't stress; call the chef," should be the mantra for the season, according to chef Carl Hakim of Johnny Pomodoro's Fresh Market in Farmington Hills.

"People get stressed out at the holidays, but that is not what it is all about. You want to be able to enjoy your guests and not have to worry about the food," he said. Those in need of help setting a menu should not hesitate to reach out to professionals.

"If you are unsure about what to serve, call your local catering manager to help guide you through the process. We are here to help," Hakim said.

In addition to offering help with your food menu, most grocery outlets and markets have wine staff available to help you select the perfect beverage for your repast.

Rene Parks, beverage consultant for Busch's Fresh Food Markets, said it is important to keep your guests in mind when choosing.

"Try to serve something that you wouldn't mind drinking yourself," she said.

Some suggestions

Listed below are some special holiday appetizers and wines available from local groceries and markets to help set your party off on the right note. Most appetizers listed must be ordered in advance; be sure to check availability with the store prior to shopping.

Canton's Holiday Market's Antipasto Temptor Tray is an "extravaganza of Italian flavor" Rice said. This tray features

24-month aged Black Label diParma prosciutto; spicy Calabrese salami; rosemary ham; picante provolone; capicola; sopressata; fresh mozzarella; asparagus; marinated mushrooms; feta-stuffed and Greek olives; and much more. This tray comes in three sizes and ranges in price from \$39.99 to \$79.99. Serving size for this tray ranges from 15-35.

Rice also recommends the European Delight Cheese Tray, which features a variety of cheeses, including Havarti; smoked cheddar; imported Brie; Gouda; two different sharp cheddars; and garlic herb Alouette goat cheese with spinach; alongside fresh strawberries and grapes. This tray comes in three sizes and ranges in price from \$39.99 to \$89.99. Serving size for this tray ranges from 15-35.

Wine manager Bruno said Beaujolais Nouveau is perfect for any holiday gathering. It is very versatile and its light, fruity and fresh taste works beautifully with every food, he added. "It is the perfect wine for holiday toasts — to drink it is good luck for the coming year and signifies hope," he said. He suggests trying the Albert Bichot Beaujolais Villages Nouveau 2016 (\$8.49) and the Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais Villages Nouveau (\$10.98).

Lee Ulrich, executive chef at Joe's Produce Gourmet Market and Catering in Livonia, recommends Gourmet Stuffed Mushrooms for your holiday fete. The mushrooms are available in two varieties: Spinach Gruyere and Crab Mozzarella. They feature white button mushrooms stuffed with jumbo lump crab mixed with onions, pepper and mozzarella cheese, as well as white button mushrooms stuffed with fresh spinach sautéed with gruyere cheese and panko. It serves 12 for \$24.

Ulrich also recommends a Baked Caramel Apple Brie, made of fresh-baked warm Brie in a puff pastry with caramelized apples and walnuts. It can be served as is or with crackers. The dish is \$9.99 and serves 12. For a beverage selection, Mike Welsh, wine buyer at Joe's suggests serving the Louis Roederer Brut Premiere champagne (39.99), terming it "the perfect champagne for all holiday occasions."

Milford

In Milford, Matti's Fresh Market store manager Martin Matti, suggests adding its Homemade Shortbread Tray featuring a variety of frosted and plain shortbread cookies in a variety

of holiday shapes and made with real butter. The cookies are priced at \$9.99 per pound; each pound serves approximately four. A healthy choice to offset richer menu items is the Tabouli Tray, made with fresh parsley, tomatoes, onions, lemon juice and olives, Matti said. It is priced at \$89.99 and serves 20 people.

For a nice wine, Matti recommends a Francis Coppola 2014 Black Label Claret ("a full-bodied red"), available for 15.99, and the Chateau de Costis 2014 Bordeaux, (a "well-balanced ripe and fruity" choice), available for \$12.99

Janey Kyle, assistant delicatessen manager at Busch's Fresh Food Market in Novi, said the Roast Beef Crostini, which features roast beef and fresh horseradish spread on crostini topped with roasted red peppers, is a good choice for holiday menus. It is priced at \$44.99 and feeds 16-20. It also offers a Premier Appetizer Spread tray with crab cheese spread; smoked salmon spread; ham, green onion and cheese spread and a blue cheese, cranberry and walnut spread with crackers. This tray is priced at \$39.00 and serves 16-20.

Busch's beverage consultant Rene Parks said Veuve Clicquot is the "Cadillac of French wines" and offers incredible value if you are looking for an excellent champagne. "It features crisp, small bubbles and is packaged in a lovely, orange box, which makes it great for a gift as well," Parks said. It is priced at \$49.99. A bottle of Bogle 2014 Essential Red, priced at 9.99, is a blend of petite Syrah; old vine zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon. "This wine over-delivers; it is a tremendous value," she said.

In Birmingham, Papa Joe's Gourmet Market and Catering's Lisa Monroe is director of catering sales and event planning. She said one of the most sought-after appetizers this holiday season is the Mini Beef Wellington, priced at \$39.99 for 12 and featuring Angus beef tenderloin with fois gras, mushroom duxelle, wrapped in puff pastry and served with a house-made demi glaze. Also recommended is the Finger Eggplant Rollotini, featuring mini seared eggplant stuffed with angel hair pasta, basil pesto, toasted pine nuts and Parmesan cheese, served with house tomato basil sauce. It is priced at \$23.99 per dozen. Monroe suggests two different white wines: the "fresh, zesty, and lingering" Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc (\$18.99) and Butter Chardonnay, a creamy,

vanilla-scented oak Chardonnay with flavors of pineapple and honeydew melon (\$18.99).

Farmington Hills

At Johnny Pomodoro's Fresh Market in Farmington Hills, Hakim recommends the Salmon Platter, which includes a mustard dill sauce and crackers. Serving up to 20, it is priced at \$110 and is "one of the most popular menu offerings," Hakim said. The Mini Spinach Pie appetizer features miniature spinach pies in phyllo dough and encrusted in Parmesan cheese, priced at \$75 for 50 pies.

These selections can be complemented with a Louis Jadot Pouilly-Fuisse that has aromas and flavors of toasted nuts and citrus (\$21.99) and Monetto Prosecco DOC Treviso Brut, a crisp sparkling white wine with notes of green apple, white peach and honey (\$11.99).

Alex Bazy, general manager and sommelier at Cantoro Italian Market and Trattoria in Plymouth, advises serving guests the Zuppa Di Cozze, which includes mussels from Prince Edward Island simmered in a house-made fish fume featuring a fresh garlic, chili flake, tomato and white wine reduction. A large bowl contains approximately 15 mussels and serves two for 15.99. Carpaccio, very thin-shaved beef tenderloin topped with capers, chopped red onion, parsley, lemon, arugula and shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano, is served with a dash of olive oil and is available for 15.99 and serves two.

Bazy suggests pairing the Zuppa Di Cozze with an Italian white wine such as the 2014 Vietti Arneis (\$23.99). "It is an unoaked, medium dry with a balanced acidity which makes it a great food wine," Bazy said. Another wine to try is the Campo Alla Sughera 1024 "Adeo," a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot that Bazy called "a tremendous value for the price" (\$29.99).

Westborn Market has locations in both Livonia and Plymouth. Brian Bandyk, brand director, suggested Cherry Spiced Short Ribs, featuring Michigan dried cherries, maple siracha and garlic, all in a cherry stout beer, available for \$11.99 per pound, or Aged Swiss and Asparagus Stuffed Chicken Breasts, available for \$7.99 per pound.

Westborn beverage specialist David Reno recommends Domaine Chandon Limited Edition Holiday 2016 Black and White, with a "classic flavor profile of apples, pears with accompanying citrus notes" (\$14.99).

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Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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The two showed why they're big-

time recruits as they combined for 46 points in Wayne's 57-42 victory.

The 5-foot-9 Terry, who scored 32 in the season opener, finished with a game-high 29, while the 5-foot-5 Clegg, who runs the point, added 17 as the Zebras improved to 2-1 overall.

"Camree Clegg attacks a lot, but I'm just ready and cocked when she gives the ball away," Terry said. "I do like playing with her as a guard, because she is explosive and she does pass the ball. I'm happy that she finds me open and she found me open tonight."

Terry had eight points in the first quarter and had 12 by halftime as Wayne led, 27-19.

Novi, meanwhile, struggled against

Wayne's three-quarter court pressure during the second quarter, committing 10 turnovers while shooting only 2-of-11 from the floor. And it didn't help matters that junior point guard Ellie Mackay, the team's leading scorer coming in averaging 20 points per game, went to the bench with her third foul.

"I knew coming in that Novi was a team that was going to fight," Wayne coach Jarvis Mitchell said. "This was going to be one of the games I've been looking forward to, because they're very well-coached, well-disciplined and I think their point guard (Mackay) is phenomenal. And that was our main focus for this game, is don't let Mackay get going, because she can get on a real roll when she gets going. Our game plan



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 Novi's Jessie Bandyk (left) puts up a shot over the hand of Wayne's Jayah Hicks.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL



Northville's Roan Haines (right) drives to the basket on Canton's Alaina Heitmeyer.

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NORTHVILLE DEFENSE SHUTS DOWN CANTON

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When Northville made it all the way to last year's Class A state quarterfinals, it was defense that carried the Mustangs.

And that was on display once again Friday night as they stymied previously unbeaten Canton in an early season showdown, 46-36.

"From a defensive perspective, we did everything that we wanted to do," said Northville coach Todd Gudith,

whose team improved to 3-1 overall. "We did a great job of boxing out, kept them off the boards offensively, which was huge because that's one of their big keys of their success. And offensively, we made baskets pretty consistently throughout the game to keep us with a little bit of a lead."

In the second and third quarters alone, Canton (4-1) was held to a combined nine points as Northville was able to build a 30-20 advantage.

The Mustangs then went up 37-24 with 6:24 to go in the final quarter, when

junior guard Kendall Dillon (10 points) was fouled while making a layup. She converted the subsequent free throw to give Northville its biggest lead of the night.

Canton, however, closed the gap to 40-34 with 2:38 left on a shot by Alaina Heitmeyer. The Chiefs got the ball back after a Northville missed free throw, but the Chiefs turned it over on their next possession and Northville was able to close it out on a basket and free throw

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Northville continues to soar in early going

Mustangs posted state's second best score to date

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It's just three meets into the prep gymnastics season, but Northville coach Erin McWatt is beginning to sense her team is on the verge of something special.

On Saturday, the Mustangs recorded the second highest score reported in the state thus far with a total of 143.175 in a victory over Brighton (142.35), Howell (141.25) and Waterford United (118.325) in a quad meet held at High Flyers Gymnastics in Howell.

"It was an amazing day," McWatt said. "We came out on top and I couldn't be more thrilled for these girls."

Only Farmington Unified (143.275) has posted a higher team total so far this season, by just one-tenth of a point.

Junior Erin McCallum continued her early season success by scoring a career-high 36.725 in the all-around, which was third overall in the meet.

Other top performers for the Mustangs on the day included sophomore Lora Haupt, vault (8.8); senior Rachel Robitaille, uneven parallel bars (9.15); junior Grace Milligan, balance beam (9.3); and freshman Maria Scavnicky, floor exercise (8.9).

And the Mustangs are doing it without sophomore Maddy Lewis, a Division 1 state qualifier last year on the uneven bars. She fractured her femur during the pre-season.

"The girls are stepping up in her

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KAREN MCCALLUM
 Northville's Rachel Robitaille performs in the floor exercise during Saturday's quad meet in Howell.

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Glenn's Agnew hits 39 in win over Novi

Shamrocks down Titans at Calihan, 62-58

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Westland John Glenn senior guard Christian Agnew had a monster night Friday, leading the Rockets to a 91-71 boys basketball victory over visiting Novi.

The 6-foot-1 Mr. Basketball candidate poured in a game-high 39 points as Glenn (3-0) pulled away in the second half after leading 38-34 at intermission. Agnew also dished out six assists.

"He outworked our entire team," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said of Agnew. "He's a very strong kid and a very good athlete. He willed some of those points in because he drove so hard to the basket. He wanted it more than we did."

Joe Moon added 19 points and eight assists, while Daijon Parker contributed nine points and eight boards for Glenn.

Traveon Maddox Jr. led

Novi (1-2) with 16 points, while Giovanni Miles added 14 points and six rebounds.

Trendon Hankerson also chipped in 13 points and four assists, while Jonny Davis scored 11.

The Wildcats were 24-of-56 from the floor (42 percent).

DETROIT CC 62, STERLING HEIGHTS STEVENSON 58: Senior forward C.J. Baird scored a game-high 20 points Sunday as Detroit Catholic Central (3-0) defeated Sterling Heights Stevenson (1-2) at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall.

Gio Genrich and A.J. Abdelnour added 19 and 12 points, respectively, for the Shamrocks, who made 19-of-31 free throws (61.2 percent).

Mavrick Gilyard led the Titans, who trailed 31-17 at halftime, with 18 points. Kyle Young and Aythem Hanna added 11 each.

NOVI 78, RENAISSANCE 75: The Wildcats (2-2) made 29-of-42 free throws Saturday, including 15-of-22 in the final quarter, to earn a non-conference victory over Detroit Renaissance (2-2) in a game played at Belleville High School.

Junior guard Traveon Maddox Jr. paced Novi with 26 points, including 9-of-14 from the foul line, while senior center Jonny Davis chipped in 18 points while making 10-of-12 from the line.

Senior forward Alec Bageris also contributed 12 points on 5-of-7 free-throw shooting.

Karrington McCaskill led the Phoenix with 26 points, while Cinque Harris and Chandler Turner added 16 apiece. The Phoenix made 10-of-18 from the foul line.

"The difference for us was the third quarter," said Novi coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team outscored Renaissance 25-17 after trailing 32-30 at halftime. "(Renaissance) had some fight, but we weathered

the storm. We knew they'd pressure us and we did a good job handling their press. We took the right shots."

CANTON 67, NORTHVILLE 58: Both teams finished with nine 3-pointers, but the Chiefs (2-2) came away with a victory Friday at home the visiting Mustangs (2-2).

Vinson Sigmon and Eian Barker paced the Chiefs with 17 and 14 points, respectively. Canton led 38-28 at halftime making 7-of-9 shots from beyond the arc.

"They (Canton) were lights out and very efficient most of the night," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "Give credit to Canton. We battled back and need to keep moving forward."

Senior guard Jake Justice, who went 5-of-6 from the foul line, led Northville with 13 points. Gustaf Tjernberg added 10, while Colin Latta added nine (all on triples).

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 61, FRANKLIN ROAD 49: Max Okolo posted a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds Friday to lead host Plymouth Christian Academy (3-1, 2-0) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory over Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-3, 0-1).

Ian Hay also added 16 points, while Jayme Fadden chipped in another double-double with 12 points and 11 boards for the Eagles.

DETROIT CC 71, COUNTRY DAY 59: Senior forward C.J. Baird poured in a game-high 20 points as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (2-0) cruised to a victory Dec. 13 at home over Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (1-2).

The Shamrocks led 38-16 at halftime and 54-36 after three quarters.

Senior guard Gio Genrich added 16 points, while David Lukomski and Brandon Recto chipped in 10 and eight, respectively, for CC, which finished 6-of-13 from the foul line.

Wendell Green paced the Yellowjackets (1-2) with 19 points, while Kolin Demens and Paul Mcur added 17 and 16, respectively.

WAYNE 65, NOVI 58: Rashad Williams scored 13 of his game-high 25 points in the third quarter to propel Wayne Memorial (3-0) to a victory Dec. 13 over the host Wildcats (1-1).

Keion Epps added 20 points for the Zebras, who overcame a 32-30 halftime deficit with a 19-11

third-quarter run.

Junior guard Traveon Maddox Jr. and sophomore guard Giovanni Miles led Novi with 20 and 14, respectively.

"The kids battled down the stretch, but we missed some key shots and free throws," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "We controlled the first half and handled their pressure. (Wayne) did a nice job attacking and finishing and went up by 10 in the third quarter."

Wayne was only 15-of-27 from the foul line (55.5 percent), while Novi was 9-of-14 (64.2 percent).

PLYMOUTH 59, NORTHVILLE 56: A second-half comeback fell short Dec. 13 as the Mustangs (2-1) lost at home to the Wildcats (1-2) in a match-up of Kensington Conference teams.

Tariq Woody led Plymouth with 17 points, while Anthony Crump and Joey Robb added 14 and 12, respectively. The Wildcats made 16-of-20 free throws (80 percent).

The Mustangs, who trailed 34-25 at intermission, got a team-high 17 points from senior guard Kevin Morrissey, while Jake Justice and Robert Johnson III added 13 and 11, respectively. Northville was 7-of-12 from the line (58.3 percent).

Northville was out-rebounded 18-4 during the first half, including 11 offensive rebounds by the Wildcats.

"We got beat up physically and it was a lackluster first half," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "We got out-rebounded, out-hustled and out-toughed. We came out and played better the second half, but we couldn't get over the hump."

FARMINGTON 73, FRANKLIN ROAD 41: Senior forward Jordan Graham led a balanced scoring attack with 22 points Dec. 13, leading the Falcons (2-1) to a non-conference win over host Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-2).

Farmington, which led 50-22 at halftime, also got 16 points from Ray Bryant.

Rahmon Scruggs and Max Holleman scored 14 and 10, respectively, for the Warriors.

"To deep, too athletic and too big," Franklin Road coach Matt Mikel said of the Falcons.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Franklin Road wins to remain unbeaten

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Senior guard Danielle Fusco scored 19 points and dished out seven assists as unbeaten Novi Franklin Road Christian opened Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division girls basketball play with a 59-39 win at Plymouth Christian Academy.

Reagan Mumford chipped in 15 points, while Chanelle Lochrie added 12 points and five assists for the Warriors, who improved to 5-0 overall.

The Eagles, who couldn't overcome a 30-14 halftime deficit, got 17 points from Rob-in Albert.

Franklin Road was 14-of-19 from the foul line (73.6 percent), while PCA was 8-of-18 (44.4 percent).

NOVI 50, JOHN GLENN 34: Junior point guard Ellie Mackay finished with a game-high 25 points to go along with seven rebounds and five assists Friday as the Wildcats (4-1) toppled visiting Westland John Glenn (1-3) in a match-up of Kensington Conference teams.

Novi led 30-20 at halftime and put it away by outscoring the Rockets 13-4 in the third quarter. Other contributors for the Wildcats came from Cara Ninkovich (eight points, three rebounds), Ireland Whalen (six points) and Jessie Bandyk (six steals).

Jasmine Edwards paced the Rockets with 15 points.

NORTHVILLE 48, PLYMOUTH 34: The Mustangs (2-1) jumped out to an 11-4 first quarter advantage and never looked back en route to a victory Dec. 13 night over the host Wildcats (0-4).

The Mustangs got a team-high 11 points from junior guard Roan Haines and eight from senior forward Jessica Moorman.

Plymouth, unable to overcome a 22-13 halftime deficit, got a game-high 20 points from junior guard Chantal LeDoux.

Foul shooting proved pivotal, as the Mustangs went 7-of-12 (58.3 percent), while the Wildcats were only 13-of-30 (43.3 percent).

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PREP BOWLING

Northville boys even their record

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The Novi Detroit Catholic Central bowling team braved a snowstorm recently to earn a third-place finish Dec. 11 at the 20-team Pinconning Invitational at Monitor Lanes.

The Shamrocks got off to a hot start in the qualifying rounds, which consisted of six Baker games, highlighted by a 212 and 245, followed by three regular games to wind up fourth overall.

In the elimination round, CC defeated fifth-seed St. Charles in the best-of-three quarterfinals by winning both Baker sets before falling to top seed Hartland in the semifinals, where the Shamrocks won the first Baker before losing the next two by two and 12 pins, respectively.

Among the individual leaders for the Shamrocks was Andrew Lack, who rolled a 638 three-game series, highlighted by games of 221 and 244.

Other high individual games for CC were posted by Jaden Thomas (237), Nathan Geddes (218), Alex Roelant (214) and Joe Jessop (213).

N'ville boys triumph

On Dec. 13, T.J. Newman led the way with high games of 198 and 220 to spark host Northville to a 27-3 KLAA boys bowling crossover victory Grand Blanc at Novi Lanes.

The Mustangs, who evened their record at 2-2, also received individual high games from Nathan Colosimo (220), Connor Eadeh (215) and Zach Gaiski (194).

Northville captured both Baker games, 159-133 and 159-150, as well as both regular games, 909-875 and 976-840.

Top scorers for the Bobcats included Jaylin Barnett (231) and John Lueckman (192).

Mustangs girls 0-4

In the girls match Dec. 13, Clarissa Baldwin rolled a 202 as Grand Blanc kept Northville (0-4) winless with a 27-3 KLAA crossover win at Novi Bowl.

Katie Craig recorded a 177-172 for the Mustangs, who lost both Baker sets, 220-129 and 164-124.

Grand Blanc also won both regular games, 728-588 and 776-709.

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WAYNE

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was to neutralize her and make sure she doesn't get loose. Our guards and our post players stuck to the game plan and they were able to convert."

Wayne stretched its lead to 42-30 after three quarters, getting a triple from Terry from the wing with only two seconds left after Clegg penetrated to the basket and dished off a perfect pass.

"Camree Clegg, she's just special," Mitchell said. "A lot of times Jeanae would be able to feed off that because most of the attention goes to Camree. But they are both very interchangeable and, on any given night, I expect that kind of output."

Novi couldn't get any closer than nine the rest of the way and fell to 3-1 on the season.

Mackay finished with a team-high 11 points, but all came from the foul line (11-of-12), as she was held without a field goal.

Julia Lalain added 10 points, while Jessie Bandyk added seven.

"I just think the biggest thing was that we just fell into the trap of trying to play fast against a fast team," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "When we did break (the press), we took quick shots, took bad shots. We played exactly the way they wanted to play the game. We didn't shoot good, but I also think that's because we were playing in a hurry and taking too quick of shots and not being set and not being squared up."

Terry scored 11 of Wayne's 15 points in the third quarter



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Wayne's Jeanae Terry (center) tries to split the Novi defenders Ellie Mackay (left) and Julia Lalain.

with a pair of 3-pointers, an and-one and another basket.

"She's a good player, no question about it," Kelp said of the Wayne sophomore. "She made some very difficult shots and you got to give her credit for that."

Terry's transformation from her freshman to sophomore year is already turning heads.

"To be honest, she's just

been in a really good groove," Mitchell said. "Last year, I didn't get to see the best of her because she was a little young and impressionable, but now she's just become full-grown. She had a great summer on the circuit. She was just recently offered a full-ride scholarship by Illinois. She's found herself ... ho I saw tonight is who I expect to see for the remainder of her career."

And it took a lot of hard work during the off-season by Terry.

"I shot a lot," she said. "I really worked on speed because I know last year I wasn't as fast and as athletic, so I really wanted to base the summer on getting my speed together."

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NORTHVILLE

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by Jessica Moorman (12 points), followed by a pair of Dillon free throws.

"I was proud of our girls that we came back and were down by just six and even had the ball with about three minutes to go," Canton coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "It's a testament to our girls. They're fighters."

The Chiefs, however, struggled from the field, making only 14-of-44 (31.8 percent).

Senior guard Brianna Finn finished with a team-high nine points, while Shamya Butler came off the bench to add eight.

The Chiefs' leading scorer, senior forward Erin Hult, was limited to six points on 2-of-6 shooting.

"We just wanted to make sure we keyed on their shooters," Gudith said. "The kids did an awesome job on Hult. She was the kid who was the key for them (the in) district (championship) game last year. She practically, almost single-handedly won it for them last year, so we needed to key on her. She's been off to a hot start this year, so we needed to shut her down."

Turnovers were also an issue for Canton, which had 20 for the game, including 13 in the opening half.

"We talked about that at halftime," Heitmeyer said. "That was a big conversation after the game. The best way to cure that is in practice, be

mentally geared up to know situations. When you get the ball, good jump stops, good fundamental basketball.

You've got to see the court, so that's going to be an item of work for us. We're going to work through that."

Northville also won the free-throw battle, going to the line 25 times and converting 14 shots (56 percent), while Canton was just 5-of-6.

"First, we tip our hat to Todd (Gudith) and his team," Heitmeyer said. "He does a great job coaching them up. They're a dribble-drive group. They work well together and clearly they were able to get to the rim a number of times.

They got a number of offensive rebounds. They had 20 points in the first half and 26 in the second. Usually at Canton, we like to try and keep it to 30 and under, but coming here to Northville and playing a seasoned team like Todd's, we knew we were in for a fight."

Seven different players scored for Northville, including junior guard Roan Haines, who added nine. The Mustangs were 16-of-48 from the floor (33 percent).

But it was the defense which tipped the scales in the Mustangs' favor.

"Usually it's a race, with first team to 40 usually is going to win the game," Gudith said. "And I thought we were really good, especially the second and third quarter, when we really shut them down."

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DAVE DONOHER

Northville's Brook Adams slips inside against Canton's Sam Mattern.

PREP WRESTLING

Oxford takes Oakland County tournament crown

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With seven-time defending champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central opting to send its varsity blue squad to Ohio over the weekend, the 57th annual Oakland County Wrestling Championship meet was up for grabs.

And it was Oxford, claiming three individual titles, that emerged the victor with 268.5 points, while Clarkston finished a close second with 238.

Rounding out the top 10 in the 38-school tourney that started Friday at Southfield A&T and ended Saturday at Lake Orion were: Holly (198), Waterford Kettering (162.5), Walled Lake Central (155.5), Novi Detroit Catholic Central varsity white (151), Birmingham Groves (121), Lake Orion (116), Rochester Adams (92) and Rochester (91).

Other area teams included

South Lyon, 13th (82); Novi, 27th (47); South Lyon East, 29th (43); Milford, 34th (37); and White Lake Lakeland, 36th (32).

CC's Conor Curnutte made it all the way to the finals at 189 pounds before losing to Walled Lake Central's Nick Onwnu, 3-1.

Other top finishers for the Shamrocks included Daniel Rehfeldt (103), third; Brent Butwill (119) and Davis Rastigue (125), fourth; and Jacob Bisdorf (112) and Kale Kazyak (130), seventh.

"I like what I saw this weekend," CC white team coach Nieko Ianni. "The guys competed hard and won some tough matches. Anytime you place sixth out of 38 teams, you're doing some great things. We had a lot of guys show heart and battle back through the consolation bracket."

"There were some good wrestlers in the gym today and our guys did what they needed

to do," South Lyon coach Brian Wilson said. "I was very proud to see all of my returning seniors make day two. They have all been working hard so far this season to be successful at this tournament. The competition is usually very tough, so placing here is a pretty big deal. In order to place, you have to get through day one and we had more guys do that than I expected."

South Lyon had four wrestlers place in the top eight: Dawson Moll (171), fifth; Stone Ruffin (285) and Brandon Buchler (189), seventh; and Brendon Goins (130) eighth.

Ruffin captured his final match by pinning Rochester's Richard Hamilton in 4:31, while Buchler pinned Kettering's Ben Whittaker in six seconds.

"Dawson wrestled a lot of very smart matches today," Wilson said. "Stone showed how athletic he was in his matches. As he continues to

gain experience, he will have even more success. Brandon had a very gutty performance today as well. He just wasn't going to be denied a place this year."

"Brendon also had a fantastic day. It was the first time he had gone longer than the first period. We were concerned about his gas tank and how that would go. He exceeded our expectations and I am very happy for his placing. He spent a ton of time this off-season finding ways to get better and it is paying off now. We still have a lot of work to do, but the guys know that. We have some weeks now where it will be nice to focus on those details."

South Lyon East got a third-place finish from Tony Cavotta at 189 pounds after he decided Andrew Yan of Troy Athens in the consolation final, 3-0.

Milford's Kameron Carter (215) also placed third when he

decided Pontiac's Michael King in the consolation final, 3-2.

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285 pounds: Zack Doran (North Farmington) pinned Donovan King (Farmington), 1:39; **103:** T.J. Daugherty (W.L. Central) decided Mark Brado (Kettering), 9-2; **112:** Mac Hanselman (Clarkston) dec. Jack Olson (Ortonville Brandon), 8-7; **119:** Cole Wiegiers (Clarkston) p. Dalton Myers (Oxford), 4:43; **125:** Nate Hampton (Stoney Creek) dec. Joey Mason (Troy), 5-2; **130:** Warren Stanfield III (W.L. Central) dec. Khalil Ford (Groves), 10-3; **135:** Josh Edward (Orchard Lake St. Mary) won by injury default over Sergio Borg (Oxford), 0:32; **140:** Jacob Rygielski (Clarkston) dec. Ryan Miller (Oxford), 3-1; **145:** Colin Tanaka (Groves) dec. Anthony Gonzalez (Kettering), 3-2; **152:** Trent Myre (Oxford) dec. Houston Hemingsen (Clarkston), 11-4; **160:** Devin Trevino (Oxford) dec. Alex Pallazolo (West Bloomfield), 10-5; **171:** Cade Dallwitz (Holly) dec. Max Doggett (Southfield), 5-2; **189:** Nick Onwnu (W.L. Central) dec. Conner Curnutte (Detroit CC), 3-1; **215:** Byron Schlickemeyer (Oxford) dec. Collin Dallwitz (Holly), 3-2.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Rice blanks Mustangs for its second straight

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Birmingham Brother Rice coach Ken Chaput was a bit concerned about the Dec. 15 non-league clash against Northville.

The Warriors had just come off a bruising battle against highly-regarded Hartland two days earlier, when they registered a 4-0 shutout. Rice's first-year head coach was a bit relieved after watching his squad earn another shutout, this time 5-0, in a game that was much closer than the final score reflected.

Brother Rice held a 2-0 lead after two periods against a Mustangs squad that played equally as hard and maybe even more aggressively on offense through the first 40 minutes of action. However, the Warriors scored a power-play goal seven minutes into the third period that seemed to take the life out of the Northville attack. Rice scored two more times in a span of 44 seconds to earn its sixth straight victory.

"We hit on a few power plays at the end it was a different game than a 5-0 score would indicate. It was a lot closer and a lot tighter throughout the game," Chaput said. "I was satisfied with our performance, but I know we had a lot more we could bring on any given day."

"I think we let down emotionally a little bit after our game the other day against Hartland. Not that we looked past Northville. I just think, physically, when you give that full-out effort and have to come back two days later against another good team, it's tough."

"Now I'll give Northville full credit, because they played (Wednesday) night and came back with a real strong effort," he added. "It's not an excuse, but I think a little bit of a physical letdown from what we've been doing the last few games."



Northville's Danny Scorzo (left) takes a shot while defended by Brother Rice's Mitch Shults.

Penalty trouble

Northville head coach Clint Robert felt his team played well before running into penalty trouble in the third period, which triggered Rice's three-goal outburst.

"For two periods, I thought it was a great up-and-down game," said Robert, whose team evened its record at 4-4. "After two periods, we were actually out-shooting them by three. We had our chances, but we couldn't bury it."

"Obviously, they are a great team, but I don't think the score is close to indicative of how we played. If you look at the shots, it was even up shots," he added. "We just have to rebound from it and, if we can stay out of the penalty box, there's no doubt we can play with anybody."

Rice senior forward Will Duncan opened the scoring midway through the opening period, when he put a pinpoint shot high into the far corner of the net off a severe angle. In the second period,

senior Blake Tosto ended a nice rush up the ice with a tricky shot that eluded Northville goaltender Bret Miller.

At the 10:14 mark of the final period, on the power play, senior forward Matthew Kesto tipped in a hard wrist shot from the point by Mitch Shults that slowly trickled through the five-hole. A short time later, Rice's Jack Clement wristed a hard shot into the net during a four-on-three advantage that capped a tic-tac-toe passing play from Shults and Tosto.

Tosto then scored his second goal of the game on a nifty stick-handling move in front of the net to wrap up the scoring.

Clement and Shults both finished with a pair of assists, while Will McLellan, Will Duncan, Jack Reinhart and Dominick DiPonio were credited with one assist apiece.

Hoffman shines

Senior goalie Ryan Hoffmann made a number of key saves over the first two peri-

ods and earned his second straight shutout while playing the first 44 minutes. Pierce Cadieux played the final seven minutes in the net for Brother Rice and preserved the shutout with a great late save on Northville forward Gunaratne Sanuda.

Brother Rice outshot Northville, 30-28. The Warriors had six penalties for 15 minutes, while Northville was saddled with nine penalties totaling 26 minutes.

"Taking penalties has kind of been our Achilles heel this year. We took a penalty early in the third and they scored a power-play goal and then it kind of got away from us after that," said Robert, Northville's head coach since 2006. "We just have to stay out of the box. We thought we had a good, hard fore-check, we were strong in the (defensive) zone and we got the pucks out as a five-man unit."

"We had the opportunities, but their goalie played great," he added. "It's a good program we played."

BOYS HOCKEY

Wildcats continue winning ways over Howell

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David DeNova and Brandon Kour both scored a pair of goals Saturday afternoon as host Novi skated to a 5-2 boys hockey victory over Howell at the Novi Ice Arena.

The Wildcats, who won their third straight, improved to 6-2-1 overall by scoring four goals in the final period.

After a scoreless opening period, the Highlanders (6-2) took a 1-0 lead on Russell Daavettilla's unassisted goal at 16:12, but Novi answered on Kour's goal from Ryan Fonda and Anthony Luongo at 13:17.

In the final period, DeNova's power-play goal from Cam Czapski and Kour at 1:04 put the Wildcats ahead to stay, 2-1. DeNova's goal at 3:53 from Czapski put Novi ahead 3-1.

Howell cut the deficit to one at 9:45 on Steven Mullally's power-play goal from Daavettilla and Trent Kantola, but the Wildcats put it away at 12:48 on Joe Casselton's goal from Derek Dubois.

Kour followed with an empty-netter with only 25 seconds left as Czapski collected his third assist.

Novi senior goalie Manny Legace Jr. had 23 saves, while Howell's Nathan George made 36.

NORTHVILLE 3, STEVENSON 1: Daniel McKee tallied a goal and assist Dec. 14 as the Mustangs (4-3, 1-2) notched their first KLAAC Central Division victory with a 3-1 triumph over host Livonia Stevenson at Edgar Arena.

Northville, ranked No. 10 in Division 1, led 1-0 after one period on McKee's power-play goal from Shane Bryans.

Both teams scored in the second period, with Northville's Nick Bonofiglio getting a goal assisted by McKee, while Cody Cieslaga scored from Connor Jakacki and Morgen Gray for the Spartans.

The Mustangs' Alex Irafate then added an empty-netter to close out the victory.

Northville goaltender Brett Miller made 27 saves, "We needed that one," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "This was only the second game where we went hard for all 51 minutes. We talked all week about that we had played a game of half measures and one-third measures, but today we played a full-measure game and I'm really proud of the guys."

Junior Will Tragge (24 saves) was in net for the fourth-ranked Spartans (Division 2).

"I thought Northville was outstanding tonight," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "This is what we talk about when we say 'no nights off in the KLAAC.' You saw a team that had a jump early on and took it too early and forced us to chase the game all night long."

The loss dropped Stevenson to 5-3 overall and 3-2 in the KLAAC Central.

NOVI 6, SOUTH LYON UNIFIED 1: Novi's top line of Zach Perpich, Cam Czapski and Brandon Kour was hitting on all cylinders Dec. 14 as the Wildcats (5-2-1, 3-2-1) earned a KLAAC Central Division victory over host South Lyon Unified (1-4-1, 0-3) at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Novi, which led 1-0 after one period and 4-0 after two, peppered 45 shots at SLU goaltenders Jared Paugh and Nolan Smith.

Perpich and Czapski both scored two goals, while Kour had a goal and three assists. Ryan Fonda also contributed two assists.

Alex Scarozza opened the scoring with a short-handed goal from Alec Giragosian at 5:23.

South Lyon got a goal at 8:40 of the final period from Matthew England (assisted by Jake Heffernan and Mitchell Hinkson) to spoil Novi goalie Manny Legace Jr.'s shutout bid.

"It was a good team win," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said.

DETROIT CC 4, GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 2: Novi Detroit Catholic Central (5-3-1) scored all four of its goals during the second period to beat Grosse Pointe South (3-1-1) in a non-league game Dec. 14 at Plymouth's USA Hockey Arena.

After scoreless opening period, CC's Greg McQuade scored 40 seconds into the second period off assists from Zachary Sprys-Tellner and Davis Brown.

Ethan Ervin's goal from Jared Lee and Austin Roel at 8:19 made it 2-0 for the Shamrocks, but the Blue Devils answered on Jack Flynn's goal at 9:08 from Patrick Bourke.

The Shamrocks, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, then scored two more before the period ended as Dylan Montie scored a goal from Mitch Morris and Ryan Clemens at 12:40, followed by Sprys-Tellner's goal with only 16.9 seconds left from McQuade and Brown.

South's Liam Kavanaugh scored at 2:04 from Ewan Therios and Noah Morris, but CC goalie Joe Pernicky (17 saves) made the two-goal lead stand up the rest of the way.

Camden Mills made 14 saves for South, which is ranked No. 5 in Division 2.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Late rally by Canada spoils fun for U.S. squad

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With hundreds of jersey-wearing players from local girls hockey teams cheering loudly and waving miniature American flags, the atmosphere was electric Saturday afternoon inside Plymouth's USA Hockey Arena.

Players such as Farmington resident Megan Keller, who played defense for the U.S. Women's National Team against Canada, certainly noticed the buzz and wanted nothing more than for young fans to leave the arena happy.

Unfortunately, Canada spoiled those plans by scoring four unanswered goals and skating to a 5-3 victory in the first of a two-game exhibition series.

"It was pretty cool, I saw a lot of Honeybaked jerseys out there, a lot of Livonia jerseys," Keller said. "Those were two programs I played for growing up, so to be able to see all those younger girls out there was a really cool experience."

"I feel like not too long ago I was them, watching these games on TV. So it's pretty

surreal to be able to see them in the stands."

But Canada spoiled the fun for more than 3,300 fans with four unanswered goals to knock off the U.S., 5-3.

For the first two periods of the Team USA Winter Championships Series, it was all good for the home team (up 3-2 and enjoying a 25-12 edge in shots).

Off the hook

Canada tied it and then took the lead 4-3 with two goals 58 seconds apart by Rebecca Johnston (who scored a hat trick) and Natalie Spooner — the latter on a wraparound with 18 minutes left.

The key reason was not taking full advantage of a string of power-play chances, with the U.S. succeeding on only two of 10 opportunities — both in the first period, when goals by Hilary Knight and Brianna Decker erased an early 1-0 deficit.

For a stretch of the first period, however, the power play was clicking.

Knight was one-upping a shot through the pads of Canada goalie Shannon Szabados, who

came on just nine minutes into the game after a hard shot injured starter Ann-Renee Desbiens.

Assisting on the goal were twin sisters Monique and Jocelyne Lamoureux, two of 13 players in this game who competed for the U.S. in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

Jocelyne Lamoureux also helped set up the second goal, ripping a shot that Szabados blocked but could not control. Decker veered in and chipped the rebound over the goalie's right pad with 2:37 left in the opening period.

Need to jell

After that, the U.S. could not find the mark — twice being thwarted on lengthy five-on-three opportunities — although Szabados benefited from third-period shots hitting the crossbar and post.

"When you have five-on-threes, we got to find a way to bury one," Jocelyne Lamoureux said. "And I think we're just focusing on getting better every game."

"We just had camp, so we weren't playing together as a unit, but that's no excuse. With

five-on-threes, you got to find a way to score."

Decker's second goal made it 3-1 with about 15 minutes left in the middle period to give the many young fans a chance to wave their flags.

Canada started its comeback when Jillian Saulnier intercepted a bad clearing pass in the U.S. zone and snapped a shot from the left circle over the glove of goalie Alex Rigsby (17 saves) with 10:08 left in the period.

Despite Canada's two goals early in the third, the U.S. cheering section remained loud and hopeful.

The equalizer never came, although Decker took a feed from Monique Lamoureux and wired one off the crossbar.

Although disappointed with the outcome, Keller said the game itself was everything she thought it would be.

"It was an awesome atmosphere out there," said Keller, 20, a North Farmington graduate who made the roster following a week-long training camp.

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BOYS SWIMMING

Northville runs away with Plymouth Wildcat Relays

Mustangs win four events, score 343 points

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Coming off a dual meet loss the previous night against defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Birmingham Brother Rice, the Northville boys swimming and diving team jumped back into the pool Friday at Salem and came away with the Plymouth Wildcat Relays title.

Northville, winning four events, scored 343 points in the all-relay format. The Mustangs were 17 points better than runner-up Chelsea (326).

Rounding out the eight-school field were the host Rocks (290), South Lyon Unified (280), Plymouth (253), Hartland (241), Livonia Churchill (240), Dearborn (188) and

Dearborn Edsel Ford, "It was a fun meet for the guys. We had some decent swims," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "I'm looking forward to the holiday training period, so we can focus on creating good habits for the remainder of the season. We are still getting way too tired at the end of meets and that is something we will have to improve on."

After Chelsea took the 400 freestyle relay (3:25.77), Northville's 400-yard medley team of Arthur Greenlee, Travis Nitkiewicz, Trevor Degroot and Cameron Heaven got things going in the right direction with a first-place time of 3:47.45.

Chelsea then took the 200 butterfly relay (1:40.83) and the 1-meter diving, with Tim Lyons

scoring 226.40 points, but the Mustangs reeled off three consecutive wins, starting with the 400 medley team of Jason Nitkiewicz, Degroot, Haotian Jiang and Travis Nitkiewicz (3:55.33).

The Northville foursome of Greenlee, John Duan, Ali Pazoiki and Kirk Maibach placed first in the 200 backstroke relay (1:45.59), while the quartet of Nikolai Arton, Jiang, Roman Grossi and Travis Nitkiewicz captured the 200 breaststroke relay (1:58.97).

"I saw some good energy from the boys for most of the meet," Bennetts said. "It is always nice to win, but we really have a long way to go to be any good. It's just going to take a lot of old-fashioned hard work, but this team can get there. I don't know why we always want to take the path of most resistance, but we can get

there."

Salem closed the meet by winning the 500 crescendo relay (4:26.25), while Chelsea was first in the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays in 1:43.03 and 1:32.69, respectively.

South Lyon's best finish came in the 400 medley, with Logan Boals, Christian Etnyre, Nick Finn and Max Topping taking second (4:03.30).

PLYMOUTH WILDCAT BOYS SWIM RELAYS

Dec. 16 at Salem H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 343 points; 2. Chelsea, 326; 3. Salem, 290; 4. South Lyon, 280; 5. Plymouth, 253; 6. Hartland, 241; 7. Livonia Churchill, 240; 8. Dearborn, 188; 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 178.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

400-yard freestyle: 1. Chelsea (Lee Argir, Collin Babycy, Preston Wald, Joey Manger), 3:25.77; 2. Salem (Nathan Budnick, Phillip Collingwood, Stephen Frietag, Eugene Li), 3:28.45; 3. Northville (Tajyo Ichikawa, David Alameddine, John Duan, Jason Nitkiewicz), 3:31.00.

400 medley: 1. Northville (Arthur Greenlee, Travis Nitkiewicz, Trevor Degroot, Cameron Heaven), 3:47.45; 2. Salem (Ryo Hirose, Li Budnick, Collingwood), 3:50.15; 3. South Lyon (Logan Boals, Brandon Bell, Max Kempisty, Christian Etnyre), 3:50.90.

200 butterfly: 1. Chelsea (Wes Wickens, Kurt

Jolly, Argir, Manger), 1:40.83; 2. Northville (Duan, Ali Pazoiki, J. Nitkiewicz, Kirk Maibach), 1:42.61; 3. South Lyon (Etnyre, Luke Campbell, Boals, Kempisty), 1:43.34.

1-meter diving: 1. Tim Lyons (Chelsea), 226.40 points; 2. Jordan Groves (Ply.), 217.60; 3. Andrew Saltzman (L.C.), 161.65; 4. Nolan Thaxton (N'ville), 156.55.

4 x 100 medley: 1. Northville (J. Nitkiewicz, Degroot, Haotian Jiang, T. Nitkiewicz), 3:55.33; 2. South Lyon (Boals, Etnyre, Nick Finn, Max Topping), 4:03.30; 3. Churchill (Kevin Taylor, Ethan Stack, Tyler Opyck, Nathan Sutton), 4:21.72.

200 backstroke: 1. Northville (Greenlee, Duan, Pazoiki, Maibach), 1:45.59; 2. Salem (Miles Angell, Caleb Johnson, Eric Foor, Hirose), 1:57.54; 3. South Lyon (John Abernethy, James Perry, Riley Vaughn, Finn), 2:04.13.

200 breaststroke: 1. Northville (Nikolai Arton, Jiang, Roman Grossi, T. Nitkiewicz), 1:58.97; 2. Salem (Freitag, Lucas Sheedy, Jacob Rumpitz, Li), 1:07.52; 3. South Lyon (Bell, Jared Keeney, Preston Healy), 2:16.17.

500 freestyle crescendo: 1. Salem (Tom Cousino, Collingwood, Budnick, Li), 4:26.25; 2. Northville (Maibach, Heaven, Alameddine, Degroot), 4:29.03; 3. South Lyon (Vaughn, Perry, Etnyre, Kempisty), 4:36.56.

200 medley: 1. Chelsea (Jolly, Zach Lee, Argir, Manger), 1:43.03; 2. Northville (Greenlee, T. Nitkiewicz, J. Nitkiewicz, Heaven), 1:43.44; 3. South Lyon (Boals, Bell, Kempisty, Topping), 1:45.01.

200 freestyle: 1. Chelsea (Babycy, Jolly, Lee, Manger), 1:32.69; 2. Northville (Duan, Arton, Degroot, Maibach), 1:33.94; 3. Salem (Cousino, Abraham Soto, Sheedy), Collingwood), 1:38.02.

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BOYS SWIMMING

Murphy makes a big splash in Novi debut

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Camden Murphy made quite a splash in his Novi swimming debut Thursday as he earned a pair of individual state cuts as the visiting Wildcats upended three-time defending MHSAA Division 3 state champion Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 106-79, in a dual meet.

A senior joining the Novi squad for the first time, Murphy was fresh from winning the USA Swimming Speedo Winter Junior Nationals East 100-yard butterfly title (46.84) earlier this month in Columbus, Ohio.

In his first meet as a prep, Murphy wasted little time capturing the 50 freestyle (21.95) and 100 butterfly (50.64), both Division 1 state cuts. He also teamed with Phillip Billis, Alexander Yuan and Siddhardha Kareddy for a win and a state qualifying time of 1:30.12 in the 200 freestyle relay.

The foursome of Berman, Daniel Chung, Murphy and Billiu also captured first in the 200 medley relay (state cut 1:39.39).

Berman also won the 100 backstroke (state cut 54.66), while Jack McClure led a one-two-three sweep for the Wildcats in diving (173.18 points).

Other state qualifiers while finishing second for Novi included Billiu in the 50 freestyle (22.53) and Kareddy, in the 100 butterfly (53.39).

Cranbrook captured six of the 12 events and posted 13



Novi senior Camden Murphy made his prep debut, earning two individual and two relay Division 1 state cuts.

Division 3 state cuts led by Eric Youshao, who captured the 100 freestyle (48.74) and 200 freestyle (1:47.31).

Other first-place finishers for the Cranes included Kevin Hao, 200 individual medley (state 1:59.70); Lucas Misra, 500 freestyle (state cut 4:56.82); and Matthew Yang, who led a one-two-three sweep in the 100 breaststroke (state cut 1:00.10).

Other Cranbrook state cuts while taking second came from Misra, 200 freestyle (1:48.89); Oliver Cafferty, 100 backstroke 95.12; and Gabe Cohen, 100 breaststroke (1:01.21).

Third-place finishers earning D3 qualifying times included Cafferty (50 freestyle, 22.86) and Jerome Wiater (100 breaststroke, 1:04.85).

All three of the Cranes' relay teams made cuts including the first-place 400 freestyle relay quartet of Hao, Misra, Youshao and Cafferty (3:21.78). Cranbrook's 200 medley (1:40.54) and 200 freestyle (1:33.92) also qualified with runner-up finishes.

The Wildcats will return to action on 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at home against Hartland.

DUAL MEET RESULTS

NOVI 106, BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK 79
Dec. 14 at Cranbrook

200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Joey Berman, Daniel Chung, Camden Murphy, Phillip Billiu), 1:39.39; 2. Cranbrook (Oliver Cafferty, Gabe Cohen, Kevin Hao, Matthew Young), 1:40.54; 3. Novi (Maxwell Williams, Joel Kotyk, Preston Harrell, Minjae Kim), 1:46.84.

200 freestyle: 1. Eric Youshao (BHC), 1:47.31; 2. Lucas Misra (BHC), 1:48.89; 3. Brian Son (Novi), 1:50.36.

200 individual medley: 1. Hao (BHC), 1:59.20;

2. Siddhardha Kareddy (Novi), 2:05.53; 3. Kotyk (Novi), 2:07.85.

50 freestyle: 1. Murphy (Novi), 21.95; 2. Billiu (Novi), 22.53; 3. Cafferty (BHC), 22.86.

1-meter diving: 1. Jack McClure (Novi), 173.18 points; 2. Kotyk (Novi), 107.18; 3. Jack Doak (Novi), 100.36.

100 butterfly: 1. Murphy (Novi), 50.64; 2. Kareddy (Novi), 53.39; 3. Son (Novi), 55.33.

100 freestyle: 1. Youshao (BHC), 48.74; 2. Billiu (Novi), 49.61; 3. Berman (Novi), 49.75.

500 freestyle: 1. Misra (BHC), 4:56.82; 2. Max Robbins (Novi), 5:11.23; 3. Adam Carozza (Novi), 5:11.50.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Billiu, Alexander Yuan, Kareddy, Murphy), 1:30.12; 2. Cranbrook (Youshao, Giorgio Guttilla, Michael McLaughlin, Misra), 1:33.92; 3. Novi (Kim, Son, Carozza, Robbins), 1:34.72.

100 backstroke: 1. Berman (Novi), 54.66; 2. Cafferty (BHC), 55.12; 3. Williams (Novi), 59.39.

100 breaststroke: 1. Matthew Yang (BHC), 1:00.10; 2. Cohen (BHC), 1:01.21; 3. Jerome Wiater (BHC), 1:04.85.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Cranbrook (Hao, Misra, Youshao, Cafferty), 3:21.78; 2. Novi (Yuan, Kareddy, Robbins, Berman), 3:29.27; 3. Novi (Stephen Sitari, Williams, Harrell, Son), 3:31.57.

Dual meet records: Novi, 4-0 overall; Cranbrook, 0-1 overall.

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BOYS SWIMMING

State champion Brother Rice sinks Mustangs

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Mason Wilczewski had quite a night, leading three-time defending MHSAA Division 1 boys swimming and diving state champion Birmingham Brother Rice to a 108-75 dual meet victory Tuesday over host Northville.

Wilczewski, a senior, figured in four first-place finishes, which included a Northville pool record time of 52.99 seconds in the 100-yard backstroke (also a Division 1 state qualifying cut). He also captured the 200 individual medley with a state cut time of 2:01.28.

The foursome of Wilczewski, Andrew Biskup, Jake Zalinski and Jack Grady also took the 200 medley relay in a state qualifying time of 1:39.21, while Northville's second-place

quartet of Arthur Greenlee, Travis Nitkiewicz, Kirk Maibach and Cameron Heaven also earned a state cut (1:41.20).

Mason Wilczewski anchored the first-place 400 freestyle relay team of Alex Margherio, Patrick Olmsted and Timmy Page (3:23.27).

Margherio was first in the 50 freestyle (22.21) and 100 butterfly (53.24), both state cuts, while Olmsted was victorious in the 100 freestyle (49.95).

Northville's winners included Nitkiewicz in the 100 breaststroke (state cut 1:01.41) and Thomas Rys in the 1-meter diving event (214.60 points).

"They are a really good team and they proved it tonight," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said of the Warriors. "We only won one swimming event and, obviously, it's tough to win a meet when that hap-

pens. We did improve from the Pinckney meet, which is a positive. They were just too good for us to really compete against."

Rice posted a total of six state cuts in its season opener.

"Their backstroke guy (Wilczewski) broke our pool record and made it look easy," said Bennetts, whose team is 1-1 overall. "We have work to do, but we showed more energy, focus and effort this week. We have to continue to bring those three things to each practice and continue to improve as the season goes on."

DUAL MEET RESULTS

BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE 108 NORTHVILLE 75
Dec. 13 at Northville

200-yard medley relay: 1. Brother Rice (Mason Wilczewski, Andrew Biskup, Jake Zalinski, Jack Grady), 1:39.21; 2. Northville (Arthur Greenlee, Travis Nitkiewicz, Kirk Maibach, Cameron Heaven), 1:41.20; 3. Brother Rice (John Luttmann, Jonah Venos, Ryan Israel, T.J. Hoppen), 1:46.02.

200 freestyle: 1. Patrick Olmsted (Rice), 1:48.33;

2. Timmy Page (Rice), 1:51.21; 3. Trevor Degroot (N'ville), 1:51.57.

200 individual medley: 1. M. Wilczewski (Rice), 2:01.28; 2. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 2:02.01; 3. Zalinski (Rice), 2:02.96.

50 freestyle: 1. Alex Margherio (Rice), 22.21; 2. K. Maibach (N'ville), 22.70; 3. Grady (Rice), 23.10.

1-meter diving: 1. Thomas Rys (N'ville), 214.60 points; 2. Nicholas Remington (N'ville), 150.65; 3. Ian Duda (N'ville), 138.65.

100 butterfly: 1. Margherio (Rice), 53.24; 2. Zalinski (Rice), 55.67; 3. Israel (Rice), 56.80.

100 freestyle: 1. Olmsted (Rice), 49.95; 2. K. Maibach (N'ville), 49.75; 3. Heaven (N'ville), 52.82.

500 freestyle: 1. Jake Farr (Rice), 5:04.90; 2. Degroot (N'ville), 5:06.49; 3. T. Page (Rice), 5:09.81.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Brother Rice (Margherio, Olmsted, Zalinski, Grady), 1:30.66; 2. Northville (K. Maibach, Nikolai Arton, Nikiewicz, Degroot), 1:36.05; 3. Northville (Haotian Jiang, Jacob Grimmer, Kenta Kikumori, Craig Maibach), 1:38.19.

100 backstroke: 1. M. Wilczewski (Rice), 52.99; 2. Luttmann (Rice), 56.42; 3. Greenlee (N'ville), 59.46.

100 breaststroke: 1. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 1:01.41; 2. Biskup (Rice), 1:03.41; 3. Arton (N'ville), 1:05.01.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Rice (Margherio, Olmsted, Patrick Page, Timmy Wilczewski, M. Wilczewski), 3:23.27; 2. Northville (Heaven, Jason Nitkiewicz, Degroot, T. Nitkiewicz), 3:30.41; 3. Northville (Tajyo Ichikawa, Grimmer, David Alameddine, John Duan), 3:34.34.

Dual meet records: Brother Rice, 1-0 overall; Northville, 1-1 overall.

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GYMNASTICS

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absence as she's been a key contributor on bars and beam, especially," McWatt said. "And she was ready to bring big skills to the table this season."

The Mustangs are coming off a 6-7 dual meet season, including a 1-4 record in the KLAA's Kensington Division.

Northville captured fifth in the last year's regional, with McCallum placing 10th at the MHSAA Division 1 state meet in vault (9.35) and 19th in the all-around (34.975).

The Mustangs last qualified for the state team finals in 2010. To earn a spot, Northville

must finish in the top three at the Canton regional March 4. The state finals will be March 9-10 at Plymouth.

"These girls are definitely looking to be a dominant force this '17 season, not just in the KLAA, but in the state," McWatt said. "Our sights are set on team states, which hasn't been a reality for this team in nearly seven years."

On Dec. 13, Northville evened its record at 1-1 following a 137.65-135.175 KLAA Kensington Division victory over host Salem in a meet held at Plymouth High School.

Waterford also participated in the tri-meet and scored 101.65 points.

Among the top performers for Northville were McCallum,

vault (9.15); Grace Jankowski, uneven parallel bars (8.675), Robitaille, balance beam (8.825); and Milligan, floor exercise (8.5).

In the season opener Dec. 8, the Mustangs bested last year's top all-around score, falling just 1.5 points behind a strong Canton team, 139.675-138.175.

Waterford United rounded out the tri-meet with a 125.875 total.

Top scorers for Northville included McCallum, vault (meet high 9.45); Robitaille, uneven bars (8.8); Jankowski, balance beam (8.95) and sophomore Mackenzie Willson, floor exercise (8.625).

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KAREN MCCALLUM
Northville coach Erin McWatt likes what she sees so far this season.

PREP WRESTLING

CC downs Hartland at Fricker's in Ohio

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central established itself as the team to beat in the MHSAA Division 1 wrestling state ranks after upending defending state team champion Hartland, 47-6, in Saturday's final of the Fricker's Duals held in Defiance, Ohio.

The Shamrocks advanced to the final over the two-day dual meet tourney with eight victories in Pool A, including quality wins over Mechanicsburg (Pa.), 60-9; Ashland (Ohio), 60-12; Richmond (Ohio), 52-13; Defiance (Ohio), 58-10 and Padua (Ohio), 66-9.

Other victories came against Ohio schools Logan Elm, Mayfield, Wauseon 'B' and Miami Trace.

Hartland, meanwhile, went 9-0 to capture Pool B and set up the showdown between two of Michigan's wrestling powers.

CC claimed victories in 12 of the 14 individual match-ups against Hartland, as Jackson Ross got the ball rolling with a pin at 220 pounds.

"Our guys wanted the match-up," said CC coach Mitch Hancock, whose team improved to 15-0 overall. "They were very hungry and it showed on the mat. We scored bonus points in five of the 14 match-ups and I think we should've scored a few more at certain weights."

Other wins for the Shamrocks came from Nick Jenkins (heavyweight), major decision; Devon Johnsen (106), major decision; Rhett Newton (113), overtime decision; Ben Kamali (120), technical fall; Chase Moscovic (126), Kevon Davenport (132), major decision; Joey Urso (145), decision; Aidan Wagh (152), decision; Conor Cox (170), decision; Easton Turner (182), by void; and Tyler Morland (195), decision.

Newton's OT win came against sixth-ranked Corey Cavanaugh.

CC's Cameron Amine (138) lost a three-OT barn burner to returning state champion Reece Hughes, while Brendin Yatooma (160) lost by a 4-0 decision.

"This dual should've taken place in Michigan at Hartland or CC in front of hundreds of wrestling fans and supporters," Hancock said.

CC returns to action Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 27-28, at the Medina (Ohio) Invitational.

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Do your research before a job interview

BY MATT TARPEY
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Researching potential employers is an essential step in the job-seeking process. Not only does it help you determine whether the open position is one you're actually interested in, but doing the right research can also give you the advantage once the hiring process gets underway.

What information will help you land the job? Here's some advice.

The basics

It should go without saying, but if you don't know the name of the company or the industry in which it operates, don't even bother showing up for the interview. It's so easy to find basic information on any company that there is absolutely no excuse for not knowing it.

"Explore the company's website, especially the About Us' section," says Marisa South, general manager of Vet & Pet Jobs, an Australian career website for the animal-care industry. "Learning how a company wants to represent itself and what it considers valuable can be used in your interview as you're trying to explain how your values and objectives match up."

Knowing how employees



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perceive the company can be just as enlightening — if not more. "Websites like Glassdoor do an excellent job at collecting information about companies, including salaries, experiences and what the company's atmosphere is like," says Ola Danilina, CEO and founder of PMBC Group, a technology public-relations firm based in Los Angeles.

"Better yet, if you know somebody personally who works or has worked at the company you are interviewing for, plan a time to sit with them to ask any questions you may have prior to your interview."

The role

Be sure to have as thorough an understanding of the position as possible before going

into the interview. Review the information provided in the job listing, and if there is something you're unclear about, make a note to bring it up with the interviewer.

"Even with the necessary skills to complete the role, most candidates often fail to fully understand what the job actually is and look unprepared in an interview," says Sacha Ferrandi, founder and director of human resources at real-estate firm Source Capital Funding Inc. "Employers want to see that you are familiar with the industry because it will reduce the learning curve if you get hired."

Current events

Knowing the company's mission statement and history can help you identify with its goals, but the mission statement isn't likely to be on the top of your interviewer's mind. Your research should also focus on where the company stands today. Knowing about things such as recent product launches, mergers, partnerships and new initiatives can help you come into the interview one step ahead of other candidates.

Employers are looking for candidates who can begin work at full speed. When you're able to discuss real issues facing the company during your job interview, you're

not just showing that you could hit the ground running, you're showing that in some ways, you already have.

The competitors

No matter how much information you're able to find about a given company, it's not very useful without something to gauge it against. To gain a broader understanding of the industry and where the company fits within it, read up on the other top companies in the field.

"You should try to figure out what sets the company apart from its competitors," South says. "By educating yourself about how a company is doing things differently, you'll be better prepared when your interviewer asks you what attracted (you) to the company."

Preparing for the interview with targeted and thorough research makes it easier to give more specific responses. Most interviewers will recognize and appreciate that you aren't wasting their time with generic answers, giving you a considerable leg up on the competition.

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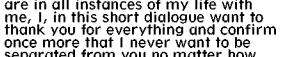
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23 Puzzled
24 City around all of humanity?
26 Adorn big shopping centers?
28 Letters on an ambulance
29 Lavish attention
30 "Ball —"
31 Prefix like "equi-"
32 More recent
33 Transport
34 Kiss Knigle on a small, wheeled cart?
43 Middle name of Mozart
44 Yeats' "The Wild Swans at —"
45 Teen's skin woe
46 Brazil's — Paulo
49 Bulldozer vest material
50 Fastener holding a sleigh tinkler in place?
53 Foreman foe
54 Moo —
55 Address with dots in it
57 Tontehawks
58 Takes live
61 Rides that aren't new
67 Debt note
69 Rogers or Acuff playing percussion as a child?
74 Droid
75 Fait accompli
76 Blights
78 Kin of karate
81 Poker player
83 Sow, a.g.
85 Seo
86 Reason you might give for not buying a china plate?
93 Mother of Rajiv Gandhi
96 Chatter
97 Hurry
98 False front
99 With dignity
100 Vacation in Italy's capital?
103 In accordance with
105 Profs' aides
107 Gigg's "yes"
108 Voling place
109 Fancy carp
110 Earliest tune that singer Billy ever wrote?
119 Far off driving one's Ford pickup?
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7 Sea predator
8 Billiards
9 — nitrate (fuel additive)
10 With
85-Across, "Dig in!"
11 — Canals
12 Gossipy chatter
13 Hoggy brews
14 Decree
15 Cellphone components
16 Cursor, often
17 "Affliction" star
18 Birch cousin
20 Deer cousin
25 Pianist John
27 Prefix with life or land
31 Big name in frozen drinks
32 Part of NBA: Abbr.
33 Capital of Senegal
34 Brunch dish
35 Luxuriant
36 "Bad" cholesterol, for short
37 Vocal vote
38 Chom., e.g.
39 Multitude
40 Yule drink
41 Not sound
42 Actress Langry
46 Baseball's Red —
47 Pro
48 Go-aheads
50 Rightful deserts
51 They show certain
52 Actress Demi
55 Shanty
58 Tim of football
60 — Poke (candy)
62 "Do Ya" gp.
63 Lion lair
64 B-to-F run
65 Suffix with drunk
66 Wish undone
68 Sun or moon
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91 "Sorta" suffix
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94 "— will not!"
95 Clunker
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100 Swear by
101 C-worthy
102 Polloi
103 In two, say
104 Scatterer of seeds
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110 Certain bolt holder
111 Allitude: Abbr.
112 Architect of "The Nanny"
113 Saarinna
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115 Traffic clog
116 Redding of soul
117 Canadian fuel brand
118 Deep desire
120 Company abbr.
121 "— was saying ..."

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1	5	9	4	7	7	3	8	6
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Car Report

MICHIGAN-DESIGNED, MICHIGAN-MADE, MICHIGAN-TESTED: CHEVY BOLT EV GOES FIRST TO THE COASTS



By Dale Buss

Expect to see the new Chevrolet Bolt around these parts in January. Not at any of your local Chevy dealerships, mind you – but in a General Motors-conducted test of this new all-electric vehicle outfitted with autonomous-driving technology, to see how it can traffic on the regular city streets around the GM Technical Center in Warren. You'll be able to buy a Bolt at your local Chevrolet dealer sometime in the first few months of 2017. Right now they're just available in Oregon and California. But the fact that General Motors has been able to begin selling Bolt

somewhere before the end of this year is auspicious in two ways: It allows the company to follow through on its pledge to beat Tesla to the mainstream-priced EV segment in the year before Tesla plans to debut its Model 3; and Bolt's arrival comes just as gasoline prices are showing signs of rising again after two or three years of quiescence. And Bolt production is especially good for metro Detroit, because the car is being built at the GM plant in Orion Township. This is a great new lease on life for the factory, given that it was down to making the tiny Chevrolet Sonic at a time of \$2-a-gallon gas prices. Making good on its promise to have the groundbreaking vehicle into some customers' garages this year, GM has begun selling the \$30,000 Bolt (priced after \$7,500 in tax credits) in the green-bellwether states on the West Coast, California and Oregon, with

plans to expand availability to New York, Massachusetts and Virginia in early 2017 and nationwide around the middle of next year. The car is short on looks; a Bloomberg evaluator said Bolt "looks like a stubby pod, cluttered by a smattering of busy design cues." And its interior materials are practical at best, in part to help offset the estimated \$9,000-a-car loss that GM is realizing on each sale of Bolt. But reviewers are hailing GM for making sure that the important electronic guts of the Bolt cockpit will hold up to the expectations of the digitally oriented, early-adopter crowd that the company needs to land first. The 10.2-inch touchscreen in the dash is said to be both user-friendly and responsive. And boosted by GM's industry-leading command of 4G-LTE connectivity speeds, Bolt's WiFi is up to the standards at the nearest Starbucks. Most important, Bolt provides 238 miles of all-electric range on a single charge, seen as finding a Holy Grail in an industry that remains pressed to meet state, U.S.-federal and other countries' stiffening requirements for automotive fuel economy and emissions. California and nine other states will require 15 percent of new vehicles to be zero-emissions by 2025, while European countries are moving toward banning gasoline engines entirely by 2030. It would be difficult even for a President Trump who's high on climate-change skepticism and regulatory overhaul to blunt the impact of this juggernaut. As Bloomberg noted, GM's financial heft helps it swallow selling the new

charge to pursue those customers. For example, in the increasing confluence of EVs and self-driven vehicles, BMW also has announced that it will partner with IBM for the Watson artificial-intelligence system to help with driver-assist functions. BMW will connect four of its i8 hybrid sports cars to IBM's Bluemix cloud platform "to demonstrate how Watson can enable new conversational interfaces between cars and drivers," IBM said. Bolt also will be an important platform for GM's own growing ambitions in self-driving. GM pledged to become the first company to mass-produce autonomous vehicles by putting dozens of Bolts equipped with self-driving technology on the roads near Tech Center. The tests will begin in January, GM said, in the wake of a recently passed Michigan law which allows wider use of autonomous vehicles for testing on state roads.

the 2017 Chevrolet Bolt first goes on sale in California and Oregon Bolt, which is a huge money-losing proposition at first but whose losses are offset by ongoing profits from the company's hot-selling pickup trucks and SUVs. Bolt helps the company not only meet regulatory constraints but also appeal to the increasing ranks of EV-first consumers, many of whom embraced the first mainstream all-electric, Nissan Leaf, and GM's own revolutionary plug-in hybrid, the Chevrolet Volt, in 2010. It isn't likely that Bolt will obscure Model 3 when Tesla brings out the similarly mainstream-priced, 200-mile-range EV in another year or so; Tesla was able to get 400,000 hand-raisers to plunk down \$1,000 apiece to get a place in line for Model 3 when it comes out. But along with Bolt, there is rising competition to get buyers who want an affordable EV offered by a luxury brand, and Audi and BMW are leading



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The interior of Bolt is highlighted by a 10.2-inch touchscreen

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