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## Library will close for work Oct. 27

The Northville District Library will be closed Friday, Oct. 27, for renovation work. The library needs more space for some of its collections. The newest books, movies and music will move to the newly renovated area, allowing for better browsing, while also freeing up space for growth for other collections like TV shows, documentaries and games.

## Small Works at Northville Art House

The Northville Art House will host the biennial Small Works juried all-media exhibition featuring more than 150 works by 55 artists from Michigan and around the country.

Small Works opens with a public reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, with an awards presentation at 7 p.m. An additional First Friday Reception will be held 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. Both receptions will feature appetizers, refreshments and a free make-and-take art activity led by Art House instructor Maria Latour.

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to [www.northvillearthouse.org](http://www.northvillearthouse.org).

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Models Angela Kraska and Sydney Rozycki greet guests inside Orin Jewelers grand reopening event. DAN DEAN

# Orin Jewelers unveils new look downtown

**Matt Jachman**  
[hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com)

They rolled out the red carpet, popped the bubbly (OK, it was punch) and donned the evening wear Oct. 18 to celebrate the new look at Orin Jewelers in downtown Northville.

“We love to have parties,” owner Orin Mazzoni Jr. said amid a crowd of visitors to the store at Main and Center streets. “It’s always important to show your customers that we’re interested in them and we want to make things better for them.”

Mazzoni, who took over the Garden City-based business from his father nearly 50 years ago, spoke as party-goers mingled with employees, sampled hors d’oeuvres and sipped punch while violinist George



Orin J. Mazzoni Jr., owner of Orin Jewelers, at the grand re-opening of the downtown Northville store. DAN DEAN

Stepulla serenaded the crowd. The Northville store, a downtown fixture for 36 years store, was formally unveiling a floor-to-ceiling remodeling;

new paint, carpeting, wall coverings and custom-made display cases.

“We just took it down to the walls and started all over again,” Mazzoni said.

The soft, bright, but understated look is a combination of daughter Antoinette Kramar’s ideas — she majored in interior design at Michigan State University — and her dad’s.

“He’s very, very traditional and I like a more modern approach,” said Kramar, who has worked off and on in the family business for years before moving back to the area from Chicago three years ago to take on larger role.

Kramar, who remembers cleaning the glass in the jewel-

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# Demo permit delayed for 1800s building

Historic commission wants second evaluation

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A two-story house on the eastern edge of Northville’s historic district could come down to make way for a three-story office and condominium building.

But first, the city’s Historic District Commission wants a second evaluation of the house, at 341 E. Main, near Griswold, by a structural engineer.

An initial inspection, by an engineer hired by owner Eric Guidobono, found the 2,400-square-foot house obsolete, with warped floors, a sagging roof, an insufficient foundation and other problems that make it unsafe.

Guidobono, a builder, purchased the house last December with the intention of restoring it for use as his company headquarters, but once the project began, a number of structural problems were discovered and an engineer was called in, according to Ed Funke, who represents the owner and his construction firm. A full restoration, estimated at \$750,000, would be cost-prohibitive, Funke said.

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# Three cited for trespassing at former hospital

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Three women, two from Jackson and one from Albion, were cited for trespassing after a police officer found them on the long-closed Northville Psychiatric Hospital property on Seven Mile the night of Oct. 13.

One of the trio, a 21-year-old from Jackson, was wanted on a warrant for a probation violation and was held in the police lockup and turned over the next morning to a Jackson County sheriff’s deputy, a Northville Township Police Department report said.

The other Jackson woman, 18, and the Albion woman, 20, were both issued a citation for trespassing and released; all three are due Wednesday, Nov. 1, in 35th District Court.

An officer patrolling the hospital grounds on foot encountered the three women exiting

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## ORIN

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ry cases and typing up labels in the back office as a young girl, represents the third generation of the family in the company. Her two siblings also work in jewelry: Her brother is a company director (and documentary filmmaker) and her sister works in a jewelry business in California.

The business was founded by Mazzoni Jr.'s father, a watchmaker, in Weirton, W.Va., in 1933. Orin Mazzoni Sr. was a dedicated tradesman who "used to work day and night," his son recalled.

"My dad had a sixth-grade education, but he had a lot of common sense," he said. He repaired watches and jewelry, insisting that anything that could be repaired would be, and sold mostly costume jewelry.

On a 1953 family trip to the Detroit area to visit relatives, the Mazzonis spotted a woman putting a "For Rent" sign in a Garden City storefront and Mazzoni Sr. quickly made the move. The family of six lived in the flat above the shop.

Central Garden City was different then, Maz-



Model Angela Kraska wears a Forevermark 9¼-carat diamond necklace (\$32,595) and ¾-carat diamond dream drop earrings (\$32,000) during the Orin Jewelers grand reopening red carpet event in downtown Northville. DAN DEAN

*“My dad had a sixth-grade education, but he had a lot of common sense.”*

**ORIN MAZZONI JR.**  
owner

sive piece and when I sold that, I bought another and we just gradually grew into the business we have today," he said. Orin Mazzoni Sr. died in 2001 and his wife Mary died two years later.

Mazzoni Jr. said work at Orin is "still fun" after decades there and that it's the customers and staff members who make it special.

Across the room, longtime employee Matt Tatro spoke similarly.

Tatro, based at the Garden City store, began working there when he was 16. After high school, he said, he went away to Michigan State, trying several areas of study — accounting, social work, journalism — and returning to Orin during breaks.

In 1987, he said, he went to Mazzone Jr. and asked if he could work there until he figured out what to do with himself. He's been there ever since — and several family members have worked at Orin as well.

"They really treat the employees and the customers like family," Tatro said.

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zoni said, with lots of small businesses and streets crowded with pedestrians. It's that small-town feel, he said, that drew him to Northville for a branch location. (There used to be an Orin Jewelers in Brigh-

ton, as well.)

Orin moved into its current Garden City location in 1965 and started moving into fine jewelry after Mazzoni Jr. took over in 1969, when his father retired.

"I bought one expen-

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**Ryan and Antoinette Kramar pose in front of Orin Jewelers on Main Street in downtown Northville.** DAN DEAN

## NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF NOVI

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan: Notice is Hereby Given that a General Election will be held in the City of Novi, on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. The Polls will be open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	41415 W. Nine Mile Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	14671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6 & 7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	29200 Meadowbrook Road
9 & 11	Crosspointe Meadows Church	29000 Meadowbrook Road
10	Fox Run	41000 Thirteenth Mile Road
12	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30655 Novi Road
13	Novi Meadows 6th Grade House	25299 Taft Road
14	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
15	St. James Catholic Church	46325 West Ten Mile Road
16	Novi Public Library	45255 W. Ten Mile Road
17 & 18	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
19	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road
20 & 21	Novi Middle School	49000 Eleven Mile Road
22	Deerfield Elementary School	26500 Wixom Road

For the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

MAYOR Vote for not more than one - Two year term

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Bin Qamruzzaman

CITY COUNCIL                      Vote for not more than three – Four year term

Kelly A. Breen  
Brian G. Burke  
Cindy Gronachan  
Gwen Markham  
Andrew Ian Mutch  
Sam Olsen  
Bryan Valentine

And to vote on the following proposal in Precincts 17, 18, and 19:

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR THE BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$104,850,000.

(Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained from the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, telephone: (248) 344-3500.)

For assistance in determining the accessibility of the polling place locations and the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats such as audio and Braille, please contact the City of Novi Clerk's Office.

Absentee ballots for this election are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2017. The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voting on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2017. Ballots obtained in person on Monday, November 6, 2017 must be voted in the City Clerk's Office.

For names of candidates, full text of proposals or any other information, please contact the City of Novi Clerk's Office at (248) 347-0456.

Cortney Hanson, CMC, CMMC  
Novi City Clerk

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# Better ways to measure schools than ratings, rankings

Within the state of Michigan, there is strong support among a group of people to grade, rate and rank schools. It is somewhat interesting and amusing that there is a lack of agreement among these people on exactly how to grade, rate and rank schools.

I can settle the debate right now. Let's not grade, rate or rank schools.

It's not that I am opposed to holding schools accountable. It's not that I am opposed to ensuring that our schools help our students. It's not that I am opposed to measuring



Steve Matthews  
SUPER TALK

the growth of our students. It's not that I am opposed to making sure that the money that we spend on our schools makes a difference.

But my experience tells me that it is easier to grade, rate and rank based on things that matter less than on things that matter more.

It has been said that not everything that can be counted counts — and not everything that

counts can be counted.

That is true when we try to grade, rate and rank schools.

We count a lot of things in schools. Test scores. Graduation rates. Attendance. Highly-qualified teachers. All of those things are important at some level.

But we can't count things like character, desire, heart, passion, creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, caring, kindness.

As I write this, our Novi High School boys soccer team is preparing to play in the district final of the state tournament. This is the first

step toward the state championship. One team will ultimately win. Every other team will lose.

If we grade, rate and rank the state high school boys soccer teams, one team will come out on top. One team will receive the coveted state championship trophy.

One team will earn an 'A.' One team will rate the highest.

But is that really the case?

Some teams have already lost in the district round of the tournament. They are bitterly disappointed. They are probably frustrated. Some are probably heart-

broken.

But are they failures? I would argue that they are not. My hope is that each member of one of the state high school boys soccer teams learned something about themselves this year.

Learned how to be part of a team. Learned how to give praise and take criticism. Learned when to push and when to be pushed. Learned how to dig in and fight back.

Learned lessons that can't be graded.

Every school in Michigan teaches lessons to our students that cannot be graded, rated or ranked. Every school in

Michigan helps students learn lessons that will ultimately help those students be successful. Some of those lessons can be graded, rated and ranked. Most cannot.

So instead of taking time and expending energy trying to find the perfect way to grade, rate and rank our schools, let us instead find ways to celebrate the positive impact our schools have on our students every single day.

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### NORTHVILLE 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. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; go to [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org) for details.

**Upcoming events**

**Children's Christmas Workshop Tickets on Sale:** 6 p.m. Northville Historical Society members only, 6:30 p.m. non-members. Nov. 3, 218 W. Dunlap Street.

**Christmas in the Village:** Noon to 4 p.m.

Nov. 19. Free to the public. Donations accepted.

**Children's Christmas Workshop:** 10 a.m. to noon or 1-3 p.m. Dec. 2.

**German Christmas Tea:** 1-3:30 p.m. Dec. 9. Sold out.

**General info**

**Website:** [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org)

**Volunteers:** The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact

the office for more information.

**Rentals:** Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or church for a wedding or party. Many dates are available. More information on our website.

**Donations:** Archives donations accepted from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

**Archives:** The archives are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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@millrace-northville.org](mailto:office@millrace-northville.org).

### NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

**One-on-one help with our tech expert**

**When:** 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. each Tuesday; 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. each Thursday

**Details:** Free one-hour session with our Digital Services librarian to help you navigate our downloading services, help with email, Facebook, DropBox and more. Not for computer repair or configuration questions. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

**Fall TOT Storytime**

**When:** Varied, see website

**Details:** Develop your toddler's early literacy skills and preschool readiness in this fun, interactive, small group experience. Please bring only children who are registered for this storytime; babies, siblings may not attend.

**Fall Storytime**

**When:** Varied, see website

**Details:** Stories, music and creative activities. Children must attend independent of a caregiver and have basic cutting skills with craft scissors. Only registered children may attend.

**Drop-In Morning Storytime**

**When:** 10:15 a.m. Thursday through Nov. 2

**Details:** Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers. All ages welcome. Caregivers must accompany children age 3 and younger. Just drop in!

**Drop-In Halloween Crafts for Kids**

**When:** 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, and Saturday, Oct. 28

**Details:** Kids of all ages get creative making a silly monster door hanger for Halloween on either date. Just drop in.

**Special note**

The library will be closed Friday, Oct. 27, for renovations.

**Minecraft Craft-Off**

**When:** Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4

**Details:** Compete to craft the best builds, with GameStop gift cards on the line. For ages 9-18. Know your Mojang and Minecraft accounts. Registration required.

**I Love the '90s Trivia Night**

**When:** 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6

**Details:** Come with your knowledge of all things '90s Pop Culture, from TGIF to Aaliyah and Beanie Babies to Whitney Houston. Groups of two to four will compete for prizes. For those 18 and older. Registration required. Register online at [northvillelibrary.org](http://northvillelibrary.org) or call 248-349-3020.

**Drive New Business with Social Media**

**When:** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8

**Details:** Learn time-saving tips and apps to help your social media content, how to create engaging links and tips on using graphics and videos. Presented by Candy Jones-Guerin, Constant Contact presenter. Bring a brown bag lunch. Register.

**'Star Wars' After Hours Event**

**When:** 6-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10

**Details:** "Star Wars"-related activities, crafts, games. Costumes encouraged! Snacks and beverages during the movie. For Grades 6-12. Registration required.

**Extreme Duct Tape Workshop**

**When:** 4:15-5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14

**Details:** For ages 9-12, rip, cut, stick and fold 50-plus colors and prints of duct tape into amazing creations during this exciting makerspace program. Limit 30. Online registration begins Nov. 1.

**Basics of Cyber Security**

**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14

**Details:** Bring your online security concerns and issues for a lively discussion about how to keep yourself safe online. Learn how to create more secure passwords, identify email scams and find free resources to secure your online presence. Register.

**Rosie the Riveter**

**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14

**Details:** Hear about the challenges and experiences of women working in the Willow Run Plant, who assembled planes in World War II. There will be tribute Rosie re-enactors, as well as some of the original Rosies at the program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Northville Senior Services. Program to be held at Northville Community Center.

**Kidz Time**

**When:** 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16

**Details:** Fun program featuring stories, games and crafts all about rocks for grades 1-3. Registration begins Nov. 1.

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The Berkwyck Saddle Club sits on approximately eight acres of land in the middle of a Milford Township subdivision.

The property includes a clubhouse, two heated barns, two riding arenas, 23 paddocks and two homes.

It could all be yours for \$799,000— horses not included.

"I absolutely love Berwyck. It's just so amazing," property owner Pattie Perushak said. "But it's a business decision for me to move on and let someone else take it to the next level. I'm getting to retirement age ... I'm 57 this year. It's time."

The boarding and riding facility is an integral part of Berwyck on the Park, an equestrian neighborhood that was built in 1992 along Milford Road, north of Buno.

Perushak wasn't actively looking for equestrian property when she and a partner bought Berwyck Saddle Club eight years ago. She's now sole owner of the property and business. She also owns Mr. Green Lawncare in Plymouth.

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**Pattie Perushak has put a lot of work into the club, but she says it's time to sell. She stands in the indoor arena.** BILL BRESLER | [HOMETOWNLIFE.COM](http://HOMETOWNLIFE.COM)



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# ‘WELCOMING YOUTH TO THE TABLE’

Activist is committed to building diversity and unity in her community

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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit [one-nation.usatoday.com](http://one-nation.usatoday.com).

SALISBURY, Md. - Amber Green left the community forum more frustrated than when she arrived.

A panel of municipal and public safety officials and civic leaders had batted around ideas on solving problems, from gaps in academic achievement to police and community relations to job creation. Most topics had an impact on the youth of Wicomico County. But Green noticed the few teens in the audience said nothing. They left before the forum was done.

“It is hard for someone who lives in a mansion on Riverside Drive to relate to someone on Booth Street,” said Green, comparing one of Salisbury’s affluent communities of single-family homes and an economically challenged, predominately black pocket of the West Side, with its share of public housing units. “Their language is different.”

The forum was to engage residents and government officials in dialogue about issues that mattered, and Green wanted to be involved. She saw a need for change, and a week after the 2014 event sponsored by The Daily Times, she and Larry Carroll Jr., a hip-hop enthusiast, launched Fenix Youth Project Inc.

“That’s what Fenix does — it welcomes youth to the table; it encourages them to come to the table,” Green said. “Once they’re at the table, they talk about what’s wrong and through that it gives them a voice.”

Green is 26, and knows the language of the next generation, known as Generation Z or post-millennial.

Behind her welcoming, gentle smile is a firm voice of frustration with methods by older generations that fail to engage today’s youth.

Green draws strength from her youth growing up around Washington. Com-



Amber Green, 26, knows the language of the next generation, known as Generation Z or post-millennial. RALPH MUSTHALER/USA TODAY NETWORK

munities were close-knit, and neighbors diverse ethnically and by religion.

The Fenix executive director reaches out to youth wherever they are — even outside her apartment complex on stoops.

The idea is to unite young people of different cultures and race in a fun and productive environment.

“That’s how you unite and not divide,” she said.

## ONE NATION Nominate an American

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## Q&A WITH AMBER GREEN

### What does it mean to you to be an American?

To be an American is to be a fighter — through verbal and creative expression. Our history is filled with stories of amazing leaders who used their voice to continue the progress of society. We have the freedom and right to voice our concerns and needs. I encourage youth to see the value in having a voice and feeling proud to be American.

### What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

I’ve always been a family-oriented person. Growing up in D.C., there was more unity, more diversity, more of a community feeling. I didn’t get that sense here. I soon realized that youth voices were not only being ignored but rarely at the table of discussions when it came to community decision making. I attended a youth town hall and could easily have been the youngest person in the room. I wanted to provide an outlet and most importantly empower youth to find their voice to impact change in their community.

### What gives you hope or what concerns you?

Youth taking the initiative to stand up and voice their concerns about the world around them gives me hope for the future.

### What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

There is a gap in diversity, and it starts with youth. I hope to empower and inspire a future generation of leaders. I hope to influence youth to take ownership of their communities and embrace the idea of youth and adult partnerships making a community better.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No millage money for charters

SB 574 would require money from regional enhancement millages to be given to charter and virtual schools located in the communities that approve the additional tax. These millages are regional tax levies that are approved by voters within the region and administered by the intermediate school district. Under this proposal the money raised would have to be split with the charter schools that exist within that region and virtual schools that have their headquarters within that region.

There are currently six regions that have enhancement millages through their Intermediate School Districts: Wayne RESA, Kalamazoo, Kent, Midland, Monroe and Muskegon. This means fewer dollars going to public schools and school districts.

The bill passed the state Senate this week and now heads to the State House for consideration and debate. Your state representative needs to hear from parents and others who oppose this new scheme to get more of our state dollars by for-profit charters and cyber schools.

I hope you will call or email your state representative and urge him/her to oppose this piece of legislation. As a taxpayer, I want my taxes to go toward improving public education for all children and to institutions who are required by law to be transparent about how they spend my tax dollars.

Karen Zyczynski  
Novi

Where are letters?

I have been very disappointed to see that the newspaper has all but eliminated Letters to the Editor. In these tumultuous times, there should be a place for citizens to read opinions of their neighbors and to keep up on local and national occurrences. These letters help to educate the public on things going on around them of which they may not be aware. I have been very unhappy with the elimination of that function in your newspaper and am seriously considering canceling my subscription.

By the way, one letter in the Oct.19 edition does not constitute "Letters to the Editor."

Jackie Peters  
Plymouth

Support school bond

I have been involved public education for almost 38 years and have served as a teacher, principal, and superintendent, and in my current position as the executive director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators. More importantly, I am the parent of two young men; one who has already graduated from Northville Schools and one who is currently a senior. Our family moved to Northville in 2007 and did so because we fully understand the positive difference that a quality education makes in the future of today's youth. In addition, it is a proven fact that a successful and high performing school

district attracts residents to the area which in turn has a positive impact on the local economy and property values in that school district.

By attending Northville Schools, my two sons have received a quality education that has prepared them for a bright future in a global society. The teachers have been outstanding, the district is run by outstanding and highly skilled administrators, members of the support staff have been extremely supportive, and the Board of Education has provided effective governance to ensure that the district goals are in line with the vision and mission of Northville Schools. All of this to say that as a life-long educator, I have nothing but the highest praise for the education that my sons have received in this quality school district.

In approximately two weeks, district voters are being asked to consider a bond issue for Northville Schools which will help to ensure that the district facilities will support what is necessary for all students to continue to receive the quality education that they deserve, and that our community needs in order for Northville Schools to remain a first-class school district.

On Nov. 7, please join me in voting Yes for Bond 2017 which will, without raising our taxes, ensure that the students of Northville Schools will receive a quality education, continue to attract parents and families who care about public education to our area, and support the

continuation of the positive economic growth that we have recently enjoyed.

Sincerely,  
Chris Wigent  
Northville

Gatt Novi's best choice for mayor

Over the past six years, I have observed Bob Gatt grow and develop into an outstanding mayor for the City of Novi. Voters will have a chance to elect a Mayor on Tuesday, Nov, 7, and I can think of no better choice for Novi residents than to re-elect Mayor Gatt for another 2-year term.

Bob Gatt is the experienced leader that Novi needs. Leadership matters, and Mayor Gatt's outstanding record demonstrates that he cares about Novi residents: lower tax rates; less crime; business and residential growth; increased police and fire services; and great quality-of-life.

Public safety is Mayor Gatt's No. 1 priority. He protects our Novi friends and families. Bob Gatt has been – and will continue to be – a great mayor for the City of Novi. Please vote for Bob Gatt for Novi Mayor on Nov. 7. He's earned your vote.

Willy Mena  
Novi

Just say no to bond millage

Why say no? We just got stuck this year already with a school millage that we didn't want and we pay into disproportionately because our good neighbor communities in Wayne County stuck it to us. I just paid over \$1,000 in additional

taxes this year for it. Guess what, that's a lot of money! Now another \$1,000 for this one, no. That is a typical incremental payment by taxpayers in the Northville School District, and yes that is a lot of money. Check your statements carefully, and try to ignore that we bailed out the Wayne County pension plan, too.

The district will plead that they can't use the money for their dream list. Do not believe it. Just a few years ago we approved a facilities millage that is ending, as it was agreed, designed and approved to do; end. That's why they say your tax bill won't increase; they want to perpetuate the gravy train. They want to continue it for their dream list. Where's fiscal responsibility? Dah, we want our taxes, especially "temporary tax increases" to go away; that's what we approved and agreed to. By the way, how effectively was all that money spent? Where's the independent critical analysis of how all that money was spent?

I moved to Northville in 1971, and my three kids have gone through all their public school years here in Northville Public Schools. They have excelled way beyond any expectations because of the teachers, without any doubt. And we know a lot of them after 20 years. Unfortunately the administrative side of the district is weak, unresponsive and incompetent. Fortunately the teachers generally overcome this obstruction. Teachers, thank

you. This bond millage proposal is just another example of the incompetence of the administration and their spin attempts on you like; "not an increase." It is an increase from what is supposed to be zero. We are not funding a perpetual goody bag. Make it fit within your recent unwanted windfalls and budget. Do your job. Taxpayers, just say no to this bond millage increase.

Mark Ritchie  
Northville

Supports Gatt

I'm writing today in the hope that you will join me in voting for a close friend, but more important, our mayor, Bob Gatt, on Nov. 7.

We are fortunate to be living in, what is unquestionably, one of the most thriving and diverse communities in southeast Michigan. While serving on one of Novi's appointed boards, I have had the privilege of seeing firsthand the commitment the leadership of our city has put into our community, and there is no question it starts with our mayor. During his time leading our city council, we have seen reduced crime, numerous businesses now calling Novi home, continued critical diligence on our budget, and whether it is the development of Lakeshore Park all the way to Power Park, further growth within our city's recreational opportunities. As citizens, we are fortunate enough to experience

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# Seedlings auction: Win-win for bidders, blind kids

Win great prizes for yourself or holiday gifts and help blind children learn to read by bidding in an online auction Nov. 1-14 benefiting Seedlings Braille Books for Children, a nonprofit in Livonia.

Auction items include Disney Park Hopper Passes; tickets to Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Tigers games; a two-night stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island; a Crystal Mountain weekend getaway; golf packages; Amazon gift cards; tickets to the Henry Ford, Detroit Symphony Orchestra and “Nutcracker” ballet; helicopter and riverboat rides; restaurant gift

certificates; and more.

Check out the more than 200 items or make a cash donation at [www.BiddingForGood.com/braillebooks](http://www.BiddingForGood.com/braillebooks).

“We have an amazing variety of items and we’ll continue to add more leading up to and even after the auction opens,” said Karen Smith, Seedlings’ community outreach manager. “Everyone should find something they want to bid on.”

Seedlings hopes to raise \$15,000 for 1,500 braille books for blind and visually impaired children.

“Blind children are at a disadvantage when it comes to learning to read,” Seedlings foun-

*“We have an amazing variety of items and we’ll continue to add more leading up to and even after the auction opens. Everyone should find something they want to bid on.”*

**KAREN SMITH**, Seedlings’ community outreach manager

der/director Debra Bonde said. “For every 100 books a sighted child might have, a blind child might have only five because braille books are scarce and often expensive.”

Seedlings gives half of its books away for free and the other half are sold for an average of only \$10 a book.

Braille literacy is key to a life of independence and opportunity, accord-

ing to the National Federation of the Blind. Children fluent in braille have an 80-percent chance of being gainfully employed as adults, compared to only a 20-percent chance if they are not.

“Literacy is just as important for blind children as it is for sighted children,” Bonde said. “Yet because braille books are rare and expensive, sometimes

costing more than \$100 each, blind children have less opportunity to hone their reading skills. Seedlings’ free and low-cost books help to give blind children the chance to become fluent braille readers, which they need for success in school and life.”

Other great auction items include tickets to the 2018 Detroit Grand Prix, an overnight stay at Whitefish Point, a baseball signed by Detroit Tigers infielder Ian Kinsler, lunch with WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) anchor Carolyn Clifford, a VIP tour of Leader Dogs for the Blind, tickets to Pictured Rocks Cruises, a family

pass to Huckleberry Railroad and Crossroads Village, Zingerman’s and Cherry Republic gift baskets, passes to the Frederik Meijer Gardens and spots on the Wheelhouse Detroit Bike Tour.

Seedlings’ supporters nationwide will also find wonderful deals at [www.BiddingForGood.com/braillebooks](http://www.BiddingForGood.com/braillebooks), including tickets to the Toledo Zoo and Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. Gift cards are also available for chain restaurants and national retailers.

For more information, contact Smith at 734-427-8552, ext. 301, or seedlink7@ameritech.net

## HORSE

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“We loved Kensington and we loved Berwyck,” she said. “That’s how it came about. The club was closed for three years prior to me purchasing it. It was a foreclosure, so she was pretty rough and needed work. We’ve put in a tremendous amount of sweat equity into this place.”

The Westland native is an avid trail rider who keeps horses and donkeys at her home — dubbed the “half-assed ranch” — a few minutes drive from the club. She started riding as an adult “just to get into a new hobby.”

“I’m a huge animal person. My donkeys are rescues and I had a rescue horse that passed away this spring,” she said. “We’ve had huge

adoption events here for cats and dogs. We did five dogs at one of our events, which I thought was amazing.”

**Equestrian market**

Perushak’s real estate agent, Nichole McCaig of Visible Homes, is marketing Berwyck nationwide and says equestrian properties typically sell in six months to a year.

“They take longer to sell because people aren’t actively searching and then they’ve got to get their ducks in a row to properly buy a facility like this. Not everyone has the cash to come in and buy it outright,” she said.

McCaig, who specializes in equestrian properties and luxury estates, services areas within a two-hour drive from Ann Arbor. Most of her horse property transactions this year have been in southeast Michigan. She’s on track to com-

plete 20 equestrian property deals this year, which she says is “a lot.” Her equestrian and rural listings have attracted local, out-of-state and Chinese buyers.

“A property like this is very rare, because it’s a facility. Right now, there are 250-300 (equestrian) properties on MLS (multi-listing service). That includes hobby farms and equestrian estates,” McCaig said.

McCaig listed Berwyck on MLS, but also is reaching out to the equestrian market through other means, such as horse-related websites.

“Someone buying a farm such as this might not be out there looking on the MLS,” she said. “So you have to catch their eye and show them this property is available. We recently sold one in Highland Township and the lady literally lived down the road from the

property. We just happened to catch her through our marketing.”

Some sellers are reluctant to advertise their address, market nationwide or permit McCaig to conduct a “full on” marketing campaign because they fear they’ll lose clients to other boarding facilities.

Perushak said she hasn’t lost any clients, but added “no one wants me to sell it.”

**One sauna, 43 stalls**

The clubhouse, which McCaig says sets Berwyck apart from other boarding and training facilities, includes two locker rooms, a sauna, a full kitchen, lounge area with television, pool table and foosball. Members can watch the daily parade of horses being led to and from their paddocks just outside the club. A window in the lounge area gives them a view into one of two heat-

ed barns on the property.

The barns, with a total 43 stalls and tack lockers, grooming stalls, a wash rack, office, hay loft, storage area and restrooms, are accessible from outdoors or the clubhouse.

The heated indoor riding arena is connected to the barns through a corridor. It includes an elevated observation area, outfitted with tables and chairs.

The outdoor arena is equipped with hurdles for jumping and lighting for night riding.

Perushak rents out the single-family ranch-style home and a duplex that are located along Berwyck Drive on the facility’s property. A workshop shed separates the two buildings.

Berwyck’s horse paddocks are down the road from the club and situated behind some of the homes on Berwyck Drive. The subdivision’s

bridle path separates backyards from the paddocks.

“The bridle trail is owned by the homeowners association. I own the paddocks,” Perushak said.

“It’s a little complicated as far as the trail and paddocks, explaining what goes with what,” McCaig said, “but that’s what makes this property unique and a possible draw for people.”

Riders have access to the subdivision trail, paths in adjacent Kensington Metropark and nearby Proud Lake State Recreation Area.

“There really isn’t another Berwyck,” McCaig said. “In the horse world, you can just say Berwyck to people and they know exactly what you’re talking about.”

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## LETTERS

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what makes Novi so special, but all the work, time, and dedication it took our Mayor behind the scenes is not something we should take for granted.

Gatt’s focus and leadership has lead to making Novi a premier city within metro Detroit. When he began as our mayor, he had a vision and the dedication to accomplish a simple goal: to make Novi better for its citizens. As we all know, that is a typical tagline you’ll see on the brochures for other mayoral candidates this election season. What makes Mayor Gatt different? Simple, it’s not a tagline. It’s his proven record.

Mayor Gatt has my vote on Nov. 7, and I hope he has yours, too.

**Jonathan Montville**  
Novi

Novi News announcing hearings for Monday, Oct. 23, to establish two “Industrial Development Districts and consideration of an industrial facilities exemption under P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended.” The description of the properties is strictly the “legal” TIN (Tax Identification Numbers and letters) like those found on our tax bills for our homes. For one, it says it is somewhere on 14 Mile Road. The other is at 39600 Lewis Drive. There are no descriptions of the types of industries existing on these properties nor are there names and addresses of the owners. This obfuscation is intentional. The result of this process is that two more friends of the ruling city council majority will have their property taxes either reduced or eliminated. These property owners will still expect city services like police and fire protec-

tion, road maintenance and water and sewer services. They just won’t pay for it. All city residents will pay their taxes. Most businesses will pay their taxes, but those favored by the council majority will not.

I have spoken to Gatt and the city council about the unfairness of these tax abatement schemes before. Here’s the kicker on this one: one of the petitioners is listed as Granite REIT America, Inc. My research on the web found that this is a division of a Canadian real estate investment trust. Not only do we have to worry about a Canadian oil company polluting our great lakes, or another Canadian company shipping Toronto garbage into our state, we now have a Canadian real estate investment trust not wanting to pay Novi taxes.

**John A. Kuenzel**  
Novi

**Opposes Novi tax abatements**

All residents in Novi pay property taxes on their homes. If for some reason, I had political connections in our city that allowed me to escape paying my property taxes or perhaps to pay only just a part of them, all other residents would say that’s unfair. They would be right.

All industrial and business properties in Novi also have property taxes which are assessed on their properties. Some of these industries and businesses have political connections with Mayor Bob Gatt and his ruling majority on the Novi City Council. As a result of that, some of them have been able to pay either reduced property taxes or no property taxes through tax abatement schemes (examples: Hilton Hotel and the Suburban Collection Showplace).

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Kourtney Stanton (right) and her mom, Maureen Rice of Canton, shop from Trades of Hope's Melissa Patchett. BRAD KADRICH

## Panel: Education is the key to stopping human trafficking

Brad Kadrich  
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Todd Mutchler had a fairly dire warning for the audience gathered Oct. 18 for the annual meeting of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

Mutchler, former public safety director in Canton who now holds the same job in Northville Township, was one of the featured speakers in a panel on human trafficking at the meeting.

"The reality of what's going on, even in our area, is very unsettling," Mutchler told the audience. "You are not going to sleep well tonight, I guarantee you."

Mutchler was part of the three-person panel to talk about human trafficking, a form of modern slavery that experts call the second-largest criminal enterprise in the country, behind only the sale of drugs.

### Expert panel

Others on the panel included Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington, who was appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission, and Angela Aufdemberge, CEO of Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights, the state's only residential treatment facility for victims of human trafficking.

Aufdemberge said panels like the one sponsored by Giving Hope are critical in raising awareness of the problem, particularly locally. Many people, she said, believe it's a crime that happens "somewhere else," but points to events such as the North American International Auto Show in downtown Detroit as prime targets for human trafficking.

"Most people think it happens to foreign-born children and children who are here illegally," Aufdemberge said. "But there are 200,000 American kids estimated to be victimized by trafficking daily."

Here are some of the statistics Mutchler was talking about when he said audience members wouldn't sleep well:

- » According to Aufdemberge, some \$32 billion in revenue is generated annually by human trafficking.

- » Some 50 percent of kids victimized by human trafficking are trafficked by a family member, often, Aufdemberge said, as young as 5 years old.

- » Human trafficking is actually an "umbrella" term, but can be divided into categories. Some 70



Angela Aufdemberge, president/CEO of Vista Maria, takes questions from the audience. BRAD KADRICH

percent of human trafficking is sex trafficking, while 17 percent is labor.

- » The average length of time a victim is trafficked is seven years.

- » Some 87 percent of victims are female.

### Set priorities

Most of that information comes as no surprise to Maureen Rice of Canton. She spends a good deal of time educating herself on the problem of human trafficking. She has dozens of movies on the subject, many of which she shares with her daughter.

When Rice heard Giving Hope was hosting a panel discussion on the topic, she felt like she had to be in the audience.

"It's a huge problem and I'm so happy they're addressing it," Rice said. "When I found out the speaker was going to talk about it, I was so happy. It's such a big problem."

Her daughter, Kourtney Stanton, watches the videos with her mother because she knows, at 21 years old, that she's in the prime age for predators.

"I'm at an age where you need to be aware of what's going on around you," Stanton said. "I don't ever want to be in that situation, so I try to stay educated."

Tiderington, Plymouth Township police chief since November 2001, spent more than 20 years with the police department in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he helped lead the charge to create a special investigations division to fight human trafficking and educate the public.

He's still trying to do that with the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission.

"One of (the commission's) biggest goals is making the public aware of what's happening,"

Tiderington said. "Once you understand it, maybe you'll get serious about solving it."

Government and law enforcement agencies have put emphasis on the problem in the last few years. Mutchler said Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette "made it a priority" in 2011.

Since then, Aufdemberge pointed out, the state has passed 21 bills aimed at stemming the tide. Those laws, she said, included a "safe harbor" and treatment laws. Now, victims under 18 can be mandated for treatment.

The three panelists agree perpetrators are getting much more sophisticated in their approach, with much of the recruiting being done online now. Their typical targets are often kids ages 9-14 with low self-esteem and frequent internet and social media use.

### Fighting the boogeyman

They offer money and flattery, engage in sexualized games and use force or threats. And, according to Aufdemberge, a single predator might be recruiting as many as 100 kids at a time.

It's the same kind of recruiting predators used to do in neighborhood parks and the like. Nowadays, the danger is much more omnipresent.

"It used to be you'd go to the park and make sure the boogeyman didn't come near your kids," Tiderington said. "Now, the boogeyman is coming into your living room while your kid is sitting right next to you on the couch."

There are all sorts of organizations trying to help with the education effort. Several, including

the Michigan Abolitionist Project, were on hand for the Giving Hope event.

Since 2012, the group has presented to dozens of organizations and been a catalyst for collaboration among advocates and stakeholders addressing human trafficking in Michigan.

"Since our mission is all about awareness and prevention, discussions like this one are why we're here," said Shelby McClain, MAP's community development director. "It gets people talking about it. We partner with people to be able to apply something they're passionate about in applicable ways to do something about it."

There are plenty of signs law enforcement officials are making strides. Just this week, in a nationwide crackdown, officials arrested some 120 suspected traffickers and rescued 84 minors, according to an announcement from the FBI and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

A dozen of those victims rescued were Michigan juveniles, as were at least eight of the pimps. Local arrests have been made in Wayne, Canton and Plymouth Township.

But Tiderington warned that arrests aren't going to end the problem. Eternal vigilance, keeping on eye on what your kids are doing, looking for suspicious circumstances and getting educated are going to be more effective.

"This is a problem we're not going to be able to arrest our way out of," Tiderington said. "The only way we're going to make any progress is to educate the public. We're not going to solve this problem until we get serious about what it is."

That's where forums like the one hosted by Giving Hope come in, said Mutchler, who initiated a Response to Hate Crimes Coalition while with the Canton police.

"The education awareness occurring in this state is top-notch," he said. "We're going to stop this in its tracks."

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# Company warned to halt 'misleading' water claims

Darrell Clem  
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Accused of using scare tactics to make money, a Missouri company has been ordered by the Great Lakes Water Authority to stop sending alarming mailers that warned Michigan residents they could be exposed to "harmful contaminants" in their tap water.

Randal Brown, GLWA general counsel, warned in a letter to Water Services, LLC, that a lawsuit would be filed unless the company agreed to "immediately cease and desist" attempts to sell water purification systems by raising unfounded fears about GLWA's water quality.

GLWA has 3.8 million customers in Michigan.

"Customers served by this utility should not be deceived through the false and misleading statements contained in your advertisements into believing that the water supplied by GLWA is harmful and they must act immediately to safeguard themselves from being overly exposed to harmful contaminants found in tap water," Brown wrote in his Sept. 19 letter.

Brown demanded a response within seven days and said he has been assured by Water Services, LLC, of St. Peters, Mo., that no more mailers would be sent.

"I believe they took the letter seriously and that this is resolved," he said Oct. 5 by telephone.

The letter also was sent to The Kangen Water Store, LLC, of St. Charles, Mo., which is listed by the Missouri Secretary of State as the company's owner, and an affiliate, H2O Revolution Trio, of Ulysses, Kan. Brown warned officials with those companies also would be named in any potential lawsuit.

A man from The Kangen Water Store told Hometown Life in August that the company was merely trying to sell products and it's up to potential customers whether they want to buy anything. He refused to give his name.

An attempt was made by Hometown Life to reach Water Services, LLC, directly in August. A woman who answered the call said she would ask a company representative to call back, but no one did.

Brown said 1,000 mailers including "false, misleading and disparaging comments" about GLWA's water

supply were sent to Michigan residents in 195 communities, mostly in southeast Michigan. Many, but not all, are GLWA customers.

Communities receiving the mailers include Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Novi, Northville, South Lyon, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills, Milford, Redford, Wayne, Detroit and numerous others.

The mailers advised residents to call a toll-free number within 72 hours to avoid potential health threats from "harmful contaminants." The company was trying to sell water purification systems.

The mailers riled GLWA, which strongly defended its water quality.

"Here at GLWA, we believe that our water is reliably safe and of unquestionable quality," Brown said by phone. "Anyone that challenges that, we take issue with."

In his letter, Brown said GLWA "meets and surpasses" industry standards. He advised Water Services, LLC, that the authority's water quality team "continually conducts all required state and federal testing and and all test results have met the state of Michigan and Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Act regulatory standards."

Canton Public Works Director Bob Belair has said Water Services, LLC, was "using fear as a sales tactic" to sell products local residents don't need. He said one inquiry to the company indicated the products were being sold for \$1,500 to \$5,000, with payment plans offered.

Brown's letter warned Water Services, LLC, that its mailers may violate federal and state laws, including the Michigan Consumer Protection Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act. He wrote that the mailer would be referred to the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

"While GLWA sees no reason why this matter cannot be resolved short of litigation," Brown wrote, "please understand that GLWA is obligated to, and will, protect our reputation for providing drinking water of unquestionable quality."

"GLWA will also protect the consuming public from confusion," he wrote.

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Mailings warned Michigan residents they could have "harmful contaminants" in their water, drawing the ire of the Great Lakes Water Authority. CANTON TOWNSHIP



# Synchronized swimmers defy age, stereotypes

‘Like running a marathon holding your breath’

**Tim Smith**  
hometownlife.com

Synchronized swimming is no joke, according to members of the Schoolcraft College-based Michigan Synchro Masters.

And don’t be swayed by the “Saturday Night Live” mid-1980s comedy skit about synchronized swimming featuring Martin Short and Harry Shearer, which still gets plenty of hits on YouTube.

All you have to do to gain new-found appreciation for the sport is watch a group of middle-aged women practice intricate moves under and above the water, in perfect unison — well, most of the time.

Still think it’s not serious stuff after that? Didn’t think so.

“You have to be a pretty good swimmer and you have to be really very dedicated, because it’s a difficult sport,” Michigan Synchro Masters coach Joyce Lindeman said. “Much of it is done underwater and they need to have good breath control, which we practice.

“Each person needs to learn how to do some of the beginning elements first, which might be a ballet leg and then move on to double ballet legs, and then into far more difficult routines.”

### No easy task

Laura Perlowski, 57, of Livonia said synchronized swimming is “fun choreography” with friends on one level.

But on another “it is like running a marathon while holding your breath and making it look easy,” Perlowski said.

“You run out of air,” she said. “You’re using muscles you’ve never used before and you’re trying to do half of it upside down while you’re turning at the same time. It’s very hard.”

Carrie Tleczek of Garden City shook her head when asked about any misconceptions about synchro.

“I think they think it’s not athletic,” Tleczek said. “On the surface, it looks like we’re having a fabulous time. But if you go underneath and watch what’s going on, I think it will impress people.

“Because we don’t stand on the bottom. When we lift people, no one’s on the bottom heave-hoing people. ... You have to put art and creativity into it, you have to have expression and make contact with the judges and the audience to make it fun, so that they participate with you.”

But Perlowski, Tleczek and their teammates, who are ages 54-74 and live all across metro Detroit, can’t get enough of the sport and, in fact, will be competing Oct. 19-22 at the U.S. Championships in Clermont, Fla.

“We usually have about 350 competitors (from around the United States) at this meet,” Lindeman said. “We have people swimming in age groups (in increments of 10 years, up to 90- to 100-year-old division), in solo, duet, trio and team events. ... There’s also a technical routine with elements, like figure skating.”

### Athletic and artistic

Lindeman said synchronized swimming also has something in common with gymnastics.

“We have gotten more and more toward that (gymnastics), a lot of lifts in the water, a lot of



Michigan Synchro Masters coach Joyce Lindeman offers a critique to the team. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

throws,” said Lindeman, who helped launch synchronized swimming at Redford Thurston during the 1960s. “And our national teams will do five or six lifts and throws.

“These ladies usually maybe do one or two lifts in the whole routine. You can’t touch the bottom. That’s a penalty point.”

There are 15 Michigan Synchro Masters team members and three coaches, with the performers divided into either grand masters or masters.

“The grand masters have achieved a higher score somewhere in their earlier life,” Lindeman said. “(The divisions) allow them not to have to compete against people who maybe never did any synchronized swimming.”

Tleczek is one of the grand masters, joined by Bridget Deska and Scotti Nichols (Livonia), Peggy Brady (Beverly Hills), Rhonda Shnerpunas (Plymouth Township) and Robin Wagner (Novi).

On masters are Perlowski, Mary Frances Saenz (Livonia), Marie Lamberg (Livonia), Gail Scherer (Plymouth), Sandy Allen (Westland), Beth Borland (Bloomfield Hills), Doreen Durandetto and Barb Hayes (Northville).

“These ladies are professionals in some way or another,” Lindeman said. “We’ve got lawyers and engineers, executive directors, office managers, paralegals, educators.”

### Food for thought

They drove earlier this week to Clermont (20 miles west of Orlando) and will rent two houses.

Preparing meals will be team cook and grand masters alternate Maureen Kelly of Beverly Hills, who also happens to be an assistant coach, along with Livonia’s Pat Poirier.

“I plan our meals and plan everything for us on our trip,” Kelly said. “I can’t say we don’t go to restaurants, but we very seldom do. It’s a lot cheaper for our team to eat as a team and it’s also a lot healthier to bring our own food and we can control our calories.”

During a recent practice at Schoolcraft, Kelly filmed the women using an iPad; the tool is used to help spot any flaws in their routines and correct them before the U.S. Championships.

“I’m watching arm and leg movements to make sure they’re synchronized,” Kelly said.

“Mostly it’s patterns. You can really tell when a swimmer’s getting tired.”

The former Maureen McMurray went to Royal Oak Kimball and swam with the Michigan Aquarius team, a longtime competitor of Michigan Synchro Masters (launched during the 1970s as a Garden City Parks and Recreation offering, with swims at Garden City East).

She joined Lindeman’s group about 15 years ago.

“I love the sport and I love this team,” Kelly said. “It’s great; we have a lot of fun. We all get along really well, we all support each other in our other life activities.

“We watched our kids grow up together, get married. It’s just been great.”

Shnerpunas said the physical demands of synchronized swimming might be surprising to some, especially when she can refer to her water resistant TomTom watch.

“My daughter bought me this TomTom, it counts laps as I’m swimming,” Shnerpunas said. “We (go) to the Livonia Rec Center for two hours on Sunday mornings. The movement I’ve had, I’ve acquired over 100 laps each and every time.

“There are routines that are normally four laps, but the amount of energy I’m expelling is equal to 32 laps of actual swimming. So synchronized swimming is much harder, much more difficult, than regular speed swimming.”

Several team members can laugh about younger days when they worked as mermaids at Weeki Wachee Springs, a tourist attraction in Florida.

One of Weeki Wachee’s 1970s-era performers is Dona Olson of Livonia.

The 1971 Redford Union grad is part of the group, but not competing this season. Years later, Olson and others don’t wear fish tails or other bubbly costumes, but they love coming to the pool just the same.

“It’s great exercise, it’s great camaraderie,” Olson said with a grin. “The girls are wonderful. It is hard, but it’s great exercise.”

### Staying power

Having already demonstrated admirable longevity, there’s no telling how long Michigan Synchro Masters might continue.

After all, members already shown amazing

longevity as a group. There are six “originals” going back to the Garden City days in the 1970s, including Shnerpunas.

“The core group was started by our original coach Shirley Burlingame, who saw many of the moms sitting in the bleachers during practices and said, ‘You guys need to get in and participate,’” Shnerpunas said. “That’s how the masters group was formed. It originally was our moms.”

Nichols — whose name was Hoag during her school days — also

has stuck with the program through the decades, as have Tleczek (Swartz), Lamberg (Neu) and Poirier.

“We just transitioned into it (over the years),” Nichols said. “So now it’s more fun. It’s more relaxed and we have a lot of friends we meet from around the country.

“You’re swimming with music, so it’s like dance in the water. You have counts, you got to do things on them, but it’s fun.”

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# Fundraiser celebrates work of CARE House

**Diane K. Bert**  
Correspondent

Amber Stack, chair of the Board of Directors of CARE House of Oakland County, welcomed guests at the organization's major fundraiser recently by saying, "This is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of CARE House" and to raise funds for the work which remains unfinished.

"Without your support, there would be no forensic interviews or crisis counseling for suspected abuse victims," Stack said. "There would be no free trauma-focused treatment options for families. No consistent support for kids in foster care, no in-home services for infants and toddlers and no training for the people supposed to report suspected abuse."

The festive fundraiser was held at the Townsend Hotel, with a cocktail hour social to begin the evening.

"The crowd was upbeat and animated, people were laughing and talking," guest Carol Pyke said. "You could feel the energy of the crowd. Waiters circulated

ed with delicious hors d'oeuvres."

The staff of CARE House greeted the guests, took coats and answered questions about CARE House. Monica Gayle, co-anchor for WJBK-TV (Channel 2), was emcee for the evening. Her commentary and introductions helped make the event flow well.

As the 315 guests entered the dining room, they were immediately impressed with the beautiful flower arrangements on each table and the lovely place settings. Large-screen TVs were on the walls, conveying information about CARE House.

Marla Feldman, Lisa MacDonald and Lisa Payne co-chaired the event.

"This is the 40th anniversary of CARE House providing child victims with the support, treatment and healing needed to reclaim their lives after being abused," said Blythe Spitzbergen, president and CEO. "Currently, one child in 10 is sexually abused before age 18. It shouldn't hurt to be a child."

The wait staff served the salad course first and



Dave and Kappy Trott were honored for their long support of CARE House.

then the delicious steak and shrimp main course. Dessert was a molten lava cake with vanilla ice cream and a tuile cookie.

With the funds raised at the event, the plan is to launch an increased prevention initiative to help break the cycle of abuse. Included in this plan are teaching children how to protect themselves, teaching parents to teach their children and training teachers to recognize signs of abuse.

Alicia Boler-Davis is a board member of CARE House and a vice president of General Motors. She received a round of applause after announcing, "I have seen CARE House change lives. General Motors has donated money to support the Early Head Start Program, which is managed by CARE House." This program provides support for young parents who are at risk.

A new award was established this year, named for Patricia R. Rosen, who provided outstanding leadership for CARE House for 13 years. Payne gave stirring

tributes to David and Kappy Trott and presented them with the award in recognition of their 20 years of support of CARE House. This support included financial donations and leadership. Kappy Trott served as board president. Both are passionate supporters.

"My heart is in prevention," Kappy Trott said.

One of the popular items in the fundraising auction was a Trott-sponsored behind the scenes visit to the House of Representatives in Washington, lunch in the members' dining room with U.S. Rep. Dave Trott and a flag which flew over the Capitol. The successful bidder bid \$4,000 for this adventure. It was exciting when a second bidder matched the bid.

A variety of worldwide travel destinations awaited the winners of the 52 Card Raffle. From St. Andrew's in Scotland to Kenya and Sydney, Australia, the guests who purchased a card for \$100 had opportunities to win if their card was drawn. Other auction adventures were subject to animated bidding as bidders held

up their paddles. Auctioneer Dan Stahl kept the bidding lively and exciting.

Many corporate sponsors donated funds to support CARE House. These funds, along with the auction funds, donations and the tickets for the evening, resulted in more than \$427,000 in proceeds to support the programs of CARE House.

The annual impact of the programs in 2016 included 108 babies and children from low-income families served, 2,842 hours of individual therapy for child victims of abuse, 84 children in foster care who benefited from CASA services, 3,836 adults and children who participated in prevention training and 852 children who received forensic interviews. These services were rendered by highly skilled CARE House staff members.

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# 'Calendar Girls' actors actually did make a calendar

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Maggie Gilkes and her husband Dave have been married for 44 years.

So when Maggie, a 65-year-old actress with the Farmington Players, agreed to strip down to her bare essentials and participate in a calendar to coincide with the troupe's production of "Calendar Girls," it didn't register much with Dave.

"He's never surprised at anything I do," Maggie said with a chuckle about Dave, himself a past president of the Farmington Players.

Maggie was one of several folks associated with the production to pose for the calendar, proceeds from the sale of which are being donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. It's a calendar similar to the one put together by the women celebrated in the movie "Calendar Girls," which starred Helen Mirren.

When "Calendar Girls" popped up on the 2017-18 production calendar for the Farmington Players, director Nancy Cooper thought making a calendar of their own seemed like a natural idea.

After talking with fellow Farmington Player member Maureen



Farmington Players member Kandi Krumins, Dara Blaty, Ellen Doman and Deborah Anderson hit the right notes during the calendar shoot. PAUL MANOIAN | [HTTP://WWW.PAULMANOIAN.COM/](http://WWW.PAULMANOIAN.COM/)

Mansfield, the group decided to go ahead with the idea.

"We began talking back and forth about how fun it would be to actually make a calendar in connection with the show and the idea grew from there," Cooper said. "I asked that the show be placed first in the season, so we could sell a

2018 calendar that people could really use."

Cooper said she was pretty sure the six main women in the play would be willing to pose and another six actors joined in, along with nine people from the production staff. Livonia photographer Paul Manorian agreed to chip in his photographic services,

Cooper drew up storyboards for each shot and the group did the shoot in one evening.

"They took off their clothes and put on big smiles for charity that night and the whole thing took less than two hours," Cooper said. "At first, everyone was pretty nervous about the nudity, but soon they

realized it's more about not actually revealing anything and everyone just had fun."

Cooper contacted the folks at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, who greeted the calendar idea with enthusiasm. The society could use the money; according to information supplied by the society to Cooper, the

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society:

» Spent \$2.2 million for patient aid and travel assistance for 956 patients.

» Invested \$43 million in what the society called "cutting-edge" research.

» Pointed out that 1.2 million Americans are living with a blood cancer, that someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer every three minutes and that someone dies every nine minutes from a blood cancer.

Gilkes said she, too, was nervous at first, but then adopted a "what the heck" attitude, because the cause was absolutely worth it. Gilkes's aunt died last week and the family had been looking for ways to donate to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

"I knew the calendar was going to sell and the money was going for a good cause," Gilkes said. "It's an ongoing charity that does really good work. It's a win-win."

The calendars have been sold at intermission and after the shows, so as not to spoil the "big reveal" in the play's first act.

"The calendar is very well-done," Cooper said. "We are all incredibly proud of it."

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An overhead view of Brookside Terrace taken by a drone. The project broke ground in early October. ALDEN DEVELOPMENT GROUP

# \$80 million condo project springs to life in Birmingham

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Location, luxury and lots of money are the key components in the \$80 million Brookside Terrace development going up on North Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham.

The five-story building overlooks the Rouge River and will include 28 condominium units that start at \$1.7 million – or north of \$875 per square foot. Developer Matt Shiffman said there's nothing comparable in the Michigan marketplace in terms of price and polish.

"I think we tested the boundaries within the real estate market in Michigan when we broke through a glass ceiling from a price-per-square-foot basis," he said about the project. "Overall, we've pre-sold 50 percent of the building. The results we're getting at this level, with steel just going up two weeks ago, is unheard of."

Each unit is a white box finish, allowing purchasers to customize the interior to their personal tastes. Amenities include a full-time concierge staff, private fitness center, valet service, two

levels of underground parking and a 24-hour doorman. The building also includes some first-floor retail space.

"It's what you might see in a high-end luxury hotel," he said.

While there's no shortage of million-dollar condos in the Birmingham market, Shiffman said his project stands out because of the scenic location and high-quality building materials, ranging from a limestone exterior to leather-upholstered walls. Empty-nesters ready to downsize and enjoy a more urbanized setting are the primary market.

"If you look at the amenities, the actual construction methods and the finish level within the space, it would mirror the highest-level condominium, mid-rise to high-rise projects you find in New York, San Francisco or Miami," he said. "And the view is magical, I don't know how it could be replicated in this area. It's a very special piece of ground."

It's also a good investment: the median sales price for condominium units in Oakland County was \$162,500 in January 2017, per Real-

comp's MLS database. Compare that to five years ago, in January 2012, when the median sales price was \$71,650. The median sales price for a condominium unit in Birmingham was \$328,000 in September.

Christopher Longe is project architect for Brookside, while Frank Rewold & Son is construction manager. Thomas Sebold & Associates is interior finish contractor and Howard Fingeroot with Pinnacle Homes is a partner in the development.

Shiffman anticipates finishing the structure in the spring. Individual units will be finished shortly thereafter, with move-in dates scheduled for fall 2018.

His company, Alden Development Group LLC, also purchased the former Peabody's restaurant site on Woodward Avenue. Plans are in the works to redevelop the site as a five-story mixed-use building that will include retail and office space, along with 10-12 penthouse apartment units.

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# Six questions with a man who makes bumblebee jewelry

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**1. Who are you and what do you do?**  
Richard Grinstein, owner and goldsmith at Grinstein Jewelry & Design in downtown Birmingham.

**2. What is the Help the Hives Tasting Event?**  
Grinstein: The Help the Hives Tasting Event is a way to introduce the public to the bee jewelry we are selling but, more importantly, it is to introduce the public to Detroit Hives and other organizations who are helping to save the honey bees. We will be donating 30 percent of the retail sales of our bee design to Detroit Hives so we can sponsor a hive of our own. We will have local vendors of mead and honey with products available to sample.

**3. How did you become interested in making bumble bee jewelry?**  
Grinstein: The first bee pendant that I made was a commission. I had a client who loved everything Napoleonic and was fascinated with the history of Napoleon and Josephine. The bee was a symbol used throughout their empire and I fell in love with the imagery.

**4. What's the price range on the bumble bee jewelry?**  
Grinstein: The price range is \$30 to \$900 and the pieces are available as earrings and pendants in



Bumble bee jewelry designed by Richard Grinstein. GRINSTEIN JEWELRY & DESIGN

bronze, sterling silver, rose, yellow and white gold.

**5. How did you start out in the jewelry business?**

Grinstein: I've loved jewelry since I was a child and had a strong interest in gemstones. I learned to cut stones as a teenager and began experimenting with sterling silver. Mostly self-taught, over the years I was fortunate to meet people who shared their knowledge with me. I've had a shop in Birmingham since 1976 and have been at my current location since 1999.

**6. Coolest piece of jewelry you ever designed?**

Grinstein: There are a number of different aspects to making jewelry that I find gratifying.

One is working closely with people who have jewelry they inherited that is very meaningful to them. Whenever I can, I remake the jewelry without melting it down — retaining something of its original form or surface.

I also love to create pieces that are personally expressive and reflect a sense of place and time. The best example of that is piece I made called "Moonlight on Snow," made of blackened steel, platinum, 24k gold, with a large and very beautiful Akoya pearl. It conveyed the sense of looking out at a mountainous snow-covered landscape on a moonlit night.

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# Plymouth Uptown Players fall season set to open

The Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater Program will open its fall 2017 season with 35 local youth actors participating in the 12-week program. A third performance was also added this December to accommodate past sell-out audiences at Tipping Point Theatre in Northville.

Plymouth Uptown Players is a cooperative program between Tipping Point Theatre in Northville and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Rehearsals are held each Sunday evening at the PCAC in Plymouth, with dress rehearsals and performances on the professional stage at TPT.



A cast photo from "Porridge," PUPS spring 2017 musical at Tipping Point Theatre in Northville.

This December, 35 local actors, ages 7-13, will perform the classic play "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, adapted by Sonja Marquis. Performances will be 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8; 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9; and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. PUPS family tickets will be available Nov. 5, with public ticket sales through the PCAC after Nov. 28. All seats are \$6.

"Our cooperative program with Tipping Point Theater has been amazing," said Lisa Howard, PCAC executive director. "Artistic director James Kuhl and I share a common philosophy about the program: that it be an

actor-centered program that develops young people into confident students while providing a team/cast environment of peers with common interests. Tipping Point is top-notch, with actors and staff that support our youth endeavors alongside their adult program. Our current director, Sonja Marquis, has been associated with both TPT as an actress and PCAC as a theater director, for over four years."

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. A full schedule of classes, exhibits, school break workshops and art lectures can be found at [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com).

## RCOC seeks part-time snow plow drivers for winter season

The Road Commission for Oakland County is still seeking to hire approximately 36 part-time snow plow drivers to augment its full-time staff for the winter this year.

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three days per week and will be on call throughout the winter for day, night and weekend work as needed. Every attempt is made to establish consistent work schedules as work will also be completed when the need for snow removal is not present.

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It's more of a crayon-breaking than a groundbreaking, but there is less mud. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# DCD breaks ground on ‘transformational’ renovation

**Brad Kadrich**  
hometownlife.com

Ainsley Shilling thinks the move by Detroit Country Day School officials to renovate and expand the middle school is a great idea.

Since Ainsley is an eighth-grader at the middle school, she should know.

Ainsley and dozens of other students, family, supporters and school officials were on hand Oct. 17 when DCDS broke ground on the first phase of a \$30 million program school officials call an “extraordinary multi-

year, multi-campus project” designed to “transform the student experience.”

The first phase is a \$14 million renovation of the middle school. Currently housing sixth- through eighth-graders, the school will add a fifth grade when renovations are complete, expected in summer 2018.

“I think it’s really cool,” Ainsley said. “(Fifth-graders) have been in junior school a really long time and it’ll be nice to expand it. If they can move the (fifth-graders) into the middle school, it will make it

easier for them to interact with each other.”

The renovations will include dedicated classrooms for each middle school teacher, create space for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) for project-based learning, feature an instrumental music room with practice and storage space, create new cafeteria space, secure outdoor play areas and incorporate newly renovated science labs and collaboration space for unique interactive programs such as LEGO League, robotics and Science

Olympiad.

Additional project highlights include expanded academic classrooms, a film studio at the Upper School and specially designed arts spaces.

Ainsley’s grandfather, DCDS Headmaster Glen Shilling, thinks it’s cool, too.

“We need more room,” he said, pointing out the middle school is at capacity. “We need more teaching and learning space so we can do the things a 21st century learning environment deserves. It’s time to prepare for the next 25 years.”

DCD Middle School Director Julie Bianchi

has a hard time finding words to express her delight at the coming renovations.

“Middle school is a time of big changes,” Bianchi said. “It’s difficult to articulate how thrilled I am about all the possibilities coming to our students.”

Funded through the school’s VIVID capital campaign, the \$30 million planned project will ultimately include renovating the existing middle school on Hillview Lane, built in 1991 and last updated in 2015, and developing a state-of-the-art campus to house preschool through fourth-grade students at the

current Lower School location on Maple Road.

Jonathan Boos, who co-chaired the campaign, knows first-hand how the renovations will affect the educational environment. His two children are DCDS graduates.

“DCD has built a reputation as an aggressive leader in ... developing well-rounded students,” Boos said. “It’s critical we build on our foundation to remain a leader in education. The investment is significant. The success of VIVID will be measured in our ability to engage with everyone.”

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**  
**NOVEMBER 7, 2017 SPECIAL ELECTION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Public Accuracy Test for the November 7, 2017 Special Election is scheduled for **Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 3 p.m.** in the lobby of Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the Election count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

The public is welcome and invited to attend.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.  
Clerk

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**Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, and Case No. 17-05-0556P.** The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at [www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe), or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627)

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**SYNOPSIS**  
**October 12, 2017 – SPECIAL MEETING**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**DATE:** Thursday, October 12, 2017

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** 44405 Six Mile Road

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor  
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk  
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer  
Mindy Herrmann, Trustee

Richard Allen, Trustee  
Symantha Heath, Trustee  
Fred Shadko, Trustee

**EXCUSED:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- Public Hearing:**
  - A. Public Hearing for Proposed 2018 Budget – Opened at 6:04 p.m.
    - The proposed budget was presented and discussed.
- Brief Public Comments:** None
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
- ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available October 24, 2017.

**Respectfully submitted:**  
**Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.**

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# Day of the Morgan event scheduled for Oct. 28

The American Morgan Horse Association will present a nationwide promotional event, The Day of the Morgan, set for Saturday, Oct. 28. That day, 100 Morgan horse farms, barns and training stables will open their doors to the public

in an effort to introduce as many people as possible to the wonderful breed in an up-close and personal way. Local barns taking part in this event include: » Showcase Stables, 7447 Pontiac Trail, Northville (contact Mike Slom-

kowski at 248-756-0393) » Twin Elm Training, 8671 Currie Road, Northville (contact Bobbie Jo Jaakkola at 248-697-6503) » Century Oaks Farm, 3920 Old Plank Road, Milford (contact Muriel Herrick at 248-685-0818) Times and locations

can be found at <https://www.easymapmaker.com/map/bf5a4b902100ee777917d05aalc3caca> Riding and driving demonstrations will be on the agenda at many of the open barns. Others will offer carriage rides and some may even have

short test rides and a photo opportunity on a horse available. Most of all, it will be an opportunity to meet and learn about Morgan horses and how they can enrich your life. More information is available by contacting

the American Morgan Horse Association: Sandy Sessink, event coordinator, at 248-207-4956 or [oldorchsandy@aol.com](mailto:oldorchsandy@aol.com) or Carrie Mortensen, executive director, at 802-985-4944 or [execdir@morganhorse.com](mailto:execdir@morganhorse.com).

# Fall is prime time for children’s illnesses

Susan Peck  
Correspondent

As autumn ushers in colorful leaves and crisper temperatures, it’s also the time of year when certain illnesses begin to peak — especially in children.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, pediatric upper respiratory illnesses increase during the colder months and can range from the common cold to more serious conditions involving infections of the tonsils and adenoids, the tissue located in the back of the nose.

“We do see an increase of infections like tonsillitis and adenoiditis that cause fever, sore throat, swollen glands, facial pain and nasal drainage,” said Dr. Bart Dickson of Southfield-based Ear, Nose & Throat Consultants. “Most of these infections are caused by viruses that don’t respond to antibiotics, so common treatment is over-the-counter analgesics (ibuprofen and acetaminophen) and fluids. If the infections become chronic or recurrent, we look to other solutions such as tonsils and adenoids removal.”

Tonsillectomy (and typically a simultaneous adenoidectomy) is the third most common surgery performed on children in the U.S., with 530,000 procedures done each year. “Tonsil and adenoid problems typically require surgery for these three reasons: frequent infections, hypertrophy (large size) that becomes obstructive and abscesses,” Dickson said.

“We have a major concern about the obstruction caused by enlarged tonsils and adenoids because, left untreated, it can lead to childhood obstructive sleep apnea,” said Dr. Jeffrey Weingarten of Ear, Nose & Throat Consultants. Children with OSA briefly stop breathing during sleep and lose oxygen. Their bodies react by partially waking up to jump-start the breathing process and they generally snore loudly.

OSA can affect the child’s overall health, causing sleep deprivation, memory loss, en-



Dr. Jeffrey Weingarten consults with a patient.

uresis (bed-wetting), growth delay, cognitive and social development issues. There are also behavioral problems that tend to arise because of the lack of restful sleep. “The lowered oxygen levels and constant night awakenings leave children tired and cranky,” Dickson said. “In fact, some children with OSA are misdiagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, since many of the symptoms — distractability, excessive fidgeting, aggression and irritability — are so similar. In these cases, tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy are often the cure.”

## Deciding to have surgery

How do you know when your child is a candidate for a tonsillectomy and/or adenoidectomy? According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, some of the general guidelines for removal of tonsils and adenoids are as follows: » In the case of recurrent infections: If your child experiences five to seven tonsillitis infections in one year with fevers more than 101°F; 90 days of persistent tonsillitis; or four culture-documented strep tonsillitis infections in one

year. » In the case of obstruction caused by enlarged tonsils and adenoids: If your child experiences loud snoring on a regular basis; obstructive sleep apnea; frequent throat infections; dysphagia (difficulty swallowing from large tonsils); mouth breathing; hyponasality (stuffy nose sounding speech). » And surgery is also recommended if children have recurrent middle-ear infections, mononucleosis or similar illnesses — particularly if they don’t respond well to antibiotics. “The tonsil-adenoidectomy

is often done at an ambulatory surgery center or a hospital as an outpatient and requires about 45 minutes of general anesthesia,” Dickson said. “After surgery, pain can be anything from mild to more severe, but with today’s more advanced pain medications, the discomfort is more manageable.” One thing hasn’t changed when it comes to tonsil-adenoidectomy surgery. “We still recommend lots of ice cream after the procedure,” Dickson said. “We like the throat to stay moist for healing, so be prepared to push liquids, jello, frozen

drinks, milkshakes — the more the better.” A tonsillectomy is considered extremely safe but, like all surgeries, involves risks. But when done with careful consideration, it can be the answer to your child’s better health. Said Dickson: “I see it time and time again — parents tell me that the children undergoing these procedures have a dramatic improvement in their health and behavior. That, in turn, has a positive effect on the entire family.” For more information, go to [www.entforyou.com](http://www.entforyou.com).

# Bouchard announces Treats for Troops candy collection

For parents looking for an alternative to their children consuming excessive amounts of candy at Halloween while engaging in a service project with their children, the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office is accepting Halloween candy as part of its eighth annual Treats for Troops col-

lection to send thanks, encouragement and sweets to troops overseas. Sheriff Michael Bouchard also encourages parents and children wishing to participate to include notes (thank you, holiday, etc.) to the troops with the donation. “Treats for Troops is a

great way parents can participate in a community service project with their kids while showing our troops we support them back home,” Bouchard said. Halloween candy (individually wrapped, no chocolate) may be dropped off at any of the sheriff’s office substations listed. Schools wishing to do candy collection with students may do so. Please designate one volunteer to bring collected candy to sheriff’s headquarters in Pontiac no later than 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. Individuals wishing to donate can do so from Wednesday, Nov. 1,

through Friday, Nov. 3, at: » Headquarters, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 38E, Pontiac » Brandon Township Substation, 15 South St., Ortonville » Commerce Township Substation, 2401 Glengary, Commerce » Highland Township Substation, 165 N. John St., Highland » Independence Township Substation, 6560 Citation Drive, Independence » Orion Township Substation, 2525 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion » Oxford Township Substation, 310 Dunlap Road, Oxford

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS  
HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS**

The Charter Township of Northville is hereby giving notice that Halloween “Trick or Treat Hours” will be held on

**Tuesday , OCTOBER 31, 2017**

**BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 P.M. & 8:00 P.M.**

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

# Floyd puts Madonna on national map

Franklin High School grad named NAIA Runner of the Week twice

Brad Emons  
hometownlife.com

He may stand only 5 feet, 4 inches tall and tip the scales barely at 100 pounds, but there's no runner in college cross country who carries his weight better than Madonna University's Tony Floyd.

The Westland native and 2016 Livonia Franklin High grad continues to rewrite the record book in only his second season with the Crusaders.

Floyd recently earned unprecedented back-to-back NAIA National Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week honors as well as being named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Runner of the Week three times already this season.

At the Bethel College Invitational on Oct. 6 in South Bend, Ind., Floyd topped the field of 178 with a first-place 8-kilometer time of 25:18.

The previous week at the Greater Louisville Cross Country Classic 8K Blue race, Floyd won in 24:54, a time that not only led the NCAA III/NAIA section of the race, but bested all runners in the field, which included NCAA Division I and II programs.

"It was kind of a surprise," Floyd said. "I liked the course at Louisville. I knew the race that we were in that I'd be in the top half in a majority of the meet. But as the race continued, I noticed how people were getting tired and dropping back and, by the end, there were only a few of us in the front and I knew that I had a shot to win it. It was pretty warm."

Floyd is already way ahead of schedule following last year's stellar freshman cross country season, when he captured the 10K WHAC championship (25:40.1), followed by an 11th-place fin-



Madonna University's Tony Floyd, a Livonia Franklin grad, has been named NAIA National Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week two straight weeks. MADONNA ATHLETICS

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PREP FOOTBALL



Canton's Nick Polydoros is brought down by Churchill's Michael Parrish (20). BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Canton grinds out 35-21 win to capture KLAA title

Tim Smith  
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Veteran Canton football coach Tim Baechler knew all too well what kind of damage Livonia Churchill quarterback Drew Alsobrooks could inflict with his left arm if given the chance.

With the Kensington Lakes Activities Association title on the line Friday, Alsobrooks did put a dent in the Chiefs. He did so particularly with a 37-yard touchdown toss on fourth down to senior receiver Martell Dooley deep in the Canton end zone to put the Chargers up 21-20 in the third quarter.

But Canton's trademark power running game kept Alsobrooks and the Churchill off the field for long stretches and the Chiefs took advantage of a couple of turnovers in the fourth quarter to post a 35-21 victory for the coveted KLAA trophy.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# CC's Magni stands test of time during stellar career

In his 53rd season at helm, Shamrocks' coach proves to be more than a mentor

Brad Emons  
hometownlife.com

For Tony Magni, it's more about the race than the finish.

In the midst of his 53rd year of coaching high school cross country, including the last 45 at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High, the 71-year-old Magni continues to age like the fine wine he often brews himself at his West Bloomfield home.

His accomplishments since he took over the CC cross country program are numerous — six Michigan High School Athletic Association class or division state championships (most among active Division 1 boys coaches), two state runner-up and 20 top 10 finishes, not to mention 17 regional titles and 26 Catholic League crowns.

He has an .890 dual meet winning percentage (170-20) and has produced 38 different all-state individual performances, including Class A team race winners Joe Leo (1995), who took fifth in the National Foot Locker Championship, and Mike Mittman (1992).

Only Kalamazoo Central's A.E. Stoddard (1926-46) has won more large school MHSAA state titles (eight) in the

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Catholic Central's Tony Magni (middle), in his 53rd season, is coaching his grand-nephews Brandon Peck (left) and Alex Connell. BRAD EMONS

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PREP FOOTBALL

# It's a first: East downs rival South Lyon, 34-27

**Brad Emons**  
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It took 10 tries, but South Lyon East has football bragging rights for the next year.

After an unseasonably mild Friday, the Cougars are no longer considered the new kid on the block as they upended rival South Lyon on its home turf, 34-27.

“Tonight was by far the biggest win probably in the history of South Lyon East football,” coach Joe Pesci said. “To come out on top against a crosstown rival was great. It was extra-special to finish 4-5, because our program had never won four games in a season. They’ve won five (2012), but after that’s been zero, one, two or three.”

East took a 34-14 lead in the third quarter thanks to a 21-yard hook-and-ladder play from quarterback Chris Kaminski to Alex Donaldson to Jake Waranauckas. The score was set up by a Kaminski interception.

The Cougars then held off a late rally by South Lyon, which got a 4-yard touchdown run from Will Kelley late in the third quarter, followed by a



It's off to the races for South Lyon East's Jake Waranauckas as Ian Goins (left) and Ben Buchler give chase. JERRY REA

68-yard scoring pass from quarterback Conner Fracassi to Ian Goins in the fourth to close the gap to seven, 34-27.

And with three minutes to go the Lions (1-8) had a second-and-one at the 40 and were knocking on the door once again.

“We fought back and battled back,” South Lyon coach Jeff Henson said, “and we had the momentum.”

But an errant snap from center sailed 10 yards over Fracassi’s head to force the Lions

into third-and-11, which led to Nick Helfrich's second sack of the night. The Lions were then unable to convert on fourth down.

“That was the game,” Henson said. “I give (East) a lot credit. They played well tonight. They executed on both sides of the ball and did a nice job. I just think it just goes back to them executing better than we did. On offense, they were able to run their stuff and we weren’t able to hang with them. They

were just the better team tonight.”

East jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter on a 6-yard TD run by Waranauckas, who led the Cougars with 72 yards rushing on 22 carries. The Cougars missed the extra-point attempt.

Fracassi, who was 13-of-20 passing for 265 yards, then connected with Ron Menard on a 59-yard TD pass early in the second quarter. Will Kelley ran for the two-pointer to put the Lions ahead, 8-6.

In the second quarter, East got a 2-yard TD run from Waranauckas, a two-point conversion run by Donovan Wright and a Kaminski 9-yard scoring pass to Wright, followed by Dom Angelosanto's PAT, to make it 21-8.

Fracassi responded by hitting Goins on a 13-yard TD pass late in the second to make it a 21-14 deficit at halftime after the Lions were unable to convert the two-pointer.

Wright's 7-yard TD run in the third quarter put East back up 27-14 and it went ahead 34-14 after the hook-and-ladder TD play.

That proved to be enough. South Lyon had the edge both in yards

total offense (336-285) and in first downs (16-13), but East came away with the victory.

“Our talk all week was about that we needed to play for 48 minutes and just to execute,” Pesci said. “That’s kind of been the Achilles heel throughout the season, is not executing for four quarters. I thought, offensively, we did a pretty good job of that. We ran into a couple of series where we struggled – credit Jeff (Henson) and what he did defensively.”

Defensively, Terry Day sparked the Cougars with seven solo tackles and four assists. Jon Carter contributed six solo, while Colt Kovach added four solo and three assists.

Logan Suriano also came up with a key first-half interception.

“We had the two picks and it created short fields for us,” Pesci said. “We were able to hit a little hook-and-ladder type play after Kaminski's interception. That was extremely big for us. But for the most part, we were in the right spot against the run. Defensively, we gave up way too many big plays in the passing game.”

Leading receivers for South Lyon included Goins (four catches, 106 yards), Brenden Lach (five catches, 68 yards) and Menard (two catches, 77 yards).

“Our quarterback did a nice job,” Henson said of Fracassi. “A lot times, it was in scramble situations where he eluded and got out of the pocket and found guys wide open down the field.”

Top tacklers for South Lyon were Ben Buchler (five solo, five assists) and Michael Dancer (four solo, three assists).

East, meanwhile, played error-free football for the most part, but that wasn't the case for the Lions.

“The two turnovers really hurt us and it kind of snowballed from there,” Henson said.

The two teams first met in 2008 and South Lyon won that encounter, 67-18. The Lions had also won the past two meetings, 52-7 and 40-0.

But that all changed as the Cougars earned the historic win.

“It's just a great, great night for East,” Pesci said.

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Franklin steams into postseason following 35-21 victory

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Isaac Moore ran for 251 yards and four touchdowns, but how about a little love for that Livonia Franklin offensive line, too?

The 6-foot, 210-pound senior running back racked up 220 of those yards to go along with four touchdowns in the opening half as Franklin built a 35-7 lead before going on to a 35-21 victory Friday at home against rival Livonia Stevenson.



Franklin running back Isaac Moore (left) breaks free from Stevenson tackler Scott Rushlow. NANCY ERWIN

Isaac ran like a monster. It was awesome.”

Moore had 21 first-half carries, averaging just over 10 yards per attempt.

“We were able to make a couple of adjustments in the way we were blocking things and it freed him up,” Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. “Once he gets past the line of scrimmage it’s pretty hard ... you’re going to have to take a shot to bring him down.

We were able to spring him, which allowed us to do some good things.”

The back-breaker came with just four seconds left in the first half, when Franklin sophomore quarterback Jacob Kelbert hit Julius Simmons out of the backfield for a 15-yard TD to make it 35-7.

“The last one there and a couple of turnovers inside the 20 didn’t help,” Stevenson coach Randy Micallef said. “It seemed like we couldn’t get out of our own way at times.”

Prior to the Kelbert to Simmons TD, officials

called two facemask penalties along with a pass interference violation against the Spartans.

“It was a rough way to start the game being down like that,” Micallef said. “We got a good special teams play, but it just seemed like they had the ball the entire half and we couldn’t get anything going offensively. And it was a frustrating half. There were a number of penalties, some things that we don’t normally do.”

Here are four other takeaways:

**TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE**

Stevenson outscored Franklin 14-0 in the second half and held Moore to 26 yards on 10 carries over the final two quarters, but the damage had already been done.

“We went over some of our assignments and our alignments,” Micallef said. “The first half, they got us a few times where we were out of position and he’s a very good running back and, when you do that with a kid like that, he can be dangerous.”

Stevenson QB Parker Graham threw second-half TD passes of 39 and 16 yards to Dunn, who finished the night with a game-best seven catches

for 124 yards. The Spartans also recovered an onside kick in the final minute, but simply ran out of time.

**BIG-PLAY DEFENSE**

The Patriots held Stevenson to 106 yards rushing and intercepted Parker, who was 13-of-29 passing for 181 yards, three times.

Keion Harris came up with two interceptions, while Cal Fournier ended the game with an INT.

“That was huge,” Kelbert said. “The defense has been playing really well all year long and they continued to play well tonight.”

**PLAYOFF MOMENTUM**

The Patriots, who won their fifth straight, finished with 352 yards total offense as Kelbert was an effective 7-of-9 passing for 64 yards.

“It was us just being comfortable, I think,” Mass said. “The first game, there’s all those first game pregame nerves and stuff coming into the first. But we knew what we had and we knew we were getting better the whole year coming into this one. And we knew this would be one of our best ones. Granted, the second half wasn’t as strong as we wanted it to be, but the first half is where we

want to be at all times.”

**SERIES NUMBERS**

Franklin snapped a four-game losing streak against the Spartans dating back to the 2013 season.

“Super-proud of the way we came out and played,” Kelbert said. “We were really hungry for this one after the early loss to them. We challenged the kids all week. They really came out and really played hard.”

It was the 49th meeting between the two schools, with Stevenson now leading the series, 30-19.

“Just super-proud of the way they stayed together,” Kelbert added. “They kept doing what we wanted them to do all year. It didn’t come easy at all. We had a lot of close games and we’re super-young. We’ve got a lot of young kids. And even the seniors that do play didn’t have a whole lot of experience coming in. It took us a little while, but the credit goes to the kids. They work hard every day. They come and they do what they need to do. They never give up on us and that’s a big thing for us.”

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PREP FOOTBALL

# DeLaSalle quarterback shreds CC defense in Prep Bowl final, 35-14

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Warren DeLaSalle quarterback Luke Pfromm made Detroit's Ford Field his own personal playground Saturday.

The 6-foot-6, 225-pound signal-caller completed 9-of-14 passes for 320 yards and four touchdowns as the Pilots captured the Catholic League A-B Division football championship with a convincing 35-14 win over Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

“It’s awesome,” Pfromm said. “Our home field, Wayne State, is pretty nice, but this is next level. It’s great and I love it. We had a great team effort from every-



Catholic Central's Zack Peterson (middle) and Parker Bohland (left) team up to make the tackle on DeLaSalle's Evan Vaillancourt. SCOTT CONFER

body. We need everybody to keep going and, right now, we’re feeling pretty

good.

Catholic Central (5-4) scored the game’s first

and the last touchdowns, but it was all DeLaSalle in between as the Pilots (7-2) scored 35 straight points to beat the Shamrocks for the second week in a row after a 20-6 win the previous week at Wayne State.

Pfromm, also a basketball player, is an under-the-radar college prospect who hadn’t played football since his freshman year.

He not only has the size, but also the mobility and arm strength of an NFL quarterback like Ben Roethlisberger and it was no more evident than when he threw TD

passes of 57 and 56 yards to Jacob Badalamenti, as well as 16-yarder to Evan Vaillancourt and a 75-yarder to Joshua DeBerry.

Vaillancourt also ran 6 yards for a TD in second quarter as DeLaSalle built a 21-7 halftime advantage.

“We had to open up the playbook a little bit,” Pfromm said. “Two weeks in a row against the same team, we kind of had to get a little creative and spread them out a little bit.”

In the third quarter alone, he used all of his talented weaponry, going 4-of-4 passing for 181 yards as the Pilots built a 35-7 lead.

“My receivers are great,” Pfromm said.

“They’re great athletes, great friends, so we’ve got some chemistry. They’re smart receivers. They get open, so it’s easy to find them.”

CC scored on its first possession, capped by junior quarterback Marco Genrich’s 2-yard keeper with 7:37 left in the opening quarter. But the Shamrocks were sporadic the rest of the night offensively as DeLaSalle held them to 199 total yards.

“I guess we didn’t perform as well as I thought we had to,” first-year CC coach Dan Anderson said. “They were beating us up front. There’s not a whole lot you can do.”

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**BIRMINGHAM COUNTY DAY 66, MELVINDALE AB&T 0:** The Yellowjackets wrapped up the season Friday with a 4-5 mark after routing Melvindale AB&T. Isaiah Johnson led Country Day's many contributors by scoring on a 31-yard run and a 35-yard punt return. Other Yellowjackets scorers included Terrell Payne (55-yard run), Anthony Ammori (11-yard run), Josh Winowich (25-yard run), Ryan Loft (20-yard run), Sajjan Desai (48-yard run), Kolin Demens (25-yard interception return), Darrin King (40-yard interception return) and Mike O'Brien (34-yard field goal). Defensively, Shane Miller had nine tackles while Johnson added five.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD 42, EVEREST COLLEGIATE 7:** Quarterback Trevor McConnell passed for three touchdowns Friday for the host Cranes (8-1). Cranbrook scored touchdowns on four of its first five possessions to take a 28-7 halftime lead, then added single scores in the third and fourth quarters, respectively. McConnell opened the touchdown parade with an 11-yard scoring pass to Murari Nelluri. Pierson Cooke followed with the first of his seven extra-point kicks for a 7-0 lead. McConnell then threw a 72-yard TD pass to Kobi Russell, and Tariq Muhammed added a 31-yard touchdown run for a 21-0 advantage after one quarter. Aaron Wiggins' 7-yard scoring dash made it 28-0, before Everest scored its only TD, on a 14-yard Josh Leggett-to-Nino Mastromatteo pass. McConnell added a 4-yard touchdown toss to Jack Fairman in the third quarter, then Marquis Stokes closed the scoring on a 9-yard run in the final period. McConnell finished 10-for-13 passing for 179 yards. Russell caught two passes for 82 yards and Torrell Williams grabbed three receptions for 49 yards. Muhamad ran just six times but produced 72 yards to lead Cranbrook's ground attack. Connor Toomey had six tackles to spearhead the Cranes' defense. Fairman added four tackles, including a sack, and Williams had 2.5 tackles plus an interception. Cranbrook will play host to 5-4 Madison Heights Lamphere in a Division 4 district contest this weekend.

**CLARKSTON 23, FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 12:** The Hawks struck fast and led 12-0 in the opening quarter, but they couldn't score again and fell to the host Wolves. Roderick Heard got things going on Harrison's first play from scrimmage, scoring on an 80-yard run. After a three-and-out by Clarkston, Heard capped an 11-play, 69-yard march with a 2-yard TD dive. The Wolves responded in the second quarter with a



Garden City's Emad Rehman intercepts a pass with help of teammate David McDaniel as North Farmington's Rofeal Miller (left) looks on. TOM BEAUDOIN



Garden City QB Cameron Walter (left) eludes North Farmington's Chris Covington. TOM BEAUDOIN

1-yard touchdown by Josh Cantu and a 15-yard interception return by Zach Scott. Clarkston's Jermaine Roemer added three field goals to produce the final margin. Harrison finished the regular season 6-3 and will begin Division 3 state playoff action this weekend, at Warren Fitzgerald (7-2).

**GARDEN CITY 19, NORTH FARMINGTON 9:** Both teams wrapped up their seasons Friday, with the host Cougars prevailing. Garden City ends the year 3-6, while the Raiders had to settle for a 1-8 campaign.

**FARMINGTON 47, DETROIT EDISON 0:** The Falcons concluded their season on a winning note Friday. Kendall Williams sparked Farmington's offense with 195 yards on 15 rushes and scored two touchdowns. Oscar Glenn ran eight times for 60 yards and another two scores, while Chandler Coultrip was 5-of-8 passing for 82 yards and one TD. Farmington finishes the year 3-6.

**LAKE ORION 45, BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM 7:** The Maples ended a 1-8 season with a loss Friday. Senior running back Nick Lang scored Seaholm's lone touchdown, on a 27-yard dash. Dylan Frank scored three touchdowns for the Dragons, including an 85-yard run.

**MILFORD 27, WATERFORD KETTERING 14:** Aiden Warzecha's 40-yard touchdown run Friday helped the host Mavericks. Milford finishes the season 2-7.

**PLYMOUTH 46, HARTLAND 38:** Logan Walkley and Nick Downs contributed three touchdowns apiece to help the host Wildcats win a seesaw shootout Friday. Walkley scored on a 29-yard run in the first quarter, and then added a pair of 5-yard TD runs in the second and third quarters, respectively. Downs threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Mike Mathias in the opening quarter, and scored on a pair of 1-yard sneaks in the second half. Mathias scored Plymouth's final touchdown, on a 41-yard run late in the contest. The Wildcats grabbed an early 13-0 advantage and led 19-14 with four seconds remaining in the half. But the game took a stunning turn when Cade Ahlijian's 29-yard field goal try was blocked and Hartland's Josh Call returned it for a touchdown, to take a 20-19 edge into halftime. The lead changed hands five times in the second half, as the teams alternated touchdowns. Downs' final TD, with 5:43 left in the game, plus the third of Ahlijian's four extra-point kicks gave Plymouth a 39-35 lead. Mathias's TD run made it 46-35, before Hartland added a late field goal. Plymouth out-gained Hartland 557-278. Walkley ran 17 times for 185 yards, Mathias gained 162 yards on 14 carries, and Carson Miller added 151 yards on 30 rushes. For Hartland, Collin Arnold completed 13 of 25 passes for 230 yards and two touchdowns.

Jake Moyer and Tommy Lapin caught the TD passes. Lapin also ran nine times for 64 yards and two scores. Defensively, Nathan Janke had eight solo tackles plus two assists for the Wildcats. Ashten LeBeau contributed six solo stops, including two tackles for loss, while Kyle Petruski and Ivan Davis had 1.5 sacks apiece. Plymouth ends the season 4-5 overall.

**PLYMOUTH SALEM 40, NORTHVILLE 27:** The visiting Rocks outgained Northville 493-235 and forced four turnovers Friday. Nevertheless, the game remained close most of the way, with Salem taking a 27-20 lead into the fourth quarter, before outscoring the Mustangs 13-7 over the final 12 minutes. Andrew Davis led Salem's ground game with 26 carries for 265 yards and four touchdowns. Dual-threat quarterback Ryan Young was a sharp 12-for-14 passing for 140 yards and a touchdown, and added 65 rush yards on 15 carries. Parker Selby caught eight passes for 88 yards while Sean McCormack grabbed a 28-yard TD pass. For Northville, Abe Koury ran 10 times for 58 yards, including a 9-yard scoring run. Christian Williams completed 10-of-18 passes for 178 yards. Nicholas Prystash caught six passes for 94 yards, with a 44-yard touchdown catch, while Jon Michalak grabbed three passes for 50 yards. Defensively, Selby had five tackles – including two for loss, with one sack – plus one interception. Dez Dewberry contributed two fumble recoveries and two tackles for loss, with one sack, and McCormack added five tackles. Josh Gilmore booted a pair of field goals to become Salem's all-time leader, with seven three-pointers, all coming this season. Williams, Khoury and Novan Fernandez had seven solo stops apiece for the Mustangs, while Jordan Grewe scored on an 19-yard interception return. The victory made the Rocks playoff-eligible at 5-4. Their reward is a Division 1 district game this

weekend at Belleville (9-0). This will be Salem's first playoff appearance since 1991.

**REDFORD THURSTON 23, NEW BOSTON HURON 17:** The Eagles overcame a 14-0 deficit to clinch a state playoff berth Friday. Two blocked Thurston punts – the first resulting in a touchdown, and the second setting up a short scoring drive – created the two-touchdown hole. Jayshawn Adams brought Thurston back in the second quarter, with a 37-yard touchdown run plus a 99-yard kickoff return for another score, which sent the Chiefs into halftime with a slim 17-15 edge. Demetrius Dowd's 37-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, followed by a two-point conversion, put Thurston on top to stay. The Eagles will travel to Romulus for a Division 3 district game this weekend. Both teams are 6-3 overall.

**RIVERVIEW 49, REDFORD UNION 7:** The visiting Panthers (3-6) dropped their final game of the season Friday as Thorton Cain rushed for 122 yards and had the only TD on an 85-yard kickoff return. Isaac Grant added 79 yards on 17 carries, while Kenny Perry had a team-high 11 tackles for RU.

**RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD 44, LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 16:** The visiting Trojans fell behind 28-3 at halftime on the way to their eighth loss of the season – against one victory – in Friday's loss to Gabriel Richard (8-1).

**WEST BLOOMFIELD 49, BIRMINGHAM GROVES 26:** Lakers quarterback Bryce Veasley was too much for the visiting Falcons on Friday, as he threw for three touchdowns and ran for another three. Colby Taylor had touchdown runs of 75 and 15 yards for Groves, while Khalil Dawsey scored on an interception return. Both teams finished the regular season 7-2. Groves opens Division 2 state playoff action by playing host to Birmingham Brother Rice (6-3) this weekend.

**WESTLAND JOHN**

**GLENN 34, NOVI 27:** The visiting Wildcats led 20-17 after three quarters Friday, but the Rockets posted three straight fourth-quarter scores and held on to win. Glenn boosts its final record to 2-7 overall, 1-5 in the KLAAs Gold Division. Novi finished 3-6, 2-4 in the KLAAs Black. Glenn began its comeback by tying the game on Chase Kersten's 28-yard field goal with 9:48 remaining. Two plays later, Hunter Cichocki forced a fumble that Glenn's Zuriel Debose recovered at the Novi 36. Chad Stevens then took immediate advantage of the mistake by firing a 36-yard touchdown pass to Matt Nutt. Novi's next possession produced the same result, as Dushon Faison forced a fumble that Kersten pounced on at the Wildcats' 43. This time the Rockets required seven plays to score, on Faison's 2-yard run. Kersten added his fourth extra point for a 34-20 lead. Novi turned the tables in the final minutes when Kyle Heslop forced a fumble that Chad Howell returned 20 yards for a touchdown. Blake King's third extra point made it a one-score game, before Glenn ran out all but 12 seconds on the clock to secure the victory. Faison led Glenn's ground game with 151 yards on 23 carries and two touchdowns. Stevens completed 10 of 18 passes for 170 yards and two TDs. Corey Williams was his favorite target, with eight catches for 137 yards and one touchdown. Kersten contributed a pair of field goals. For the Wildcats, Kyle Klosterman ran 23 times for 234 yards and two scores. King added two field goals. On the other side of the ball, Dubose paced the Rockets with 11 solo tackles and four assists, with three tackles for loss. Cichocki contributed eight solo stops and six assists. Jason Jennings had four solo hits and five assists for Novi.

**WHITE LAKE LAKELAND 30, WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 22:** The visiting Eagles never trailed Friday, but they didn't put Northern away until Joe Rzeppa's interception in the final minute. The victory sends Lakeland, 6-2, into the state Division 1 playoffs, where the Eagles will play host to Walled Lake Central (5-4) this weekend. Northern finished 5-4, but did not make the playoffs. Robbie Tracy opened the scoring with a 5-yard TD run. Leo Skupin added a 30-yard field goal to send Lakeland into halftime with a 10-2 lead. Dakota Myers scored on a 3-yard carry and Lakeland entered the final period with a 16-9 advantage. In the fourth quarter, Justin Smith crossed the goal line on a 1-yard quarterback sneak and Sean Cullen added a 53-yard touchdown run. Brandon Shelby tossed two touchdown passes for Northern, 29 yards to Jake Haver and 25 yards to Chandler Holloway. Tracy paced Lakeland's 322-yard rushing attack, running 21 times for 134 yards. Myers added 91 yards on 18 carries.

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CC got its second TD with only eight seconds left, when backup quarterback Jake Hinshaw connected with Jack Downs for a 12-yard scoring pass, but by the then the outcome had already been decided.

Here are four other takeaways:

### CRUISE CONTROL

The Pilots amassed 484 yards total offense, including 164 on the ground.

"We've got some pretty good receivers," second-year DeLaSalle coach Mike Giannone said. "Some people would say, 'How come you don't use them more?' But we've got some pretty good running backs, too. So if we mix it up and do those things ... I've talked to the offensive coordinator about that and maybe we'll make some changes."

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### IMPRESSIVE START

The Shamrocks drove the ball 71 yards on 10 plays to take an early 7-0 lead, but the Pilots didn't panic as they responded with a score of their own with 1:29 left in the opening quarter on the first of Pfromm's four TD throws.

"I trust those guys, Mike Shortt, Reuben

Simpson and Andy Crowley," Giannone said of his defensive staff. "They had some bad fits because they (CC) were running some isolation plays on us. We were just fading wrong and they shored that up a little bit and it worked."

### UNABLE TO CONVERT

Late in the second quarter, CC linebacker Matt Young picked off a Pfromm pass and returned it 23 yards to the

Pilots' 23.

But the Shamrocks were unable to capitalize as Mike McGinnity blocked Ethan Pattinson's 43-yard field-goal attempt with 50 seconds to go in the half.

CC also lost one fumble in the third quarter (recovered by Semaj Shelton) and Genrich was picked off by Vaillancourt in the fourth.

### PLAYOFF TALK

While DeLaSalle

claimed an automatic playoff bid the previous week in its win over CC, the Shamrocks have secured a spot as at-large team with a 5-4 record.

"We got a lot to correct," Anderson said. "If you're not correcting stuff, you're not playing. I got to watch the film. I know we're not moving people up front. We've got to change that."

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# CANTON

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phy. Scoring four TDs for Canton (8-1) was senior running back Colin Troup.

“We just needed to make some plays and we got some pressure when we needed to,” said Baechler, whose team now gets ready for postseason action. “We controlled the ball and tried to keep them off the field as much as possible and limit how many touches he had, their offense.”

Consider the second quarter. The Chiefs had their offense on the field at Churchill the first 11:02, but the Chargers (7-2) scored the only points during that span — on an 80-yard fumble return by junior Josh Momeyer. Following Alsobrooks’s PAT, Churchill enjoyed a 14-13 lead.

Canton’s offense got the ball back and went on a methodical 83-yard scoring drive in 14 plays, with Troup taking it in from the 3-yard line with 58 seconds to go.

Augmenting the Chiefs’ running game were some timely completions from senior quarterback Connor Engel to senior tight end Lou Baechler, with gains of 15 and 13 yards moving the chains.

### Chipping away

“Five yards a carry, that’s what we live for, and six-, seven-, eight



Canton’s Luke Jouppi (right) makes a long run for the end zone. He is trailed by Churchill’s Darrell Mason and Avery Grenier (left). BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

-minute drives,” Lou Baechler said. “Our backs ran their hearts out, our linemen blocked, we were smart about it.

“I think we broke the concrete, that’s what we were talking about the whole week. Just got to break the concrete, keep pounding, pounding, pounding and soon it will break. I think second half late, they broke. They’re a tough team.”

But Churchill hung in there and took a 21-20 lead with 9:34 left in the third quarter on the Also-brooks-to-Dooley touchdown strike.

“They walked their outside backer out on Deon (Pitchford) and he got a good shot and messed up the timing,” Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo said. “And so (Alsobrooks) went to Martell and he stepped

up and made a great play on fourth down.”

Canton still trailed by a point as the fourth quarter began, but the Chiefs put together another tried-and-true drive that paid off with Troup’s 1-yard run midway through the quarter. Engel then raced around left end for a two-point conversion and Canton enjoyed a 28-21 lead with 6:35 to go.

“Our line, best line in the state of Michigan,” Troup said. “All of those guys work hard every single day and us backs, we just try to get better for them because they’re the boys doing all the hard work and they deserve all the credit.”

Playoff-bound Churchill tried to answer and a 32-yard kickoff return by senior Tyrese Williams gave the Chargers

hope.

Then came a crucial interception by Canton senior Nick Polydoras on a ball that bounced out of the hands of a Churchill receiver.

Canton subsequently tacked on an insurance score when junior running back Luke Jouppi bounced off a couple of tacklers and broke loose for a 49-yard touchdown with 3:10 remaining.

“That was a big run,” Tim Baechler said, adding with a smile that he wished Jouppi “*wouldn’t* have scored. I just wanted to work the clock and get out of there.

“But we blocked it well and he ran it hard. He’s steadily getting better every week. It was a big game for him.”

Here are other takeaways from the game:

“Tony is a unique person in all ways,” said Miramonti, who still serves as an MHSAA race official. “Kids kind of come to him or move towards him. He’s got a cross country camp that we go to at Pinery Provincial Park in (Lambton, Ontario) Canada for two weeks, in tents. The kids who graduated 40 years ago come up to that weekend to play golf up there to see him. People gravitate towards Tony. Parents want their kids to run for him.”

After 53 years of coaching cross country, Magni has virtually seen it all, weather-wise.

“We had an invitation-al once where it just poured from the moment we got there until we left out at Holly,” he said. “But they ran, but it was just crazy. The rain was one thing. The kids were going through the mud and so on. It really got bad.”

The 1991 state finals were held at a golf course near Grand Haven and Magni remembers the adverse conditions like yesterday.

### Tough sledding

“It was maybe about 30 degrees and there was a wind chill factor,” he said. “Some of the snow was, like, little pellets of ice. It hit you in the face and hurt you. God, it was cold that day. We probably could have won that day, but Eric McKeon, my fourth man, got hurt the week before and didn’t finish the race. We were one point out of fourth, two points out of third and about 15 points out first. McKeon would have made up the difference.”

CC captured back-to-back Division 1 state titles in 2009-10. Those teams had only two runners that ran competitively before high school.

One of his former star runners, Ricky Galindo, owns the sixth fastest time in the 8K at West Point. Another runner, Andrew Garcia-Garrison, ran a 4:00.5 indoor mile at Bucknell (Pa.) University.

Magni also coached Andy Dillon, who was a state meet runner-up as a senior and graduated from CC in 1980. Dillon ran at Notre Dame and went on to become the

### TIMELY PICK

Polydoras not only contributed to the offense with some solid carries, but his interception in the fourth quarter arguably was the play of the night.

“We worked on that all week,” Polydoras said. “We knew what the play was; their guy was going to run a post route. Everyone else was covered up. I just tried to make a play on the ball, just like coach always tells me to. And it just happened to fall into my hands.”

According to coach Baechler, the pick was a “huge momentum swing-er. They were very fast, they had a lot of speed. They were giving us some issues. And then a good throw, it just bounced off their player. Sometimes, you need some luck.”

### CAN’T GET IT BACK

The Chiefs, among the top teams in Division 1, again showed they are a tough team for rivals to figure out — not to mention try to get the ball back from.

“The first quarter, we only ran five plays,” DeFillippo said. “And then when we got the fumble and the scoop and score, they went back on offense again. We had the last two plays of the half. We only ran seven plays in the first half., so that was a little bit crazy. Came out, scored, took the lead, 21-20. Going into the fourth quarter, we had the lead. It’s just

Michigan speaker of the house and state treasurer. Another former Magni pupil, Daniel P. Ryan, served on the Michigan Supreme Court.

### Lasting impact

When he was a magistrate in Redford, Dillon married Magni and Linda.

“I was more nervous than he was,” said Dillon, now executive director for Conway MacKenzie in Birmingham. “I would say after my parents, probably no one has had a bigger influence on my life than Tony Magni. He instilled a sense of core values, duty, responsibility, proper balance ... work hard, play hard. He was more than just a coach of a sport. He was a personality, character coach as well.”

Yet another former runner, Kevin Donner, has followed Magni’s path into coaching. He is cross country and track head coach at NCAA Division I Bucknell after stints at the University of Detroit, Central Michigan and St. Francis (Pa.).

“Coach Magni was the reason why I got into coaching,” said Donner, a 1980 CC grad. “I just saw how much passion he had for sports and how much he enjoyed working with young athletes and it kind of rubbed off on me. I was pretty average in high school and not one of his best runners, by any means, but he got me to love the sport of cross country and track and field. And I just couldn’t quite give it up and I’ve been doing it ever since.”

Track and cross country are often categorized as individual sports, but Magni has a made it a team sport.

“He always has big teams at CC, especially cross country,” Donner said. “From what I hear now, he gets 60-70 guys out. That’s the size of football teams. So the kids, when they go out, they really enjoy the experience. They enjoy being a part of something bigger than themselves.”

Every other year, Magni will go to Michigan or Michigan State and host a dinner for the CC running alumni that are attending those schools.

“He loves being invited to the weddings of the kids,” Wilson said. “It

hard to stop their offense.”

Williams added that the Chargers “have a really good defense, but the Canton offense is just so confusing, with all the trick plays and everything.”

### DOWN TO SIZE

With 10 teams leaving the KLA A before 2017-18, the Black Division champion Chiefs and Gold Division champ Chargers squared off for the league trophy. Going by the wayside with the downsizing were the Kensington and Lakes conferences, so Friday’s game was for all the KLA A marbles.

### FEELING PROUD

Even though his Chargers came up short in the KLA A title match-up, DeFillippo said his team — especially the seniors — have a lot to be proud about.

“Our seniors won two games their first two years,” DeFillippo said. “You know, to come as far as we did, being division champions and having the lead in the conference final in the fourth quarter says a lot about them and our program, the way we develop our kids.”

### YOUTH NIGHT

Livonia Junior Athletic League football teams, cheerleaders and pom pon girls were introduced before the game.

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# MAGNI

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open, Class A or Division 1 category.

### Retirement?

Magni, whose team is 3-1 in the Catholic League this fall and coming off a sixth-place finish last week at the Oakland County meet, hasn’t put a date on when he might retire.

“I still enjoy it,” said Magni, who remains part of the CC faculty, teaching history and physical education. “My wife (Linda) says, ‘If you enjoy it, just keep doing it.’ Plus, I have my grand-nephews here. So 2020 could be the year, but we’ll see. Somebody will say, ‘You’ll have another reason to keep going.’ I said, ‘We’ll see.’”

Coaching cross country at CC for Magni has become truly a family affair these days.

Magni’s nephew, Bruce Peck, is an assistant coach for the Shamrocks, along with Kevin Mason, Tom Kessel, Chuck Childress and Brian Wilson.

Bruce Peck’s son Brandon is a junior transfer from Grosse Pointe South who played football for four years before getting the running itch.

And Brandon’s great-uncle was the one who provided some friendly persuasion to join the cross country team this fall.

### Family ties

“First thing he said when I called him and told him I was coming, he said, ‘Are you going to run for me?’ And I was like, ‘Yes, sir,’” Brandon Peck said. “I think it’s really fun. I love it. It’s just a good family connection with all of us here.”

Alex Connell, like his cousin, is also a member of CC’s reserve team.

“It’s truly an honor to see how he is with the students and being able to run under him with the legacy that he has,” Connell said. “I mean, it’s a blessing, honestly, to be able to see him every day. As much as he does for me, too ... my whole freshman year, he drove me out here. He drove me back home. The closest word to describe him

is a saint, honestly, as much as he loves us and puts up with us as much we do and that. It’s a privilege to be running under him.”

Magni, who has been CC’s varsity track and field coach since 1979 as well, also serves as the team bus driver.

“He has been the most unselfish person with his time and with his knowledge and one of the most humble people you’d ever meet,” said Wilson, who has been an assistant under Magni since 2001. “He has all the reason in the world to be arrogant, but he’s not.”

### Helping hand

Wilson showed up one day unannounced at Magni’s office to inquire about being an assistant coach.

“He’s sort of the home for wayward coaches,” Wilson said. “I moved here from Illinois and knew of him. I walked into his office, told him I ran in college and (asked) could you use an assistant? He said, ‘Do you have shoes?’ After I said, ‘yes,’ he said, ‘Be here at 2:45 tomorrow.’ And for anyone who has all the reason in the world to say, ‘Hey, I don’t need any help, I don’t need any assistants, I don’t want anyone messing up my formula,’ he opens his doors. He cares about every single kid on the team.”

Magni was born in Cebirano, Italy. He came to this country at age 8. His mother was a U.S. citizen by birth.

“Obviously, my dad couldn’t make it with five children in Italy, so since she was a U.S. citizen by birth, we got to come,” Magni said. “My dad had a sister here. We stayed with her for a while and that was it, basically. My oldest brother came by himself first. Then, my mother and sister came because we couldn’t all do it at once, because it was too much money. Then my dad and I, my sister and brother-in-law, all came, the four of us. We landed from New York on the boat, then took a train and we were here. We were one of the last ones to come through Ellis Island, in 1954 or so.”

Magni graduated from Detroit St. Anthony High School, which was locat-

ed on the east side at Gratiot and East Grand Boulevard, where he ran under Lou Miramonti, who was also his JV football coach. During Magni’s senior year, St. Anthony started a cross country team.

### Top miler

“He was the first one at St. Anthony to break five minutes in the mile,” Miramonti said. “We weren’t real strong then, but after he did that, we had some really good runners come after him, so he kind of led the way. He was really the first good distance runner to come out at St. Anthony’s.”

Magni graduated from the University of Detroit and learned through the school newspaper that Grosse Pointe St. Paul’s needed a track coach. He applied and got the position in 1966.

Magni still remembers his first meet as a cross country coach.

“We were running against Ann Arbor St. Thomas,” he said. “We went one-two-three. And the coach at (Birmingham) Brother Rice at the time was a brother and he says, ‘If you go one-two-three, you can’t lose.’ And I said, ‘Really?’ And I didn’t know that. I didn’t know it was automatic if you went one-two-three and you can’t lose and we went one-two-three. That was our first victory.”

Magni also coached at Orchard Lake St. Mary’s before landing in 1973 at CC, where he co-coached with the Rev. Ken McKernan, who then took a year off to take a sabbatical leave as a teacher in France.

Magni’s JV teams at CC had outperformed the varsity squad, so McKernan stepped aside in 1975.

“He came to my grade school where I was teaching and he wanted to know if I wanted the job,” Magni said.

### First season

In his first season, CC upstaged Miramonti’s Class B state champion Royal Oak Shrine team to win the first of his 26 Catholic League titles.

Magni went on to have some great battles during the 1970s and 1980s with his former high school coach.

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PREP ROUNDUP

Coaches and team representatives are invited to send game information and story tips to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com. Game information will be accepted up to 24 hours after the game ends.

**Boys soccer**  
**DETROIT CC 1, NOVI 0 (2 OTs):** Ryan Pierson scored the game-winning goal in the second overtime to lead Novi Detroit Catholic Central (16-2-4) to the MHSAA Division 1 district title against the Wildcats (10-5-5) in the final Oct. 20 at Livonia Stevenson. David Turner drew the assist as the Shamrocks advanced to the regional at Novi's Meadows Stadium against Detroit Western International. Novi senior Joshua Brucker, filling in for the injured starter Luke McDonald, turned in a stellar performance in defeat.  
**DETROIT CC 9, OAK PARK 0:** Drake Midgley scored a hat trick and Ryan Pierson added a pair of goals as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (15-2-4) cruised in a Division 1 district semifinal match Oct. 18 at Livonia Stevenson. All nine CC goals came during the opening half as John Willemssen, Noah VanHook, Ben Kirouac and Nicholas Ibegbu also found the back of the net. Goalkeeper Kevin Blossfeld posted the shutout.  
**DETROIT CC 3, NORTH FARMINGTON 0:** In a first-round district 8 matchup Oct. 16, host Novi Detroit Catholic



Catholic Central's Ryan Pierson scores the game-winning goal in the second OT to beat goalie Joshua Brucker (right) and Novi in the Division 1 district final at Stevenson. SCOTT CONFER

Central (14-2-4) blanked the Raiders (9-5-5) as Ryan Pierson scored on a penalty kick to go along with goal by Blake DeFilippo. The Shamrocks' other tally was an own goal, which proved to be the game-winner. Goalkeepers Kevin Blossfeld (one save) and Andrew NicholSEN (two saves) combined for the shut-

out.  
**FRANKLIN ROAD 5, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 3:** On Oct. 16, Jake Schinzing notched a hat trick as Novi Franklin Road Christian (8-9) downed the host Eagles (5-11-2) to advance to the semifinals of the Division 4 district 57 tourney. Dawson Cleminte and Blake Johnson also

scored for the Warriors, who had split the two previous meetings this season against Southfield Christian. The Eagles, who trailed 3-2 at half-time, got goals from Jack Ross and Jon Sullivan and tied in the second half before Schinzing tallied what proved to be the game-winner on a penalty kick. Goalie Jack

Hensley then off the Eagles the rest of the way.  
**Volleyball**  
**REDFORD UNION 3, ROMULUS 2:** On Oct. 19, the host Panthers improved to 8-1 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference and clinched a share of the title with a win over the Eagles,

22-25, 25-19, 23-25, 25-20, 18-16. RU got outstanding play from setter Haley Hebner, along with attackers Jakyla Jackson, Kiara Sharps, Bria White and Caitlyn Kenney. Backrow defense was provided by Lindsey Pfirrmann and Maggie Osowski.  
**CLARENCEVILLE 3, ROBICHAUD 0:** Cassidy Galvin served 10 aces to go along with four kills and five digs as Livonia Clarenceville (7-13-2, 5-4) cruised to a 25-18, 25-12, 25-10 WWAC triumph Oct. 19 at Dearborn Heights Robichaud. Other top performers for the Trojans included setter Erica Bertera (10 assists, four kills), Destiny Coleman (six kills), Maddison Jaber (six aces) and Mia Daniels (five aces).  
**CLARENCEVILLE 3, THURSTON 2:** Michelle Marzolo racked up a career-high 18 kills on Oct. 17 as host Livonia Clarenceville (6-13-2, 4-4) outlasted WWAC foe Redford Thurston in five sets, 17-25, 25-21, 25-9, 13-25, 15-11. Senior setter Erica Bertera finished with 27 assist-to-kills, eight digs and went 36-of-37 from the service line, while other offensive contributions for the Trojans came from Maddison Jaber (six kills, five aces) and Londen Green (five kills). Leading the way defensively in digs in the senior night win were Mia Daniels (10), Allie Snage (nine) and Cassidy Galvin (eight).

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Novi cruises to its ninth straight KLAA championship

O'Leary stars as Wildcats defeat rival Northville in finals  
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As expected, the Novi volleyball team ran the table in Saturday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association tournament at Novi Middle School.

The two-time defending MHSAA Class A state champions upped their overall record to 44-3 by going 6-0 on the day, capped by a 25-15, 25-13 triumph in the finals over rival Northville.  
Novi, the top seed in Pool A, captured all six



O'Leary

sets in pool play against Livonia Churchill, Canton and Livonia Stevenson before eliminating Hartland (25-11, 25-16) in the quarterfinals and Brighton (25-12, 25-15) in the semifinals.  
"It's always difficult to continue to play teams over and over again in your league," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "But I was proud of our girls for keeping their composure

and really taking care of business, especially in the playoff bracket with a pretty big target on your back. That's Novi's ninth KLAA championship. That's a pretty big target on your back to play with that history."  
University of Michigan-bound setter Erin O'Leary, a Miss Volleyball finalist, led the Wildcats with a total of 149 assist-to-kills, 38 digs and 17

kills on the day.  
Cleveland State commit Kathryn Ellison added 49 kills and 60 digs, while Miss Volleyball finalist Abryanna Cannon (Northwestern commit) added 48 kills and 49 digs.  
Libero Claire Pinkerton chipped in 73 digs and eight aces, while Jada Porter contributed 24 kills and 10 blocks.  
In Pool B, Northville and Brighton split and

went 5-1, while Hartland and Howell both finished 1-5.  
Northville reached the finals with a 25-11, 25-13 quarterfinal win over Stevenson, followed by a 25-19, 25-15 triumph over Churchill.  
Novi closes out the regular season Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Ann Arbor Huron Tournament.

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FLOYD

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ish at the NAIA Nationals (24:53.6).  
"I think coming into this year, I had higher expectations of myself," Floyd said. "Last year, I really didn't know what to expect, starting out running the 8K for the first time ever. And once I got the hang of it – coming into this year – it was kind of like I knew what I wanted to do running-wise and so far it's been on point."  
Floyd has made the sacrifice to be an elite distance runner since coming to Madonna, but admits he has an on-and-off relationship with the sport.  
"I love running, but at the same time, I don't," he said. "I like racing, but having to practice every day, waking up early and going out practicing kind of gets boring. But you have to do it if you want to get better. I kind of just go with whatever coach (Pat Daugherty) says to do."  
Floyd, however, appears to be taking his instruction very well and the results have been evident since his arrival at MU.  
He helped launch the Crusaders' inaugural track and field season in 2016 as he earned All-America honors in the 10K (fifth, 31:29.71) at the NAIA Outdoor Championships last May in Gulf Shores, Ala., after winning the WHAC crown (31:20.55).

"Coming into this year, he's just understands what it takes to be good," Daugherty said. "He's very talented, obviously. His confidence is probably as good as it's ever been. I think he got a lot of confidence at conferences, winning as a freshman. It started building and snowballing in a positive way. He went on to nationals and got 11th. Indoors, he P.R.'d in the 3K and 5K. Ended up getting second indoors in the 5K."  
As a senior at Franklin, Floyd showed his cross country potential by placing ninth in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals and holds the school record in the 5K (15:31 at Willow Metropark). Meanwhile, in track, he went 9:29 in the 3,200.  
"Coming from high school to here, it was a big transition the first month of it my freshman year," Floyd said. "We ran a lot more. I basically, weekly doubled my mileage from high school. But it's helped out a lot running-wise."  
Daugherty, who was the girls track coach at Livonia Churchill High, had his eye on Floyd during his days at Franklin. The two often had crossed paths at meets, but had little conversation.  
"We were very fortunate," Daugherty said. "I contact a lot of local runners early on, usually in the spring of their junior year. He sent me back a recruiting questionnaire, so I made a couple of contacts with him."

Daugherty thought it might be a long shot of getting a runner who had interest from NCAA Division I programs, including Michigan State.  
"He visited a lot of Division I schools and I don't know how exactly he felt, but I think he felt like a small fish in a huge pond," Daugherty said. "He met a good group of other recruits we had here. They all came here together and all became best friends. From November until March of his senior year, they all came. I got seven kids at one time because they all liked each other, basically. Hopefully it was from me, but I think it was the chemistry they had between each other. They all came in an visited together and that was a good thing for us."  
Much to Daugherty's delight, Floyd made a verbal commitment to MU in December 2015 and eventually signed an NAIA letter of intent.  
"I said, 'No way he's coming here,'" Daugherty said. "Michigan State will woo him and he'll be a top five guy for them within two or three years. He liked the smallness of (Madonna), the closeness of it and how everyone fit together."  
Floyd comes from a big family. He is close to his mother Kenisha and has five sisters and a brother. And it was just a comfort level that steered him toward Madonna, which has become an extended family.  
"I really didn't want to go too far away from home," said Floyd, who

lives with three of his MU teammates in an off-campus apartment. "I visited a few other schools and what it came down to was when I visited here, I knew a few guys on the team already because I raced against them in high school and so when I came on the visit, I really got along with everyone and I just felt like this was the best spot for me to go."  
Earlier this season, the Crusaders made history by earning their first-ever national ranking.  
On Saturday, Floyd won again in 25:12.41 in the NAIA Great Lakes Challenge at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids. The race served as the WHAC preview meet, as the conference championships will be held at the same course on Friday, Nov. 3.  
The NAIA Nationals will be Saturday, Nov. 18, in Vancouver, Wash., and Floyd is optimistic about his team's chances of qualifying.  
"We had a great first meet and we've had a few injuries, people getting sick and not being able to finish races, so we dropped out of the top 25," Floyd said. "but we're still pretty confident that even though we have one of the hardest conferences in cross country, we still feel we'll be able to make it out and make nationals as a team."  
Floyd's favorite runner is Ontario native Justyn Knight (Syracuse University), who finished ninth in the 5,000 at the IAAF World Champi-

onships this past August in London. But down the road, Floyd might excel well beyond the 5K and 10K distances.  
"His best practices are the longer stuff we do," said Daugherty, who believes Floyd could become a top-10 marathoner nationally one day. "Today, we did a six-mile tempo run, which he does all by his own. We have some good guys on the team, obviously, but he's head and shoulders above everybody else. The longer the workout, the better he is; the longer the race, the better he is. And he can hold a pretty serious pace for a long time. The challenge for us is to make him a little faster. This track season, indoor and outdoor, he'll probably do smaller stuff like miles and 3Ks indoors this year and not focus on the 10K until April outdoors."  
And if Floyd has a preference, it's running cross country.  
"I feel like the longer the distance, the better I can be," he said. "And within the next year or two, I think I may be running the marathon at a national meet. And I think I'll eventually turn into a marathoner."  
Floyd's greatest attribute, meanwhile, is his calm demeanor, which rarely changes. And that was evident at last year's NAIA cross country nationals, when he moved all the way from 72nd place at the mile mark to finish 11th.  
"He didn't know what to expect, it's not going to be great, but at the two-

mile mark, he's in 24th," Daugherty said. "He worked his way all the way up to ninth at the four-mile mark and slipped back two spots over the last mile. Even when he was done there, he was never spent like that in his life. It was like he walked out of his house after he was sleeping all day. He's very low-key, which is good, but you can find bad in that, too, because sometimes you want your athletes to be jacked up a little bit. But he keeps everything in perspective. Every coach I've ever talked to, who is way above my pay grade, will want their athletes to never be too high or too low. That's all natural for him. I didn't have to talk to him and he's handled it very well."  
Floyd, who is majoring in sports management with a minor in marketing, is a solid student with a 3.2 grade-point average.  
"I don't have any worries about him," Daugherty said. "His character is outstanding. He's a good friend on both the men's and women's teams. He knows everybody and everybody likes him. He doesn't have any superiority complex deal where he's better than everybody else. His personality will tell me that will never be the case. He's one of the best athletes I've ever coached and he's one of the best people I've ever coached."

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Northville hits on all cylinders, wins eighth straight title

Mustangs' Barrott also wins individual KLAAs championship

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It was the eighth straight Kensington Lakes Activities Association girls cross country title for Northville and none may have been more dominating.

The Mustangs, who scored a meet-best 27 points, brought the Huron Meadows Metropark 5,000-meter course to its knees Oct. 19 by taking the first three places, led by senior Ana Barrott (18:11.3), freshman Yasmine Mansi (18:22.7) and junior Nicole Cybul (18:36.6).

For Cybul, it was her first race of the season.

"Ana again had a great race and showed her true leadership and dedication to her young teammates," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "She, along with (junior) Olivia Harp, are the experienced leaders on the team with four of them never running in a conference final before. She continues to leave it all on the course each and every meet and leads by example."

All seven Northville runners earned all-KLAA (top 28) honors, including freshman Emily Gordon (fifth, 19:09.5), Harp



The Northville girls cross country team won its eighth straight KLAAs title.

(16th, 19:32.9), sophomore Olivia Masse (20th, 19:40.0) and Emily Assemany (28th, 20:00.3).

Brighton finished runner-up with 50, while Salem wound up third with 98.

Rounding out the 14-school field were Plymouth (153), Grand Blanc (176) Livonia Churchill (190), Hartland (192), Livonia Stevenson (204), Livonia Franklin (212), Canton (242), Novi (249), Howell (327), Wayne Memorial (378) and John Glenn (444).

"This was probably one of the strongest conference finals field we have faced in the past

eight years, with both Brighton and Salem filled with talented runners from top to bottom," Smith said. "The girls stepped up and took control of the race and brought their pack tighter together."

Five Salem runners earned all-conference runners: freshman Reagan Justice (11th, 19:22.9); freshman Olivia Millen (17th, 19:34.0), junior Gabrielle Mancini (22nd, 19:41.3), junior Hallie Younglas (23rd, 19:48.4), Shea Wilson (25th, 19:54.6).

Other area top 30 finishers included junior Erin Seibert (Franklin),

sixth, 19:11.8; senior Gabrielle Swider (Churchill), 10th, 19:20.2; freshman Londyn Swenson (Plymouth), 13th, 19:24.0; senior Arwa Hararwala (Plymouth), 19:31.9; senior Katherine Ray (Novi), 18th, 19:36.4; sophomore Cassie McDougall (Stevenson), 19th, 19:38.4; junior Anna Nagelhout (Canton), 19:40.7; sophomore Sierra Greener (Churchill), 19:51.5; junior Allyson Stabler (Franklin), 20:17.4; junior Bridget Nelson (Salem), 30th, 20:17.9.

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Northville senior Ana Barrott crosses the finish line in first place at the KLAAs meet. JIM JAGDFELD | LIVINGSTON DAILY

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



The Milford girls cross country team captured the inaugural Lakes Valley Conference meet.

## Milford girls secure first LVC meet championship

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The first-ever Lakes Valley Conference girls cross country meet nearly became a photo finish, but defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Milford emerged as the winner.

The Mavericks (44 points) held off stiff challenges Oct. 19 from runner-up Waterford Mott (48) and third-place White Lake Lakeland (58) to earn the title at Island Lake State Recreation Area.

Rounding out the nine-school field were Walled Lake Northern (102), South Lyon (175), South Lyon East (183), Walled Lake Central (183), Walled Lake Western (192) and Waterford Kettering (204).

Mott's Rylee Robinson (18:04.04) and Katie Osika (18:22.09) finished first and second in the 5,000-meter race, while Lakeland's Madeline Rehm (18:28.04), a junior, Olivia Clymer (19:08.24), a senior, and Rylee Lukes (19:36.23), a sophomore, sweeping the next three places.

But the Mavericks took five of the next eight, led by senior Regan Lobodzinski (sixth, 19:40.93); junior Paige Saiz (seventh, 19:48.29); junior Victoria Heiligenthal (eighth, 19:51.86); senior Rebecca Bradsher (10th, 20:05.86); and senior Abby Hiipakka (13th, 20:20.57).

"I don't think we had any great or super individual performances, we just showed consistency among those girls," Milford coach Brian Salyers said. "We had two seniors that were all-conference for the first time in their careers. I don't know if we were great today, but we found a way to win. And I think good teams find a way to win. That's been kind of the motto."

Lakeland's next two scorers were freshman Annabelle Mowers (19th, 20:54.36) and sophomore Clare Bridgewater (26th, 21:15.96).

"We ran a pretty good race; that was our best race of the year," Lakeland coach John Kababik said.

South Lyon's top performer was sophomore Miranda Meyers, who earned all-conference (top 18) with a 15th-place finish in 20:36.48.

Other scorers for the Lions included Rylee McDermott, 19th (21:31.71); Andrea Williams, 40th (22:32.29); Jennifer Espvall, 41st (22:34.35); and Brooke Niedbala, 50th (23:33.11).

Junior Lauren Clark paced East in 24th (21:12.35), followed by Morgan Aittama, 34th (22:04.71); Alaina Rider, 39th (22:26.96); Jillian Pompo, 42nd (22:37.05); and Jenny Hartman, 44th (23:00.67).

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Lakeland's one-two punch helps yield first Lakes Valley Conference crown

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It was a perfect fall afternoon at Island Lake State Recreation Area and the new boys cross country champion of the Lakes Valley Conference could be heard after crossing the finish line: "That hurts so bad."

White Lake Lakeland junior Harrison Grzymkowski won the 5,000-meter race comfortably in 15 minutes, 48.15 seconds, while teammate Drew Wenger, a senior, was runner-up in 16:13.26.

But it really wasn't that easy.

"Me and Drew really wanted to go out at 4:50 (per mile) and have our two miles be, like, 9:50," Grzymkowski said. "We had the first mile down and it did not go well after that. We didn't hit our paces like we wanted to. The two-mile especially ... there's no one out there and so it's hard mentally to keep yourself going at the same pace."

That one-two finish catapulted the Eagles, the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champions, to LVC team title with 35 points, while rival Milford was runner-up with 50.

Rounding out the nine-school field were Walled Lake Central (76), Waterford Mott (93), Walled Lake Northern (128), South Lyon East (161), Waterford Kettering (218) and Walled Lake Western (249).

Lakeland's three other scorers were seniors George Drallos (eighth, 16:52.88); Christian Davis (12th, 16:59.82) and Angelo Savich (14th, 17:09.10).

Lakeland coach Joe Verellen said Grzymkowski and Wenger went out a little faster than they're normally used to.

"We just started our next segment in our



Lakeland's Harrison Grzymkowski (left) and Drew Wenger finished first and second in the inaugural Lakes Valley Conference meet. BRAD EMONS

training, where they start to get more wheels in them and their legs are just feeling that transition," Verellen said. "They mentioned the wind up on the peninsula area, kind of slowed them down here and there a little bit. But overall, you've got to be happy. Your came out here, had a hard battle and a hard race and they ran well."

Grzymkowski and Wenger tried to follow Verellen's game plan. Both were familiar with the Island Lake course after running in a pair of LVC double-dual meets earlier this fall.

"It felt well in the first mile, but the two-mile - after going up that hill again - my thighs became numb," Wenger said. "And that second mile is already tough. I was just trying to push through that and kind of coasted the third mile, because I've been dealing with an I.T. (iliotibial) band thing, so I was kind of cruising down the last hill."

Despite the 25-second win, it wasn't a typical run for Grzymkowski. "It really didn't feel

good today," he said. "I don't know what it was, but today just didn't feel like how it usually feels. I don't know."

And a 15-point victory in the team standings was also good enough for the Eagles.

"The whole thing kind of applies to everyone," Verellen said. "They went out here and were moving a little bit quicker than they're used to. Their legs are trying to adapt and they fought hard until the end. They ran well."

Milford's top finisher was junior Evan White, who placed third in 16:38.91.

Other scorers for the Mavericks included sophomore Carsen Kettle, seventh (16:51.19); senior Luke Caddell, 12th (16:54.95); junior Grant Ballard, 15th (17:09.67); and freshman Kellen Caldwell, 16th (17:10.69).

"We were closer to them (Lakeland) than third (Central) to us," Milford coach Brian Salyers said. "We had a good dual meet with them last week. I thought we competed really well. They beat us

by 15 and I think the gap maybe could have been a little bit closer, but they ran well and we're still in that chase mode right now. They're ahead of us."

Senior Nick Martin did not figure in the scoring, but placed 17th for the Mavericks in 17:14.04 to earn all-conference (top 18) honors. Senior Nolan Bailey just missed by one spot in 19th (17:16.53).

"We ended up having seven of the first 19 people in the race," Salyers said. "We had a lot of bodies up there, just not enough presence up in the top 10 in order to challenge them."

Next up is the Division 1 regional Saturday, Oct. 28, at Hess Hathaway Park in Waterford.

"It's a completely different course, up-down, turn-turn - totally different course for next week," Verellen said. "But it's a good change of pace."

Meanwhile, the Lakeland duo of Grzymkowski and Wenger hope to duplicate their conference finish.

"We're looking to go one-two at the regionals," Grzymkowski said. "That's our next big thing."

South Lyon East was led by 22nd-place finisher Jack Marchand (17:38.82), followed by Max Hoorn, 31st (17:56.21); Xander Cronin, 32nd (17:58.68) Roy Swartzinski, 34th (18:04.26); and Zach Wiseman, 42nd (18:49.63).

South Lyon's top individual placer was Connor Hudgens in 32nd (17:55.82), followed by Joey Younkin, 33rd (17:59.20); Evan Leslie, 37th (18:24.89); Chris Sadler, 41st (18:45.33); and Alex White, 46th (19:03.91).

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BOYS SOCCER

# McDonald proves to be a keeper in Novi district win

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It was one of those an “ABC Wide World of Sports” moments.

And during the Division 1 boys soccer district semifinal Oct. 18, it turned out to be the thrill of victory for Novi, while for host Livonia Stevenson, it was the agony of defeat.

This was certainly the human drama of competition as the two teams fought to a scoreless draw through 80 minutes of regulation time and a pair of 10-minute over-times.

It wasn’t decided until Novi senior goalkeeper Luke McDonald blocked Lukas Richters’s penalty kick in the fifth round of the shootout to make it an official 1-0 outcome.

McDonald, who also posted a shutout in the 1-0 district opening win over No. 9 Northville, could have been voted the first, second and third star of the semifinal.

Both teams converted on their first two PK attempts – Adam DellaVecchia and Gonzalo Sanz Cristobal for Novi and Tanner Brose and Lucas Rea for Stevenson.

Novi’s Albi Popaj then made his shot to start round three and McDonald denied Stevenson’s Griffin Brown on a shot that glanced off the right post.

“I just went full extension, got a read on where (Brown) was going,” McDonald said. “It was placed really well. I was a little shocked I got a hand on it, actually. But



Novi senior goalkeeper Luke McDonald is congratulated by Stevenson players after a 1-0 district semifinal shootout win. BRAD EMONS

that’s how you train and you just go for every ball. It works for you sometimes.”

After Novi’s Taemin Kim shot wide left, Stevenson evened it at 3-3 in the shootout after four rounds on Justin Schultz’s make.

And in an irony of ironies, McDonald stepped up himself and converted his PK attempt against Stevenson goalie Dylan Jesmore to give the Wildcats a 4-3 advantage.

“When we talked about it at practice on who is going to be our top five shooters, or the next five, Luke said without question I want to be No. 5,” Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said. “He finished great and there was no hesitation up there. When you’re the

goalkeeper, you’ve got to go out and shoot and knowing that whether you make it or miss it, you’ve got to jump back in goal and be ready. There’s no one else I could imagine being in that position, because he’s just a natural leader and we would not be where we are without him.”

And with the game on the line and a chance to advance to the next round, McDonald came up with the defining save as he denied Richters, the Spartans’ senior captain, on his shot attempt down the middle.

“No feeling that matches it,” McDonald said. “It’s a little strategy. I started going to the right, but was able to readjust at the last second. It all works in train-

ing. You get a read on it, but there’s always definitely some luck with PKs at the end of the game.”

Here are five other takeaways:

**SPORTSMANSHIP**

As each Stevenson player stepped up to the ball to take their PK during the shootout, McDonald gave each either a hug, a handshake or fist pump.

Some may call it gamesmanship, but that was not the case, according to the Novi goalie.

“It’s just part of the game,” McDonald said. “I know a lot of these guys from playing club with them growing up and I have nothing but respect for all of them. I was just congratulating them on a good 100 (minutes) and,

whatever happens after the PKs, we respect each other.”

**DISALLOWED GOALS**

With 1:10 left in regulation, Rea appeared to be taken down by McDonald, who had ventured outside his 18-yard box, on a breakaway attempt. But no penalty kick was called.

“They gave him a card for diving,” Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. “That’s a referee’s decision, that’s fine. I couldn’t see it very well, so I didn’t really didn’t get into it too much.”

And after a corner kick by Sanz Cristobal with just 17 seconds left, a Novi goal was waved off after a scramble in front of the Stevenson net.

“I think there was a foul in the box,” Shingledecker said. “(Zak Merchant) said (Popaj) absolutely plowed him. He plowed into him and then blew him into the ball that went into the goal. I think he felt like it was a fair call on that.”

**LIMPING OFF**

McDonald suffered what appeared to be a leg injury with 7:22 left in the second OT, but was able to finish the game.

“I didn’t know exactly who I collided with, actually,” McDonald said. “I just went up for the ball, ended up winning the 50/50 and came down kind of wrong on it after the contact. But I was able to get back up and keep playing through ... being out there and the adrenaline and my brothers around me helped me

keep pushing.”

**NO REGRETS**

Despite the heart-breaking setback, the Spartans finished the season with an 11-4-5 record.

“I thought it was a very good game,” Shingledecker said. “As far as scoring chances go, I thought both had some dangerous moments. I thought we drew a PK at the end of regulation and they thought they had scored a goal and neither one of them happened. Overall, I was super-proud of my guys. I thought they played very well. That’s about all I can ask for in a game like that.”

**FINAL HURRAH**

The Spartans bid adieu to 10 varsity seniors: Noah Cook, Andrew Barry, Alec Panagos, Eric Perez, Kevin Kollovozi, Brose Jesmore, Rea, Merchant, Schultz and Richters.

Stevenson played five sophomores and a freshman throughout the season, so the future looks bright.

“We suffered through injuries all year, but really didn’t stop fighting,” Shingledecker said. “Injuries came at the toughest part of the season, but we played a lot of young guys. We got a lot of good experience out of it with some of them dealing with injuries. So hopefully, it will help us moving forward and it also created a lot of depth for us.”

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## LVC ROUNDUP

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**Girls golf**

**DIVISION 2 FINALS:** South Lyon (344-329—673) and South Lyon East (346-344-690) finished fifth and seventh, respectively, in the MHSAA finals held Oct. 20-21 at Bedford Valley Golf Course in Battle Creek. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern took the title with a two-day total of 656, followed by Bloomfield Hills Marian (668), Muskegon Reeths-Puffer (669) and Midland Dow (671). Marian’s Shannon Kennedy took medalist honors with a 76-70—146 two-round total. South Lyon’s Elizabeth Harding tied for fourth individually with 78-76—154, while East’s Kiersten VanNorden took eighth with 77-80—157. Other scorers for South Lyon were Julia Vess, 85-85—170; Sophie Yergin, 92-82—174; Molly Mackey, 89-86—175; and Kendall



South Lyon East’s Ray Ifuku (left) looks for an opening against Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Skore, 93-89—182. It marked the ninth straight year the Lions qualified for the finals and it was their sixth straight top five finish. Other scorers for East were Natalie Aulicino, 85-81—166; Emily O’Bri-

en, 86-83—169; Alyssa Strong, 98-103, 201; and Kaitie Mallory, 106—100-206.

**Boys soccer**

**TECUMSEH 3, SOUTH LYON EAST 0:** In the Division 2 district 20

semifinal Oct. 19, the host Indians (15-3-1), ranked 13th, blanked the Cougars (2-13-2).

**SOUTH LYON EAST 4, LINCOLN 1:** The Cougars (2-12-2) scored four unanswered goals Oct. 17 to earn a Division 2 district

triumph at Ypsilanti Lincoln (3-10). The Rail-splitters struck first off a free kick just 10 minutes into the match before East freshman Leo Ifuku tied it at 1-1 in the 13th minute. The Cougars scored on a Peyton Dock header, assisted by junior Grayson Davies, with 28 minutes left in the half and added two more goals to put it away, one by senior Ray Ifuku (on a throw-in from senior captain Josh Ohland) followed by Ohland with 23:00 to go.

**BRIGHTON 4, SOUTH LYON 1:** On Oct. 16, Keegan Gormley tallied two goals and added one assist for the host Bulldogs (10-5-3), who ousted the Lions (7-9-2) in the first round of the Division 1 district tourney at Sloan Field. Nolan Romans and Ian Sosenko scored Brighton’s other goals, while sophomore Matthew Moore scored from Trenton Lach for South Lyon.

**Girls swimming**  
**LAKELAND 105, WALLED LAKE NORTH-ERN 81:** Emma Hazel, Riley Faulkner and Isabel Fairbanks each fig-

ured in four wins Oct. 19 as host White Lake Lakeland (4-4, 4-1) captured 11 of the 12 events and celebrated senior night with a Lakes Valley Conference dual meet triumph over the Knights. Hazel set a new pool record in the 200 individual medley and captured the 100 backstroke. Faulkner swept the 100- and 200-yard freestyles, while Fairbanks took the 50 freestyle and 100 breast-stroke. Junior Kate Doyle captured the 500 freestyle and teamed up with Hazel, Faulkner and Isabel Fairbanks, all seniors, to win the 200 and 400 freestyle relays. Doyle was also second in the 200 freestyle. Sophomore Peyton Michalski contributed a win in the 100 butterfly, while took third in the 50 freestyle. Sophomore Stella Fairbanks captured the 1-meter diving, followed by teammates Caitlin Davis and Olivia Nelson, a senior, who was also honored along with Natalia Jamie and Melissa Sherman. Junior Sydney Moore was runner-up in the 500 freestyle.

## KLAA ROUNDUP

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**Boys tennis**

**DIVISION 1 FINALS:** Northville (17 points) and Novi (15) finished sixth and seventh, respectively, in the MHSAA tournament held Oct. 20-21 at the Greater Midland Community Tennis Center. Bloomfield Hills (30) took the title with Troy (28), Ann Arbor Huron (22), Birmingham Brother Rice (21) and Ann

Arbor Pioneer (19) rounding out the top five. Northville was led by No. 4 singles player Samir Rajani, who reached the finals as the top seed before falling to Pioneer’s Stanley Rhodes in a three-setter, 7-6 (7-1), 3-6, 6-0. Meanwhile, the Mustangs’ Ryan Gallagher fell in the No. 3 singles semifinals to eventual champion Constantin Hemmrich of Bloomfield Hills. At No. 1 doubles, Northville’s unseeded team of Giuliano Daniels and Matt Freeman reached the semifinals before falling to Rice’s Sam Schwartz and Jack Brockhaus in

three sets, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Northville’s No. 2 doubles team of Nishant Chava and Trevor Kelterborn fell to eventual winners Vik Chakraborty and Chaz Blamo of Bloomfield Hills in three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5. The Mustangs’ No. 3 doubles team of Pranav Doppalapudi and Michael Ying, along with the No. 4 duo of Ilija Jaksic and Joseph Vig, both fell in the quarterfinals. Novi’s top singles finisher was Sid Amarnath (No. 2), who fell in the semifinals to Huron’s Kobe Mueller, 6-2, 6-3. Alex Wen (No. 1) and Mateo Ponton (No. 4) were both ousted in the

quarters. Two Novi doubles teams were eliminated in quarterfinal action including Chris Kwederis and Venkatesh Nagalla (No. 2), along with Robert Xu and Andrew Lu (No. 4).

**Volleyball**

**NOVI 3, SALEM 0:** Senior setter Erin O’Leary finished with 49 assist-to-kills, six kills and six aces as the Wildcats (39-3, 13-0) wrapped up a KLAA Gold Division crown Oct. 17 over visiting Rocks, 25-12, 25-8, 25-12. Also contributing to the Novi win were Lauren Murphy (five kills) and Claire Pinker-

ton (10 digs).

**Girls swimming**

**NORTHVILLE 110, GRAND BLANC 76:** Kate-lyn McCullough and Lulu Mans each figured in three first-place finishes Oct. 19 as the Mustangs (8-1, 6-1) downed the host Bobcats in a KLAA Gold Division dual meet. McCullough swept the 50- and 100-yard freestyles in 25.74 and 56.28, respectively, while Mans captured the 200 individual medley (2:19.09) and 500 freestyle (5:18.70). The foursome of McCullough, Emma Phillips, Mia Testani and Mans also won the 200 medley

relay (1:56.15). Other firsts for Northville came from Lexi Barritt (100 backstroke, 1:06.32) and Phillips (100 breast-stroke, 1:11.69). The four-some of Brooke Verble, Mia Testani, Jennifer Ostrowski and Malayna Mancinelli captured the 200 freestyle relay (1:46.77).

**Field hockey**

**ANN ARBOR PIONEER 2, NOVI 0:** On Oct. 17, junior goalie Cece Steck made 17 saves in a losing cause as the Wildcats fell to the No. 2-ranked Pioneers.



BOYS SOCCER

# Early goals enough as Plymouth tops Canton

Tetlow tally on PK sets tone as Wildcats win 2-0 for first district title in five years

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Because of the strength of some MHSAA boys soccer districts in metro Detroit, simple math underscores that some very good teams won't escape the first week of postseason play.

So that dialed up the urgency for Plymouth to get out to a good start against Canton in Saturday's Division 1 district final at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium.

The Wildcats scored an early goal on senior Ben Tetlow's penalty kick, took a two-goal halftime lead and went on to post a 2-0 victory. It was Plymouth's first district championship in five years.

"Five years to the day we got our first one," veteran Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said, shortly after his team hoisted the district trophy.

Already out

Meanwhile, Canton and Salem were two state-ranked teams that could not get out of the district.

"It's tough, a lot of good teams," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said. "The top two, three teams are already down. It's really tough to get through this thing. It takes a bit of luck and a lot of skill."

Neschich pointed to getting on the scoreboard early as an obvious reason his team was able to prevail.

"We had the early pressure, the early lead," Neschich said. "I thought the first half, we possessed the ball so well. It's playing a lot different with a two-goal lead. ... We could sit back a little bit in the second half and I think we managed the game well today."

Tetlow was tripped up around the perimeter of the 18-yard box and was awarded the PK. He ripped his shot past Canton sophomore goalie



Canton's Avery Olson (left) puts a foot into the ball. At right is Plymouth's Alex Bowser. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Celebrating their first boys soccer district title in five years are the Plymouth Wildcats. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Sean O'Meara. "It was a deserved PK," Zemanski said. "We were out of position, the kid ran in front of our defender, stuck his foot out and tripped him. It happens." Canton senior forward Jordan Forney, who lamented his team's season ending early again this season (in 2016, the Chiefs were ousted by Salem in a district semi-

final), admitted that the penalty kick goal was an early kick in the gut. "The team definitely got down a little bit after that," Forney said. "But I thought that, second half, we really picked it up and we were starting to gain some momentum. But that PK definitely turned the tide."

Still had hope

Plymouth padded the lead to 2-0 at the intermission when senior Sawyer Eggen scored. That cushion proved plenty to offset a rally bid by the Chiefs. "I really thought we'd come back the second half," Zemanski said. "We had some opportunities, we played some really dangerous balls into the box. We just couldn't get on the end of

any and get in the back of the net. We worked really hard." The aggressive defensive posture of the Wildcats made it tough for Canton players to reach 50/50 balls, let alone find any rhythm on offense. Plymouth senior co-captain and stalwart holding midfielder Bennett Brooks said the Wildcats were more than ready to face Canton. "They're really good in the air," Brooks said. "I give props to Canton because they played a really good game. We just defended really hard. We knew what we had to do because we've played them before." In the final 40 minutes, although Canton pushed the play more and had several corner kicks and indirect kicks, the Wildcats (back-stopped by senior goalie Chris Tsakoff) defended cleanly and simply — namely retrieve 50/50 balls and boot them out of trouble before top Canton forwards such as Forney could do damage. "We knew if we played our game and won our individual battles that

we'd win the game," Tetlow said. "Win the 50/50s, just play hard and play on D, everybody drops back. It means a lot. I'm excited and I know all the guys are excited. Going forward, just take it one game at a time." Brooks added that the team made sure to play smart during the second half. "Just be safe and everything's out, no playing around with it in the box," Brooks said. "Because we've had multiple games where we've lost in the last couple of seconds off of a corner, off of a free kick. And because of those games we've learned from it, and that's not going to happen again." Following are several other takeaways from the game:

TIP OF THE HAT

Zemanski said he was "proud of my boys," even in defeat. "Had a good senior class, good captains," he said. "Avery Olson and Ethan Schiffour really played well for me all year long, along with Brett McGue and Jordan (Forney)."

ANNUAL TREND

Because of the plethora of outstanding teams in the area and with some districts packed with championship contenders, a lot of deserving teams were guaranteed to be knocked out. Not only did that happen at P-CEP, but also at the Livonia Stevenson district, where Novi, Northville and the host Spartans are done already. Novi Detroit Catholic Central won 1-0 Friday in double overtime to advance.

ONE AT A TIME

Neschich knows all too well not to get too excited about a district championship, at least not yet. The Wildcats' reward for winning is a trip to a difficult regional at Novi. He added that the Wildcats will soak it in for a while and then prepare for the regional semifinal against Saline (scheduled for Tuesday). "Let's worry about that one and nothing beyond that," Neschich said.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Byrnes, Solomon pace Plymouth to KLAA championship

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It's hard to say Plymouth's Ethan Byrnes and Carter Solomon are peaking because they've been at the front of the line all season.

But Byrnes and Solomon continued their torrid season Oct. 19 at Huron Meadows Metropark in Brighton, finishing second and third as the Plymouth boys cross country team won the KLAA conference meet championship with 27 points — well ahead of Northville (83), Livonia Stevenson (102), Novi (103) and Salem (126).

The individual medalist was Novi's Gabriel Mudel, with a mark of 15:33.1. Right behind him were senior Byrnes and sophomore Solomon (15:33.7 and 15:44.9, respectively), sparking Plymouth to victory. It wasn't a two-man show for the Wildcats, however. Veteran Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz's team placed five of the first nine finishers and had six in the top 13. "The top six are run-

ning in a great pack that is getting stronger every week," Mikosz said. "Hopefully, they can keep the momentum going" at the regional, Oct. 28 at Willow Metropark in New Boston. Other Plymouth finishers were freshman Patrick Byrnes (sixth, 16:11.9), junior Brandon Boyd (seventh, 16:15.4), sophomore Tyler Mussen (ninth, 16:21.6) and junior Jarrett Warner (13th, 16:28.5). Runner-up Northville was led by junior Nicholas Couyoumjian (fourth, 15:57.7), freshman Nathan Hayes (10th, 16:21.8), junior Raymond Jiang (17th, 16:35.2) and freshman Sean McKee (23rd, 16:46.2). The Spartans had four all-conference performers in seniors Owen Rowader (eighth, 16:21.4), Ben Griffith (18th, 16:37.9), sophomore Colin Sheahan (19th, 16:40.7) and junior Thomas Saad (21st, 16:42.8). Novi finishers of note, in addition to Mudel, were three other all-conference runners: sophomore Matt Whyte (16th, 16:34.6), junior

Trey Mullins (20th, 16:41.8) and senior Nathaniel Wood (28th, 16:55.4). Fifth-place Salem was sparked by senior Ryan Exell (11th, 16:24.2) junior Luke Haran (14th, 16:31.2), senior Andrew Beyer (24th, 16:49.2), all on the all-conference list. Rounding out the all-conference performers from area teams were Brighton's Jack Spamer (fifth, 16:02.8), Scott Spaanstra (22nd, 16:45.0), John Monroe (25th, 16:50.0); Hartland's Ethan Stover (12th, 16:24.4), Canton senior Shane Andrews (15th, 16:33.6) and Wayne Memorial senior John Gatton (27th, 16:53.2).

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Running at the front of the KLAA cross country meet are (from left) Plymouth's Ethan Byrnes, Novi's Gabriel Mudel, Brighton's Jack Spamer and Plymouth's Carter Solomon. Mudel won in 15:33.1. JIM JAGDFELD | LIVINGSTON DAILY





BOYS SOCCER

# Novi wins important first leg in district tourney

Sikazwe’s first-half goal holds up in 1-0 win over Northville

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Atef Sikazwe delivered at right time and at the right moment.

The sophomore midfielder scored his fifth goal of the season, but more importantly it proved to be the game-winner Oct. 16 at Meadows Stadium as



Sikazwe

host Novi upended rival Northville, 1-0, in the opening round of the difficult boys soccer Division 1 district tournament.

Sikazwe poked home a loose ball in the box past Northville sophomore goalkeeper Robert Dameron with 27:19 remaining in the first half.

Senior forward Adam Dellavecchia drew the assist.

“We’ve been practicing on our set plays and our crossing, so it’s great that we were able to combine through our teammates and our wingers,” Sikazwe said. “It crossed into their goalie. (Dellavecchia) committed to the ball and I was lucky enough to clean it up.”

Northville (13-5-1) threw everything but the kitchen sink in the second half against Novi goalkeeper Luke McDonald, but he kept a clean



Northville’s Felipe McCarthy (left) and Novi’s Dominic Gatson vie for a 50/50 ball. JAMES GRIFFITH

sheet as the Wildcats (9-5-5) advanced to the district semifinal.

“We came out and we knew it was going to be a battle,” McDonald said. “We know Northville is a good team, so we knew it had to be everything we had for a full 80 minutes and my brothers around me gave me that to-night.”

Novi coach Todd Pheiffer credited his team’s senior leadership throughout the match.

“We’ve got 11 seniors and we talked about it at

halftime that it’s going to get even, more competitive in the second half as every minute goes by,” he said. “If we stay up that one goal, they’re going to get a little more frantic. We got to make sure that we hold our composure. I thought our captains, Michael (Jecmen), Jason (Mo), Dom (Gatson) and Luke, did a great job keeping it organized. In the back, we especially knew then they were going to put the pressure on.”

Novi captured both

meetings between the two teams this season. The Wildcats scored in the final minute Sept. 7 to beat host Northville, 2-1.

“In a big game like this, playing a very good team like Northville, it’s all about the composure and making the smart, simple play every time,” Pheiffer said.

Novi managed only four shots on goal, but was able to survive and advance.

“It’s definitely and one that’s taking us through the district,” Sikazwe

said of his game-winner. “We fought hard and we didn’t play selfishly and we did what was best for the team.”

Here are four other takeaways:

**COOL HAND LUKE**

The senior keeper made 11 saves, including a diving stop with 10:47 remaining in the first half, followed by big stop on Northville’s Felipe McCarthy with 23:51 to play.

“My back line, especially my two center

backs, Rimpei (Yamasaki) and Dominic (Gatson), and then my outside backs Joe Shin, Taemin Kim and Taigo Shiokawa, do a great job,” McDonald said. “They communicate the whole time and work a full 80 minutes to make my job a lot easier.”

**BIDDING ADIEU**

It was the final game for 10 Northville seniors, who were instrumental in not only winning its first ever KLAA Association championship, but also the Gold Division title.

Those playing their final game for the Mustangs were starters McCarthy, Owen Marshall, Andrew Mitchell, Omar Lahbiki, Zachary Westenberg, Collin Neal, Jacob Tremonti and Tyler Schneider, along with reserves Reggie Spencer and June Kim.

**GROUP OF DEATH**

The Stevenson district featured three Division 1 top 20-ranked teams: Novi Detroit Catholic Central (No. 3), Northville (No. 8) and Novi (No. 18).

Meanwhile, host Stevenson was among the top 10 during the first three weeks in the statewide Division 1 poll before dropping out of the top 20.

“It’s kind of unfortunate that two good teams got to meet so early in districts,” Pheiffer said. “And we’ve always got one of the toughest districts in the state.”

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RUNNING

# Novi coach Camilleri repeats at Grand Rapids Marathon

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Mike Camilleri will never be accused of being a “fair weather” runner.

The 39-year-old assistant boys cross country coach at Novi High School repeated Oct. 15 as the Metro Health Grand Rapids Marathon champion in a race that was marked with high winds and a driving rain.

The Brighton resident completed the arduous 26.2-mile race in 2 hours, 34 minutes, 40.91 seconds. He won comfortably over runner-up Russell Branch of Cantonment, Fla., who clocked 2:39:52.

The 1997 White Lake Lakeland High grad also captured the 2016 Grand Rapids Marathon in a personal best 2:31:11.9.

The adverse conditions were more to Camilleri’s liking as he made it two in a row.

“In high school, I ran in a lot of bad weather, probably used to it, probably was to my advantage,” he said. “When I ran for Lakeland, we



Novi assistant cross country coach Mike Camilleri repeated as the Grand Rapids Marathon champion. DAN DEAN

called that ‘Lakeland weather’ because we were like the only ones who wanted to run in this stuff. And I think it gave us a psychological ad-

vantage and I think that really helped me.”

Camilleri’s biggest obstacle was not the weather, as he did experience one minor issue

during the race.

“I had to stop and tie my shoes, twice actually,” the 5-foot-3, 120-pound Camilleri said. “I don’t think it was the

weather because of the heavy shoes or something like that. But yeah, kind of weird.”

Camilleri ran under Randy Wilkins at Lakeland and was a member of the Eagles’ Class A state championship team in 1996.

He ran two seasons at Oakland Community College before transferring to Oakland University for one season before ending his collegiate career under coach Jerry Baltes at Grand Valley State.

And it was during his senior year Grand Valley that Camilleri ran his first 26.2-miler at Chicago in 2002.

In 2011, he placed second at the Glass City Marathon in Toledo before breaking through last year in Grand Rapids.

Camilleri runs with the Novi cross country team while also juggling his shared job teaching schedule at three different schools. He teaches physical education at St. Matthew Lutheran School and St. William Catholic School, both

located in Walled Lake, as well as working two office hours each day under Novi athletic director Brian Gordon.

“I get up to about 70 miles a week, but I probably average around 65, I’d say,” Camilleri said. “After school started, it’s been really stressful.”

The Grand Rapids Marathon, ironically, does not offer prize money to the winners.

“I just do it for pride, I guess,” Camilleri said. “This was my only marathon I did so far this year. I’d like to do a half-marathon in the spring.”

Camilleri credits his former coaches for his marathon success, including Wilkins, Baltes, Chris Ceresa and Brian Salyers, who he spent seven seasons under as an assistant coach at Milford High before coming over to assist Brad Moore this fall at Novi.

“I couldn’t get there without those guys,” Camilleri said.

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YOUTH WRESTLING

# Matcats members bring home five individual championships from Ohio

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The South Lyon Matcats came away with five first-place finishers in the annual Ohio Wrestling Association for Youth Fall Kickoff Open held Oct. 22 at Northwood (Ohio) High School.

The 13-member Matcats squad led the tournament in pins, technical falls, wins and points scored.

“Ohio typically starts their season months before Michigan, providing us many opportunities to get some really good competition in before our



The South Lyon Matcats had several placers at the OH-WAY Fall Kickoff Open in Northwood, Ohio. STEVE RICHARDSON

regular season,” Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. “I’m really proud of our kids. Some had to knock off the rust early after a long spring and summer.”

First-place finishers for the Matcats included Bronson Shinkonis, Aidan Meyers, Travis Richardson, Benny Leece and Kaleigh Kiesgan.

Second place went to Daniel Russell, Thaddeus Swanigan and Rayna Richardson, while Gavin Boller, Isabella Cepak and Tyler Swanigan placed third.

Richardson said Cepak, one of the team’s

veterans, lost a chance to place higher on a controversial decision.

“One of our wrestlers showed amazing resilience in a very challenging situation,” he said. “Bella was absolutely the better wrestler, being offensive the entire match. While she lost the match, she won the hearts of every other coach, parent and competitor in the gym. Today, Bella placed third, but she can compete with anyone, anywhere.”

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**Shirley Jean** of Milford, a long time resident of the Milford and Highland area, died on October 19, 2017 at the age of 82. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Gibson in 2007 and is survived by daughters, Margaret (Bob) Acree of St. Louis, Missouri, Robin (Mike) Althaver of Holly, and Sue (Mark) Gibson of Hartland; grandchildren, Ella Althaver, Cherith (Jeff) Pratt, Candace Gibson, Daniel (Sung He) Acree, Jennifer Acree; great grandchildren, Dakota, Bode, and David Acree, Gibson and Delilah Pratt, and sister, Patricia Hurst, and many nieces and nephews. Friends may gather at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Friday, October 27, from 5-9PM. A Memorial Service will be held at the West Highland Baptist Church, 1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Highland, on Saturday, October 28, at 10AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to the Highland Goodfellows, to the Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation-Erin Dagenais Memorial Scholarship, or to World Impact. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

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Grunewald



**Dennis “John” “The Colonel”** age 69, of Northville, passed away October 18, 2017. He was born May 17, 1948 in Grayling, Michigan; son of Leonard and Peggy (nee Noirot) Grunewald. John graduated from Gaylord High School; Class of 1966. He was named to the Detroit Free Press All-State team his junior and senior years. He attended Valparasio University in Indiana for 2 years where he also played football. In 1988, Dennis completed his studies at Western Michigan University and received a BS in Communications with a Minor in Psychology. Dennis was an accomplished script writer, poet, radio disc jockey, mentor and producer of various commercial and award winning public service campaigns. He entertained a generation of radio audiences throughout Florida, Kentucky, and Michigan, and his voice continues to be heard guiding popular culture on commercials as well as his most recent and proudest accomplishment for a prominent upcoming PBS documentary, “Midway: Edge of Tomorrow.” During his tenure at WLRS in Louisville, he took on the position of Public Service Director and was hugely successful. He was well known for his work with Local Musicians, and local concerts, as well as Jail House Rock Concerts at local prisons. For his recorded announcements on behalf of The National Kidney Foundation, he received the annual Public Service Award in Washington, D.C. Dennis also received The Commission of Kentucky Colonel by the Governor of Kentucky in recognition of his noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service to the community, state and nation. Dennis “John” Grunewald was a kind, caring, gentle soul, and will forever endure in our hearts and be missed by all who knew and loved him. Dennis is survived by his loving sister Darla (David) Getschman, and David (Joanne Sonstein) Grunewald; his nieces, Stephanie (Jesse) Fleming and Elle Getschman; his dear loving friend Cheryl Garner; brother in life Dave Thomas; and many close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Rd., Livonia. Licensed Unity Teacher Caroline Trout will officiate the service. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. Please share condolences at [www.casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://www.casterlinefuneralhome.com)

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Operation Injured Soldiers event

Lucas

**Florence** age 93, formerly of Royal Oak, Michigan, died Friday night, October 13, 2017 at NHC Place, Cool Springs Franklin, Tennessee from complications of Alzheimer’s Disease. She graduated from Royal Oak High School and Michigan State College with a bachelor degree in Accounting. The former Florence Pugh, married the late Bernard Lucas in 1947 and they celebrated 68 years of marriage. Together they traveled the world and according to Barney they “had a good run!” They had three children, Cindy-deceased (David), Peter and Amy (David). She had 5 grand children and 8 great-grand children. She was a member of Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, a Lifetime member and long term treasurer of the Royal Oak Woman’s Club and belonged to the Circumnavigators Club.

Priestley



**Clifford Kaye** September 22, 1939-October 18, 2017 “The Unofficial Mayor of Clyde” AKA “Big Red” Cliff was born on September 22, 1939 at, Ma Parry’s Maternity Home in Holly, MI. He grew up in Clyde, MI and was a graduate of Milford H.S. Class of 1957. Go Redskins! He worked for Oakland County Road Commission for 35 years. He married the love of his life, Frances (Wilkinson) Priestley on August 1, 1964. In their 53 years of marriage, they spent 27 winter vacations enjoying Daytona Beach and cheering on the NASCAR races. He loved and owned several classic cars and made a few dollars betting on the ponies. He spent his retirement enjoying donuts each morning at The Looney Baker, while chatting with his friends and discussing the world’s problems. Cliff was a man full of life and everyone who knew him, loved him and will remember him for his big personality and laugh. Loving husband of, Fran Priestley. Devoted son of the late, Franklin and Laura Belle Priestley. Brother of Nancy (late Bob) Fisher and proceeded in death by brothers John Priestley, and the late Ernest (Patsy) Priestley. Brother in law of Margaret Graves and the late Donald F. Wilkinson, Jr. Loving Uncle of Michelle (Michael) Shatzer, Kari (Robert) Weinsheimer, Debbie (Michael) Vanderlip, Jill (Tony) Kaczor, Karen (Jim) Kern, and Judy (Tom) Martin. Loving Dad to his late fur babies, Gidget, Pepi, Poncho, Penny, Buttons, and Abby. His family is incredibly grateful for the support of loving neighbors Chuck and Dawn Dittmar and Steve, Linda, and Tony Rufini. Much appreciation to Jeff and Marilyn Motschenbacher for their 24/7 help with whatever was needed. Special thanks to neighbor and favorite nurse, Ann and her husband Tom Niebauer. Many thanks to Custom Hospice and nurses, Angie and Julia. Finally, extending much appreciation to Highland Fire Dept., Oakland County Sheriff’s Dept., also the family gives special thanks to the CHARACH Cancer Ctr. at DMC and Huron Valley Sinai Hospital. Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society or American Cancer Society. Cliff’s family will host a private memorial at a later date. The family is being assisted by Dryer Funeral Home, Holly.



Operation Injured Soldiers has announced it will begin gathering

Schmid (Carter)



**Kay Monica** 81 died Sunday October 22, 2017 in her home surrounded by her family. She leaves her husband of 61 years Robert their children Cindy (Rod), Ken (Leola) Schmid and Laurie Wante; her sister Lana Wingerson (Carter); four grandchildren and many friends. She was born and raised in Detroit. As a teenager, she was a champion speed skater, winning the Detroit Times Ladies Gold and Silver Skates Derby and was interviewed on TV with Ty Cobb. She attended Hillsdale College where she met her husband Bob. After their marriage, she worked for the Edward C. Levy company for 10 years. She was active in local government as an Oakland County Commissioner from 1991 through 2000 and served as Vice Chairperson in 1998. Kay was a committed member of the Republican Party working for many years with the Republican Women of West Oakland County. She chaired the General Government Committee for the board of Commissions from 1995 through 1997. Kay was a loving mother and wife, as well a strong and determined leader. She will be missed. Visitation at the O’Brien/ Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Novi Wednesday 5-8pm and Thursday 2-8pm. Funeral services will be held at St Matthew Lutheran Church 2040 S Commerce Rd, Walled Lake, MI 48390 for the times please call 1-248-348-1800. Donations in memory of Kay my be made to the Angela Hospice On line sympathy message at [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

Taylor



**William “Wil” M.** age 23, passed away October 16, 2017. Wil had a kind heart and was always trying to make others laugh; his sense of humor always lit up the room. An avid sports fan, Wil could be found at the Detoit Lions game every Thanksgiving day - a lifelong tradition with his Dad. He was a beloved grandson, a loving son and brother, a devoted uncle and great-uncle. He is gone too soon, but will remain in our hearts forever. A Service was held on October 21, 2017. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



names for its second annual Holiday Gift Giving for Veterans. If you or someone you know is a military veteran, deployed or has lost an airman/marine/soldier in combat and you would like to nominate a child (ren) to be placed on the Tree of Giving this holiday season, contact Operation Injured Soldiers at [www.injuredsoldiers.org](http://www.injuredsoldiers.org). Submission of the children’s names will be open through the end of October.

Provide the name, age, gender, sizes and gift ideas for the children you plan to register for the event. We will also need contact information to invite the children to participate in the holiday party and gift presentation, to be held Dec. 16 (location to be determined).

We will be picking names from the tree during the month of November, for those interested in purchasing gifts for these children.

AARP TaxAide looking for volunteers

Every year, AARP provides free income tax preparation services for seniors and other moderate income families from February through April. AARP is looking for new volunteers to become tax counselors. You should know how to use a computer and the internet, and be experienced with income tax preparation.

Training will be provided to learn the tax software and tax law, to prepare you for certification. Training classes in early December and in mid-January are being scheduled now. Volunteers are expected to be active about one day per week during the tax season.

You can apply by completing an application online at [aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide) or call 888-227-7669.

AAUW mah jongg event

The American Association of University Women-Novi/Northville, will host a mah jongg event Friday, Nov. 3, at Cas-sel’s Family Restaurant, 43003 Seven Mile Road, in Northville.

Check-in is at noon, lunch is at 12:30 p.m., then play three one-hour rounds with two 15-minute breaks. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded. Space is limited and the deadline for registration is Oct. 27. Tickets are \$30 each, of which \$20 is tax-deductible.

To reserve a spot, send your name, address, phone number and email address with a check made out to AAUW-NN to: Jane Hecker, AAUW-NN, P.O. Box 511, Northville, MI 48167. Or you can print and complete the registration flier at [www.aauwnn.org](http://www.aauwnn.org).

For more information, call Hecker at 734-276-6160 or email [jhecker101@gmail.com](mailto:jhecker101@gmail.com).

Indivisible Huron Valley

Indivisible Huron Valley is a local non-partisan group committed to social and economic justice and the protection of our environment. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at 125 S. Main in downtown Milford. Public welcome.

Tollgate Farms Evenings in the Garden

The fall season of MSU Tollgate’s Evenings in the Garden includes Mary Gerstenberger on “Water: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly,” 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 26.

Advance registration is required. The cost is \$20 and supports further adult education programming at MSU Tollgate. For more information and to register, go to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/evenings17fall/>.

Huron Valley Community Theatre

Huron Valley Community Theatre will present “Tarradiddle Tales” at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28, and at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, in the Little Theater at Milford High School.

“Tarradiddle Tales” is a collection of five folk stories from around the world, performed live onstage by 18 Huron Valley elementary and middle school students. The production is directed by Huron Valley Schools music teacher Doug Marquis.

Tickets are \$8 at the door or at [www.hvcommunitytheater.org](http://www.hvcommunitytheater.org).

National Drug Take Back Day

Lakes Area Community Coalition is partnering with the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office for the DEA’s National Drug Take Back Day. This program allows people to properly dispose of any expired/unused prescriptions safely and anonymously.

LACC is hosting the event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Oakland County Sheriff’s Commerce Township Substation, 2401 Glengary. The first 200 visitors that bring their prescriptions in will get a prescription lock box.

To learn more, go to [www.lakesareacc.org](http://www.lakesareacc.org) or Facebook [www.facebook.com/lakesareacommunitycoalition](http://www.facebook.com/lakesareacommunitycoalition).

Artist and crafters gallery

The Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery features rotating exhibits from artists and crafters and provides the opportunity for the community to explore and support local arts. Upcoming shows include:

Palette and Brush Club, through Oct. 30: This metro Detroit-based group’s beginnings date back to the mid-1930s. Their mission is to provide opportunities to their members to enhance their lives and artistic careers.

The exhibit is available for viewing during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with some exceptions. The exhibit is also open many evenings and weekends. Call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 248-347-0400 for details.

Art House exhibition

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host a juried all-media exhibition titled Small Works. A First Friday reception is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. The exhibit continues through Dec. 16 during gallery hours of noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday (the gallery is closed Thanksgiving weekend). Admission is free.

For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to [www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org](http://www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org).

Country Garden Club meeting

The the Country Garden Club of Northville will host a meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Speakers will be Michigan Division president Mary Schwark and Rita Urbanski, WF&G National Association. Interest-

ed guests are welcome. For more information, call Teri Plaunt at 734-751-8619.

Milford Senior Center dinner

The Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic Street, will host a spaghetti dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. The menu will include homemade meat or marinara spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert.

Cost is \$7. Proceeds benefit the Milford Senior Center. For more information, call Nancy Hinzmann, Milford Senior Center director, at 248-685-9008.

CPL class in Novi

Fulfill the classroom and shooting requirements needed to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License at the Novi Police Department’s Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

Registration forms are available online at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

The course takes place at the Novi Police Department Training Center, 45125 10 Mile Road. The classroom portion is in the morning and, after lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the training.

Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter’s ear-muffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap, and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, go to [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at [mwarren@cityofnovi.org](mailto:mwarren@cityofnovi.org) or 248-348-7100.

Community Sharing benefit meal

Come share in a simple meal of various soups and bread, donated by local restaurants, from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Baker’s of Milford, 2025 S Milford Road. Proceeds will benefit Community Sharing in the fight against hunger.

If you have painted a 2017 Empty Bowl soup bowl, it will be your entrance fee. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for teens and \$5 for children. For more information, go to [www.emptybowlproject.org](http://www.emptybowlproject.org) or call 248-889-0347.

Immigration event to feature Watroba

Veteran performer, community singer, radio host, songwriter and teacher Matt Watroba will be the featured entertainer at a celebration hosted by Justice For Our Neighbors of South-eastern Michigan, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Genetti’s Hole in the Wall in Northville.

The event will include hearty appetizers and a silent auction. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$55 per person and can be reserved by calling Victoria Booker at 734-629-6271 or online at [jfonse-mi2017fallfundraiser.brownpaperticket-s.com](http://jfonse-mi2017fallfundraiser.brownpaperticket-s.com).



## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Lakeland program enters a new hoop era

Brugger steps down after 17 seasons; Northern's Thompson takes over position

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White Lake Lakeland boys basketball will have a new voice on the bench this season as Walled Lake Northern's Ron Thompson takes over Bob Brugger, who recently stepped down



Thompson

after 17 seasons. Brugger, the only winning coach in school history, finished

203-168 overall in two different stints from 1999-2009 and 2010-17 with the Eagles. He also spent one season (2009-10) at Brighton, where he posted an 18-3 record.

Citing increased family commitments, the 45-year-old Brugger decided at the end of the 2016-17 school year that the time was right to step down. The Eagles finished 7-15 in his final season.

"We have an eight-month-old, a baby boy," Brugger said. "I also have two step sons, 11, and an 8-year-old son. I thought it was time to focus on my own teams and that's what we're going to do."

Brugger, a native of Tawas, guided the Eagles to three district titles along with a Kensington Lakes Activities Association North Division and Lakes Conference championship in 2013-14.



Bob Brugger coached a total of 17 seasons at Lakeland before stepping down. LAKELAND ATHLETICS

The outgoing coach admits he may go through withdrawal symptoms.

"Obviously I'll struggle, but right now I'm really enjoying my free time and enjoying time with family," said Brugger, currently an elementary physical education teacher who has taught 23 years in the Huron Valley Schools district. "I'm still doing basketball camps with community ed. I'm going to coach my 11-year-old step sons' basketball team this winter. I'll still be in the gym, but in a different capacity."

Brugger, who played

basketball at Adrian College, once had aspirations of getting into the collegiate ranks.

"I thought eventually I might work my way through into the college," he said. "But what I found out was, once you're kind of locked in as high school coach and you're locked in as a teacher, more importantly, that it's going to be difficult to walk away from that job. In a college coaching job, it's going to be usually at the bare minimum level, so that wasn't even an option once I figured out what they make. The way to go with that is to be a

grad assistant in college and work your way up. And I did not go that route."

Brugger spent a total of 18 seasons in the high school ranks, going 221-171 overall, including his one-year stint at Brighton.

"It's difficult to stay in one place and to coach that long with all the different obstacles you have to overcome at times," Brugger said. "But I definitely enjoyed my time and I'm looking forward to a new chapter and moving on."

Meanwhile, Brugger's resignation set off a chain reaction of coach-

ing changes between four schools in the KLAA and newly formed nine-school Lakes Valley Conference, which Lakeland joined this fall as charter member.

Gion Djokaj, who went 11-12 in his only season as Livonia Franklin coach, took the Walled Lake Northern job after Thompson stepped down. He was formerly a JV coach at Northern under Thompson. Dearborn Heights Crestwood assistant T.J. Hurley has replaced Djokaj at Franklin.

The 42-year-old Thompson, meanwhile, becomes Lakeland's sixth varsity coach dating back to the Eagles' inaugural season in 1974-75.

Thompson coached at Northern for the eight seasons, going 80-94 overall and capturing a Class A district title during his first season (2009-10). The Knights finished 14-8 last season. He also coached JV two seasons at Northern and two at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

He resigned from Northern in May and was hired in early June by Huron Valley Schools athletic coordinator Greg Michaels, who left only a few weeks later to become the new A.D. at South Lyon East.

Thompson, who played high school basketball at Walled Lake Central, holds a degree in finance from Oakland University. He recently sold his Farm Bureau Insurance agency and is now doing his student teaching in math at Lakeland.

Brugger and Thompson are close friends. Ironically, Northern and

Lakeland are located only a mile apart.

"I already had my assignment to do my student teaching there, so that was a good transition," Thompson said. "My son is in the school district. He goes to Country Oaks Elementary School, so he'll be going to Lakeland High School when he gets older. So when Bob resigned, I decided to put in for the Lakeland job and, fortunately, I got it. It sets up nice to where I'll, hopefully, be there a long time and be able to coach my son at some point into the future. And, hopefully, I'll be able to teach there as well."

Thompson got acquainted with his new team over the summer as the Eagles participated in 28 scrimmages. As the new Lakeland coach, Thompson plans to use an uptempo style of play and is excited about the team's prospects entering the 2017-18 season while working under new Lakeland A.D. Todd Miller.

"From year to year, it's different," Thompson said. "The ideal situation for what I want to do is to get out on the open floor, score in transition, play fast, but under control. And get after it defensively, play aggressive defense. But if the team doesn't dictate that, then I have no problem playing in the 30s as well. I'm sure you've seen Bob (Brugger) and our games in the past have been in the 30s. If that's how the game is being dictated, then that's what we'll do."

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How to stand out in a competitive market

BY PETER JONES  
THEJOBNETWORK

We all know the market is competitive. Any job you apply for is probably receiving a minimum of 100 applications — with some getting thousands. But someone has to get every job, right? People do make it through to the next levels of the hiring process, even in a crowded, qualified field of applicants.

You have to assume the majority of job seekers you're competing with are on the ball — their resumes are spotless and their experience and skill base matches or exceeds the job requirements. So how can you stand out as the best person for the job? Use some of these more targeted strategies to help elevate your application package:

1. Make your purpose clear and direct.

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sure you can articulate the talents that make you a good match and place them prominently in your cover letter, resume and other application materials. Know yourself and make that sing.

2. Don't hold back — sell yourself.

It's not enough to just know what drives you. You have to share that vision, enthusiastically, even if you're shy and

not prone to bragging. Put together a short pitch that summarizes why you, and only you, are the best person for the job. Once you have this down, you can use it at many points during your job search. Turn it into an elevator pitch for networking. Emphasize it in your interview. Build it into your social media presence. Make your sales pitch a part of how you present to the world while job seeking.

3. Sanitize your social media.

You could have the greatest application in the world, but if your social media profiles are inappropriate or controversial or just childish, a recruiter is going to toss your file in the trash.

Make sure to Google yourself and scour your net presence until it's every bit as polished and professional as you hope to present yourself.

4. Make your professional info a click away.

There are some fancy trends out there, and you better believe the competition will be keeping up with them. If you're up for it, try building a personal website to give a sense of your personal branding. Include the link in your resume, and include your resume on your website. A website can also (stylishly) convey all the context you didn't have room to include on your resume. Use this extra space to your advantage.

5. Network to build a group of reliable referrals.

Sometimes it really does come down to who you know. Make sure you're constantly networking and making inquiries. Find inroads to companies you want to work for to make contacts and seek mentors. You never know when someone you meet at a cocktail party or a lecture is going to be the one to pass your resume to a decision maker.

Peter Jones is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com, where this article was originally published. He investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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1 Latin "to be"  
5 Specifics  
12 Comic Johnson  
16 Dol. fractions  
19 "Tell Mama" singer James  
20 The Christian gospel, old-style  
21 Author Roald  
22 Noted coach Parseghian  
23 Having the tidy quality that spotted horses are known for?  
25 Per — (daily)  
26 Pt. of MCAT  
27 Outs, in court  
28 Car engine  
30 Sprint rival  
32 Coeur d'—, Idaho  
33 Berlin's land: Abbr.  
34 Meeting to generate enthusiasm for a tummy-soothing product?  
36 School org.  
37 And so on: Abbr.  
40 Allays  
42 Diva Melba
- DOWN**  
1 Poetic dusk  
2 Furtive  
3 Reason to use a room freshener  
4 Not dine out  
5 Lucy's man  
6 Longoria and Mendes  
7 Spigot  
8 Asian cartoon style  
9 One giving the cold shoulder  
10 Riga dweller  
11 Yachts' kin  
12 Tack on  
13 Bonnie of blues rock  
14 "I'm a Believer" pop group  
15 "Cuba Libre" novelist — Leonard  
16 Wife of Prince Charles  
17 Vine-growing frame  
18 Part of a forlorn face  
24 As red as —  
29 Soul singer  
31 Ointment  
32 Basilica area  
33 Simple sugar
- ACROSS**  
43 Sentry in front of a Japanese shrine?  
46 Cartoon cry  
48 Swarm  
49 Fictional Jane  
50 Kid gloves  
51 Serum vials  
55 Muse who lifts poets' spirits?  
62 Actress Zadora  
65 Bristol brews  
66 Sleekly designed  
67 Canada's Nova —  
68 Tree remnant  
70 Bird feed bit  
72 Cork, e.g.  
75 Intermediary  
76 Knee injury  
78 Fit nicely  
80 Certain part of speech  
82 Pal of Curly  
83 Comment after someone describes how state-run gambling games work?  
88 Pasta dish  
89 Three wise men  
90 Had being
- DOWN**  
94 Decade, e.g.  
98 Maya of architecture  
99 Middle of a right-hand book page?  
102 Up-front  
104 Intended (to)  
107 Fossil fuel  
108 Org. archiving movies  
109 "Serpico" star using his high singing voice?  
111 Pt. of NCAA  
113 Really into  
115 Tiny baby  
116 Human trunk  
118 Prison warden, to Brits  
120 French pal  
121 Window ledge  
123 Epic poem division about night crawlers?  
126 Writer Anaïs  
127 Yard pest  
128 Even a tiny bit  
129 Schnitzel meat  
130 Flying expert  
131 Skiing stuff  
132 Electrician  
133 This, to José
- DOWN**  
35 False: Prefix  
38 Add up  
39 Striped gems  
41 Old saying  
44 Born, to Luc  
45 From — Z  
47 Pixieish type  
52 Transforms gradually  
53 Betting group  
54 Trig ratio  
56 Descend a rock face, in a way  
57 Appear gradually, as on film  
58 Firewood bit  
59 Newsy bit  
60 Spanish boy  
61 Portal  
62 "Hey, you!"  
63 Have a yen  
64 Halo effect  
69 Gym surface  
71 'Zine online  
73 Open, as a 61-Down  
74 Infant's noise  
77 High praise  
79 Web, to a fly  
81 Upstate New York city  
84 Chi follower  
85 Island patio  
86 "Mad Men" network  
87 Have  
91 Bric-a-brac stands  
92 Configure anew  
93 Activist Brockovich  
94 Doo-wop group at Woodstock  
95 Strong verbal attack  
96 "Training Day" director Fuqua  
97 A noble gas  
100 Player of Lou Grant  
101 Funny bone's location  
103 Cramps, e.g.  
105 Accrued qty.  
106 Bovine, to a tolt  
110 Viola relative  
112 Comic Fields  
114 "Arno," in English  
117 Rajah's mate  
118 "I — Name" (1973 hit)  
119 Picasso's "Lady With —"  
122 Actor Ayres  
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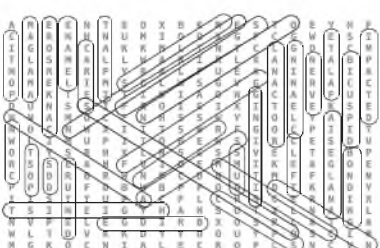
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### Word Search Answers





# Car Report

## HYUNDAI TESTS ‘SHOPPER ASSURANCE’ PROGRAM TO BOOST CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE 4 WAYS, PLANNING NATIONWIDE ROLLOUT IN 2018



**By Dale Buss**

As U.S. auto sales level off and competition tightens for what is still a healthy pool of customers, brands are turning to traditional levers such as bigger financial incentives to make sure they're competitive.

Hyundai dealers are bringing something new to the game: a program called Shopper Assurance that aims to make the buying experience better. It launches in Miami, Orlando, Dallas and Houston and will roll out to all U.S. Hyundai dealers in early 2018.

Of course, the car-buying experience is infamously frustrating to American consumers and especially to millennials, who want to handle as much of the process as possible online. But Hyundai's research found that if the brand could address four pain points, 84 percent of consumers would visit a dealership that offered solutions over one that did not.

"It is the future of car buying, and our commitment to creating a flexible, efficient and better way to purchase a car in partnership with our dealer body," said Dean Evans, CMO of Hyundai Motor America, in a press release.

Specifically, Shopper Assurance offers:

- Transparent Pricing: Participating dealers post the fair market pricing on their web sites (MSRP minus



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incentives and any dealer-offered discounts) so customers know exactly what the market pricing is for the vehicle, reducing negotiating time and eliminating the frustration of widely advertised incentives not being available on dealer web sites.

- Flexible Test Drive: Customers can contact the dealer through a Hyundai platform that allows them to schedule by phone or by app in available markets, for delivery of the test-drive vehicle at a location of their choosing.
- Streamlined Purchase: Buyers can complete most paperwork online before visiting the dealership for a vehicle in the dealer's inventory, including applying for financing, obtaining credit approvals, calculating payment estimates and valuing trade-ins.
- Three-Day Money-Back Guarantee: Return the car for a full refund as long as it's got less than 300 miles.

Hyundai could use a lift. The brand's sales in the US were down by 15 percent

through September compared with a year earlier, while the overall light-vehicle market was down only less than 2 percent in the same period. Lately Hyundai has struggled mainly with the fact that it's relatively light on SUVs and crossovers compared with sedans, and American consumers have shifted significantly away from the latter.

Hyundai hopes to get about 700 of its 820 dealers to go with the voluntary Shopper Assurance program. Its Genesis luxury brand will get something similar in 2018.

"We did extensive research, some of that internally over the last two years, asking customers what they wanted," Evans told me. "We had good ideas, from being close to customers for years, about test drives. And what were other companies like Amazon and other remote business models like grocery stores doing to bring products to people? There were some studies out there and we said, look at the pain.



# Shopper Assurance

"It's a balancing act all the time with retailers and customers. Every store runs a little differently. We're trying to highlight overall improvement categories like time saved without being too prescriptive, and dial in a better experience over time."

"We can't dictate pricing to the dealer body, but we recognize in the marketplace that there is a transaction price that consumers all kind of figure out and go get in the research process through TrueCar and Edmunds and so on. When a customer comes to a Hyundai retailer, especially online, I want that number that they want to sell their car for to be about the same as everyone online says it should be. We want our price to validate that."

"Because of all those variables, and because the dealer network is at various stages of adoption, we're staying at the high level in this year. But some dealers, even tomorrow, could be down to the penny with the price, a guaranteed trade-in and digital signage online. I want the customer to see only maybe a \$500 difference between my trade and what they see on Kelly Blue Book and CarMax. We're trying to show them transparency, not guaranteeing some online transactional-level sale price."

Do consumers remember Hyundai Assurance, which the brand launched in 2009 to guarantee it would pick up car payments if someone bought a Hyundai and later lost their job?

"What they think of Hyundai today," Evans said, "is that we're definitely a value brand and a rational brand and with these assurances, and they pop up every once in a while. That's why we attach this to 'Assurance': There's some value in that and we love the word. How do we make the customer more at the center of our world? We think this could be the Assurance that's most memorable over time."

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**Charming Colonial!**

- \* This home features three bedrooms, two and half bathrooms on 2.1 acres
- \* Updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances, Quarts counters and marble backsplash
- \* Great room with beautiful brick fireplace and crown molding
- \* First floor laundry, 3 Car garage with shed

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