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The raffle is designed to pay out up to \$25,000 toward the winner's future, current or past college expenses. Tickets are being sold for \$50 each or three for \$100, but less than 1,500 tickets will be sold in order to keep the odds favorable. The maximum prize is \$25,000, but if that jackpot is not reached, the prize will revert to a 50/50 drawing. As of Nov. 2, more than 250 people have purchased tickets and the guaranteed prize has grown to \$12,000.

After the Holiday Lighted Parade on Nov. 17, Santa will draw the winning ticket during the tree lighting ceremony. Last year's winner, parents of a Northville High School student, won \$17,625. They placed the funds into a 529 college savings plan.

Proceeds from the raffle benefit the NEF. To purchase a raffle ticket, go to [www.SupportNEF.org](http://www.SupportNEF.org). Purchasers must be 18 or older, but they can designate a recipient or recipients of the prize who are under 18. The purchaser does not need to be present to win.

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# Gunman said 'get down,' then fired

## Victim testifies during court hearing

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A Northville Township woman says she was stripped naked and forced into a closet by a man with a rifle during a burglary at her home last spring.

Candace Holiday testified Nov. 3 that she returned home some time after 4 a.m. April 30, after a night of club-hopping, and went into her house to see footprints on the floor — and a masked man, holding a rifle, standing nearby.

"When I looked to the right, I saw him," Holiday testified

before Judge James Plakas in 35th District Court.

"Bitch, get down," the man said, according to Holiday.

"I was in shock, so I just stood there," Holiday told Meghan Mathews, an assistant Wayne County prosecutor.

The man then fired the rifle toward a staircase to scare her, she said. "I got down," she said.

Holiday identified the man as Deamo L. Lately, who was in the courtroom next to defense attorney Cliff Woodards. Following Holiday's testimony, Plakas ordered Lately, of Detroit, sent to Wayne County Circuit Court on 18 charges, including two counts of armed robbery, two counts of carjacking and one count of unlawful imprisonment.

After she got on the floor, Holiday testified, Lately



Lately

man who was Holiday's boyfriend at the time.

Her boyfriend was on the floor, she later testified.

"Bitch, if you look up, I'm going to kill you," Lately said, according to Holiday.

He then demanded jewelry, asked if she had any guns and pulled off her clothes, taking her to a closet in another bedroom, putting her inside and blocking it with a bed and other items, she said.

Holiday testified that when she got out of the closet, she

found that her two vehicles — a Chevrolet Corvette and a Lexus RX 350 — were gone. Also gone were about 50 pairs of shoes, 30 purses, a bottle with cash in it and a Rolex watch, she said.

Her boyfriend, she said, called police. The incident took place at a house in the area of Five Mile and Bradner.

During cross-examination Friday, Woodards asked if Holiday had been under the influence of alcohol; Holiday said she'd had two drinks, one at each of the strip club's she'd visited over a four-hour span. "I wasn't buzzing or anything," she said.

Woodards also questioned how she was able to identify Lately when her assailant had

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# Staging 'Scrooge'



Mr. Smyth (Nick Maiz) and Grace Smyth (Grace LoGrosso), tenants of Scrooge (Tristan Presley), get bad news from their landlord. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Northville High School actors take on Dickens

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Freshman Tristan Presley got a taste of drama when he appeared in "Middle Decades" at Hillside Middle School.

When the Northville freshman got to high school, he just wanted to be part of the drama club. When the club announced auditions for its fall play, it didn't matter to him what they were producing or where he fit in. Presley just wanted to be part of it.

The play being produced happens to be "A Christmas Carol: The Musical" and, as it turns out, he snared the biggest part: Ebenezer Scrooge.

"I didn't care what they were going to perform, I just wanted to be part of it," said Presley, appearing in his first



As Marley predicted, Scrooge's sleep is disturbed by three spirits ( Giovanna Reyes, Corrine Kissel and Addison Zhang). BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

high school production. "I remember seeing the (cast list) I was, like, 'Holy shoot!' I was giddy for three days."

While the whole cast may not be as giddy as Presley,

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## Kentucky man says he's out \$260 for Lions tickets

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

"I'll take care of you guys for sure!" read the text message from a Novi man, one of more than 70 exchanged between him and another man over the latter's purchase of Detroit Lions football tickets.

But the buyer, from Lexington, Ky., says he's out the \$260 he paid for four tickets that never materialized. Meanwhile, the suspect, who according to police in Northville Township has a criminal history, claimed he held up his end of the bargain.

The complainant told police he had used Craigslist in search of handicap-accessible seats for the Oct. 29 Detroit Lions-Pittsburgh Steelers game at Ford Field. He filed a police report after becoming suspicious when promised ticket instructions didn't arrive and then discovering, on the Internet, that the man he had paid was on probation.

The two had met Oct. 13 outside the Meijer on Haggerty and the Novi man showed the buyer his driver's licence, which the buyer photographed, during the transaction, a police report said.

The complainant told the Novi man that he planned on taking his wife and his 19-year-old son to the game and the Novi man had said he'd give them four tickets for the price of three, the report said.

The supposed ticket-seller, the complainant told police, had told him he would arrange for him to pick up the tickets at Ford Field's will-call window and would email details about how to pick them up. But the details didn't arrive, he said, despite repeated promises, via text messages, that "I'll take

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# Boy, 10, honored for helping brother through a seizure

**Matt Jachman**  
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Jasper Wang is a shy 10-year-old who, in lighter moments, can be as goofy as any boy his age. He likes building things, tent camping and archery and shooting BB guns, sports he gets to practice as a Cub Scout.

But Jasper also has an abundance of curiosity and a maturity beyond his years, attributes he employed to help rescue his older brother Malcolm, when Malcolm suffered an epileptic seizure last year.

"I always tell Jasper that we work as a team. A family is a team," said Karen Wang, the mother of the boys, who was also



Jasper Wang and brother Malcolm Wang. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

present when Malcom, 16, suffered the grand mal seizure in February 2016.

The three were at their house in Novi when the seizure started, as

Malcolm was doing homework. Jasper and his mother heard the choking sounds that signaled its beginnings and found Malcolm slumped over in the desk chair.

While Karen Wang protected her unconscious son's body, moving him gently to the floor to prevent injury, Jasper retrieved a phone and a towel, moved furniture, got medicine and water and helped keep Malcolm comfortable.

He helped his mother time the seizure — more than two minutes and they'd have to call for an ambulance, Karen Wang explained — and monitor Malcolm's vital signs.

Jasper's quick actions won him praise from a Boy Scouts of America National Court of Honor,

which gave him a certificate of merit last month. The award process is a lengthy one; nominees' actions are reviewed at the district and national levels before decisions are made.

His proud parents say helping them during medical scares is something Jasper learned from a young age. His curiosity about his brother's epilepsy and autism, they said, prompted questions that, when answered, gave him a background that helped him know what to do.

"Jasper is always calm and helpful during emergencies, which increases his brother's chances of a positive outcome," Karen Wang wrote in an email.

"We were very happy

to see Jasper not run away from something that can be very distressing to witness," said the boys' father, Orson.

Jasper is a fifth-grader at Amerman Elementary in the Northville Public Schools district.

A member of Cub Scout Pack 746, sponsored by Novi United Methodist Church, he is working to earn a Supernova science badge, which requires extensive research. He likes building plastic models — models of World War II-era planes are a favorite — and is also into three-dimensional printing, having fashioned some accessories for his Nerf gun on the 3-D

printer at the Novi Public Library.

Malcolm is a junior at Northville High School who likes mathematics and chemistry and is an avid photographer. He also likes music and dancing and is a member of his school's chapter of Smiles for Students, which provides peer support to students with disabilities.

Malcolm reports feeling very good these days; his parents say his epilepsy is well-controlled by medication and a specific routine.

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## GUNMAN

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been wearing a mask.

"I see his eyes and his mouth," she said.

"And that's enough for you to determine who a person is?" Woodards asked.

"Yes," Holiday said. Woodards also asked how the man was able to take off her clothes while holding a rifle. She didn't

seem certain, but speculated that he might have set it down.

"I had on a one-piece outfit. He stripped it off me," she said.

Woodards argued that Plakas should drop the carjacking charges, since Holiday wasn't physically in the vehicles when they were stolen.

"Taking of those keys consists of possession of the vehicle," Mathews, the prosecutor, responded. "She doesn't have to be in

possession of the vehicle."

Plakas agreed and ordered Lately bound over on all 18 charges.

In addition to the carjacking and armed robbery counts, Lately is charged with one count each of home invasion, felonious assault, unlawful imprisonment, discharging a gun in or at a building and being a felon in possession of a gun. He also faces nine counts of using a gun during a felony.

Lately is scheduled to be arraigned on those charges in circuit court Friday. He is being held in the Wayne County Jail on a \$1 million bond.

Lately was arrested Oct. 9 in Detroit; there have been no other arrests and police continue to investigate.

Holiday's Corvette was later recovered.

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care of you guys."

The two exchanged text messages over several days. At one point, the Novi man said his father was ill, according to a transcript of the messages that was included in the police re-

port.

"I've been at the hospital all day. Not looking good bro," read one message in response to the buyer's inquiry about the tickets. "But don't worry I'll take care of you guys for sure!"

In another message, the Novi man said he would pick up the tickets and personally deliver them. The buyer had

indicated he'd been staying temporarily in the Brighton area.

A police officer phoned the suspect Oct. 30 and the man acknowledged taking the \$260, but also said he had emailed the ticket instructions, the police report said. He claimed to be on a construction job in Rose City and said he would come to the

police station Monday, Nov. 6, to clear up the matter, the report said.

Police said the suspect is wanted on an Oakland County warrant for a probation violation and has a criminal history that includes fraud and home invasion.

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members have dove into the fall production with a great deal of vigor. It's an unusual move for the club to do a musical in the fall (they're usually reserved for spring, when there's more rehearsal time, etc.). But director Tracy Spada said she was looking for something, in a trying climate in the world, that could lift spirits. This musical, with its Disney music, was just the thing, she said.

"I think it's a good time to do it. ... This is happy, it's hopeful," Spada said. "It's a Disney production and I like Disney music. The kids love the music, too. It's such a different feel. They're so on-board, so

excited. There's a cheerfulness about them."

Spada said she's never enjoyed the non-musical stage productions of the Dickens classic all that much. Then she saw the musical and, eventually, directed it at Milan High School around 2005.

"It's almost like an operetta," Spada said. "The music carries all the way through the show."

The music this time is being directed by NHS choir director Beth Richter, who is replacing the retiring Mary Kay Price, the longtime musical director leaving at the end of the school year.

"A Christmas Carol: The Musical" is Richter's chance to work with the 30-student cast. She said the biggest challenge is getting the choreography and the music aligned with the characters.

"It's almost like letting

the lead (character) of that particular song shine," Richter said. "The kids have been great. Working with them has been fantastic."

The production started rehearsing in September, but there have been challenges. The choir concert happened a few weeks ago, keeping play rehearsals off the stage. Actors had to find pockets around the auditorium in which to rehearse.

Then, the school had a haunted house on the stage, keeping work on "A Christmas Carol: The Musical" sets from proceeding.

"There's always a challenge getting set up," Spada said. "There are 30 kids and quite a few costume changes. It's been a quick rehearsal process."

The students are making the adjustments. Junior Ainsley Kirkland, who played Grandma in

NHS's production of "The Addams Family" last year, is playing Mrs. Fezziwig in this play.

She said it's been challenging to do the singing, because the character "sings some soprano" and Kirkland is an alto. But she said she's had tons of fun playing her.

"She's fun," Kirkland said. "She's very energetic. I get to have a fun time with her and get to make her very 'character-y.' I get to make some jokes, get to do some dancing."

"A Christmas Carol: The Musical" hits the stage at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, as well as 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. Tickets are available for \$10 online at showtix4u.com or for \$12 at the door.

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Accompanist Justin Umbarger and director Tracy Spada work with the cast of "A Christmas Carol."  
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Sarah Poulos plays a lamplighter, as well as a ghost of Christmas past. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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# Teachers pay attention to how, why of learning

How do students earn low grades? I happen to know a thing or two about that. When I attended the University of Washington, it did not give letter grades. Instead, it gave number grades. The scale was 4.0 – 0.0, roughly equivalent to the letter grade A-F scale. In this case, the higher the number, the better the grade.

In my Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion course, I earned a 1.8.

How I did that was quite simple. The professor was not



Steve Matthews  
SUPER TALK

unfair. I didn't study. I was inattentive to deadlines. I did poorly on quizzes and tests.

I earned that grade the old-fashioned way – I didn't do anything.

So the "how I earned that grade" is quite easy to explain. The "why I earned that grade" is a bit more complex.

I earned that grade because I did not care. The course may have

been a requirement. It may have been part of my degree program. But it clearly did not matter to me.

As a result, I was unwilling to put forth the effort required to do well.

I could perform at a higher level. In my Hinduism course, I earned a 4.0, in my Advanced Expository Writing course, I earned a 3.5, and in my History of England in the 19th Century course, I earned a 3.7.

So clearly, I had the capacity. But for the Introduction to the Phi-

losophy of Religion course, I just did not have the drive.

And that is the difficulty of helping students learn. Helping students learn is not just about making sure they have the technical skills — the ability to read, write, organize thoughts, communicate.

Helping students learn also requires that we find ways to meaningfully connect the content to a student's life, that we make them care about what they are learning. Helping a student learn requires that we find ways to make the content

important.

Teachers in Novi work hard to find ways to connect our students with our curriculum. Our teachers recognize that doing well requires more than just delivering the content. Teachers know that they also have to find ways to make students care about the content of the class.

This month, Novi High School Honors Algebra II students collaborated with Novi Woods third-graders on a playground project. The high school students were required to know the math, while the third-grade students

provided insight on what makes for an exciting playground. Both groups of students, hopefully, realized that math is not just doing problems, but that it has a real purpose.

There is a how and a why to learning. Here in Novi, we try to attend to both so that we give our students the best opportunities to learn.

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## Fox Run resident gets Novi Ambassador Academy certification



Fox Run's Geri Angel, a recent graduate of the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy, has been awarded a certification from City Manager Pete Auger for her completion of the Novi Ambassador Academy, where she learned all about the inner workings of the city. "Never would have had these opportunities if I didn't live at Fox Run," said Angel, a former educator who co-hosts a travelogue show on Fox Run's closed-circuit TV station. She is also a member of the community's Curtain Call thespian troupe.

## Young boy makes donation to VFW



On Oct. 28, VFW Post No. 4012 of Northville received a very special donation of \$281 from a 9-year-old boy, Jackson Sholler. Jackson sold VFW poppies while attending and playing soccer in Northville. He also had set up a stand in front of his residence to gain additional sales. Jackson's mother Rebeca noted that her son came up with this idea on his own and both mom and dad are extremely proud of their son. Pictured are the Shollers, along with Steve Fraser of the VFW post.

### Mail theft

A new T-shirt with a Hawaiian-style pattern was reported stolen from the mailbox at a house in the area of Six Mile and Beck.

The complainant told police she had received an Amazon email notification Oct. 25 that the

T-shirt had been delivered, but that it was not in the mailbox that day nor the next.

The woman told police she had recently been the victim of identity theft and that someone had opened a credit card account in her name and that several other attempts to open credit

accounts had been made.

She speculated that someone had gone through her mail in an attempt to find newly-delivered credit cards, police said.

**Unemployment fraud**

Three Northville Township residents re-

cently told police that their names had been used in fraudulent applications for Michigan unemployment benefits.

The residents, two men, 47 and 60, and a woman, 48, each filed a police report.

All three had been informed of the phony unemployment applica-

tions by their respective employers and the incidents either were reported to or were to be reported to state authorities.

**House egged**

A house on Hilltop Drive, in the area of Seven Mile and Beck, was egged early Oct. 29.

Eggs had hit a window over the front door, a police report said, and the shells ended up on the porch. The complainant told police he'd heard noise at about 1 a.m.

— Matt Jachman

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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.

Community Reads Author Visit

**When:** 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10  
**Details:** Hear Ben Winters, author of "Underground Airlines," speak at Novi Public Library. Wine and dessert reception immediately following presentation. Must be 21 or over. RSVP via Novi Public Library at 248-349-0720 or novilibrary.org.

'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.

**Drop-In Thanksgiving Crafts**  
**When:** 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, and 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15  
**Details:** Kids of all ages can make a super cute turkey for Thanksgiving. Just drop in. No special groups, please, due to space limitations.

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.

Fun and funds for Five Points



Mackenzie Miron of White Lake is thrilled to find sprinkles hidden in the center of her cupcake, signifying she is the winner of a cupcake raffle at the Friday cancer charity fundraiser A Night to Remember, benefiting the Five Points of Hope cancer care fund. Miron was one of 25 people who bought a \$25 cupcake, donated by Buttercream Bakeshop of Wixom. TERESA SILVER



Dawn Delo of Livonia bit into a cupcake with a surprise orange center, which meant that she was the grand prize winner of a cupcake raffle at the Friday cancer charity fundraiser A Night to Remember. TERESA SILVER

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

**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

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# Troubled kennel owner: Dogs in good hands

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Despite four counts of animal neglect, kennel operator Mary Gabriel insists the 49 dogs she had in July are now in good hands. Pam Sordyl would like to know their whereabouts.

This is a story about golden retrievers and who will speak on their behalf. Gabriel is owner of Chien d'Or Golden, a troubled kennel that operated for years out of Farmington Hills. Today, the kennel is closed and Gabriel has moved to a home on a 10-acre plot in Rose Township.

"I'm planning to do some farming," Gabriel said in a recent phone interview. "I'm also thinking about keeping some goats for goat milk."

Sordyl is the founder of an animal welfare group called Puppy Mill Awareness. She's been monitoring Gabriel and her kennel for years, questioning why the business had been allowed to operate despite a repeated pattern of complaints.

"Where's she holding the animals?" Sordyl asked about the dogs. "Rose Township has already informed her that she's only allowed to keep two dogs on her property, so where are the rest and what kind of condition are they living in?"

Gabriel, 74, closed the kennel after Oakland County Animal Control refused to renew her business license following an inspection in June, during which a veterinarian found nine dogs that were in poor condition. Farmington Hills police conducted a welfare check a month later and counted 49 dogs on the property, including the home and basement.

In August, Gabriel moved four of the dogs – two retrievers and two Sussex spaniels – to a friend's house in Livonia. When Livonia Animal Control officers received a tip that the dogs were being kept outdoors in a pop-up camping tent with little food or water, they visited the home and removed the animals.

Per a police report, the four dogs were infested with fleas and their coats were matted with urine and feces. Consequently, Gabriel and the homeowner, Kelly Dettore, were both charged with four counts of animal neglect and four counts of having unlicensed dogs.



Animal rights activist Pam Sordyl, at an adoption event in August.

### Where are the dogs?

Gabriel was arraigned Oct. 9 in 16th District Court, where she pleaded not guilty to the eight misdemeanors. At the arraignment, Gabriel told Judge Sean Kavanagh that she was down to 10 dogs and had placed the rest.

Her preliminary exam, originally scheduled for Oct. 23, has been adjourned until Nov. 9. In the meantime, there's a question of what happened to the remaining dogs.

"Half of them were puppies and they were sold," Gabriel said in the phone interview, which took place prior to her scheduled exam. "I placed the other ones. I've got a huge customer base and three of the dogs were sent to Ohio. They're sleeping on leather couches and spoiled rotten."

Gabriel said she always follows the rules "and does everything by the book" when it comes to breeding dogs.

She claims the four dogs taken by Livonia, which are now being held at a shelter in Westland, were not abused, but rather coated in mud from being outside in the rain.

"I took them where I thought they would be safe," she said, adding she may breed the Sussex spaniels one or two times a year if she can get them back.

Sordyl believes Oakland County should have prosecuted Gabriel back in June, when the dogs were found in unsafe and unsanitary conditions.

"If the kennel did not meet the standards for a kennel license and dogs were in need of medical attention, they should have been removed," she said. "The county needs to prosecute to ensure the owner is restricted from owning animals and terms that will allow officers to conduct periodic inspections."

She also worries that Gabriel will

continue hoarding animals.

"If she's hiding dogs in Livonia, we believe she's hiding them in other cities as well," Sordyl said. "She kept kennels in her basement in Farmington Hills ... what's to say she's not doing the same thing in Rose Township?"

For her part, Gabriel says she has a genuine affection for all animals. She claims there are plenty of happy customers who have written positive testimonials on her website.

She also claims Sordyl and her group are unfairly targeting her.

"I used to work with rescues," Gabriel said. "I'm not against what they do; I'm against with how they do it."

And the dogs themselves? All they can do is hope there's someone out there who will speak on their behalf.

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# Michigan author explores history of Hamtramck bars

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The Hemingway of Hamtramck has struck again – this time with a whiskey shot glass. Michigan author Greg Kowalski’s latest book, “They Drank to That: Bars, Beer and the Beat of Hamtramck,” is a literary cocktail that explores the colorful history of the bar scene in one of Michigan’s more celebrated cities.

The lifelong resident of Hamtramck started his writing career at the Hamtramck Citizen, before joining the Observer & Eccentric and eventually serving as editor of the Birmingham Eccentric. Since 2013, he’s served as director of communications for Bloomfield Township.

This is his 10th book on Hamtramck and each one is written with a touch of humor and a ton of affection for the city he loves:

**Q: What inspired you to write a book about bars?**

Kowalski: I did a PowerPoint program on bars at the Hamtramck Historical Museum last year and more than 100 people showed up. It was obvious there was a great interest in the bar scene. And I had a long-time interest in the bars, because they played such a prominent role in Hamtramck’s history.

Bars traditionally have been much more than watering holes in Hamtramck. They have been social centers, seats of political power, cornerstones of the community. Hamtramck had an incredible abundance of bars, far more, per capita, than almost any other town anywhere.

**Q: Any prohibition/mobster stories in the book?**

Kowalski: There is a chapter devoted to prohibition. There were probably more bars operating in Hamtramck during prohibition than before or after it. There literally were hundreds. There was a bar nearly next to the police station during prohibition. The cops used to listen to music from the bar – and would ask them to play it louder.

Prohibition was detested by the immigration population in Hamtramck (as it was across the country), but in Hamtramck, surrounded by Detroit, the bars flourished. Detroit police, politicians and mobsters would come to Hamtramck for a quiet drink here, where they wouldn’t be bothered.

Violating prohibition laws was not viewed as a crime by the residents and being arrested for a prohibition violation had absolutely no stigma attached to it. Two Hamtramck mayors were sent to prison for prohibition violations. That didn’t hurt their political careers at all.

**Q: How did you go about researching the topic?**

Kowalski: I have been researching Hamtramck’s incredible history for many years. In the course of that time, I have uncovered many, many documents, including official documents (I have the liquor license applications from 1914), police documents and newspapers, books, government surveys and much, much more. All these are in the archives of the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

In addition, I interviewed many people, including former bar owners, long-time patrons and people who

had a great deal of information about the bars. Much of this is included in the book.

**Q: Best bar story?**

Kowalski: The story of Columbia Bar is really fascinating. If a patron got too drunk, the bartender would take him home so he would arrive there safely ... only to be pelted with cups and other throwable things tossed by a furious wife.

The bartender quickly learned how to shove the drunk inside onto the wife and run before she

could pick up something to throw.

**Q: Best bar name in Hamtramck? Oldest bar in Hamtramck?**

Kowalski: Tight Fittin’ Jean’s Bar. Oldest was a bar that has gone through several names and owners since the 1890s. It was Sam’s Café, Columbia Bar, Lili’s 21 and now The Painted Lady. Kelly’s Bar has been continuously operating for a good 60 years, maybe more. New Dodge Bar has a prohibition tunnel visible from the

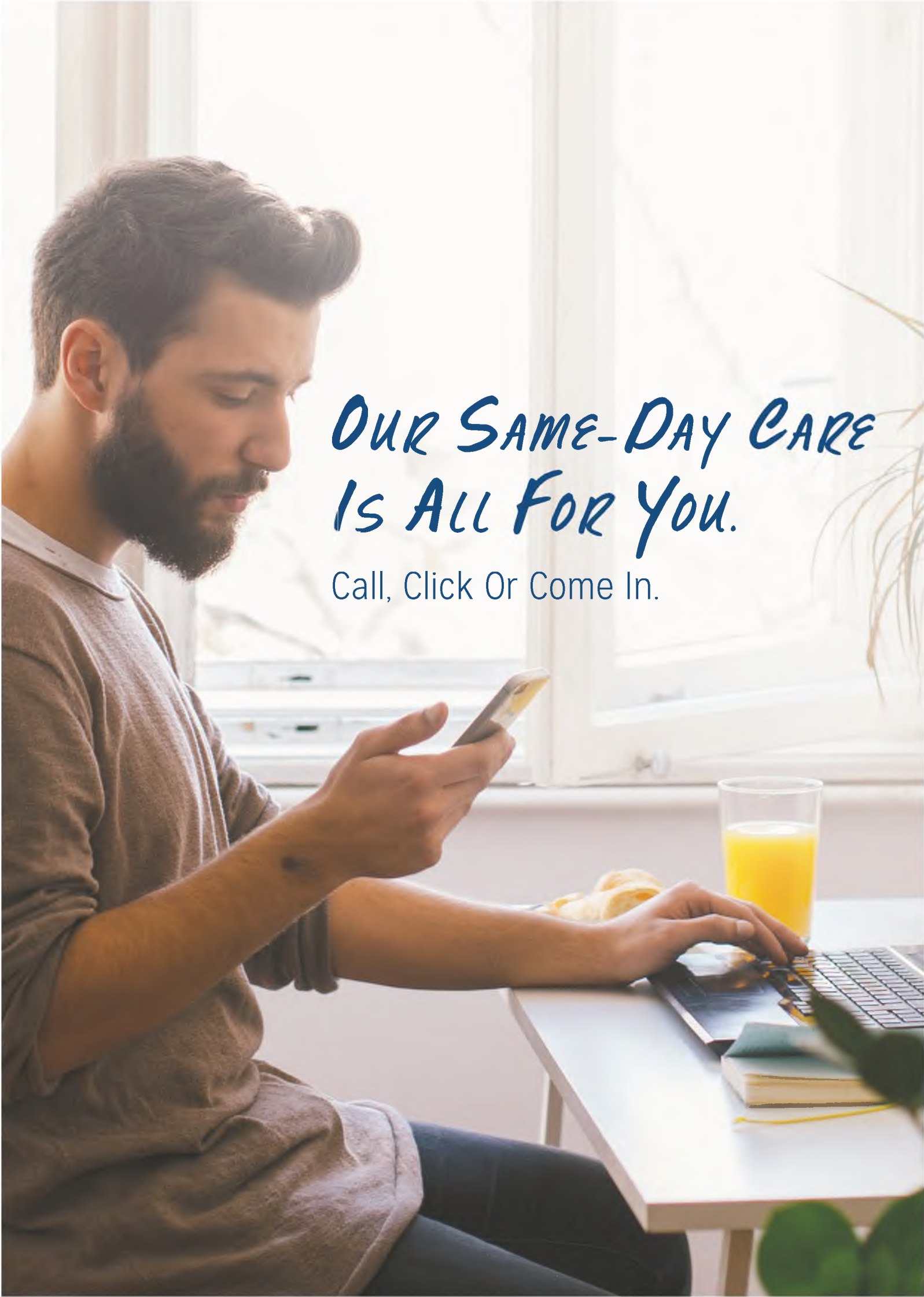
bathroom floor. That puts it back more than 80 years.

*“They Drank to That: Bars, Beer and the Beat of Hamtramck” (Arcadia Press, \$22.95) will be published Dec. 11, however, pre-orders are being taken now through the Hamtramck Historical Museum at hamtramckhistory.org.*

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# Cupcakes full of prizes help High Points fundraiser



Eleven-year-old cupcake entrepreneurs Emery (left) and Kristen, from K&E Baked Goods, baked and donated the cupcakes for one of the two cupcake raffles at the Five Points of Hope fundraiser. TERESA SILVER



Sam and Pat Kar of Rochester Hills attended the Five Points of Hope charity fundraiser, A Night to Remember, at the Edgewood Country Club in Commerce to help raise money for Michigan cancer patients. TERESA SILVER



Beth Cowger of Mio and her daughter, Tracy Voet of Midland, attended the Five Points of Hope charity fundraiser, A Night to Remember, at the Edgewood Country Club in Commerce to help raise money for Michigan cancer patients. TERESA SILVER



Audrey Niewinski of Waterford had a lot of raffle tickets to manage as winning numbers were called out at Friday night's cancer fundraiser. TERESA SILVER



Tom Welsh of Milford puts a lot of effort into selecting a lucky cupcake, in hopes of winning one of the cupcake raffles. TERESA SILVER



Casino-style gaming for raffle tickets was one of the big draws. TERESA SILVER



Breanna McCusker of Livonia had some raffle luck Friday. McCusker's raffle tickets garnered her a couple of prizes during the event. TERESA SILVER



# Interfaith card game fosters unity, understanding

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A Catholic, a Presbyterian and an Episcopalian sit down to play cards. It sounds like the makings of a joke, but it happens five times a year through the Gleaners Interfaith Euchre Tournament, the result of Novi resident Wally Preston's effort to unite people of different faiths.

Preston, a retired Chrysler employee who belongs to St. James Catholic Church in Novi, is married to a Presbyterian woman and says he sees more similarities than differences in their beliefs.

Even so, he sees hostility between faiths worldwide.

"In today's environment, there is a great deal of hostility that pervades religion," he said. "It's very difficult for people to meet in the middle."

About five years ago, Preston, 78, began searching for a unifying social activity that would bring local churches together. It took some time, but the Gleaners Interfaith Euchre Tournament began in 2015.

Participants from St. James, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Holy Cross Episcopal Church of Novi, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia and Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington gather five times a year – each church hosts one competition – to play euchre. Coordinators from each church put out the word to their congregations and let the host know the number of attendees.

Donated funds to Gleaners come in the form of quarters tossed into the tournament cup – a trophy that makes its rounds among annual winning churches – when a team names trump and fails to win three or more of the possible five tricks. Both team members must then pay a quarter. Depending on how the cards fall, donations amount to some \$20 per event. So far, the interfaith tournament has raised \$544 for Gleaners.

For each competition, Wallace records the highest-scoring teams from each church. The church with the highest recorded score wins the cup, or trophy, at the end of the tournament and gets its name engraved on the trophy, along with the amount raised for Gleaners. The tournament runs September through March.



The Gleaners Interfaith Euchre Tournament met Oct. 29 at St. James Catholic Church in Novi.  
PAMELA A. ZINKOSKY



The Gleaners Interfaith Euchre Tournament Cup makes the rounds among churches which hold the winning score at the end of the year.  
PAMELA A. ZINKOSKY

### Friendly competition

Ellen Wetzel, who coordinates the tournament for First Presbyterian, last year's winning team, said the tournament enables people to visit other churches and befriend their members.

"It gives me a chance to motivate members of our church to do something fun and even those not participating get a kick out of the updates to our progress in pursuing the cup," Wetzel said.

Leon Collins, coordinator for Holy Cross Episcopal, said his church has never been in the running for the cup, but the game is still fun and worthwhile.

"We were interested in increasing our communication channels with other churches in the area," he said. "This was considered an outreach activity. Our attendance has improved over time."

Lynn Lamb, coordinator for St. James, said he hopes publicity will encourage more churches to participate in the tournament. "We have had a few more churches join us, but we are still a well-kept secret," Lamb said.

Preston has been knocking on doors to ensure the tournament isn't a secret. In fact, he's hoping to get some Muslim participants in the near future. "It's

hard for me to say 'kill all those Muslims' if I sit across from one to play cards," Preston said.

Similarly, Sharon Kramer, coordinator for Universalist Unitarian, saw the tournament as a way to break down negative generalizations about different religions.

"As Universalist Unitarians, our faith is often misunderstood or derided as a non-religion," she said. "Along the same vein, UUs have been known to make less than flattering generalizations about organized religion, so we have room to grow and learn through this experience as well."

"By joining the interfaith euchre group, I was hoping to form relationships with individuals that in some small way would build bridges between different faiths."

Debbie LaFontaine, coordinator for Trinity Lutheran, agreed. "I think the interfaith gathering is a great idea so people can gain a better understanding of one another," she said. "Although we come from different faiths, there is much that we can share to help one another. As we work together, we can help break down barriers."

### Recognition and expansion

The interfaith tournament is gaining recognition as Preston reaches out to

area houses of worship, newspapers and local government. Just last month, U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, took notice of a newspaper article about the tournament's donation to Gleaners and First Presbyterian Church's cup victory. Trott sent a letter of thanks to the congregation for its community service.

"I'm after expansion," said Preston, who noted that he's open to other interfaith activities. "Maybe we'll play softball or bowl in the future," he said.

The Rev. Rob Allen of First Presbyterian sees a possible parable in the gathering of disparate faiths. "As a pastor, I see so much isolation, as people have so little time to actually live and enjoy life, get connected to neighbors or go to a house of worship for fear of not measuring up to the competition," he said. "In a simple card game, personal defenses can be less guarded and introductions come more naturally."

"I see God at work in the faces of all who gather around those simple tables to play a game of euchre. Would Jesus play euchre? Maybe. Probably. At least I can imagine a parable about people gathered around a table. I can hear it begin, 'A Methodist, a Presbyterian and a Catholic walked into a card game.'"

For more information or to get involved in the interfaith euchre tournament, contact Preston at wallaceapreston@gmail.com.

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# Maserati driver to serve 25-40 years for crash that killed mother of two

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The driver of a Maserati who was traveling at speeds of 134 mph last January when he slammed into another car, killing a 53-year-old mother of two, was sentenced Oct. 26 to serve a minimum of 25 years in prison.

Gregory Allen Belkin, a former U.S. Coast Guard member who served half his life in the military, broke down crying as he spoke to the family of Rhonda T. Williams, a financial planner who was driving home from work on Square Lake Road when the crash occurred.

"This is not who I am," Belkin said, sobbing. "I'm so sorry."

Belkin, 44, pleaded no contest in July to charges of second-degree murder and operating while intoxicated causing death. In sentencing Belkin to 25-40 years in prison, Oakland County Circuit Judge Denise Langford-Morris said she was taking into account his distinguished military record, which dates back to 1991, when he joined the U.S. Navy.

"You've led a good life, a really good life," Langford-Morris told the defendant. "I will certainly express the gratitude the community has for your service ... but in all the years I have served on this bench, I have not seen a drunken driving case that caused death that was this egregious – when I say I don't know what you were thinking, I really don't know what you were thinking."

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor David Hutson said Belkin recorded a blood-alcohol level of 0.315 percent at the scene of the crash – or more than four times the legal limit in Michigan. Court records indicate it was the second drunken driving conviction for Belkin, who otherwise had a clean record.

An electronic data recorder recovered from the crumpled 2014 Maserati Ghibli indicates he was traveling at a top speed of 140 mph as he raced between traffic on a narrow strip of Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Township and traveling at 134 mph seconds before he struck the 2009 Subaru, sending the car flying into a heavy wooden fence.

Belkin told police he dropped his cellphone and was trying to pick it up when he struck the Subaru. He was talking to his ex-girlfriend, who told police that he began reading off the



Police say Gregory Belkin was traveling at 134 mph when he slammed his Maserati into the rear of another car. JAY GROSSMAN



Belkin

car's speedometer speeds right before the phone disconnected.

A resident of Oakland Township, Williams leaves behind a husband and two sons. Her sister, Rebecca Miller, spoke for the family at the sentencing.

"She was kind and loving, larger than life," Miller said. "I think the biggest thing about Rhonda is she loved others. She would have loved this defendant in this court case ... no project was too small and no project was too big for her – she went out of her way to help others."

Through tears, Miller told the court how she stood in for her sister at the wedding of one of Williams's sons.

"The impact for me as her only sis-

ter is that she was my confidante, she was my advice giver, she was my prayer partner – and my calm voice," she said. "We went on trips together, we took walks and we played tennis. We just really were each other's strength."

Defense attorney Loren Dickstein told the judge that Belkin started his career in the U.S. Navy in 1991, and later enlisted with the U.S. Coast Guard, where he specialized in training other servicemen on counter terrorism and port security. At the time of the crash, he was still serving with the Coast Guard and renting a house with a roommate in Bloomfield Hills.

Dickstein said his client was awarded more than 50 commendations during his service, including one for being part of a team that saved a mariner's life in some icy waters off the coast of the

United States.

Dickstein, who asked the judge to sentence his client to a minimum of 15 years, said afterward that he expects to file an appeal. He also noted Belkin had been diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder in 2009.

"He recently divorced, his family moved to Texas and he was devastated over being separated from his children," Dickstein said outside the courtroom. "He was dating someone and, on (the day of the crash), he asked her if she would marry and she indicated she would not. Being an alcoholic and someone who was depressed – he went to use alcohol as a way to cope ... and everyone's lives changed as a result of that."

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## Cranbrook board names new director of schools

Aimeclaira Lambert Roche, head of The Bishop's School in La Jolla, Calif., and president of the Board of Directors at the California Association of Independent Schools, has been named the next director of Cranbrook Schools.

Roche will succeed Arlyce M. Seibert, who last winter announced her plan to retire after the 2017-18 school year. Seibert is in her 23rd year as director of Cranbrook Schools and 47th year at Cranbrook.

The announcement was made by Dominic DiMarco, president of Cranbrook Educational Community; Jamison Williams Faliski, chair of the Board of Governors of Cranbrook Schools and co-chair of the Search Committee; and Jonathan Borenstein, co-chair of the Search Committee and immediate past chair of the board. The schools' Board of Governors and the Cranbrook Educational Community Board of Trustees voted unanimously in favor of Roche's appointment.

"Aimeclaira is an outstanding fit for Cranbrook and has the right skills to lead the schools into the future," Faliski said. "She has a remarkable foundation in education and a proven track record as a leader of schools. Not only was she the best match for this highly demanding position, she was the best match for the culture of the community. With her leadership, I look forward to Cranbrook building on more than two decades of historic growth and advancement under Arlyce Seibert."

"We were pleased that Cranbrook's national reputation for education attracted such a large and impressive pool of candidates for this critical position," DiMarco said. "It was widely understood that the next Director would be stepping into a very strong program that has achieved international prominence during the remarkable tenure of Arlyce Seibert."

Prior to her appointment as head of The Bishop's School in 2009, Roche was assistant head of Groton School in Groton, Mass., from 2004-09. She worked from 1994 to 2004 at St. Andrew's School in Middletown, Del., where she served as director of college counseling and the department head for classical languages. She has taught at both Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H.,

and The Williams School in New London, Conn.

In addition to currently serving as the board president of CAIS, she is vice chair of the Board of Trustees for School Year Abroad and a member of San Diego Heads. She is also an active member of The Headmaster's Association, the oldest heads-of-school organization in the country, having been elected in 2013.

She is currently a field instructor for master's degree candidates in the Leadership Academy program at Columbia University's Klingenstein Center and has served on the faculty of the New England New Teacher Seminar. She has presented nationally on a variety of topics, speaking at both the National Association of Episcopal Schools and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Roche holds an M.A. from Columbia University, an A.B. from Harvard Uni-

versity and has done advanced coursework through the National Endowment for the Humanities and at the University of Georgia and The American Academy in Rome. She is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy. Her official duties as director of Cranbrook Schools will begin Aug. 1, 2018.

Cranbrook Schools, located in Bloomfield Hills, is a comprehensive, college-preparatory learning environment, composed of Brookside (pre-K through grade 5), Cranbrook Kingswood Girls Middle School and Boys Middle School (grades 6-8) and Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School (grades 9-12, with day and boarding programs). The schools are a division of Cranbrook Educational Community, which includes Cranbrook's Academy of Art, Art Museum, Institute of Science and other affiliated cultural and educational programs.



Aimeclaira Lambert Roche

## Village Theater to host 'Underwater Bubble'

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will host two performances of "B-The Underwater Bubble Show," at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25. Tickets (\$25) are available at www.villagetheatercanton.com, in person at the box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at 734-394-5484. If tickets are available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

Experience this underwater world brought to life through puppetry, acrobatics and a little magic. Two of the foremost bubble artists in the world, Enrico Pezzoli and Dace Pecoli, create an underwater fantasy world with the help of LED screens, lights and their signature bubbles. Playful and inventive, this unique performance is a sensational fairytale for the entire family.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, is a regional center for the arts that also provides a home for several cultural organizations and community groups. For more information, go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org.



"B-The Underwater Bubble Show" comes to life on stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25.



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# TIRELESSLY WORKING TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS

Lisa Lee has empathy for society's most vulnerable individuals

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In January, the Truckee River threatened to overflow its banks and flood parts of Reno, Nevada. While businesses covered their doors with plastic wrap and sandbags, Lisa Lee rallied local police forces, nonprofits and volunteers to warn people living in homeless camps along the riverbanks.

Lee and about 40 people walked the icy banks to tell people about the city's emergency shelters. She waited for shuttles to retrieve people and their belongings before moving down the rocky embankments in search of another hidden tent.

Once the flooding subsided, most people moved back to their spots along the river or in nearby parks. But Lee didn't stop after the crisis ended. She even found permanent housing for some of the people she met that day.

She walks trails every week in search of people who need help. She doesn't force them to go to the city's homeless shelter, but instead tells people what services are available. She frequently helps people use those services to find a permanent place to live.

Her empathy for people on the street and her approach to service comes from her experience living on the street as a teenager. She ran away to Seattle in 1994 and eventually became homeless and addicted to heroin.

"I got clean and housed when I took a job in Dutch Harbor, Alaska," Lee said. "I went up there on methadone and someone stole my methadone from my room, so I kicked methadone cold turkey."

Lee's boss in Alaska challenged her to push herself, saying women can do anything except touch the large and dangerous fish processing machines. But she learned to use them anyway.

"I left Alaska completely ripped,



Lisa Lee is a psychiatric case manager and off-campus Crossroads coordinator at Alta Vista Mental Health in Reno, Nev. MIKE HIGDON/USA TODAY NETWORK

smelling like fish, but totally different," Lee said. "I came back to the Lower 48 not knowing what I was going to do, but knowing I wasn't going back to drugs."

Now Lee is a case manager at Alta Vista Mental Health and also is working on her anthropology thesis at the University of Nevada, Reno. She's using her position and education to find and keep homeless communities together when re-housing them.

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## Q&A WITH LISA LEE

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

To be an American means freedom from persecution. It means to celebrate diversity, to respect the liberties of our fellow citizens and to fight for those liberties. For me, America is the "Mother of Exiles" as exemplified by the Statue of Liberty and the famous words of Emma Lazarus, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door." That to me, is what it means to be American.

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

As a child, I had several experiences with houseless individuals that left an impact. Years later, at the age of 18, I experienced homelessness for almost a decade. After years of reinventing myself — housed and sober — I pursued undergraduate and graduate degrees in anthropology. All of these experiences have driven my passion to draw attention to income inequality, the fallacy of meritocracy, mental illness, substance abuse, the trauma-informed approach and the belief in empowering others to use their own voices to become advocates for themselves and their communities.

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

The current political climate, globally, nationally and locally concern me. It feels as if the pendulum has shifted the world out of balance. Inequality is blatant; racial, economic, gender and ability inequality. We stand at the crossroads. I do have hope for the future. The youth fuel my hope for a chance at a sustainable and egalitarian world.

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

The eradication of stigma and homelessness. I would love to put myself out of a job, make mead and live off the land. For now, I'll keep plugging away at fighting for social justice, equality, inclusion and the right of everyone in America to have their basic needs met.

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# The rise of the lone wolf: An insider’s view on terrorism

**Jay Grossman**  
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Seven days before the Oct. 31 truck attack in Manhattan, a journalist from Israel spoke to members of the press in Detroit about confronting the next wave of terrorism.

Yonah Jeremy Bob, intelligence, terrorism and legal analyst for the Jerusalem Post, said the lone wolf is upon us.

“The definition of a lone wolf attack is an individual who’s not getting funding, planning or orders from a major group,” Bob said during an Oct. 24 presentation at the Detroit Athletic Club. “These are individuals who see something on television or something posted on social media ... and, suddenly, they’re ready to become a weapon.”

He went on to describe a state that is constantly striving to seek a balance between national security and human rights. Decades of war with neighboring countries has left Israel with constant threats on all its borders and, to date, there is no end in sight.

Bob said many of the terrorist tactics used in suicide bombings, tunnel attacks and vehicular rampages were honed and refined in the Middle East. Beginning in 2015, Israel has experienced hundreds of lone wolf attacks in the form of shootings, stabbings – even rocks tossed at passing cars.

Many of these acts are carried out by Palestinian teenagers or young men in their 20s and 30s. They’re almost impossible to anticipate, since they involve modest planning and hardly any paper trail.

“So how do you stop that?” he asked. “It’s almost impossible to stop.”

## Hunting a wolf

Several years ago, an Israeli intelligence agency wrote an algorithm to heavily monitor social media activity. If a person posts something that appears to be a specific threat, they might be brought in for an interview. Bob said that tactic has helped prevent upward of 400 lone wolf attacks.

“Most terrorists, once they’ve committed their act of terrorism, are happy to talk about it,” Bob said. “They’re very proud of it.”

Bob said ISIS is particularly adept at using social media and might send out a message in five different languages to make sure it reaches its targeted audience. As in the case of the New York attack, the organization knows how to attract lone wolves and encourage them to kill.

At the same time, it could easily be argued the constant government monitoring of a person’s Facebook page is an invasion of privacy. Bob said it’s another example of where a democracy is trying to strike that nuanced balance



Investigators inspect a truck following a shooting incident in New York on Oct. 31. Several people were killed and numerous others injured when a suspect plowed a vehicle into a bike and pedestrian path in Lower Manhattan, and struck another vehicle. DON EMMERT | AFP/GETTY IMAGES



Yonah Jeremy Bob, intelligence, terrorism and legal analyst for the Jerusalem Post, speaks to members of the press in Detroit. JAY GROSSMAN

between national security and human rights.

“I think that’s the cutting-edge thing that Israel is doing that other countries are starting to do more,” he said about monitoring sites. “And again, you shouldn’t think that just because some-

one on Facebook posts, ‘I don’t like Israel,’ they’re going to be arrested. It’s a lot more complicated – there’s a range of factors – but that might give them a tip to follow someone a little bit more and see who they’re interacting with.”

Bob said another strategy the Israeli defense establishment promotes is to continue issuing as many work permits to Palestinians as possible – even when tension between the two sides is rising. After all, a person making a good living is less likely to throw it all away.

“Israel wants to keep borders open to demonstrate to the Palestinian side, ‘We’re not against you – we’re against terrorism.’ That’s the message Israel wants to send here,” he said.

## Suicide bombers and cyber attacks

Bob said a recent report on global violence indicates there was a 97-percent increase in suicide bombings between 2015 and 2016 around the world, leading to the deaths of more than 211,000 civilians. Many of the incidents were concentrated in Syria and Iraq.

“And again, this is something being patented and perfected in Israel and exported to other places,” Bob said.

He also said the U.S. might anticipate a spike in vehicle attacks, as the tactic is becoming more popular in Europe. It was an uncanny prediction for him to make, considering it came exactly one week before the New York attack.

“And now, there’s this cross-fertilization, something ISIS has gotten better at this,” Bob said. “They decided,

‘We’re not just going to drive a car into somebody; we’re going to make a car look like a civilian vehicle with armor plating under it. We’ll have gunners inside the vehicle and maybe even a rocket launcher, so that we can shoot a bunch of people, fire a rocket and then explode ourselves.’ Very scary stuff, but so far that scale of attack has only been in the Middle East.”

Another evolving threat in the U.S. involves cyber threats against the government, financial institutions and the infrastructure. Bob said Israel’s privacy laws are weaker compared to the U.S. and other western democracies, making it easier to prevent the hacks.

He also noted Israel has a much smaller footprint than the U.S. and fewer private companies working with the government.

“Most people forget that Edward Snowden didn’t work for the U.S. government,” he said of the infamous whistleblower who leaked thousands of documents about America’s surveillance programs. “He worked for a private contractor for the NSA.”

Ultimately, Bob said, Americans must decide for themselves how much privacy they’re willing to forego – and what price they’re willing to pay – to protect themselves from ongoing terrorist threats.

“Unfortunately, what happens is, until there’s a big tragedy and people see it a couple of times, they don’t invest the money to stop it,” he said.

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# Canton’s Village Theater to host International Festival

Experience music, dance and drama from around the world from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, when Canton’s International Festival returns to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. This annual cultural and educational festival celebrates the diversity of Canton and surrounding communities through song and dance on the main stage of The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

This year’s featured performers include Hoaloha: Polynesian, New Zealand, & Tahitian Dance directed by Melanee Hirvela; Sunshine Children’s Choir featuring Directors Howard Zhang & Sherry Yan; Ann Hua Waist Drum Team; The Tim O’Hare School of Traditional Irish Dance of Ann Arbor & Plymouth; Spring Group of PCCLC; Kuchipudi Dance Group, Directed by Sailaja Pullala; Canton Summit Dance Team; Michigan New Century Chinese School (MNCCS); Ann Arbor Li Ren Dance Team; Ebony Copper - Native American Flute with Wanda & Ron Jones; Anna Ballet & Dance with Choreographer Anna Lou; Asian Indian Dance of Canton, Choreographer Parul Shah; Inner-Action Dance, Choreographer Sharon Kang; Troy Chinese Classic Music Guzheng Team; Sunshine Chinese Dance Troupe; Peking Opera Club; Polish National Centennial Dancers, Lodge No. 53; Pipa Soloist, Angela Bolon (Student of Mr. Yuchen Tian); Joyas de Mexico Ballet, under the direction of Luly del Real; Sitar performance by Naveen Jackson, student of Manjula Verma; Yangtze Melody Group with Hua Qing Dance Group; Clivia Dance Group featuring choreography of Jessie Li; and the Bollyburn Dancers.

Cultural exhibits will be featured



The Ann Hua Waist Drum Team will be a featured performance group. SUBMITTED

in the Village Theater’s lobby during the event, with some items available for purchase. Enjoy an international sweets table, where favorite international desserts from local stores and bakeries will be offered at a nominal price.

This event is presented by the all-volunteer Multicultural Committee of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. Tickets are just \$2 per person at the door; cash only. Audience members can get their hand stamped and come and go as they please throughout the day. Seating for this main stage production is general admission.

For more information, call 734/394-5300 or go to [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).



The International Festival will feature Joyas de Mexico Ballet. SUBMITTED



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Address psych hospital crime

In the Nov. 2 edition there was yet another story about trespassers at the hospital. It is getting to be in the police briefs every week.

I along with the other taxpayers of Northville Township think our tax dollars would be better spent if the PD didn't have to spend a lot of their patrol time at the hospital. So far over 400 tickets have been written this year. Enough is enough.

Our political leaders need to get off their rear ends and finally come to a decision about this place. It's been vacant for 25 plus years. Five years ago they wasted our time filling out surveys on what we'd like to see built there. Let's get something done sooner then later.

Craig Knapp  
Northville

Time for races to come together

The issue of race relations has been in the news lately, mainly due to the national anthem demonstrations, and to a lesser degree, the Confederate statues issue. I think though, most people ignore the fact that there has always existed some alienation between the races. There are white people who're bigots just as there are black people who're bigots, but in general, the races lack an understanding of each other and possess cultural differences, and this sometimes leads to friction.

Historically speaking, blacks had some gripes such as slavery and repression of civil rights, but much of this has been rectified and it

seems counterproductive to live in the past. It would be more constructive to work toward racial harmony rather than focusing on the flying of the Confederate flag. The fact is, the slavery industry in Africa was perpetuated by black nations against fellow black nations, with the issue being resolved via the American Civil War, wherein the blood of hundreds of thousands of whites was spilled — which is something blacks should be a bit more appreciative of.

The Civil Rights movement of the 1960s corrected some of the problems inherited during the South's reconstruction era. However, you can't legislate morality into people nor can you force them to love one another, and some of the things imposed by government have only further divided the races such as busing/integration and affirmative action. Furthermore, blacks have often done things that have hurt their cause of racial equality, including the nationwide riots during the 1960s (such as the 1967 Detroit riot), and publicly cheering the not guilty verdict in the O.J. Simpson murder trial.

By focusing on things like Blacks Lives Matter and public statues, we're losing focus of the bigger picture — that all human beings have a soul and that God doesn't look on the outward appearance. We saw this dynamic on display recently during disasters like the Texas floods wherein people of all backgrounds helped out their fellow man with no regard to physical exteriors, viewing them only as a brother in

need. Does America need to be submerged beneath 20 feet of water before people of different backgrounds can get along and even perhaps show love and concern to each other? Heed the advice of The Youngbloods in 1967: "Come on people now, smile on your brother, everybody get together, try to love one another right now!"

Leo Weber  
Livonia

National historic marker thanks

Oct. 8 was a beautiful day for dedicating a national historic marker in Oakwood Cemetery, with thanks to so many. James Gallogly Department of Public Works was available to answer all questions in order for our organization to secure a national marker. It took two years to apply, be awarded and then manufacture and install the marker. Ken Roth, mayor of Northville, and the city council members were very enthusiastic upon hearing about a national marker for Northville's First Cemetery. The members and publications of the Northville Historical Society and the Northville Genealogical Society provided the bulk of the historical content to authenticate our application.

When possible, join those organizations so that the city's and the environs surrounding, such as Thayer's Corners, can carry on the work of preserving history in the good fashion that Northville has been known for since the early 1800s.

It was a pleasure to witness many people taking part in the dedication ceremony: a bagpiper piping the 110 at-

tendees in and out of the cemetery, a color guard dressed in Revolutionary garb, each of whom descend from a Revolutionary War soldier; the singing of our national anthem, and a gorgeous rendition of Taps by trumpeter Joe Robertson. As well, Roth provided the city's appreciation for the event. Civil War re-enactors stood in reverential presence, reminding us of the 24 Civil War soldiers buried in Oakwood.

Every time we walk ourselves or our dear dogs on Cady Street, or drive by Oakwood Cemetery, let us think about our city and how settlers cleared their land grants, set up the first dwellings to live off of the land and the sweat of their brow to provide their families and ultimately us, now living nearly 300 years later, a better life. Let us also ponder the work and sacrifice of veterans from our nation's early wars in a special way. They made possible our fledgling nation and led the way for others to serve in future wars: World War I, II, Korea, Vietnam, Middle Eastern theatres. All those sacrifices start with the notion that our American Experiment is and always will be, worthwhile.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Arlene Robertson  
Kathleen Ripley Leo  
National Society  
Daughters of the American Colonists

Fix school funding

One of the biggest problems with the public education system here in Michigan is the way we fund schools. Funding mechanisms for

public schools in Michigan, like Proposal A, have left large gaps between individual districts when it comes to per-pupil spending. For our students, our teachers and our future, we must close this funding gap and ensure every child has the best available resources to work with.

Locally, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools get less than \$10,000 in terms of per-pupil funding for students and teachers in the classroom. Meanwhile, driving just a half hour north of us into Oakland County, we see public school districts like Birmingham and Bloomfield taking in over \$13,000 per-pupil. A student's zip code should never determine the amount of resources available nor the quality of education they receive.

Stating the obvious, less revenue coming into Wayne-Westland schools means less available resources in the classroom for students and teachers. It means fewer pre-K educational programs and less opportunities for students to continue learning after the school day is over. Classrooms won't be filled with the latest technology or the most up-to-date text books as quickly as they are in districts with greater funding. Attracting the best and brightest teachers to the district is often a more significant challenge for districts like ours. Districts with more per-pupil resources have a greater ability to offer more extra-curricular activities like arts, music programs and sports teams.

To drive greater achievement in the classroom, expand pre-K and after-school learning, attract the best talent and support more extra-curricular activities, I believe that we must close this funding gap between school districts.

Our next group of elected state representatives and senators, along with our next governor, are going to have to take responsibility of this problem and present bold legislative solutions. The solutions from Lansing need to focus not on bringing down the districts that receive the most funding now. Rather, legislative solutions need to focus on reforming the Proposal A funding mechanism and leveling the playing field by increasing funding and resources for districts like Wayne-Westland.

Building a bright future for tomorrow starts with supporting our students and teachers today. As citizens, parents and voters, we must demand change from our elected leaders in Lansing. We must ensure that every child, in every school district across Michigan, has the resources they need for achieving a world-class education.

Mike McDermott  
Westland

Register to vote

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# Mikel honored as November’s Veteran of the Month

Bill Mikel, a World War II veteran from Redford, honored as the November 2017 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Mikel served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1943-46. He was born and raised on Detroit's west side and graduated from Mackenzie High School. On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and Mikel knew he would soon be drafted, so he went downtown to the recruitment center near the old train station to sign up. “The lines were huge,” he said, “and we were told to come back another time, plus I was married and (was) told they were not taking married men.”

But in 1943, things were at a peak in the Pacific and Mikel received his draft notice. He went to the recruitment center, signed in and was sent to a room with recruiters from the army, navy and marines. “I didn’t want to be a foot soldier,” Mikel said, “and I didn’t want to be stuck on a boat, so I signed up with the marines. Little did I know, but I would spend more time on a ship than many sailors.” Mikel was sent by train to San Diego, Calif., for boot camp. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines and sent to Camp Elliot, where he was trained on 81 mm mortars.

Mikel and the 1st Marines were off to the Pacific and the invasion of Peleliu Island in September 1944. The commander of the 1st Marine Division, predicted the island would be secured within four days. However, Japan had developed new island-defense tactics and well-crafted fortifications that allowed stiff resistance, extending the battle for more than two months. The National Museum of the Marine Corps called it “the bitterest battle of the war for the Marines.”

Mikel’s 81 mm mortar platoon rushed inland about 30 yards and started to dig in. In that short distance, they lost three men to shrapnel and 17 were missing. “There were about 12 of us from the 3rd and 4th gun squads,” Mikel said. “We had two mortars, but no ammunition, except for our .45-caliber pistols. We realized we were nowhere near the position we should have been and we were scared, because there were dead Marines all around.”

They didn’t know what to do until, suddenly, their lieutenant appeared behind them wearing a blue N.Y. Yankees baseball cap. “He spoke very calmly and told us to pick up our mortars and to follow him,” Mikel said. “He started walking toward the ocean and we crawled out of our foxholes and followed him back to our platoon about 100 yards down the beach. We lost over 800 men on the first day of the invasion. It was fierce fighting and the Japanese fought to the last man.”



Bill Mikel of Redford, who served during World War II, is the Veteran of the Month for November. SUBMITTED

The U.S. invasion force consisted of the 1st Marines and the 81st Army Infantry for a total of 47,000 troops against a Japanese force of 10,900. The U.S. lost 2,330 to the Japanese losses of 10,700. In March 1945, they were sent to Okinawa, where Mikel became a gun captain. On Okinawa, the platoon lost 11 killed and 32 wounded. On May 3, while setting up at a new position, they were hit by two Japanese mortars. “Two of our guys were killed instantly and three were wounded,” Mikel said.

“My assistant gunner had his right foot blown off. We got him on a stretcher and headed for the medics. He asked me to go back and get his foot. I didn’t want to at first, but he begged me, so I went back and found it and put it on his chest.”

As they were heading back to their position, Mikel was shot in the ankle and then sprained it as he fell down. “The wound wasn’t bad, because it didn’t hit the bone, so I decided to stay with my gun squad, but the sprain was very painful.” On May 5, Mikel was evacuated to a field hospital, as he was unable to walk. In June, Okinawa was secured and, two months later, the war was over.

“We all thought we were heading home,” Mikel said, “but the marines had different plans for us.” They were then sent to Tientsin, China. More than 600,000 Japanese military personnel

were still in China and in need of repatriation. Since the Chinese government was not up to the task, President Truman sent more than 50,000 marines and the 7th Fleet to northern China, with orders to accept the surrender of the Japanese, repatriate them and help the Chinese Nationalists reassert their control over areas previously held by the Japanese. The marines were not to take sides in the fighting and were only allowed to engage in combat if fired upon first. “I remember it well,” Mikel said. “The Chinese were really happy to see us. They were lined up along the road as we drove by and were all waving American flags and shouting. It was quite a show of appreciation for what we were doing.”

Mikel earned the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two battle stars, a Purple Heart, the World War II Combat Medal, two Presidential Citations and the China Occupation Medal.

In February 1946 Mikel was finally sent home to Detroit. “There was no fanfare when I got back,” he said, “but the best welcome I could imagine was my wife and 18-month-old son meeting me at the train station.” Mikel went to work at his father’s grocery store when he returned home. In 1947, his father died and Mikel and his brother took over the store and managed it until the construction of the Lodge Freeway took over the property and store. Mikel then went to work at Farm Crest Bakery and retired in 1977 after 27 years. He then worked at Bashara Wholesale Groceries for three years and also drove a school bus for Redford Schools for four years. Mikel and his wife Violet live in Redford and have two sons, two daughters, 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Mikel was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee and a DVD was made and shown at the November membership meeting. A plaque was presented to Mikel from Livonia Trophy with his picture and service information. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia.

## Livonia ZIP code 48154 one of the hottest markets right now

David Veselenak  
hometownlife.com

Looking to buy a house in the middle of Livonia? According to one real estate website, you’re not alone.

Realtor.com recently put out a list of ZIP codes in the country that it says are the “hottest” when it comes to the housing market. Livonia’s 48154 ZIP code, which is roughly between Schoolcraft and Six Mile and stretches across the city, ranked second on the list nationally.

“This is exciting news for our community and it confirms what a lot of us in town have felt for a while — we are seeing more young families move into town,” said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. “The analysis by Realtor.com really mimics what Livonia leaders have been saying about the city for a long time: central location, close proximity to employers, close proximity to all the activity in downtown Detroit and plenty of park land.”

The company used the length of time it took to sell homes in a ZIP code and how frequently homes in that area are viewed on Realtor.com. Homes in the 48154 ZIP code, according to the website, had a median listing price of \$223,780 and a median household income of \$74,320.

“Just close enough to metro Detroit for convenience, but with all the bene-

fits of suburban living, Livonia combines the best of both worlds,” the post reads. “Downtown Detroit’s Institute of Arts and professional sports teams are just a half-hour away. Livonia boasts more than 60 parks spread over 1,389 acres and has been ranked among the safest cities in Michigan.”

Realcomp figures confirm Livonia’s hot status in the market as well: its August report shows Livonia as No. 4 on the list of communities where property sold the fastest, coming in at 19 days. The only communities that sold faster on average were Farmington at 15 days, Holly and Ray Township at 16 days and New Haven at 17 days.

It’s a sign city government has also taken notice of: it was noted during budget discussions last month that property values across Livonia have increased about 4.1 percent over the last year.

But with even with those increases in values, the city’s estimated population has continued to drop since the 2010 census was taken. The most recent estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau show Livonia’s population at 94,041 in 2016, down from the 96,942 the census counted back in 2010. The population estimate has dipped every year since then.

West said the rating shows people are viewing Livonia as a great option to begin their families and find a community to set roots.

“We are a complete community: A place to learn well into the college years, a place to play with all the recreational offerings, friendly neighborhoods with tree-lined streets, plenty of quality restaurants and bars, many community-minded businesses and we get it all for the second-lowest tax rate

in the county,” he said.

The only other Michigan community in the top 10 on the list was Kentwood, a suburb of Grand Rapids. Kentwood was No. 3.

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## Show some real discipline during this holiday shopping season



It seems every year I’m writing this column earlier and earlier. Just the other day, I read a story that Amazon, Walmart and other large retailers are already starting their holiday sales. It used to be that holiday shopping started after Thanksgiving — not anymore. Because the holiday shopping season is starting ever earlier, I thought it was appropriate to discuss holiday gift giving.

It is shameful when you hear that many Americans are just now paying off their debts from last year’s holiday season. I guarantee you that no one you care about or who cares about you wants you to go into debt to buy them a holiday gift. The holiday season should be filled with joy and happiness, not anxiety and worry over how you will pay for gifts. Even though retailers want you to spend, spend and spend some more, those who love and care about you are more concerned about your well-being than a gift. It is important that, before you begin your holiday shopping, you set a strategy so that you don’t overspend and get yourself into financial difficulty.

There are two main steps you need to take before you embark on holiday shopping. The first is set a budget. You should know before you begin your shopping how much you are going to spend. I can’t tell you how much to spend, but I can tell you that, when the holiday bills come due, if you can’t afford to write a check and pay it off in its entirety, you are probably spending too much. Yes, we all use charge cards and they are a convenient way to make purchases but charge cards are the worst way to finance a purchase. If you

can’t afford to pay your bill when it comes due, what you are doing is adding another 20 percent on to the cost of the gift. Twenty percent is about average of what credit cards charge in interest. The only way to avoid the outrageous interest rate on charge cards is to pay your bill on time.

The second step to being fiscally responsible during the holiday season is to write a list ahead of time. You don’t have to buy gifts for every person you know and sometimes gifts can be something you make as opposed to something you buy. If you know who you have to buy gifts for, it will make it easier to stay within your budget.

Even though the economy has improved, the financial health of the average American family is still poor. That is why families and businesses where gifts are exchanged should get together and put limits on what can be spent. This alleviates much of the financial stress that many people feel during the holiday season. Another consequence is it can result in some very creative gifts. Reducing financial stress during the holiday season allows your family, friends and loved ones to better enjoy the holidays.

The key with setting a budget and making a list ahead of time only works if you have the discipline to stick with your game plan. Remember, never equate how much you love someone by how much you spend on their gift; it doesn’t work that way.

With the holiday shopping season upon us, don’t be like the millions of Americans who are still paying for last year’s gifts. Be like those who were fiscally responsible and truly able to enjoy the holiday season, knowing they could afford their purchases.

Good luck!

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE FORMER ROBERT SCOTT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF FIVE MILE ROAD AND BECK ROAD, TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Township of Northville will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 to consider the adoption of a resolution approving an Amendment to the Brownfield Plan (the “Amendment”) for the property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Five Mile Road and Beck Road in the Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan formerly known as the Robert Scott Correctional Facility, pursuant to and in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended.

A copy of the Amendment is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

All aspects of the Amendment are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the Board of Trustees shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the consideration of the Amendment.

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





Joshua Katke is CEO of M1 Imaging Center. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Imaging center pioneering brain scan technology

In age of concussions, Livonia business is on the cutting edge of head injury treatment

**David Veselenak**  
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When it comes to brain injuries, M1 Imaging Center CEO Joshua Katke wants to stay on top of the latest medical developments. That’s why he decided to jump at a software program he says is revolutionary when it comes to observing brain activity. The program, which can be used at the company’s Livonia office at 20343 Farmington, is called NeuroQuant and can determine if any atrophy, or shrinkage, of the brain has taken place. It can also detect neurodegeneration in early stages if caught early enough.

“This was a technology that was never available and is rarely available in the community-based setting,” he said. “It gives us a biomarker for traumatic brain injury. And it could be any kind of brain injury, any kind of trauma.”

M1 Imaging Center, which also has locations in Berkley and Warren, brought the software programs to its clinics last year and recently signed another exclusivity agreement to be the sole clinic to use the program in southeast Michigan.

Katke said his is one of very few clinics in the country outside of hospitals using the technology, which can analyze the brain much quicker than having a doctor analyze them over a period of hours.

“The mantra of what we do is we try to find technologies that are typically only offered in the tertiary care setting ... and bring them to a community-based setting,” Katke said. “Because the vast majority of patients who live in Livonia, health care’s delivered locally. Not a ton of patients are driving to (the University of) Michigan for their care.”

Patients who receive referrals from the doctor to have a scan of their

brain come to the center and complete it. Many times, imaging consultants are able to access that patient’s scan within 15 minutes. That data is then analyzed by radiologists and it can be determined whether the patient is seeing symptoms that stem from injuries such as concussions from playing sports or if there’s a degenerative disease such as dementia that’s setting in.

Dr. David Ross, director of the Virginia Institute of Neuropsychiatry and an assistant professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, has worked with Katke in implementing NeuroQuant into his clinic. Ross said more than 125,000 people have been scanned using the NeuroQuant program, one that detect 96 percent of issues in patients, compared to 13 percent of the time when done using traditional methods.

It’s a technology, Ross said, that he expects to see expand in the years

to come. That will hopefully come as NeuroQuant and newer company NeuroGage continue to grow.

“NeuroGage is a younger company and younger software and we’re just starting to be used around the country,” Ross said. “We’re having even more opportunity to expand and grow.”

Katke said most insurance companies provide coverage for such a scan if referred by a doctor, making NeuroQuant more accessible. He said it’s his company’s goal to continue researching new concepts and technologies that can provide better care to patients across the region.

“It’s the right thing to do by the patient,” he said. “There’s no doubt it’s going to improve patient outcome long term.”

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# Busch’s kicks off ‘Season of Sharing’

Busch’s Fresh Food Market will jump-start the holiday season with its annual food drive, Season of Sharing, to run Monday, Nov. 13, through Wednesday, Nov. 22, at all 17 locations in southeast Michigan.

The event will support local food banks and organizations, such as Food Gatherers, Saline Social Services, Livingston Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest, help families in need.

“We truly care about our community and want to help make the holiday season better for those less fortunate,” said Doug

Busch, community development director. “A little bit goes a long way.”

Over the last 21 years, Busch’s has been hosting the Season of Sharing food drive to help feed people across Michigan. Guests will have five options to donate, which include pre-made “ready-to-go” food donation bags filled with 16 items, recycling bottle slips, a \$5 produce or \$10 bakery donation or any cash amount.

Busch’s will also have a hot dog cart staffed at various times throughout the campaign and proceeds will benefit the local food banks.

Donations remain

within the local community, which makes a huge difference for the surrounding neighborhood. With support, families are able to maintain a healthy balance between lifestyle and income.

Busch’s Fresh Food Market has 17 locations, in Ann Arbor, Brighton, Clinton, Carleton, Canton, Dexter, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi, Pinckney, Plymouth-Northville, Rochester Hills, Saline, South Lyon, Tecumseh and West Bloomfield. Go to [busch-s.com](http://busch-s.com) for more information, follow Busch’s on Twitter or on Facebook.



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## CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the following Boards & Commissions:

- Economic Development Corporation
- Election Commission
- Historical Commission
- Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at [citvofnovi.org](http://citvofnovi.org) or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, (248)347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application (available online at [citvofnovi.org](http://citvofnovi.org) or at the City Clerk’s office) is Wednesday, November 22, 2017. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk’s Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

Cortney Hanson, CMC | CMMC | City Clerk

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## CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 10-16-17a

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council adopted **Ordinance No. 10-16-17a** – an ordinance to amend Chapter 42 Historic Preservation, Article II Historic District Commission in the Code of Ordinances. The amendment modified the following sections:

Section 42-20 Historic District Commission:

- The composition included the mayor or a member of city council. This section was amended to be the mayor or an alternate selected by the mayor and confirmed by city council.
- Language was added to provide that members of the Historic District Commission may be removed by the City Council upon their sole discretion for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance upon written charges and after a public hearing. Members who are absent from three (3) consecutive un-excused Historic District Commission meetings shall be subject to review and/or removal from the Historic District Commission by action of the City Council.

Section 42-21 Procedures of Commission:

- The chairperson was either the mayor or city council liaison. This section was amended to have the chairperson be the mayor or the alternate selected by the mayor and confirmed by city council.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on October 16, 2017 and was adopted by the City Council on October 30, 2017. The ordinance shall become effective on November 10, 2017. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm or on the City’s website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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# Madonna students creating feature film

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The film credit program in Michigan may have been axed a few years ago, but that hasn't stopped film production. Just ask nine students at Madonna University, who are currently in post-production for a film titled "People Like Me."

The students, all enrolled in a capstone class through the Livonia university's broadcast and cinematic arts department, are working diligently to prepare their feature-length film for a December premiere. And faculty member Chris Nickin insists it's a process that gives them as real an experience as possible.

"We do a full 12-hour day, with a 12-hour turn-around. In this class, the idea is that we try to give them as realistic an experience as possible," said Nickin, a Madonna University alumnus. "These guys take on all the key roles. The students are the producers, the writers, the director, the director of photography."

The class lasts an entire year, with the students meeting in January, through the summer and continuing until the semester ends before Christmas. Students worked with volunteer actors for a span of three weeks in August to shoot the film, done on location in communities such as Livonia, Plymouth and Northville. The capstone class has produced a full-length film the last couple of years.

The film revolves around a 16-year-old girl named Lydia, who checks

herself into a facility for treatment for her bulimia. There, she befriends other young people who have adventures as they try to hold an impromptu prom for Lydia, who has missed her's in order to get better.

"They bond over the fact that this 16-year-old had to miss her high school prom in order to get better. They decide to find a way to go around

the staff of the hospital and make prom happen in this adolescent ward," said Livonia resident Jordan Cumbo, who came up with the film's concept. "It's all the shenanigans they get themselves into as they try to put on this big event in the hospital."

Students are now in post-production, putting together trailers and getting the film prepared

for its premiere in December. Several teaser trailers have been released and a full-length trailer is expected soon on the film's YouTube channel.

**Love of the craft**  
Despite working long hours getting the film together, none of the students seems discouraged by the work. In fact, many of them said the

project solidified their desires to work in the film industry after graduating.

"I woke up every day, ready to go to set, awake and happy," said Davis Clenney of Northville. "I got, like, six hours of sleep, wake up and I'm ready to go."

The students each take a role they would have outside the classroom, including producer, director, colorist and even composer.

That last role goes to St. Clair resident Levi Peters, who has written several pieces of music for the film.

He said he's used programs such as Logic Pro to create the tunes, but has gotten real instruments such as a guitar

and violin to add to the music's presence.

"I really like the feel of the real instruments," he said. "There's more emotion with that."

The film will debut at a local theater in December — the location has not yet been determined — and will play at Madonna University sometime in January. After that, the film may make its way to film festivals across the country.

"We do screenings throughout the year," Nickin said. "The movie doesn't get shown once or twice and disappear."

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Levi Peters composes music for the film. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Chris Nickin teaches the Capstone class, along with Sue Boyd. Student Hannah Csircsu is reflected in the computer screen. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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BOYS SOCCER

# Catholic Central ends 39-year title drought

Pierson's late PK decides defensive battle against Walled Lake Central, 1-0

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It only took one goal, but it was the most important goal in Detroit Catholic Central soccer history.

Senior Ryan Pierson's penalty kick with only 6:49 remaining gave the Shamrocks their first-ever state championship as they defeated Walled Lake Central, 1-0, for the coveted

MHSAA Division 1 title Saturday at Rochester Stony Creek.

Sixth-year coach Gene Pulice was nearly tongue-tied in describing his feelings afterward as the CC players, students and fans celebrated.

"I guess I really don't know what to say," said Pulice, whose team finished 21-2-4. "It's taken 39 years in the making, right? So I think the first one definitely is historic and impactful. As a coach to be able to be the first coach to lead a team to it, it's impactful, for sure. Everybody put it together, came out here and played hard today."

Pierson, the Shamrocks' took scorer all season, converted his 32nd goal after being taken down inside the 18-yard box on a foul by Central defender Tate Hjorth.

"I thought it was a matter of time before Ryan got pulled down in the box," Pulice said. "They were on him all game. And so, it's one of those things where you just try and stick to your game plan and know that it will work."

Pierson, committed to Saginaw Valley State, then stepped up to the line and grounded a shot under the outstretched



Detroit Catholic Central players posed with the MHSAA Division 1 state championship trophy after a 1-0 win over Walled Lake Central. DAN DEAN

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Franklin edges Churchill to win district crown



Franklin's Cal Fournier (right) breaks a tackle by Churchill's Jayvaughn Grissom to score a touchdown. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Patriots will host regional final against Flushing

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With just over a minute left and Livonia Franklin clinging to two-point lead against Livonia Churchill, Brad Gibson had a sneaky suspicion that one more pass was headed in his direction.

Call it intuition, but the senior defensive back picked off Drew Alsobrooks's pass at his own 44 to seal the victory for the Patriots, who claimed

the Division 2 football district title with a 21-19 win over the host Chargers.

"The play before, they ran the same hitch route," the 5-foot-9, 170-pound Gibson said. "And I tried to jump it the play before, but I just couldn't make it ... I had a hard hit. I knew they were coming back to it, so when they did, securing the catch was just an unbelievable feeling."

It certainly is an unbelievable feeling for the Patriots, who after two road games, get

to host Flushing (9-2) for the regional title at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. Flushing advanced with a 28-21 win at Fenton.

The Patriots also avenged a 24-10 loss to Churchill earlier this season.

"I knew we had to make a big stop," Gibson said. "I knew we couldn't give up. It just showed how strong we were and how well we were going to compete with a minute left in the game."

Franklin appeared to have the game won with just over

three minutes left, when Marcus Martin stripped Alsobrooks, Churchill's junior quarterback, of the ball after a 20-yard gain, which was recovered by teammate Keion Harris just inbounds.

"When I saw the ball, I had to go for it because it was either that or they have a chance getting down the field and kicking a field goal, sealing the game, 22-21," Martin said.

Churchill (8-3) was also assessed a 15-yard personal foul following the play, put-

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Chiefs deliver knockout punch against Belleville

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After an intense week of practice preparing for Friday's Division 1 football district final against top-ranked Belleville, it all came down to a single play for Canton.

And what a wild and crazy play it was. Canton's prevent defense was able to finally bring down Jalen Wallace with nothing but zeroes on the scoreboard to preserve a nerve-racking 28-25 victory against the previously undefeated Tigers.

"How many kids on our team would start for them?" jubilant Canton coach Tim Baechler said after the district trophy presentation. "Not very many. Yeah, this was a great win."

Senior running back Colin Troup carried the offense, rushing 24 times for 178 yards and a touchdown. But it was bend-but-don't-break defense that gave the Chiefs the win.

"I was scared to death on that last play," Baechler said. "My god, my heart sank, rose, sank, rose. What a way to end. I'm sick right now."

Baechler could afford to laugh, however, because the Chiefs won their 10th straight game after their Week 1 loss to Muskegon Mona Shores. Canton will move on to the regionals.

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After teaming for a fourth-quarter touchdown pass, Lou Baechler (left) gives props to quarterback Connor Engel.

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Divine Child scores early, often in district final

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Dearborn Divine Child's defense was on the field more than its offense Friday, but that didn't matter much as the host Falcons rolled to a 42-6 win in the Division 3 football district final.

The Eagles (10-1) actually ran 56 plays to DC's 36, yet the Falcons broke out to a quick 14-0 lead and never looked back — registering 329 yards to Thurston's 167.

Scoring for Thurston (7-4) was running back Leonard Funches, on a 34-yard run late in the first quarter to trim the Falcons' lead to 14-6. Funches was a bright spot for veteran coach

Bob Snell, with 98 yards in 27 rushing attempts.

Quarterback Zachary Crofford, however, could not quite connect with the passing attack. He hit on just 8-of-23 passes for 53 yards.

Conversely for Divine Child, senior quarterback and Michigan State University commit Theo Day (Canton) was on-target. He connected on 10-of-12 passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns and added 87 yards on the ground.

Day opened the scoring with 8:22 left in the first, on a 49-yard TD toss to Vincent Floro.

About five minutes later, Day teamed with senior Aidan Hutchinson, a Plymouth resident who has verbally committed to Michigan, on a 28-yard

aerial.

Whatever momentum Thurston had thanks to the Funches touchdown was brief. Divine Child scored 21 unanswered points in the second quarter to take a 35-6 halftime lead.

William Duren, Day (on a 53-yarder) and Noah DeGuzman both scored a rushing TD in the second quarter.

The only scoring in the second half was on a 39-yard run by Gregory Robinson.

Spearheading the Divine Child defense with a team-leading 6.5 tackles was Hutchison.

Next for the Falcons is a D3 regional contest against Riverview.

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Thurston's Zachary Crofford (right) tries to break a tackle against Divine Child's Cameron Smith. TOM BEAUDOIN

PREP FOOTBALL

# Catholic Central offense clicks in win vs. Lakeland

Shamrocks will take on Canton in regional final Friday

**Mike Rosenbaum**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A punishing ground game, some timely passes and a defense that improved as the game progressed led Detroit Catholic Central to a 35-12 victory over host White Lake Lakeland in a Division 1 football district championship game Friday.

The Shamrocks (7-4) advance to the regional final this week, where they'll play at Canton (10-1) at 7 p.m. Friday. Lakeland finished its season 7-3.

Here are five takeaways from the contest:

**FAST START**

On their first possession, the Eagles didn't look like a team on their way to a three-score loss, as they drove 66 yards on nine plays.

Lakeland gashed the CC defense with four runs of 10 yards or more before Dakota Myers capped the drive with a 4-yard touchdown run.

But Lakeland managed just three more first downs the rest of the half.

CC coach Dan Anderson said he didn't make any defensive adjustments after that first series. Instead, his players just needed some time to adapt to Lakeland's attack.

"It's a tough offense to stop — a lot of counters, a lot of misdirection," Anderson said. "You run it all week in practice, but you run it with scout team guys. You don't run it with their guys. Their guys were very good ... and I think we had to get used to it."

Lakeland coach Joe Woodruff said the Shamrocks "were doing some good things on the defensive line from a technique standpoint. I don't think it was an X's and O's thing."

**MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU**

Fourth-down success was vital to the Shamrocks early in the contest.

On their first series, trailing 6-0, they faced a fourth-and-one from the Lakeland 14.

Cameron Ryan gained 3 yards for the first down and, three plays later, he scored his first TD of the



Catholic Central's Nate Anderson (right) makes the catch over Lakeland defender Luke Perry. SCOTT CONFER

night on a 3-yard run.

On Lakeland's next possession, Woodruff rolled the dice on fourth-and-one from his own 29, but CC swarmed to the ball and stuffed Robbie Tracy for no gain. That set up a short TD drive that Ryan capped with a 6-yard run to give the Shamrocks a 14-6 lead late in the first quarter.

**AIR POWER**

CC quarterback Marco Genrich hadn't completed a pass midway through the second quarter, when he dropped back to throw on third-and-15 from the CC 27.

He hit big tight end Mike Harding with a 33-yard strike to keep the drive alive.

Three plays later, Genrich completed a 38-yard pass to Nate Anderson on third-and-14 to set up Ryan's 2-yard scoring run and help the Shamrocks take a 21-6 lead into halftime.

"We had good coverage on both plays," Woodruff said, "and they won the 50/50 balls. And that was huge."

"A (big) part of our offensive game plan was to throw the ball," Dan Anderson said, "because



Catholic Central's Cameron Ryan tries to break the grasp of Lakeland tackler Sean Cullen (bottom). BRAD EMONS

we know they don't play with safeties."

Indeed, while the Shamrocks didn't throw often, they were deadly when Genrich did air it out, as the junior completed 7-of-9 passes for 141 yards.

His 35-yard scoring pass to Nate Anderson early in the fourth quarter — on fourth-and-nine — basically sealed the victory.

**SPECIAL SUCCESS**

Despite having an extra point blocked, Lakeland did enjoy some success on special teams.

Late in the first half, Dylan Kutzleb almost broke a kickoff return, taking it 53 yards to the CC 43.

PREP FOOTBALL



Roderick Heard scored three times and rushed for 139 yards to help lift Harrison past Warren Woods Tower for the D-3 district title Friday. DAN DEAN

# Harrison sweeps through Warren teams in first two playoff games

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Farmington Harrison continues to march through the Division 3 football state playoffs.

The Hawks conquered their second straight opponent from Warren on Friday, defeating Woods Tower 33-0 in a dominating performance to claim the district championship. In the playoff opener last week, coach John Herrington's squad opened with a convincing 45-14 victory over Warren Fitzgerald.

Against Tower, Harrison exploded to a 13-0 lead after one quarter and scored one touchdown in each of the next three quarters.

Tower, which placed third in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division, took the opening kick, but was forced to punt. Harrison blocked the punt and needed just three plays to open the scoring, when junior running back Roderick Heard went over from 4 yards out. Harrison missed the two-point conversion, but held the 6-0 lead.

With just five seconds remaining in the opening quarter, Heard scored from 16 yards away. Junior kicker David Hiser made the extra point for a 13-0

lead.

Harrison, the OAA White Division tri-champion with Birmingham Groves and Oak Park, surged ahead 19-0 midway through the second quarter on a 29-yard touchdown run by junior Ben Williams.

Trey Walker put the game away by returning the second-half kickoff 77 yards to pay dirt. The extra point was good and Harrison held a 26-0 lead.

Heard, who finished with 139 yards on 12 carries, mustered the final touchdown on a 46-yard run late in the fourth quarter. Senior quarterback Noah Hendricks completed all four passes he threw for 74 yards.

Defensively, senior end Ovie Oghoufo finished with eight tackles and two sacks. Sophomore teammate Sylvon Brown registered a team-high 14 tackles, including one sack.

Harrison (8-3) will play at Linden (9-2) at 7 p.m. Friday for the Division 3 regional championship. Linden, which placed second to Fenton in the Flint Metro League, advanced to the regional final with a 49-27 triumph over Ortonville Brandon.

Harrison last played for the regional title in 2014, when it stopped Flushing 23-10 to advance to the state semifinal. The Hawks lost in the semifinal, 25-24, to Muskegon Mona Shores.



# FRANKLIN

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ting the ball at the Chargers' 16 with 2:43 left. But the Chargers recovered a Jacob Kelbert fumble on the next play after the Franklin sophomore QB was struggling to gain extra yardage on a keeper.

The turnover gave Churchill one more crack to potentially kick the go-ahead field goal.

Churchill running back Darrell Mason Jr. then got loose for a 25-yard gain, but the Patriots' gritty defense held.

"The last two minutes of the game, our D-line did a great," Gibson said. "They got through, they did what they needed to do on the QB. It was unbelievable."

And it was another unbelievable performance by Franklin's workhorse in the backfield, 6-0, 210-pound senior Isaac Moore, who had a game-best 198 yards on 35 carries.

Moore had 104 yards on 13 carries during the first half, followed by a hard-earned 94 yards on 22 attempts in the second.

"That's just his determination," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said of Moore. "Made a couple of adjustments in blocking things a little bit better. And all around, I think we just played better in the second half than the first half. They were just bringing some pressure with their linebackers off the edge, so we had to make sure we accounted for those guys."

Here are five other takeaways:

## PROUD PAPA

Jacob Kelbert came through with some clutch third-down passes and was 7-of-13 passing on the night for 101 yards and two TDs.

The 10th-grader completed three straight passes on the Patriots' final drive of the first half, resulting in a 20-yard TD pass to Cal Fournier with 58.6 seconds left to make it 14-7.

His other TD pass went to Julius Simmons on a 13-yard wheel route with 1:25 left in third quarter as Franklin increased its lead to 21-13.

"We threw the ball very well today and that was the difference, because they were concentrating on the run," Chris Kelbert said.

Jacob Kelbert was intercepted once and probably would have liked to take back that last Franklin fumble.

"I told him, he did that because he was going for extra yards, wanting to seal the game," Chris Kelbert said. "And he'll learn from that next time. He'll go down after the first couple (yards)



Churchill's Darrell Mason Jr. takes the ball, makes it through a crowd of Patriots and heads for the end zone for a touchdown. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and protect the ball, but very proud of him, as I am everybody else on this team."

## KEY INJURY

Churchill jumped out to a 7-0 lead with 7:21 left in the first quarter on a 6-yard TD pass from Alsobrooks to Joel For-gacs.

The score was set up by a 44-yard screen pass from Alsobrooks to the speedy Mason, who went down on the play after being tackled on the sideline.

Mason did not return and missed the entire second quarter with an ankle issue, but came back out for the second half, scoring on a 68-yard TD run just 54 seconds into the third quarter.

Mason had 121 yards on just seven carries.

"He dinged his ankle up and you can see how explosive he is," Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo said. "We got him taped up and he got a little bit of time to rest at the half. And then came out and hit the long run to get us back in and then we missed the extra point, which forced us to go for two and we didn't get it on the second one to try to tie the game up. We had our opportunities and we didn't make the plays at critical times ... that's the way it goes in round two, I guess."

## SPECIAL TEAMS

Trailing 21-13 early in the fourth quarter, Mason blocked a Franklin punt and teammate Quantrez Pittman pounced on it in the end zone for a touchdown.

It was only a week earlier when Churchill's Martell Dooley blocked a short field-goal attempt with just under three minutes left to preserve a 24-23 win at Pinckney. The Chargers then went for two, but Franklin's Cal Fournier intercepted Alsobrooks after he was flushed out of the pocket.

"When you get to this point, you get penalties and mistakes, turnovers and things like that," DeFillippo said. "I thought it was a great game. I thought both teams played hard. And it was great football game. I just think we ended up on the end of making a few more mistakes."

## BALL CONTROL

The Patriots marched

88 yards in 18 plays, consuming 9:35 off the clock to score their third TD, when Jacob Kelbert hit Simmons out of the backfield on a 13-yarder.

"We scored in a minute-and-a-half in and they got the ball back and took, like, nine minutes off the clock," DeFillippo said. "And then to take the lead. Our kids stepped up and made a lot of big plays and so did their kids. The margin was not much at all tonight. It's a credit to both of our teams and it's kind of neat to have two of the Livonia teams to play each other in round two and put on a heck of a performance for the fans."

Franklin also ran 15 plays and drove 66 yards before getting stopped on fourth-and-four with just over three minutes remaining in the game.

"That was a huge, huge, huge momentum turn for us, keep their offense off the ball," Chris Kelbert said. "They're so explosive and that was our goal for the week, was to do that."

## DEFENSIVE SHOUT-OUT

The Patriots had a break-but-not-bend, mentality as they held Churchill to 281 yards total offense. Franklin, meanwhile, had 338.

"Our defensive staff has done a hell of a job with these guys this year," said Chris Kelbert, who singled out staff members Dusty Hall, Aaron Moran and Kevin Wengert. "The past two years, we've been doing it with offense, kind of outscoring everybody. This year, we've got to do what we can do offensively."

And yet, it took one final defensive stand to thwart the Chargers and it took a team effort.

"We were thinking just screen passes, deep passes as they tried to get into field goal range," Martin said. "We were just trying to save the game. We had a couple of turnovers to seal the victory for us. The fumble recovery (by Harris) at the 30-yard line there and to save the game when they went for that two-point conversion when Cal (Fournier) got an interception there. Honestly, I couldn't have done it without my teammates."

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# SOCCER

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arms of Central goalkeeper Brian Oste-panko for the game-winner.

"As soon as he clipped my ankle, I knew I was going to get a PK and I was pretty confident," Pierson said. "I was very confident, I knew as soon as I got up there, I knew we were going to win the game. I'm pretty confident when I take PKs. I take PKs in club and high school and I was very confident that was going to go in."

Central (22-2-2) had yielded only six goals all season and hadn't lost a match season its season opener against Portage Central.

"You look at the faces and that will answer the question for you," Vikings coach Joel Sharpe said. "Their hearts are breaking. No matter how great of a season and how great an accomplishment it is to get to the finals, it's never easy to console these guys for the amount of time they put into it."

It was a physical battle throughout the match as officials let the two teams play without issuing any cards.

But Sharpe wasn't about to blame the loss on the PK decision.

"It looked like it," he said. "When we dive in, you put somebody in the box like a caliber of player that Pierson is, bad things are going to happen."

Here are five other takeaways:

## PIERSON SHADOWED

Catholic Central's top scorer was hawked effectively throughout the match by Central's Karl Tavadia, a 6-

foot-1, 180-pound senior defender.

"I knew they were going to try and throw somebody on me. The coach was screaming at them to stick with me because he lost me a couple of times," Pierson said. "(Tavadia) did a heck of a job shutting me down in the first half. I couldn't get anything going. It was very difficult. But soon as he got hurt, then the other guy came in – and I thought I did a pretty good job against them – we started to create more chances."

## TURNING POINT

Tavadia went down with a knee injury, an apparent partially torn ACL, with 32:30 to play in regulation, forcing Sharpe to juggle his lineup down the stretch.

"He's a rare defender and was able to handle somebody like Pierson," he said. "I took one of my forwards and put him on him. It was probably unfair to do it to Alex Sayeg, but he did a heck of a job up until that point."

CC was able to take advantage of the big defender's absence by stepping up its offensive attack.

"Our whole plan was to try and lure them to us and then play through them after we got them stretched out," Pulice said. "Unfortunately, I feel bad for their guy that got injured. Hopefully he's OK. But they started feeling the pressure, they started creating more fouls and definitely it played into our favor."

## BEST CHANCES

In a match that was devoid up scoring chances, CC made a bid to make it 1-0 with 28:30 remaining in the first half, when Oste-panko went high with one hand to bat away a shot by Luke Willemssen.

On the doorstep with just under a minute left, Central's Ellton Pllum-

baj, from close range in front of CC goalie Kevin Blossfeld, rang a shot off the crossbar after getting a feed from the hard-working Alex Dalou.

"We broke them down the first half, put it on the crossbar and dropped back down on the goal line," Sharp said. "Should have been up 1-0 if we had finished it. I think we should have done a little better job possessing the ball, but they're a good team and it was a back and forth."

## DEFENSIVE KUDOS

The Shamrocks shut out five of their seven state tournament opponents and allowed just 13 goals all season.

As customary, Blossfeld played the first 40 minutes and Andrew Nicholsen went the final 40 to combine for CC's 18th shutout of the year.

"Our plan was to shut down their key players – Alex Dalou and Nick Palofax," CC senior defender Henry Koelling said. "And we did a really good job of that. It was a physical game, but we knew if we locked those guys up, we'd have a great chance of winning and we got it done."

## PARTY TIME

At a school that has captured many state titles in many different sports, this was the first for the soccer program, which was launched in 1978.

"I'm ecstatic right now," said Koelling, a senior captain. "I'm at a loss for words. This was our goal right after our loss to Novi last year. To be able to get it done is fantastic."

It was a day of celebration, for sure.

"Happy we won it. We worked hard for it all season," CC senior midfielder Matthew Park said.

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Catholic Central athletic director Aaron Babicz (left) presents the state championship medal to player Drake Midgley. DAN DEAN

# CHIEFS

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With several players lined up 40 yards behind the line of scrimmage, Belleville quarterback Christian Dhue-Reid completed a short pass to Julian Barnett — who then tried to dance around the defenders while avoiding what would be the game-ending tackle.

Barnett flipped the ball to Wallace, who made a bee-line for the sideline trying to turn the corner. But the Chiefs were ready and finally brought him down.

## Tough in the clutch

"This week, we installed a new victory formation, getting some of our tall guys back in the end zone for any jump ball," senior linebacker Chase Meredith said. "We were lined up for that, everyone was

ready. And they threw something short, so we all had to rally to the ball."

Senior Noah Brown, who caught a 25-yard pass from senior quarterback Connor Engel midway through the third quarter to give Canton a 21-6 advantage, said the team "worked all week in our last-second defense and we just got the job done today."

Canton's decisive touchdown came on fourth-and-goal from the 4-yard line while nursing a 21-19 lead with under six minutes left in the contest.

Engel faked a handoff into the line and then sent a perfect pass deep into the end zone, where tight end Lou Baechler made no mistake with his TD catch. That capped a 15-play, 55-yard drive that began late in the third quarter.

"I went on my route and I was open and Connor threw a heck of a pass right on my stom-

ach. I came down with it," Lou Baechler said.

The Tigers responded to cut the deficit to 28-25 on a 7-yard pass from Dhue-Reid to Davion Williams with 3:18 to go, but Canton blocked an extra point for the second time.

Canton then milked the clock for all it was worth, picking up a first down along the way to ensure Belleville (10-1) would not have much time to work with.

Following are several takeaways:

## TIGERS TRICKERY

Late in the second quarter, with the Chiefs up 14-6, Belleville set up to punt the ball. But the Tigers threw on fourth-and-18 instead. Patrick Lupro connected with Jalen Williams for a 20-yard gain and kept the drive going. But Canton's pass defense stiffened from there and Belleville missed on another fourth-down pass attempt.

## OH, THOSE PENALTIES

Canton, at least in the first half, played relatively miscue-free football — at least where penalties were concerned. The Tigers, on the other hand, were whistled for several false starts to stymie any offensive momentum. And a holding call nullified what would have been a 58-yard TD catch-and-run by Williams.

## FULL-SPEED AHEAD

Canton ran the ball most of the time during the opening half, looking to not only gain chunks of yardage, but also take time off the clock. With several running backs getting touches, the Chiefs put together some efficient drives that paid off with a pair of TD runs (by Steven Walker and Troup).

## EVERY POINT COUNTS

The Chiefs blocked a Belleville extra point early in the second quarter. On the flip side, Can-

ton did the job on both first-half PATs, with junior Ben Wright holding for senior Chase Meredith and sophomore Cooper Donlin (one each).

## CLEAN PICKINGS

Canton made enough important plays on defense to keep the run-and-gun Tigers at bay. With the game scoreless in the first quarter, senior defensive back Robert Laird intercepted a Belleville pass in the end zone.

On the first offensive

snap of the second half, a badly overthrown ball went right into the hands of Chiefs senior defensive back Joe Vespaziani.

"We know there were match-up issues, big time, back there," Tim Baechler said. "But they just scrapped, got a couple picks. That's what we said, 'Hey, they're going to make some plays, guys. But we're going to make a couple, too.'"

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# At muddy MIS, Plymouth's title bid barely misses

Grzymkowski leads defending champion Lakeland to fifth-place finish

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Sloshing through mud and dealing with three rain delays Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, the Plymouth Wildcats came within a puddle or two of capturing their first MHSAA Division 1 state championship in school history.

Ann Arbor Pioneer eked out the title, with 107 points, followed by Plymouth (110) and defending champion White Lake Lakeland (130).

The top of the individual leader board also was as cramped as can be.

Earning medalist honors with a time of 15:16.1 was Pioneer junior Nick Foster, but he had Rockford's Cole Johnson (15:18.2) and Lakeland junior Harrison Grzymkowski (15:18.4) hot on his heels.

Finishing the 5,000-meter race in fifth place was Plymouth sophomore Carter Solomon (15:24.2), while Novi senior Gabriel Mudel (sixth, 15:26.2), Lakeland senior Drew Wenger (eighth, 15:27) and Birmingham Seaholm junior George Nummer (10th, 15:35.7) all finished in the top 10.

"It was hard," Solomon said about the tricky



Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team proudly poses with the Division 1 runner-up trophy Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

terrain. "The mud was terrible. I mean, it was good weather. The rain was good, the cold felt good, but the mud was terrible.

"Well, my team kept saying, 'We're all right, we're all right.' We knew it would affect the other teams, but not us. We kept strong. We kept our poise. We were good."

Plymouth, which captured the Oct. 28 regional at Willow Metropark in New Boston with six finishers in the top nine, was much more spread out at MIS. But the Wildcats still nearly got it done.

In 18th with a time of 15:43.8 was senior Ethan Byrnes; junior Brendan Boyd placed 38th with a mark of 16:10.3. After that, junior Jarrett Warner (45th, 16:13.3), sophomore Tyler Mussen (55th, 16:17.2) and freshman Patrick Byrnes came in 71st (16:24.6).

Solomon and Byrnes were all-state finishers

(top 30) for the second consecutive year.

"Our coach (Jon Mikosz) comes in and always tells us, 'Don't expect anything. Go in and run every single race like it's your last one' and that's what I think we did," Ethan Byrnes said.

About the less than ideal course conditions, Byrnes shrugged them off.

"We ran in these conditions before," he said. "The (Ann Arbor) Gabriel Richard meet was actually worse than this. But it's just that mental mindset of who's tougher and who has the heart to tough through the mud (and) the rain."

The Eagles, making a bid for back-to-back championships, after their first championship, had two finish in the top 10, led by Grzymkowski and senior Drew Wenger (eighth, 15:27). Lakeland's other scorers included Christian Davis (43rd, 16:12.9), Angelo Savich

(67th, 16:22.5) and George Drallos (69th, 16:24.1).

Birmingham Brother Rice took 12th with 356, paced by junior Alec Miracle (21st, 16:08.9), followed by teammates Grant Davey (37th, 16:16.9), Kevan O'Brien (73rd, 16:25.2), Jacob Hannawa (154th, 16:56.5) and Joe Berg (201st, 17:19.2).

Milford (359), one place behind in 13th, was led by junior Evan White (42nd, 16:12.9). Other scorers for the Mavericks included Kazuma Bowring, 104th (16:37.8); Carsen Kettle, 123rd (16:46.1); Grant Ballard, 127th (16:47.3); and Luke Caddell, 142nd (16:53.4).

Novi (385), which placed 16th, had one all-stater in Mudel, followed by Matt Whyte (97th, 16:33.2), Nathaniel Wood (137th, 16:51.1), Trey Mullins (143rd, 16:53.4) and Prateek Bhola (179th, 17:09.2).

Salem (437), 20th overall, was led by seniors



Plymouth senior Ethan Byrnes sparked the Wildcats in the state finals. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Ryan Exell (90th, 16:30.4) and Andrew Beyer (115th, 16:41.9), along with junior Christo Jeffers (116th, 16:43.1). Also scoring for the Rocks were Nolan Teodori (160th, 16:58.7) and Shane McKimmy (163rd, 16:59.6).

Individual qualifiers from area schools to crack the top 30 and earn all-state honors were Farmington senior Nick Trevisan (17th, 15:43.2), Northville junior Nicholas Couyoumjian (25th, 15:51) and Seaholm junior Jakob Sayers (29th, 15:57.1).

Couyoumjian was allowed by the MHSAA to run in the race as an individual, while the rest of the Northville team was disqualified at the Oct. 28 Willow Metropark regional after taking third on an MHSAA rules violation for not wearing the same undergarment colors.

"Given the circumstances last week and with the race being delayed multiple times yesterday, I am really proud of how Nick handled everything," first-year Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "It's his first all-state honor."



Lakeland junior Harrison Grzymkowski placed third overall in the state meet with a time of 15:18.4.

Other area individual finishers included Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Luke Perelli (53rd, 16:16.1) and Livonia Stevenson's Owen Rowader (72nd, 16:24.6).

**MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS CROSS COUNTRY FINALS Nov. 4 at MIS (Brooklyn)**  
**TEAM RESULTS:** 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 107 points; 2. Plymouth, 110; 3. Lakeland, 130; 4. Romeo, 142; 5. Saline, 246; 6. Saginaw Heritage, 263; 7. Ann Arbor Skyline, 267; 8. Clarkston, 304; 9. Rockford, 340; 10. Grand Haven, 341; 12. Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, 356; 13. Milford, 359; 16. Novi, 385; 17. Brighton, 405; 20. Salem, 437.  
**AREA INDIVIDUAL RESULTS** (top 30 All-State): 1. Nick Foster (Pioneer), 15:16.1; 3. Harrison Grzymkowski (Lakeland), 15:18.4; 5. Carter Solomon (Plymouth), 15:24.2; 6. Gabriel Mudel (Novi), 15:26.7; 8. Drew Wenger (Lakeland), 15:27; 10. George Nummer (Birmingham Seaholm), 15:35.7; 15. Zachary Stewart (Brighton), 15:41.8; 17. Nick Trevisan (Farmington), 15:43.2; 18. Ethan Byrnes (Plymouth), 15:43.8; 25. Nicholas Couyoumjian (Northville), 15:51; 29. Jakob Sayers (Seaholm), 15:57.1.

Anthony Odoardi and Brad Emons contributed to this report.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Troy edges Northville in D1 finals

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Fresh off a Division 1 girls cross country regional championship, Northville tried to parlay that positive momentum into more hardware Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

But the Mustangs fell just short in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals with a tally of 132 points — bested only by Troy (127).

Meanwhile, defending D1 champion Milford placed fifth among the field of 27 teams with 234.

Northville freshman Yasmine Mansi (ninth, 17:59.9), junior Nicole Cybul (18th, 18:10.4) and senior Ana Barrott (27th, 18:23.2) were the top performers for the Mustangs.

Mansi and Cybul both posted personal bests, freshman Emily Gordon finished 72nd (19:05.7) while junior Olivia Harp placed 74th (19:07.9) rounded out the Northville scoring contingent.

"Our goal was definitely to win and ... we definitely wanted to stay together and stay as close as we could," Cybul said. "And I think we did pretty well at that."

Troy fared better in that area with five finishers completing the 5,000-meter race in less than 19 minutes.

Northville was making a bid for its first state title since 2013, but came up five points short.

"The girls had a remarkable day with a young team," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "With only one senior on the team (Barrott), she guided this young team to a remarkable season. These girls would not be where they are today without her leadership and experience. This is a



The Northville girls cross country team took Division 1 runner-up honors to Troy. SUBMITTED PHOTO

young team who will now be hungry to win it all next year. Troy had an amazing pack which propelled them to the win. I tried to stress the importance of this all season long and we got better, but not close."

Milford's top finisher was junior Victoria Heilingenthal, with a time of 18:07.3. Other scorers for the Mavericks included Abby Hiipakka, 59th (18:57.6); Regan Lobodzinski, 78th (19:09.7); Paige Saiz, 93rd (19:17.3); and Rebecca Bradsher, 114th (19:29.7).

Birmingham Seaholm (238), which placed seventh, was spearheaded by seniors Rachel McCardell (sixth, 17:51.9) and Emily Rooney (30th, 18:26.2). Other scorers for the Maples included Audrey DaDamio (62nd, 19:00.7), Kati Beckeman (69th, 19:04.9) and Alison Doninni (179th, 20:08.4).

Lakeland junior Madeline Rehm, an individual qualifier, crossed the finish line 10th overall (18:01.1), while the Eagles' two other qualifiers were Olivia Clymer (32nd, 18:30.6) and Rylee Lukes (87th, 19:13.0).

Salem (423) took 18th overall, led by senior Shae Wilson (86th, 19:12.7). Other scorers for the Rocks included Bridget Nelson, 77th (19:30.1), Reagan Justice, 80th (19:37.5); Gabrielle Mancini (153rd, 19:53.4) and Hallie Younglas

(156th, 19:54.2).

Bloomfield Hills (690) placed 27th, led by sophomore Shelby Jenkins (61st, 19:18.1). She was followed by teammates Isadora Halsband, 195th (20:21.8); Delace Jia, 209th (20:38.1); Samantha Yamin, 218th (20:51.0); and Evelyn Sorgenfrei, 228th (20:57.7).

Also earning all-state (top 30) honors was Farmington junior Abby Inch (11th, 18:06.9) as she joined area runners McCardell, Mansi, Rehm, Farmington junior Abby Inch (11th, 18:06.9), Heilingenthal, Cybul, Barrott and Rooney.

Other area finishers included Novi's Katherine Ray (48th, 18:49.1), North Farmington's Whitney Reid (84th, 19:11.6), Livonia Franklin's Erin Seibert (99th, 19:22.7) and Livonia Churchill's Gabrielle Swider (130th, 19:41.1).

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**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:** 1. Ericka VanderLende (Rockford), 17:16.8; 6. Rachel McCardell (Seaholm), 17:51.9; 9. Yasmine Mansi (Northville), 17:59.9; 10. Madeline Rehm (Lakeland), 18:01.1; 11. Abby Inch (Farmington), 18:06.9; 12. Victoria Heilingenthal (Milford), 18:07.3; 18. Nicole Cybul (Northville), 18:10.4; 27. Ana Barrott (Northville), 18:23.2.

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BOYS SOCCER



East Lansing's Paul Carney (right) moves with the ball as Farmington Hills Harrison's Jacob Honer closes in during the first half. NICK KING | LANSING STATE JOURNAL

# Harrison knocked out of state tourney, 2-0

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Tim Russell sensed it early.

The Farmington Hills Harrison coach knew his team had depth at every position and a lot of players that could get the job done.

And those elements paved the way as the Hawks were able to put together one of their best state tournament runs in school history.

Harrison's run ended in the Division 2 state semifinals with a 2-0 loss Nov. 1 to East Lansing.

But in the aftermath

of that loss, Russell was proud of what the Hawks achieved while reaching the state semifinals for the first time since 1987.

"I was just telling them they made people care about Harrison soccer this year," Russell said. "Traditionally, it's an American football school and they brought all these fans out here tonight and they made everyone respect us. All these top-ranked teams that we played this year, they all knew that we belonged on the field with them. That's what I'm proudest of these guys for, because they earned that. They worked hard to get to that level."

East Lansing scored twice in the final 20 min-

utes to earn a shot at its sixth state title under veteran coach Nick Archer. Almir Celovic's goal with just under 18 minutes broke the scoreless tie, while Mohamed Babale added a goal with 6:50 left for the Trojans, who lost 3-0 to Holland in Saturday's state championship game.

"There were a lot of people that continued to doubt us throughout the season and all, and when we hit our lull, there were even more doubters," Celovic said. "That just motivated us to prove everyone wrong and more importantly prove ourselves right that we're capable of being here."



PREP VOLLEYBALL

# South Lyon captures district championship

Lions notch 40th win of the season to reach Class A regional

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South Lyon has greater goals than winning league and district volleyball championships, but the Lions have to start somewhere. A second district title in the last three years is a good beginning. South Lyon won the Class A district championship Friday at Howell with an 18-25, 25-16, 25-14, 25-18 victory over the host Highlanders.

The Lions were hoping to win the first regional championship in school history, as they were scheduled Tuesday to face Ann Arbor Huron in the regional semifinals at Dexter. Two-time defending state champion Novi lurks in the other semifinal along with Walled



South Lyon's Chloe Grimes, who had 15 kills, puts a shot through Howell's front line during the district championship victory. JIM JAGDFELD

Lake Central. "We're trying to establish South Lyon volleyball in the state of Michigan," first-year Lions coach Rebecca Tricknell

said. "It starts tonight." South Lyon has played in three straight district finals, losing last season to Brighton. The Lions avenged that loss in the

semifinals. Howell, meanwhile, hadn't won a single set in the districts since 2009 before beating rival Hartland.

Howell seemed to carry over the momentum from that victory into the first game against South Lyon, scoring the first four points and never trailing in the opening set. South Lyon got within 15-14, but Howell ended the set with a 10-4 run. "We were just excited with our initial energy coming into this game," said Howell senior Ivy Earl, who had nine kills and 17 digs. "We knew we could definitely play with them." As was the case in the semifinals against Brighton, South Lyon (40-9-3) won the final three sets after losing the opener. "It wouldn't be South Lyon volleyball if we didn't start out a little bit low," Tricknell said. "We did the same thing (Nov. 1). We came out a little bit slow, but they had the confidence, they got the jitters out and they came back in the next three." Howell led 7-6 in the second set before the Lions took the lead for good with three straight points.

In the third set, South Lyon outscored Howell 17-7 after the Highlanders got to within 8-7. Several long rallies went the Lions' way as they took a 2-1 lead in the match. Howell battled to keep its season alive in the fourth set, trailing only 19-17 before South Lyon closed out the match with a 6-1 run. "We had a little bit of scouting on them, but it really wasn't what we expected," said 6-foot-1 South Lyon junior Chloe Grimes, who had 15 kills. "They were really scrappy and they got a lot of balls up, so that was surprising. I'm really proud of our team. We came back and won three in a row, which is awesome." Abby Durecki had 14 kills, Morgan Booth had six blocks, Emily Kalinowski had 40 assists and Stephanie Kalinowski had 15 digs for South Lyon.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Novi spikes Northville to win Class A district title

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Two-time defending Class A volleyball champion Novi turned in another impressive performance Friday with a 25-10, 25-12, 25-13 triumph at home over Northville for its fourth consecutive district championship. The Wildcats, who improved to 52-3 overall, beat Northville for the

fourth time this season and were led by recent Under Armour first team All-America selection Erin O'Leary, a Michigan commit who finished with 34 assist-to-kills. Other contributions came from Northwestern University commit Abryanna Cannon (14 kills, five blocks), Cleveland State commit Kathryn Ellison (10 kills, 12 digs) and Jaeda Porter (nine kills, six blocks). Brianna Maccoux and

Clare McNamara paced Northville's hitting attack with five and four kills, respectively. Setters Rachel Holmes and Gabi Fisette combined for 15 assists as the Mustangs (42-9-2) struggled offensively, going 19-of-84 in attacks (.024 percent) with 17 hitting errors. Northville also had 11 serving errors. Defensively, Michigan State commit Hannah Grant, a junior, led the way with 12 digs.

Novi advanced to Tuesday's scheduled regional semifinals at Dexter to face Walled Lake Central. The second semifinal had South Lyon against Ann Arbor Huron. The championship final will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Dexter.

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Novi junior Jaeda Porter had nine kills and six blocks in a district final win over rival Northville. FILE PHOTO

GIRLS SWIMMING

# Northville splashes to another KLAA championship

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Katelyn McCullough and Sophia Tuinman proved to be a dynamic duo Saturday, leading Northville to its third Kensington Lakes Activities Association girls swimming and diving title in four years at Novi High School. The Mustangs scored 852 points, with the host Wildcats overtaking Brighton for second, 671-618. Rounding the 14-school field were Canton (481), Livonia Stevenson (448), Salem (382), Grand Blanc (365.5), Hartland (332), Plymouth (271), Howell (217), Livonia Churchill (134), Livonia Franklin (126), Wayne Memorial (89) and Westland John Glenn (82).

"We really swam well and, obviously, the big thing is that we had a ton of dropped time," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "That's the goal of any conference meet, is to swim fast at the end and we did that. I had a feeling that we'd win by that much. I made that clear to the girls right away that it would be a close meet and we had to do everything we could. So I think they kind of had that sense of urgency to do well and score as many points, move up in the higher heats." McCullough and Tuinman both figured in four first-place finishes for the Mustangs, who captured seven of the 12 races. McCullough swept the 50- and 100-yard free-



The Northville girls swim team is all smiles after winning the KLAA championship meet. XIN WAN

styles in 24.04 and 52.26, respectively, while Tuinman took the 200 freestyle (1:52.14) and 100 backstroke (56.74). "They've been great all season long," McNeff said. "Katelyn has dropped a ton of time in both freestyle events. Last year, she won the backstroke and this year we put her in the freestyle and she won pretty easily with that. "Same thing with Sophia. She's actually been in the (200) IM and the 100 back most of the season. She wanted to try the 200 free and, with her – she's so talented – that no matter event we put her in she can win. She won the 200 free and 100

back pretty easily, too." The two also teamed with Emma Phillips and Lauren Heaven for first in the 200 medley relay (1:48.52). The foursome of McCullough, Heaven, Lulu Mans and Tuinman capped off the meet with a triumph in the 400 freestyle relay (3:30.78). Heaven also earned an individual win in the 100 butterfly (57.20). The Mustangs were able to score well during Friday's prelims while surpassing what the seed sheets had projected. "I thought that set us up for Saturday where I told them basically to go our there and have some fun," McNeff said. "I said, 'Just go for your PRs and do the best you can.' I think that took a little pressure off them

on Saturday and they had some fun. In the last few years, with us being so close with us and South Lyon (Unified), Saturday was always very stressful and draining on them. I actually think we saw some better times because of it, especially from some of the seniors." Brighton's Julianne Libler figured in three wins, capturing the 200 (2:08.62) and 100 breaststroke (1:06.19), while also being a member of the victorious 200 freestyle relay (1:36.95). Teammate Kellie House was first in the 500 freestyle (5:03.37). In 1-meter diving, Salem's Camille Burt scored 419.35 points to edge Novi's Lorna Dunn (404.95) and McKaela



Northville's Lauren Heaven captured the 100-yard butterfly at the KLAA meet. XIN WAN

Hill (402.45). 295.80. **100 butterfly:** 1. Heaven (N'ville), 57.20; 2. Mince (Hartland), 57.93; 3. Amber Gulau (LS), 58.59; 4. Sara Griffiths (Salem), 1:00.22; 5. Olivia Anderson (Brighton), 1:00.73; 6. Jessica Clark (Canton), 1:00.45; 7. Elise Fonda (Novi), 1:00.98; 8. Mia Testani (N'ville), 1:01.12. **100 freestyle:** 1. McCullough (N'ville), 52.26; 2. Reed (Brighton), 52.49; 3. Katulski (Novi), 53.30; 4. Lubinski (Brighton), 54.36; 5. Branford (Salem), 54.74; 6. Ancha (N'ville), 54.98; 7. Miller (Canton), 55.02; 8. Hallie Pruitte (GB), 56.37. **500 freestyle:** 1. House (Brighton), 5:03.37; 2. Mans (N'ville), 5:08.19; 3. Balow (Canton), 5:10.16; 4. Gardon (Novi), 5:16.09; 5. Gray (Brighton), 5:22.38; 6. Froney (LS), 5:23.84; 7. Megan Sileoff (GB), 5:28.65; 7. Katie Ptashnik (LS), 5:28.99. **200 freestyle relay:** 1. Brighton (Reed, Libler, House, Lubinski), 1:36.95; 2. Northville, 1:38.91; 3. Hartland, 1:41.59; 4. Salem, 1:42.43; 5. Stevenson, 1:42.88; 6. Plymouth, 1:42.91; 7. Grand Blanc, 1:42.95; 8. Novi, 1:43.76. **100 backstroke:** 1. Tuinman (N'ville), 56.74; 2. Anderson (Brighton), 58.31; 3. Harris (Hartland), 59.00; 4. Clark (Canton), 59.69; 5. Malayne Marcinelli (N'ville), 1:01.67; 6. Lexi Barritt (N'ville), 1:02.11; 7. Griffiths (Salem), 1:02.67; 8. Liz Breda (Plymouth), 1:03.26. **100 breaststroke:** 1. Libler (Brighton), 1:06.19; 2. Lepek (Canton), 1:06.63; 3. Phillips (N'ville), 1:07.90; 4. Hao (Salem), 1:08.32; 5. Jennifer Ostrowski (N'ville), 1:09.37; 6. (tie) Gulau (LS) and Dong (Novi), 1:10.48 each; 7. Zerna (Howell), 1:11.66. **400 freestyle relay:** 1. Northville (McCullough, Heaven, Mans, Tuinman), 3:30.78; 2. Brighton, 3:36.51; 3. Novi, 3:39.97; 4. Canton, 3:40.70; 5. Salem, 3:41.26; 6. Grand Blanc, 3:44.65; 7. Stevenson, 3:45.44; 8. Hartland, 3:36.11.

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COLLEGE WRESTLING

# Michigan’s Amine excited about CC mat homecoming

Wolverines take on Arizona State in season-opening dual at Catholic Central

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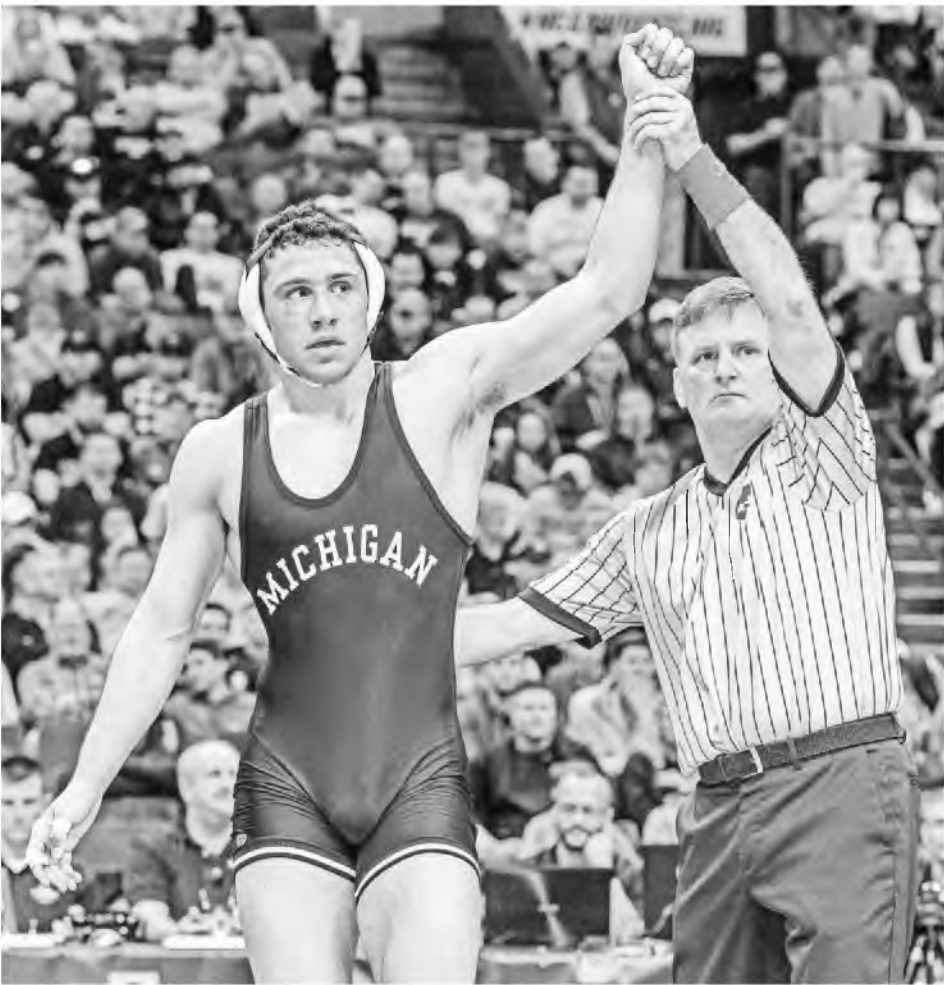
Already off to a 3-0 start with the University of Michigan wrestling team, Myles Amine can't wait for his next match.

The 174-pound junior All-American, who won back-to-back high school state titles (2014-15) at Detroit Catholic Central, will be wrestling in friendly confines of CC's Robert Santello Gymnasium when the No. 3-ranked Wolverines take on No. 7 Arizona State in the season opener.

The match is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, and admission is free.

"I thought my days in that gym were over after 2015, when I wrestled my last high school match – senior night," said Amine, who won his weight class last weekend at the Michigan State Open. "It's a really good opportunity. It's something I could only I could have a dream about or something like that. But no, I never thought I'd be wrestling in that gym again."

The Brighton native, who finished third in the Big Ten and fourth in last year's NCAA championships, has a 48-9 career record with the Wolverines. Preseason he was



Michigan junior Myles Amine will return to wrestle against Arizona State in a season-opening match Nov. 10 at Detroit Catholic Central H.S. U-M ATHLETICS

ranked No. 4 nationally by FloWrestling.com.

Amine is one of three CC wrestlers who will be returning to their home mat against the Sun Devils, who are coached by Ann Arbor native and former Olympic silver medalist and U.S. Olympic freestyle coach Zeke Jones.

Brother Malik Amine, a red-shirt junior at 149 pounds, is 28-17 in his career and finished 3-1 at

last week's MSU Open. Meanwhile, All-American Kevin Beazley, a 197-pound fifth-year graduate transfer from Old Dominion (Va.) University, is off to a 4-0 start after going 25-8 last year.

"I think it just adds to the firepower that we already have," Myles said. "Kevin is just a great guy to have on the team, great guy to be around. He's charismatic

and brings another level of energy that just really helps ... keep the room really competitive and fun as well. Personally, for me and my brother to wrestle with him in high school it kind of just adds to the excitement I have this year to be able to compete with him again.

To go out there and wrestle with a familiar face and somebody you competed along side in high school ... it kind of brings

a different element to it. It just makes it more exciting."

Amine's cousin Jordan, a red-shirt senior from Brighton, is also a member of U-M's roster and is 28-17 during his career.

Another familiar face scheduled to compete against ASU is red-shirt junior Alec Pantaleo (Canton), a 157-pounder who sat out last season after taking sixth in the NCAA's and third in the Big Ten.

He was also an NCAA qualifier in 2015 after finishing fourth in the Big Ten. And last April, Pantaleo took fifth in the U.S. Open.

In Sunday's National Wrestling Coaches Association's 52nd annual All-Star Classic at Princeton's Jadwin Gym, the fifth-ranked Pantaleo lost his opener to Rider's sixth-ranked B.J. Clagon, 10-4.

"Last year we had Dominic Abounader, Big Ten champ out, Adam Coon, who was an NCAA finalist, out and Alec Pantaleo out, who was an All-American," Amine said. "We missed them last year, but it's good to have them back for their final year of eligibility. Kind of everything fell into place with that."

Myles Amine is coming off a 32-7 season after going 13-2 his first year.

"Individually, kind of the same thing goes ... kind of just go out there and dominate and, really, enjoy it," he said. "I'm really thinking about being at the top of the

podium in March as well."

Last season, Michigan finished 8-7 overall in dual meets, including a 4-5 mark in the conference. The Wolverines placed seventh in the Big Ten Championships and 10th in the NCAA's with three grapplers earning All-America honors: Amine, Logan Massa (165) and Stevan Micic (133).

"We have some pretty high goals," Amine said. "Last year kind of gave me a good gauge of where I needed to be next year. As a team, we have some pretty high expectations. We, obviously, want to perform really well and find ourselves getting a team trophy in March."

Amine, who is enrolled in the U-M's Ross School of Business, has tried to refine his wrestling skills going into the 2017-18 season.

"One of the things I had to focus on off-season was just kind of getting to my ties more and controlling ties, because I'm more of an outside wrestler and like to shoot from the open, like to use speed," he said. "Speed and offense are kind of the two things that got me where I am, but I think be a little more tactical and reducing risks on my shots and trying to make more on my high level attacks is a big thing that I focused on in the off-season."

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GIRLS SWIMMING

# South Lyon Unified wins first LVC championship

Walled Lake Northern second, Lakeland third in inaugural meet

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It might be a brand new conference, but the South Lyon Unified girls swimming and diving team can always be counted on to be near the top when the final standings are announced.

Coach John Burch's squad, which had captured five of the last seven KLAA Kensington Conference titles, jumped feet first into Lakes Valley Conference waters Saturday at South Lyon East's pool and came away with the inaugural championship by scoring 669 points.

Walled Lake Northern was runner-up with 443, while White Lake Lakeland placed third with 391. Rounding out the seven-school field were Milford (190.5), Walled Lake Western (155), Walled Lake Central (116) and Waterford United (82).

"We've always done well at the conference championship regardless of what conference it is," Burch said. "It was no different here and it's what I expected to happen. The girls really stepped it up and swam well, like we traditionally do. I was pleased overall with the performance."

Sophomore Lindsay Boals enjoyed a big day for South Lyon, sweeping the 50- and 100-yard freestyles in 24.36 and 53.34, respectively. She also teamed with Anna Smith, Avery Covert, Abigail O'Reilly for a victory in the 200 medley relay (1:48.37).



South Lyon Unified sophomore Lindsay Boals figured in three first-place finishes in the Lakes Valley Conference meet. SANDRA BOALS

"I think Lindsay Boals was somebody who definitely stepped up to the plate," Burch said. "She was a two-time winner and also on a relay that won, so that was huge for her."

Meanwhile, Lakeland captured eight of the 12 races, including two relays as the Eagles were led by seniors Emma Hazel and Isabel Fairbanks, along with junior Kate Doyle, each of whom figured in four wins.

Hazel, headed to Liberty (Va.) University, set East pool records in the 100 butterfly (55.26) and 100 backstroke (55.45), while Fairbanks captured the 200 individual medley (2:10.79) and 100 breaststroke (1:07.61). Doyle added a win in the 200 freestyle (1:56.03) and 500 freestyle (5:06.15).

The foursome of Hazel, Doyle, Fairbanks and Riley Faulkner won the 200 freestyle relay (1:38.56) and 400 freestyle relay (3:35.56). Fairbanks also hit the



The South Lyon Unified girls swim team captured the inaugural Lakes Valley Conference title. SANDRA BOALS

wall first in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.61).

"They've definitely got the top swimmers that we were competing against for the wins in the events," Burch said of Lakeland. "That was good for us to have that competition right there."

Meanwhile, Northville won its second straight KLAA title Saturday as well. South Lyon won it in 2015 and took four

straight from 2010-13.

"We had a big rivalry with Northville," Burch said. "We've had six straight conference titles with them that seemed to be neck-and-neck every single year. And we missed it, but the new league is good. The girls noticed not having that rivalry this year, not seeing them at the end of the year in the conference meet, because they

won pretty easily and we won pretty easily. Who knows what it had been head-to-head with them?"

Teams from the LVC will now focus their attention on the MHSAA Division 1 state finals Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18, at Oakland University.

"You never know what you're going to see in the state meet," Burch said. "I would like to get a top

10 finish. It's been a couple of years. We were 11th last year. We'd like to break into the top 10 and, hopefully, get a little higher. That's going to be our goal to finish up there."

**LAKES VALLEY CONFERENCE GIRLS SWIM MEET RESULTS**  
Nov. 4 at South Lyon East H.S.  
**FINAL TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. South Lyon Unified, 669 points; 2. Walled Lake Northern, 443; 3. White Lake Lakeland, 391; 4. Milford, 190.5; 5. Walled Lake Western, 155; 6. Walled Lake Central, 116; 7. Waterford United, 82.

**FINAL HEAT AREA FINISHERS**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. South Lyon (Anna Smith, Avery Covert, Abigail O'Reilly, Lindsay Boals), 1:48.37; 4. Lakeland (Sydney Moore, Emma Hahn, Melissa Sherman, Peyton Michelaski), 2:02.51; 6. Milford (Anna Riihiluoma, Annalyse Brogan, Lauren Tulpe, Abby Adams), 2:08.79.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Kate Doyle (Lakeland), 1:56.03; 2. Riley Faulkner (Lakeland), 1:56.38; 3. Lexi Abernethy (SLU), 1:59.56; 4. Nicole Hanshaw (SLU), 1:59.93; 5. Emily Costanzo (Milford), 2:00.12; 6. Abigail Seybert (SLU), 2:04.47; 7. Sydney Hain (SLU), 2:06.35.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Taylor Sciborski (SLU), 2:14.75; 2. Kendra Ebel (SLU), 2:19.10; 6. Grace Gargiulo (SLU), 2:23.63; 7. Madison Zielinski (SLU), 2:25.26.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Lindsay Boals (SLU), 24.36; 2. Emily Kurt (SLU), 24.97; 3. Emerson Ramey (SLU), 25.02; 4. Rylie Kennedy (Milford), 25.35; 5. Melanie Cosens (SLU), 25.86; 6. Alyssa Schams (SLU), 25.95; 7. Michalski (Lakeland), 26.18.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Kamila Podsiadlo (WLW), 364.00 points; 2. Stella Fairbanks (Lakeland), 357.90 points; 3. Mackenzie Dopierale (SLU), 334.80; 4. Alexis Birowell (SLU), 316.45; 5. Madeline Taylor (SLU), 311.00; 6. Olivia Nelson (Lakeland), 305.25; 7. Cara Younkin (SLU), 301.75; 8. Caitlin Davis (Lakeland), 288.80.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Emma Hazel (Lakeland), 55.26 (pool record); 3. Smith (SLU), 58.14; 4. O'Reilly (SLU), 1:00.90; 6. Libby Silverson (SLU), 1:03.36; 7. Schams (SLU), 1:04.44.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Boals (SLU), 53.34; 2. Faulkner (Lakeland), 54.27; 3. Ramey (SLU), 54.37; 4. Kurt (SLU), 54.50; 5. Kennedy (Milford), 55.70; 6. Hanshaw (SLU), 56.02; 7. Gargiulo (SLU), 56.43; 8. Costanzo (Milford), 56.49.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Doyle (Lakeland), 5:06.15; 2. Sciborski (SLU), 5:26.35; 4. Abernethy (SLU), 5:30.74; 5. Seybert (SLU), 5:34.57; 6. Moore (Lakeland), 5:34.85; 8. Silverson (SLU), 5:43.06.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Lakeland (Hazel, Doyle, Isabel Fairbanks, Faulkner), 1:38.56; 2. South Lyon (Ramey, Abernethy, Kurt, Boals), 1:38.72; 4. Milford (Kennedy, Maddy Lankford, Alexandra Osburn, Adams), 1:49.75.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Hazel (Lakeland), 55.45 (pool record); 3. Smith (SLU), 59.72; 4. Megan Sertori (SLU), 1:02.89; 5. O'Reilly (SLU), 1:04.92; 6. Madison Zielinski (SLU), 1:05.86; 7. Lindsay Filthart (SLU), 1:06.45.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. I. Fairbanks (Lakeland), 1:07.61; 2. Covert (SLU), 1:07.75; 4. Ebel (SLU), 1:10.25; 6. Savannah Dzumark (SLU), 1:14.10; 7. Jessica Stark (SLU), 1:14.81.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Lakeland (Hazel, Doyle, J. Fairbanks, Faulkner), 3:35.56; 2. South Lyon (Kurt, Abernethy, Ramey, Smith), 3:38.71; 4. Milford (Costanzo, Tulpe, Emily Stardo, Kennedy), 3:59.06.

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BOYS SOCCER

# Pierson stars as CC reaches first state final

Shamrocks oust  
defending D1 champ  
East Kentwood, 2-1

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Detroit Catholic Central has won many state championships in many different sports, but now the boys soccer program is on the verge of something big.

The Shamrocks earned their first trip ever to the state finals with a 2-1 victory over defending MHSAA Division 1 champion East Kentwood in the semi-finals Nov. 1 at Holt High School.

The win advanced Catholic Central (20-2-4) to the state finals against Walled Lake Central (see page B1).

“Absolutely more history to be made,” CC coach Gene Pulice said. “This is kind of a dream come true for us. It’s been 39 years. First time we’ve come here. Not only is this a phenomenal time for us as Catholic Central, but also for the Catholic League as well. It’s long time coming, but we’re here and we’re in it to win it.”

Meanwhile, East Kentwood (19-5) had history on its side winning five state titles under coach John Conlon since 2007, but the Falcons found themselves in a 2-0 halftime hole.

After a 20-minute feeling out process, the Shamrocks took control offensively and carried the play into the final third of the Falcons’ end over the last 20 minutes



Catholic Central’s Drake Midgley (right) goes high for the header against East Kentwood’s Uriel Gardia. JOHN BRADY

of the half.

And senior captain Ryan Pierson broke through with 12:27 left on a rocket shot using his left foot from 22 yards out that beat East Kentwood goalkeeper Haris Dzafic.

“I got an assist from Ethan Park,” Pierson said. “Drake Midgley found him in the middle and then Ethan made a good turn with pressure

on his back and found me in the middle. I knew there was one coming on each side, so I took a touch in between them. I just thought, ‘It’s slippery and it’s starting to rain.’ I thought, ‘Hit one far post and on the ground’ and it went in.”

And just 1:14 later, Pierson converted a penalty kick, his 31st goal of the season, after Park was taken down in

the box.

“He worked his butt off really hard,” Pierson said of fellow senior Park. “It wasn’t a ball he was supposed to win. The defender was shielding him out of a bounds for a goal kick and he ran all the way around the defender, won the ball, they fouled him. I give him all the credit for that goal. I just tapped it in. He did all

the work to deserve it.”

Park nearly made it 3-0 with 4:30 left in the same half, when his header caromed off the crossbar, but things couldn’t have gone better during the first 40 minutes for the Shamrocks.

“I think the first half we dominated pretty well,” Pulice said. “We had a great game plan. We executed and our leadership was good. Henry Koelling anchors our center backs. We have Drake Midgley and Joel VanHook, along with Ryan Pierson, obviously. So we have leadership across the field.”

As the rain began to fall on Holt’s well-maintured grass field, the Falcons began to amp up the pressure.

Senior forward Adis Guric then went upper left from 20 yards out with only 17:41 left to cut the deficit to 2-1.

“We go into halftime with a 2-0 lead and you’re feeling pretty good, but also you know it’s kind of a peculiar spot to be in because it doesn’t take long to come back,” Pulice said. “We tried to stick to our game plan. They put the pressure on. I mean, East Kentwood, defending champs, definitely came to play tonight. That (Guric) on their team is phenomenal. He did a great job, he was a hand-ful.”

The Falcons began to carry the play as the second half wore on resulting in the Guric goal.

“It was more of a sense of urgency,” Conlon said. “I told the boys to relax and make it 2-1. That’s all you can do is

take a step. We made it 2-1, but we just couldn’t find that second one. I think for whatever reason our mindset coming into the first half wasn’t great. You credit Catholic Central. They jumped all over us.”

As customary all season long for the Shamrocks, senior Kevin Blossfeld played the first half goal and junior Andrew Nichol森 came on to finish it in the second half and make a couple of key saves after the Falcons had cut it to one.

Time, however, simply ran out on East Kentwood.

“Credit to Catholic Central,” Conlon said. “They’re a great team, a great program. Gene does a great job. They outplayed us tonight and they deserved to win and we didn’t deserve it. I thought their guys fought really hard. I thought the Catholic Central boys came to play and kicked our tail.”

For the Shamrocks, who last reached the state semifinals in 2015 before losing to Grand Rapids Forest Hills, it’s been a breakthrough season.

“We’ve been working hard every single day. I give full credit to every single kid on this team whether they see a minute on the field or they don’t,” Pierson said. “Every single one of them deserves this. Without any single one of them I don’t think this would have been able to happen.”

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Northville individual allowed to run at D1 finals

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Although the Northville boys cross country team was disqualified Oct. 28 to compete in the Division 1 state finals for a team rules infraction, the Michigan High School Athletic Association ruled Nov. 1 that fifth-place regional finisher Nicholas Couyoumjian could enter as an individual.

The Mustangs, who appeared to garner the third and final team qualifying spot at the regional meet at New Boston’s Willow Metropark, were disqualified later by meet officials on a violation for not wearing the same style uniforms, specifically different colored undergarment sleeves. (The rule is in place for teams not to gain a competitive advantage.)

Following the disqualification and the lobbying by coach Tim Dalton, the Northville athletic administration asked for a clarification of the ruling, which ultimately allowed Couyoumjian to compete in Saturday’s finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn by virtue of his top 15 individual finish.

“Appeal probably isn’t the right word,” MHSAA Communications Director John Johnson said. “The information that was sent to us by Northville was reviewed by the executive director (Jack Roberts) first to see if there was anything within his authority that he could do after the (coaches) jury had made its decision on the site. What we found out in analyzing everything is that young man who would have qualified as an individual is going to be allowed to in the Division 1 finals on Saturday.”

Couyoumjian was the only Northville runner to finish in the top 15, which would automatically qualify him if he was not part of the first three finishing teams. (He would go on and finish 25th Saturday to



Northville runner Nicholas Couyoumjian (left) was allowed to compete in the Division 1 finals after an MHSAA ruling. FILE PHOTO

earn all-state honors.)

The Northville disqualification did not affect the team results between first-time regional champion Plymouth and runner-up Novi. The Mustangs, unofficially scoring 105 points, had won a tight battle for third against Salem (110) and Livonia Stevenson (114).

Once the official results were finally released online seven hours following the race Oct. 28, the corrected standings listed Plymouth (21), Novi (81), Salem (98) as the top three state team qualifiers, while Stevenson (104) and host school Ann Arbor Huron (117) took fourth and fifth, respectively.

And with Northville’s disqualification, Salem moved into the third spot while earning its first team finals berth since 2012.

Dalton submitted a formal appeal in writing following the race and after much dis-

cussion with meet officials along with a three-member jury of coaches, the ruling had been upheld and all seven of his runners had been disqualified for wearing the mismatched colors.

Subsequently, Northville did not receive a team score and none of its seven runners were listed in the final results, including Couyoumjian.

“The National High School Federation track and field case book describes the situation and has a provision for a state association policy,” Johnson said. “The national rules do allow for state association policy to advance an individual runner who may have been otherwise ineligible because of what happened to the team, and we are able to provision in our (MHSAA) handbook to be able to advance this young man to the finals on Saturday.”

Dalton contended race officials Willow Metropark

could have taken preventative measures to avoid the rules infraction.

“They have the authority,” Dalton said. “We’ve seen it before where they walk over, give you a warning at the state finals ... you need to be this way. It’s a teachable moment and they took it to the furthest extent they thought they could, which I think is way too far, but not follow the rule. If you look there are multiple articles from other schools that follow national federation state high school association rules as we do here in Michigan and they all reference is that the one kid is disqualified and the team still gets a score.”

Following the race, Northville runners and their parents were visibly upset. Afterward, Dalton said he took sole responsibility for his team’s disqualification.

“I’ll take ownership of it as a coach, I get that, I made a mistake,” Dalton said. “But I also feel it could have been handled much differently. I’ve seen multiple times where (the officials) come over and they just have a conversation with a kid, a teachable moment, a conversation. They chose not to go that route. They took it a step further by disqualifying all seven.”

Northville, however, had its streak of five straight state finals appearances snapped due to the team disqualification.

“It pushes the limits of our authority to do what we did,” Johnson said. “But what we were able to do was within our authority. But it is absolutely crystal clear there was a violation on Saturday and that the responsibility lies not with the officials, but with the school. It’s completely the school’s responsibility to know the rule and make sure their kids know the rule.”

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YOUTH WRESTLING

# Matcats excel in Border Wars Folkstyle mat tourney

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Led by first-place finisher Bronson Shinkonis, the South Lyon Matcats made a strong showing Saturday at the National United Wrestling Association for Youth Fall Folkstyle Nationals at Battle Creek’s Kellogg Arena.

The annual NUWAY tournament served as a national championship for those who wrestle year-round, with more than 700 wrestlers from around the country competing.

All four Matcats who entered earned All-America status, led by Shinkonis, who captured his first national title in dominating fashion, allowing just one point during the entire tournament.

“While young, Bronson has always been one of our leaders and veterans,” Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. “This success has come after years of hard work and a determination unrivaled on our team. I could not be any more proud of him for his accomplishments or the way he’s earned them, with hard work and always keeping the team in mind. I can already see that Bronson is a special kind of wrestler with a future wrestling somewhere in the Big Ten and competing for another national title – only in the NCAA.”

Jonah Koilpillai, bumping up a weight class, and Mason Aluia, competing in his first national event, both placed second, while Gavin Boller finished third for the Matcats.

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The Matcats’ Bronson Shinkonis came away with a national title. FRANK SHINKONIS



CLUB SOCCER

# Jaguars seize four MSYSA Fall State Cup girls titles

U-18, U-16, U-15, U-14 Green teams come away with the championship

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There was a sea of green Oct. 22 at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas as the Michigan Jaguars captured four age-group girls titles in the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Fall State Cup.

The MSYSA State Cup is the first leg of competition in the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championship Series with the Jaguars' Under-18, U-16, U-15 and U-14 Green teams earning the right to represent Michigan at Midwest Region II tourney next June in Indiana and potentially national competition next July in Frisco, Texas.

Also advancing were State Cup age-group winners Michigan Rush Northville 99G (Under-19) and Nationals Union '01 Black (Under-17).

Here is a breakdown on how the Jaguar teams qualified for the next leg:

Under-18

Rachel Sweigard (South Lyon) scored the game-winning goal off a corner kick midway through the first half as the Jaguars '00 squad defeated Midwest United, 1-0.

Goalkeepers Callie



Members of the Michigan Jaguars U-18 Green team celebrate after winning the Fall State Cup.

Rich (Novi) and Patil Tcholakian (Farmington Hills) each played a half to combine on the shut-out while getting strong back line help from defenders Riely Schultz (Wixom), Sarah Ash (South Lyon), Lauren Calhoun (West Bloomfield) and Larissa Barnett (West Bloomfield).

Rounding out the squad is Sophie Bubnar (Fenton), Rayna Edwards (Manchester), Emily Engler (Northville), Anna Faybrick (Plymouth), Maison Fenech (Okemos), Elizabeth Furgason (Haslett), Adrienne Gilson (Northville), Alexandra Kobakof (Novi), Mary Koje (Milford), Kennedy Myers (Fenton), Isabella Quane (Milford), Carly Schwinke (Plymouth), Alexis and Alica Shatrau (Brighton), Rivers Smyth (Plymouth) and Emmie Takada (Novi).

Under-16

Ellie Rogers (Commerce Township) scored all four goals and goalies Ashley Bowles (Plymouth) and Marisa Silver (West Bloomfield) combined on the shutout as Jaguars '02 team captured the title with 4-0 victory over Canton Celtic.

Meanwhile, Tara Beason (Novi) scored a pair of goals and Erica Toupin (Novi) added another as the Jaguars upset top seed Nationals '02 Black, 3-1, in the semifinals Oct. 13.

Other members of the Jags include: Eva Burns (Novi), Avery Fenchel (Novi), Zoe Greenhalge (South Lyon), Raegan Hammond (Brighton), Josie Huber (Milford), Jenna Jackson (Wolverine Lake), Sarah Katinas (Novi), Nevada Larson (Novi), Emma Lennig (Canton), Jenna Ling (Wixom), Megan Ploucha



The Michigan Jaguars U-15 team won the Michigan State Cup to advance to the Region II tourney.



The Under-14 Jaguars earned the Fall State Cup championship.

(Commerce), Sydney Smith (Canton) and Sophie Zawacki (Milford).

Under-15

In a replay of last year's final, the Jaguars '03 squad defeated the 2017 national finalist and reigning Region II champion Nationals Union squad, 1-0, thanks to a corner kick by Ashley Heckman (Brighton) that went untouched all the way into the far side of the goal.

The Jaguars' Noel Blain (Canton), Kayla

Rollins (Ann Arbor), Sydney Chura (Milford) and Brooke Sleevea (South Lyon) each created quality chances during the match, while Taya Hjorth (Commerce) and Hannah Becker (South Lyon) controlled the play centrally in the midfield.

Goalies Madison Kragt (South Lyon) and Isabelle Plautz (Wolverine) combined for the shutout with the latter tipping a long shot onto the crossbar and out during the final seconds. Other members of the

team include:Olivia Engler (Northville), Kali Francisco (East Lansing), Alexandra Hooks (Milford), Hailey McMahon (Wixom), Acadia Murphy (Dexter), Emily Pagett (New Hudson), Emerson Sargeant (Howell), Emily Wallon (Brighton) and Abigail White (Commerce).

Under-14

Meghan Oliver (Commerce) scored the game-winning goal on header off a corner with only five minutes remaining as the Jaguars '04 defeated the Nationals Union Black, 1-0, for the title.

Kyra Karfonta (South Lyon) opened the scoring in the second half off a great through ball from Mairin Wessner (Northville) to give the Jags a 1-0 lead before the Nationals tied it up off a free kick.

Rounding out the Jags' championship team: Ella Alati (Northville), Ashley Cherniawsky (Novi), Brooke Elsey (Commerce), Amanda Feury (Novi), Ella Janz (Northville) Mia Judd (Grand Ledge), Stella Keating (Ann Arbor), Kate Mazur (South Lyon), Lindsay Ramos (Wixom), Batoul Reda (Dearborn), Kaitlyn Rogala (Northville), Sarah Scaling (Dexter), Cailyn Smith (Pinckney), Maya Spano (South Lyon) and Divya Samhita Yerakalva (Canton).

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Lady Ocelots win Region XII crown

Milford alum Smith is tournament MVP for Florida-bound Schoolcraft

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Throughout the NJCAA Region XII women's soccer championship game Oct. 29 at Schoolcraft College, the Lady Ocelots shrugged off the fact they were shivering and kept thinking about the prize for prevailing.

"Florida, oh yeah," freshman defender and Livonia Stevenson alum Emma Werthman said following Schoolcraft's 3-0 victory over Muskegon Community College. "Everyone wanted to go to Florida, that was our big motivation. And we hadn't ever lost on this field since we got this facility."

Melbourne, Fla., is where the NJCAA Division I nationals will take place, beginning Nov. 13. This year marks the third straight regional title for the Lady Ocelots and their second trip to nationals in Florida.

Also with a particularly warm feeling was freshman midfielder Tara Arlin, a Farmington High grad.

"Just being able to make it to the championship in Florida, it's the best feeling in the world," Arlin said. "We had been preparing this whole week for this weekend and being able to make it through with two wins, straight to Florida, we're not going to stop there. We're going to keep going."

After closing out the victory, which upped Schoolcraft's record to 13-0-1 (the Lady Ocelots are ranked seventh in the NJCAA Division I poll), first-year head coach Joe



Schoolcraft College women's soccer coach Joe Carver (left) and the Lady Ocelots players celebrate their Region XII championship. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Putting a good kick on the ball Sunday is Schoolcraft College's Jenna Smith (front). The Milford alum was named MVP of the NJCAA Region XII tourney. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Carver spoke about the winning culture that began when his brother Dave Carver coached in 2015-16.

"He kind of changed the culture to the way we want it to be, back to a winning school," said Joe Carver, an assistant coach at Schoolcraft in the previous two seasons. "Definitely the last three years, we've been able to do that. This is the third time winning the region in a row, so getting us back on those winning ways and getting our trip to nationals was key for

me coming in this year."

Scoring for Schoolcraft on Sunday were freshman forward Megan Swirczek (Milford), sophomore forward Lauren Wynns (Livonia Churchill) and sophomore defender Olivia Borgdorff (Belleville). Setting up the first goal was tournament MVP and Milford alum Jenna Smith, a sophomore midfielder.

"Back-to-back is very good for both of my years and I think this time we have a really good shot to win it," Smith said.

"We're really confident going in. It's just a better team culture. We have a good group of sophomores this year and our freshmen stepped up at the end of the season."

Wynns said a dynasty is in the making at Schoolcraft "and we're hoping to go far in the national tournament this year."

Her goal was set up by the hard work of sophomore forward Jamila Thombs (Toronto, Ontario), who was named to the all-tourney team (as were Smith, Swirczek and freshman defender Nicole Cataldo of Walled Lake).

Schoolcraft might be without Wynns for the first game in Florida, however, as she was assessed a red card against Muskegon (9-7-1).

The Lady Ocelots — who also blanked Ancilla College 6-0 on Saturday in the regional opener — will play three games in their pool at nationals and would then need to win semifinal and final games for a championship.

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PREP ROUNDUP

# Clarenceville seizes Class B district title

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Volleyball

**CLARENCEVILLE 3, CORNERSTONE 0:** On Nov. 3, senior Erica Bertera finished with 16 assist-to-kills to set up Londen Green's six kills as host Livonia Clarenceville (11-14) captured the Class B district tournament with a 25-6, 25-19, 25-16 victory over Detroit Cornerstone Health & Technology.

Michelle Marzolo served six aces and recorded four kills along with Cassidy Galvin for the victorious Trojans.

Ciera Galvin, Allison Lay and Shelby Smith were all perfect from the service line, while Allie Snage paced defense with six digs. Maddison Jaber was also solid on serve receive.

The Trojans advanced to the regional semifinals at home against Detroit University Prep. The other semifinal featured Detroit Voyageur against St. Claire Shores South Lake.

The final is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 at Clarenceville.

**SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 3, FRANKLIN ROAD 0:** In the Class D district final Nov. 3, Southfield Christian (26-5-2) advanced to the regional with a three-set triumph over host Novi Franklin Road Christian (4-16).

The Eagles faced Waterford Our Lady of

the Lakes in the regional semifinal at Marine City Cardinal Mooney. The other semifinal pitted Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

The final starts at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Cardinal Mooney.

**FRANKLIN ROAD 3, MACOMB CHRISTIAN:** Senior setter Katherine Robinson had 25 assist-to-kills and seven service aces as Novi Franklin Road Christian (4-15) reached the Class D district final with a 25-20, 25-9, 25-10 win Nov. 2 at home against Center Line Macomb Christian.

Other contributors for the victorious Warriors included junior outside hitter Allison Broadright (12 kills), senior middle blocker Megan Jones (seven kills) and senior libero Kayla Nannoshi (18 digs).

**FRANKLIN ROAD 3, MICHIGAN MATH & SCIENCE 0:** On Oct. 31, junior outside hitter Allison Broadright finished with 11 kills as host Novi Franklin Road Christian advanced in the Class D district tourney with a 25-11, 25-19, 25-10 win over Warren Michigan Math and Science Academy.

Senior setter Katherine Robinson also chipped in nine aces and 26 assists for the victorious Warriors.

Coaches and team representatives are invited to send game information and story tips to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com.



PREP FOOTBALL

# Defense also sizzles for red-hot Canton Chiefs

Canton’s offensive show superbly augmented by hard-nosed ‘D’

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It happens every week, every season. The Canton Chiefs rack up insane offensive numbers — both yards and points — not to mention victories on an annual basis during the highly successful 20-year regime of head coach Tim Baechler.

Peel back the onion and you’ll find another potent ingredient to the ongoing success of the program. It’s a defense that plays at a dialed-to-the-max level, breaking up passes, throwing quarterbacks and running backs for losses and coming up with key takeaways, too.

Consider the Division 1 pre-district game Oct. 27 against nemesis Saline, a 42-14 conquest. The Chiefs slowed the Hornets’ running game to a halt (57 yards) and spiced things up with timely defensive gems such as a fumble recovery by junior nose guard James Deese early in the third quarter.

“If you’re going to play an odd-front defense, your nose guard better be a great player,” Canton defensive line coach Craig “Bubbs” Hnatuk said. “And James (Deese) is a great nose guard. He’s just relentless, he understands pad level. It helps that he was a wrestler at one time. He’s tough, he’s nasty and he gets after it.”

“So you have to double



Canton’s Lou Baechler (back) and Robert Laird stop Saline ball carrier Andrew Diuble. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

team him. If you think you’re going to single block our nose guard, you’re going to have a long night.”

### Part of the plan

Deese actually stripped the ball from Saline’s quarterback and Canton’s offense took over, going on to score the first of two quick TDs to turn a 20-7 half-time game into a 34-7 blowout.

“It was definitely a big momentum swing for us,” said Deese, who is soft-spoken off the field, but a force to be reckoned with on it. “As he was coming up, I saw the quarterback coming and he was kind of carrying the ball a little loose, so I went for it. And it came out. I tried to hold the ball for the team.”

Talking about that play still brought a huge smile to Hnatuk’s face because Deese is just a spoke in a wheel that flattens anything in its path.

“We held Saline to 57 yards rushing, which made them one-dimen-

sional,” Hnatuk said. “And at that point in time, we can start stunting or we’re not worried about the run. So our kids are playing well together. They understand the team concept.”

“Our motto on defense is play your one through 11, do your job, trust your teammates. It’s a great group of young men, just a fabulous group of guys.”

The Chiefs employ three interior linemen (Deese, left tackle Ronald Fenderston, right tackle Darius Robinson), with outside linebackers Noah Brown and Chase Meredith up on the line.

Stationed behind them are middle linebacker and defensive captain Lou Baechler and linebacker Aaron Garbarino to comprise what Hnatuk labels a 5-2 defense.

“Baechler is middle linebacker, he calls everything, he’s quarterback of the (defense),” Hnatuk said. “And Noah Brown makes a lot of plays for us, but we all play together. It’s a great front seven, one of the

best front sevens I’ve been around.”

And that group of defenders can be downright scary for other teams simply because of how determined, strong and smart they are.

“It’s everyone playing together, knowing what their gap responsibilities are and trusting their teammates that they’re going to be there,” Hnatuk said. “My guys, at defensive line, depending on what we’re playing, either we’re reading the (offensive) guard or we’re reading the offensive tackle. It’s more simplistic for us. Linebackers have a lot more on their plate.”

### Pulling the rope

If there is, bring it on, said Lou Baechler — a hard-hitting performer who also comes up with clutch plays on offense when needed.

“My role is kind of like the leader on defense,” Baechler said. “I make all the pre-snap checks and calls when they motion. And then I just play my position.”

“It’s easy being the leader on the defense when you got such smart kids in front of you and teammates around you and they do their job.”

Nothing seems to get Baechler down, or at least keep him down, for too long. Midway through the season, he suffered a fractured arm.

Baechler missed a couple of games, but hasn’t missed a beat since returning. He hasn’t missed too many tackles, either, having busted through several casts along the way.

“He’s a great leader,” said Hnatuk, in his eighth season on the Canton staff. “I’ve been coaching football for 34 years and

he’s one of the smartest, toughest football players I’ve come around.

“The kid gets it. I’ve known him since he was a little kid and it’s a joy to just be around him. His football IQ is off the charts.”

### Insider information

Another under-the-radar plus for Canton’s defense is the fact Baechler is a regular contributor on offense as a tight end, making clutch runs and catches and helping provide blocking protection for senior quarterback Connor Engel.

“On offense, we come off and pound kids, I block linebackers a lot,” Baechler said. “I know what they don’t like, so when I’m on defense, I try not to put myself in that situation and try to get lower than them and use my hands a lot.”

It’s not a secret how tireless the Canton coaches are when getting their players ready for every single practice, every single game. Year after year.

“The head coach is brilliant, son of a gun,” Hnatuk said. “I’ve gotten texts at two or three in the morning. He’s back up because he couldn’t sleep, so he’s watching another offensive formation to make sure that this is the right defense we want to play.”

“There’ll be changes once in a while that he makes that he feels a lot better about.”

Players not only pound the rock, they pound the playbooks to get it right.

“It carries over to our kids,” Hnatuk said. “Because every day at football class (Tim Baechler) goes over that with them so they are spot on, to know exactly where we

line up and what we’re doing for every formation that we’re going to see.”

Deese and his teammates see that level of commitment and want to follow the blueprint.

### Knowing their stuff

There isn’t one Canton Chief who wants to be the one that blew an assignment, let teammates and coaches down.

“What makes it tick is just how much we work at everything,” Deese said. “We drill everything, coaches work so hard for our schemes. (If we’re) in our spots, the defense is going to keep rolling.”

“Communication is really big for our defense. Our linebackers do a really great job of making our calls really early for us, so we know exactly what we need to be doing every play.”

More often than not, the Canton defense is getting it done. Sometimes in as few as three plays by the opposition.

The Chiefs’ vaunted offense usually takes it from there. But it all goes together into one package, more times than not with a capital ‘W’ on the wrapping paper.

“Everyone knows Canton, about their offense,” Lou Baechler said. “They call it Little League offense. We produce 44 points a game, so they can call it what they want.”

“But I think our defense is starting to get more known, too, and usually we’re only letting up 14-15 points a game and I think we’re successful because of that.”

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

# Mercy grad breaks defensive record for Albion College

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Albion College junior volleyball standout Monica Shuk is into numbers.

An accounting major from Milford who admits she’s always loved math, Shuk plans to intern this summer at Ernst & Young accounting firm in Detroit. It’s an opportunity she’s really excited about.

While accounting appears to be in her future, Shuk is sure to have a few numbers from her past that she’ll always be able to

detail. One number is 1,334. That’s number of career digs that former Albion College player Haley Gitre had, the record until Shuk passed her last month.

The Farmington Hills Mercy graduate became Albion’s all-time digs leader in a Sept. 15 non-league match against Hiram (Ohio) College. Shuk, a libero, finished with 14 digs that night to surpass Gitre’s four-year total.

It is a number she aspired to reach one day for the Britons.

“My teammates were very supportive and they went crazy once it happened and it was great to get that encouragement from the team,” Shuk said about her record-setting performance. “I even had parents and supporters who were there that made a banner that said ‘career digs’ and had the numbers and stats for that. And that



Junior libero Monica Shuk, a Farmington Mercy grad and Milford resident, recently broke the career digs record at Albion College. ALBION ATHLETICS

was really cool. “I’m very proud of it,” she added. “I have a of lot support with family members and teammates.”

### Adding to the record

Shuk will ultimately shatter that record as she’s adding to that total with each match.

Shuk has 1,640 career digs as Albion nears the end of its 2017 season with a winning overall record while battling to remain among the top four teams in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. She is fourth in the MIAA in digs (186 for a 4.43 per-set average) and her 16 service aces rank among the league’s top 10.

The daughter of Gary and Jacqueline Shuk also has a number of other school defensive records

as well — season digs (613 in 2015), digs in a three-set match (28) and digs in a four-set match (40).

Those are some pretty awesome numbers for the two-time all-MIAA star who still has one more season of eligibility.

“I didn’t know if (breaking the digs record) would be a possibility, but it was definitely a goal I had when I started in the position ever since I was a freshman and I’ve been in every single game,” Shuk said. “I didn’t really focus on that goal every game. I just wanted to get as many digs as I could to keep the ball off the ground and keep my team in the game. I didn’t think it would be coming as a junior, since it normally takes four years to work up to that status.”

### Prepared at Mercy

Shuk learned the game as a youngster playing for Heritage Elementary and Muir Middle schools in Milford and with the Next Generation club team. She attended Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, where she earned all-Catholic League honors.

Shuk helped lead the Marlins to a pair of Catholic League titles, four straight district titles, two regional crowns and two trips to the Class A state quarterfinals in her four varsity seasons playing for head coach Loretta Vogel.

“Mercy really prepared me (for college volleyball). Loretta made sure she was hard on us, in a good way, to really push us to our full potential,” Shuk said. “I think

that really paid off, because they expect the same things here at Albion. If you’re not going to work to your full potential, then they’re going to make sure that’s known and they are going to make sure you are going to continue it the next day and further down the line.

“I think the Catholic school system that we were in with all the competition really accelerated how I could quickly adjust to college,” she added. “And I really think, honestly, that helped get me out on the court as a freshman. Being athletically ready really helped, too.”

Vogel, in her ninth season as Mercy’s coach, believed all along that Albion would be a perfect fit for Shuk. She couldn’t have been happier to be in attendance at the game when Albion administrators honored Shuk for breaking the record.

“You have to know it was important for me to be there (the night they honored Shuk), because I left early from my practice to go see that. That was of high importance,” said Vogel, who also coached Shuk at Next Generation. “I’m not surprised at what she’s done. Albion wanted her and we knew it was going to be successful for Monica.”

“Monica was a great athlete for us at Mercy and she has just flourished at Albion,” Vogel added. “She has changed their program. When you get someone who plays defense and passes like Monica, it changes the outcome of that program and that’s exactly what

she has done.”

### Learning to play libero

The 5-foot-2 Shuk realized early that she would have to excel at the defensive end if she wanted to make an impact in volleyball. She has accepted her role as a libero and enjoys that part of the game immensely.

“Growing up, I was just really short and you can’t really go into the front row if you’re not tall,” Shuk said. “At first, I wanted to be a setter, because I just really enjoyed the sport. Then, when I was younger, I learned how you could be this thing called a ‘libero.’ I really enjoyed that.”

“I liked rolling on the ground a lot and I liked the aspect of having to be ready when someone just throws a ball at you. I think you have to learn to be consistent, always expect the ball to come to you. That way, you’re always ready to make a move for it and to make that play.”

“If you can get to those balls, it can create a lot of momentum. I just enjoy it a lot,” she added. “It’s sacrificing your body, but you do what you got to do. I love it.”

Shuk also loves accounting. After working on her numbers next summer in Detroit, Shuk will return to Albion, where she may pad her volleyball stats to the next level.

“The goal is to keep setting up the team, provide positive energy and get as many digs as I can,” Shuk said. “I’m hoping to keep that record for a while.”



COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

# Coaching Lady Ocelots a ‘family’ affair

For married couple, coaching college volleyball together is a true joy

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After four years of marriage, Shannon and Ron Pummill are, safe to say, not getting tired of each other.

To the contrary. The 2009 Garden City High School graduates arguably spend more time together than most married couples. The Pummills coach Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team.

"No, never, never see too much of him," said Shannon Pummill, the third-year head coach of the Lady Ocelots whose last name was Pietruszka when she met her future husband in eighth grade. "I'm in charge, but I do run things by him. He's really good giving input on lineups and letting me know who he thinks is doing well, who's excelling in their position and when we need to make a change."

Ron Pummill, her first-year assistant coach, smiled when asked whether it ever is too much of a good thing to also work right next to his spouse.

"You know what? Never enough time with this woman," he said. "I fell in love. And got an opportunity to coach. We just get stronger and better. Each season, we get better as coaches and I think we get better as a married couple."



Lady Ocelots women's volleyball coaches Shannon and Ron Pummill talk to players during a timeout at a recent game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Taking the family angle farther, Shannon's cousin Courtney (who played at Livonia Churchill) is also an assistant coach, primarily working with the hitters.

**Kitchen talk**

The subject of Schoolcraft volleyball is a hot topic around the kitchen table, too. But the Pummills don't mind.

"We don't drink coffee, but we talk about volleyball every day and

every night," said Shannon, 26. "He's a tea drinker, for sure. Yerba Mate is the only tea he likes, though."

Ron, 26, said they do have some away time, if you will. That's when he works his "day job" as athletic director and part-time physical education teacher at Taylor Prep High School.

"She is definitely in charge of the volleyball. I'm here to help in any way that she needs, any

capacity that she needs," he said. "So, yeah, she is definitely in charge."

"But we talk about it a lot. Obviously, we both work during the day. We come straight here to the gym, spend a lot of time here. When we leave, we usually go to eat, we're talking Schoolcraft volleyball."

"We're going to leave here tonight and go recruit (at a Livonia Ladywood game) and try to get some girls from other

schools. That's the nice thing. When you have a partner with the same interests, vested in the same kind of things, we're both about it. So it's really cool to have somebody you can bounce ideas off of."

**She trusts him**

Shannon said it is great to have Ron as a trusted confidante when discussing Lady Ocelots volleyball.

"I trust his opinion

and feedback," she said. "He helps make decisions every day. It kind of just fell into place. He started off driving (the team bus) for us, trying to take a little of the heavy weight off me on bus trips."

"I mean, he got more knowledgeable and became a right-hand man."

Sports have always been huge in the Pummill and Pietruszka households, from playing them to now holding the clipboard on the sidelines.

"I grew up and just remembered it was tough to remember the seasons," Ron said. "You just remember it as what sport you're playing that time. From going from golf practice with my dad as a child, then getting to work my way up and play in high school and then college (Schoolcraft, then Concordia University)."

"And now getting to coach several sports, both at the high school level and now at the college level, it's a gift. I love it, it's what I've always wanted to do."

Especially when he is able to do those things with Shannon right next to him.

"I transferred over to Garden City half way through eighth-grade year," he said with a grin. "I took Algebra 1 in middle school. I walked into class and that beautiful girl was sitting in the front row with some Garden City softball sweatpants. The rest is history."

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Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

First United Methodist Church Northville

(248) 349-1144

777 West 8 Mile Road (8 Mile and Taft Road) Northville, Michigan

Worship Times: September - May 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Day - Labor Day 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Marsha M. Woolley, Lead Pastor

www.fumcnorthville.org

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54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167

248-374-2268

Sunday Worship:

Sunday School at 9:45

10:30 am Fellowship/Coffee

11:00 am Worship Service

Wednesday Bible Study at 7 pm

Pastor Andy Whitten

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44400 W. 10 Mile., Novi, 248-349-2345

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41415 W Nine Mile Rd • Novi, MI 48375

248-349-0565

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Rev. Thomas Schroeder welsnovi@aol.com

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Fr. Robert A. LaCroix, Pastor

Fr. James Houbbeck, Associate

Parish Office: 248-349-8947 www.holyfamilynovi.org

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46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Mmgr John Kasza, Pastor

Parish Office: 347-7778

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21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 ½ Mile

248-348-7757 • www.mbcoc.org

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

LO-0000315579

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248-486-0400

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248-560-7507

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60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178

Phone: 248-437-2893

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weeks

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LO-0000315481

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640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760

Worship: 8:15am, 10:45am, & 11:00am

Sunday School: 9:30am

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Rev. Kenny Walkup, Assoc. Pastor

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The Church of Christ

21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178

248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org

9:30 a.m. Sunday School,

10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship

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Regular Mass Schedule:

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Sunday 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon

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Phone: 248-446-8700

Web Address: www.saintjosephsothlyon.org

830 South Lafayette

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(Missouri Synod)

Pastor Terry Nelson

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Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile

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59255 10 Mile Rd.

South Lyon MI 48178

Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

Rev. Thomas Scherger

248-573-7320

www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

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205 E. Lake (10 Mile) (248) 437-2875

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Mid-Week Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400

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Reed Heckmann, Campus Pastor

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Christian Singles  
square dance

There will be a Christian Singles square dance blast 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Oak Pointe Church, 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Square dancing, line dancing, big circle mixers and other dances are taught by a square dance caller Dave Smith. The event is open to the public (21 and over) without reservations; tickets are \$12 at the door. Light snacks and refreshments provided.

No square dance experience is needed, all dances are taught. For more information, email [crossroads@oakpointe.org](mailto:crossroads@oakpointe.org) or go to <http://www.oakpointe.org/event/crossroads-nov11/>.

AAUW to host  
Molloy

The American Association of Women-Northville Novi affiliate invites you to hear David Molloy, the Novi chief of police, speak on local area crime, including human trafficking, illegal immigrants and drugs.

The talk will take place at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Novi Police Department, 45125 W. 10 Mile Road. This is a free presentation, and reservations are not required.

For more information, go to [www.aauwnn.org](http://www.aauwnn.org) or contact Corinne Vincent at [vincorinn@yahoo.com](mailto:vincorinn@yahoo.com). For more information about the national organization, go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

Toys for Tots  
campaign

The Tanglewood Homeowners Association will again be collecting toys for the Marines Toys For Tots campaign. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Tanglewood Golf Course pro shop, 22805 Country Club Dr., South Lyon, until Dec. 12. Please, no stuffed animals. For more information, call Gwen Dobson at 248-437-4649.

Pigs 4 Wigs program

Employees of the Milford Police Department will grow beards throughout the month of November for the Pigs 4 Wigs program. They are accepting any donations from the community at its headquarters, 1100 Atlantic St. Over the last four years, members raised nearly \$27,000 for Wigs 4 Kids, a non-profit organization that helps children suffering from ailments that affects their appearance, especially their hair, by providing custom fitted wigs.

For more information on Wigs 4 Kids, go to [www.wigs4kids.org](http://www.wigs4kids.org). To donate, go to [www.milfordpolice.com](http://www.milfordpolice.com) and follow the Facebook link.

Lyon Township  
Community Chest

For 65 years, the Lyon Township Community Chest Christmas program has been helping families. The group will again be helping needy families in the South Lyon Community Schools district. If you would like to adopt a family to help, pack toys or deliver baskets, your help would be appreciated. The group is also accepting families that need assistance.

Toy packing will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the Lyon Township Fire Hall on Grand River in New Hudson. Deliveries will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, from the same location. Call Brenda at 248-437-6739

for more information.

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).

Runestad to host  
coffee ours

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, will host several coffee hours Friday, Nov. 10, at the following times and locations: 8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, White Lake; 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market, 468 S. Milford Road, Highland; and Noon to 1 p.m. at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford.

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or email [JimRunestad@house.mi.gov](mailto:JimRunestad@house.mi.gov).

Northville  
Genealogical  
Society

The Northville Genealogical Society will present Dr. James Simms on using DNA in your genealogy research at its meeting beginning at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Northville District Library. It is free and open to the public. Prior to the speaker there will be a round-table discussion on our favorite Toys and Tools used in our research. For more information, email [Tillie.vansickle@yahoo.com](mailto:Tillie.vansickle@yahoo.com) or call 734-595-7806.

Parenting seminar

The South Lyon Center for Active Adults will host a free seminar titled "Parenting the Love and Logic Way For Tweens and Teens," 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at South Lyon High School, 1000 N. Lafayette.

Presented by David Ascher, Love and Logic facilitator since 1995, school administrator and parent, he will introduce some Love and Logic strategies, share free parenting resources and have time for Q&A.

To register, go to [www.slayaloveandlogic.eventbrite.com](http://www.slayaloveandlogic.eventbrite.com). For questions, call 248-573-8189.

Back pain  
presentation

Providence Park Hospital in Novi will host a presentation relating to back pain 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the hospital's Conference Room A in the Outpatient Center. The presenter is Dr. Michael Slesinki, a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician. For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

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.

NYA holiday giving

Novi Youth Assistance has partnered with the Novi Goodfellows and Oak Pointe Church to coordinate its efforts in hope to serve as many families as possible. If you would like to be a part of the 2017 Adopt A Family Program, contact Barbara at 248-347-0410 no later than Nov. 1.

Homeless vets  
clothing drive

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce Street, Milford, is having a clothing drive of new/gently used items for both men and women. It also accepts shoes, boots, outdoor wear and small sized toiletries. Clothing must be clean and in good condition. Items collected will go to homeless veterans.

The drive runs through Dec. 1. Donations may be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and each Sunday morning. For more information, call 248-684-0495.

HVCA exhibit  
features 'Money'

"Show Me the Money," a collaborative art show of Huron Valley Council for the Arts and the Huron Valley Numismatic Society, runs through Nov. 25. It will feature the work of about 25 artists using clay, jewelry, fiber, wood turning, photography, mixed media, sculpture, fused glass and collage.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, go to [huronvalleyarts.org](http://huronvalleyarts.org).

Friday and Saturday  
Night Hangouts

The Living and Learning Center in downtown Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art, and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house.

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to [www.livingandlearningllc@gmail.com](http://www.livingandlearningllc@gmail.com).

Operation Injured  
Soldiers holiday  
event

Operation Injured Soldiers has announced it will begin gathering 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 In-

jured 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.

Adopt-A-Reader

Adopt-A-Reader links volunteers like you with children in kindergarten through second grade in the South Lyon Community Schools district who need extra support with reading and/or writing. This is an opportunity to

create a learning bond by working individually with two children. You could make a real difference in their lives. All it takes is a commitment of about an hour a week.

You decide the school you would like to volunteer at, the day and time slot during school hours that's convenient for your schedule; we provide the training and materials. Contact Lindsey Jackson at 248-941-1701 or [jacksonl@slcs.us](mailto:jacksonl@slcs.us) for more information.

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.

Youth Alpha film  
series

All teens are invited to the Youth Alpha film series at the Java House Cafe, 25840 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. A free Java House drink and snack will be provided. Come at 6 p.m. each Thursday. Email any questions to [YouthAlpha789@gmail.com](mailto:YouthAlpha789@gmail.com) or register at [wp.holyspiritrcs.org/alpha/](http://wp.holyspiritrcs.org/alpha/).

SL Rec Authority

South Lyon Area Recreation Authority board meetings are held at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call the South Lyon Area Recreation office at 248-437-8105 for directions and confirmation of meeting location. To register for upcoming classes, call or go to [www.slrec.net](http://www.slrec.net).

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Stephen



**Adrienne Sue** of Thompsonville, 64, died November 3, 2017 at Munson Medical Center. Adrienne born August 13, 1953 in Highland Park, MI the daughter of Adrian and Charlotte Harris. She had a fun childhood surrounded by family. She was the Valedictorian of her class at Cody High School. Adrienne graduated from Wayne State University School of Nursing with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Adrienne had a long career as a RN starting at Oakwood ICU and ending at Providence Family Practice where she ran the Coumadin Clinic and was loved by the community. She married her sweetheart Jim Stephen on April 19, 1980. They welcomed their son Jamie in June of 1981 and their daughter Adrienne in August of 1982. Adrienne loved to travel and planned and enjoyed vacations to many of the nation's national parks, Disneyworld, Scotland and Europe. She had a kind heart for animals from the birds outside to her dogs Ebony, Grace and Cooper. A women's ski weekend lends to a property purchase up north in 2003. This gave her another canvas to showcase her love of plants and the outdoors. In 2014, she became a grandma and now has three beautiful granddaughters. She loved shopping for them. Adrienne was a talented seamstress and created beautiful quilts, dresses and dog's beds. Her zest for life and energy were contagious and she enriched the lives of everyone around her. Adrienne is fiercely missed. She is survived by her husband James; children Adrienne (Kyle) Stephen Jones and James (Sasha) Stephen; grandchildren Imogen Jones, Vesper Jones and Maya Stephen; and sister April Curry. The family requests contributions may be given to the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy. Arrangement by Jowett Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Service.

Marchesotti

**Zefferina** July 5, 1920-Oct. 28, 2017 Expressions of sympathy may be made at [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

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Buffone

**Frank** May 6, 1925-October 25, 2017 Expressions of sympathy can be made at [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)



Kenny

**Vernon Mitchell** 54, of Highland, Michigan passed away unexpectedly on October 30, 2017. He was born December 11, 1962 in Pontiac, MI to Vernon C. and Ellen M. (Groulx) Kenny. He was a loving son, brother, uncle and friend. Vernon grew up in Highland, MI and was a graduate of Milford High School. Vernon lived for several years in Stanton, MI but his final residence was in Highland. His favorite place to be on earth was on Drummond Island MI. Vern learned how to weld and wanted to be like his dad, a welder. Recently, Vern had retired from welding and was looking forward to a move and retirement. Vernon had many friends, and really knew the meaning of friendship. He had a heart of gold and was well loved. He will be sorely missed by many. Vernon is survived by his mother, Ellen M. Kenny of Drummond Island, MI; sister Jeannie M. Kenny of Drummond Island, MI; sister Lori E. (nee Kenny) (Eric Dille) Dailing, of Colorado Springs, CO; brother Victor M. (Pok) Kenny of El Paso TX; three nieces, and four nephews along with great nieces and nephews and very close friends, Debbie Klilkevicius and Jill McLaughlin. He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon C. Kenny of Highland, MI and his cat Weety. A memorial gathering for family and friends will be held at Duke's of Highland, on Sunday, November 12th from 1PM until 4PM. A private memorial and interment will be held on Drummond Island at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made in Vernon's name to the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

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Desmond



**William** 77, of Griffin GA died Wednesday, November 1st from complications of pancreatitis at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, GA. Bill was born in Dearborn, MI and was a 25 year resident of South Lyon. He loved his time in this community and was a very active member of the South Lyon Kiwanis Club, serving as President multiple times during his tenure. Bill worked in banking and finance for over 40 years and proudly ended his career after serving a term as Green Oak Township Treasurer. He and his wife, Linda retired to Fairfield Glade, TN for 12 years before moving to Griffin, GA to be closer to their children. Bill is survived by his loving wife Linda, son Mark, daughter Susan and grandchildren Susan and Trevor and Isabel. His family will hold a memorial on December, 2nd in Fairfield Glade, TN.

Stacey



**Sandra (nee. Ziomek)** went to be with the Lord on November 5, 2017. Beloved wife of Thomas for 50 years; Loving mother of Craig (Nora) and Kyle (Jaime Helton); Dearest grandmother of Hope and Justin, and the late Jack and Ryan; Dear sister of Mary Lou (Michael) Kokoszka and Elyse Berry; sister-in-law of the late Teresa (Joe) Hancock, the late Patricia (Jack) Ambrose, Margaret (Tom) Janssen. Will be sadly missed by many nieces, great nieces, nephews, great-nephews, cousins and many friends. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty Street, Milford on Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 3-8 PM. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Church, 1955 E. Commerce St., Milford on Friday, November 10, 2017 at 11 AM, with gathering beginning at 10:30 AM. Msgr. John Budde to officiate. Entombment to follow at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Hospital. For further information phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645.

Simon



**Helen Glida**, a longtime resident of Milford, died on October 31, 2017, at the age of 93. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Gliga in 1962; husband, Stephen Simon in 2009; her son, Richard Gliga and three sisters. She is survived by her loving daughter, Fran (Mike) Teasdale; grandchildren: Jack (Daralyn) and their children, Abigail, McKenna, Grace, Owen; Adam (Kristen) and their daughter, Beatrix; Michele Elrod and her children, Lucas and Elisabeth; Marianne Ehlig; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Milford. Burial Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090 or to the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. 2121 K Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20037. For further information phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchandSonsMilford.com](http://www.LynchandSonsMilford.com)



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How to describe yourself in a job interview

BY PETER JONES  
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You know you're going to be asked about yourself in a job interview, so don't get caught tongue-tied. It's smart to have a small collection of adjectives that describe you well and show you off in your best light — bonus points if they aren't the same old tired words everybody else is using.

Often the best strategy here is to think of action verbs, then modify them into adjective form. Think about how you would sincerely describe yourself, both personally and at the office, then put together a list and memorize it for ultimate interview success.

Here are eight powerful examples interviewers are sure to love:

**1. Communicative**

Communication is one of the skills most highly valued by employers, so this is a shrewd word to use. It suggests that you're a people person, you are effective at disseminating information, you care about connecting with your clients and coworkers and you are intelligent enough to do so clearly and professionally. Plus, you can segue this into concrete examples of how you used your communication skills to problem solve.



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**2. Reliable**

"Consistent" or "accountable" are also good ones. You're in it for the team — you don't just show up for you. You realize that your work is part of an ecosystem of other people's projects and you don't let anybody down. You're not late

for work or meetings. You can be relied upon to do your job, do it well and deliver whatever needs to be done.

**3. Driven**

If you'd rather, "ambitious" works here, as well — any adjective that shows you are

not just showing up for the paycheck and free coffee is great. These words prove that you are in it to win it — both to advance yourself in your career and, in the meantime, to advance the company and its most important goals. Subtext: no one is going to need to hound or micromanage you to keep you motivated. You're "self-motivating."

**4. Meticulous**

This word hints at your attention to detail, your precision, your organizational skills, your ability to prioritize and the fact that you hate letting anything slip through any cracks. If you're meticulous, you're thorough and self-managing and trustworthy. See how much work this kind of word can do?

**5. Impactful**

Go ahead and say what a difference you made at your last gig. Go ahead and gloat. You come on the job and get things done. You can totally brag here at this point, and throw in a mention of any accomplishments or awards you may have earned along the way. This word shows you don't just make promises, you get results.

**6. Persistent**

You don't quit until the job is done (and done well). What's

more, you'll get the project done on time. You'll put in the extra work until the solution is found. This conveys that you're "results-oriented," as well.

**7. Flexible**

You're not rigid. You think outside the box. You're able to adapt to challenging circumstances and find the work-around that no one else can see. You adapt on the go and keep adapting. You're the kind of employee everybody wants because you're willing to do things outside the purview of your job description — provided it makes sense for the company and for the goals of your team.

**8. Team player**

It's always good to round off a list of descriptors of yourself with something that conveys a bit of humility — your willingness to sacrifice your own time and ambitions now and then for the good of the group. "Team player" transitions easily enough to a description of how you're also a "leader" ... for those of you who want to score that last bonus point.


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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117 Sloop sail  
118 Lay odds

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SUDOKU

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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# Car Report

## CHEVROLET TRUCKS CELEBRATE 100 YEARS WITH NEW TV ADS, WORLD SERIES MVP AND TRUCK LEGENDS LOYALTY PROGRAM



**By Dale Buss**

When the Houston Astros' George Springer won the World Series Most Valuable Player trophy for his five-home-run performance, he got a Chevrolet Silverado

And while providing a great new ride for the talented and ebullient outfielder, the awarding of that Silverado is just one of the puzzle pieces in Chevrolet's new campaign to promote the 100th anniversary of its pickup trucks.

The Chevrolet Silverado Centennial edition was created to celebrate a century of durability and of fulfilling the many needs and wants of America's growing truck-buying public. Chevrolet Chevy Trucks 100th anniversary Silverado centennial and Colorado feature a distinctive blue paint color, exclusive heritage-bowtie emblems of the Chevy logo and 100-year badges inspired by colors and design cues found on early Chevy trucks.

On the heels of another monthly sales report showing gangbuster sales of its Silverado in October, Chevrolet is putting some marketing muscle to engage consumers in the General Motors-owned brand's century of trucks, whose modern workhorses are the full-size Silverado and mid-size Colorado.

Its customer-wooing effort includes



*Chevrolet Marketing US Vice President Paul Edwards*

three nostalgia-tinged TV ads and the U.S.-wide rollout of a new loyalty platform called the Truck Legends program. True brand loyalists can even show their pride with merchandise including a \$1250 limited edition watch, which is made in the USA (of course).

"We see the centennial as a significant opportunity for us in the marketplace," Paul Edwards, GM's vice president of U.S. marketing for Chevrolet, told me. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate 100 years and certainly the anniversary of a rich, storied legacy of Chevy trucks throughout the ages. It's an opportunity to connect with customers in a meaningful way."

Edwards shares more with me:

**Q:** Paul, centennials are always a big deal to brands—but do customers really care?

**Edwards:** We know our truck people care. We've sold more than 85 million trucks and we know the relationships

that customers have built with their trucks over the years, and with the Chevy brand.

In the [new TV] spot called "Names," you'll see that come to life. That was shot using real people, and through their own words they bring to life their relationships with their trucks. There's no segment where they care more than trucks and here's why. They buy trucks for dependability. They need them to last and work hard every day.

And the fact that we have such a rich legacy of dependable trucks on the road makes our owners proud. And it's true what we've been saying over the hundred years in the "Then/Now" spot: Our owners want to be seen as dependable as the trucks that they drive, and that comes through in "Names."

**Q:** How else are you engaging customers in the centennial?

**Edwards:** It kicked off in late September at the state fair in Texas.

The first step was the two Centennial editions, for Silverado and Colorado, from the product standpoint. The next was rolling out our Truck Legends program, which we'd been incubating in the state of Texas over the last year and building the program so it'd be ready for this moment in time to extend it from one state to the whole country.

Truck Legends is a platform we've built for a deeper relationship with our customers. A significant part of our customer base have 400,000 to 500,000 miles on their trucks, or frequent purchases. It's an effort to foster the communities with people with the deepest relationships with their Chevy trucks. We used that year to learn what resonates most.

**Q:** What are you learning about your customers?

**Edwards:** One of the interesting things is that there's significant appetite

among our truck owners to be part of the Chevy club. Since late September, with no paid media and little effort behind it, we've gotten 30,000 owners signed up to be part of the club.

They appreciate hearing directly from Chevrolet and getting an inside look at news from Chevrolet. There's also merchandise we make available to them, perks for being part of the club and getting their feedback. We want to use them to help build this program.

Perks include special offers for partners, different badging for their trucks, specially tailored merchandise that we make available to them. An example would be wearables—our truck people love to wear the bow tie. We have truck legends merchandise and centennial merchandise. It's that special access to Chevrolet—shirts, hats and so on—exclusive stuff just for being a Truck Legend.



*World Series MVP George Springer with his Chevrolet Silverado Centennial edition*

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- \*This home features three bedrooms, two and half bathrooms on 2.1 acres
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- \*First floor laundry, 3 Car garage with shed

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**Peaceful 8.23 Wooded Acres!**

- \*This delightful Ranch features three bedrooms and three bathrooms
- \*Spacious master bedroom with spa like bath including a jetted tub, euro-shower and dual sink
- \*Beautiful granite gas fireplace is a focal point in the modern living room
- \*Finished lower level with full bath, second kitchen, large bedroom and family room

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**Exquisite One of Kind Lake Sherwood Home!**

- \*This lake front home features five bedrooms, four and half bathrooms with amazing view throughout
- \*Updated kitchen with delightful breakfast nook and barn wood accent wall
- \*First floor master suite with lakefront views, jetted tub and custom walk in shower
- \*Spacious finished basement with bedroom and plenty of for entertaining

MLS 217052442 248.684.1065 \$680,000

**Private, Peaceful and Tranquil!**

- \*This quiet Contemporary features three bedrooms and three and half bathrooms located on 3.39 acre
- \*Stellar brick, abundance of windows allowing natural light to pour in
- \*Gorgeous kitchen with granite counter tops and bar seating

MLS 217087063 248.684.1065 \$599,995

**Peaceful Ranch on 1.5 Acres!**

- \*This gorgeous Ranch has three bedrooms and two bathroom
- \*Updated kitchen with patterned granite, refinished cabinets and hardwood flooring
- \*Dining room with arched opening and cathedral ceiling
- \*Finished walkout with family room, rec room and work out area

MLS 217096970 248.684.1065 \$339,000

**Spacious Ranch!**

- \*This three bedroom, two bedroom Ranch is located on a large lot
- \*Beautiful pond views from the raised deck and walkout basement
- \*Large family room and kitchen for your entertaining needs
- \*Immediate Occupancy!

MLS 217094512 248.684.1065 \$219,000

**Wonderful Four Bedroom!**

- \*This four bedroom, two and half bathroom is located on a large wooded lot in desirable Timber Ridge
- \*Kitchen with Maple cabinets, granite counters and backsplash
- \*Amazing three season sunroom, with vaulted ceiling, ceiling fan and door to wooded yard
- \*First floor laundry, super family room and three car garage

MLS 217083592 248.684.1065 \$340,000

**Stunning Lakefront Contemporary!**

- \*This lakefront home features three bedrooms and three bathrooms
- \*Beautiful connecting decks & large patio off walkout
- \*Upstairs master suite, possible second master suite on main floor with full bathroom
- \*Granite countertops in kitchen and bathrooms

MLS 217098594 248.684.1065 \$509,900

**Gorgeous Custom Built Colonial!**

- \*This home features five bedrooms, four and half bathrooms located on a quiet cul de sac
- \*Beautiful gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and hardwood floors
- \*Great room equipped with temperature controlled wine cellar & cozy bar
- \*Full finished basement with kitchen, bedroom, full bath and living room

MLS 217080346 248.684.1065 \$499,000

**Gorgeous Home in Desirable Forest Ridge!**

- \*Stone and brick home features four bedrooms and three and half bathrooms
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and who showed me the way to reach  
my ideal. You who gave me the di-  
vine gift to forgive and forget the  
wrong that is done to me and you who  
are in all instances of my life with  
me, I, in this short dialogue want to  
thank you for everything and confirm  
once more that I never want to be  
separated from you no matter how  
great the material desires may be. I  
want to be with you and my loved  
ones in your perpetual glory. Amen.  
Thank you for your love towards me  
and my loved ones. Say for 3 consecu-  
tive days without mentioning your pe-  
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