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## AAUW to wrap gifts

Do your holiday shopping 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, in Northville. and leave with wrapped presents ready for giving. Volunteers from the American Association of University Women Northville-Novis will wrap your purchases for a nominal charge.

All proceeds support AAUWNN local community programs, including college scholarships for local girls and women, Career Path Day and Let's Read Math for second- and third-graders.

## Robotics at high school

The Northville High School Robostangs robotics team is holding its annual Jr. First Lego League Expo at Northville High School at noon Saturday, Dec. 16.

The event is open to the community. For more information, go to [www.robostangs.com/jrfl](http://www.robostangs.com/jrfl).

## Battle of the Books

The Northville District Library officially kicks off its 12th annual middle school Battle of the Books, a competition for middle school students who live or go to school in Northville. Books and team registration sheets are available at the library or in school media centers now. Teams must be registered by Jan. 31, 2018.

# Shop back in business following fire

Mark's Outdoor opens new location on Five Mile Road

**Matt Jachman**

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Just in time for snow-removal season, a Northville Township power equipment dealer and repair shop is back in business after a Dec. 5 fire that caused major structural damage to its headquarters.

Mark's Outdoor Power

Equipment opened a showroom at 40970 Five Mile late last week and is welcoming repair customers there as well. The location is just west of Haggerty, in the building formerly occupied by Tony's Mower Shop & Trains.

Mark King, who owns the business with a sister, Kay Dzui-ban, said the temporary location lets the business address "the two things that are of the most concern" in the wake of last week's fire: meeting customer needs and keeping his workers employed. The business em-

ploys about 10 people.

However, "The sooner I get back into my own building, the better off I am," King said. "I feel like an orphan here."

King is leasing the Five Mile site until April, by which time he hopes to be back in his building on Northville Road, south of Six Mile, that burned the early morning hours of Dec. 5.

New equipment, like snow blowers and lawn mowers, is on display at the temporary location, which is also taking in customer equipment that's in need

of repairs or tuneups. There is no workshop at the Five Mile site, but repair orders are delivered to the Northville Road location and fixed in the back workshop there, which was largely undamaged by the fire, King said. The Northville Road shop, however, is not suitable for receiving customers.

King, whose business is insured, said the fire on Northville Road caused the most damage to a large attic space that was used

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Hundreds of friends, family and loved ones came out for The Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil Sunday in Kellogg Park. TOM BEAUDOIN

# Candlelight vigil honors lost loved ones

Mourners gather with others around the world for annual tribute

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For 13 years, Linda Grandinscak has attended the Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil honoring children who've died too young to honor her nephew.

This year, Grandinscak, a Novi

resident, had a tragic new reason to attend: Her daughter, Nichole Christensen, died last Christmas Eve after a battle against cancer.

So Grandinscak was there Sunday, lighting a candle and honoring both her nephew and, now, her daughter.

"We've been coming for years," Grandinscak said. "It's a

small thing we can do for our children."

She was in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth for the annual vigil, where hundreds of people lit candles, heard several musical tributes and listened as the names of nearly 800 children were read

*"We've been coming for years. It's a small thing we can do for our children."*

**LINDA GRANDINSCAK**

Novi resident who lost daughter, nephew

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# Annual campaign collects 5,000 coats for the needy

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It started with one man donating his coat.

"I went past a facility where there were outside steam grates and I saw people huddled by

them, trying to stay warm. I thought how rough that must be for someone in the midst of a tough winter to not even have a coat," Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said. "So I went back and looked at my

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Jay Gordinier stuffs another bag of coats into the back of a truck bound for Community Sharing in Highland Township. SHARON DARGAY

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**When:** Varied, see website

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#### Storytime

**When:** Varied, see website

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#### ESL Conversation Group

**When:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday

**Details:** Join us for informal conversation to help improve your English. Just drop in.

#### Drop-In Little Me Storytime

**When:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15

**Details:** Little one from 10 months to 2 years, along with caregivers, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime with Miss Dorie. Just drop in. Infants and older children also welcome to attend.

#### Drop-In Super Saturday Storytime

**When:** 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16

**Details:** Join us for frosty winter stories, music and movement. Best for children ages 2-4, but entire families are welcome. Just drop in.

#### Foreign Film Series

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18

**Details:** Join us for a well-reviewed film in another language with English subtitles. "Moka," French, 90 minutes. A grieving mother travels to France where she pursues a couple who she suspects of killing her son in a hit-and-run.

#### Tween Hot Cocoa Cones

**When:** 4:15-5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19

**Details:** For ages 9-12, make delicious hot cocoa cones to share with friends. Limit 30. Register.

#### Drop-In Winter Crafts for Kids

**When:** 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20 and 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23

**Details:** Kids of all ages get creative making a cute tissue paper snowman. Just drop in!

#### Kidz Time

**When:** 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21

**Details:** Join Miss Mary for this fun program all about "Pokey Penguins." Learn about Emperor, Adelie, Macaroni and Rockhoppers! Play a fun "Dress the Penguin" game. For grades 1-3. Register online or by phone at 248-349-3020.

#### Adult Book Discussion

**When:** 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8

**Details:** Join us for a lively discussion of Gretchen Rubin's "The Happiness Project." Just drop in!

#### Battle of the Books Registration

**When:** Through Jan. 31

**Details:** Register your team for this fun reading competition for middle school students who live or go to school in Northville. Books available now at the library and school media centers. Team registrations due Jan. 31.

## FIRE

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for storage. The building will need a new roof, a new north wall and several support trusses, he said. The first-floor showroom and customer reception area were also damaged, he said, and will be gutted down to the wall studs and rebuilt.

Northville Township Fire Chief Brent Siegel said the fire originated on the first floor, but King said there was less combustible material there than in the attic space and, therefore, less damage. The cause of the fire could not be definitively determined, Siegel said.

King himself reported the blaze shortly before 1 a.m. Dec. 5. His wife, he said, woke him at their home about 12:30 a.m. when their alarm company phoned about an alarm at Mark's. Figuring it was a false alarm — that happens once or twice a year — King told the company he didn't need police to respond and headed over to the building, he said.

But at the building, he said, he couldn't see an interior light that's left on at night and the door was hot to the touch, he said. Then he smelled smoke.

King had left his cellphone inside when he locked up for the day, he said, so he raced to the police station to report the fire. Siegel said the call came in at 12:50 a.m. and that firefighters from four neighboring communities, as well as from Northville Township, responded to the fire, which took about three hours to completely extinguish.

King said equipment damage was limited to new merchandise on display in the front of the business and that no customer equipment in the shop for repair was damaged.

"We feel very fortunate in the whole situation," he said.

King said he was grateful for the many messages of support and encouragement he's received from people in the community.

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**Mark's Outdoor Power Equipment is boarded up because of a Dec. 5 fire, but has opened a temporary location at 40970 Five Mile, where there is a showroom and customers can bring in machines for repair.** MATT JACHMAN

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## NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

## Man found with pills, marijuana, suspected cocaine

Police woke a 38-year-old Northville man who was asleep at the wheel the night of Nov. 30 and arrested him on charges of drug possession and having open intoxicants in a vehicle.

The man was found in an Oldsmobile Bravada at a stop sign on Wood-

bend Drive, near Eight Mile, shortly after 10 p.m., a Northville Township Police Department report said. Officers were responding to a report that someone was driving a sport-utility vehicle slowly, back and forth, on Woodbend.

Police woke the man and, when he opened the window, smelled marijuana smoke, the report said. An office spotted

three suspected marijuana cigarettes in the Bravada, the report said.

The man was searched and found to have pills in a prescription bottle that had been filled for someone else and as well as two plastic bags containing suspected cocaine, the report said. There was a half-full pint of whiskey in the back seat, the report said.

The substance in the

cigarettes later tested positive for marijuana, police said. The man was booked on the local charges, then turned over to sheriff's deputies from Wayne County, where he was wanted for failing to appear in court on a child-support claim.

## Hospital trespassing

A brother and sister from Tecumseh in Lenawee County were cited

for trespassing the evening of Nov. 27 at the Northville Psychiatric Hospital property on Seven Mile.

A police officer had spotted an unoccupied Geo Tracker in a driveway, a police report said, and searched the property on foot, finding no one. But the officer spotted the pair returning to the Tracker a short time later, the report said.

The female was 20 and the male one day from his 18th birthday. He told police he was a “vlogger” who was video-recording abandoned buildings.

The site is owned by the township, which has plans to clean up the property and tear down the main hospital building next year.

— *By Matt Jachman*

## Noble hosts students in Lansing



State Rep. Jeff Noble, R-Plymouth, welcomed students and their lead engineering mentor Liz Borzym from the Northville Robostangs robotic team Dec. 6 to Lansing. Nikith Ganan (from left), Rachel Reiz, Borzym, Noble, Agnes Dunne and Alex Steinig participated in the Michigan Association of Computer Users and Learning Annual Technology Showcase in the Capitol.

# 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. Buildings will re-open each Sunday starting in June 2018. 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

**JM MEAD STORE**  
**Open for Business:** Shop for unique items 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 15-16. All other hours by appointment. Call the office.

**Grounds closed for wedding:** 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Dec. 31.

The office and the archives will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 21 through Jan. 8.

**Lecture Series: When Amelia Came to Michigan:** 7 p.m. Jan. 25. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

**Winter Tea:** 1-3:30 p.m.  
Feb. 18.

## General info

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

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

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

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

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# Missing woman’s family waiting for answers

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For more than 365 mornings now, Ann and Richard Stislicki have awakened in their Fowlerville home to the uncertainty, the fear and the loneliness that comes with the realization their daughter Danielle is still missing.

It’s been that way since Dec. 2, 2016, when Danielle, their bubbly 28-year-old daughter, left the insurance office at which she worked in Southfield, never to be heard from again. Danielle was supposed to go out with friends that night, but never showed up. Her car was found in her Farmington Hills apartment complex the next morning, but there’s been no sign of her since.

That was a little more than a year ago and, though the family is doing what it must to get by, it never gets any easier. This week, with the one-year anniversary having passed Saturday, was especially difficult.



Danielle Stislicki

“It’s a challenge. ... It was very difficult this past week to get through,” Ann Stislicki said. “We started to make a commitment that we’d focus on ourselves and the family and not look at Facebook. You work

through it, you talk through it as much as you can, but we all have our moments when we break down. But we’re there for each other. We know we’re all challenged with the struggle and (try) to keep that hope up.”

Chris Paliewicz, Danielle’s uncle, remembers those days, not like they happened more than a year ago, but like they were just yesterday. He was walking his dog Dec. 3, 2016, the day after Danielle went missing, when he got a call saying they needed to get into Danielle’s apartment.

The day after that was spent searching for her, which has been pretty much how the ensuing 365 days have gone.

“December 2nd ... was the last day that any of us could call ‘normal,’” Paliewicz recently wrote in a Facebook post. “We all went to sleep, not knowing what the next year had in store. Now here we are, one year later ... still not knowing how to be.”

There are moments of hope, one coming a few months ago with the arrest of Floyd Galloway of Berkley. Galloway, a former security employee at



Ann Stislicki comforts her daughters during a vigil in Redford. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Chris Paliewicz, the uncle of missing Farmington Hills woman Danielle Stislicki, tags a car window with #find dani. BRAD KADRICH

the insurance office where Danielle and her mother worked, was arrested on sexual assault charges stemming from an attack in Hines Park in Livonia last fall.

At the time of his arrest, Galloway had already been a person of interest for the Farmington Hills Police Department, who’d searched his Berkley home just a couple of weeks after Danielle’s disappearance and removed evidence, including a mattress and

floor boards from his bedroom, among other items.

Galloway has since pleaded guilty in the Hines Park case and the Stislicki family was in the courtroom Dec. 1 as he was sentenced. Ann Stislicki said being there was something of a show of force to Galloway.

“Our focus right now is the closure of the Hines Park case,” Ann said. “As (Farmington Hills Police) Chief (Charles) Nebus has said, we have a strong case and I definitely want to make (Galloway) is aware we have a strong case and that we will continue to pursue it.”

Nebus definitely believes his officers are making great headway on the case. They conducted searches under 74 warrants since Danielle’s disappearance and, though Nebus won’t talk about all of the evidence that has been collected, he believes progress is being made.

Weeks after her disappearance, Farmington Hills police announced they believed she’d been the victim of a crime. They do believe, Nebus has said, that this is a homicide and investigators’ efforts have been pointed in that direction.

In July, officials from a variety of law enforcement agencies searched a large portion of Hines Park, to no avail.

“We’ve gotten tips from all over southeastern Michigan,” Nebus said. “We continue to conduct searches, including several places the last few weeks.”

They connected Galloway to the Stislicki case through DNA found in the Livonia assault case and coordinated police work between the Farmington Hills and Livonia police departments.

Nebus believes it’s a matter of time before the case is resolved.

“We feel very strongly we are going to solve this case,” Nebus said.

In the meantime, Ann Stislicki and her family continued to be buoyed by the nearly constant support from friends, family and total strangers, much of it coming in the forums of social media like Facebook and Twitter.

Early on, the family established sites like the Find Danielle Stislicki Facebook page and the website finddani.org. There have been fliers and posters, bracelets emblazoned with her name and a campaign where #finddani is painted on the rear windows of cars.

To this day, Ann Stislicki is approached by strangers who’ve read or heard something about her daughter. The support, she said, is overwhelming.

“There are so many people in the community who have helped us stay strong — media, law enforcement and people we don’t even know have helped Danielle. Words were hard to come by,” Ann said. “We have people sending letters/cards to the house, just knowing they are following Danielle’s case. They don’t know Danielle, but they’ve seen what they’ve seen on TV or in the papers or on social media or by word of mouth.”

For now, though, the family is focused on Galloway’s progression through the legal system in the Hines Park assault case. The family hopes the conclusion of that case will help bring a resolution in their own.

“We represent Danielle and we represent the fight for her and the opportunity for justice,” Ann Stislicki said of her family’s appearance at Galloway’s sentencing. “We want to know where she is and to bring her home.”

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# DIFFERENCES START CONVERSATIONS

With equality for all a goal, Chris Lassiter gets people talking

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STAUNTON, Va. – It's a solemn Chris Lassiter, not flashing the smile that the 41-year-old is so well-known for around his hometown of Staunton, Virginia.

He's sitting on the front steps of his house situated in a historic African-American neighborhood of this small city in the Shenandoah Valley. It's two days after the violence of Charlottesville, and although Staunton is 45 miles and a mountain range away, the Unite the Right rally, the clash of supremacists and protesters and the one violent death, have taken their toll here, too.

Lassiter looks into the camera and tells those watching him on Facebook Live that he understands it can be emotionally draining. He tells them that he feels a bit distraught over everything that happened. It's still difficult, 48 hours after the events, to comprehend what happened.

But then, in typical Lassiter form, he also tells the viewers that he wants to do whatever he can to be part of the solution. And so he invites those watching to join him the following Saturday morning for an hour of prayer.

And then he extends another offer. "Right after that, just a couple of friends and I are getting together to talk," he says. "The friends who have said, 'Hey, I'll come' are a diverse group, so it will be different cultures, different takes on theology, all of that stuff. We're just going to get together and talk and help each other work through it."

Anyone who wants to join the group is welcome.

How much can talking help? Lassiter believes a lot.

One of Lassiter's favorite sayings is "Proximity breeds compassion." He has seen far too many arguments over social media, arguments that resolve nothing and ratchet anger, leaving everyone

## CHRIS LASSITER

**Age:** 41

**Location:** Staunton, Virginia

**Mission:** To create an environment where people can again be friends with people with opposing views. And to create a template for others that is the opposite of shouting past one another on social media.

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Chris Lassiter believes organizing community discussions can help start a healing process. MIKE TRIPP/STAUNTON NEWS LEADER



more entrenched.

But, he believes, having face-to-face talks with those who disagree with you can actually start the healing. "A huge part of being human and showing you that I value you is taking the time to listen," he said. "And not just listen to form a response, but just listen because you're important enough to listen to."

He knows the black experience in the United States has been a painful one.

He admits that can be infuriating. At the same time, he wants to stay focused on the end goal of equality for everyone.

"It's all justice for all people at all times, and doing that graciously," Lassiter said. "And at the end I think that helps you fight for reconciliation rather than just your own people group."

After Charlottesville, he held a com-

munity discussion on both a Saturday and Sunday morning, a week after the violence. One of the discussions was at a coffee shop and the other at a fast-food restaurant. Combined, the two sessions drew more than 30 people.

"We had more people and we probably also had a more diverse group than we've had."

He has been a teacher in the high school from which he graduated. He has been a Young Life leader, he has led Bible study for incarcerated youths, he has been a campus minister. He's been a newspaper reporter. Lassiter is constantly trying to find ways to serve the community he loves.

"One of the things I wanted to do," he said, "was put the personhood back in people as we have those conversations."

## Q&A WITH CHRIS LASSITER

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

I think the first thing I think about as an American is privileged. I've been to parts of the world that don't have running water. Not only do I have running water, I control the temperature of the water. I love the melting pot aspect of America, and my neighborhood is a prime example. As an African-American, I'm well aware of the many painful chapters in America's history, too. We appreciate what we have in America, and my friends and I work where we see areas that need justice and reconciliation.

### What moment motivated you to become part of this effort?

In 2005, I got to meet the legendary John Perkins of the Christian Community Development Association in Los Angeles. His strategy of living in the neighborhood where you want to make a difference shaped the trajectory for my wife, Emily, and me. I've met so many people I'd consider true heroes at Urban Youth Workers Institute and the Legacy Conference in Chicago who have inspired me.

### What gives you hope?

The apostle Paul tells the church in Colossae that the meta-narrative of the Bible concludes with the creator reconciling all things. Right now our world is both beautiful and broken. The promise is that one day it will only be beautiful, and so we work toward healing the brokenness and restoring the beauty in our own small way here.

### What concerns you?


It's hard not to look at the most recent school shooting or similar events in the world and not feel a great deal of concern for the world we are passing on to my five kids.

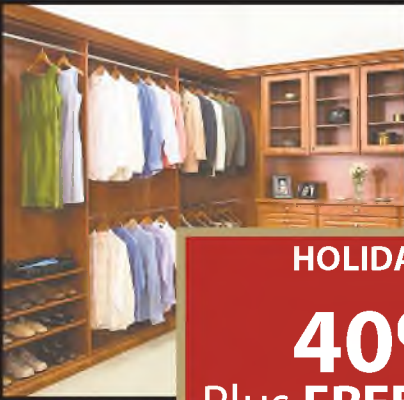
### What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I guess I hope to accomplish two things. The first is to create an environment where people can again be friends with people with opposing views, or at the very least agree to disagree as we work together to see our society flourish. The second is to create a template for others that is the opposite of shouting past one another on social media. ... It takes time, humility, empathy and kindness to invite someone with opposing views out to lunch or into your home.

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# Oakland County to create off-road vehicle park

**Bill Laitner**  
Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

A crowd of more than 300 off-road vehicle buffs — some from as far as Kalamazoo, Saginaw and northern Ohio — jammed a meeting of Oakland County parks officials Dec. 6 in Waterford Township to implore support for a new park where they could drive their Jeeps and other off-road machines.

“There’s this image of off-roaders like, ‘Hold my beer and watch this,’ but we have a large group and we spend a lot of money,” said Jim Kitson, 60, of Davison, an engineering manager who helped draw the big crowd via Facebook and email. Kitson’s burgundy Jeep with oversize tires sat outside amid scores of other Jeeps, off-road-ready pickups and similar vehicles.

After an hour of positive comments and none opposed, the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission voted 10-0 in favor of a preliminary “concept” to develop a partnership with state park officials.

The crowd of off-roaders, some in sweatshirts that said “Swamp Stompers” or “Wanted: Oakland County ORV Park,” stood up to clap and cheer, then trooped out to rumble off in heavy-duty vehicles, some with giant tires.

Plans call for the park, on former gravel pits in Groveland Township, to open with its first phase of trails and user facilities in fall 2018, said Dan Stencil, executive officer of Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, and director of the county’s sprawling 7,000-acre network of 13 parks and golf courses with its \$25-million annual budget.

“I think this is going to be a real asset, not just to our county but to the whole region,” Stencil said.

The location means that some off-roaders can come just for an afternoon from metro Detroit, instead of driving for hours to distant parks in northern Michigan or out of state, while others will stay for several days at the site in Groveland Township and camp at Oakland County’s Groveland Oaks County Park “right across the street” from the ORV park, Kitson said.

“We have people from all over the state who are here and who’ll come to this park,” Kitson said. He took shows of hands identifying audience members from as far as Kalamazoo, Saginaw, Michigan’s far north as well as northern Ohio. Kitson, active with the



Jim Kitson of Davisburg stands beside his Jeep outside an Oakland County Parks Commission meeting after the vote to approve a new ORV park. BILL LAITNER



Off-road vehicle fans prepare to leave a meeting after Oakland County parks officials voted to create a new park for ORV sports. BILL LAITNER

Great Lakes Four Wheel Club, admitted he was largely responsible for the turnout because for the last year he’d been communicating relentlessly online with dozens of clubs and hundreds of their members.

A park for off-road vehicles had been envisioned for decades at the site of old gravel pits just off I-75 and adjacent to Mt. Holly Ski & Snowboard Resort in northern

Oakland County, state and county officials said. Planning accelerated recently, although making it happen got tedious because the park entailed an unusual part-

nership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which has been purchasing the played-out gravel pits.

The location, in sparsely populated Groveland, has been one that ORV fans have longed to use since the 1970s, said Jason Fleming, chief of resource protection and promotion for MDNR’s Parks and Recreation Division. It’s ideal for attracting the ORV crowd not only from southeast Michigan but throughout the Midwest, he said.

So far, the state has purchased more than 200 acres of the gravel pits using monies from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund — which come from oil, gas and other mineral royalties on state land.

The county has held two days of “gully runs” in which ORV users were given a limited course at the site to test their reactions and gauge public interest, “and those went very,


very well,” said Gary McGillivray, an Oakland County commissioner from Madison Heights, who is an appointed member of the parks commission.

Most of those in the audience were men, many wearing hunting or other outdoor attire. But several women spoke up to praise “off-roading” as the ideal family activity.

“My husband and I have a 4-year-old and this is getting her away from the TV and outside to see what our state has to offer,” said Jeane Smith, 41, of Waterford.

And Jennifer Tomko, 41, of South Lyon said she owns three Jeeps and that the off-roaders she’d met had become a family to her.

“We are passionate,” Tomko said, then turned to the audience to ask, “How many of you are on a fake lunch right now to be here?” As Tomko’s hand shot up, laughter rose in the room along with dozens of other hands.



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# VIGIL

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by leaders of The Compassionate Friends Livonia Chapter.

The candlelight vigil was one of many that took place at the same time around the world, the concept being that a worldwide band of light is formed in tribute to the children.

The event also featured a couple of Christmas trees in the park, decorated with ornaments as a further tribute to the children lost.

Danielle Varnas lost her brother, Joel Tefft, seven years ago. Sunday, she was in Kellogg Park to honor him. But Joel wasn't the only reason she was there.

"I want to support everyone else who has lost a loved one," Varnas said. "It's important for me to come, to honor the others and to honor my brother's memory. He would like that."

Rhonda Temple of Dearborn Heights serves as treasurer of The Compassionate Friends Livonia Chapter and took the lead on organizing this year's ceremony.

Temple lost her daughter, 6-year-old Alyssa, to leukemia in July 2006. She's been coming to the vigil ever since. She said the event serves as a salve for the emotional wounds suffered by families who've lost children.

It's presence as a precursor to the Christmas holidays serves as solace for those who are grieving.

"It allows the community to come out to honor our children, our grandchildren and our siblings," Temple said. "The holidays are difficult, it's Christmas-time and all that joy is out there. Sometimes, we just can't find the joy."

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Rhonda Temple reads the names of loved ones who were remembered at the candle lighting evening.



Vickie Jensen of Redford looks for son Sean Denny's ornament on one of the trees that were part of The Compassionate Friends event. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



Cecilia Coffey came out to the Compassionate Friends candle lighting in memory of her son Joe, who died in July.



Livonia resident Mari Gutierrez remembers her nephew, Marc Anthony. T

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Real vs. fake trees

Over the years, more people have opted for artificial Christmas trees over real trees. Although I'm not surprised, I'll admit that I have some nostalgic feelings for real trees, which I've seen around since the 1960s. They're a quaint seasonal feature, standing for sale along roads or strapped to car-tops of tree buyers.

My family has always used artificial trees but at one time, real trees were the only ones available. The 1950s saw the rise of the artificial tree, and the 1960s gave us the aluminum tree with color wheel (as seen on the classic Charlie Brown Christmas cartoon.)

Real trees have a slight aroma but require water, shed needles and have a limited 'life-span'. Once the holidays are over, you have to dispose of it and buy a new one next year.

Not all real or artificial trees have a perfect shape. Real trees come only in green or blue spruce color, whereas an artificial tree can be green or several other colors. The white artificial tree simulates snow and shows off decorations much better than a green tree (once you've had white you'll see the light!)

Artificial trees have become much easier to use and decorate as they now come in an umbrella pop-up assembly rather than inserting each separate branch, and they can come 'pre-lit' with clear or color lights.

Leo Weber  
Livonia

Tax reform is a scam

So here's just a quick touch on the Republican tax reform scam as I'm barely a third of the way through reading it.

Teachers can no longer deduct supplies they personally buy for their students but corporations can. Student loan interest no longer deductible and tuition forgiveness taxed as full income but private school tuition is fully deductible. Only one college in Michigan gets a huge tax cut, the DeVoses' favorite college (brother Erik is a grad there). Almost half a trillion gone from Medicare including not paying for chemo anymore. Remember that commercial showing the Republican pushing Grandma in a wheelchair over the cliff? Well they're finally doing it for real.

And the benefits Trump gets is simply staggering; massive welfare for golf course owners, private jet owners, commercial real estate builders, pass through businesses, no alternative minimum tax. Good lord, that's just the tip of the iceberg. I

could fill this newspaper with all the ways we're getting screwed.

If everything goes according to the dynamic scoring, I'm in the hole a couple grand! But the best part is yet to come; Republicans want to install a trigger mechanism so if this redundant trickle down scam doesn't produce the desired growth results tax rates will go up ... not on the rich or corporations but on us middle class and poor folks, and social security benefits is top on the chopping block. Thanks Trump and Trott voters, for the life of me I can't figure out why you let rich folks lead you around by the nose.

Mitch Dubanik  
Livonia

Nessel video disappoints

A recent trashy campaign video created by Michigan Attorney General candidate Dana Nessel makes the Plymouth community famous for the wrong reasons. As a Bernie liberal, I cannot support Attorney General candidate Dana Nessel. A most glaring reason why, is that in the video, Nessel is tying gender identity as a primary qualification for elective office, and has instantly offended and alienated half of the voting population of Michigan. The ad is just plain stupid, and I certainly hope a more worthy female or male Democrat runs for office of Attorney General.

And yes, I think the sexual harassers of both parties in D.C. all need to go — especially the clown in the White House.

Let's be clear on this. The suggestion that members of the LGBT community, or any

female gay or straight, are immune from abusing power while in political office by virtue of gender, is total hogwash. And Nessel knows this, being an attorney and former prosecutor in Kym Worthy's office.

As Nessel knows, Sexual harassment is not a gender issue, it is an abuse of power issue. Dana Nessel has instantly and forever branded herself an opportunist demagogue and is using the awful abuse of sexual harassment victims in D.C. and Alabama as political tools. And I think that is just horrible and reprehensible, and instantly disqualifies her from holding any elective office, and especially disqualifies her for Attorney General, given her blatant bias against men. She places herself in the same category of the gender she has just offended with her broad sweeping generalizations.

I think Nessel should pull this ad immediately and apologize for grandstanding in the very same ways that pundits like Limbaugh or Hannity do, while they push their half-baked morally bankrupt political garbage on an unsuspecting public via the AM air waves. The vast majority of men, are good people and respect women and are not harassers, contrary to what her ad implies. And the same goes for good women.

Dan Sabo  
Taylor

Register to vote

Do you want to help improve the U.S.A.? Here's what to do:

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tions, whether it is for city council or President of the U.S.A. Have faith that there are hundred or thousands of similarly-minded people, but only voting counts. Your vote does count.

Hadyn Notestine  
Canton

Intersection is dangerous

It's no wonder there's so many accidents by Ford Road between Hagerty and Interstate 275. I have seen at least minimum of five cars every time I come through that intersection pull in front of people to get on the freeway.

People are not paying attention. You can see the sign by the traffic light at IKEA that the entrance to the freeway is on the right. If the police could sit there and watch them it's because they're on the phone or texting. It's ridiculous these people just are not paying attention and that's when the accidents happen

Diana Craig  
Canton

Make way for emergency crews

Recently, a friend of mine was returning from shopping and passed through Garden City. My friend personally witnessed the Garden City Fire Department and Wayne Fire Department heading to what my friend believes was a mutual aid call toward Inkster.

Both departments were attempting to move through traffic with both lights and sirens. Incredibly cars refused to move out of the way. This made my friend angry.

"Can you imagine if it was your family they were trying to rescue?," my friend fumed.

Then came a suggestion, also from my friend, which I share with you: "Sometimes I wish the trucks had an instant camera to take pictures of these offenders and they should get high fines."

What do you think? Do you believe that getting out of the way of emergency vehicles is good or a bother and nuisance?

I grew up with the knowledge that police and fire personnel risk their lives on a daily basis. Not just in traffic. They need to maintain and support equipment that, if you examine the rescue machines closely, have repeated warning taped and marked all over them. The warnings are for the personnel operating the machines.

What can we do to ensure that these brave men and women are given the room to do the lifesaving work they do each day?

Alfred Brock  
Wayne

Northville police get highlighted

I'd like to congratulate our Northville Township Police for being a featured Police Dept. in the 2018 calendar for Police News magazine. They are pictured for the month of July. It's a great picture of 5 officers standing in front of a 2016 Ford Police Interceptor and a 2016 Ford SUV. They look very sharp. The picture will be seen by thousands of people around the United States.

Craig Knapp  
Northville Township

Bond issue follow-up

I see that the Northville Public School Bond issue passed, 4,654 yes

votes to 2,457 no votes. I did some research and found out that there are about 23,124 registered voters in the City of Northville and Northville Township.

So, a large number of people did not vote. I suspect that a lot of these voters were not even aware that the school district was asking for over \$100 million and had plans to tear down the current Hillside Middle School and rebuild.. I only found out early on due to an article in the Detroit Free Press and then later on in the Northville Record letters to the editor. I received no flyer at my home. No effort was made by the school board to notify people like they did back around 1999 when they were asking taxpayers to approve the purchase of \$61.5 million in bonds to fund the construction of the new high school.

I know this because I have that bright yellow flyer right in front of me now. So, why didn't they make an effort to get more voters out? Why no flyer to all the community with a question and answer session to encourage people to vote? I didn't receive one. I suspect that this was all kept quiet.

Had this election been a year ago along with the Presidential election, there would have been 17,799 voters out to vote on this. A good turnout of voters and a fair vote. I feel that the taxpayers have been scammed. We do not need a new middle school. And what happens when in 8 years the student enrollment drops? And it will. Our school board has its wants and needs mixed up. I am angry.

Carol Maynard  
Northville

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- To request an interpretation of Section 21.b.13 of the ordinance to determine if a name painted on the exterior of a building is considered a sign. The property in question is located in the Racetrack District (RTD) at the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Center Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-003-03-0226-001
- To consider a variance request on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, at 101 Hill Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-22-34-404-006. As illustrated on the property survey submitted with the application form, the applicant is seeking a variance from Section 18.09 to:
  - Construct a six-foot tall privacy fence as follows:
    - For a length of 47.5 feet in the front yard along the north property line;
    - For a length of 63.75 feet in the front yard along N. Center Street, ten (10) feet from the west property line; and
    - For a length of 47.5 feet in the front yard along Hill Street, 16.25 feet from the south property line, and
  - To construct a 4-foot tall metal fence for a length of 27.5 feet in the front yard on Hill Street.

The public hearings will be held on Wednesday January 3, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Lower Level Meeting Room, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public comment on the variance requests. The variance applications are available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request and ordinance interpretation will also be received at the above address.

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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# Gifting craft beer? Seek advice from local experts

## Dan Dean

hometownlife.com

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Are you having a hard time navigating the often-confusing world of beer as it is now? Can't discern between a stout, session, sour, pilsner or IPA? Have an uncle, nephew, niece, spouse or friend you want to give the gift of beer to and don't know where to start?

You are not alone.

Beer has certainly come a long way since the original Stroh's dominated these parts. But luckily, if you are reading this from the Mitten State of Michigan, you are most certainly as close to great beer as you are to a lake or stream. The new media company Thrillist recently announced Michigan as

its fourth best state in the nation for quality and availability of craft beer.

When I have a beer question, my go-to answer man is Ryan Wiltse, owner of River's Edge Brewing Co. in Milford.

"If you (or they) have a local bottle shop they frequent, go in there and chat with the knowledgeable staff. They may even know your friend or family member and can help you pick something out. There are a lot of passionate, knowledgeable folks out there who are more than happy to help," he wrote in an email.

"In our area, Pine Ridge Market has a great selection and an amazing connoisseur of craft beer and liquor in Levi. He's a real gem and we're lucky to have someone like him in this area to steer folks



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towards some great stuff and hard to fine selections," he wrote. Other options with great reputations include 8 Degrees Plato in Detroit and Ferndale, Beer Baron in Livonia, as well as Holiday Market in Royal Oak.

## Founders CBS

It was a fluke that I arrived at the 8 Degrees Plato Ferndale location just before the 3 p.m. release of its supply of the much-heralded Canadian Breakfast Stout. The bourbon barrel-aged beer with hints of maple syrup from Founders Brewing Co. had not been released in bottles since 2011, said those standing outside this blustery and very cold Wednesday afternoon.

"It's always nice to get someone a hard-to-find or specialty bottle that might cost a little more," Wiltse said. And while many of the shivering masses in line said CBS would be the cat's meow of beer gifts, none I talked to had any intentions of gifting their prized \$25 bottles. Other great specialty options

include anything from Speciation Artisan Ales, Wiltse said.

As the last of the die-hards purchased their prized bottles, I stood among the rows and rows of beer with Plato co-owner Tim Costello, who despite the mayhem of the special release, took time out to offer advice on buying the gift of beer.

"Beer is like pizza — there is no such thing as a bad slice," Costello said.

Determining the likes and preferences of the person you are purchasing a gift for helps. "They should be asking you a lot of questions," Costello said about store staff helping you find that perfect beer gift. "What kind of flavors do they like? What do you like in a wine? What do you like in a coffee? All those flavors translate into beer in one form or another."

## Personalized six-pack

With the sounds of "Sleigh Ride" playing in the background, we proceeded through the rows,

choosing all Michigan-made beers. Based on a series of questions he asked, Costello chose New Holland Brewing Co.'s Extra Time, a session beer, to start things off building the six-pack from light to dark.

Along the way, I told him I was not big a IPA fan, but that I had recently tried and really like the M-43 IPA from Old Nation Brewing Co. in Williamston. In response, a can of Nawt A Cawp, an East Coast IPA from Birmingham's Griffin Claw Brewing Co., went into the pack. Others included Walter Gets Buzzed from Pigeon Hill Brewing Co. in Muskegon; Blood Orange Wheat from Farmington Brewing Co.; Coconut Brown from Blacklocks Brewery in Marquette; and finally a bottle of Distorter porter from Greenbush Brewing Co. in Sawyer, Mich.

The entire process took about two minutes and, in the end, I had a perfect beer gift for myself.

If you are feeling down because you missed the

release of the Founders  
CBS (I did not) or cannot  
find any of the new re-  
leases from Speciation,  
have no fear.

“Go to your (or their) local brewery, chat with the staff and ask their advice,” Wiltse said. “Gift certificates are always great, as are mug club memberships.” Many breweries also have great merchandise, gift sets, bottles — River’s Edge will release three barrel-aged bottles Dec. 9, including its 2018, a bourbon barrel-aged sparkling golden ale with grilled plums in a 750 ml champagne bottle. Growlers are available as well.

*Dan Dean is managing editor of Hometown Life and a fan of brewed merchandise, especially coffee and craft beer with coffee.*

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# Check out these three events this weekend

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School's almost out, the tree's been up for a few weeks — there's definitely a reason to go out and do something fun this weekend.

Check out these three events happening in Detroit's western suburbs this weekend leading up to the end of the year.

**Christmas concert in Livonia**

If you're in the mood to enjoy some holiday music, the Livonia Civic Chorus has just the offering this weekend.

The chorus will showcase its annual holiday concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium at Clarenceville High School, 20501 Middlebelt.

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Pre-sale tickets for the show are \$10 for children, students and seniors and \$12 for adults and can be bought at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. Tickets the day of the show at \$15 for everyone at the door.

For more information, go to livoniacivicchorus.org.

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USA HOCKEY

# Ex-NTDP coaches Cole, Luongo to return with MSU

Second major college visit to USA Hockey Arena in past couple of weeks

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Danton Cole is all about the “red, white and blue,” but don’t fault him too much for slipping some “green” in there, too. The 50-year-old Cole, who coached the past seven seasons for USA Hockey’s National Team Development Program, returns Saturday to the Ply-

mouth arena he left last spring when he became head coach of Michigan State University. The puck drops at 7 p.m. at USA Hockey Arena, located on Beck Road north of M-14 (734-453-8400). Also back to visit their old stomping grounds will be MSU assistant coach Chris Luongo (on Cole’s staff in 2015-17) and Spartans goalie coach Joe Exter. On the Spartans’ roster are four former NTDP players: forwards Patrick Khodorenko and Dylan Pavelek, defenseman Tommy Miller (West Bloomfield) and goaltender Ed

Minney. “It will be a lot of fun to see the guys again,” Cole wrote in an email to the Observer. “There is a lot asked of them and we, as coaches, become very attached to young men that sacrifice a great deal to be there. I look forward to seeing the progress they have made.” Cole, a former National Hockey League player who guided the U.S. to the gold medal at the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 World Championship in Slovakia, is looking forward to

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Danton Cole, shown from this season behind the Michigan State bench, is returning to face the USA Hockey NTDP — a program he coached for several seasons. MSU ATHLETICS

USA HOCKEY

# Kiefer’s legacy honored with naming ceremony



On hand for the ceremonial puck drop for the renaming of the USA Hockey Arena rink in honor of Mitchel Kiefer were family members Paula, Julianna, Alexa and Steven, along with De La Salle’s Joseph Jenkins (left) and Catholic Central’s Brendan West. BRAD EMONS

## Rink named for former Catholic Central goalie killed in accident by distracted driver

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Although he was taken much too soon, Mitchel Kiefer’s legacy will be remembered every time hockey players and fans now step inside Plymouth’s USA Hockey Arena. In a ceremony Dec. 6 prior to Detroit Catholic Central’s home game against Warren De La Salle, the Olympic-sized ice sheet was named in honor of the former Shamrocks goalie as a part of a new partnership between USA Hockey and the

Mitchel Kiefer Foundation. The Northville resident, a member of the Shamrocks’ 2016 Division 1 state championship team, was killed in a car accident Sept. 19 that year by a distracted driver while Kiefer was on his way to Michigan State. Police said at the time, Kiefer was driving westbound on I-96 near Williamston when his car was rear-ended by another vehicle, causing him to cross the median and collide with a truck hauling a trailer. A 21-year-old Kalamazoo woman was sentenced to two years probation, almost \$1,900

in fines and 24 days of community service after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor count of “moving violation causing death.” Kiefer’s family, including his father Steven, mother Paula and sisters Julianna and Alexa, were in attendance for the unveiling of the newly named rink in his name. (His brother Blake, a student at Grand Valley State, was unable to attend.) The Kiefer Foundation has raised nearly \$1 million with the main message of putting distracted driving on ice. “That’s awesome and he

deserves it,” said CC senior defenseman Jared Lee, a teammate of Kiefer’s in 2016. “I think the message for the whole thing is a great idea. That’s, obviously, a problem that needs to get addressed. His dad before the game said about him making a better place and changing the world. Even though he’s gone, he’s changing the world with that and his family his helping him out.” Some connected with Catholic Central had been floating around the idea build-

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BOYS HOCKEY

## Showcase to spotlight top leagues

Full slate of games Dec. 16 in Livonia features KLAA vs. MIHL match-ups

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They’ll be jumping over the boards and onto the Eddie Edgar Arena ice for something like 12 hours straight. The MIHL-KLAA High School Showcase is slated to begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, when Livonia Franklin faces Grand Blanc. Ten additional games will follow — with games hosted on both ice sheets at Eddie Edgar in Livonia — as some of Michigan’s best boys high school teams square off to give fans an opportunity to get a healthy hockey fix. “This showcase is just what high school hockey needs more of,” Livonia Stevenson head coach David Mitchell said. “A number of great games all in one building, so people can see more than one game.”

“The MIHL (Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League) showcase in February is our top event of the year, so it made sense to have a showcase earlier in the season.” Mitchell’s Spartans will take on Orchard Lake St. Mary’s at 5:30 p.m. According to Ryan Ossenmacher, whose Salem Rocks will face Trenton at 1 p.m. in the fifth of 11 games on the schedule, it is important to note that the event is not a “public-private showcase, but rather a showcase of the two best leagues in the state. The number of players who have moved on from both of our leagues continues to grow every year.”

One of Ossenmacher’s former players, forward Matt Schaumburger (2017 grad) is playing for the Syracuse (N.Y.) Stars of the U.S. Premier Hockey League. As of Dec. 7, he had 11 goals and eight assists in 19 games. “This is an excellent oppor-



Mitchell

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# KIEFER

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ing a state-of-the-art ice arena and sports complex on campus with Mitchel Kiefer’s name in mind.

“We designed, scoped it, priced it,” said Steven Kiefer, senior vice president of Purchasing and Supply Chain for General Motors. “We were in the process of thinking how we were going to raise the money.”

But after much thought following Mitchel’s death, Catholic Central and the Kiefer family went an alternate route while finding a willing partner in USA Hockey.

“At that point, you’re in such a grief and a fog that I don’t think you’re thinking very straight,” Steven Kiefer said. “And as we started looking at the cost of this complex, I realized very quickly that \$20 million could go a long way to help society. So we thought if we made a small gift to this facility, got the naming and really used our money and our ability to raise funds in our efforts to really get the message of distracted driving out, that would be so much more value than putting an effort to building a building.”

John Vanbiesbrouck, vice president, Junior Council, for USA Hockey, was on hand to make the presentation to the family prior to the game.

“I introduced Steven to the USA Hockey family and just assisted with the friendship and the partnership that is now come together,” said Vanbiesbrouck, the former NHL and Michigan State goalie. “It came with a vision. Steven wanted to do something special for Mitchel. The DCC team playing out of here ... they were debating on whether to build a whole fieldhouse and things like that. Why not do something special here, name the arena and have a memorial after his son? I think this just came together a long period of time of consideration and consulting.”

Although Mitchel Kiefer played only one year of varsity hockey at CC, he had a positive impact on those around him.

“Mitch was ‘the man’ for the team,” Lee said. “Everyone on the team loved that kid. He necessarily didn’t play that much. That was the year we had (Alec) Calvaruso — fantastic goalie. But everyone loved Mitch on the team. I don’t know if it’s the right thing to say, but we loved to party with Mitchel. He was the man, always laughing, always having a good time, always picking the boys up. Never had a bad attitude. He was just an awesome kid. We all loved that kid.”

Brandon Kaleniecki, in his first year as CC’s coach that championship season, viewed Mitchel both as a unique person and player.

“He was a really good kid, a bright kid,” Kaleniecki said. “That’s what we remember most. He was hard-working, a fun kid to be around at practice and stuff like that. He was also very honest when you had conversations with him. Anytime



The late Mitchel Kiefer’s number is hanging in the rafters at USA Hockey Arena. BRAD EMONS



The artist’s rendering of the Kiefer Rink at USA Hockey Arena.

you did, he gave you answers that you didn’t necessarily see coming. And that’s a good thing, at least from the coaches’ point of view.”

In his short 18 years, Mitchel accomplished much. Born in Toyko, he lived half of his life in Europe.

“He played hockey in Europe and, boy, when he had the opportunity to play for Catholic Central, it was no question his dream,” Steven Kiefer said. “We basically moved back from Europe so Mitchel could play hockey at Catholic Central. He’s one of the few men that played on every

Catholic Central hockey team, meaning he came in as a prep player. He quickly moved up to the JV White team, then the JV Blue team and then, his senior year, year he was on varsity team and he worked so hard to make it as a goalie on the varsity team.”

Following his graduation from CC, Mitchel spent the summer selling knives for Cutco.

“And if you know what that product is, it’s the world’s most well-known knife, but it’s also about educating young people on how to sell,” Steven Kiefer said. “And he quickly became the high-

est salesman in the company’s history. He sold \$52,000 worth of knives in a three-week period in the summer of 2016. And he was just driven. He was just passionate about making the sale, so actually he holds the trophy and holds the award for the highest sales in the history of that company. They have a trophy and annual award named after Mitchel for top sales performer at Cutco.”

Mitchel then enrolled at MSU and shifted his focus away from hockey.

“He wanted to move on to becoming a neuroscientist and move the

world becoming a neuroscientist and, unfortunately, that was cut short,” Steven Kiefer said. “But fortunately, we were able to get an honorary degree from Michigan State. He was awarded that at the beginning of this year. And we just continue to do some amazing things in his honor.”

The Kiefer Foundation has also worked with the state of Michigan to install guard rails at the location where the crash happened on I-96, at Dietz Road in Leroy Township. It helped fund a project with the Michigan Department of Transportation for 1.7 miles of cable guard rail to stop cars from going across that median.

“And just one month ago, after the posts were put in, four posts went down,” Steven Kiefer said. “Some driver was caught and stopped from going across the median due to these guard rails and since have already been fixed.”

The Kiefer Foundation has also staged several fundraisers since Mitchel’s death through charity hockey games, charity golf outings, along with a number of charity city and high school events.

“It’s really been effective at raising funds, but also raising awareness,” Steven said. “The bigger

issue now is how to get the word out and how to change behavior.”

The Kiefer Foundation is partnering with P.E.E.R.S. (Professionals Encouraging Educational Reforms), a nonprofit that is focused on educating young people.

During the Dec. 6 game, a virtual reality simulator was brought into the concourse located between the two rinks to educate drivers.

“It’s a meaningful way to, basically, show somebody how easily texting and driving can create a fatal accident,” Steven said. “So we’ve been working with them to upgrade the product. The system they use is a virtual reality system, which is moving toward a new generation, which is helping them fund it. In the first quarter of next year, we’ll be taking it to 50 schools in the area to, basically, spread this message.”

The Kiefer Foundation’s goal is also to support policies, advancement and implementation of technology and end distracted driving that is associated with traffic deaths and injuries.

“So we believe, some way, Mitchel is changing the world for the better,” Steven said.

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# SHOWCASE

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tunity to get many of the top programs in the state under one roof,” Ossensmayer said. “This allows scouts to make a day of it and come out to watch several games, as opposed to traveling to a rink for a single game.”

Also strongly behind the effort to bring a number of quality teams to

one venue is Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento. The Wildcats will face Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood at 4:30 p.m.

“Arguably, the KLAA (Kensington Lakes Activities Association) and MIHL are two of the top conferences in the state,” Vento said. “So putting them all under one roof in one day is not only going to make for some great high school hockey match-ups and games

early in the season, but it always allows scouts to do some one-stop shopping, so to speak.

“If there are fans of high school hockey out there, they should make the effort to check out some great hockey on Dec. 16.”

Those fans who walk into the door at Eddie Edgar Arena (Lyndon, west of Farmington Road) will hear the sounds of sticks, skates and pucks echoing on

## THE SCHEDULE

**9 a.m.** — Grand Blanc vs. Livonia Franklin  
**10 a.m.** — Canton vs. Grosse Pointe North  
**11 a.m.** — Howell vs. Port Huron Northern  
**Noon** — Novi vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit  
**1 p.m.** — Salem vs. Trenton  
**2:30 p.m.** — Northville vs. Warren De La Salle  
**3:30 p.m.** — Livonia Churchill vs. Grosse Pointe South  
**4:30 p.m.** — Plymouth vs. Cranbrook

**5:30 p.m.** — Livonia Stevenson vs. Orchard Lake St. Mary’s  
**6:30 p.m.** — Hartland vs. Birmingham Brother Rice  
**7:30 p.m.** — Brighton vs. Novi Detroit Catholic Central  
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both sides of the building. The ‘A’ and ‘B’ rinks will both be busy with

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BOYS HOCKEY

# Plymouth hangs on to edge Churchill, 4-3

Potential blowout turns into nail-biter, but Wildcats able to survive

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The previous time Livonia Churchill and Plymouth got together for a boys hockey game, the Chargers won the regional title.

On Friday, at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, the Wildcats apparently remembered that night well and came out with a vengeance — scoring early and often, but ultimately needing to sweat out a 4-3 victory.

“Credit to Plymouth, they have a deep team this year,” Churchill head coach Jason Reynolds said. “They’re going to be one of the top competitors in Division 2, so we knew what we were coming into.

“And, of course, they have a bone to pick with us this year because we won that regional championship last year. So I knew this game meant a lot to them.”

Plymouth didn’t waste any time. Junior forward Jacob Back charged in on Churchill senior goalie Chris Sergison and found the back of the net at the 15-second mark.

“We stressed really hard before the game started about starting on time and not sitting back,” Wildcats head coach Gerry Vento said. “Just get into it and take it to them and see what happens.

“Obviously, first shift, first shot, makes a big difference and gets the guys going.”

The Wildcats added another goal just two minutes later, this one courtesy of senior forward C.J. Mullenax.

It was 3-0 before the period ended as sophomore forward Kyle Ahern scored his first varsity goal.

But then Sergison (15 saves) largely held the fort, not giving up a fourth goal until senior forward Tim Baldwin one-timed a centering pass from senior forward Jack Chumley early in



Tumbling into the boards Friday night are Plymouth’s Graham Sheehan (left) and Livonia Churchill’s Jordan Venegoni. TOM BEAUDOIN



Plymouth’s Jack Chumley (right) carries the puck, with Livonia Churchill’s Carter Swider in pursuit. TOM BEAUDOIN

the third period.

Churchill seemingly woke up when staring at a 4-0 deficit. It took the Chargers 11 only seconds to answer. Junior forward Zack Vendittelli lifted a backhander under the crossbar and a comeback bid was in full swing.

Although Plymouth senior goaltender Brendan Olepa faced just 19 shots, he had to make a couple of his biggest saves while protecting a 4-3 lead.

First, he sprawled acrobatically to deny a

Churchill scoring bid just outside the crease. It helped his cause that Matt Gibboney then blasted the rebound over an open net.

Then with about four minutes remaining, Venegoni ripped a shot that Olepa snagged.

“That kid can really shoot the puck; that was a big save,” Vento said. “It was a screen shot, too.”

Also helping Plymouth (4-1-1) close out the win was some strong work under pressure by senior defenseman Andrew Garby.

“We just had to start skating hard and get pucks out of the zone, that’s where we had trouble,” Garby said. “The pucks were getting out near the blue line and wouldn’t get out.

“They’d keep it in. We just had to clear pucks out of the zone and get them deep, that’s how we prevented them from scoring.”

Following are other takeaways:

**START ON TIME**

One team answered the bell to open the con-

test and the other one didn’t, much to the chagrin of Reynolds.

“I think the most important thing to take away from tonight’s game is we need to start on time,” Reynolds said. “That’s something we preach to our team on a daily, weekly basis. And if you don’t start on time, especially against a team like Plymouth, it will come back to bite you.”

The Chargers (3-3) found themselves down a goal just 15 seconds into the contest and, before long, they were down 2-0.

**PLUG IT IN**

Livonia Churchill had just cut the deficit to 4-3 (on goals by Vendittelli, senior forward Josh Friend and senior forward Carter Swider) when Plymouth was called for a minor penalty with about 12 minutes remaining.

But the Wildcats were able to kill off the penalty.

“I think we need to do a better job of finding the open shooting lanes,” Reynolds said. “Move around the zone a little more, find some of the seams in the penalty kill where we can attack the

net.

“That’s something that’s going to be a work in progress.”

**THAT’S A FIRST**

Ahern finally scored the first goal of his high school varsity career. He buried a high shot inside the left post with 3:35 to go in the opening period to open up a 3-0 lead.

“Kyle’s a big, strong physical kid,” Vento said. “He plays hard, works hard. He’s been having chances and you could tell by that goal he’s got a great shot.

“He put it where that goalie didn’t have a chance. But he does so much more for us than score goals.”

**LESSON LEARNED**

The Wildcats blew a three-goal lead Dec. 5 against state powerhouse Brighton, managing a 3-3 tie. Friday was similar, letting a 4-0 lead shrink to one goal.

Vento said the team is learning that comfortable leads vanish quickly against quality opponents.

“The boys realized that if they skate and play their system, they can at least play with anyone,” Vento said. “It’s just a matter of doing it for 51 minutes.”

In the Brighton game, Plymouth got goals from Adam Rebecca, Mullenax and Baldwin.

**SHOWCASE LOOMS**

Reynolds echoed other area coaches about the potentially thrilling day of high school hockey that will take place Saturday, Dec. 16, at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

It will be the inaugural MIHL-KLAA Showcase. Churchill squares off against Grosse Pointe South at 3:30 p.m.; Plymouth takes on Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood at 4:30 p.m. There will be 11 games, beginning at 9 a.m.

“From my standpoint, it seems as though the MIHL and the KLAA are the two top (leagues) in the state,” Reynolds said. “And anytime you have a chance to match those two leagues up next to one another, I think it makes for an exciting day of hockey.”

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## COACHES

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the game.

“Mostly, just to be back and see the players, coaches and staff that were a huge part of (wife) Deb and my lives over seven great years,” Cole wrote. “We had some very special moments, but the best part of being there was the people I got to work with and know.”

But Dec. 16 also will be a special night for Scott Monaghan, senior director of operations for the NTDP.

“It’s going to be emotional to see Danton and Chris over on that bench for MSU,” Monaghan said. “I remember them as players (for the Spartans) when I was a student. I was honored to give them an opportunity here with the national program. And I know coaching their alma mater was a dream for both of them.”

Because the NTDP is a pipeline of potential Division I players for colleges such as Michigan State, Monaghan also sees Cole’s return to East Lansing as a win-win situation in the development of young players.

“I always tell kids you go to a college for the



Chris Luongo surveys the action during a recent MSU men’s hockey game. REY DEL RIO | MSU ATHLETICS

school,” Monaghan said. “Make sure you pick a place, not a person. But if I had a son in that position, I would always be 100-percent behind them playing for Danton Cole.

“He’s a good human being and he’s about more than just the ‘hockey part.’ He cares about kids and their futures.”

In some ways, taking over the reins of a relatively inexperienced college team — which Cole has done with the Spartans — merely is an extension of what he did

with USA Hockey.

“The season has gone well and the team has made a lot of progress,” Cole added. “We are very young, 19 freshmen and sophomores, so there is a lot to learn.

“I really have enjoyed the work ethic and commitment of the team and they represent MSU very well.”

**U18 team edges Central Illinois**

On Dec. 9 in a contest at USA Hockey Arena, the U.S. NTDP U-18 team

defeated Central Illinois, 6-2.

Leading the way with a goal and two assists was Joel Farabee, while Birmingham’s Bode Wilde, Jonathan Gruden (Rochester) and K’Andre Miller also scored.

Making 25 saves in goal for the victory was Drew DeRidder (Fenton).

**Schoolcraft splits pair**

Schoolcraft College’s men’s club hockey team played two American Collegiate Hockey As-

## SPARTANS VS. TEAM USA

**What:** Michigan State University’s men’s hockey team will face the U.S. National Team Development Program’s U-18 team. The game is part of the NTDP vs. NCAA College Series presented by Kroger.

**When/where:** Puck drop is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

**Welcome back:** Former NTDP coaches Danton Cole, Chris Luongo (an ex-Detroit Red Wings player) and Joe Exter now are with the MSU coaching staff and will be back to face their former program.

Cole was head coach the past seven seasons, while Luongo was one of his assistant coaches in 2015-17 (and previously on the same staff at Wayne State University). Exter, a goalie coach, founded and developed USA Hockey’s renowned Warren Strelow National Goaltending program while a coach with the NTDP.

Several former NTDP players also are on the Spartans, including defenseman Tommy Miller of West Bloomfield.

**Tickets:** Good seats (starting at \$10) remain available, but the crowd should be similar to the near-capacity 3,715 on hand for the Dec. 2 game against Michigan. Go to usahockeyarena.com or call 734-453-8400 for more information.

sociation games over the weekend at Redford Ice Arena and came away with a lopsided win followed by a lopsided loss against Miami (Ohio) University.

On Dec. 8, the Ocelots built an 8-2 lead after two periods and posted a 10-4 victory. Big guns in the win were Griffen Ahmet (two goals, assist), Richard Corso (two goals), Jacob St. Andre (goal, two assists) and Scott Pohl (goal, assist). Making 20 saves for Schoolcraft was goaltender Connor O’Reilly.

The following after-

noon, however, Miami came out looking for revenge and got it with a decisive 9-3 win. Schoolcraft goals were scored by Ahmet, Sage Becraft and Nolan Cioch.

Next up for coach Rob Lindsay’s team is a home-and-home against Western Michigan University. The Ocelots will visit WMU for a game at 6 p.m. Friday, followed by a home game at Redford (at 6:30 p.m. Saturday).

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PREP WRESTLING

# Rockets pin Oxford for big early win

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It's never too early in the season for a test and John Glenn's wrestling team took one — and passed with ease — Wednesday in its Assembly Day wrestling match-up with Oxford.

The Rockets, ranked sixth on michigangrappler.com, used six pins in their seven wins to topple the fifth-ranked Wildcats, 39-31, in a match that wasn't as close as the final score indicated.

After losing two of the first three matches, John Glenn rattled off five straight wins by pinfall to claim control of the non-league meet, which could be a precursor to a possible meeting in the state tournament.

"Our kids knew what they had to do and they did it," John Glenn coach Bill Polk said. (Oxford) is a great program. ... This was a big win for us."

With the Rockets trailing 12-6 after three matches, Caleb Meekins



John Glenn's Michael Mars pinned Oxford's Nate Call in 1:10 in their 130-pound clash. BRAD KADRICH

got his team started on the comeback trail by pinning Oxford's Dalton Myers in 2:43 at 119 pounds.

Then, in succession:

» Kyle Borthwell pinned Oxford's Liam Hillary in 1:55 at 125 pounds

» Mike Mars pinned Nate Call in just 1:10 at

130 pounds

» Isaac Lefler pinned Oxford's Joe Vackaro in 5:10 at 135 pounds to stretch John Glenn's lead to 30-12

After Oxford's Sergio Borg hit John Glenn's Anthony Hudson with a 9-0 major decision at 140 pounds, the Rockets' Brenten Polk pinned

Jack Wandrie at 145 and John Glenn's Anthony Gibson beat Ryan Miller, 5-0, to provide the final margin

"There were two very good teams and we had a lot of competitive matches," Bill Polk said. "We won more of those. That's what it came down to."

Oxford coach Ross Wingert, in his first years as Wildcats head coach, said good teams can't suffer six pins and expect to win a match.

"We got pinned," Wingert said. "You can't have two quality teams and expect to win meets that way. We can't give up bonus points and we have to go and get some of those bonus points."

Oxford won the final three matches, including the 189-pound match by pinfall, to close the meet.

Polk knows how big the win is.

"They're a great program; last year they beat us," Polk said. "It was a huge win to start out the year."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

## South Lyon defense suffocates Salem

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Jared Townsley and Noah Grimes are wasting little time in making an impact during their senior season for the South Lyon boys basketball team.

And both proved to be key figures Friday night in the host Lions' 43-35 triumph over former KLAACentral Division foe Salem.

The 6-foot-5 Grimes, coming off a 27-point outing in a season-opening win over Temperance Bedford, led the way again with 15 points, including nine in the final quarter after Salem had taken a 31-30 lead entering the fourth.

The 6-6 Townsley, meanwhile, finished with 12 points and helped seal the victory with four straight free throws during the final 2:16.

"Noah Grimes has put in the work this off-season, as you see," said first-year South Lyon coach Troy Weidman, whose team is off to a 2-0 start. "I couldn't be happier for both those guys, especially Noah, in the sense that he struggled for the first three quarters offensively. And he knew he had to put the team on his back and he kind of did that the fourth quarter."

Townsley, literally, is just glad to be back after playing just three games a year ago due to a nagging injury.

"Right before the season, the first day of tryouts, my back started hurting really bad," said Townsley, who scored six points in the opening half as South Lyon led, 28-22. "I wasn't really able to walk at all and, after the first day, I found out my hip joint kind of came dislocated. And then week after week, I'd go to physical therapy, chiropractor, just multiple different doctors ... and then come back to playing. I'd play for a half of a practice and then be out for another three or four weeks. So the whole year was pretty tough for me."

The key to Townsley's recovery was patience, as he rested for eight months during the off-season.

"I really couldn't do anything other than coming in and watching these guys and just encourage them," he said. "The whole time, I was just hoping to get out there and play with them. I think rest was the cure and just really stretching, just really make sure I get warmed up before I play and not do anything stupid off the court or anything like that. I had to stay smart, stay composed, because I really wanted to play this season."

Just having Townsley back on the floor is a bonus, accord-

ing to Weidman.

"I'm so happy for Jared Townsley to be able to play and get some minutes," he said. "He's a great kid. He's got phenomenal upside to continue to play even after high school. And he's just starting to get healthy."

Townsley is hoping there are even better things to come as the season unfolds going into the new Lakes Valley Conference.

"After to-night, I feel really good," he said. "I'm happy we got the win and the whole team played really hard. We all



Townsley



Grimes

stayed composed, stayed patient. Me, personally, I'm a little bit sore right now, but I'm sure I'll be all right within a few days."

Grimes, meanwhile, averaged seven points per game last season, but he's stepped up his scoring so far in South Lyon's two wins with a total of 42 points.

"I worked a lot on my shot and transitioning more to a point guard sort of role," Grimes said. "I just try and be strong with the ball, use my handles and find my teammates."

Although Grimes struggled at the free-throw line during the final quarter, going 4-of-8, he was a constant on the other end of the floor.

"We're built around defense, so the entire game we were just kind of rallying around out defense," he said. "And our offense was coming from our defense. It kind of pulled us through our offensive struggles. That's our big thing, we're just going to outwork the other team. That's our big thing."

Here are four other takeaways:

**FLOOR BURNS**

The Lions came out flying on the defensive end, holding the Rocks to 12-of-39 shooting from the floor (30 percent).

"I was really proud of the guys," Weidman said. "Our goal is 11 points a quarter or under and they accomplished it all four quarters, so it was fun. They were fun to watch and everyone contributed."

In the season opening win Dec. 5 over Bedford, the Lions did not come up with any loose balls. Against Salem, South Lyon forced 19 turnovers.

"They took that to heart once we went through that," Weidman said. "We have a goal to what we, basically, call 'get dirty' and to get on the floor and track that. Tonight it was

fun, because they were on the floor for every loose ball."

**COLD SPELL**

The Lions went 1-of-11 in the third quarter, going scoreless for the first 6:10 before, Grimes broke the ice with basket with 1:50 to go in the quarter to make it 30-30.

Weidman stayed positive on the bench during the lull and South Lyon went on to outscore Salem in the decisive fourth quarter, 13-4.

"To me it's applaud, because they were busting it on defense and doing everything possible defensively that they could do," he said. "So it was just a matter of, OK, trust it and trust what we do, continue to shoot. I don't think you ever yell at a kid and they'll shoot any better. So from a shot standpoint ... no, just play, but don't have that impact our defense."

**ROCKS ROCKY**

Salem (1-1) was coming off a season-opening 67-58 overtime victory over Dearborn Divine Child, but the Rocks struggled to find any consistency against South Lyon.

"I told the guys there wasn't one aspect of the game that we're winning," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, entering his 34th varsity season. "They took us right out of our game at both ends. They took it to the hole, they took it to the rack. They didn't have any prolific offensive patterns, they took it to us. On the defensive end, they took us out of everything we were trying to do just because of their aggressiveness. Give them credit, they played tough tonight on their turf and we just folded."

**NEW FACES**

Salem returns just one starter from a year ago, junior guard Jordan Ingram.

"Everybody else is a little green right now and it will take us time to figure things out here," Brodie said. "The kids are working hard here, I'm proud of the way they're working. And they don't quit, they keep playing. We got a ways to go yet."

Senior guard Shawn Srivastava, who made three 3-pointers, shared game-high scoring honors with 15 points, while fellow senior guard Thomas Noble added nine.

"We're trying to find whoever is going to step up and accept the challenge each game, each play," Brodie said. "Last game, it was different than what we started. This game, we didn't find anybody that we were happy with all the time. We're still trying to work and let the kids develop the way they can and see who steps forward."

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

## Longtime Churchill coach Tatro resigns

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It's been quite a run for the Livonia Churchill girls cross country program during the past 22 years and the one constant during that stretch has decided to hand off the baton.

Sue Tatro, who guided the Chargers to 14 MHSAA Division 1 state finals and five straight top 10 finishes (2004-08), including state runner-up in 2006, submitted her letter of resignation last month.

Tatro, who ran at both Livonia Stevenson High and Michigan State, began her coaching career at Livonia Franklin, where she spent her first six seasons.

The decision proved to be bittersweet for Tatro, who will now get to devote more of her time during the fall seasons with her husband Gerald and son Reid, where they reside in Milford.

"For the last 28 seasons, my coaching experience with Livonia Public Schools couldn't have been more fulfilling," Tatro said. "I had the privilege and honor of coaching some amazing student-athletes and working under Marc Hage, who happens to be one of the best A.D.s in the state."

Tatro put together quite a resume at Churchill, guiding the Chargers to 17 division, four regional and five conference crowns (between the Western Lakes and Kensington Valley activities associations).

Churchill also captured 11 Livonia Public Schools titles.

"She did so many things well and brought so many kids into the program," Hage said. "I know it's an extreme struggle for her. She was really wrestling with it. She knew this was going to be the last year for her. She told me early on, but when it finally hits and finally sinks in, it wasn't easy for her. I'll miss her like crazy. It's certainly a void we'll miss on paper, but more missing her in spirit."

Tatro coached eight different all-staters at Churchill, including three-time honorees Sara Kroll, her current assistant coach, and Rachel McFarlane.

Both went on to have distinguished careers running for MSU.

Kroll, who qualified for



Tatro

Foot Locker Nationals as a senior at Churchill, was the 2012 Big Ten champion and a member of MSU's 2014 NCAA championship team. She currently teaches at Franklin and is a part-time cross country and track TV analyst for the Big Ten Network.

McFarlane was an all-Big Ten second team selection and is currently coaching at the University of North Florida.

"She has just been an athlete's coach," Hage said of Tatro. "She relates so well to the kids. Of any coach, she gets the most out of kids. She would just develop talent, cultivate it and then push those kids to do almost beyond their best. She really would, as evidenced by how many kids she had running at the collegiate level. It's just not a testament to her ability to develop skill, but a testament to her ability to get kids to genuinely love running — and that's not easy to do. That maybe speaks more to her abilities than the skill level portion."

Tatro, an accomplished runner herself who was once a top three finisher at the Detroit Free Press Marathon, said she had a strong support system while coaching at Churchill.

"I also had a terrific counterpart in my dear friend John McGreevy, in addition to working with some phenomenal volunteer coaches like Michelle Phillips, Becki Barnes, Angela Schulteis and Sara Kroll throughout the years," Tatro said. "All of the people I met along the way will always hold a special place in my heart and I will continue to savor the great memories."

McGreevy, the Churchill boys coach since 1995, said Tatro's absence at cross country meets next fall will not go unnoticed.

"It is going to be very different next year coaching cross country without Sue Tatro leading the Churchill girls," he said. "She is an awesome coach who is admired and respected throughout our league. Sue has built and led one of the finest programs in the state for over 20 years. Even though Sue always seems to exude cheerfulness, she is a fierce competitor. Her runners were always well-prepared and most had the same intense desire to excel. I think I am going to miss the laughs the most. We laughed a lot."

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THE OPIOID CRISIS

# A voice crying out a warning

Wings broadcaster Daniels shares story about death of son to drugs

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As the television play-by-play announcer for the Detroit Red Wings, Ken Daniels has a large platform to reach a broad audience of viewers.

Speaking Nov. 29 before an audience at Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium, Daniels delivered a strong and powerful message to the school's student-athletes and their parents about the ever growing opioid crisis, an epidemic which claims 142 lives daily and more than 64,000 last year across America.

Just less than a year ago, Daniels lost his son Jamie to a drug overdose in Palm Beach County, Fla., at age 23.

Daniels, who just released a book, "If These Walls Could Talk: Detroit Red Wings," is making public appearances to help families cope with and prevent the same heartbreak he's experienced since his son died Dec. 7, 2016.

Also on hand for the question-and-answer session was recovering addict David Clayton, now youth coordinator for the Macomb County-based Families Against Narcotics, along with Dr. Anthony Colucci, the Red Wings team physician since 1989 and a board-certified emergency room physician.

**Speaking out**

"It's not only what happened to my son, but many families are going through it," Daniels said. "And to look out into the audience here tonight and see the kids' faces and (see them) seriously listening – not just to me, but to (Clayton) and (Colucci), who is our Red Wings team doctor – talk about the over prescription of narcotic drugs ... and just the abuse in general. And even if one kid gets the message and talks to another kid and speaks out and stops them, then we've saved a life. So hopefully. it was worth it."

Bill Roose, who formerly worked for the Red Wings and is now communications specialist for the Novi Community School District, helped arrange the presentation along with Novi athletic director Brian Gordon.

"Like I said before, it doesn't discriminate," Gordon said. "I hope our athletes will take this stuff and put it to good use. And this won't be the last time they hear from me when it comes to these things. It's something we're going to continue to drive into their heads. It's my way of saying we do care about them."

Prior to his presentation, Daniels asked the audience if they had known somebody from their family or community affected by the opioid crisis. Several hands were raised.

**Banding together**

"For these families going through this ... we must drop the stigma of what an addict is," Daniels said. "The family needs to put the feeling of shame aside. It's unfortunate we're all members of a club we don't want to be a part of, but there's so many that have come up to me and it's comforting to know we can be together, because this epidemic does not discriminate. It knows no socioeconomic boundaries.

"As my good friend and former colleague with 'Hockey Night in Canada' Scott Oake says — whose son Bruce passed away six years ago from heroin addiction — it's nature vs. nurture. Jamie was about a whole lot more than addiction. He wanted a better life, but addiction got a hold of him and wouldn't let him go."

Jamie Daniels's tragic story is like many others and it started innocently enough.

He went to Florida to get help with an opioid addiction that was linked initially to painkillers he received after



Detroit Red Wings TV broadcaster Ken Daniels shared his personal story regarding his son's death with Novi student-athletes and parents. BILL ROOSE | NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



Taking questions from the audience were (from left) Detroit Red Wings broadcaster Ken Daniels, Wings team physician Dr. Anthony Colucci and David Clayton, youth coordinator for Families Against Narcotics. BILL ROOSE | NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

his wisdom teeth were pulled.

He was first introduced to opioids during his time as a member of a Michigan State University fraternity house, which was closed down two years after he left. He was not the only frat member to have an opioid addiction.

"Believe me, this is not an indictment of Michigan State," Daniels said. "It happens everywhere."

**Recovery phase**

Admitting he had a problem, Jamie spent two weeks detoxing and appeared to be himself again.

"But we knew, less than two weeks couldn't cure two years," Daniels said. "He didn't want to stay longer. Being over 21, we couldn't make him. And believe me, this addiction overpowers free will. Another relapse put him back in the hospital here in Michigan and another stay in detox. That is painful, to say the least."

Jamie, an above-average student who graduated from MSU, was then recommended by a Michigan psychologist to try an inpatient treatment center in south Florida where, after 30 days, he was moved into a sober living home.

He attended outpatient treatment meetings, was routinely drug-tested and landed a job working at a law firm as a clerk, with the hope of getting acclimated back into society clean and sober, according to his father.

Jamie spent seven months in Florida, but found himself caught systemically entangled in a web of recovery home corruption.

**Recovery business**

"The criminal side of the recovery process shocked all of us," Daniels told the audience. "With the help of Florida's state attorney, the FBI and the special drug force task unit of Palm Beach County, we all know about the billion-dollar

business, which is the broker recovery industry, littered with corruption and criminal activity, and it took my son's life."

At the time, Palm Beach County had more than 400 sober living homes alone in this "so-called recovery capital," according to Daniels. Although the laws have begun to change, they had been classified as homes for the disabled.

"Anyone can turn a house into a sober home and rent it out," Daniels said. "It's all part of the Affordable Care Act, which makes payment for addiction treatment virtually unlimited and this is what criminals exploit. These homes are linked with outpatient treatment programs and doctors and labs. And many sober homes are a way to profit, prey on individuals in recovery with insurance. Insurance is the gold ticket. Jamie had insurance, he had mine. Some of these so-called sober homes pay individuals to recruit patients. They get anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 per person to what has become known as body brokers."

**New law passed**

Last July, the Florida Legislature passed Bill No. 807, which required more regulation of the sober living homes industry, making it a third-degree felony, akin to racketeering, for those in violation.

"If we had only known what patient brokering was when Jamie was in Florida," Daniels said. "These people befriend individuals at recovery meetings or work places, enticing them into specific, sober homes with a promise of free rent, all covered by insurance. They even paid to go to 12-step programs and befriend those with insurance.

"In many cases, these homes provide drugs to those in recovery, so the relapse client has to enter detox once



Jamie Daniels poses with Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane after a game during the 2015-16 season. KEN DANIELS

again, while the owners of the sober living homes are charging the insurance. The patient is then referred to a specific doctor, while the homes keep billing the insurance. And that's where Jamie, who had been doing so well, got baited and trapped. He was all geeked because rent was only \$50 per month rather than \$245 a week he was paying in his closely monitored first home."

Jamie's second recovery home was \$150 monthly and, for a 23-year-old kid, that seemed to be a lot. Another doctor, meanwhile, had changed his medication to treat his anxiety. He had already been on a generic program of Prozac for three weeks. His father later discovered Jamie had been put on Xanax, a highly addictive drug that is not commonly prescribed to someone addicted to prescription medication.

**Broken system**

No drugs were found in Jamie's bedroom following his death and Daniels was told by the law enforcement authorities they were not clear how he ingested heroin-laced Carfantanil, a pill which shocked his heart while in his sleep.

Following his death, Jamie's roommate fled to another state and tried to extort money from Daniels in exchange for some of Jamie's belongings that he had taken.

The last two sober homes where Jamie lived were termed fraudulent by Florida authorities. Some medical bills Daniels received reached \$50,000. Jamie's signatures for urine and blood tests had been forged while he was spending time in Michigan. The FBI was thankful it could prove the case was fraudulent.

"My son knew it was his only path to get clean," Daniels said of the sober home called Journey to Recovery. "The last house Jamie lived in, the owner, Kenneth Chapman, was charged with insurance fraud

and money laundering and is currently serving 27½ years in prison."

**Warning signs**

Colucci, who is famed rapper Eminem's personal physician, also talked about the dangers of opioids.

As medical director of the Henry Ford Macomb emergency room and a FAN member, Colucci believes doctors must restrict opioids for extreme pain that accompanies an injury for 48-72 hours. After that, non-narcotic painkillers are recommended.

"I've always been sensitive that opioids can be highly addictive," he said. "We're all vulnerable, I'm vulnerable. We're all vulnerable to go down this path of addiction. There's no set script for what the person looks like. They come from well-to-do families. They can look put together, but they think they're invulnerable, especially the young kids."

Colucci, who got involved with FAN in 2010, believes it's the job of his own profession to go against the grain of long-standing medical practices when it comes to prescribing painkillers. He said people are still practicing under archaic rules.

**Doctor's responsibility**

"There's many stories of a 15-year-old that gets a knee scoped from a football injury," Colucci said. "They get a script for narcotics and then we lose them because that's what the doctor wrote, that's what doctor ordered, that's what the doctor said. And both the parent and the child are listening and, 'Yep, every six hours,' and they just follow what they're told."

"That's when I stepped in in 2010 and said, 'We're the problem, we're not helping as physicians.' The physicians that are prescribing, they're old school and we've developed a problem. Now it's our job to turn this around and reverse the problem that we have. It comes to education, educating the parents. It comes down to prescribing practices."

The message from the three panelists was identical, but was it getting through?

"I think we hit a couple of people," Colucci said. "There's still, unfortunately, some of the kids that were here where it didn't resonate at all. But obviously, it hit with the parents, it hit with the grandparents and it's a warning sign. If anything, when I go out, is that I try to educate. And I say, 'These are dangerous things and, physiologically, you don't need anything more for pain med more than 48-72 hours. And if you go beyond that, you're taking the risk.'"

**Message resonates**

For Novi senior basketball player Nik Williams, the presentation by Clayton, who spoke of his own journey and recovery of addiction, along with Daniels and Colucci did make an impression.

"I think it actually opened our eyes in the first place," Williams said. "I think it gives us a lot of information, lots of humbleness and I hope they can actually learn something today. And me, too, and I hope everything goes well for them and their family. I think it impacted me a lot and I'm glad that I came, actually listened and I learned a lot from this lesson."

Daniels believes progress is being made and the word is getting out about the dangers of opioids.

"I don't think it's under the radar anymore," he said. "I think it's out there now. When the president of the United States comes out and calls it a federal health emergency and we're lessening the amount of scripts that doctors can give to seven days. All the CDC's say all you should give is 72 hours — really, it's abstinence."

"For every one of you kids out there — don't start, abstinence, don't you put your parents in the position that I'm in right now. We're all vulnerable."



BOYS BASKETBALL

# CC’s Downs shows his ‘hops’ in win over Seaholm

Shamrocks pull away with 23-3 third-quarter run en route to 74-36 win

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As odd as it may sound, when it comes to playing basketball, Brendan Downs isn’t lacking in the “ups” department. The springy 6-foot-5 junior forward from Novi Detroit Catholic Central finished with a modest 10 points, but two of his field goals came on thunderous dunks as the Shamrocks rolled to a season-opening 74-36 win Dec. 5 night over visiting Birmingham Seaholm. Both slams came during the second quarter, just 34 seconds apart, with the first on a two-hand slam off a steal. Meanwhile, his second came off an alley-oop feed from teammate Keegan Koehler (12 points), a one-handed throw-down with 3:02 remaining in the first half



Downs

to make it 27-16. Later on, Downs just missed another dunk attempt on a one-handed alley-oop. “Keegan threw me the second one, too, but I was just a little too far,” Downs said. “I got to put it down next time.” How high Downs gets off the floor isn’t quite known, but CC coach Bill Dyer likes what he sees so far. “He can cover a lot of ground,” Dyer said. “If he really plays hard on defense and gets loose a few times, you never know what can happen.” Downs, who played on the JV squad last year, missed the second half of the season due to a bout with mononucleosis. “I missed eight or nine games,” he said. “It was rough missing, but I’m coming in strong and hoping to have a great year. I felt great, but I can definitely work on some things, improve for the big Catholic

League games coming up. I’m excited, but I can definitely play better. I have more in me and I’m excited to show it.” So how high is Downs’s vertical jump? “I haven’t exactly measured it yet, but I’m looking to find out soon because I know it’s pretty high,” said Downs, whose grandfather Billy was the captain of CC’s 1961 state championship team. Here are four other takeaways: **HUGE THIRD QUARTER** After leading 32-21 at half-time, the Shamrocks exploded in the third quarter with a 23-3 run as 6-6 junior forward Davis Lukomski scored 12 of his team-high 18 points. The Shamrocks shot 50 percent from the field during the second half (19-of-28) as 12 different CC players scored on the night. “We have a lot of depth about us and we’re young,” Dyer said. “We’re really young, but we have a great spirit about us and

a super set of kids that have been working hard since last season ended. We’ve got more guys than we’ve ever had in years past. Practice has been a little bit of a higher pace, a lot of running, a lot of passing. We have more basketball guys than we’ve had in the past 12 years that I’ve ever been here. Really kind of a different situation for us. Only two football guys this year.” **TURNOVER CITY** The Maples committed 28 turnovers on the night and made only 1-of-3 shots during the disastrous third quarter. “We couldn’t take care of the basketball, we couldn’t execute any of our offense,” Seaholm coach Mike DeGeeter said. “CC is a disciplined team with a lot of big guys and they play the right way. But they weren’t putting any pressure on us. A lot of the stuff was self-inflicted.” **SHINING LIGHT** Senior forward Cooper Mixon scored a team-high 18 points

on 7-of-12 shooting for the Maples, who will play this season in the Blue Division of the three-tier Oakland Activities Association. No other Seaholm player came close to reaching double figures. “Cooper is a good player,” DeGeeter said. “He’s played a lot of games in AAU.” **GOING FORWARD** Seaholm finished 11-11 last year, reaching the district final before losing to state quarterfinalist Troy by five points. But this is a different season and, after the 38-point drubbing in the season opener, DeGeeter is hoping to pick up the pieces. “We have three of our top six guys injured or out for one reason or another, so you can really see that on the floor,” he said. “I’ve got sophomores on the varsity that aren’t ready for that level yet. There’s a lot of work to do and a lot of coaching left on that plate.” *bemons@hometownlife.com*  
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BOYS SWIMMING

# Novi off to fast start, captures Tiger Relays

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The Novi boys swimming and diving team is out of the starting blocks quickly for the start of the 2017-18 season. On Dec. 9, the Wildcats captured the 16-team Tiger Relays with a meet-best 404 points, with host Fenton runner-up with 292 and Lake Orion third with 286. Novi opened its dual meet season Dec. 8 at home with a 115-71 triumph over Okemos. “I was very proud of how our boys swam at Fenton,” Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. “It was clear that we don’t have the conditioning this early in the season to compete two days in a row. However, our guys found a way to gut out some wins in some very close races.”

Novi captured five events at Fenton in the all-relay format. Among the first-place finishers for the Wildcats were Nitin Kinra, Erik Halboth, Minjae Kim and Maxwell Williams, 200-yard backstroke (1:48.94); Ben Robbins, Michael Prahm, Samuel Stefanek and Max Robbins, 850 crescendo (8:22.29); Alex Li, Lucas Quinn, Colin Quinn and Berj Vartanian, 200 breaststroke (2:04.55); and Adam Carozza, Alexander Yuan, Preston Harrell and Max Robbins, 400 freestyle (3:21.81). Novi’s 1-meter diving duo of Jack McClure and Junghahn Seok was also victorious (282.75 points). In the victory over Okemos, Max Robbins figured in three first-place finishes, sweeping the 50- and 100-yard freestyles in 23.45 and 51.27, respectively. He also teamed with Williams,

Daniel Chung and Carozza for a win in the 200 medley relay (1:45.08). Other individual winners for Novi included Brian Son, 200 freestyle (1:52.89); Carozza, 100 butterfly (55.53); and Harrell, 500 freestyle (5:14.47). The foursome of Son, Carozza, Harrell and Yuan took the 200 freestyle relay (1:32.73), while the 400 freestyle relay team of Son, Williams, Stefanek and Harrell was also victorious (3:29.45). Kevin Yan led the Chieftains with wins in the 200 individual medley (2:05.69) and 100 breaststroke (1:03.31). Other Okemos wins came from Hunter Hollenbeck (1-meter diving, 272.45 points) and Arya Kale (100 backstroke, 1:00.44).

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The Novi boys swimming and diving team celebrates Dec. 9 after winning the Tiger Relays at Fenton.

BOYS HOCKEY

# Catholic Central tops De La Salle for for sixth straight victory, 3-0

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It took quite a while, but Novi Detroit Catholic Central’s hockey team finally solved the riddle that was stationed in the opposing team’s net. The Shamrocks’ Rylan Clemons broke through with 7:40 left in the second period Dec. 6 against Warren De La Salle sophomore goalie Daniel Miscavich and it proved to be the game-winner as CC went on to defeat the defending MHSAA Division 3 state champions, 3-0, at USA Hockey Arena’s newly named Mitchel Kiefer Memorial Rink. Catholic Central, which dedicated the win to the late Mitchel Kiefer, a goalie on the 2016 Division 1 state championship team, improved to 6-2 overall and 4-0 in the North Division of the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League. De La Salle (2-3, 1-1 MIHL South), meanwhile, got a sterling performance from Miscavich, who made 32 saves before going down with an injury late in the final period. “That goalie — he’s really sharp, he’s really fast,” CC senior forward Jared Lee said of the Miscavich. “He was on the U-16 top 80 team, I think. I really don’t much personally about him and I don’t scout the other teams, but when were out there, he was on fire, a really good player. Eventually, we got stuff in. Good goalie. Good team.” The Shamrocks outshot the Pilots, 37-9, as CC junior goalie Steven Sleva had a relatively stress-free night in posting the shutout. Carter Korpi and Austen Gawronski assisted on Clemons’s game-winner, while Korpi made it 2-0 with 3:25 left in the second, off assists from Mitch Morris and Clemons. CC then put it way in the final period on Mitch Smith’s goal, from Joe Borthwick. “I don’t think we were very sharp tonight at moving the puck,” CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. “We have



Lee

some skill and I think there’s some areas that we certainly could have exploited just with our speed and skill and being able to move the puck. But we weren’t executing very well. And then they did a good job of making it difficult on us. They were closing down and finishing their hits, at times frustrating our guys. That’s a good thing for our guys to see and learn from and, hopefully, take it to the next level.” It was 0-0 after one period and CC didn’t score against the stingy Miscavich until 9:20 into the second period. “I would say the beginning of the game, we’ve got to come out flying,” Lee said. “We’re working on a few things to make sure the team is ready to go before games, stuff like that. I think some of us have some personal problems, but we just got to keep going. We’ve got to keep the team at higher level and be consistent, with no ups and downs.” It was their sixth straight victory for the Shamrocks, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, but Kaleniecki wasn’t doing any cartwheels afterward in the coaches office. “At the end of the day, a win is a win,” he said. “And 3-0, obviously, we had some chances to put up some more, but at the end of the day, we didn’t give up a ton of chances, so we’ve got to look at that as a positive.” Junior Andrew Grewette finished out the game in net for De La Salle, making two saves after Miscavich was helped to the bench. “The goalie played well, obviously,” Kaleniecki said. “It’s a shame to see him hurt. Obviously, we hope it’s nothing that’s going to keep him out any extended period of time, because he did play very well. Clearly, if he was going to see it, he was going to stop it tonight. And we need to do a little better job of being in the dirty areas of the net to make it tougher on him. And I don’t think we did that enough at times.” *bemons@hometownlife.com*  
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COLLEGE RECRUITING

# Lakeland swimmer Faulkner is headed to Davenport University

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White Lake Lakeland senior swimmer Riley Faulkner is taking her athletic and academic talents to Davenport University. Faulkner, a four-year MHSAA Division 1 state qualifier, will be part of the Pan-



Faulkner

thers’ inaugural season in 2018-19 under the direction of former Grand Valley State assistant coach Justin Vasquez. Faulkner, who committed to Davenport earlier this month, initially considered Saginaw Valley State and Northern

Michigan. At Lakeland, Faulkner helped the Eagles finished third in the inaugural Lakes Valley Conference meet with individual runner-up finishes in the 100- and 200-yard freestyle events. She also teamed with Liberty (Va.) University signee Emma Hazel, South Dakota signee Isabel Fairbanks and Kate

Doyle for first in the 200 freestyle (1:38.56) and 400 freestyle (3:35.56) relays. At the 2017 state finals Nov. 17-18 at Oakland University, Faulkner placed 19th in the 200 freestyle (1:55.95) and 23rd in the 200 freestyle (53.91). She was also part of the Eagles’ 19th-place 200 freestyle relay (1:40.50) 17th-place 400 freestyle relay (3:40.38).

Faulkner, who has been swimming competitively since age 8 for the Huron Valley Penguins under coach Janette Heaton, held the Lakeland 50 freestyle record for three years (24.79) and was also part of the school-record relay teams. *bemons@hometownlife.com*  
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YOUTH WRESTLING

# Matcats represented at Virginia Area Challenge

Yurkunas, Boller stand out for Michigan Select

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Michigan Matcats team members Beck Yurkunas and Gavin Boller stood out last weekend representing Michigan Select in the 17th annual USA Wrestling Virginia Area Challenge National Holiday Duals held at the Virginia

Beach (Va.) Convention Center.

Yurkunas, who lost only one match during the three-day tournament, earned a silver medal, while Boller took team Most Valuable Wrestler honors as Michigan Select placed 29th overall among the 98 state teams represented.

Other Matcats representing Michigan Select, which finished 4-6 in head-to-head duals, were Gunnar Pollins, Drake Pollins, Ethan Smith, Aiden Smith, Tayden Plave, Ryan Henderson, Easton Hardesty, Aidan

Meyers, Jake Matigan, Dru Taylor, Bronson Shinkonis, Benny Leece, Daniel Russell, Jace Garcia, Theo Hoadley, Jonah Koilpillai and Travis Richardson.

“This tournament finish was a big boost, as we’re just starting our regular season,” Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. “Many of these wrestlers are in mid-season form or better and looking to earn state titles.”

Michigan Select earned wins against Texas, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, while

narrowly losing twice by only one match.

“The VAC is commonly known as the toughest, most grueling three-day tournament in the country,” Richardson said. “While 29th may seem low for a finish, we’re all really proud. As the only school-based club facing teams filled with all state champions, it’s the highest we’ve ever finished.”

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The Michigan Matcats were well-represented at the Virginia Area Challenge National Holiday Duals. STEVE RICHARDSON

PREP BASEBALL

# Krol hired as new Milford coach

Junior varsity coach takes over after Spenser Adams resigned following two seasons

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Krol

mentals, so very rarely would you walk into one of his practices and see guys standing around. Everybody was at stations, everybody was moving, everybody had something to do during practice. The high energy improved the engagement at practice and then his calm demeanor during games last year really let the kids reach their full potential.”

The Milford High baseball program will have a new voice and leader in the dugout for the 2018 season.

On Nov. 20, athletic director Jim Marszalek announced that junior varsity coach Jeremy Krol has been elevated to the varsity position after Spenser Adams, who recently took a teaching position with the Waterford School District, turned in his resignation.

The 47-year-old Krol, 1988 graduate of Garden City High School, played one season as a pitcher-outfielder at Albion College before transferring and receiving a baseball scholarship to Madonna University, where he played his final three seasons. In 1990, he earned the school’s Mr. Baseball award.

For the past eight years, Krol has been actively involved with the West Oakland Wings travel baseball program, which he co-founded and where he will remain as head coach in 2018 for the Wings’ 16-and-under team.

“I think he brings experience,” Marszalek said. “When he came on last year, I thought he did a great job of bringing a lot of high energy to practices. A lot of his practices are based on repetition and funda-

Krol, who earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Madonna, is chief financial officer for JK&T Wings, Inc., a franchisee of Buffalo Wild Wings.

“Coach Krol plans to use his life-long experience in athletics to make a positive and lasting impact on all facets of the program,” Marszalek said. “His philosophy is deeply rooted in player development and helping his athletes focus on becoming quality young men and excellent citizens both on and off the field.”

Adams, an Aurora (Ill.) University grad and native of Martinsville, Ind., taught mathematics and coached both football and baseball at Milford while posting an overall record of 30-29 in two varsity baseball seasons.

The Mavericks finished 18-14 last season and 8-8 in the KLA West Division.

“Spenser took a full-time teaching job and told us he was unable to continue his duties at Milford,” Marszalek said.

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# High school winter sports season week in review (Dec. 4-10)

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**BOYS HOCKEY**

**MILFORD 3, NORTH-HARRISON 2 (OT):** Mitchell Balaka’s wrist shot from the top of the left circle proved to be the game-winner at the 6:28 mark in overtime as the Mavericks (4-5) downed the Farmington Hills United (0-8) in a non-conference game Dec. 9 at the Hartland Sports Center.

Milford, outshooting the Flyers 57-22, also got an unassisted short-handed goal from Tyler Conklin and another goal from Ben Kozar with only three seconds left in the first period from Jacob Briggs and Conklin to make it 2-1.

Blake Maddalena had a goal and assist, while Ben McColi added the other goal for the Flyers.

North Farmington-Harrison goalie Colin Woods made 54 saves, while Milford’s Hunter Bartholomew had 20 stops.

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN 7, LAKELAND 4:** Cam Galin had five goals and one assist and goalie Sean Lickford made 38 saves leading the Warriors (4-2-1, 2-1-1) to a Lakes Valley Conference win Dec. 9 over host White Lake Lakeland (4-4, 2-2) at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

Tyler West added a goal and assist, while Brad Barta also added goal for Western, which outscored Lakeland 4-1 in the final period.

Max Cohen scored twice for the Eagles, while Tyler Martin and Alex Libby had the other goals. Blake Jackson and Ben Getzen each chipped in with three assists.

Lakeland goalie Bryce Samoylov made 15 saves.

**BRIGHTON 4, NOVI 2:** On Dec. 8, Sam Brennan scored the unassisted game-winner with 15:02 left and Jason Verhelde added another goal during the final period as Bulldogs (6-0-1, 5-0) edged host Wildcats (3-5, 1-4) in a KLA Gold Division game at Novi Ice Arena.

Tim Erkkila added a goal and assist, while Jentz also scored for Brighton, ranked No. 1 and the defending Division 1 champions.

Novi tied it a 2-all with a pair of second period goals from Ryan Pinho (from Chris Martin) and Evan Chippa (from Maanas Sharma).

Ethan Hunsinger went all the way in goals for Novi, while Harrison Fleming was in net for Brighton.

**SOUTH LYON 5, MILFORD 0:** Goalie Nolan Smith made 23 saves en route to the shutout and Ashton Jones scored a pair of goals as South Lyon Unified (4-1, 4-0) downed the Mavericks (3-5, 1-3) in a LVC clash Dec. 8 at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Ryan Bigler and Brian Plochetski each added a goal and assist, while Aaron Caicco also added a goal for SLU, which led 3-0 after one period and 4-0 after two.

Milford goalie Hunter Bartholomew made 19 saves.

**NORTHVILLE 5, TRAVERSE CITY WEST 3:** Owen Finkbeiner had a goal and two assists, leading the Mustangs (5-1) to a non-conference win Dec. 8 over host Traverse City West (2-1-2) at Howe Arena.

Northville, which led 3-1 after one period, also got one goal and one assist from Ryan Siegert, Noah Ecklerle and Joe Tobon, while Brendan Lovett had the other goal, while other assists went to Jimmy Dales and Tyler Balok.

Northville combined Owen Moruzi and Nate Williams for 14 saves.

Michael Alexseykov, Andrew Richenberg

and Zach VanAntwerp scored for the Titans.

**DETROIT CC 9, PORT HURON NORTHERN 0:** On Dec. 7, Brendan West racked up two goals and three assists as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (7-2, 5-0) ended the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League North Division game after two periods against host Port Huron Northern (2-4, 0-4) at McMorran Arena.

Other multiple CC point producers included Jared Lee (two goals, one assist), Dylan Montie (three assists), Zach Borchardt (two goals), Kyle Gaffney (one goal, one assist), Joe Borthwick (two assists), Ryan Hausman (two assists).

Mitch Morris and Carter Korpi also tallied goals, while Dylan Bachalo added an assist.

CC goalie Zach Allen made 10 saves to post the shutout, while Huskies netminder Kyle O’Brien had 14 saves on 25 shots.

**STEVENSON 4, NOVI 0:** In a crossover game Dec. 6, host Livonia Stevenson (5-1, 3-1 KLA Black) blanked the Wildcats (3-4, 1-3 KLA Gold) as goalies Will Tragger (18 saves) and Eric Polzin (one save) combined on the shutout at Edgar Arena.

Cole Parkhurst had a goal and assist, while Jake Beaune added two assists for the victorious Spartans, who led 1-0 after one period and 3-0 after two. Other goals came from Vincent Decina, Jack Williamson and Brenden Preiss.

Julian Decina, Logan Durham and Josh Suzio also drew assists for the No. 1-ranked Spartans (Division 2).

Novi junior goaltender Ethan Hunsinger made 39 saves.

**NORTHVILLE 6, GRAND BLANC 0:** On Dec. 5, goalie Owen Moruzi had to make just six saves en route to the shutout as the Mustangs (4-1, 2-1) blanked the host Bobcats in a KLA Gold encounter at the Doret Federal Credit Union Arena.

Offensively, junior forward Rohan Barad led the Mustangs with one goal and two assists, while Jack Sargent and Alex Garback each added two goals and one assist. Brendan Lovetted added a goal and assists. Other assists went to Jimmy Dales (two) and Ryan Siegert (one).

Alexi Francoeur was heroic in defeat for Grand Blanc with 45 saves.

**LAKELAND 7, GRAND LEDGE-FOWLERVILLE 2:** Ben Getzen scored two goals and added two assists while goaltender Bryce Samoylov made 25 saves on Dec. 6 leading White Lake Lakeland (4-3) to the non-conference victory Grand Ledge-Fowlerville Unified (2-2).

Max Cohen added one goal and two assists, while Hayden Baker, Blake Johnson and Nick Hirbosky each chipped in with a goal and assist. Nick Casianelli also had a goal. Alex Libby collected two assists, while Tyler Martin had one.

Grand Ledge, trailing 4-0 after two periods, got third period goals from Cameron Daniels and Ethen Chanault.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

**DETROIT CC 84, UTICA FORD 42:** On Dec. 10, junior forward Davis Lukomski led a balanced scoring attack with 16 points as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (2-0) rolled to a win over the Falcons (0-2) in the MAC-Catholic League Challenge at the University of Detroit Mercy’s Calihan Hall.

Keegan Koehler and Brendan Downs added 12 and 10, respectively, for the Shamrocks, who jumped out to a 49-25 halftime lead.

Colin Cornwell scored nine points for Ford.

**NORTHVILLE 53, FORDSON 51 (OT):** Paul Kearsir hit four triples en route to a team-high 19 points on Dec. 8 as the host

Mustangs (1-1) pulled out an overtime victory over Dearborn Fordson (0-2).

Mark Grimes added 13 points, including three triples, as Northville outscored the Tractors 9-7 in the fourth-minute extra period. The Mustangs made only 6-of-15 free throws.

Yousuf Farhat, who led a 19-9 fourth-quarter run before fouling out, scored a game-high 26 points for the Tractors, who were 4-of-5 from the line.

**LAKELAND 61, HENRY FORD ACADEMY 29:** In the Winter Breakout on Dec. 9, 6-foot-9 senior center Cass Phillips recorded his first double-double of the year with 10 points and 11 rebounds as host White Lake Lakeland (2-0) rolled past Detroit Henry Ford Academy for Creative Studies (0-2) in the nightcap of the Winter Breakout quadruple-header.

Patrick McDonald scored a team-high 12 points for the victorious Eagles, who jumped out to a 12-0 first quarter lead and never looked back.

Sean Cullen, Jordan Shaw and Kyle Flowers each contributed points, while Cody McComas filled the stat sheet with six points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals. Lakeland was 11-of-15 from the foul line.

Purdue University signee Trevion Williams, a 6-foot-10 senior center, paced Henry Ford with 10 points. Henry Ford was 9-of-19 shooting from the foul line.

**MILFORD 73, HARRISON 49:** Senior forward Kyle Socerberg led the way with 18 points and 13 rebounds leading the Mavericks (1-0) to a season-opening victory Dec. 8 over visiting Farmington Hills Harrison (0-1).

Milford, which led 33-24 at halftime and 53-36 after three quarters, also got contributions from Gunnar Gustafson (16 points, eight rebounds), Aiden Warzecha (14 points, 11 assists) and J.T. Sarafa (14 points).

Trey Walker paced the Hawks with 12 points.

**SOUTH LYON EAST 48, STOCK-BRIDGE 47:** Nick Branton, a 6-foot-6 sophomore, made his varsity debut a special one hitting 9-of-11 shots from the floor en route to a game-high 18 points on Dec. 8 as the host Cougars (1-1) edged the Panthers (0-2) in a non-conference game.

Brandon missed his entire freshman season with a dislocated shoulder and missed the season opener with a sprained ankle as East overcame a 46-41 deficit with 55 seconds left with a 7-1 run.

Junior Chris Kaminski, who hit a key three-pointer down the stretch, took over the point-guard duties and sparked the defense limiting Stockbridge’s top scorer, Chris Hall (13 points) to two during the second half.

**LAKELAND 53, FENTON 36:** On Dec. 5, host White Lake Lakeland (1-0) used a 23-6 second quarter run to subdue the Tigers (0-1) in a season-opening non-conference win for new coach Ron Thompson.

Patrick McDonald paced Lakeland with 15 points, while Kyle Flowers added nine. Senior center Cass Phillips pulled down 12 rebounds. The Eagles made nine 3-pointers and were 8-of-15 from the foul stripe.

Adison McIntosh scored 14 points for Fenton, which made 5-of-11 from the line.

**SOUTH LYON 64, BEDFORD 61:** Noah Grimes poured in 27 points and Ben Cell added 19 lifting the Lions (1-0) to a season-opening triumph Dec. 5 at Temperance Bedford (0-1).

Zach Lewandowski scored 23, while Dylan Blossom added 18 for the Kicking Mules.

**NEW BOSTON HURON 57, SOUTH**

**LYON EAST 55:** On Dec. 5, Zack Gulletts-Stafford scored 15 points, but host South Lyon East (0-1) couldn’t overcome a 17-8 first quarter deficit thanks to eight turnovers in a season-opening loss to the Chieftains (1-0).

East, which rallied to take a 44-42 lead in the fourth, got 11 points off the bench from Lucas Bird and 10 from Marc Garland. (Gulletts-Stafford was a perfect 8-for-8 from the free throw line.)

Vinnie Wroblewski and Christian Crawford scored 19 and 17 points, respectively, for New Boston.

**SALINE 39, NORTHVILLE 25:** On Dec. 5, Griffin Yaklich scored a game-high 14 points and Emmett Turner added 12 to lead the Hornets (1-0) past the host Mustangs (0-1) in the season opener.

Gary Laskowski, Mark Grimes and Steven Morrissey each had five for Northville, which trailed 23-9 at halftime and 31-16 after three quarters.

Both teams shot poorly from the foul line with Saline 4-of-13 and Northville 5-of-15.

**SKYLINE 72, NOVI 56:** In the season opener Dec. 5, Ann Arbor Skyline (1-0) led from start-to-finish to upend the host Wildcats (0-1) in a non-conference encounter.

The Eagles led 36-26 at halftime before putting it away with a 24-15 third-quarter run to go up 60-41.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**NOVI 58, LAKELAND 31:** Senior guard Ellie Mackay led a balanced scoring attack with 10 points to go along with five rebounds and two assists as the Wildcats (3-0) rolled to a non-conference win Dec. 8 at White Lake Lakeland (0-4).

Emalee Lowes added nine points, while Anna Biberstein chipped in with six points and six boards for Novi. Jenna Daschke and Ireland Whelan also contributed six points each.

Senior Julia Lock led the Eagles with seven points and four rebounds. Senior Megan Depolo added six rebounds, while Kara Kulis had six points.

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN 72, FRANKLIN ROAD 37:** Jordan Waiczky scored 20 points and Jenna Galecki added 12 on Dec. 8 as host Wallled Lake Western (4-0) rolled to a non-conference win over Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-2).

Rachel Bause had 21 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks for the Warriors, who couldn’t overcome a 40-16 halftime deficit. Chanelle Lochrie added 11 points and three assists.

**NORTHVILLE 51, FORDSON 37:** The Mustangs (2-0) jumped out to a 26-9 halftime lead and never looked back to earn a non-conference win Dec. 8 over host Dearborn Fordson (3-1).

All 10 Northville players scored led by senior guard Kendall Dillon’s 13 points. Sophomore Tara Beason added eight. The Mustangs were only 7-of-19 from the foul stripe.

Rane El-Husseini scored a game-high 16 points to lead the Tractors, who went 15-of-25 from the line.

**MILFORD 36, PINCKNEY 34:** In the annual Teddy Bear Toss game Dec. 7, the host Mavericks (2-2) got a pair of clutch free throws from Abby Krapp with 11 seconds left to hold off the Pirates.

Tied 25-all going into the final period, Jayne Bailey’s 18-foot jumper with a minute left put Milford ahead to stay, 34-32. Allison Smith had seven points and four rebounds during the quarter.

A total of 119 Teddy Bears were donated to Mott Children’s Hospital.

**NOVI 49, SOUTH LYON 22:** Seniors

Ellie Mackay and Mikayla Lynch each tallied 10 points leading the Wildcats (2-0) to a convincing non-conference Dec. 6 win over the Lions (2-1).

Junior Anna Biberstein added eight points for Novi, which led 28-8 at halftime and 41-11 after three quarters.

Sarah Ash and Chloe Grimes tallied eight and six points, respectively, for South Lyon.

**LAKE FENTON 47, MILFORD 40:** Olivia Seestadt’s first career double-double of 10 points and 16 rebounds went in vain on Dec. 5 as the host Mavericks (1-2) fell to the Blue Devils (2-1) in a non-conference encounter.

Milford, unable to hold a 22-20 halftime lead, also got seven points apiece from Megan Wallace and Abby Krapp.

**FENTON 56, LAKELAND 26:** On Dec. 5, the host Tigers (1-1) jumped out to a 25-12 halftime lead and pulled away with an 18-5 third quarter run to beat White Lake Lakeland (0-3) in a non-conference game.

Skyilar Baer finished with eight points for the Eagles, while senior forward Megan Depolo added six. Sophomore guard Megan Reiter and freshman guard Naveah Garcia, playing in her first varsity game, also each added five.

**FRANKLIN ROAD 69, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 28:** Rachel Bause led the way with 16 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks lifting Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-1) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Association crossover win Dec. 5 over visiting Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (1-2).

Alexis Butler added 12 points, five steals and seven assists, while Chanelle Lochrie chipped in with 11 points, four assists and two steals for the victorious Warriors, who led 26-10 at halftime and 54-21 after three quarters.

**SOUTH LYON 50, TRUMAN 24:** On Dec. 4, Morgan Booth scored a game-high 18 points to lift the host Lions (2-0) past Taylor Truman (0-1) in a non-conference encounter.

South Lyon led 28-7 at halftime and 36-15 after three quarters as junior center Chloe Grimes added a triple-double with 10 points, 11 rebounds and 12 blocks.

**BOYS SWIMMING**

**SOUTH LYON UNIFIED 113, PINCKNEY 73:** Brandon Bell figured in four first-place finishes as South Lyon Unified (1-0) won nine-of-12 events en route to a 113-73 season-opening win Dec. 7 at Pinckney (0-1).

Bell captured the 200-yard individual medley (2:13.05) and 100 breaststroke (1:06.06). He also teamed up with Logan Boals, Christian Etnyre and James Perry for a win in the 200 medley relay (1:43.45). The foursome of Bell, Jackson Southwell, Boals and Max Kempisty also won the 200 freestyle relay (1:35.86).

Other first-place finishers for SLU included Perry, 200 freestyle (1:55.28); Jack LeFevre, 1-meter diving (186.20 points); Etnyre, 100 butterfly (56.38); and Kempisty, 500 freestyle (5:03.74).

SLU’s 400 freestyle relay team of Kellen Weeks, Perry, Etnyre and Kempisty also won in 3:31.45.

The Pirates’ David Turner swept the 50- and 100 freestyles in 22.22 and 49.74, respectively. Zach Beckwith added a first for Pinckney in the 100 backstroke (1:02.45).

**NOVI 122, CANTON 64:** On Dec. 5, Brian San captured the 200-yard individual medley (2:02.23) and 100 butterfly (54.71) leading the host Wildcats (1-0) to a KLA cross-over dual meet win over the Chiefs (0-1).

Other first-place finishers for Novi included Adam Carozza, 50 freestyle (23.02); Jack McClure, 1-meter diving (186.00 points); Max Robbins, 500 freestyle (4:58.62); Riley Carpenter, 100 backstroke (58.21); and Colin Quinn, 100 breaststroke (1:06.42).

Novi’s 200 freestyle relay team of Carozza, Maxwell Williams, Alexander Yuan and Daniel Chung also placed first in 1:33.61.

Daniel Mullen led Canton with firsts in the 100- and 200 freestyles with times of 49.62 and 1:47.38, respectively. He also teamed up with Ethan Shimones, Tristen Shao and Derek Goders for a first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:22.03).

**GYMNASTICS**

**POWERWALL INVITATIONAL:** On Dec. 8, freshman Nicole Graham finished third in the all-around with a score of 36.15 as the Huron Valley United posted a first-place team total of 142.075.

Graham was second on vault (8.975); third on the uneven parallel bars (8.875) and balance beam (9.15) and seventh on floor exercise (9.15).

Nicole’s sister Lauren, a senior, tied for first on bars with teammate Erin Murphy (9.05 each) and added a sixth on floor (9.225). Murphy, a junior, also placed seventh on beam (8.85).

Other top placers included freshman Morgan Hester, who took six on beam (8.875) and sophomore Rachel Palaien, who was seventh on bars (8.45).

**WRESTLING**

**GROVES SUPER DUALS:** On Dec. 9, South Lyon finished 0-4 in the Birmingham Groves Super Duals losing to Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep (42-26), Troy (59-21), Detroit Mumford (42-33) and the host Falcons (54-17).

Max Honiss (119 pounds) went 4-0 on the day to lead South Lyon, while Donovan Rogers (119) finished 3-1.

**BOYS BOWLING**

**KETERING 22, LAKELAND 8:** On Dec. 8, host Waterford Kettering (2-0) came away with the Lakes Valley Conference win over White Lake Lakeland (1-1) despite a 217-182 two-game set from Aaron Lenz.

Other top individual games for the Eagles came from Nick Kotsonas (200), Michael Curtis (200) and Jon Barnes (182).

**LAKELAND 26, MILFORD 4:** Aaron Lenz posted a high game of 267 and Michael Curtis contributed a 202 as White Lake Lakeland (1-0) defeated the Mavericks (0-1) in an LVC match at Century Bowl in Waterford.

**GIRLS BOWLING**

**LAKELAND 25, KETERING 5:** Taylor McBride rolled a single game 230 and Jenny Pelc added a 212 to lift White Lake Lakeland (2-0) to a Lakes Valley Conference triumph Dec. 8 over host Waterford Kettering (1-1).

**LAKELAND 28, MILFORD 2:** Jenny Pelc rolled a 213-193 two-game series as White Lake Lakeland (1-0) defeated the rival Mavericks (0-1) in an LVC dual at Waterford’s Century Bowl.

Other top scorers for the Eagles included Amber Robertson (183-202) and Taylor McBride (196-180).

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# Understanding any investment is key to good decisions

The other day, I received a call from a friend. He told me that he just invested in some bitcoins. He wanted to know if I had invested in bitcoins and if he should buy more. I have not invested in Bitcoins and the reason is simple: I don't understand enough about them. I have always believed that you should only invest in things you understand. At that point, I asked my friend if he could help educate me on bitcoins and, as he was explaining them to me, it became quite evident that he knew less about bitcoins than I did.

After a while, it was obvious even to my friend that he did not understand bitcoins. He didn't understand what they were, how they operate or even



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the risks involved in owning them. I told him he did not make an investment, but that he was gambling with that money. I told him he was gambling because he knew nothing about bitcoins and was merely hoping they would continue to rise in value. It is sort of the same logic that cost investors billions when the dot-coms blew up. They didn't understand the risks involved. There's nothing wrong with gambling or even speculating on stocks, but you should only gamble or speculate with mon-

ey you can afford to lose.

As I mentioned, I don't know enough about bitcoins to make an intelligent decision of whether I should invest in them or not. One of the rules that I live by is that I don't invest in anything that I don't understand. It doesn't mean I have to be an expert, but at a minimum I should understand how I can make money, how I can lose money and how I can get my money out when I choose to. If you don't understand those basic, the most prudent course of action is to walk away.

It is always mind-boggling to me when I meet investors who have invested a substantial sum of money in a product they don't understand. When someone invests in a product

they don't understand, it leads to investors panicking and costing them a substantial amount of money by making the wrong decisions. The more you understand an investment, the better an investor you will be.

As adults, we have to be able to admit to ourselves when we don't understand an investment. In fact, one of the credos that I live by is "kiss" (keep it simple, stupid). All too often, investors think that if an investment is very complex and difficult to understand that it's somehow more sophisticated and is something they should invest in. This is the same perverted logic that Barry Madoff used in enticing investors to his scam. The smart investors were the ones

who walked away, because they didn't understand the investment.

If you want to be a better investor, you should make sure you only invest in investments that you understand, such as what market forces drive them and how you liquidate the investment when you desire. I think you will find if you focus on investments you understand, you'll be a better investor. The result will be more money in your pocket, exactly where it belongs.

Good luck!

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## AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to [LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com](mailto:LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com). Items must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

### NHS holiday concerts

Northville High School's holiday concerts, "The Gift of Song," will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 19-21 in the school's auditorium. Tickets are \$10. Contact [prycema@northvilleschools.org](mailto:prycema@northvilleschools.org). NHS Music Boosters raffle tickets (\$50) are available via [karenjo@aol.com](mailto:karenjo@aol.com). Raffle winners will be announced at the final concert.

### Author book-signing

Local author Cynthia Williams is scheduled to have a book-signing event at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at My Little Paris Café & Bookstore, 141 E Main Street, in Northville. Williams has written two books: "Growing Up in the D: My Grandfather, My Mother, and Me," a history about Detroit during the 1950s and '60s which includes historic photographs from Alan Deneau, and "The Whispering Pines Inn," a historical/fiction and humor book about life in East Jordan, Mich., circa 1963.

### 'Sleeping Beauty' at Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., in Northville, will stage a production of "Sleeping Beauty" during the months of December and January. Performances are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday, through Jan. 28 (except Dec. 23-24 and 30-31), as well as Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 26-29.

Tickets for all performances are \$9. No children under age 3. Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more are available, as well as birthday parties and Scout days.

For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110, email [marquis.theatre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marquis.theatre@sbcglobal.net), go to [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com) or view on Facebook at [facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMi](https://facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMi).

### 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. 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. Admission is free.

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

### Advent lessons and carols service

The community is invited at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, to St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce Street, in Milford, to come together in singing joy-filled songs and hymns of the holiday season and hear scripture lessons that tell the historical background of the birth of Christ.

After the service, an old English-style gala holiday buffet will be held in the parish hall. Enjoy Christmas cookies and cheeses and crackers washed down with tea, coffee and hot mulled cider wassail.

### Marquis Theatre auditions

Northville's Marquis Theatre will be holding auditions for its next show, "Velveten Rabbit," at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., for children ages 8-16.

Those auditioning will be asked to sing "Do-Re-Mi" from the "Sound of Music" (accompanist will be provided) and read a poem or a monologue, no longer than 90 seconds (does not have to be memorized).

For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110, email [marquis.theatre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marquis.theatre@sbcglobal.net), go to [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com) or view on Facebook at [facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMi](https://facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMi).

### Human Trafficking 101

A new South Lyon group calling itself Sparrow Freedom Project will host a class concerning human trafficking 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018, at First United Methodist Church,

640 S. Lafayette, in South Lyon. Guest speaker will be professor David L. Manville of Eastern Michigan University, an expert on human trafficking.

This free community awareness event is open to the public. Monetary and toiletry donations will be collected to assist survivors affected by human trafficking.

Register by Jan. 21 at [www.sparrowfreedomproject.org](http://www.sparrowfreedomproject.org). For more information, email [anita@sparrowfreedomproject.org](mailto:anita@sparrowfreedomproject.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).

### 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).

# Obituaries

To place an ad, call 586-826-7171 or visit [mideathnotices.com/place.php](http://mideathnotices.com/place.php)

### Curtis Berenguer

BOISE, ID - First Lieutenant Curtis Charles Berenguer unexpectedly passed on, the afternoon of 3 December, 2017. Born to Janet and Gilbert Berenguer on 27 November, 1992 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Curtis graduated from Novi High School in 2010. He pursued his dream of becoming a fighter pilot at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he graduated with a degree in systems engineering in 2014 with honors. He was accepted into the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. It was during this time that he married Colleen Walker Berenguer on 23 May, 2015. They were then stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, North Carolina where he completed additional training to become an F-15E pilot. They were then stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Mountain Home, Idaho, and purchased their first home in neighboring Boise. Kurt was a mission-qualified Strike Eagle pilot and had just been accepted into a master's program at Embry Riddle, where he would study aviation operations. He had an unmatched passion for life and enjoyed playing guitar, traveling, scuba diving, and, above all else, spending time with his family and friends. We will always cherish his smile, his infectious laugh, and the goodness of his heart that has touched so many lives. A memorial service was held at Mountain Home Air Force Base for squadron members and immediate family. A funeral mass will be held in Colorado Springs at the United States Air Force Academy on Friday, 15 December, 1330, where Kurt will be laid to rest. There will be a memorial service in Novi, Michigan in April 2018. His memory lives on through his loving wife Colleen (Colorado Springs, Colorado), brother Collin (Annapolis, Maryland), sister Allyson (Fort Collins, Colorado), parents Janet and Gilbert (Summerville, South Carolina), and grandparents Charles and Lou Berenguer (Vallejo, California) and Charles Greene (Utica, Michigan).



### Roland E. Muirhead

SOUTH LYON - Age 70, son of Roland and Lillian Muirhead, he passed away on 12/5/2017. Roland was loved by many. He was the kindest most loving man you could meet. He had two passions in his life, his sons and being a nurse for 45 years. Roland is survived by his sons, Timothy (Roxanne) and Tadd (Tracy), and his grandsons; Joey, Jordan and Zachary. Roland will be missed by many! Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



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Rick Cook  
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Dad & Mom*

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### Ryan Fecho

NOVI - Ryan Fecho of Novi, October 20, 1982 - November 21, 2017. Expressions of sympathy may be made at [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

### Eleanor Stonik

SOUTH LYON - Eleanor Stonik of South Lyon September 27, 1928 - December 4, 2017. Expressions of sympathy may be made at [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

### Jean Pocket

NOVI - Jean Pocket of Novi August 24, 1950 - December 5, 2017. Expressions of sympathy may be made at [O'BrienSullivanFuneral.com](http://O'BrienSullivanFuneral.com)



# The original Olga stops at Westland store

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The Olga's Kitchen at Westland Shopping Center unveiled a new look and a familiar face — restaurant founder and namesake Olga Loizon — came for the ribbon-cutting.

At nearly 92, Loizon still makes visits to the restaurants — 27 locations currently — that came from the concept she launched in Birmingham in 1971.

"I never would have dreamed that all this would happen. I'm very proud of the company and what they're doing with my idea," Loizon said. "I'm glad things are moving forward. I love what I'm doing. I'll never retire."

The ribbon-cutting with Westland Mayor William Wild, city officials and representatives of the Schostak Co., which purchased Olga's Kitchen two years ago, was to celebrate a \$250,000 remodeling of the restaurant. Olga's Kitchen has been at Westland Shopping Center for 38 years.

Olga's Kitchen developed after Loizon and her three children took a trip to Greece to visit relatives. The kids — ages 12, 14 and 18 — fell in love with souvlaki, meat sandwiches wrapped in pita bread.

"I did it to make my kids happy. They liked (souvlaki) so much, that's all they wanted to eat," Loizon said. "I'm Greek-American. I knew I could make a lot of other kids

happy."

The first obstacle for Loizon came when she tried to purchase the vertical rotisserie used for the souvlaki meat to have shipped home from Greece.

"I heard someone in the kitchen swearing about me in Greek. I said, 'I've got money. I want to take it to the states,'" she said. "I was talking Greek to the guy at the counter. He told me to get out. I left a cab waiting — I told him I'd be half an hour."

Her children were asking if she had gotten the machine and were disappointed when she returned empty-handed. She went to visit an uncle, told him what had happened and he returned to the business, which sold him the machine.

The first Olga's was an 11-foot by 14-foot space in the Continental Market, sharing space with other businesses, including a meat market, produce shop and a jewelry store.

"The sandwich was 75 cents. We had no pop machine, no cash register, just a drawer with the money in it," said Bill Loizon, Olga's son.

"We couldn't afford it. The rent was \$150 a month. Bill was worried that we wouldn't make it (the rent)," Olga Loizon said. "We made \$14 the first day. I said we just have to be patient, be nice to the customers. I said we have to work harder."

Since there wasn't a mixer, Olga Loizon hand-made the pita bread and wore out several rolling pins. When Olga's was sold to a larger company after a few years, Olga Loizon continued working for the restaurants, including making the pita



Westland Mayor William Wild cuts the ribbon. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

bread — she still owned that recipe. But she did use a commercial mixer by then.

"The family stood behind me. The only one was (her husband) John. He says he's not doing it and he's not giving me a dime (for the business)," said Loizon, who has been married to her architect husband for 71 years.

While John Loizon didn't like the idea of his wife opening a restaurant, sometimes he couldn't stay away.

"We had been open about a year. We're cutting meat and making pita bread when mom said, 'Don't say anything, but your dad is out there.' He might have been hanging around for a while," Bill Loizon said. "Someone had said to him they should go to his

wife's restaurant."

Decades later, Olga Loizon said she remembers a trip to the downtown Hudson's store, where a woman was on the fourth floor telling fortunes. She decided she'd like to get her fortune told.

"It's not against my religion. She told me I had three kids — two boys and a girl. Then she goes, 'Oh.' I didn't want to hear if it was bad news," she said. "She said my first name was Olga and she saw my name in lights."

Today, Olga's name is in lights outside 27 restaurants: one in Illinois, the rest around Michigan.

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Olga Loizon is introduced. At left is son Bill Loizon. At right is store manager Kelly Hughes. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Improve your energy levels to work your best

BY PETER JONES  
THEJOBNETWORK

The grind of wake-work-sleep-repeat five times a week is enough to make anyone tired. Fold in family obligations, housework and, you know, the occasional night out of fun, and it's no wonder that most of us are exhausted by 2 p.m. every day.

If you want to feel better so you can work better, you don't have to make huge life changes in order to see results. Start small with the following tips and fold them into your life bit by bit. If you're diligent about changing your ways, your physical and mental energy are sure to see a boost.

Eat good, whole foods.

Whole grains, protein and fruit are great ways to keep your brain and body going, even if you're not feeling your perkier.

Try oatmeal with a banana or berries and a sprinkling of nuts for breakfast instead of that muffin or bagel. Store healthy snacks in your desk or in the common fridge so you have good options when you're lagging and need an energy or blood sugar boost — try almonds, carrots and hummus or plain popcorn.

If you're prepared when hunger strikes, you won't go



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searching for a vending machine. And don't forget to hydrate. Keep a refillable bottle by your desk for water and a mug for green tea, which is less dehydrating and much healthier than coffee.

Get enough sleep.

"Enough sleep" will differ from person to person. According to the National Sleep Foundation, adults need seven to nine hours.

Of course, this is just an average, and you know your body best. For you, a restful sleep might mean eight hours, or it might mean five. If you're

exhausted every day, chances are you need to increase your sleep time.

Try adding 30 minutes every day and taking note of how you feel the next workday. Once you start to feel more rested, you likely have found a sweet spot.

The issue for most working adults is finding the time at the end of the day to wind down and actually fall asleep at a reasonable hour. If you establish a bedtime routine and turn off electronics in the hour leading up to your bedtime, sleep will come easier. Adding in exercise a few days

a week can only help.

Finally, it's not the best idea to consume caffeine after lunch, so watch your coffee and soda consumption.

Move around.

If you're drooping midday, move your body to wake it up. Are you able to get out for a lunch break? If so, take advantage — even a 20-minute daily walk in fresh air will do wonders for your energy levels and your morale.

Can you make it to the gym, do a quick workout video or go for a jog at least three times a week? Even better. If

you just don't have the time, take 15 minutes at home (in front of the TV will do) to stretch your body every night. Anything to get the blood moving will make you feel and perform better at work.

Check your vices.

Smoking and drinking alcohol might feel like crutches that you desperately need to keep functioning, but both can have adverse effects on both your energy and your health. If you don't want to cut them out, at least aim to cut back.

Make a workday soundtrack.

This one is fun: If you're allowed to play music or use headphones while you work, take advantage.

Every night, take a few minutes to create a playlist of tunes that will keep you motivated throughout the next day. It's more difficult to doze off when you're (silently) singing along to your favorites. When a long day stretches ahead of you, a curated music list is a small pleasure you can anticipate.

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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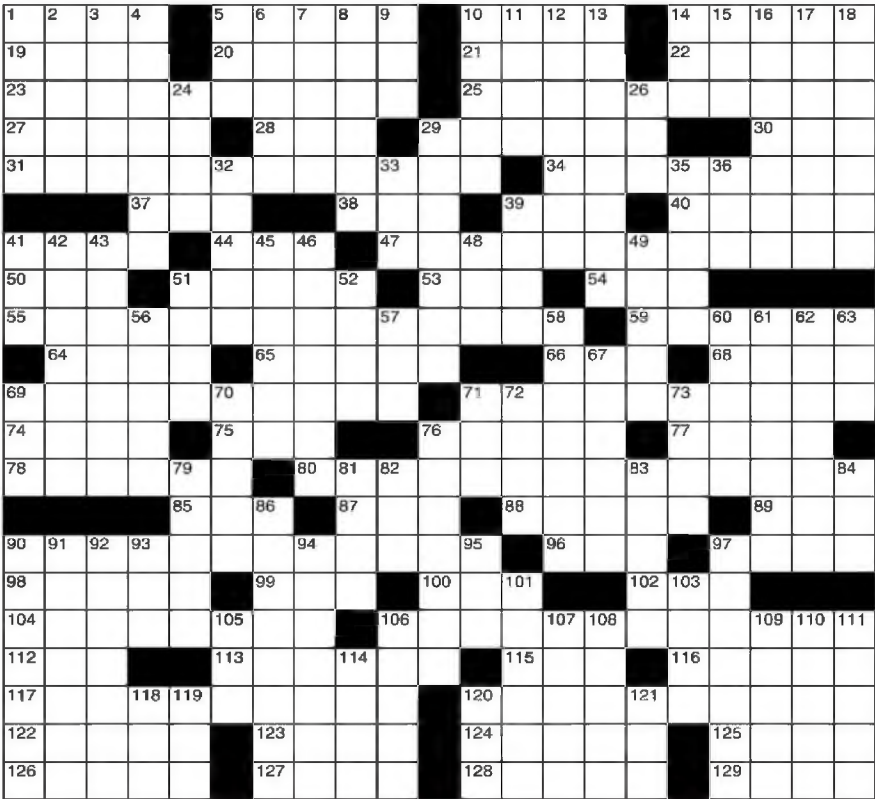
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## THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**  
1 Creole cooking pot  
5 Early Andeans  
10 Concert stage items  
14 Disgrace  
19 Cover thickly  
20 Declines  
21 Wrongful act, legally  
22 Of the ear  
23 Grabs hold of a fish?  
25 Give a fish medication?  
27 Choose (to)  
28 Baseball stat  
29 Like spoiled cooking oil  
30 Ciamor  
31 Fish smeared with black gunk?  
34 Cheeky  
37 Have bills  
38 Mineo of "Giant"  
39 Suffix for an enzyme  
40 Not as cruel  
41 Turn liquid  
44 Old horse  
47 Fish drifting about aimlessly?  
50 Actor Stiller  
51 Baseball stat  
53 Hoppy quaff
- DOWN**  
2 Eightsome  
3 Aussie critter  
4 Leaf-gathering tool user  
5 Had to admit an error  
6 Theoretical things  
7 Unclothed  
8 Bow of "It"  
9 Holy tables  
10 Atlanta-to-Miami dir.  
11 Perfumery oil  
12 Bards' A.M.  
13 On-the-nose  
14 Furniture finishers  
15 Went unused  
16 Palette part  
17 Erte's style  
18 Seafarer  
19 Hyundai compact  
20 Crock-Pot meal  
21 Grid stats  
22 Puts more ammo in  
23 AI — (pasta preference)  
24 Seafarer  
25 Long side up  
26 Max. or min.  
27 "I'll second that"
- ACROSS**  
54 Wash. bigwig  
55 Fish covered with more grit?  
59 Modifies  
64 Conceal  
65 Fake ID  
66 1,051, in old Rome  
68 Larch, e.g.  
69 Makes a fish more softhearted?  
71 Honey-colored fish?  
74 Score — with (impress)  
75 It's south of Can.  
76 Eye parts with irises  
77 Splits  
78 Triplets of adjacent nucleotides  
80 Cures a fish by salting and drying?  
85 Western treaty inits.  
87 Hide — hair  
88 Actress Davis of "The Matrix Reloaded"  
89 Ending for Bronx  
90 Fish that's a sainted guardian?
- DOWN**  
96 O'er there  
97 For fear that  
98 Runner Bolt  
99 "Botch- —" (Rosemary Clooney hit)  
100 It precedes Sept.  
102 Barely obtain, with "out"  
104 Gratify, as a base instinct  
106 Accept a Facebook request from a fish?  
112 Boat in Genesis  
113 Twilled fabrics  
115 Old's opposite, in German  
116 Yellow tropical fruit  
117 Teach a fish privately?  
120 Catches a fish in a net?  
122 Flee to get hitched  
123 Lance cpl.'s org.  
124 Free-for-all  
125 Fair shelter  
126 Philly's train system  
127 Light meal  
128 French river to the Rhone
- ACROSS**  
129 Singer Anita or Aubrey  
41 Samantha Bee's station  
42 Expulsion  
43 Earthworm, e.g.  
45 2009 "Star Trek" director J.J.  
46 Seepage of methane, e.g.  
48 Heavyweight great  
49 Put on TV again  
51 Suffers  
52 Dog part  
56 "I'll second that"  
57 Informer  
58 Envoy's building  
60 Just clear of the bottom, as an anchor  
61 Boarding school student, informally  
62 Some china ensembles  
63 Divinity sch.  
67 Not as much  
69 Bud  
70 Actress Sarandon  
71 Rd.'s cousin  
72 No more than  
73 Cheese type  
76 Hubbubs  
79 Not a soul
- DOWN**  
81 As to  
82 Old man  
83 Baseball Hall of Famer  
84 On Soc. Sec., often  
86 Operated on smaller than a national level  
90 Transforms, as larvae  
91 In general  
92 Sleeveless casual shirt  
93 Free (of)  
94 Lovingly, in music  
95 Rapa —  
97 Ushered in  
101 Music styles  
103 53-Across containers  
105 Q-U queue  
106 Sell for  
107 Writer Zora — Hurston  
108 Super-  
109 Got along  
110 A Trump ex  
111 Spruced up  
114 They support teeth roots  
118 Choose (to)  
119 Stephen of "Utopia"  
120 Texter's "Didn't need to hear that!"  
121 Notice



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or [smcclellan@michigan.com](mailto:smcclellan@michigan.com). Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at [QuillDriverBooks.com](http://QuillDriverBooks.com)

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	3		6			5		

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	2	9	1	6	9	7	8	4
6	8	1	8	7	7	9	9	2
7	4	9	8	2	9	6	8	1
2	6	8	7	9	1	8	7	9
1	9	7	2	9	8	7	6	8
8	9	7	6	7	8	1	2	9
9	7	2	9	8	7	8	1	6
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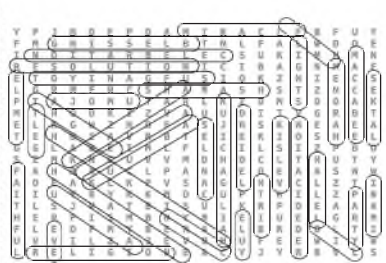
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UJIMA  
UMHOJA  
YULE

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

OKRA	INCAS	AMPS	SHAME
COAT	FALTS	TORT	AURAL
TAKES	SKATE	TREAT	TETRA
ELECT	ERA	RANCID	DIN
TARRED	DARTER	INSOLENT	
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### Word Search Answers





Car Report

WITH DASHBOARD MARKETPLACE ON LATE-MODEL VEHICLES, GM AIMS FOR COMMERCIALIZED, CUSTOMIZED COMMUTE



By Dale Buss

There are many ways for brands to create loyalty as the driving and riding experience undergoes vast changes. General Motors is taking a further plunge into this new era of mobility by creating what it calls “the industry’s first commerce platform for on-demand reservations and purchases of goods and services.”

Dubbed “GM Marketplace,” it allows customers to buy coffee, order take-out food or make dinner reservations by tapping an icon on the vehicle’s dashboard touchscreen. Brands that have already signed up for Marketplace include Starbucks, Dunkin’ Donuts, Applebee’s and Shell.

In a nod to consumers’ demand for personalization, GM’s on-board analytics will use information from consumers’ established digital relationships with those brands as well as location-based data from the vehicle to shape and customize experiences.

If your favorite Starbucks order is a grande Cinnamon Dolce Latte, for example, a driver with Marketplace can make that preferred order—and pay for it—just by pushing the Starbucks icon on his or her car’s screen.

“The beauty of this platform is that it is designed from the get-go to be used while driving,” said Santiago Chamorro, GM’s VP for global connected customer experience, in a press release. And because the simple (and distraction-free) user interface integrates a clear UI with driver preferences and machine learning, “it’s an even faster and simpler interaction the more you use it.”

More than two million GM vehicles on the road—the late-model ones that are embedded with 4G LTE connectivity—are now equipped with this service, which makes car ownership (in a time of sharing) even more relevant and useful.

In addition to branded dashboard buttons, Marketplace also features a “Shop” section dedicated to offers specific to GM vehicles, such as purchasing Wi-Fi data, discounts for an oil change or deals on GM accessories.

Given that the average U.S. driver spends 46 minutes a day behind the wheel, GM figures Marketplace could “make this time more productive, more enjoyable and safer.”

At the same time, brands get a big opportunity to cater to consumers when previously the only time to reach them safely on the road was with a radio ad.

Shell, for instance, is tapping into Marketplace for easy notification of drivers of its more than 14,000 stations, representing the largest refueling network in the U.S.

Shell’s Marketplace presence also offers discounts through its loyalty program as well as seamless digital payments.

GM’s Marketplace move is a win-win as a brand partner, says Dan Little, head of North America marketing for Shell, and “a testament to both brands’ leadership in their respective fields and our shared commitment to quality and mobility innovation.”

The first brands accessible through Marketplace include:

- **GM** lets customers buy 4G LTE Data packages, extend their OnStar subscription or receive offers for certified service, parts and accessories for their specific vehicle.
- **Starbucks** offers another convenient way for customers to order ahead and enjoy their favorite handcrafted beverage or food item. And as part of the Starbucks Rewards™ program, members enjoy more value by earning Rewards towards free food and drink. (Early 2018)
- **Dunkin’ Donuts** will help customers start their day off right through an experience that allows DD Perks members to preorder and pay onscreen for their favorite coffee and donut, at their preferred pickup location.
- **Wingstop** will allow you to skip the wait by re-ordering your favorites and paying ahead, so you can get home in time for the big game
- **TGI Fridays** will let customers schedule a table reservation for them and their closest friends and family when they need a break from the week.
- **Shell** will enable the exceptional driver experience, providing ease of payment and savings with INSTANT GOLD STATUS in the Fuel Rewards® program. Customers’ closest Shell station will be identified and station amenities showcased among the largest fuel station network in the U.S., with the ability to pay in-dash coming soon.
- **ExxonMobil** will quickly locate Exxon and Mobil fuel stations with details of what they offer, route you there and get you back on the road faster.
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**Gorgeous Colonial, Great Location!**

- \*This home features four bedrooms, three and half bathrooms
- \*Updated gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, backsplash and new cabinet lighting
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**Gorgeous Historic Home!**

- \*This home features four bedrooms, and three and half bathrooms
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**Gorgeous Custom Built Colonial!**

- \*This home features five bedrooms, four and half bathrooms located on a quiet cul de sac
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- \*This lake front home features five bedrooms, four and half bathrooms with amazing view throughout
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**Charming Colonial!**

- \*This home features three bedrooms, two and half bathrooms on 2.1 acres
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**Beautiful Lake Front Home!**

- \*This five bedroom, three bath, Colonial features incredible views of Lake Sherwood
- \*Open floor plan with lots of space for entertaining
- \*Walkout lower level with family room and fireplace, separate bedroom and full bathroom
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**Wonderful Four Bedroom!**

- \*This four bedroom, two and half bathroom is located on a large wooded lot in desirable Timber Ridge
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- \*First floor laundry, super family room and three car garage

**MLS 217083592 248.684.1065 \$335,000**

**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
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