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days. For more informa-tion, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110, email marquistheatre@ sbcglobal.net, go to www.northville marquistheatre.com or view on Facebook at facebook.com/ MarquisTheatre NorthvilleMi.

Marquis Theatre auditions

Northville's Marquis Theatre will be holding auditions for its next show, "Velve-

Auto supplier coming to Northville Twp

Company is moving to township from Plymouth

Matt Jachman Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Automobile industry supplier Hella is relocating its North American headquarters to Northville Township, where it is also planning to expand its work

force. The German company, which develops, builds and markets lighting and electronic components for auto manufacturers and suppliers, recently broke ground for a 115,000-square-foot office and technical center on

Technology Drive near Beck Road.

The build-to-suit project is in the Northville Technology Park, which is being developed by Southfield-based real estate company Redico. Hella, which will lease the site, would not disclose the financial investment in the project.

Its neighbors in the industrial park will include auto suppliers CW Bearing, ZF North America Inc. and Aisin World Corp.

"We're happy to welcome yet another high-quality business to Northville," said township Supervisor Robert Nix II, who attended the groundbreaking.



Joined by Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix II, left, executives attend a groundbreaking for Hella's new U.S. headquarters and technical center. Next to Nix are Hella's Sven Hommel, vice president of purchasing; Steve Lietaert, president of Hella Corporate Center USA; Joerg Weisgerber, chief executive officer at Hella Electronics Corp.; and Nathan Crist, facilities manager; plus David Haboian, senior vice president of operations at the development See HELLA, Page A2 company Redico. ROSH SILLARS

Quiet moments on Instagram by Bill Bresler

Staff photographer Bill Bresler uses the Instagram social media app to share his photographs. The photos are posted to Instagram and sometimes shared to his Facebook account. While many of the photos are made on assignment for HometownLife.com and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, he's always looking for moments and scenes that will work with the app. Some of the photos are made with the iPhone. Others are made with Bresler's profes-

sional camera equipment and imported into Instagram. "My Instagrams are

often photos that are

secondary to the news



teen Rabbit," at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, 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).

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assignment or found between assignments", Bresler said. "They are the quieter moments, or there is some twist to the look of the photo". He uses the Lo-Fi filter, which adds saturation, contrast, and a film-like black border to the photo. "Using the same filter for all of my Instagrams helps with a consistent look and helps identify the photos as an ongoing body of work." he said. This is the third year of publishing Bresler's Instagram Year in Re-

view. Bresler has photographed for 38 years for the O&E. He taught pho-

tography for 16 years at Madonna University in Livonia. Many former students are Instagram friends. "We stay in touch with our photographs and a few words." he said. To join his Instagram feed search for

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OCAL NEWS

Northville Twp. police seek state accreditation

Matt Jachman

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Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation **Commission assessors** was scheduled to visit Northville Township Wednesday to examine all aspects of the Northville Township Police Department: policies and procedures, management, operations and support services.

"Verification by the team that the Northville **Township Police Depart-** ment meets the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission's

'best practice' standards is part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law-enforcement professional excellence," said Todd Mutchler, the township's public safety director.

As part of the assessment, township employees and members of the public are invited to comment, by telephone or in writing, on the de-

force from two smaller

partment's ability to comply with MLEAC standards.

A copy of the standards is available at department headquarters, 41600 West Six Mile; please contact Lt. Paul Tennies at 248-349-9400.

To comment, the public can call 248-662-1212 between 9-11 a.m. today, Jan. 4. Telephone comments are limited to five minutes.

Those who want to comment in writing can email Neal Rossow at nrossow@michiganpolicechiefs.org, or write the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, 3474 Alaiedon Parkway, Suite 600, Okemos, MI 48864.

Rossow, a retired Port Huron police captain and Flat Rock police chief, is the accreditation program manager for the **Michigan Association of** Chiefs of Police.

"The assessors will review written materials, interview agency members, and visit offices and other places where compliance with the

standards can be observed." Rossow said. "Once the assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report to the full commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status."

A police department must comply with 105 standards in order to achieve accredited status.

Accreditation is valid for a three-year period, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting to its con-

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"Accreditation results in greater accountability within the agency, reduced risk and liability exposure, stronger defense against civil lawsuits, increased community advocacy, and more confidence in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and respond to community needs," said Mutchler.

The chiefs association, through the MLEAC, is Michigan's police accreditation agency.

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"These are real quality companies, first-rate companies."

Hella, which has about 38,000 employees in 35 countries, plans to move its current U.S. headquarters from a leased site in Plymouth Township to the new complex once the latter is completed in early 2019, statements from the company said. Hella will also be moving its work

Employment is expected to grow from about 350 to 400 over the next two years, a Hella press release said.

existing offices.

Steve Lietaert, president of the Hella Corporate Center USA, the current headquarters, said the company will be adding employees in all capacities, especially in design, development, engineering and technology. The focus at the new site, the company said, will be on product development and on corporate

functions such as purchasing, sales, information management and finance.

"With the new location, we will create an important foundation for further pursuing our growth path in the North American market," said Lietaert. "We will have more space for required additional resources while also being able to further optimize the work environment for

include flexible, open office space with modern

equipment, project and meeting areas, a lounge, a cafeteria and an employee fitness center. Lietaert said that even though the project has been started, building plans haven't been finalized and the headquarters could be more than 115,000 square feet.

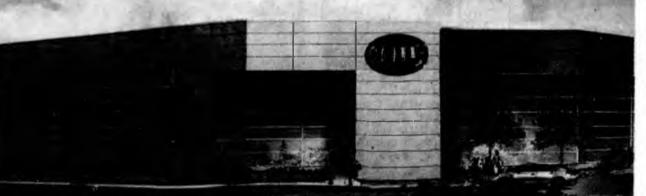
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An artist's rendering of the main entrance at the Helia headquarters under construction on Technology Drive in Northville Township. HELLA GMBH & CO

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One-on-one help with our tech expert

When: 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. each Tuesday; 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. each Thursday **Details:** Free one-hour session with our Digital

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

TOT Storytime When: Varied, see

website **Details:** Develop your

toddler's early literacy skills and preschool readiness in this fun,

interactive, small group experience. Please bring only children who are registered for this storytime; babies, siblings may not attend.

Storytimes

When: Varied, see website Details: Go to north-

villelibrary.org for details about Winter Storytimes or call 248-349-3020. Registration begins in January.

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.

Adult Book Discussion When: 7 p.m. Monday,

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 11

Details: Exciting pres-

entation that takes kids

way, way, way back to the

time of dinosaurs. Paleo-

Joe's fantastic "Dinosaur

Detective Club!" chapter

books will be for sale

after the program. All

ages welcome. 100 free

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When: 4:15-5:15 p.m.

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Jan. 8 Details: Join us for a lively discussion of

Gretchen Rubin's "The Happiness Project." Just drop in. Intro to Bullet

Joyrnaling When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9

Details: Get organized with a bullet journal - a calendar/planner/journal/ record keeper all in one. Track meetings, habits, financial planning, etc. Bring a notebook of your choice - blank pages or lined, but lighter color is best. Register.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 ages 9-12. Build a move-

Dinosaur Day with able car made of foam PaleoJoe When: 4:15-5:45 p.m.

rubber, then race them to see which car is the fastest. Sorry, no special groups. Limit 30. Registration begins Jan. 2.

Kidz Time

When: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18

Details: Fun program for students in grades 1-3 with stories, games and crafts. Everyone has a birthday! Play a birthday guessing game and decorate a small birthday box to keep. Limit 20. Register beginning Jan. 2.

What's New With **iOS 11**

When: 7 p.m. Thurs-day, Jan. 18 Details: Bring your device and learn about the newest updates to iOS 11. Device must be updated with the latest operating system iOS 11. Know your email password and Apple ID. Register at northvillelibrary.org or call 248-349-3020

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.

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 for details.

Upcoming events

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

Lecture Series: What You Leave Behind-Your Cyber Legacy: 7 p.m. Jan. 24. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

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. Tickets available in the office.

Lecture Series: Thomas Nast, the Cartoons that Changed America: 7 p.m. Feb. 28. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

General info

Website:

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

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

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

Archives: The archives are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Office: The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. In inclement weather, we follow Northville Public Schools. If it is closed due to snow/ ice, the NHS is also closed. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millracenorthville.org.

Area veteran receives French Legion of Honor medal

Mort Harris, a World War II veteran, entrepreneur and philanthropist, received the Knight of the French Legion of Honor medal during a ceremony Nov. 14 at Cranbrook. Created by Napoleon in 1802, the Legion of Honor is the highest national decoration of the French Republic. The medal was presented to Harris by Guillaume Lacroix, consulate general of France in Chicago, on behalf of the president of the French Republic.

"I was a bomber pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps Eighth Air Force, 95th Bomber Group, 334th Squadron, based in Horham, Suffolk, England," Harris told the audience of nearly 200 family, friends and dignitaries that gathered for the event. "I was a pilot because I didn't want to fight in the foxholes."

During Operation Cadillac, Harris led a squad of 12 B-17s to deliver cannons to the town of Footman-Lilas, where the French Maquis — courageous freedom fighters and farmers used the cargo to liberate the first major city in France. The cannons were dropped out of planes with green and white parachutes and helped turn the tide of the war. Paris was liberated soon after this mission.

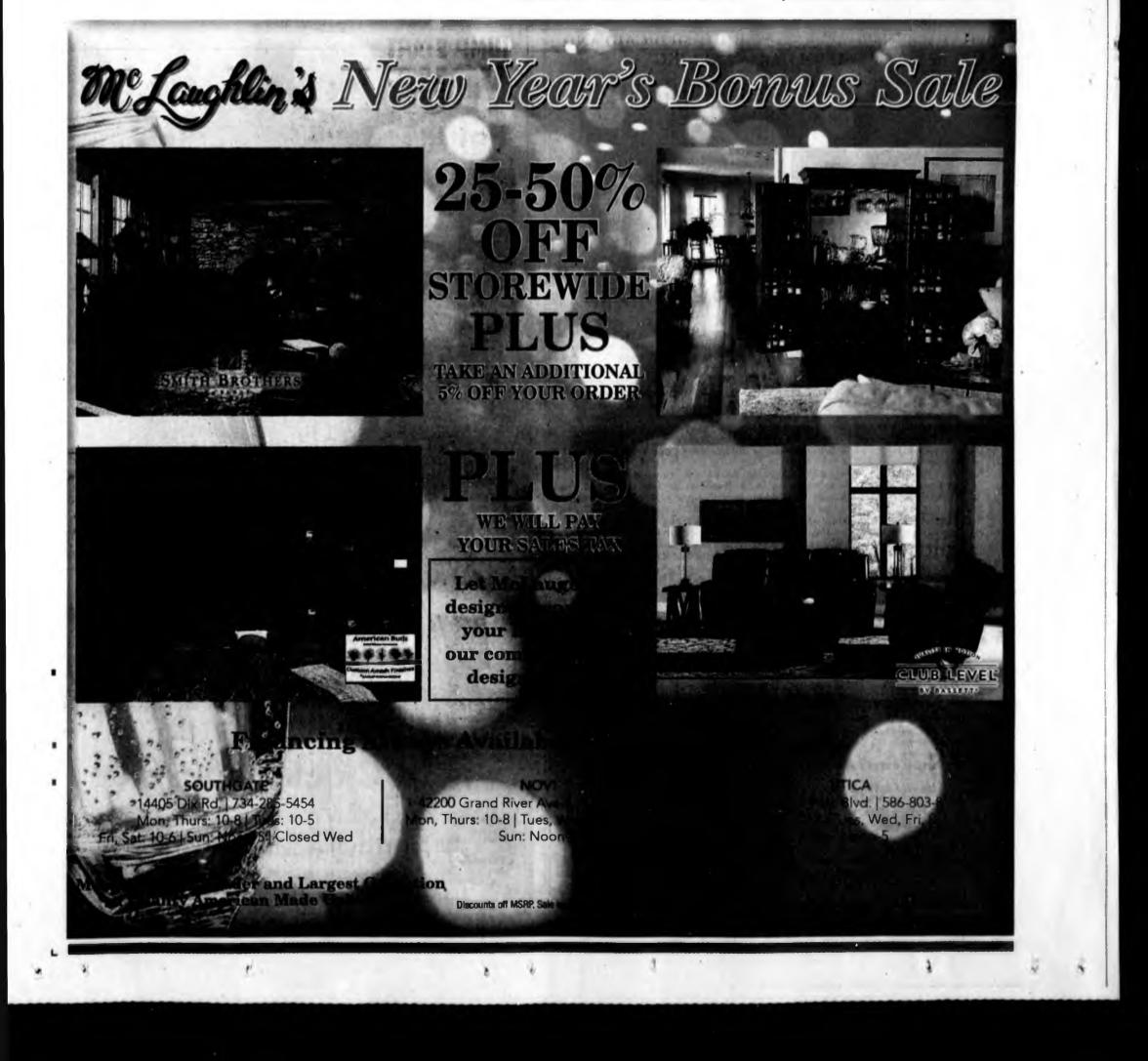
"Mort is a military hero, a hero to the people of Europe and he is a life-saving hero, as some of us here can attest," Cranbrook President Dominic DiMarco said in his remarks. "Mort is a hero to all of us



(From left) Guillaume Lacroix, consulate general of France in Chicago; Mort Harris, Knight of the French Legion of Honor recipient; and Dominic DiMarco, president of Cranbrook Educational Community. ERIC FRANCHY | CRANBROOK EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY

because of his humbleness, his friendship, his wisdom and his generosity. I am honored to know him personally and to consider him one of my close friends."

The ceremony took place three days after Veterans Day in the West Wing of Cranbrook House, which was added on in 1918, the same year commemorated by the Veterans Day (then Armistice Day) holiday. Opposite the podium where Harris officially became a member of the Knight of the Legion of Honor hangs "The Great Crusade," a tapestry celebrating democracy and the end of World War I.



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Plymouth Ice Festival set for Jan. 12-14

Downtown Plymouth will host the 36th annual Plymouth Ice Festival, scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Jan. 12-14. The Plymouth Ice Festival has a long-standing history of turning the downtown area into a magical winter wonderland filled with ice sculptures and family activities. With more than 100,000 individuals and families from all over attending each year, this is not a festival to be missed.

This year's event will bring back fan favorite activities such as the Ice Playground, Fire and Ice Towers and the **Dueling Chain Saws**

Competition. The annual Collegiate

Ice Carving Competition, presented by Genysis Credit Union, will host two carving competitions for various Michigan colleges and universities. The individual contest will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday. Competitors will have three hours to carve their masterpieces. The icecarving competitors will take part in the team competition starting at 8 a.m. Sunday. Teammates will have to work together to build and sculpt their ice carving. The winners of each contest will be announced and receive

trophies each day at 1 p.m.

Families can enjoy learning how to ski together at the Blue Care **Network Cross Country** Skiing Zone, presented by Sun and Snow. Seasoned professionals will explain the gear, help you suit up and set you off on the cross country skiing trail in Kellogg Park.

Another highly antic-ipated area of the festival is the Ice Playground. This interactive area is full of games carved out of ice and has plenty of opportunity for pictures, while the kids play with the ice. This is simply a .

"must see" at this year's festival. Those attendees look-

ing to quench their thirst will want to visit the EG Nick's Party Lot on Forest Avenue for cold beer, drink specials and live music. The Party Lot has become the place to be for the evening crowd, along with an awesome ice bar where you can enjoy some Svedka Vodka specialties. This year

will feature live entertainment Friday for Power Play Detroit and Smoke and Mirrors on Saturday. Other festival high-

lights:

» Opening ceremony At 7 p.m. Friday, the festival will officially open as city commission members will help cut the ribbon.

» DFCU Financial Lights the Ice — The festival becomes even



The Plymouth Ice Festival returns to the downtown area Jan. 12-14. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

more magical at night, as the ice carvings glow with color. We will flip the switch during the opening ceremony at 7

p.m. Friday. » Ally Financial Dueling Chainsaws Competition – In this great competition, scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, ice carvers are given 15 minutes, one block and their chainsaws to create some of the most amazing ice carvings in the festival.

» Interactive Ice Sculptures — Get your picture taken with some of the most amazing ice creations around. There are a number of opportunities to take a "selfie" with some remarkable and unique ice sculptures.

» Fire and Ice — See two basic elements as fire and ice are combined to create a dazzling display Friday h and Saturday that is sure to wow. Towers are lit at approximately 7:30 p.m. each day and will burn for approximately two hours.

» The Hot Spot heated by Ehlers Heating & Air Conditioning -Warm up in style at the Hot Spot. Located under The Gathering directly across from Kellogg Park, the Hot Spot features local vendors, businesses, product demonstrations, a sitting area to take a load off your feet and (most importantly) lots of heat. The Hot Spot is open during all of the festival.

For more information, go to www.plymouthice festival.com or follow on social media at @PlymouthIce (Twitter) and on Facebook.

INVITATION TO BID 2018 DOOR & HARDWARE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AT **MEADS MILL MIDDLE AND NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOLS NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the interior door and hardware replacement work at the Northville Public Schools listed above.

Plans and specifications may be downloaded electronically and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341 248.334.2000, on or after December 22, 2017. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings and pertinent trade specifications. Contact Scott Oswald or Shawn Debo for download instructions.

Your proposal will be accepted NO LATER THAN 2:00PM, FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018 TO: NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION-ROOM 307, 501 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M., January 12, 2018 at the NOrthville Board of Education-Room 104, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

All pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2018 beginning at 1:30 p.m. beginning at Meads Mill Middle School main entrance lobby, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville MI. This meeting is not mandatory but highly recommended.

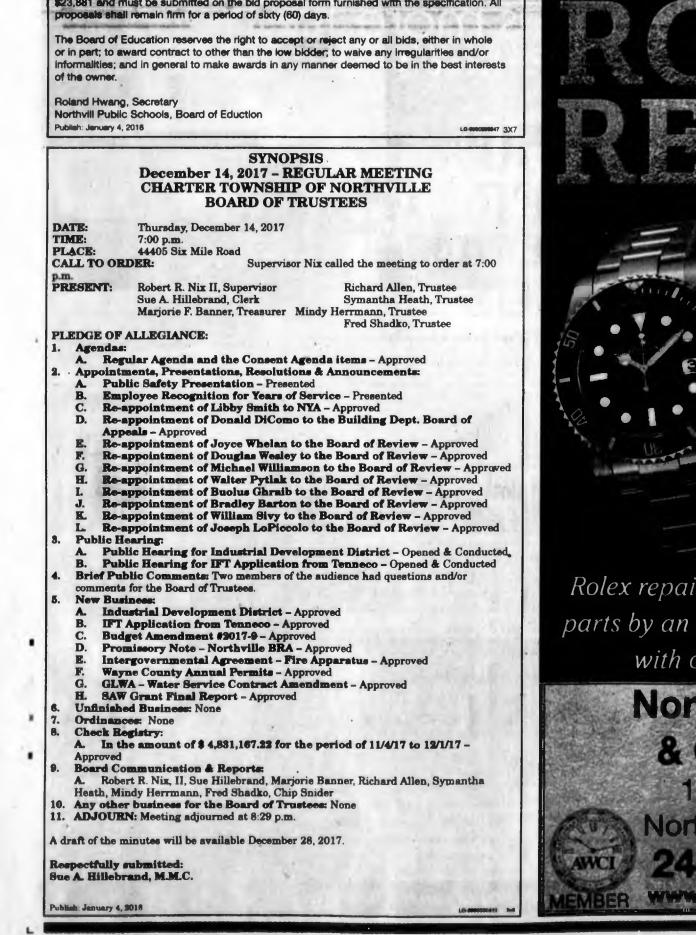
All contracts to be entered into by the Northville Public Schools much and will comply with equal opportunity laws of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Northville Public School, Board of Education or the Northville Public Schools, Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Proposal must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over 23,881 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specification. All

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New exhibit at Art House

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St., presents the exhibition Contagious Curiosity: Todd **Burroughs with Students** and Instructors from the Atelier, featuring paintings, drawings and photographs by Todd Burroughs with students and instructors from metro Detroit.

Burroughs has been practicing and teaching classical techniques for over 14 years. He currently teaches painting and drawing at the Birmingham **Bloomfield Art Center and** the College for Creative Studies.

The exhibition opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, with a gallery talk at 7 p.m. The exhibition runs through Saturday, Jan. 27, during Art House hours: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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monologue, no longer than 90 seconds (does not have to be memorized). **The Northville**

Garden Club Members of the Northville Garden Club will meet Monday, Jan. 8 at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village. The members' social and light luncheon begin at noon. The meeting will begin at 12:30 followed by the program. The presentation for this month is "A Sensitive Wrightscape.' Juliana Cerra, will present information regarding the landscape discovery and

renovation at the Frank Lloyd Wright Palmer House in Ann Arbor. Guests are welcome. For more information, please call Suemarie Klimek at 734 459-8327.

11th District Debate

The Michigan Conservative Coalition and Lakes Area Tea Party will host a debate for Republican candidates to succeed Rep. David Trott (R - MI) and to represent Michigan's 11th **Congressional District** starting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan 8 at the Emagine Theatre, 44425 West 12 Mile Road, Novi (Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk).

This Forum will be the first opportunity for voters to compare the candidates running for the open 11th District Congressional seat." said event coordinator Maria Sheridan. "Clearly we are excited to work

with Lakes Area Tea Party to host such an important event for both the candi-

dates and the voters." For information about the debate, contact Sheridan at 248-225-1846 or email info@michiganconservativecoalition.com. Event details on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ groups/222510174539264/

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

On Saturday, Jan. 20 the Fr. Battersby Council #7586 Knight of Columbus from St. Joseph Parish in South Lyon will be offering an all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to help those making the pilgrimage to Panama for World Youth Day in January 2019. A free will offering will be accepted. All are welcome. There is Mass celebrated at 5 p.m. with dinner following.

Salem Historical **Society potluck**

The Salem Area Historical Society will host a potluck dinner and business meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the Salem Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile Road. Bring a dish to share with others, along with your plate, silverware and something to drink.

After the mss Meeting, SAHS will show the 10 episodes of the PBS documentary "An Uncommon Education - Celebrating 200 Years of the University of Michigan." Each episode will track the evolution of how the institution ignited the sparks necessary for world-changing minds, attitudes and accomplishments from the 19th century through the new millennium.

Toligate Farm gardening classes

Beginners and master gardeners are invited to classes scheduled for 2018 at MSU Tollgate Farm

AREA EVENTS

Conference Center in Novi. Evenings in the Garden is offering four new classes for anyone interested in learning more about gardening

» Jan. 25: Jan Bills -Landscape Design for Sustainability » Feb. 8: Janet Macu-

novich — Prune Trees and Shrubs Like a Pro

» Feb. 22: Rebecca Finneran — Greening the Garden ... a Smart Gardener's Journey

» March 8: Steven Nikkila - Secret to Beautiful Gardens: Not the Green Thumb but the Right Tools

The cost is \$20 for each class, scheduled for 6:30-8:30 pm. Advance registration is required. For more information and to register, go to https://events.anr.msu. edu/evenings18winter/

MSU Extension Tollgate Farm & Education Center is at 28115 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. For more information, go to

www.canr.msu.edu/tollgate/.

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, 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 traffick-

Register by Jan. 21 at www.sparrow freedomproject.org. For more information, email anita@sparrow freedomproject.org.

Salem Historical Society meeting

The Salem Area Historical Society will be holding its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Salem Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile Road. After the business portion, there will be a presentation by Doug Koop on The Legacy Land Conservancy's Creekshead Preserve. The Creekshead Pre-

serve is a 27-acre preserve bordering Curtis Road in Salem that Michael H. and Merce Allen Kaericher donated to the Legacy in 1995. It holds a mature beech-maple-basswood forest and is invasive-free.

Suggested donation is \$2 for non-SAHS members.

Salem Historical Society dinner

The Salem Area Historical Society will host its annual dinner and auction at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Fox Hills Golf Course clubhouse, 8768 N. **Territorial Road. Tickets** are \$40 or \$35 for SASH members if purchased prior to March 1 or \$42 and \$37 after.

Auction items will include tickets to area attractions, sports memorabilia, historical items and restaurant gift certificates. Contact Terry at 248-486-0669 to donate items for auction. All proceeds go to support SAHS.

Reservations can be made at www.sahshistory.org, via PayPal at www.sahshistory.org or by email at Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

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.

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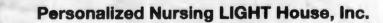
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Former kennel owner found guilty of animal neglect

A former Farmington Hills kennel owner could face three months in jail after being found guilty of animal neglect last month.

Mary Gabriel, 74, of Rose Township will be sentenced at 10 a.m. Jan. 10 after 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh found her guilty of four misdemeanor counts of animal abuse following several hours of trial spanning two weeks.

In finding her guilty, Kavanagh rejected claims that Gabriel, former owner of Farmington Hills-based Chien d'Or Goldens kennel near 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads, kept the dogs in good condition before passing them off to Livonia resident Kelly Dettore back in August.

This is long-term neglect," Kavanagh said. Gabriel was charged in Livonia's courthouse after an animal control officer was called to **Dettore's Livonia home** in August on the report of her having too many dogs. When an officer arrived, he found the four dogs, two golden retrievers and two Sussex spaniels, to have feces matted in their fur along with ear infections and fleas. Gabriel returned to court Tuesday morning after her trial

originally began Dec. S. Kavanagh found Gabriel not guilty on four counts of keeping unlicensed dogs, saying that since the dogs were brought into Livonia, city ordinance stated they needed to be licensed within 30 days. Since the dogs were recovered in less than that, Kavanagh found her not guilty.

Gabriel has faced issues in Farmington Hills before regarding the kennel. Her kennel license was not renewed earlier this year and she announced via the kennel's website that the business is for sale.

Livonia assistant city attorney Paul Bernier said in his closing argument it was clear that the dogs, known to belong to Gabriel, had been neglected for some time. He referenced testimony from the previous week's hearings from a Humane Society veterinarian, who said it was her opinion the dogs had not been cared for in some time.

"I think the dogs had been neglected for a long time," he said.

But Colleen Murphy, Gabriel's attorney, said Dettore is the one who neglected the dogs and was responsible, not her client. She cited the heavy rainfall the area had when the dogs were taken to Dettore's home in August and brought in one witness who told Kavanagh she saw the dogs shortly before Det-

Defendant Mary Gabriel is guilty on all four counts of animal neglect. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

tore began watching them and that they were in good condition.

Jennifer Elder, who formerly worked at the kennel run by Gabriel, said Tuesday she had seen the dogs a few days before and they didn't seem neglected then. "It was three to four

days before they left," she said. Dettore's mother, Susan Collins, also testified in the continuation of the trial Dec. 12. She

said her daughter appeared well over her head in taking care of the

dogs, which Collins saw an hour after Dettore took them to her home. She said she noticed

right away the dogs were in bad shape and needed care. She said she tried to remove the mats, but said they were incredibly tight against the dogs' skin.

"I went and got the shampoo and tried to cut the mats," Collins said. "I knew she needed to do something."

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Defense attorney Colleen Murphy offers her final defense of dient Mary Gabriel. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Proposed custody bill will harm Michigan children

Q: I have heard that there is proposed legislation to mandate 50/50 joint custody in almost every divorce and custody matter. Is that

correct?

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family court system that favors mothers over fathers and disregards children's need for substantial contact with both parents. But the overwhelming trend in Michigan is already toward

sence of domestic violence or other serious threats to the child's welfare. HB 4691 is opposed by at least 50 organizations, including the **State Bar Family Law** Section, Michigan Judge Association, Michigan Probate Judges, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and more than a dozen domestic violence and poverty advocacy groups. Yet the bill has cleared the Judiciary Committee and may come up for a vote soon.

A: At a recent meeting of the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, which is an organization of the leading matrimonial lawyers throughout the United States, we discussed this issue at length. I asked Diana Raimi, a fellow member who has analyzed the proposal extensively, to write about it. Following is her detailed analysis of what is wrong with the proposal on child custody:

Bill has drawbacks

A recently separated divorcing couple has two children. Mom is depressed and inattentive, usually gets the kids to school late and never helps with homework. When with her, the children often miss sports practices and social activities. Dad is reliable and involved. He coaches

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work and takes care of all the kids' medical and other appointments. Yet HB 4691, introduced by Rep. Jim Runestad over the summer, would require the kids to spend substantially equal time with Mom.

A never-married couple has a 2-year-old daughter. Dad has four children with three different mothers. He doesn't pay support, but stops by unannounced to visit the child every few weeks, sometimes bringing gifts. Under HB 4691, dad would get substantially equal parenting time.

HB 4691 threatens to throw out 47 years of precedent, replacing our state's child-centered custody law with one that focuses on "fairness" to parents – by a rigid count of overnights – instead of considering the best

domestic violence, abuse, neglect or a few other extreme conditions. If passed, this bill will cause a flood of litigation by re-opening old cases and inviting arguments over its vague, contradictory and untested language. Why is this bill so

dangerous? 1. It places the interests of parents over the interests of children, eliminating existing wellunderstood definitions of "best interests of the child" and even deleting

existing law's requirement that all decisions be guided by the child's best interest. 2. It takes away

judges' discretion to look at each family's individual situation and instead imposes rigid overnightcounting requirements that apply in all cases, except the most extreme circumstances. rent law's protection of continuity for children, inviting prolonged litigation that could repeatedly uproot children.

5. It provides a powerful "bargaining chip" for domestic abusers to control and intimidate their spouses or partners, using the children as pawns in the process.

6. It ignores the reality of the child's experience in deciding a parenting schedule, focusing instead on parent-centered factors like financial contributions.

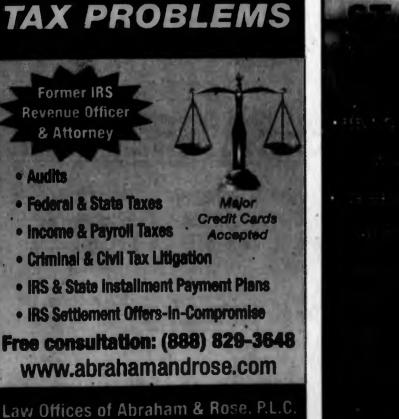
7. It gives unrelated roommates, or live-in boyfriends or girlfriends, the same rights as parents when a military parent is deployed even if that person would normally never have the right to ask for parenting time. Runestad claims his

bill is needed to correct an entrenched bias in our

joint custody. Between 1990 and 2015, the share of Michigan cases granting joint custody increased from 13 percent to 44 percent. More recent statistics, when available, will doubtless show that for children with two fit, caring parents, substantially shared parenting is rapidly becoming the norm. Back-ers of HB 4691 simply cannot show that there is a significant problem that requires fixing - let alone a "fix" as damaging as this bill.

Proponents of HB 4691 claim that it allows courts flexibility to weigh factors such as whether a child is a nursing infant, the burden on children of travel or the parents' mental health. This is untrue: under the bill's "fine print," a court cannot even consider factors such as these in most cases in the ab-

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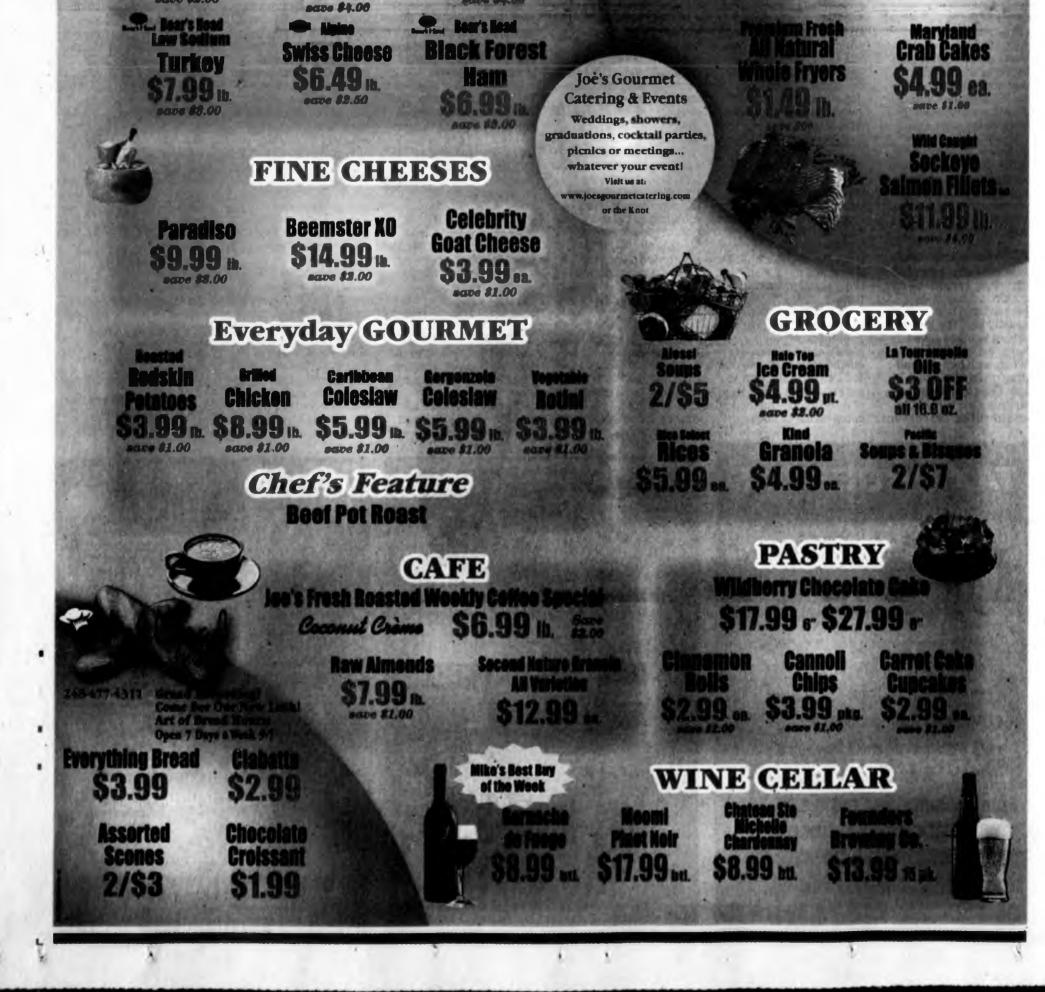


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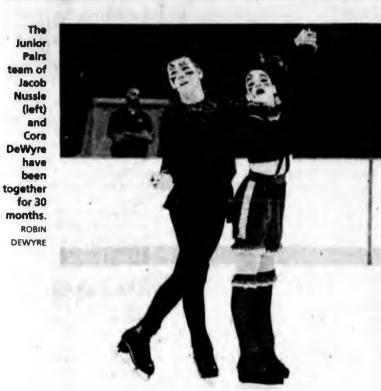


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FIGURE SKATING

Pairs team DeWyre-Nussle climbing up the ranks

2018 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships this week in San Jose

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Local skaters Cora DeWyre and Jacob Nussle have made their way to San Jose.

DeWyre, a 15-year-old freshman at South Lyon East High School, and her partner, the 22-year-old Nussle of Fenton, were scheduled to compete on Monday starting with their short program in Junior Pairs at the 2018 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships held at Solar4America Ice in San Jose. They are among 13 Junior

Pairs teams competing for the title, which culminated with the free skate program on Wednesday.

DeWyre and Nussle are coming off a fifth-place showing at the Midwestern Sectional Championships, Nov. 15-18, at the Bloomington (Minn.) Ice Garden.

The team, which has only

been together for 30 months, placed eighth a year ago in the Novice Pairs at the U.S. Nationals in Kansas City, Mo.

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"It's definitely been a grueling year," Nussle said. "We're still learning new tricks, still putting new stuff out there. It's been put into practice every day. We're still definitely in the daily grind. We've turning up the intensity in our practices as we get closer to competi-

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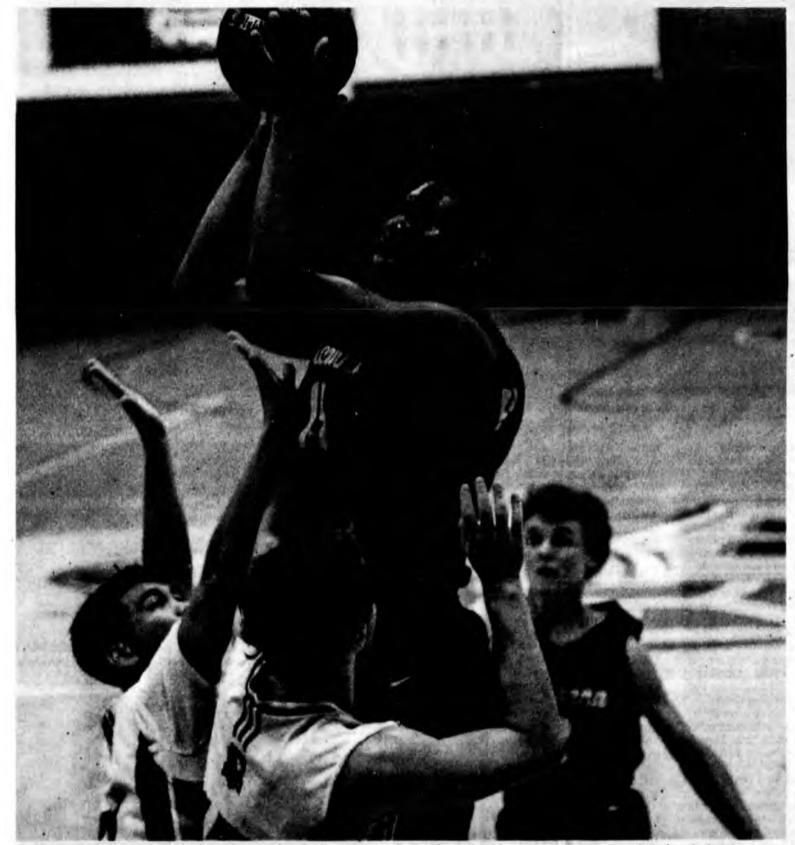
BOYS BASKETBALL New Harrison boys cage coach aims to keep 'pedal to the metal'

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Farmington Harrison's basketball team may have started the season 0-3, but if first-year coach Jarrell Hogan has any-

thing to say about it, the Hawks will soon be in high gear – literally. Hogan, an

Coaches finds basketball talent in own back yard



Eyeing the rim during a recent game is Madonna University forward Davon Taylor. The Canton alum came over to the Crusaders after playing two seasons at Schookraft College. KELLY CIESLAK

Transfers helping with team's turnaround

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After finishing 12-18 last season, Madonna University's men's basketball coaches didn't have to look far to find a fresh pool of talent.

Three Plymouth/Cantonarea standouts transferred to the Livonin-based school this season and have played key roles in the team's turnaround, helping the Crusaders begin the season 9-5. Additionally, a pair of Livonia Stevenson recruits hope to help Madonna maintain that improvement in. future seasons.

The five newcomers join Salem grad Chris Dierker, a third-year starting senior forward who recently became Madonna's all-time leading rebounder, with 786 boards (all statistics are current through 14 games of this season).

Dierker, a three-time All-KLAA standout and an All-State selection as a Salem senior, has started all 14 games this year, averaging 11.9 points and a team-leading 6.5 re-

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Going to the rack for Madonna University is Jon Swift, a Salem grad. KELLY CIESLAK assistant to Hogan Stefon Wilson last season, says that no mat-

ter the team's personnel, any squad he coaches will always "be defensive-minded first. So we're going to pressure the team from the jump. We have a very athletic team here at Harrison this year, so we're going to use that to our (advantage) and we're just going to keep the pressure on every team. Our offense is going to be up-tempo, continuous motion. Our goal is to just wear everyone down and just be more conditioned."

Despite having a new head coach this season, Hogan stresses that it's not a transition year.

Having coached and played with Wilson in the past, Hogan says the two coaches' styles are complementary. As a result, Hogan building on top of Wilson's foundation, rather than tearing it down.

"I just put a little cherry on the top of (Wilson's framework) and took it up another notch," Hogan explains.

Hogan first came to Harrison last season. Previously, he played high school basketball at Cass Tech and Murray Wright in Detroit, before moving on to Division II St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va., where he lettered in football as well as basketball.

Hogan went on to play basketball at Algoma University in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario – that's where he teamed with Wilson – and made his coaching debut at a Sault Ste. Marie middle school.

Hogan returned to Michigan, where he coached some local AAU teams, as well as coaching elite fourth- through 12th-grade talent at Joe Dumars Fieldhouse in recent years, before joining Harrison last season.

Hogan lists River Rouge head coach Mark White, a two-time state champion, as a key coaching influence and mentor. And, despite being a similar age, Hogan also mentions Wilson as someone he looks up to.

"He's a young coach well beyond his years.... A lot of

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Northville's 12 triples sink South Lyon in tourney final

Mark Grimes leads way with 19 points in 60-55 triumph against Lions

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After getting limited playing time and minutes during his junior year, Northville's Mark Grimes is already making the most of his senior season

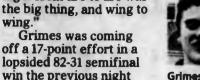
just eight games in. The 6-foot-4 senior

guard scored a gamehigh 19 points as the 6-2 Mustangs connected on 12 three-pointers Thursday night en route to its fourth straight Northville Holiday Boys Basketball Tournament title with a 60-55 win over South Lyon.

"I think that was our best game of the year from the three-point line, for sure," said Grimes, who connected on four triples himself. "We were just looking to come off the down screens, swing the ball against the zone. three-point shooter,"

... that was the main thing. I think the big thing is when they went to zone (defense), swinging it from arc to arc was

wing.



win the previous night over Lincoln Park. He also scored a career-high 25 in a 61-45 KLAA Gold . Division win Dec. 21 over Hartland.

'The off season I shot a lot, tried to work on my handles a little bit, work defensively getting low, get a little bit stronger, said Grimes, who made 6-of-9 shots from the floor and was 3-of-6 from the foul line. Northville coach Todd

Sander has noticed a big leap in Grimes' game early on in the season. "He's always been a really good shooter, but

over the last couple of weeks he's put a lot of time in with coach (Shaun) Dicken at attacking the rim and looking to score off of the dribble, so he's not just labeled a

Sander said. Grimes had plenty of support as senior pointguard Niko

Barach added 17 points, including five rainbow-like three-

pointers. Junior forward Steven Morrissey also scored in double figures with 11. "Niko was big to-

night," Sander said. "He has some experience going back to last year. We were a little bit shorthanded, but Niko took control and hit a couple of big shots today, too. Niko shoots it up to the rafters, but it was working tonight. It was good to see. He had a good couple of days and we really needed it, and he stepped up big time.'

Grimes connected on a three-pointer with 4:30 left in the final quarter to give Northville its biggest lead of the game, 52-35, but South Lyon refused to fold.

Helped by a late technical foul, the Lions (5-2)

implemented a full-court press and went on an 18-5 run pulling to within four. 57-53, with only 28.2 seconds left on a basket by senior guard Ben Call, who scored a team-high 18 points.

"It changed the game a little bit," Sander said of the technical assessed to Ryan Pumper, who after diving for a loose ball, shoved South Lyon's Noah Grimes to the floor. "It was unfortunate that it happened to Ryan that way. We didn't put him in a good spot with the decision that we made to throw the pass that we did.'

South Lyon then came up with a steal, but couldn't capitalize as Call was whistled for a charge. Northville, however, missed two free throws with 15.3 seconds left.

Call drew a foul less than two seconds later and made a pair of foul shots closing the deficit to 58-55, but Northville's Daniel McLaughlin sank two free throws with only 12.3 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

"We're typically a very strong half-court man (defense) team, but the press certainly rattled them and we kind of put in a late game offense, too, where we tried to get Noah (Grimes) and Ben (Call) going downhill, get flatter and get some shooters in the corner even though we didn't make a lot of shots," South Lyon first-year coach Troy Weidman said. Northville biggest

blemish was committing a total of 20 turnovers. The Mustangs also struggled from the foul line late and went 10-of-18 (56 percent).

"Coleson White is really good at the top of that press," Weidman said. "He got three fouls in the first half. I wish he had a few more fouls so he could have been out there doing his thing. But he gave us some really good minutes from that standpoint.'

Northville shot 51.3 percent from the field (19-of-37), including 12of-18 from beyond the arc. The Mustangs went 8-of-12 from three-point range during the first half to lead 34-24 at halftime.

"I told my guys if they duplicate that the second half, great for them," Weidman said. "My encouragement to them was to just stay in the fight, just continue to do what we do and show character regardless of what's going on. There were things that we could have done a little better, but we stayed together, played hard and were able to claw our way back in it in a game that we didn't necessarily shoot the ball the best and do some other things the best. So I was just proud of them for that.

In addition to Call's 18. Noah Grimes added 13 points, while Will Kelley contributed nine. The Lions shot only 18-of-48 from the floor (37.5 percent), including just two 3-pointers, but made 19-of-24 free throws (79.1 percent).

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bounds per contest. He also helped open the area pipeline to Madonna by encouraging former Salem teammate Jon Swift join the squad.

After two seasons at **Delta Community Col**lege, Swift was considering Madonna, along with some NCAA Division II schools. He was pleased to receive some texts from Dierker, suggesting that he check out Madonna. "Just knowing that he was interested in me coming and playing alongside of him his las



year, that really helped my decision," Swift adds. Swift was also im-

pressed by his preseason visit to the school. He says that head coach Noel Emenhiser and the rest of the Crusaders' staff "really made me feel at home and they really showed me that they cared more about my development as a person versus me just being a basketball player. And I really liked that a lot. It made me more comfortable with my decision because I felt like they were going to help me grow more as a person."

After committing to Madonna, Swift rapidly pivoted into a recruiting role, helping to convince Canton grad Davon Taylor and Plymouth High alum Josh Reynolds to join the Crusaders.

"When I saw that Jon Swift committed, I talked to him and he told me that I should come here too," Taylor recalls. "And then we also talked with Josh Reynolds and he said that he was going to come here too.'

Swift is the only Crusader other than Dierker to start all 14 games. The junior guard is the team's ironman, averaging 28 minutes per contest. He's scored 10.9 points per game while shooting 48.8 percent from the floor.

Taylor, a junior forward, transferred after playing two years at Schoolcraft College. He's started three times this

points and 6.2 rebounds per game. Reynolds is a sophomore guard who transferred from Wayne State. He's made eight starts and leads the team in scoring at 13.3 points per contest. Reynolds is the team's key outside gunner, shooting 48.5 percent overall, and 47.2 percent from three-point range.

season, averaging 10.7

The presence of the local group has helped Madonna play "a lot bet-ter this year," Dierker says. "We have a lot better team chemistry."

'We were already familiar with each other," Swift adds. "Me, Davon, Josh we were already close before we all committed, so it really helps

out a lot." The team also boasts a pair of Livonia Stevenson graduates. Freshman guard Ian Knoph has seen limited action in seven games so far, averaging a point per contest, while another freshman guard, Noah Campbell, hasn't played and will likely redshirt. Madonna, which plays

in the NAIA, was a disappointing 7-15 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference last season, but the Crusaders are already 4-3 in conference play this year. That's thanks in part to Reynolds, who hit the biggest shot of Madonna's season so far, draining what proved to be the winning threepointer in a 78-76 victory at conference rival University of Northwest Ohio.

Madonna University senior standout Chris Dierker goes in for a score. He is a Salem grad. KELLY CIESLAK

As the team prepared to end a 10-game holiday break and return to action last week, Taylor predicted that the second half of the season will be even better than the first.

We have huge potential," Taylor says, "I see it coming.

"I think we're growing more as a team, every day, every game that we play," Swift adds. "We're just still learning more about each other, just learning who works well with each other. ... We will gel more as a team. I'm very confident that we will have a great season.



Ian Knoph, a 2017 graduate of Livonia Stevenson, dribbles up the floor for Madonna University. **KELLY CIESLAK**



Madonna University's Josh Reynolds takes a jumper. He is a Plymouth alum. KELLY CIESLAK

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our style reflects what he instilled in this program since he took over. "We wanted to keep the things that we have from Coach Wilson," Hogan continues, "but we also started - from sum-

taround, the guys just working out playing against each other - we wanted to get back to the basics. So we just tried to wipe everything that we could out of the kids' memories and all the bad habits they picked up over the years, and get back to the basics. So we've gotten back to the

mertime voluntary shoo-

basics and now it's time to move forward and learn new things and more complex things that'll make us a team to be reckoned with in this league.'

Despite posting a disappointing record in 2016-17, Hogan believes that "last year was a good year. I know our record didn't reflect it, but this

program took leaps and bounds. And because of that, the kids knew what to expect this year. And I'm so proud of them. I told them the other day, over Christmas, I was so proud of those guys." So what does Hogan

see from the Harrison program moving forward?

"I'm real excited to

see how everything plays itself out this year," he says. "Because I really just think this team is very smart, very fundamentally sound, and they're very athletic. So we're going to keep our pedal to the metal. We have a great group of guys, and good senior leadership - we have a couple of four-year guys,

Sean Nelson and Trey Walker, along with Chris Rexroth, who's an Ivy League prospect for football. So we have a lot of different guys at all different positions that are just solid players and good guys, and the younger guys are taken under their wings. And it's looking great."

GIRLS BASKETBALL Northville girls cagers stymie short-handed Skyline

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Sometimes being just O.K. is good enough.

And that was the case Thursday night as Northville repeated at home as the Holiday tournament girls basketball champion with a 35-29 win over a depleted Ann Arbor Skyline squad, which suited up only five players.

"We're 6-2 and we know we can compete with just everybody on our schedule if we're playing at our maximum capacity," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "And that's what it's going to take to finish out the season.

The Mustangs won despite 20 turnovers and 15-of-43 shooting from . the floor (34.8 percent).

"Taking care of the basketball, taking high quality shots and trying to get to the rim more instead of settling for outside shots all the time," Gudith said of his team's laundry list of things to improve upon.

Nine different players for Northville scored led by senior point-guard Kendall Dillon, who in her fourth season on the varsity, finished with a team-high eight points. Sophomore center Morgan Thompson added six.

"All those seniors are three- and four-year varsity players," Gudith said. "Games like tonight - when it's kind of a drag on everybody - you kind of need those kids to step up and use their leadership to take over."

Dillon is one of three senior starters returning off last year's 17-4 KLAA Central Division championship team along with **Roan Haines and Jasmin** Prince.

"The transition has



Fourth-year varsity guard Kendall Dillon had eight points in Northville's 35-29 Holiday Tournament win over Skyline. FILE PHOTO

tried to tire them out as much as we could since they had no bench. I guess," Dillon said. "We just tried to really take it to them in the first half. But they did really well for having only five players out there, so I give them credit."

Turnovers have been the biggest issue so far for the Mustangs. "I think we just need to take care of the ball

shots were a little off. We had trouble attacking the zone (defense) from the outside. I just think we need to break them apart a little bit more so they come out and man defense. Hopefully we get the shots straightened out in the future. We saw a 1-3-1 last week against Hartland and that was pretty tough up against them. Yes, zones are an

Dillon said. "I think our

only six players in a 38-36 opening round victory Dec. 27 over South Lyon East, but lost another player to injury for the final.

Coach Johnnie Horne has a 10-player roster, but that number was cut in half during the twoday Northville Holiday Tournament.

'Two are hurt," he said. "We have a softball player ... that's her numcouldn't play here this week. Then we had a couple on vacation." Horne opted to go with

just five players instead of dipping down into the JV ranks. 'The reason I didn't is

because we had eight JV girls playing," he said. And then won (the semifinal), so they were playing for the championship today. So I didn't want to leave her (coach Jakeyla Ford) with five or six players on my account, so that's the reason why I didn't.'

Freshman Lauren Courtright paced the Eagles with nine points, while sophomore Renee Faulkner added eight. Twin sister Janee Faulker chipped in with six.

"I thought we did exceptional," Horne said. "South Lyon East is an exceptional team and Northville is a tough team. I was actually looking forward to this game ... I want to be careful because I don't want to say we struggled the first eight, nine games. We did, but we had bright spots, so coming in we said, 'Let's see where at against a Northville team that's been pretty successful over the years.' And I thought we handled ourselves pretty well.

Horne took all of his allotted six timeouts to give his "Iron Five" some timely breathers.

"I tried to save the timeouts when I saw them gasping for air or when there was a dead ball situation where they gave me everything for loose ball, just to say, 'I've got your back,'" he said. "Those are the times I wanted to use them and I used them all."

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been really good," Dillon said. "We were a little bit

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ters "I think just think we

shaky at first, but once

we started playing more

together in practice and

in games, I think we all

started to mesh pretty

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South Lyon's Hagenbach Super Senior Golfer of Year

Gregory Johnson Special to Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Rick Hagenbach of South Lyon and Oak **Pointe Country Club** found more time to golf after age 50, and found competition in Golf Association of Michigan senior tournaments after age 60.

He has it figured out, and was recently named the Golf Association of Michigan's Super Senior Golfer of the Year by Ken Hartmann, senior director of rules and competitions for the GAM.

"I feel honored with the designation, it's great," said the 68-yearold Hagenbach, who has been retired from Gener-

PAIRS

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DeWyre and Nussle,

House Skating Academy

representing the Ice

under the direction of

Michelle Hunt, train at

three different venues including the Kensington

Brighton, the Hartland

Sports Center and the

Detroit Skating Club,

"which has definitely

helped out a ton," Nussle

been under the direction

of two coaches including

Laura Lepzinski, a three-

time Senior National

competitor in pairs,

along with Craig Joe-

right, a seven-time Na-

tional competitor who

was on the U.S. Interna-

At the DSC, they have

Valley Ice House in

tions."

said.



South Lyon's Rick Hagenbach is the Golf Association of Michigan's Super Senior Golfer of the Year. GREGORY JOHNSON

al Motors for nine years. "I'm really pleased with the Golf Association of Michigan and the way

they run tournaments, and there is really great competition. There are so many good players and

good guys to play with in the tournaments.'

Tom Werkmeister of Grandville and Aya Johnson of North Muskegon were previously announced as the men's and women's players of the year, while Randy Lewis of Alma and Julie Massa of Holt were named the top senior players of the year.

The winners will receive their awards in the spring at the GAM's annual meeting for 2017. Honorees are determined based on the GAM Honor Roll, which awards points for tournament accomplishments. Hagenbach's key accomplishment among the Super Senior age 65-plus set was winning the Third GAM Super Senior Championship at his home course. He used a hot putter to shoot a closing 72 and win by five shots.

He finished with 160 Honor Roll points for the season topping last year's Super Senior Player of the Year John French of Bloomfield Hills, who had 128.

Jim Russell of Stevensville and Point **O'Woods Golf & Country** Club, and Lawrence Hogard of Flint and the Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association rounded out the top four. See the complete Honor Roll at gam.org. "Since I retired I've

been able to focus on playing golf," said Hagenbach, who winters near Sarasota, Fla., and

plays golf multiple times each week. "I enjoy the competitive aspect. It gets the adrenalin going. It keeps me in better shape. I play in three or four GAM tournaments each year and I really enjoy the four-ball tournaments."

Hartmann called Hagenbach a personable, friendly golfer.

"He is a very consistent player," he said. "The Super Senior being at Oak Pointe helped him some, but he plays well at other places and is usually in the running. He is one of those regular top 10, top 15 guys who are that age, have their health and can really play. It's not a surprise that he is Player of the Year."

off-ice workouts to Anytime Fitness in Hamburg. "My expectations

it's our first year in Juniors and we're competing against some really good teams and skaters," he said, "but I think anything can happen."

'Do You Know the Way to San Jose" was the 1968 popular song written and composed for singer Dionne Warwick by Burt Bacharach, who composed the music, while Hal David, who wrote the lyrics. The song was Warwick's biggest international hit, selling over a million copies and winning Warwick her first Grammy

hope to be a big hit next week in San Jose.

This year's U.S. Nationals also has an added significance.

It's also an Olympic year and much is at stake this week in San Jose for the Senior Dance, Pairs, Men's Singles and Women's Singles competitors hoping to earn spots on the U.S. team this February in Pyeonchang, South Korea.

Winter Olympics is scheduled for Beijing, China and by that year DeWyre and Nussle hope make it on Senior stage as well.

top 10, and to perform clean programs, and try our best," DeWyre said.

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Meanwhile, the 2022

This is just the first step and it will be their first appearance in the Juniors.

"We're hoping for the

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tional team from 1998-2000.

"Craig is our pairs coach," Nussle said. "He's a really good skater and has coached some pretty good teams. She (Lepzinski) helps clean up our program with our choreography. She does a lot more on the finishing touches on the programs and she does some similar things to Craig. Craig works more on our tricks and works more on the programs that we do."

DeWyre has been taking an hour's worth of online classes at East to allow her more time to practice each day between 2-4 p.m.

'It's just been kind of the same as last year," she said. "Our lifts are at a little bit harder levels. Our double twists are getting a little bit bigger. We're working on the



The junior pairs team of Cora DeWyre (left) and Jacob Nussie competed in the Junior Pairs at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships this week in San Jose, Calif. ROBIN DEWYRE

height on them. We work on them at the DSC and then also with our main coach Michelle (Hunt). I've been working on jumps by myself and

then perfecting my spins, getting faster to match Jacob's.

Nussle recently switched to new skates

and has switched his

Award. **DeWyre and Nussle**

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Drum roll: The best HS sports stories of 2017

They had us cheering, jeering, shedding tears and they tugged at our hearts ... the best prep sports stories of 2017 are a roller coaster ride of emotions. From several athletic field dedications honoring past and present coaching legends; numerous state champions and repeat champions, unexpected finals appearances, recordbreaking performances, hiring and firings, retirements and those that left this earth too soon, the story lines are too numerous to list all, but here are our picks for the top high school sports stories from Hometown Life Sports

Novi volleyball 3-peats

Sometimes following the script is just as impressive as reaching the improbable, especially when it is done in convincing fashion, three years in a row.

So it was with the Novi volleyball team.

Novi triumphantly closed out the dominant era of "Miss Volleyball" setter Erin O'Leary and eight other seniors with a 56-3 record when it defeated Birmingham Marian to claim its third

straight state title Nov. 18

While teams wins came first for the University of Michigan bound O'Leary, her individual accolades solidified her as one of the top high school volleyball players in the nation. Besides being named Michigan Miss Volleyball, O'Leary was also the MaxPreps 2017 All-American Player of the Year and an Under Armour



Novi senior Abryanna Cannon (12) powers one of her 18 kill shots during the state finals match against Marian at Kellogg Arena. TOM LANG

All-American. O'Leary is the state's all-time leader with 5,678 assists, becoming just the third player in Michigan history to record 5,000 assists in her career.

CC wrestling dominates

In late February another team out of Novi finished a truly dominating season at Central **Michigan University's** McGuirk Arena. The Catholic Central wrestling team won its sixth **Division 1 team state** championship since the dual format was instituted 30 seasons ago by a 35-22 margin over Davison, a team that beat CC in last year's semifinals. The Shamrocks finished the season a remarkable 31-1

Individually, CC qualified 14 wrestlers for the

Obituaries

MHSAA Division 1 state finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills in March. The Shamrocks came away with five champions, two third places, one fourth and one seventh place

More impressive is the fact that not only did Cameron Amine (145 pounds), Ty Morland (171), Nick Jenkins (285), Ben Kamali (112) and Kevon Davenport (130) win titles, but all repeated as individual state champions. Livonia Franklin's

Livonia Franklin's Nathan Atienza – currently wrestling at Michigan State University – needs a mention as another two-time individual state champion. His record over his last two seasons was an incredible went 111-1. He claimed titles at 145 pounds in 2016 and then finished his high school

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nate happenings. Such is the case of the Northville High School boys cross country team. On Saturday, Oct. 29

career with a second title

the Mustangs appeared to garner the third and final team qualifying spot at the Region 6 at New Boston's Willow Metropark. However, instead of competing in the MHSAA Division 1 finals on Nov. 4 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, the Northville boys cross country team had to stay home after they were disqualified by meet officials on a violation for not wearing the same style uniforms. Specifically, Northville's seven runners were flagged for donning different colored undergarment sleeves and were informed 90 minutes after the race that they had been DQ'd.



Coaching legend Tom Mach stepped down after 41 years at the helm of the varsity football program at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi. BRAD EMONS



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



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Gordon E. Moore

MILFORD - Moore, Gordon E. Age 81. December 24, 2017 formerly of Milford. Beloved husband of Lynn of 48 years. Loving father of Jennifer (Chris) Chisholm. Proud grandfather of Jacob and Addison. Gordon loved to golf and enjoyed watching his grandchildren play soccer. He was a Veteran of the United Stated Marine Corp. He was a retired postal inspector with over 35 years of service. Visitation 4-8 pm Thursday. December 28, 2017 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Ave Novi 248 348 1800. Memorial service will be 11 am Friday, December 29, 2017 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association. Expressions of sympathy www. obriensullivanfuner alhome.com

Margaret Weidner

NORTHVILLE - Margaret Mae Weidner (1917-2017) Long-time Northville resident, Margaret "Peg" Weidner, passed away December 25, 2017 in Winter Garden, FL at the age of 100. Peg was preceded in death by her husband, William F. Weidner in 1974, second husband, Charles B. Pilling in 1992 and son Thomas W. (late wife Ruth) in 2017. She is survived by three children, William P. (wife Lynn) of Las Vegas, NV, James R. (wife Kathy) of Zebulon, NC and Nancy I. (husband John) McCarthy of Clermont, FL. She is also survived by six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and one great great grandson. Born July 19, 1917 in Detroit, Michigan to Mervin & Adelaide Green, Peg was a secretary for Gibbs & Co. before marrying husband Bill in 1940. They moved their family to Northville, Michigan in 1951, where Peg became a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Northville Garden Club, Mother's Club, Bridge Club and the "Friday Night Group". After raising her family, Peg also stayed busy with part-time positions at local businesses such as Ely's Garden Center and Green Ridge Nursery as well as with Crowley-Milner and Continental Airlines. She began a new life after moving south to The Plantation at Leesburg, Florida in 1993. Peg enjoyed being active, riding horses well into her 70's and traveling extensively into her 90's including vacations to Europe and Hawaii, dog sledding in Alaska, and whale watching in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. She loved playing bridge and hosting parties, gardening, backyard birding, horses, dogs & cats, especially her beloved feline companion "Cleo". Peg will be interred next to her husband Bill at Rural Hill Cemetery, after a private family ceremony planned for the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Humanc Society or the Alzheimer's Association.

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Following the disqualification and the lobbying by coach Tim Dalton, the Northville athletic administration asked for a clarification of the ruling, which ultimately allowed fifthplace regional finisher Nicholas Couyoumjian to compete at the Division 1 state finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn by virtue of his top 15 individual finish.

State's winningest football coach

Farmington Harrison's John Herrington became the state's alltime winnigest coach this fall, surpassing former Brother Rice head coach Al Fracassa.

Herrington, who started the Harrison program in 1970 and is the only head coach the school has ever had, began the season five wins behind Fracassa and finished it five wins ahead after leading the Hawks to a 10-4 overall record and an appearance in the Division 3 state final game against Muskegon.

Harrison's Hall of Fame head coach now stands atop the Michigan High School Athletic Association's win charts with 435. Fracassa is second at 430 victories.

Herrington also owns a state-record 13 state championships in his legendary 48-year coaching career.

CC's Tom Mach retires

Another football . coaching legend made news in early February when Tom Mach announced he was stepping down after 41 years at the helm of the varsity football program at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi.

Mach ranks third all time in Michigan with 370 victories to go along with 10 state champi-

Novi senior setter Erin O'Leary was voted the 2017 Michigan Miss Volleyball. BRAD EMONS

onships.

Dan Anderson, a 10year defensive coordinator, was chosen a month later to replace s Mach. In his first year at the helm, CC made it all the way to the Division 1 semifinal game where the Shamrocks were defeated 27-7 by eventual champion Clarkston.

In an interesting side story, former Birmingham Brother Rice football head coach David Sofran also joined the CC staff as an assistant.

Sofran had taken over the Rice program in 2014 when Fracassa retired. Sofran led the Warriors to a pair of state qualifying berths en route to a 20-12 overall record in three seasons at the helm. Following the 2016 season when Rice went 7-4 and lost to neighborhood rival Birmingham Groves in the district championship game, Sofran was let go.

Franklin football season

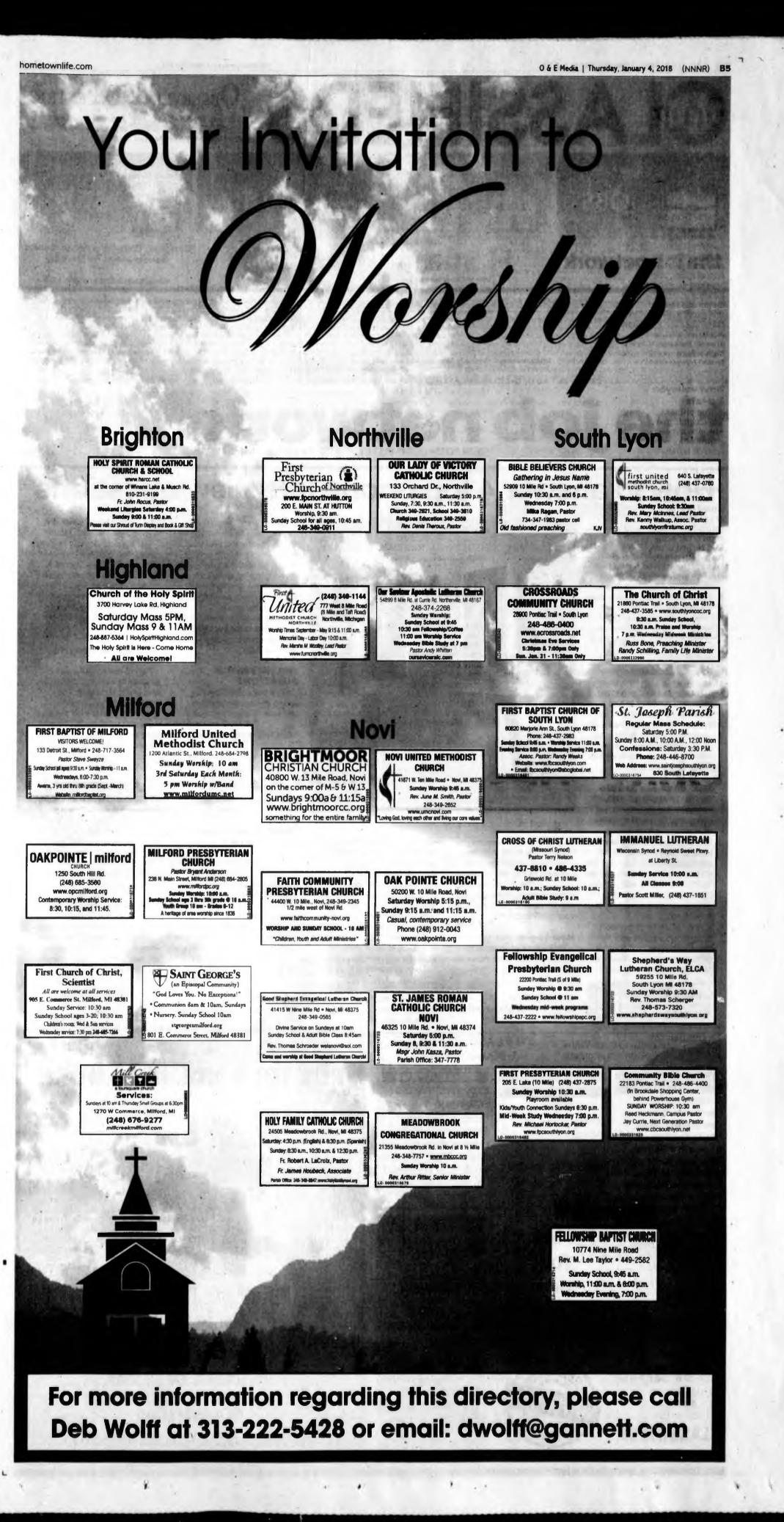
The story line was set - and even though it did not turn out the way the Livonia Franklin Patriots had hoped, the fact the 2017 football team returned to the state football finals 42 years after capturing the inaugural Michigan High School Athletic Association Class A championship was a feat in itself. After losses to Livonia Stevenson (week 1) and Churchill (week 4), it was improbable the Patriots next loss would be in the state final against Warren De La Salle.

Franklin stunned the state by defeating Walled Lake Western 35-28 in OT on Oct. 27 in a predistrict game, they were not supposed to win. Then a week later avenged the loss to Churchill by winning the district title 21-19.

The Patriots then hosted Flushing and a miracle 55-yard run on a broken play followed by a 27-yard field goal with 1:45 to play gave Franklin a 31-29 win over Flushing for the MHSAA Division 2-Region 2 championship.

Despite being the underdog once again, the Patriots (11-2) used a suffocating defense and a precision ground game Nov. 18 at rainy Grand Ledge to upend previously unbeaten Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (12-1) as they pitched an impressive 20-0 shutout in the Division 2 semifinal.

On Nov. 24 Franklin was unable to duplicate the feat of their 1975 Class A championship team as Warren De La Salle pounced on a series of first-half mistakes to secure its second state title in school history with a convincing 41-6 win in the MHSAA Division 2 final at Ford Field.





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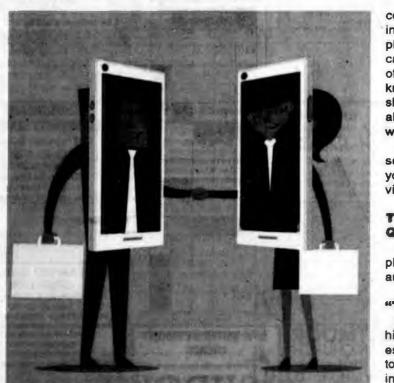
How to answer 4 top phone interview questions

BY ERIC TITNER THEJOBNETWORK.COM

ou've submitted your resume for a job opening, and now you've got your first bite --- a phone interview. You might encounter the phone interview for two reasons: You're currently far away from the hiring company, or the company wants to do a preliminary screening.

Either way, it's likely a precursor to some kind of physical meeting. The main goal is usually to see if you meet certain requirements and would likely be a good fit for the job. If a company has a lot of great-on-paper applicants for a single position, phone interviews are a way to narrow the candidate pool.

How do phone and sit-



company, the job and the interviewer. The beauty of the phone interview is that you can have notes right in front of you, without the interviewer knowing you've got a crib sheet, or the talking points about your resume that you want to emphasize.

Lastly, make sure you're settled in a quiet spot where you can conduct your interview in peace.

THE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Here are some common phone interview questions, and how to approach them:

"Tell me about yourself."

Limit your answer to a few highlights about your career. especially those relevant to the job for which you're interviewing. An elevator

"Tell me about your current/most recent job."

The interviewer isn't necessarily interested in every one of your daily tasks, thoughts and opinions about the work. Instead, focus on the parts of your job that relate most directly to the job you want, and highlight the accomplishments.

"Why are you leaving vour job?"

Part of the phone interview process is weeding out people who aren't a good fit. They want to know you're not a flight risk or unable to work as a member of a team. The answer shouldn't focus too much on what dissatisfies you about your current job. Instead, emphasize your goals and this new job.

A phone interview may not be the main interview in your

hiring process, but it's such

down interviews differ There's the obvious format

difference, for starters. Instead of physically sitting face-toface and being able to read body language cues, you're sitting by yourself. That can be a benefit, but also a drawback. You're in a bit of a void, counting on your conversational skills to get you through to the next round.

Also, while an in-person interview is usually with the hiring manager, you may be talking to a human resources representative or a recruiter



for a phone interview. It's

important to know who the

interviewer is upfront. If it's a recruiter or HR person, you

can be a little more general.

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up in your normal interview clothes and call a friend or family member right before the interview to get into a conversational mode

You want to come across as friendly and competent. Make sure you're allowing the person to finish speaking before you answer, and don't feel like you need to fill in any brief silences with nervous chatter. Do your homework on the

pitch comes in very handy here.

"What interested you about this job?"

This is where your preinterview research comes in handy. Talk about one of your goals that this job would help you achieve or mention something you like about the company.

Make it clear that this job is an opportunity you didn't want to miss. The more specific and authentic your answer, the better.

an important first step that it should be treated every bit as seriously as any other kind of interview. Being prepared will help you be ready to answer any question that comes your way.

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LINCOLN LAUNCHES ALL-NEW NAVIGATOR AT IDEAL TIME, **ASSISTED BY BRAND MUSE MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY**



Lincoln about half-way toward tripling its sales volume, its goal for 2020 over 2014 levels, and its marketing partnership with Matthew

McConaughey gets a substantial

share of the credit for that. So do a handful of worthy new

vehicles that the Ford-owned luxury brand has fielded over the last few vears

most widely-anticipated and timely models ever-an all-new version of its big-body Navigator SUV-and once again, the much-decorated, enigmatic actor with broad appeal is helping to of 100,000, and more than 45,000 in do the honors.

have may counterproductive for Lincoln to stage

vehicle in the midst of the zenith of holiday messaging by competing auto brands that were all trying to get their pieces of what has become a very important seasonal market for premium marques.

the luxury automotive industry, the last two months of the year is a very high-volume period," John Emmert, Lincoln's marketing manager, told me. Nearly given up for dead by previous

Now, Lincoln is debuting one of its recently ousted CEO Mark Fields. Lincoln has a long way to go to recall its glory days of a generation ago. It's aiming at 300,000 sales globally in 2020; this year's sales in the US will be north China, where Lincoln started just a few



The all-new 2018 Lincoln Navigator

the marketing launch of this crucial

"But when you look at luxury and

CEO Alan Mulally, and revived under days?

In an effort that launchted last week, Lincoln is breaking a new campaign featuring McConaughey in a Navigator doing what he does best: saying little, implying much more.

"Perfect Rhythm' is our launch spot," Emmert said. McConaughy doesn't have any dialogue, "but what's really interesting about the spot is this idea around one of those moments where everything is going your way. He's on a journey of sorts, where he's kind of in the zone and he's just in that moment."

I talked with Emmert about the new Navigator on the even of its big launch, as well as about working with McConaughev:

John, how would you describe Lincoln's competitive position these

It started with the new MKZ, MKC, MKX and Continental. We've got the new Navigator. We introduced a freshened MKC in LA at the auto show [in November]. There's also coming a new Lincoln Nautilus which is the successor to MKX in the lineup.

Our U.S. retail sales are up this year by 5%, which is pretty significant when you look at the overall luxury part of the (U.S. auto) industry, which is down. We're off to our strongest start since 2007. In 2015 we crossed the 100,000 overall sales mark for first time since 2007. Both cars and utilities are up and we're seeing tremendous momentum in China, where we're up almost 100% over last year. That helps us everywhere.

What do you still need to accomplish in terms of the brand's renaissance?

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Our products have achieved worldclass stature but what else do we need to do? We're saying the products are great and need to bring along the world-class client experiences. Pickup and delivery launched in 2016 and gained momentum through this year. Service satisfaction has spiked up. We're working toward this ecosystem of services that deliver warm, human and personally crafted experiences.

This is the ethos of our brand. We want to deliver this idea of effortlessness. With luxury, consumers are expecting more than great products. We've got the subscription service and a personal-driver service being piloted. Our subscription service is lower-priced because these are preowned vehicles so the benefit of the subscription fee is that it incorporates [car] payments, insurance and maintenance into one payment for a

one-month commitment. It gives you a lot of flexibility.

What's the significance of the new Navigator, particularly given how every brand now seems to be focusing on enhancing or adding large SUVs?

For us, it represents a big step forward in terms of competitiveness in this segment. It's a big vehicle in a relatively small segment, but a stable one. It's really the flagship utility for us and sets the tone for the rest of our utility lineup. It's important to have a strong presence there.

And it's actually our youngest and most affluent customer. The utility that comes along with a vehicle the size of Navigator-it's a great vehicle for families. We found out that most of the folks that influence the purchase decision and actually drive the Navigator are women. These people tend to be aspirational folks in areas that tend to be thought leaders.



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