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## Holland reflects on lifetime of work

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He's sold boiled peanuts on the streets of Enterprise, Ala., set bowling pins, bagged groceries, toiled on the assembly line at Dodge Main, worked as an Internal Revenue Service auditor and ran an accounting practice in downtown Northville for 47 years.

Between all that, Lee Holland found time for college, a stint in the U.S. Army,

two marriages, children, coaching football and a term as the Northville Township treasurer.

Now, at 85, Holland is doing something — retirement — that feels strange after a lifetime of work.

"I've been working ever since I was 10 years of age," Holland said recently at his former practice, which is on Dunlap in a building he still owns.

Holland, who lives in the township, had been contemplating winding down for a while, even making arrangements

to sell his accounting and financial planning businesses to Jennifer Walker, who worked for him for years.

But he kept procrastinating, he said. He just sold the practice to Walker late last year.

The roots of his drive to work go back to childhood. Born in Florida to Mertice Armstrong Holland, who was just 16, Lee had to fend for himself off and on beginning at age 14, when his mother

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Lee Holland talks about his life. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Klint Kesto answers a question. Sitting are Rocky Raczkowski, Kerry Bentivolio, Kristine Bonds, Kurt Heise and Lena Epstein. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## 11th District candidates line up with Trump in GOP forum

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"Experience matters," Kerry Bentivolio said Jan. 8 as a forum for six Republican congressional candidates got underway in Novi.

Two hours later, voters at the Emagine theater at Fountain Walk agreed.

Bentivolio, a former U.S. House of Representatives member from the 11th District, which covers large swaths of

western Wayne and Oakland counties, narrowly won the straw vote following the forum for Republicans hoping to succeed Rep. David Trott, R-Birmingham. An attorney, Trott is not seeking re-election after two terms in the House.

Bentivolio, of Milford, who has been a soldier, autoworker, reindeer farmer and teacher, garnered 54 votes in the straw poll to 51 for Andrew "Rocky"

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"These are very serious times. ... We need serious people. This is no place for on-the-job training."

**Kurt Heise**  
Plymouth Township supervisor

## Aubree's closes in Northville along Haggerty

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Haggerty Road has one less restaurant as 2018 began earlier this month.

Aubree's Pizzeria and Grill, 20420 Haggerty, in Northville Township, closed New Year's Eve after more than eight years in business at that location.

The restaurant's ownership came to the conclusion late last year the eatery would close before its lease was up and announced it to the staff just after Christmas, company president Andrew French said.

"Our lease was coming to an end, so we had to make a decision," French said. "It made sense for us to find another opportunity."

French said the restaurant saw a major dip in business during the 2016 construction of Interstate of 275 through-out Livonia, Farmington Hills and Novi. It never did recover well enough after the freeway reopened, he said, and cited the changes happening in that part of Haggerty. Coupled with the recent move of Trader Joe's a mile south along Haggerty, the Ann Arbor-based company decided closing the restaurant made the most sense.

Employees at the business were offered opportunities at other Aubree's locations in southeast Michigan, including at restaurants in South Lyon or Ypsilanti, French said. Aubree's has nine restaurants across Michigan, from Adrian to Marquette.

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## Aubree's

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### Coming to Westland

With the Northville restaurant closed, the pizza company now looks to opening another restaurant in western Wayne County later this winter. French

said a new Aubree's will open in February or March in Westland at the former Ruby Tuesday restaurant at 37300 Warren, which closed in 2016.

French said work on securing the Westland location, which is about 1,100 square feet smaller than the Northville Township restaurant, began about a year ago. Work is currently being done to capture Aubree's spirit in the building, which French said should fit nicely

in that corridor of Westland.

While some restaurant staff could potentially come from the closed Northville Township location, French said the company expects it will hire between 30 and 50 people to work at the new restaurant.

Coming just months after another Michigan restaurant, Anna's House, opened across the street, French said Aubree's will fit in nicely at Warren and

Newburgh.

"There's a lot going on in Westland," French said. "We really believe our casual dining, pizza and beer really fits with the personality of that community."

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## Holland

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lost her job in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and returned to Alabama with Lee's younger brother Thomas.

Lee stayed in Oak Ridge, working as a bowling-alley pinsetter and paying \$8 a

week room and board to live with the parents of a friend.

Mertice, who was 15 when she married Lee's father Delmas and 18 when they divorced, had set an example for her boys with her work ethic, beginning in 1936 when she went to work in an Alabama cotton mill for 10 cents an hour. Times were hard and she had less than a fifth-grade education, Holland said, but she took what work she could find.

"My mother made it on her own," he said. "She kept moving."

Mertice's trek took her from Enterprise to Oak Ridge and back, then to Milamisburg, Ohio, where Lee finished high school, barely graduating by his account. But he played football there, an all-league defensive back, and credits his gridiron experience for much of his future success.

"I wouldn't be here today except for football, so I'm really crazy about the

game," Holland said.

Holland went on to play at Heidelberg College (now Heidelberg University) in Tiffin, Ohio, for Paul Hoernemann, a College Football Hall of Fame coach who compiled a 102-18-4 record.

He was a poor student, however, and also suffered a knee injury during his second year. In 1953, Holland transferred to Wayne State University, following his mother to Detroit, where she had found work at a restaurant. He was already familiar with the city, having worked summers at Dodge Main.

Still, he struggled with school, Holland said, and it was his time in the service that turned him around. He failed a draft-deferment exam and found himself in the U.S. Army.

Stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala., which is coincidentally near his boyhood town of Enterprise, Holland took bookkeeping and accounting correspondence

courses and college courses at the post. With the help of a tutor, he excelled and returned to Wayne State in 1956, finishing with A's and B's in his senior year. Soon, he was in IRS training.

Holland worked for the IRS for about seven years, spent some time with a major Detroit accounting firm and eventually took over Kates Accounting & Tax Service in Northville.

From accounting and tax preparation, Holland got into personal financial planning, which was gaining in popularity at that time, he said. Regulations require the two businesses to be kept separate, he said.

Holland later served as township treasurer, coached football, including three years with the Northville High School junior varsity team (he had a 22-4-1 record) and raised five children.

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### NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

#### Driver racks up 16th suspension

A 53-year-old Detroit man with 15 prior license suspensions and a criminal history that includes larceny, extortion and criminal sexual conduct charges was arrested in Northville Township on multiple charges New Year's Day.

An officer clocked the man driving a Dodge Durango at 58 mph on southbound Hines Drive, where the speed limit is 40 mph, around 7:30 p.m., according to a Northville Township Police Department report. The officer pulled him over in the area of Northville Road and Five Mile.

Police soon discovered the 15 prior suspensions, plus an open bottle of liquor on the back seat floor of the Duran-

go and suspected drug paraphernalia — a pipe — in a pocket of the man's coat, the report said.

The man was arraigned in 35th District Court the next day on charges of driving with a suspended license, possessing open intoxicants in a vehicle and possessing drug paraphernalia and then was released after Judge Ron Lowe set a personal bond. He was scheduled to return to court for a hearing Jan. 17.

#### Warrants, no license

A 37-year-old Northville Township man was arrested for driving with a suspended license early New Year's Day after making a prohibited right turn on a red light, police said.

Police found the man had two prior license suspensions, as well as outstanding warrants, one from Westland and another from Garden City, for failure to appear in court.

An officer monitoring traffic shortly before 1 a.m. Jan. 1, the report said, saw a Lexus turn from westbound Seven Mile onto northbound Haggerty on a red light. Such a turn is prohibited at that intersection.

The officer pulled over the Lexus a short distance away and the driver was arrested, the report said. He was later cited for driving with a suspended license, paid a \$300 Northville Township bond plus \$500 bonds for each of his two outstanding warrants, and was released with a Jan. 17 court date.

— By Matt Jachman



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## Forum

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Raczkowski of Troy, a businessman, retired U.S. Army Reserves lieutenant colonel and former Michigan legislator.

Lena Epstein of Bloomfield Hills, a co-owner of Vesco Oil Corp., was third with 45 votes, while Kurt Heise, the Plymouth Township supervisor and also a former state legislator, and current state Rep. Kint Kesto, R-Commerce Township, took just four each. Kristine Bonds of West Bloomfield, a business owner and the daughter of legendary local television anchorman Bill Bonds, won two votes.

The forum, sponsored by the Michigan Conservative Coalition, drew a standing-room-only crowd to the Emagine's largest theater, which has 346 seats.

The candidates all expressed a degree of support for many of the policies and practices of President Donald Trump, from his insistence on a wall between the U.S. and Mexico to his sometimes-controversial use of Twitter.

"I think we get through the fake news and the fake media with them (the tweets)," said Kesto, a former Wayne County assistant prosecutor. "I say he keeps doing it."

"I think it's genius," said Bentivolio, who served in the House in 2013-14 before being beaten by Trott in the Republican primary. "A lot of people think it's unrepresentative, but the media treats him unrepresentative."

Only Heise distanced himself at all from Trump's tweets, saying, "It's certainly his way of going over the heads of the media to get his message out." The tweets, Heise continued, need to be translated into policy.

Trump was very much on the minds of the candidates as they worked to prove their Republican bona fides.

Epstein, who declared Trump "the best president in American history," touted her involvement in his 2016 campaign, during which she was a Michigan co-chair. "It was very, very important to be loud and proud and early in support of him," she said.

All six said they'd support funding a wall on the southern border, all disavowed Sharia law, an Islamic religious code that some fear could be implemented in the U.S., and none would agree that human activity has anything



The audience responds to candidates. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Bentivolio



Bonds



Epstein



Heise



Kesto



Raczkowski

to do with climate change.

Answers to the climate change question prompted moderator Terry "Thayrone X" Hughes, a local radio show host, to call out mockingly: "Security! They're all deniers. They're all deniers. Take them away for re-education."

Candidates also agreed the U.S. should adopt more stringent vetting of refugees, with some suggesting refugee resettlement in the U.S. should be ended altogether.

"We cannot be everything to everyone. We just can't," Bonds said.

"Refugee assistance program works best when we help the refugees in their own country," Raczkowski said.

Bonds, who only recently announced her decision to run, focused repeatedly on the U.S. opioid addiction crisis, which, she said, claimed a son's life in 2013.

Responding to a question about the Affordable Care Act, which she said she'd want to repeal, Bonds turned her answer into a plea for helping addicts.

"We are in the center of the worst

opioid epidemic in the history of this country," she said, adding she finds it "unbelievable" that there's no consensus about how to help uninsured people who need drug treatment.

Bentivolio painted himself as a "regular guy" who wants to continue serving the budget-cutting, small-government movement that he championed when in the House. A federal government shutdown, the possibility of which looms this month, wouldn't bother him, he said (and essential services are kept, he added).

"I don't see a problem, because less government is actually good," he said.

Kesto and Heise both emphasized their time as state legislators. Kesto said he is working on asset forfeiture reform and welfare reform, while Heise, who served in the Michigan House from 2011 until late 2016, said he was part of a government that turned Michigan's economy and state budget around after the Great Recession.

"We're holding government accountable and draining the swamp," Kesto

said.

"These are very serious times. ... We need serious people," Heise said. "This is no place for on-the-job training."

Raczkowski also mentioned his experience in the state Legislature and his service as a military leader and made an impassioned plea for getting money out of political campaigns.

"No one will buy this district. No Democrat, no one. It belongs to the people," he said.

The 11th District includes much of northwest Wayne County and central and southeast Oakland County, including the communities of Livonia, Plymouth and Northville, Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships, Novi, Farmington, Birmingham and Troy.

The Democrats running in the district are state Rep. Tim Greimel of Auburn Hills, Birmingham businessman Suneel Gupta, Birmingham lawyer Daniel Haberman, Haley Stevens of Rochester Hills, the former chief of staff for the U.S. Treasury Department's auto task force, and Fayrouz Saad of Northville, a former staffer in the Department of Homeland Security.

The primary election is Tuesday, Aug. 7.

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## SOUTH LYON POLICE BRIEFS

## Man arrested for driving and huffing aerosols

A South Lyon man was arrested for driving under the influence — huffing from aerosol cans — after South Lyon firefighters found him passed out behind the wheel.

Police were dispatched just before 1 p.m. Jan. 6 to assist the two firefighters on Reese, near the railroad tracks. Prior to the officer arriving, the driver roused and drove to the 400 block of Donovan, where he stopped in a driveway.

One firefighter told police she was driving in a department vehicle when she was flagged down by a citizen about a man sleeping in a vehicle on North Reese, just south of the railroad tracks. The resident was concerned that the driver needed medical attention.

The driver was slumped over against the driver's door, which was locked. The firefighter said she knocked on the window a couple of times and the man woke up. She said the man opened the door and said he was fine, but she was still concerned since his speech was slurred and he appeared to be sleepy.

Calling her partner, who arrived from the fire station, the firefighters watched the driver leave and followed him until he stopped at the home on Donovan, then had police redirected.

The officer arrived and talked with the man, 27, who said he didn't remember being asleep behind the wheel earlier. He said he was at the home to help his brother paint. He denied drinking, taking medications or drugs.

However, the man appeared to be confused, his pupils were constricted and he was unable to remember his drive to the home on Donovan, the officer reported. The man told the officer he was driving north on Pontiac Trail.

The man agreed to a search of his vehicle, during which the officer reported finding two aerosol cans of Blow Off duster — one on the passenger seat, the other on the driver's side floor under the gas pedal. Questioned by the officer, the man reported he had been huffing the aerosol cans.

The officer reported finding three receipts for the cans of duster — two at a time — from Jan. 4-5. After field sobriety tests were conducted, the man was arrested. He was taken for a blood sample to be drawn. A charge of driving impaired is pending test results. The man was already on probation from 52-1 District Court.

## Drunken driving

An officer on patrol just before 3 a.m. Jan. 6 reported coming across a vehicle in a ditch at Martindale and Glen Meadows.

There was a woman attempting to dig the vehicle out of the snow using a large

ice scraper. No one else was around, but the woman denied being the driver of the car, which had hit a mailbox. There was steam coming from under the hood of the car, which the officer noted had traveled about 150 feet while off the road.

Asked what had happened, the officer said the woman, a 37-year old South Lyon resident, told him her friend had been driving and she was attempting to get the vehicle out of the ditch for the friend. She reported the vehicle belonged to her friend and that she had been in the passenger seat. The officer noted she smelled strongly of alcohol and was unsteady on her feet.

The woman said that her friend worked after hours at the New Hudson Inn, adding that one of her friends was coming to try to dig the vehicle out of the snow.

Not believing the woman's story, the officer noted the front and rear passenger areas were filled with clothing and packed with personal items. There were also only the woman's footprints around the vehicle, he noted.

The woman continued to deny driving the vehicle at the time of the accident. She also denied hitting the mailbox that was lying next to her vehicle. The officer said he also didn't believe the "friend" had left her in the severely cold weather to try to dig out the vehicle alone.

The roads were dry, but the woman insisted that the vehicle went off the road due to snow and ice, the officer reported. She said the items in the vehicle came from her storage unit.

Asked for her license, the woman said he didn't have a license and that's why she was a passenger. She denied any plans to drive once the vehicle was out of the ditch.

The woman eventually provided a phone number for the registered vehicle owner, her former boyfriend who was working at the New Hudson Inn. He told police that the woman had driven the vehicle while they were together and continued after they split up 10 days earlier. He added that he had been intending to put the vehicle in her name.

Later, the woman told officers she had been drinking at a bar in Brighton and had her last drink about an hour earlier. She had two prior driving while impaired convictions and two prior license suspensions. She was arrested for third offense driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license. The woman was taken for a blood test after refusing a Breathalyzer test.

— By LeAnne Rogers

## Wrong-way driver not drinking in fatal crash

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A wrong-way driver involved in a head-on crash that killed two people in Canton hadn't been drinking alcohol at the time, police say, even though open alcohol was found in his vehicle.

"Having an open bottle of alcohol in the car doesn't necessarily mean he was drinking that day," Michigan State Police Lt. Mike Shaw said.

With possible charges pending, authorities are awaiting toxicology results to determine whether the driver may have been under the influence of drugs, Shaw said. The investigation is continuing.

The crash killed Nicholas Pare, 33, of Wayne and Shannon McIntyre, 32, of Woodhaven. They were engaged to marry and left behind three children, ages 7, 13 and 15.

Shaw said the wrong-way driver's blood alcohol level was .00 percent when the crash occurred about 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, on Interstate

275 near Palmer Road, based on some results authorities have received.

Shaw said Dec. 28 it wasn't known when the investigation might be concluded. Possible charges will be up to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

After the crash, the victims' family set up a GoFundMe account to help cover funeral expenses and for the three children.

Police have declined to identify the suspect, who was injured in the crash, but media outlets reported that Wolverine Lake Village Councilman Michael Stack was involved.

Council President John Magee addressed the incident at a council meeting, saying local officials had received "credible information that Wolverine Lake resident and council member Mike Stack was involved in an accident on I-275 in Canton Township on Tuesday, Dec. 12, and was treated for injuries."

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## Human trafficking, opioid case ends in prison terms

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Four defendants, including a 27-year-old Canton woman, have landed in prison after authorities busted a human trafficking and opioid drug ring that spanned two counties in southeast Michigan.

Authorities have said the investigation revealed how organizers of human trafficking schemes can prey on victims of opioid drug addiction to make money. The scheme unraveled after the FBI and Oakland County Gang and Violent Crimes Task Force acted on a tip of a drug and prostitution operation in Madison Heights.

Jasmin Christine McGinnis of Canton is facing one to 20 years in prison after she pleaded guilty to one count of human trafficking involving allegations she provided forced labor for commercial sex and one count of possession of 50 grams of cocaine with intent to deliver, Oakland County online court records show.

Other counts against McGinnis, including prostitution/accepting earnings, were dismissed during her sentencing Dec. 19 by Oakland County Circuit Judge Wendy Potts.

Three other defendants were sentenced the same day.

Melvin Dwight Niblett, a 38-year-old Southfield man who authorities portrayed as the ringleader, was sentenced to 6½-20 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to three counts of human trafficking involving threats of physical harm and one count of conspiracy to deliver a controlled sub-

stance, court records show. Several other charges were dismissed.

Corey Michael Cooper, 45, whose place of residence wasn't known, has been sentenced to 5½-20 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance.

Niblett and Cooper could have faced life in prison if they had had been convicted of a wide range of other, now-dismissed charges including conducting a criminal enterprise.

Maurice Rushton, 57, whose residence wasn't known, has been sentenced to 19 months to 10 years behind bars for his plea to one count of human trafficking involving injury or sexual assault, according to court records.

Charges against the four defendants were announced in mid-August by Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's office, culminating an investigation that lasted a year. Schuette issued a statement condemning human traffickers for holding victims "hostage in their dark world."

After the investigation began, authorities said they received information that Niblett was using rooms at an unnamed Southfield hotel to conduct a drug and human trafficking operation. Officials say it involved dozens of people and led to a flurry of felony charges against Niblett and the other three defendants.

FBI Special Agent David P. Gelios has said drug and human trafficking continue to plague area communities. He has urged anyone who has information about such crimes to contact authorities.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 07, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **VILLAS AT STONEBROOK SITE PLAN NUMBER 17-62, LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF WIDOM ROAD, NORTH OF ELEVEN MILE ROAD (SECTION 17) FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR CONCEPT PLAN APPROVAL UNDER THE PLANNED SUBURBAN LOW RISE OVERLAY DISTRICT.** The applicant is proposing a 43 duplex (86 total units) "age-restricted" ranch style housing units. The subject property is currently zoned I-2, General Industrial with Planned Suburban Low-Rise Overlay. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



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The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on the following appeal applications in regards to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance:

- To request a use variance on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, so that the building may be leased for meeting, counseling, and office space to a non-profit organization called the Living and Learning Enrichment Center. Use variances are determined by considering the standards of Section 25.04(c) of the ordinance. The property in question is part of the Mill Race Village campus, and is located at 315 Griswold, Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-001-03-0720-301.
- To consider a dimensional variance request on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, at 627 Natalie Lane, Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-002-02-0441-307. As illustrated on the property survey submitted with the application form, the applicant is seeking a variance from Section 18.09 to construct a four-foot tall aluminum fence in the front yard of Randolph Street as follows:
  - For a length of 20 feet, 10 feet behind the front face of the house;
  - For a length of 48 feet parallel to Randolph Street, five (5) feet from the north property line (or six feet from the sidewalk); and
  - For a length of 16 feet, on the eastern property line.

The public hearings for these appeals will be held on Wednesday February 7, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 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 requests will also be received at the above address.

**DOMINIC SILVESTRI, CHAIRPERSON**  
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# The auto show and other things to do

David Veselenak

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The world's eyes turn toward Detroit this week.

All the world, and especially those interested in cars, will head to Detroit this upcoming week. Lucky for us, we're close by, so there's plenty of options to head downtown to see the latest crazes in the auto world.

But if cars aren't your thing, there's still plenty to check out this weekend. Here are three things happening in the hometownlife.com communities and beyond for this weekend.

## North American International Auto Show

The top automobile show in the world returns to Cobo Center in Detroit this week, with plenty to see and do when it opens to the public Saturday.

Patrons can begin checking out the latest models and technology from automakers such as Ford, Chrysler, GM, Toyota and many more. More than 750 vehicles will be on display.

The show runs through Jan. 28, with hours being 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Jan. 27 and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 28 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

Tickets for the show cost \$14 for adults, with children ages 6-14 at \$7. Senior tickets are \$7 and children under age 6 are free. For more information, go to [naiaas.com](http://naiaas.com).

## Winter dog show in Novi

If the cold temperatures have you longing for a day out with your pooch, look no further than Novi, where the Michigan Winter Dog Classic returns.

The show, taking place at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, runs all weekend and is billed as the state's largest dog show. More than 7,000 dogs and more than 160 breeds will be at the show. The show will feature demonstrations, breed seminars and other exhibitions.

The show runs through Sunday at the showplace, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$10, with children, active military and seniors costing \$8. Children under age 12 are free. A family



Luke Ehrlich grooms Peter, his Shih-tzu, at the Michigan Dog Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. FILE PHOTO

plan, which costs \$35, covers admission for two adults and up to three children.

For more information, go to [themichiganwinterdogclassic.com](http://themichiganwinterdogclassic.com).

## Play with discussion in Northville

It's not often a play performance comes with an in-depth conversation afterward. But that's just what's taking place this weekend in Northville.

The Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St., will present "Every Brilliant Thing" this weekend, with a panel discussion on mental health taking place after the show at 8 p.m. Saturday. The show features a 7-year-old who makes a list of what's worth living for while dealing with his mother's depression.

After the Saturday performance, a panel of mental health experts from St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will take the stage to discuss issues sur-

rounding mental health and depression.

"We are proud to partner with Tipping Point Theatre to highlight the importance of mental illness," Pamela McCullough, director of behavioral health services at the hospital, said in a statement. "Making behavioral health relatable through a compelling and humorous story can begin to eliminate the stigma of mental illness and bring about meaningful conversation within our community."

The show opens Saturday, though two preview performances will take place today and Friday. It runs through Feb. 25 with performances Thursday through Sunday and some Wednesdays. Tickets start at \$25 and are available at [tippingpointtheatre.com](http://tippingpointtheatre.com), by visiting the Tipping Point Box office or by calling 248-347-0003.

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James Bracken and Laura Parsons travel from New York City to see the auto show. They have no ties to the industry, they just like automobiles. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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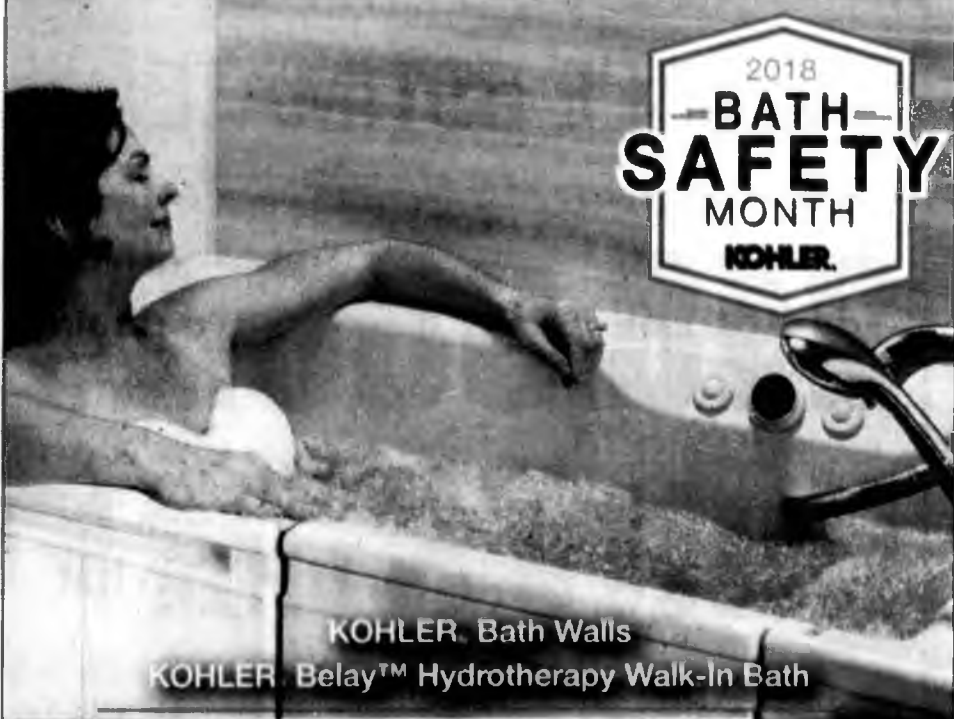


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## School board members preserve core of democracy



**Super Talk**  
Steve Matthews  
USA TODAY NETWORK —  
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January is National Oatmeal Month. Of course, January is also National Soup Month, National Hot Tea Month, National Slow Cooking Month, National Hobby Month and National Mentoring Month. More importantly, January is also National Healthy Weight Awareness Month.

Evidently, there is a lot to recognize in January.

Not to be forgotten, January is also School Board Recognition month — a time to salute the work of our volunteer school board members and to celebrate public education.

Recognizing our Novi Community School District Board of Education members reflects our community's combined commitment to ensure that all children succeed.

It's an exciting and challenging time in public education. The needs in our community and our nation remain great. The opportunities are boundless,

but success requires an education. The members of our Board of Education recognize and are committed to ensuring that the students in our district receive an education that will prepare them to be successful today and tomorrow.

Our district provides services to children and young adults from birth through age 26. Our school board develops policies and makes tough decisions that help shape the future for the 6,500 students in our district.

Our community is served well by Bobbie Murphy, Willy Mena, Tracy Stevenson, Ann Glubzinski, Paul Cook, Dennis O'Connor and Kathy Hood. They serve without pay or benefit. They serve because they have a deep commitment to the students in our district.

Members of Novi's school board would state that serving is an honor and a privilege. It is also a lot of hard work. During January, I would encourage you to thank the members of the board for their service.

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He can be reached at [steven.matthews@novik12.org](mailto:steven.matthews@novik12.org).

### NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

#### Nativity set, coffee shops vandalized

The nativity scene at St. James Catholic Church in Novi was apparently vandalized at Christmastime.

A Novi Police Department report said the face of the baby Jesus statue had been scraped off and broken, a second figure had been knocked over and three lights that illuminated the scene had been broken.

The damage was reported Jan. 7. The police report said it appeared to have been deliberate and occurred some time since the scene was set up Dec. 9.

#### Starbucks vandalized

Two Novi Starbucks locations were egged in separate incidents as 2017 ended.

The Starbucks at the West Oaks II plaza, off of Novi Road north of I-96, was hit the night of Dec. 30.

A police report said several eggs had hit each window and were stuck because of the freezing temperatures. Eggs had also been thrown near the front door, the report said, and there were eggshells everywhere. The vandalism was discovered the morning of Dec. 31.

The Starbucks at the Maple Place Plaza, at 14 Mile and Novi roads, was hit the night before, police said. Eggs had been thrown at the windows, an employee told police, and the vandalism was discovered the morning of Dec. 30. In that case, the mess had been mostly cleaned up by the time police were informed of it.

— By Matt Jachman

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Immigration talks a charade

In a carefully choreographed, scripted and rehearsed infomercial, President Donald Trump met with select members of Congress to discuss immigration. This was simply a White House "Reality show" production to demonstrate Trump punctuality in an attempt to neutralize changes made in the recent book, "Fire and Fury" by Michael Wolf. Nothing can be accomplished in an opened recorded and televised meeting with some 30 people.

During this 55-minute White House production, Trump stated he would sign any bill presented to him by Congress which clearly demonstrated Trump is only interested in "victories" and not substantive legislation.

Gerald Maxey  
Farmington Hills

## Red Box thanks

The Highland White Lake Business Association held its annual Red Box Food Drive in November and December. Once again Szott Automotive sponsored this community-wide event. The Highland and White Lake fire departments partnered with the HWLBA to pick up Red Boxes making participation easier and the event successful.

Donations of food, hygiene products, diapers, and first aid were given to the Highland Goodfellows and Open Door Outreach Center. Due to an overabundance of donations, the unused portion of food was re-distributed to Community Sharing to benefit the community.

The HWLBA would like to thank our members who participated in our Red Box Food Drive: Szott's M-59 Dodge in Highland, Highland Station Orthodontics,

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Highland Township, Huron Valley State Bank - Highland and Milford, Freedom Works, Building Blocks Preschool, White Lake Township Library Kids in Motion, Highland Activity Center, Highland Township Library, Huron Valley Council of the Arts, LeVasseur Dental, Colasanti's, General RV, Huron Valley School Board Office, Jeni's Ugly Pies, Allstate - Shirl Crowe, Age with Grace and Apollo Center.

We are grateful for the willingness of our community to open up their arms



The community stepped up to help spread some holiday cheer through the annual Red Box campaign. HIGHLAND-WHITE LAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

and hearts to give during the holiday season and year-round. This is such a worthwhile program and makes such a difference in the lives of others.

Suzanne Gabli  
HWLBA president

## What are sanctions for?

A lot has been made on international sanctions and international pressure being brought on rogue nations in order to curtail what appears to be some very violent inclinations. For example, Iran has threatened to eliminate Israel which has caused worries about their nuclear program.

I don't need to add much about North Korea. They have an atom bomb, apparently, and they are trying to build missiles that can drop one of them anywhere in the United States.

Not very pleasant thoughts.

International cooperation has been offered to us in the news as the answer to this madness and to help us all feel safe even in the face of the fact that nine countries alone hold about 15,000 ready-to-use nuclear warheads. Creepy.

I was saddened the other day when I read about a maritime disaster off the Peoples Republic of China's coast. 31 sailors are missing. An oil tanker is burning.

Then I was shocked as I read that the oil tanker is owned and operated by a company in Iran that apparently is a government agency. The ship is registered in and flies the flag of Panama. The oil was bound for South Korea. The ship was well within the 200 mile limit of PROC. The ship that hit the tanker is a PROC freighter that was carrying grain from the United States. Some of the sailors on the ship were from Bangladesh.

A human tragedy. A gigantic oil spill. Confusion and chaos.

So what exactly are international

sanctions?

Alfred Brock  
Wayne

## School board is appreciated

January is School Board Recognition Month - a time to formally honor the crucial role Northville Public Schools Board of Education members play in the lives of our children, our schools and our community. Public education is the backbone of American society and local school boards are rooted in this tradition. They ensure that decisions on school programming are made by people elected to represent our community's values, culture and circumstances. They are citizens whose decisions affect our children and build our communities.

Our Board of Education establishes the district's vision, mission and goals and develops policies to achieve them; they encourage continuous improvement in student learning; and advocate at the local, state and national level in support of public education. This work includes an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals and other documents to read and study; and a never-ending commitment to thoughtful consideration of the issues, balancing perspectives, and making difficult decisions that are both fiscally responsible and focused on what is best for students.

As a community, we are fortunate to have an actively involved, deeply committed Board of Education dedicated to leading and supporting our ongoing quest to open a world of possibilities for and with our students that will prepare them for work and life in the 21st century. The seven members of the Northville Board of Education develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our school district. Togeth-

er with district leaders, our educators and staff, they bear the responsibility and oversight for an annual general fund budget of approximately \$78 million, 7,470 students, 850 employees, and 11 buildings.

While we make a special effort in January to show appreciation to our school board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. With this in mind, we invite our community to join us in taking a moment to let our Board of Education trustees know that their hard work, dedication and commitment of time on behalf of our community's children has been noticed, and is truly appreciated and valued.

We gratefully acknowledge the following individuals who voluntarily offer their time, energy, perspective and commitment to the work of the Board of Education, along with noting their length of service thus far: James Mazurek, seven years; Cynthia L. Jankowski, six years; Matthew Wilk, five-and-a-half years; Ann Kalass, four years; Roland Hwang, three years; Sarah Prescott, two years and four months; and Laurie Doner, one year.

Mary Kay Gallagher  
Northville superintendent

## Supports Whitmer

Though the elections are months away, I will focus on the Democratic primary. During her years in public office, Gretchen Whitmer has fought for those at the bottom of the economic scale, the disadvantaged, the elderly and the working class. She has had no problem fighting against, and calling out, the chauvinists, the bigoted and the fools who bend over for the rich, many of who are still serving as lackeys in Lansing.

A millionaire, Shai Thanedar, has entered the primary opposing Gretchen Whitmer. This man has taken a page from Rick Snyder's playbook by buying ads during the Super Bowl. Lets remember Snyder's biggest accomplishment has been to make sure he gets richer when he leaves office. It is hard to believe that would be any different.

I have no comment on the Republican except to say that this new breed in Lansing and DC are to despicable to describe.

James Huddleston  
Canton

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# Coyote sightings spur warning to protect pets

**Darrell Clem**  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Coyote sightings are increasing in southeast Michigan, prompting Canton police to warn residents to protect their pets in a community where deadly attacks have occurred.

One Canton couple told a television station that their Jack Russell was killed by a coyote last week when they let it outside to use the bathroom. That attack comes after a Canton man's pet dog, a bichon frise, was killed in March 2016, when a coyote attacked it in a back yard that wasn't fenced in.

Patty Esselink, the Canton Police Department's community relations officer, said coyote sightings typically spike this time of year through March, during their breeding season.

"With snow on the ground, it's harder for them to find food, so it's bringing them out into the public more," she said.

Esselink said most coyote sightings in Canton have occurred west of Sheldon Road, in areas that are less populated. The latest incident was reported near Denton and Cherry Hill.

Canton police heard about the incident even though

no official report had been filed as of Jan. 9.

"They just left the dog out for a minute," Deputy Police Director Chad Baugh said. "It's sad."

Esselink urged residents not to leave their pets unattended outside, especially if they are small.

"Keep close to your pets and don't just let them out your back door to roam on their own," she said. "Coyotes do feed on small prey."

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, coyotes have migrated into urban and suburban areas across Michigan and are most likely to be spotted from mid-January through March. They are active day and night, but their peak activity is usually at sunrise and sunset.

Authorities say coyotes can be difficult to distinguish from a medium-sized German shepherd dog, especially from a distance. However, officials say the size and weight of coyotes are often overestimated because their long fur masks a bone structure that is slightly smaller than most domestic dogs.

When running, coyotes carry their tail below the level of their backs.

In a statement issued last week, Canton police noted that coyotes in urban areas are drawn to garbage, garden vegetables and pet foods. They are considered opportunistic and will prey on small dog and cats.

However, authorities say, coyotes have an instinctive fear of people and rarely attack humans.

Canton police urge the following measures to avoid conflict with a coyote:

- » Never approach or touch a coyote.
- » Never intentionally feed one.
- » Eliminate all outside food sources, especially pet food.
- » Put garbage out the morning of pickup, rather than the night before.
- » Clear out wood and brush piles; they are a habitat for mice and may attract coyotes.
- » Do not allow pets to roam free when coyotes are present. Consider keeping pets indoors or accompany them outside, especially from dusk until dawn.

Officials say coyotes shouldn't automatically be considered cause for concern, but Esselink urged caution.

"If residents feel they are in danger of a coyote or if they observe a coyote in obvious distress, they should contact the police department," she said. "Otherwise, residents are encouraged to follow the tips provided to minimize interaction with wildlife."

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## OCHN to participate in annual Point-in-Time Count

Oakland Community Health Network is joining efforts to measure homelessness in Oakland County through the Point-in-Time Count. This initiative is conducted annually to help determine the total number of individuals living unsheltered in Oakland County.

"Improving our understanding of the needs and circumstances of the people who are affected by homelessness in our community is crucial to our ability to

address this important issue," Oakland Community Health Network Service Network Analyst Rachel Densmore said.

OCHN participates in the Point-in-Time Count as a member of The Alliance for Housing of Oakland County. The alliance is made up of 26 organizations from the private and public sector.

The count is a national effort conducted one night in January and provides a snapshot of homelessness in

communities throughout the U.S. Results of the survey are compiled and released via an annual report by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Teams of volunteers are being dispatched from OCHN's former administrative building at 2011 Executive Hills Blvd. in Auburn Hills the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 31. Individuals and groups can volunteer to participate by contacting Aburton-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org.

## Salvation Army still seeking donations

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit is \$860,000 away from its 2017 Red Kettle fundraising goal of \$7.85 million. The nonprofit organization is asking metro Detroiters to donate through Jan. 31, the campaign's official end date. While residents have been generous in supporting the annual fundraiser, The Salvation Army is encouraging donors to make a contribution to ensure it can continue to deliver vital programs and services throughout 2018.

Funds raised during The Salvation Army's red kettle campaign help provide critical social services and programs for local families and individuals in times of need 365 days a year in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

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## New tax law might help seniors come out ahead



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
USATODAY NETWORK —  
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The holidays are behind us and by now most of us have forgotten about our new year's resolutions — I know I have. Therefore, it's time to get back to the normal craziness of our lives. As most of you know, we have a new tax law that will have some impact on the great majority of us. The tax law is very comprehensive and it will take a while for even people like me, who follow tax laws, to understand it and to be able to work with it. That being said, there is one change in the tax law that I do want to discuss.

One of the major changes in the tax law deals with the standard deduction. The standard deduction has been raised to \$24,000 for a married couple and \$12,000 for a single person. The effect of this is that more people will find that taking the standard deduction as opposed to itemizing their deductions is a much better strategy.

I bring this up because many seniors will soon be taking the required minimum distribution from their retirement accounts. Because of the new higher standard deduction, some seniors who deducted

their charitable contributions in the past will no longer itemize their deductions, so they will not be able to deduct their charitable contributions. For those who will now be taking the standard deduction and who still plan to make charitable contributions, a strategy they should consider is to make their charitable contributions directly from their minimum required distribution. By doing a qualified charitable distribution, many seniors will find that they receive a significant tax savings.

When you take a MRD, the money you receive is subject to income taxes. If you donate your MRD by doing a QCD, you are not taxed on that money. By avoiding the tax on the distribution and by receiving the new higher standard deduction, seniors can be one of the big winners in the new tax law.

The key to donating your MRD is that the money must be issued directly from your IRA custodian to the charity. If you take your MRD and have the money sent directly to you, you cannot take advantage of this strategy. Before taking the MRD this year, seniors who make charitable contributions and want to continue doing so should consider this strategy.

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# January is busiest month for divorce filings



## Tales From The Front Lines

Henry Gornbein  
USA TODAY NETWORK — Michigan

**Q: I have read that January is the busiest month for new divorces being filed. Is this true?**

**A:** You are raising a good issue. Studies have shown that January is the busiest month for new divorces being filed. Following are some of my thoughts on this issue.

■ Think of that Currier and Ives scene, with one big happy family congregating together to celebrate the Christmas and/or Chanukah holiday season. Reality is often far from the ideal. Coming together for the holidays is often fraught with tension and conflict.

■ Therapists are very busy during the holidays because people are so unhappy in their marriages. Therapy can result in someone becoming more resolved to move forward and file for a divorce after the holidays.

■ I have had marriages break up over one drink too many at an office Christ-

mas party. Often alcoholism will rear its ugly head during the holidays, when people tend to let loose.

■ An indiscretion can happen at the office party, where someone is acting inappropriately with someone who is not his or her spouse.

■ People are often very disappointed with the holidays because of unrealistic expectations of family and holiday traditions.

■ Issues that have been festering for months or years can be exacerbated over the holidays.

■ I see many people toward the end of the year who are considering a divorce, but want to wait until after the holidays so as not to spoil the holidays for their children or other family members.

■ People will make resolutions during the holidays to make sure that this is the last one to spend with a spouse.

■ A common new year's resolution will be to get rid of a spouse and not spend another year in an unhappy marriage. I have had a wife resolve to lose 200 pounds of ugly fat — her husband!

■ You may hate your in-laws or other relatives and decide that enough is

enough. Dealing with them during the holidays can be daunting.

■ Sometimes the holidays will escalate an abusive situation. Alcohol, drugs and abuse often go hand in hand. There is often a lot of domestic abuse during the holidays.

■ The year end is a time for reckoning and taking account of your personal life, as well as your career. People often decide to change jobs as well as spouses.

■ There may be a bonus that does not come through or is too small, with the result that this can bring more tension to your marriage.

■ People often act more rashly during the holidays. The result can be a divorce being filed in January.

■ Holidays are during the dark, cold, winter months, when people are often more depressed than during the spring and summer. This can lead to action and a divorce as well.

■ Disappointment in life, unreasonable expectations, a failure to communicate. These are all issues that people will look at and take stock of as the end of the old year and bring in the new year.

■ This could mean that change is

necessary, including a divorce.

■ To recap: Drinking, alcohol, drugs, infidelity, money issues, lack of communication and growing apart are just some of the many examples that lead to divorces being filed at a higher rate in January than any other month.

■ Last but not least, we have the rise of Facebook and other social media, which means that everything is being shared. We are losing our privacy, which contributes to more divorces being filed after the new year as well.

These are some of my thoughts. Please share yours.

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## Installing security cameras takes careful deliberation



## Condo Living

Robert Meisner  
USA TODAY NETWORK — Michigan

**Q: I'm on the board of directors of our townhouse-style condo association and we just received a request from a new co-owner who wants to install a security camera outside her unit. She has explained that she was previously a victim of assault committed in her prior home. Per the by-laws, the co-owners need to get the association's permission before modifying the common elements. We're leaning toward letting her do it, but are there any risks involved?**

**A:** This reminds me of a famous case from California, *Frances T. v. Village*

*Green Owners Association*, which I frequently cited to my law students. The court found that there was a foreseeable danger to an owner due to a prior burglary of the unit and lack of exterior lighting and, with respect to a subsequent break-in and assault, the court found the association and individual directors could be held responsible for negligence in not addressing the lack of exterior lighting.

Does this mean that you must allow the security camera in your situation? Not necessarily. The facts applicable to *Frances T.* that led the court to conclude there was a foreseeable danger are likely different from your situation in that I assume there is adequate lighting around the unit and there has not been a prior break-in at that particular unit. It may be that even if you were to deny installa-

tion of the camera and a crime subsequently occurred at the unit, you would be able to argue that the crime was not foreseeable and that you did not have a duty to allow a security camera. And associations do not have a general duty to protect residents from crime. On the other hand, if you have experienced security/safety issues recently in the development, I would want to know how those have been addressed.

Of course, if you allow one person to install a camera, you might expect others to request the same and you would have to approve other reasonable requests to install cameras, lest you face a claim of disparate treatment or discrimination.

If you decide to allow co-owners to install cameras, the board should adopt rules that: 1) provide standard approved

camera models to ensure uniformity (and choose a model[s] that you can observe which direction it is pointed); 2) require that surveillance be limited to the areas immediately outside of the unit and specifically do not monitor neighbors or amenities in the common elements (such as pools); and 3) require the co-owner enter into a standard modification of common elements agreement with the association.

Of course, all of the above should be considered further and prepared with assistance from your experienced community association attorney.

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## Peripheral arterial disease and narrowing of arteries



## Healthy Living

Bipinchandra Patel  
USA TODAY NETWORK — Michigan

Have you ever discussed peripheral arterial disease with your spouse or a parent? Do you recall a time when you have ever discussed this health topic with your physician?

For most adults in our community, the answer is no. And this reality alarms me.

Peripheral arterial disease occurs when plaque accumulates and narrows or clogs the arteries, reducing blood flow to limbs or organs.

Don't think this affects you or someone you love? Statistics suggest otherwise. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 8.5 million people in the United States have PAD.

PAD most commonly affects blood flow to the legs, feet and toes. What may begin as light tingling following physical activity could lead to cramping and numbness. Those affected will sense a loss of energy and stamina. Even walking a short distance to the mailbox may prove challenging.

If not addressed by a physician promptly, symptoms can worsen and could lead to pain during rest, which can get so severe that it can wake people

from their sleep. If left unchecked, PAD in your legs could lead to sores that don't heal, gangrene and even amputation.

The carotid artery, located in your neck, is another common artery where narrowing or clogging can occur. This is the most dangerous form of PAD, since blood is limited or stopped from reaching your brain. This can result in a stroke. Symptoms may include vision disturbances, facial droop, arm weakness or speech impairment.

If you ever feel these symptoms, call 9-1-1 immediately and get to your nearest emergency room. This is life threatening and time is of the essence.

The National Institute of Health lists these controlling risk factors:

- Be physically active.
  - Be screened for PAD. A simple doctor's office test, called an ankle-brachial index or ABI, can help determine whether you have PAD.
  - Follow heart-healthy eating.
  - If you smoke, quit. Speak with your doctor or local hospital about programs and products that can help you quit.
  - If you're overweight or obese, work with your doctor to create a reasonable weight-loss plan.
- The important thing to remember is that it is never too late to begin making healthy lifestyle choices.

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

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

- Beautification Commission
- Building Authority
- Historical Commission
- Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee
- Library Board
- Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission

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

The deadline for filing an application (available online at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or at the City Clerk's office) is Friday, January 26, 2018. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

Published: January 18, 2018

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, a snow emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever: (1) freezing rain, sleet or four (4) or more inches of snow has been forecasted for the area by a newspaper circulated in the city, or by a radio or television station with a normal operating range covering the city; or (2) freezing rain or sleet has fallen or four (4) or more inches of snow have accumulated in the city.

Whenever any vehicle without an operator is found parked or left in violation of any provision of this Division, the Director of the Department of Public Services, or his designee, or the Police Department may immediately remove the vehicle or cause the vehicle to be removed to a place of safekeeping at the expense of the registered owner of the vehicle.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

Jeffrey Herczeg  
Public Services Director

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### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.286 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 3, ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.1.10, B-1, LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO ALLOW RESTAURANT USES IN THE B-1, LOCAL BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Planning Division of the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

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The 2018 Regular Meeting Dates are:

January 18, 2018	April 19, 2018	July 19, 2018	October 18, 2018
February 15, 2018	May 17, 2018	August 16, 2018	November 15, 2018
March 15, 2018	June 21, 2018	September 20, 2018	December 13, 2018*

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# State parents get new way to judge schools

## Parent Transparency Dashboards are online

**Lori Higgins**  
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How do you gauge the quality of a school? Michigan parents are about to find out.

The Michigan Department of Education Tuesday launched an effort to provide parents and caregivers with an array of information for just about every public school in the state.

Some of the information in the Parent Transparency Dashboards — now live at [www.mischooldata.org](http://www.mischooldata.org) — is academic, such as various pieces of data on how students perform on the state's standardized exam.

But some of it provides the kind of things state officials say parents want that has nothing to do with test performance: How many kids drop out? How many graduate on time? How many get expelled? What is the attendance rate? What's the ratio of students to staff? How many graduates enroll in college and how many of them actually get a degree?

Even more information will be posted in coming months and will include data on access to the arts, before- and after-school programming, services for students with disabilities and students with limited English language skills, the presence of recess and extracurricular activities.

The goal? Parents will use the information to identify areas of improvement for their schools, or use the data to research schools in which they may want to enroll their children.

"We do want there to be richer conversations about schools," said Venessa Keesler, a deputy superintendent for the MDE.

And the information that make up the dashboards provides "a more balanced picture of school quality," Keesler said.

The dashboards were "designed with an immense amount of parent and educator input," she said.

The dashboards in their current form are a retreat from what the MDE had originally been planning — an A-F system that would assign letter grades to schools based on school performance. Some Republican lawmakers have heavily pushed for such an accountability system.

And there is still debate about whether there should be a single rating, or grade, to sum up all the data.

"Now, Michigan needs to take the next step and make school quality information more meaningful for parents," Amber Arellano, executive director of the Education Trust-Midwest, an education advocacy and research organization, said in a statement Tuesday. "The dashboards still lack a comprehensive rating to signal overall quality, such as a letter grade."

But the bipartisan State Board of Education, which oversees the MDE and is split evenly among Democrats and Republicans, supports the dashboards in their current form. Meanwhile, many in the education community had pushed back against letter grades for schools.

"This is a way more robust system of

providing information to our citizens than an algorithm ever could be," Cassandra Ulbrich, co-president of the state board, said during a recent meeting.

Much of the data isn't new and is stuff the state has required districts to report for years. But some of it is information that the state has never before collected.

Will parents use it or find it useful?

Stella Shamaquet, a parent with children in Adrian Public Schools, said she didn't see much new information when she looked at the website Tuesday morning.

But, she said, it's "nice to have it all in one place."

The information might be useful, but she said she already has a good idea how her kids' schools are doing.

"I don't know how many parents will take the time to look at this information," Shamaquet said.

And she said things like diversity and how inclusive the schools are are more important gauges of quality to her.

Cindy Flidner of Metamora said some things that are important to her just can't be measured or quantified — like the time her son's teacher called her on a Saturday morning to make sure she knew about a big assignment that was due.

"Have you ever had a teacher do that?" said Flidner, whose children are enrolled in Dryden Community Schools through the state's schools of choice program.

She raves about the district because she likes the small, tight-knit atmosphere of the schools, the cleanliness of the buildings, and the relative calm in the school.

"We love the fact that they care," she said.

Flidner checked out the dashboards on Tuesday. She was pleased — but not surprised — to see that her sons' school does well compared to similar schools, particularly in the number of juniors and seniors taking advanced-level coursework. But she's struggling to see the overall value of the dashboard.

"I just don't understand why this is necessary," she said.

Anyone can take advantage of the dashboards, but they were created with parents in mind. The MDE involved par-

ents in the development of the dashboard, seeking their input about what should be included.

Jennifer Smith, whose children attend Lake Orion Community Schools, provided input. She fears they'll be used to push school choice.

"I don't believe it will be used in the way it's intended," Smith said.

Smith said her students are getting "an excellent education" in the Lake Orion district. She doesn't expect she'll be surprised by anything that's on the state website.

The data on the dashboard is broken down so parents can see how their child's school does overall, as well as how specific groups of students perform — such as poor students, minority students, students with special education needs and by gender.

It also gives them information showing how their school's performance compares to other schools — either schools that are demographically similar or the closest 30 schools geographically.

For now, though, parents won't know which specific schools are being compared. That might change in the future, Keesler said.

"It would be good for parents to see immediately what's around them and what they have access to, when it comes to choices," board member Nikki Snyder said Tuesday.

Lupe Ramos-Montigny, a board member from Grand Rapids, reiterated a concern she raised in March: That the dashboard will be difficult to understand for some parents to understand, particularly parents who speak little English.

The dashboards complement the state's overall efforts to hold schools accountable. In the last year, the MDE has entered into partnership agreements with 9 school districts that have schools that are persistently poor-performing. An additional 7 districts are expected to sign agreements this month.

This spring, efforts to help struggling schools will be amped up with the identification of more districts that have struggling schools that perhaps aren't as needy as the ones ID'd through the partnership agreements, but nonetheless require some intervention.



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# Eight local Taco Bell locations in wage theft lawsuit

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Employees from eight hometownlife.com area Taco Bell locations have opted into a lawsuit alleging the Brighton-based franchise owner used various policies to avoid paying wages for time worked.

A complaint filed in October 2016 in U.S. District Court in Detroit claims Sundance, Inc., which owns more than 170 Taco Bell locations in Michigan and five other states, willfully violated the Fair Labor Standards Act with regard to misclassification, overtime and wage theft.

Attorney Megan Bonanni, co-counsel in the case, said letters were sent to all employees eligible for the opt-in, anyone who worked at a Sundance Taco Bell in the three years preceding the filing.

In the local area, employees came forward from Taco Bell locations at:

- 44570 Michigan Ave, Canton
- 499 N. Main, Plymouth
- 201 S. Merriman, Westland
- 32940 Michigan Ave., Wayne
- 33203 Eight Mile Road, Livonia
- 2645 Plymouth Road, Redford
- 525 General Motors Road, Milford



Employees of several Taco Bell locations in Michigan are suing Sundance, Inc., which owns more than 170 Taco Bell locations in the state and five other states. FILE PHOTO

■ 22315 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon

Across all six states, Bonanni said, about 520 current and former employees opted into the lawsuit during the notice period, which is now closed. Employees from four stores in Livingston County, as well as stores in Ann Arbor, Brighton, in and around Lansing, Detroit, Southfield, Macomb and numerous other communities, have also opted into the suit.

The lawsuit was originally brought by four employees who worked at various metro Detroit Taco Bell locations.

Court documents state Sundance did not pay employees for all hours worked;

misclassified employees as exempt — making them ineligible for overtime pay; and did not pay hourly employees overtime when weekly totals exceeded 40 hours.

The lawsuit is currently in the discovery phase and will likely go to trial in late 2019.

When the lawsuit was announced earlier this year, Bonanni said numerous other lawsuits, citing similar violations of federal standards, have been filed against Taco Bell franchises throughout the country going back 15 years or more.

In a court filing, Sundance denied

any wrongdoing and stated the company does not believe any employees are entitled to recover any relief under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Among the allegations:

■ Managerial employees were classified as exempt, but did not have managerial authority — such as hiring, firing or disciplining other employees — but often worked 60-80 hours per week, spending the majority of working hours performing the same duties as other crew members.

■ Because of the exempt status and excessive hours, those with manager titles often received an effective hourly rate lower than a regular crew member.

■ Some managers reportedly slept at the restaurant after it closed at 3 a.m., as they were required to be on-site when the business reopened at 6 a.m.

■ Employees were at times required to clock out, but continue working.

"The plaintiffs reported that they and other hourly workers at these Taco Bell outlets were regularly instructed by managers to clock out and continue working," said Jennifer MacManus, co-counsel for the workers. "Each restaurant has a labor budget and managers are under a lot of pressure to limit the number of hours paid, no matter how much time employees actually work."

# Suspect in mother's death due back in court Feb. 8

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Muhammed Al-Tantawi, the 16-year-old Farmington Hills resident accused of killing his mother and then dropping her out a window, will be back in court early next month.

Al-Tantawi stood mute at his Dec. 21 arraignment in Oakland County Circuit Court, where Judge Martha Anderson entered a not-guilty plea on his behalf. He'll be back before Circuit Court Judge Martha Anderson for a pre-trial hearing Feb. 8.

David Kramer, Al-Tantawi's attorney, said Wednesday his client continues to

say he's innocent.

"Discovery is still continuing to trickle in; I don't think there's a chance it'll go to trial in February," Kramer said. "He maintains his innocence and he wants to go home."

Al-Tantawi, who is charged with first-degree murder and will be tried as an adult, is accused of killing his mother and then dropping her out of a second-floor window. Nada Huranieh, a mother of three, died Aug. 21.

Oakland County Deputy Forensic Pathologist Ruben Ortiz-Reyes earlier had testified he believed her death was made to appear accidental, but in fact was murder. An autopsy he performed on Huranieh two days after she died in-

dicates the cause of death was asphyxia and smothering.

Testimony in Al-Tantawi's preliminary exam included evidence of a videotape that reportedly captures images of someone dragging Huranieh to the window and tossing her out. The end of the video reportedly captures Huranieh's body hitting the patio.

While the video itself was shown only to the judge and attorneys, Farmington Hills Police Sgt. Brian Wehby described it in court.

"It appears that the person that was in the room looks out the window that the body came out of. Then it disappears, then there's another appearance by a person, looks like they might be

putting the ladder in front of the window," he said.

Wehby also testified Al-Tantawi changed his story a couple of times after learning of the existence of the video. Ultimately, he told police he'd seen his mother fall from a ladder while cleaning the window.

According to published reports, Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor John Skrzynski maintains that Al-Tantawi tried to convince investigators his mother's death was from an accidental fall — but the positioning of the body and other evidence shows otherwise.

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## USA HOCKEY

### For Olympian Wisniewski, it's icing on the cake

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With a new lease on his hockey life, James Wisniewski feels rejuvenated.

The 33-year-old Canton native and former Plymouth Whalers defenseman is among 15 former NHL players who will skate for 25-man U.S. squad next month in the 2018 Winter Olympic Games at PyeongChang, South Korea.

The door was opened last April, when NHL players and owners couldn't resolve scheduling issues, among others, during the 17-day February Winter Olympic break with the IOC and International Ice Hockey Federation. That ended a streak of participation by NHL players for five Winter Olympics.

But for players like Wisniewski, who is currently playing for the EC Kassel

Huskies of the Deutschland Elite League 2 in Germany, it's become the opportunity of a lifetime.

Wisniewski played a total of 552 NHL games, scoring 53 goals and totaling 274 points with stops along the way in Chicago, Anaheim, Columbus, Montreal, the New York Rangers and Carolina.

#### Career highlight

"It's got to be right up there with my first call-up to the NHL, my first game, my draft day, World Junior gold medal," Wisniewski said. "But I think it's even got a little bit more special aspect to it, because of what I have been through the past 2½ years of almost retiring a couple of times. Just having the perseverance, dedication and drive to keep on moving and keep on going ... so everything has happened for a reason and I couldn't be

happier and more blessed."

The official announcement for the U.S. team came Jan. 1, but Wisniewski was notified three days earlier.

"I actually missed the call from Jim Johansson (U.S. general manager) and I got a text and he said, 'Call me back, this could be a fun phone call,'" Wisniewski said. "I got the family together and told them that, called them. I got the news of a lifetime."

How Wisniewski made it all the way back to a spot on the Olympic team is nothing short of remarkable.

In the 2015-16 season opener with the Carolina Hurricanes, Wisniewski tore his anterior cruciate ligament, which scrapped him for the entire year. It was his fourth ACL surgery, but the first on his left knee.

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Canton High grad and former Plymouth Whalers defenseman James Wisniewski is headed to the Winter Games for the U.S. team in men's hockey. COLUMBUS BLUEJACKETS

## GIRLS BASKETBALL



Three of the Mackay quadruplets (from left), Austin, Ellie and Brett, are members of the Novi varsity basketball teams. BRAD EMONS

### Novi quadruplet Mackay born to be a hoops standout

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Novi's standout standout point guard Ellie Mackay calls being a quadruplet "a good conversation starter."

"I'd say it's definitely something special and something that's pretty rare and I really enjoy it, actually," said the 5-foot-6 senior, who last month passed current St. Louis University guard Kerri McMahan as the school's all-time leading scorer with a 37-point effort in a 61-57 loss to Canton.

When Mackay broke the mark of 1,069 career points held since 2014 by McMahan, Ellie's brother Austin — who along with fellow quad Brett is a member of the Novi boys basketball team — was not surprised.

"She's definitely tough," Austin Mackay said. "We go at it when we're in the driveway and she holds her own, for sure. She beats me a lot. It gets close, but I always admire her competitive spirit and how hard she is."

The other quad is Ellie's sister Karmryn, who is not a basketball player, but

**"We were all involved in sports. We were in T-ball, soccer, basketball ... all of that. We all played together, whether it was football in the backyard or wrestling ... in the living room."**

**Ellie Mackay**  
Novi High School standout

plays adult recreational volleyball, along with tennis.

Ellie, who set the Novi single-game scoring record last year with 40 points in a KLAA playoff win over Canton, plays with a competitive edge that goes back to her infant stages.

#### Backyard games

"We were all involved in sports," said Ellie, who has accepted a basketball scholarship to Michigan Tech. "We were

in T-ball, soccer, basketball ... all of that. We all played together, whether it was football in the backyard or wrestling on the carpet in the living room. We were all into it. Very competitive, especially me and the boys. Sometimes they let us do our thing, but when it got too aggressive and competitive, they had to split it up at times."

Mackay was coached her first three seasons at Novi by Bill Kelp, who accepted a job this fall as an assistant coach at Hope College.

Novi coach C.J. Aro, who previously served as Kelp's assistant, has taken over the head coaching reins and marvels at Mackay's competitive drive that constantly flows.

"I think what makes her special first as a player is that she wants to win at everything," the first-year varsity coach said. "She wants the ball first when we go five-on-five half-court. She looks at me funny if the ball goes out of bounds and she thinks it was on the other team. She'll just bug me until

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## PREP GYMNASTICS

### Farmington United looking strong for 2018 season

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Jeff Dwyer likes what he sees so far from his Farmington United gymnastics squad.

Farmington United is undefeated after four dual meets and placed second in the Flip-Flop Invitational held Jan. 6 — its first invite of the season — to defending state champion Rockford. The host Rams won with 142.90 points, while Farmington was mere tenths of a point behind at 142.05.

"I like where we are at. We haven't peaked yet, that's for sure, because there are a lot of things we are still working on," veteran Farmington United head coach Jeff Dwyer said. "And we have to wait on things, like, kids with injuries coming back and how our rookies can do."

"But you throw in all the experience we have and I like this team," he added. "It's exciting to know that you have a team (that can score 143 points) and, when you have that, anything can happen."

#### Captains lead talented roster

Dwyer's excitement centers around the 12 returning members from last

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Emily Stecevic is a four-year varsity veteran who earned Division 2 all-around all-state recognition last year. KATHY BURNS



## Farmington

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year's squad, which posted a strong regular season, won its regional and had achieved a No. 1 state ranking. However, because of a couple of key late-season injuries, Farmington entered the state meet a bit shorthanded and settled for fourth place.

Dwyer's team is loaded with both talent and experience, beginning with senior all-state captains Elisa Bills and Emily Stecevic, plus junior captain Ava Farquhar.

Bills is the defending Division 2 all-around state champion (37.550), who captured the individual balance beam (9.40), vault (9.575) and floor exercise (9.525) events. The four-year varsity gymnast is again showing she's serious about defending her state crown after placing second all-around at the Flip-Flop Invitational with a score of 36.350.

"Elisa is just a talented, tough gymnast, which I think any team would like to have," Dwyer said. "Her strength is that she can hit a mid-9 on three events: vault, beam and floor. She kind of makes it look effortless and I think that's where she scores."

"She is really clean. She's had some good background in dance and that stuff shows up," he added. "She's just hard-working and she's a polished gymnast. She has that experience of taking one event at a time."

Stecevic earned her all-state designation by placing sixth in all-around (35.700) at last year's D-2 state meet. Her best individual events at state were the floor exercise and uneven bars, where she tied for seventh overall.

Stecevic, also a four-year varsity gymnast, was sixth all-around at the Flip-Flop invite.

"Emily is a gamer. She showed that last year," Dwyer said. "She has kind of a wild spirit when it comes to competition. She loves competing and she enjoys it, so I don't think there is a lot of pressure on her. She just comes through in big meets."

Farquhar, in her third varsity season, excels on the balance beam.

"Ava's probably one of the hardest workers on the team day in and day out



Farmington United placed second at the recent Flip-Flop invite at Rockford.

KATHY BURNS

and it's starting to show in her scores," Dwyer said. "She's becoming very dependable on vault and floor and beam has probably always been her best event. Her work ethic in the gym is unbelievable."

### Depth is a team strength

Farmington United's talent does not end with its trio of captains.

Junior Kasey Noseworthy, who injured an ACL last season and did not compete in the state tourney, is back in the fold and expected to add depth. Dwyer believes Noseworthy has "not reached her potential yet" and she's expected to get stronger as the season progresses.

Junior Shelby Smith is known for peaking at the end of the season, when she's needed most. Smith is working hard on tougher tricks to add to her scoring repertoire.

Seniors Margaret Amshay and Abby

Coleman are both concluding their fourth year on varsity. Freshman twins Sydney and Allison Schultz are showing great scoring potential.

"What I like about this team is we have experience, with some juniors and seniors who have been around the block," Dwyer said. "I always like that, because they seem to handle the pressure situations a little better."

"And we have some rookies with potential and that helps create healthy competition in the gym for my top five spots and I love it," he added. "I think we have a good solid, group."

### A tradition-rich program

Farmington has traditionally been a state power under Dwyer, who led the squad to three consecutive state championships from 2004-06. Since then, Farmington United has brought home a pair of state runners-up trophies and placed third on four other occasions.



Senior Elisa Bills enters the 2018 season as the defending Division 2 all-around state champion. KATHY BURNS

Dwyer is hoping for another big state meet showing this year in early March at Rockford.

"What's nice about having a strong tradition is the girls don't want to let the program down. They know what the girls have accomplished in the past and they work hard to reach that goal," Dwyer said. "Our kids know that we are usually among the top five, the top 10, in the state and they work hard to keep the program going."

"Every year (the state tournament is) kind of wide open, but we're scoring good right now. We had a good tournament at Rockford and that told me we're in that 143-144 scoring range and that's a pretty competitive team," he added. "I like that, but I don't know how far that will take us, because I just don't know about all the other teams across the state at this point of the season. I think we are in a good position."

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## Wisniewski

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His contract was then bought out by Carolina and, after rehabbing and getting back into shape that summer, Wisniewski landed in Tampa Bay's training camp in fall 2016, only to be released.

### Change of scenery

His NHL job search all but ended, but after four weeks off, he found himself in Russia with Admiral Vladivostok of the Kontinental Hockey League, where played in 16 games, scoring a goal and totaling 39 penalty minutes.

"Russia is different, it was good," Wisniewski said. "The language barrier is a little bit tougher there. English is not such a common language as you can call it. (Vladivostok) was actually right there where we're going to play in Pyeong-Chang. It was, like, a 24-hour drive to North Korea. For me, it was just about really getting in shape and knowing that I could still play. So after missing a full year, I did my best, enjoyed the time and actually got to know the guys."

Just before Christmas 2016, Wisniewski decided to leave the KHL and then found his way to Switzerland.

"I was really having a good time (in Russia) and moved on to play in the Spengler Cup with HC Lugano, which was an unbelievable city," said Wisniewski, who is nicknamed "The Wiz." "We lost in the finals to Canada. I made the all-star team and after that came back home."

Job searching again, Wisniewski signed a minor league deal the Chicago Wolves of the American Hockey League, the NHL's St. Louis Blues affiliate team. He finished the 2016-17 season with the Wolves, posting 11 points in 21 games (along with five in the playoffs).

### Bouncing around

"St. Louis, they kind of wanted their guys to play," Wisniewski said. "I had a great time there and the guys were unbelievable to me. But again, still it's a development league. I kind of got pushed around there."

Once his AHL season ended, Wisniewski rejoined his family in Columbus, contemplating his next move.

"After playing a year, maybe I can get a tryout with an NHL team," Wisniewski said he thought. "I'm waiting and waiting and I'm hearing about NHL and



Olympian James Wisniewski started in the Computware youth program and played for the Plymouth Whalers. WALT DMOCH

Olympics and the guys not able to go. So got a call from Jim Johansson and Chris Chelios (assistant coach) telling me they want me to go over there (Germany) and play overseas.

"I told them I want to wait and make sure I exhausted every option of going to the NHL. After that didn't happen, I tried to get a job and it wasn't as easy as I thought it was going to be. So I waited around and, finally, Jim actually helped me get a job with Kassel Huskies of DEL2 League. The owner and GM Joe Gibbs treated me very well. I called them up and got this gig."

Wisniewski, who started the season in Kassel, thought he'd get an invite for the U.S. in the Deutschland Cup, the world's oldest international ice hockey tournament. Seven days prior to the Nov. 10-12 tourney in Augsburg, Germany, Wisniewski's name was nowhere to be found on the U.S. roster.

### Crack in the door

"From what I heard, it was going to be hard to make the Olympic team if you're not on the Deutschland Cup team," he said. "They announced the team and I'm not on it, so I'm devastated. Beginning in November, I went back home to visit the family during the seven-day break."

"I was just thinking I got to know if I'm going to go back over. My wife (Nicole) convinced me, 'Hey, you don't want to leave any stone unturned, go back over, play your heart out.' I called

Jimmy and said, 'Is there any way possibly I can still make the team and get an evaluation?' He said, 'I already know you, so go back over, get in shape and see what happens.'"

The 5-foot-11, 203-pound defenseman returned to Kassel and made the most of it. He's scored eight goals and added 31 assists during his first 25 games (through Jan. 7). He was also selected the DEL2's Player of the Month in November.

"I just kept on grinding, kept on grinding," Wisniewski said. "And sure enough, I got a phone call around Dec. 29 that I made the team. Quite of a worldwind of an experience."

The U.S. roster, which also includes four current collegiate players, is a mixture of former NHL, minor league and European talent. Wisniewski, one of the team's elder statesmen, is one of three Michigan players on the roster, joining Jim Slater, who played a Michigan State, and Chad Billins, who played at Ferris State.

### New itinerary

Wisniewski will leave Kassel on Feb. 7 and then take part in the Olympic Games opening ceremonies. The 12-team men's hockey tourney competition on Feb. 14, with the gold medal game set for Feb. 25.

The U.S., coached by Tony Granato, will play three preliminary-round games against Slovenia (Feb. 14), Slovakia (Feb. 16) and Russia (Feb. 17) before the quarterfinal elimination round starts (Feb. 21).

"They said make sure you play every game like it's the Olympics," Wisniewski said, "You're playing for the red, white, and blue jersey and make sure you're ready to come, because I trust all you guys will be professionals and we'll be in contact with the type of style that we'll have and what not. It's a lot of pressure on us to make sure we're ready to go and ready to move on, because we only actually have three days of practice before the first game."

### Gold medalist twice

After becoming the highest scoring defenseman in Whalers history with 187 points from 2000-04, Wisniewski was drafted in the fifth round by the Blackhawks in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft.

He won a gold medal at the 2002 IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship and was part of the first-ever U.S. gold medal at the 2004 IIHF World Junior

### Championship.

Wisniewski has appeared for the U.S. four times, including the 2008 IIHF Men's World Championship, appearing in six games with a goal and assist as the U.S. finished sixth.

Wisniewski will have a strong cheering section supporting him in Pyeong-Chang.

Along with his wife Nicole, daughters Jamie, who will be 5 next month, and Sadie, 3½, will be in attendance, as well as his mother Sharon and father Jim.

Wisniewski will stay and play in Kassel, a city located on the Fulda River in northern Hesse, Germany, until embarking on his first Olympics.

"The good thing is that I've been seeing the world," Wisniewski said. "Not many people can say they've been as many places as I have. It's been fantastic. The people over here have been unbelievable. The team and everybody on the coaching staff and in the locker room welcomed you with open arms. The organization has been absolutely fabulous. For me, it's been pretty easy of a turnaround and it's been real enjoyable because, actually, it's gotten me to enjoy hockey again because the last 2½ years has been really tough. I was ready to turn the page on my career and move on, but this year has actually lit a spark. And I still feel I have a lot more hockey left to give."

### Strong on links

This won't be the first time Wisniewski has been to South Korea.

A scratch golfer with a plus-two handicap, he won the club championship at Jack Nicklaus's Muirfield Village in 2012, which earned him a spot in the World Golf Club Championship.

"They take 24 of the top 100 private clubs in the world," Wisniewski said. "The winner of the club championship brings a partner, so I went to Seoul for three days, then played at Nine Bridges, where they had a PGA Tour stop, on Jeju Island."

Winning a gold medal for the U.S. in South Korea would certainly be frosting on the cake for Wisniewski, who feels he's been reborn as a hockey player.

"Honestly, every day at the rink I have fun," he said. "Next month is going to be one of the best birthdays of all time. I'll be 34 on Feb. 21 and, I'll tell you, I'll never forget that birthday in Pyeong-Chang and being an Olympian for the best country in the world."

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Hankerson's return gives Novi shot in arm vs. Northville

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Trendon Hankerson's return to the lineup Jan. 9 was a sight for sore eyes as far as the Novi boys basketball program was concerned.

The 6-foot-4 senior point guard, who broke his foot the opening day of practice Nov. 13, made a triumphant return as he scored 16 points in a 61-50 KLAA Gold Division win at home over Northville.

The two-year starter was surely missed by the Wildcats, a preseason top 20 team that had gotten off to a rough 1-5 start during a challenging early season non-conference and division schedule.

"My foot was fine," Hankerson said. "They said don't play until it feels like it's under you. My conditioning ... it's been OK, because I practiced the last couple of days and over the weekend. But it definitely has to get back where it used to be, so it can use some work."

But now that Hankerson is returned, some sense of order has been restored to Wildcats' lineup.

"He's our quarterback, a very important piece to what we're trying to put together," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi

said. "We had some hard times without him and I joke that it's a good thing to put his name on the board again knowing he was going to start today. He means so much to our team, not just for his skill, but his leadership, his commitment, his work ethic."

With Hankerson back in the fold and 6-foot-9 Plymouth transfer Tariq Woody set to become eligible next semester, Novi (2-5, 2-2) could resemble the team that reached last year's Class A regional final.

"Since he's been practicing, all of our practices have been much more competitive and harder," Sinawi said. "He does so much more than just putting the ball in the hoop. He controls the tempo of the game defensively. He's a real good defender and demands a lot of respect which opened up the gates for Traveon (Maddox Jr.) a little bit and Giovanni (Miles) a little bit. It worked in our favor tonight."

Maddox, a 6-3 senior guard headed to Oakland University, finished with a game-high 21 points, while the 6-3 Miles, a junior, added 15, including an eight-point spurt during the third quarter when Novi outscored Northville, 18-11, to take control of the game.



Hankerson

"My job, like always, is to distribute and then score buckets," Hankerson said. "It's not always to score a lot of buckets, that's not my job. I'm a willing scorer when I'm open. I thought we played well tonight. It was a good team win."

But just being back out on the floor was a victory in itself for the senior.

"It felt great, just the environment of the game," Hankerson said. "Practice is completely different than the game, because you have that nervous energy coming into the game. As far as playing well and going out there ... I just try and go out there and do what I normally do. It just felt great to be out there."

Here are some other takeaways:

### MINUTES RESTRICTION

Hankerson had a bag of ice on his foot afterward and Sinawi wanted to limit his minutes to around 16, but he was forced to log more time after Northville made a game of it late.

Hankerson went 7-of-10 from the foul line during the final 4:10 to help seal the victory.

"He's a tough kid and we know he's going to have pain, so every game he's going to play, he's going to play through

some pain," Sinawi said.

### MUSTANGS MISFIRE

Northville (6-3, 2-2) certainly had its chances, but wound up shooting only 32.6 percent from the floor (17-of-51) and 55 percent from the foul line (11-of-20), while committing 18 turnovers.

### SCORING LEDGER

Senior Niko Barach paced Northville with 12 points, while juniors Steven Morrissey and Ryan Pumper both added 11.

Junior Paul Kearis chipped in nine, while senior Brandon Stevens also came off the bench to contribute nine.

### HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

Trailing 40-29 after three quarters, the Mustangs came out with pressure down the stretch and cut the deficit to 55-48 on a basket by Pumper with 2:22 remaining.

But Miles answered for Novi on the next possession with a triple to make it a 10-point bulge.

Novi shot 18-of-39 from the floor (48.7 percent), but also struggled at the foul line, going 18-of-28 (64.2 percent).

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## Mackay

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... she's the ultra-competitor. She wants to win at everything she does."

A season ago, Mackay led the Wildcats by averaging 19.9 points per game. Her season total (461 points) established a single-season school record in addition to her single-game mark of 40.

### Premier scorer

"I love scoring," she said. "Definitely when you get in that mindset and that mentality, you're going to score and nobody is going to stop you. In those (37- and 40-point) games, I felt that. I wanted the ball and wanted to score. It's that mentality that nobody is going to stop me and it really set in."

Mackay also ranks among the top 10 in the Michigan High School Athletic Association record books as a prolific free-throw shooter.

She is second all time for most free throws made in a single game (22 in 2016 vs. Walled Lake Western) and is tied for fifth for consecutive foul shots made in a game (17-of-17 in 2016 vs. Livonia Stevenson).

"My dad (Tim) is a big stickler on the free throws," she said. "He always makes me practice my free throws ever since he was my coach in the third grade. I'd stay after practice and shoot my 20 free throws and I just kept that going the rest of my career."

Tim Mackay played high school basketball at Stevensville Lakeshore. He is a senior vice president of Level One Bank.

"With my dad, he's a very competitive person," Mackay said. "And I feel like that transfers to us as well."

### Competitive gene

Tricia Mackay, Ellie's mom, said toughness is a family trait.

"It comes naturally being a Mackay. I think everybody on the Mackay side is competitive," Tricia said. "Anything in our home is competitive. I think that's why Ellie is so strong. You can push her, but she doesn't cry. She's been wrestling with her brothers forever."

Austin and Brett, both of whom stand three inches taller at 5-9, have also fueled Ellie's fire over the years.

"I'll give them some credit, especially one-on-one in the driveway," Ellie said with a laugh. "That gets really competitive and they always want me to push my hardest. The worst thing is when one of them beats me. That just gets me going. They definitely pushed me and they give me advice here and there, even though I might not like it at times. They do."

Added Brett: "We play one-on-one a lot in the driveway, so depending who I go up against, they're both rivals."

The Novi girls basketball team is 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA Gold Division as Mackay is off to another strong start.

### Going forward

"What's driving me is that it's my last year to play high school basketball and not fully have I let that sink in yet, but definitely want to go out strong, definitely go out and do the best for my teammates, be the best that I can be and



The Mackay quadruplets from Novi were born prematurely at 27 weeks. MACKAY FAMILY PHOTO



Tim and Tricia Mackay are raising four teenage quadruplets. MACKAY FAMILY PHOTO

make coach Aro proud," she said.

But while Mackay may seem come across as a silent assassin on the basketball court, she has a giving side as well, both as a teammate and friend.

"I think the best example I can give is that we have a new kid (Amora Wilson) that moved in from Kalamazoo, doesn't know anybody, brand new to the school ... Ellie is her shooting partner," Aro said. "I didn't make her do it, she went over and said, 'You can be my partner' and took her. I think that's a big deal in high school. Not a lot of kids do that and that's a good example."

Brett and Austin, both reserve guards on the Novi boys team, have similar qualities.

"They're very appreciative, hard-working," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said of the Mackay boys. "They come to practice every day and will bust their butt. They understand their roles and their commitment has been unwavering for four years. They'll shake your hand and thank you. Just great kids and a great family."

### Splitting time

The Novi boys and girls basketball teams play at opposite sites most nights. The parents have had to split allegiances, but it works out well.

"My husband is an angel. He takes all the away games and let's me go to all the home games," Tricia said.

The four Mackays were born prematurely at 27 weeks Nov. 1, 1999, in Grand Rapids. Tricia went into labor with the quads Oct. 31 and there were complications from the start.

"It was very scary, actually," Tricia said. "We didn't want their birthday to be Halloween. I said to the doctors, 'Is there any way you can push it back past midnight so they could have an All Saints Day birthday instead of a Halloween birthday?'"

"It was scary, because they were actually born at 27 weeks gestation, which is about three months early. The normal pregnancy is 40 weeks. Austin weighed 1 pound, 11 ounces. Brett weighed 2 pounds, 2 ounces. That day was very scary, because nobody cried. There were 20 extra people in the room to deliver the quads and it was silent. All you could hear were the machines getting ready to take care of them, but no baby cried. We didn't even know if they made it. They spent the next three months in the NICU."

Ellie, at birth, weighed 2 pounds, while Kamryn was 1 pound, 13 ounces.

### Touch-and-go

"Both the boys had a difficult time," Tricia said. "The girls persevered pretty much the way you'd think born at 27 weeks would."

With the quads remaining in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit on Dec. 31, 1999, there were also concerns about computers shutting down amid concerns about the infamous Y2K at the DeVos Children's Hospital.

"Thankfully, nothing happened," Tricia said. "Ellie was the first one home at day 72; like a four-pound peanut, no equipment. She's kind of a fighter. Brett and Kamryn came home together at 81 (days), Austin 90 days. He came home with an oxygen tank and heart monitor."

"We were so fortunate. We were very careful with them. Austin had lingering lung issues, treatments. We took them to a developmental assessment clinic until they were 2 years old. We did occupational and physical therapy. We're really, really fortunate nobody has any lingering health issues, learning issues or anything like that."

Tricia, who was an elementary school teacher, got plenty help caring for the quads during those early months and years.

"We were so lucky," she said. "We lived in the Grand Rapids area and had a phenomenal church. Lovely women coordinated volunteers for us for about about nine months. We'd send a month-by-month calendar with the volunteers

who could come during the week days, two ladies from 9-11 and two ladies from 1-3. We'd man it on the weekend ourselves. They were phenomenal. They were lovely to us."

### All grown up

Today, you'd never know the Mackay quads were born prematurely by 13 weeks. They're all healthy, happy and well-adjusted. The family lived in the Kalamazoo area before moving to Naples, Fla., where they spent seven years. They eventually landed in Novi when the quads were seventh-graders.

Tricia, who sometimes had to don a referee's shirt during the backyard games, said raising four teenagers is somewhat easier now than when they were raised as infants.

"It's difficult, in a different way," she said. "They're actually really good kids. We haven't had any problems as teenagers, no big bumps in the road, they're really good. Having them driving and having their independence is the biggest fear right now. It was much more difficult when they were younger."

Both Brett and Austin run track and cross country. Ellie was also on the track team last year. And when there's a family game in the backyard or driveway, Kamryn, who started in basketball as a youth with Ellie before going into volleyball, won't shy away.

"Whenever we play competitive games, she'll join in, too," Ellie said. "She's pretty competitive herself."

### Separate paths

While Ellie will be heading next fall to play at Michigan Tech, Kamryn will be off to Ferris State. Brett has chosen MSU, while Austin will attend Grand Valley State.

"It's going to be different," Brett said. "A lot of times, I rely on them to talk about stuff. I'll have to call them instead of being face-to-face. I think to be cool to have more independence and have our own identities, because we're so much of a group right now. I think it will be really cool."

However, there are more advantages than disadvantages of being a quadruplet.

"It has its ups and downs, for sure," Austin said. "But it's always nice because you always have, like, a group of friends to hang out with. But spending all that time together ... that can definitely get on your nerves. But we're all definitely pretty close. We all pretty much do all the same things, so that definitely helps."

Not surprisingly, all four share similar SAT-ACT test scores and grade-point averages (ranging from 3.4 to 3.8).

"Straight out of the womb, we were all together," Ellie said. "We've always been together and this will be the first time going our separate ways, but it's probably what it's going to be like the rest of our lives. It's definitely going to be different, but I'm looking forward to it."

"We're all very close, which many siblings don't get to say. We all tell each other our secrets and stuff. The boys are very close, Kamryn and I are very close. It's one of those things where we all have that special bond."

And a good conversation starter, for sure.

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## GIRLS HOCKEY

# Livonia United wins one, loses one

Flu bug, lack of depth hurt in 5-1 loss to PCS Penguins

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Things are starting to look up for Livonia United, the first-year high school girls hockey team.

Getting the 2018 portion of the schedule going on a positive note was a 5-1 victory Jan. 8 against Detroit Country Day.

But then came a Jan. 10 contest at Eddie Edgar Arena, when Livonia United battled but could not overcome the depth and talent of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins, losing 6-0.

"Due to the flu bug, we were missing two players and the (remaining) eight players skated hard and never gave up," said Janine Martinez, head coach of the Livonia squad. "Our goalie (Maddie Marciw) stood on her head."

PCS led 1-0 after one period and then broke open the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game with four goals in the middle period.



Livonia United goalie Maddie Marciw makes a stop against PCS player Anna Otta.  
JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

"Took a timeout in middle of the second period to give the team a break and tell them hang in there and keep it up, never give up and they didn't," Martinez

said, noting that her team gave up just one goal the rest of the way.

Spearheading the Penguins (5-4-0 overall, 4-0-0 in the Michigan Metro)

were defensemen Morgan Gagnon (goal, two assists) and Grace Balch (goal, assist).

Also on the scoreboard were forwards Brooke Gauthier, Brooke Kalis, Jessica Carpenter and Marnie Waggoner (one goal each).

Contributing single assists for the Penguins were defensemen Amelia Christie, Grace Duerr and forward Piper Keranen. Posting the shutout win in goal was Savina Osann.

The loss dropped Livonia United's record to 2-7-0 overall and 0-6-0 in the league.

That second win was collected against Country Day.

It helped to get out to a 2-0 lead after one period and the Yellowjackets never were able to catch up.

The score was 3-1 after two periods, with a couple of insurance goals tacked on in the third.

"The girls passed well and gained a lot of confidence," Martinez said. "They're improving each game. It's exciting to see."

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Novi gets lift from unexpected sources

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Conventional wisdom says when you stop Ellie Mackay, Novi's all-time career scoring leader, then the odds for victory are greatly enhanced.

But that wasn't the case Jan. 9 as Northville held the 5-foot-6 senior, a 1,000-point plus scorer, to 10 points, but still came up on the short end against the host Wildcats, 40-29.

"When is the last time she only scored one basket in a game?," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "Go back to her four-year career. She's a heck of a player and we know she's their main offensive threat. You tell me we hold her to one basket and 10 points total and lose by 11 — I'd say you're out of your mind."

The Michigan Tech-bound Mackay, one of the MHSAA's all-time prolific free-throw shooters, still went 8-of-9 from the line and finished with a game-best 10 points in what turned out to be a defensive battle.

Sophomore guard Jenna Daschke, all of 5-4, chipped in an all-important eight points, while 5-11 junior Anna Bieberstein contributed six as Novi improved to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA Gold Division.

"That might be my high (game)," Daschke said. "I did surprise myself a little bit."

One person that wasn't completely surprised by Daschke's effort was first-year Novi coach C.J. Aro, who inserted the 10th-grader into the starting lineup.

"We've been pushing for Jenna to be more aggressive, be more aggressive," Aro said. "I will say for Ellie's case — she makes Jenna so much better in practice because Jenna gets to play against the best. So she's finally started to really pick it up. Over the (holiday) break, she was very aggressive on offense and she can guard a little on defense. She's a young kid, a sophomore, which is great and what we need."

Novi trailed 14-10 midway through the second quarter before going on a 9-0 run to end the half, capped by a pair of

free throws by Mackay with 38 seconds left to lead, 19-14.

The Wildcats kept Northville (6-3, 1-3) at arm's length after three quarters, 32-22, thanks to a pair of free throws by senior forward Julia Lalain with 0:00 on the clock.

Novi stretched its lead to 40-24 with 3:15 remaining in the fourth on two more free throws by Mackay to help seal the victory.

"Ellie is, obviously, one of our key offensive players and when she's struggling or getting guarded, as she will this season, everyone else has to step it up and I think we did really good job today," Daschke said. "Their defense — it was strong. It was definitely well-played by them and I think that we really moved the ball well and shared it like a team."

Northville made only 6-of-37 shots from the floor over the final three quarters and hit 11-of-18 free throws for the game.

"We're trying to attack the basket and Novi does a nice job of clogging things up," Gudith said. "I think our kids were looking more to drawing the contact and expecting a whistle than concentrating on just finishing. That's what we told them at halftime, but it still didn't work in the second half."

No Northville player reached double figures, with Jasmin Prince and Roan Haines both scoring seven.

"The biggest thing we knew is that we had to get under screens on most kids and over screens on (Kendall) Dillon," Aro said. "We couldn't let Dillon shoot threes and can open threes. And once the kids went over that, they understood what they were doing. I thought help-side was there. I thought they played well and helped each other again. The same way we beat Brighton. They help each other. We're not that good individually on defense, but when we play together, we're pretty damn good."

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Highly-ranked Hazel Park dominates OAA Red foe North Farmington

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Hazel Park's undefeated boys basketball team is No. 2 in the Class A state rankings, trailing only fellow Oakland Activities Association Red Division member Clarkston. North Farmington found out why Jan 11.

Hazel Park led from start to finish and completely dominated visiting North Farmington, 67-34.

Hazel Park played without two injured starters in hiking its record to 8-0 overall, 2-0 in the Red. North Farmington fell to 4-3 and 0-2.

Hazel Park head coach Brendon Barrett, who returned all five starters, felt his team played a little out of sync with its shorthanded lineup.

"We didn't have two of our starters tonight, so that slowed us a little bit as far as our continuity and our chemistry with our regular style of play," Barrett said. "It was kind of a sloppy game to me and I kind of credit that to us not having our starters in."

"Anytime you bust up a unit, especially two starters out, that's heavy," he added. "But guys battled back and we got the win tonight, so I'm grateful for that."

### Turnovers hurt young Raiders

North Farmington head coach Todd Negoshian said his young squad just didn't have enough experience to play with the Vikings, who caused numerous turnovers with their backcourt quickness. Hazel Park finished with 17 two-point field goals and seven treys.

"When you have kids who are athletic as Hazel Park and shoot it the way they shoot it and play as hard as they do, it's tough to defend," Negoshian said. "They apply pressure and we don't have guys that can handle it right now because we're so young."

"It's kind of going to be like that probably the whole year for us, with

our league," he added. "It's going to be a baptism by fire for us right now. Guys are going to have to grow up on the spot."

The hosts scored the game's first four points and eight of the first 10 for an early 8-2 lead. They went on to take a 20-6 advantage after the opening quarter.

North scored the first bucket on the second quarter to cut the lead to 12 points, but that's as close as the Raiders would get the rest of the game. Hazel Park held a 33-16 halftime lead and was up 53-26 after three quarters.

Hazel Park had three double-digit scorers: seniors Devin Pettus (19), Carl Bow (17) and David Hearn (13).

North Farmington's top scorer was senior center Donny Dreshaj, who earned a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Junior Yusuf Jahid finished with six points and six rebounds. Senior Kevin Edwards contributed four points and five rebounds.

"I learned that we're not real coachable yet and we need to get there," said Negoshian, whose team won three of its first four games. "For these kids to be successful, they have to be coachable. And if not, it's going to continue to be this type of year for us."

Barrett's team captured the OAA White Division title last year and believes his squad can be competitive in the Red Division.

"I thought we would be pretty good this year. We had a good summer and guys were in the gym and we played pretty good all summer," Barrett said. "I thought leading into the beginning of the season we would do OK."

"We had a very tough non-league schedule and I wanted that to test us out," he added. "I think we can compete in the OAA Red, but we just take one game at a time and we just come to play the game and what happens is what we take."

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## BOYS SWIMMING

## Northville splashes past Novi in state-ranked showdown

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The Northville swimming and diving team apparently hasn't seen the best yet from Travis Nitkiewicz.

But if his early season returns are any indication, the junior is going to loom prominently when the Division 1 state finals commence March 9-10 at EMU.

Nitkiewicz, a state placer last year in the 100-yard breaststroke (fifth) and 200 individual medley (10th), figured in four first-place finishes Jan. 11 as the Mustangs topped rival Novi in a KLAA

Gold Division dual meet, 106.5-79.5.

"I thought it was a very solid team performance," said Nitkiewicz, who broke his own pool record in the breaststroke (58.58). "We definitely had errors that we could still work on, but I think we really came together as a team and pulled through. Had some good and some bad swims, but we're working hard and it was nice to see us do well."

Fifth-ranked Northville improved to 8-0 overall and 3-0 in the division as Nitkiewicz also captured the 200 IM (1:56.72). He teamed with Arthur Greenlee, Kirk Maibach and Craig Maibach for a win as well in the 200 medley relay

(1:37.59).

"He's a talented kid, he really is," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "He works hard and stays humble. And if he stays on the trajectory he's going, he could be one of the best we've ever had."

Nitkiewicz also swam a 22.7 split in the 200 freestyle relay, combining with brother Jason Nitkiewicz, Cameron Heaven and Trevor DeGroot for a first-place time of 1:30.93.

"I was very happy with my times," Travis Nitkiewicz said. "Those are season bests in the individuals and leading off the relay, so I was very happy and I

hope to build on those."

Other individual double-winners for Northville included DeGroot, who swept the 200 and 500 freestyles in 1:47.25 and 4:53.34, respectively, and Kirk Maibach, who captured the 50 and 100 freestyles in 22.46 and 49.68, respectively.

Jason Nitkiewicz added a win in the 100 butterfly (53.62), while Greenlee took the 100 backstroke (55.95).

The foursome of DeGroot, Jason Nitkiewicz, Heaven and Kirk Maibach capped off the meet with a victory in the 400 freestyle relay (3:17.53).

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## AREA EVENTS

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### 'Sleeping Beauty' at Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., in Northville, will stage a production of "Sleeping Beauty" through the end of January. Performances are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday, through Jan. 28. 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 [marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net), go to [www.northvillamarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillamarquistheatre.com) or view on Facebook at [facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMi](https://facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMi).

### New exhibit at Art House

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, 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 runs through Saturday, Jan. 27, during Art House hours: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

### Special-needs outing

Special People Social Outings is a new group in South Lyon focusing on the need for activities for young adults with disabilities in the area. The group has been formed by two volunteers, Janine Asher and Jackie Sawle. The group has been meeting once a month since October 2017.

The main activity has been bowling at Pinz Bowling Center, 700 N. Lafayette Street, in South Lyon and started out for those with disabilities ages 18 and over. The group has since opened participation to include those younger also. The only requirement is that a caregiver/family member or guardian attend the event with them.

The next event is bowling at Pinz, 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. Those interested in attending and learning more can email [socialoutings@gmail.com](mailto:socialoutings@gmail.com).

### Mentor Plus orientation

The Oakland County Youth Assistance runs the Mentors Plus program, where volunteers help a young person in your community. Be a positive adult role model for someone ages 5-16 for just a few hours each month.

The next training/orientation session will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Oakland County Executive Office Building, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, in Waterford. To learn more, call Oakland County Youth Assistance at 248-858-0041.

### Spaghetti dinner fundraiser

On Saturday, Jan. 20, the Father Battersby Council No. 7586 Knights 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 at 5 p.m., with dinner following.

### Northville Dems meeting

The Northville Democratic Club monthly membership meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at the Cady Inn, 215 Griswold Ave. Dana Nessel, candidate for attorney general, will be a guest speaker. Ghulam Qadir, candidate for the state Senate, and Chris Matus, regional director for U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, will also be speaking. For more information and to see the full calendar of upcoming events, go to [www.NorthvilleDems.com](http://www.NorthvilleDems.com).

### Artist lecture at VFAA

The Village Fine Arts Association invites the public to hear guest speaker award-winning Wixom artist Pamela Day at its meeting Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the Suzanne Haskew Art Center, 125 S. Main St., Suite 700, Milford. Come for the general meeting at 7 p.m. or come for the lecture only at 7:30 p.m. For more information, email [contactus@milfordvfaa.org](mailto:contactus@milfordvfaa.org) or call the SHAC at 248-797-3060.

### 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 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.

### Providence Park seminars

Providence-Providence Park Hospital will present a pair of wellness seminars at the Novi Campus, Conference Room A & B, Outpatient Building.

■ Healthy eating: Maintaining a healthy diet does not only help you manage your weight, it also helps you to keep your blood pressure and cholesterol in check to prevent illnesses like prediabetes, type 2 diabetes and heart disease. Presenter is Beverly Cameron, RD, CDE, 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25

■ Treatment for Arthritis: Joint pain and stiffness caused by arthritis can make it difficult to perform

your daily tasks. Treatment options vary from medication-based treatment to joint replacement, and new options are continuously explored. Presenter is Edward G. Loniewski, DO, FACOS, FAOAO, 10-11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5.

For more information or to register, call 1-888-751-5465.

### Winter trail hike

The Crossroads Group is organizing a hike through the Brighton State Recreation Area Penosha Trail at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27. The trail is five miles through woods and meadows.

From the east, from intersection of Bauer and Bishop Lake Roads in Brighton, go west on Bishop Lake for 1.2 miles. Turn left at Bishop Lake Complex sign, then quick right after toll booth into trail head parking lot. From the west, from intersection of Bishop Lake and Chilson Roads in Howell, go east on Bishop Lake 1.4 miles, turn right at Bishop Lake Complex sign then quick right after toll booth into trail head parking lot. For more information, contact Mike at 248-943-5714 or [crossroadsoutings@michigan.sierraclub.org](mailto:crossroadsoutings@michigan.sierraclub.org).

### Marine Corps League comedy show

The Northville Marine Corps League will present a comedy show Saturday, Jan. 27, at the VFW Post 4012, 438 S. Main Street, in Northville. Cocktails and seating starts at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Tables of eight are available. Guests may bring food and snacks for their table to be shared. The Marine Corps League will accept Visa, MC, checks and cash. All reservations must be prepaid. RSVP to Bill King at 248-345-3502. All profits go to support the programs of the Marine Corps League.

### NYA seeking youth recognition nominees

Novi Youth Assistance is looking for students in grades 7-12 who go "above and beyond" and do "behind the scenes" volunteer work and are not formally recognized for their effort. This includes students who have grown in maturity, developed self-esteem and have gained a sense of responsibility. Some examples of service include: tutoring, hospital or nursing home service, ecology or beautification activities, school service projects as well as significant academic or social improvement.

The NYA would like to honor those youth who have volunteered their time and talents for the betterment of their organization, school, family and community. If you know of a young person who is living within the Novi Public School District, complete the nomination form that can be found online at <http://www.cityofnovi.org/Government/City-Services/Youth-Services/Youth-Recognition-Nominations/Youth-RecognitionNominationForm.aspx> and return it to

Novi Youth Assistance no later than Friday, Feb. 16. All candidates will be evaluated on the basis of the information you provide. Be sure to include any relevant information that would help in the ultimate selection. It is important to honor these young people and NYA believes residents are an important resource for locating them.

All students nominated will be honored with a certificate of recognition.

### Evenings in the Garden

MSU Tollgate Farm will again present its Evenings in the Garden program this season. Each class is taught by experts in our gardening community. The cost is \$20 each. Classes are 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday, Jan. 25 through March 8, held in the conference center at MSU Tollgate Farm in Novi. Advance registration is required.

■ Jan. 25: Jan Bills - Landscape Design for Sustainability

■ Feb. 8: Janet Macunovich - 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

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.

### 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 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).

### Preschool open house

A Growing Place, 40700 W. 10 Mile Road, in Novi will hold its fourth annual open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 24. The open house will include free activities, crafts and snacks. It will give prospective parents an opportunity to visit the school, meet the staff and learn about the classes and programs offered.

A Growing Place Preschool will be offering full- and half-day preschool classes for ages 3-4, as well as a young 5/pre-kindergarten program. For more information, call 248-471-2333.

# Obituaries

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

### Lawrence "Larry" Albers

SOUTH LYON - December 16, 1952 - January 6, 2018 - Larry has left his struggle here and is mourned by Madelyn (Ross) his wife of 42 years. He was the youngest son born to Charles and Jane (Iapalucci) in Detroit. He is predeceased by his parents and brother David. He is survived by his sister JoAnn Purcell and her husband George of Florida, brother Kenneth and his wife Charmagne of the USVI. Larry will also be missed by his 37 nieces and nephews, many friends and co-workers and the extended families of the Albers, Tank, Helmuth, Dodge, Selik, Saville, Trudell, Ross and Barnes. Special thanks to Father John Peters of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of White Lake and the Phillip's Funeral Home in South Lyon. Remember Larry not for his suffering but rather for the lasting echo of his final Hallelujah.

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### Marion Doss

- - April 27, 1923 - January 1, 2018 Expressions of sympathy may be made at [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

### Elizabeth Trantham

SOUTH LYON - Age 80, passed away January 9, 2018. She was born June 2, 1937, in Andrews, N.C. She was united in marriage to Howard Trantham on October 3, 1954. They were blessed with 63 loving years together. They were longtime members of the First Baptist Church of South Lyon. She will always be remembered as a beautiful, kind and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Elizabeth is survived by her husband, Howard; her daughter, Karen (Dan) Schluentz; two grandsons, Anthony and Tyler; and three brothers and three sisters. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister. Visitation was held on Thursday, January 11, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Friday, January 12, at First Baptist Church of South Lyon. She was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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**Katherine Jane Willard**

HIGHLAND - passed away at home at the age of 65. Katherine was born on January 22, 1952 to Phyllis Dahn and the late Vernon Dahn.

She was survived by her husband, Robert, who has since passed away. She is also survived by her mother Phyllis Dahn; her sisters Dawn (Eric) Crabb, Beverly Trisch, brother Matt Dahn; nieces Stacey (Doug) Horstman, Alyson (Mike) Powers and great nieces Chloe and Olivia Horstman.

### Lisa Smith

- - Lisa Smith January 26, 1964-December 31, 2017 Expressions of sympathy may be made at [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)



**Sarah Olivia Doyle**

NORTHVILLE - January 9, 2018. Age 19, of Northville. Beloved child of John and Kim. Dearly missed by Emily, their sister, and loving grandchild of Bruce and Rosa Doyle and the late Barbara and Edward Tromans. The family has entrusted care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home - Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, 248-348-1233. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com).

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### Michael Bagnasco

NOVI - Michael Bagnasco July 22, 1959-January 8, 2018 Expressions of sympathy may be made at [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com).





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Unless you're responding to a job ad that specifically asks for your salary history and requirements (and if it does, include it in your cover letter), save the salary talk for the negotiation once you're offered the job. Your first impression and your resume should be all about what you can offer a prospective employer, not what you require from them.

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Hiring managers are busy people with limited time, and won't sift through a maze of creative flourishes to get to the heart of your resume and figure out whether you have what it takes to handle the job. Help them by making your resume as professional and easy-to-follow as possible.

#### A boilerplate objective statement

A generic, objective statement is typically a waste of space on your resume, as it likely just repeats the messaging you have in your cover letter, and often is full of tired clichés (more on that later). Besides, hiring personnel

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After crafting your resume until it's just right, be sure to check it carefully for errors — and then check it again. Better still, have someone you trust review it as well. Only when you're absolutely, positively sure that your resume is free from typos and mistakes should you even think about sending it out.

Along with your cover letter, your resume is going to serve as your first impression, so there's simply no room for error. Make sure that the things mentioned here are as far from your resume as possible, and you'll be sure to make a better impression on hiring managers and prospective employers.

*Eric Titner 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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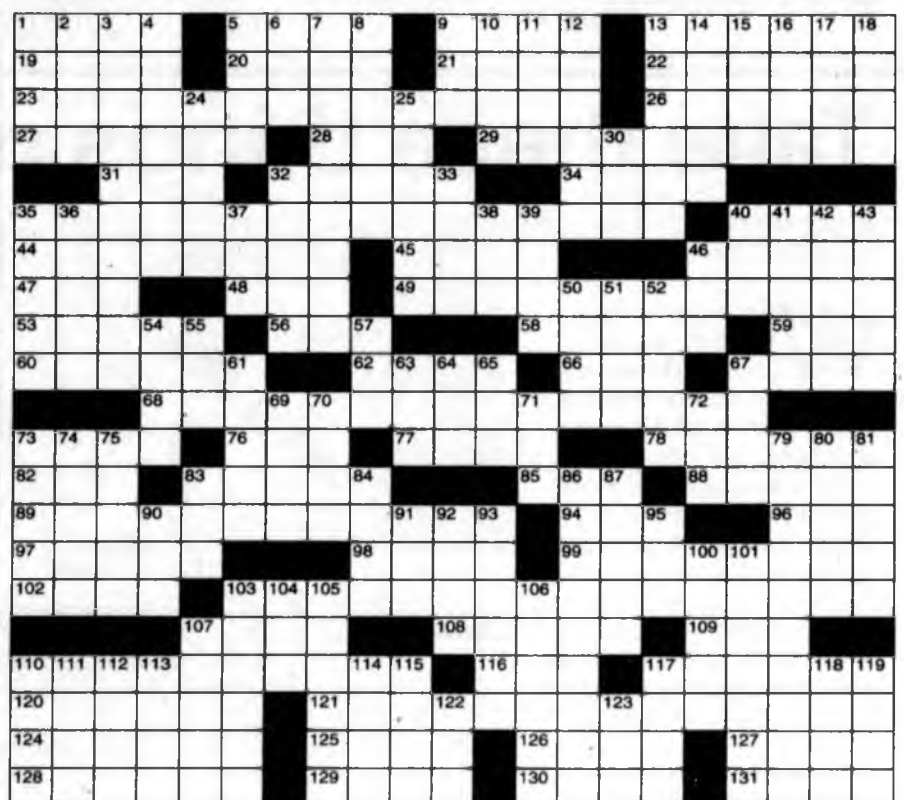
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  - 9 Take — (taste some)
  - 13 Cheeky type
  - 19 Road, in German
  - 20 Foretold
  - 21 Lovett of country
  - 22 No longer surprised by
  - 23 Ram force-fully?
  - 28 Frilo Lay chip
  - 27 December mall hires
  - 29 Teeny greeting sent by a cosmetics company?
  - 31 "Agnus —"
  - 32 Cache —
  - 34 Southeast Kansas city
  - 35 Where lots of mail delivers scuba-diver?
  - 40 Not at all high
  - 44 Most robust
  - 45 Kazan of film directing
  - 46 Hilo "hello"
  - 47 In days past
  - 48 "Lo-o-o-vely!"
  - 49 Set crossword hints to music?
  - 53 Prefix with pathology
  - 56 The Big Apple
  - 58 Flamingo rock
  - 59 Midday sleep
  - 60 Divide by type
  - 62 Contract out
  - 66 TV title alien
  - 67 Water whirl
  - 68 Required maintenance items?
  - 73 Face cover
  - 76 From — Z
  - 77 Big fair
  - 78 Character
  - 82 "Scall"
  - 83 Prologue
  - 85 Upallion's follower
  - 88 Qdoba treats
  - 89 Inelegant five-member band?
  - 94 66-Across et al.
  - 96 Salt's "Help!"
  - 97 Muslim
  - 98 Haul around
  - 99 Number of magazine subscribers, e.g.
  - 102 Writer Haley
  - 103 Long to look at a periodic table?
  - 107 Feng —
  - 108 Poetry Muse
  - 109 White-haired
  - 110 Library cubicle in which Chablis is served?
  - 116 Jackie O.'s "O"
  - 117 New York state prison
  - 120 Is wild for
  - 121 Writes hacky computer programs?
  - 124 Chemist's "I"
  - 125 Nursing school subj.
  - 126 Bit of help
  - 127 In awe
  - 128 Naval units
  - 129 Car-lot sticker abbr.
  - 130 Barley brews
  - 131 Guru's discipline
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Essentials
  - 2 "Fame" star Irene
  - 3 Very loud
  - 4 Alternatively
  - 5 — chef
  - 6 Unruly kid
  - 7 Fit for sailing
  - 8 Ready to be driven
  - 9 Puglist
  - 10 Harmony
  - 11 1942 role for Ingrid
  - 12 "The Dick Van Dyke Show" surname
  - 13 Ballet dancer Nureyev
  - 14 "Sitting on —" ("Mrs. Robinson" lyric)
  - 15 Blood bank fluids
  - 16 Nero's 404
  - 17 Quintillionth: Prefix
  - 18 "Crazy" bird
  - 24 Aristide's land
  - 25 Eagles' nests
  - 30 Female deer
  - 32 Is sporting
  - 33 Hoagie shop
  - 35 Its capital is Accra
  - 36 Is very angry
  - 37 Co. kahuna
  - 38 — Tin Tin
  - 39 Tatty cloths
  - 40 Exclusively
  - 41 Ran across
  - 42 In the future
  - 43 Harsh-toned
  - 46 Top gun
  - 50 Spicy cuisine
  - 51 Stop moving
  - 52 Pidelesh locale
  - 54 Stone
  - 55 — pro noble
  - 57 Amigo of Fidel
  - 61 Sedative drug
  - 63 Informally
  - 63 Barg stuff
  - 64 Stout of mysteries
  - 65 Seer's skill
  - 67 This, to Pedro
  - 69 Dying rebuke
  - 70 "Me neither"
  - 71 Sponge up
  - 72 Scarf down
  - 73 Coffee flavor
  - 74 Auditory
  - 75 Rubberneck
  - 79 West Coast coll. in La Jolla
  - 80 Hen's perch
  - 81 Swirly letters
  - 83 Suffix with
  - 90-Down
  - 84 Being aired, in a way
  - 86 Like religious dissenters
  - 87 Writer
  - 88 Calvin
  - 90 Gender
  - 91 Tip of a sock
  - 92 Suffix with major
  - 93 Azadi Tower
  - 95 Holy Fr. woman
  - 100 Ham it up
  - 101 City-circling route
  - 103 Goes after
  - 104 1921 Karel Capek play
  - 105 Stability-improving auto part
  - 106 Vocalist Kitt
  - 107 Hound's trail
  - 110 Homeless kid
  - 111 Sacred cow
  - 112 Center point
  - 113 The "E" of HOMES
  - 114 Practically forever
  - 115 Jet name
  - 117 Gets the total
  - 118 Stop up
  - 119 Kelp, e.g.
  - 122 Brand of motor oil
  - 123 A single



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## SUDOKU

		9	7					6
4	8				6	9		
		3		2		5	7	
	1		6				9	
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	4	2	3					8
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Here's How It Works:

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	9	2	1	6	8	9	2	8
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2	9	6	1	6	1	9	2	8
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

## CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

**Crossword Answers**

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## Car Report

# AFTER A GREAT 2017, SUBARU ADDS TO U.S.-MARKET MOMENTUM WITH BIG NEW ASCENT SUV, AND NEW SAFETY AD FOR FORESTER



By Dale Buss

utility vehicle.

The brand has doubled sales in the American market in just five years, to nearly 650,000 units a year, putting its market share on a par with Hyundai's. One reason for the brand's growing success is that it largely has stuck with the core of the Subaru brand: an emphasis on safety, universal all-wheel drive and favoring utility vehicles over sedans, in keeping with its "Confidence in Motion" tagline.

Nowadays, there's a lot of consumer and media interest in Ascent, which—already famously—is offering 19 cupholders and nearly twice as much towing capacity as Subaru's popular Outback crossover wagon. Subaru dealers say many of their customers have been looking to move up to a large SUV, and its first such model, called Tribeca, flopped upon introduction in 2006 and was discontinued in 2014.

But first, Subaru is kicking off the new year with a campaign that celebrates the naming of 2018 Forester SUV as a Top Safety Pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, yet another safety laurel for the brand. It also begins planting seeds for the launch later this year of a new Forester model.

The first TV spot in the campaign, titled "Life Story On the Line," is

narrated in the first person as viewers follow a woman's life from birth to meeting her future husband, having kids, getting in a car accident—and living to tell about it. The family ends up enjoying a ride in their new Forester. "That line in the middle of the road is looking back on your life through the rear window of a car," Brian Cavalluci, national advertising manager for Subaru of America, told me. "You see these little vignettes—and as you see them, the camera pans back to being inside the car with the mom and dad and boys, and everyone is OK."

I talked with Cavalluci about the Forester campaign and the Subaru safety coda.

**Brian, why run a campaign highlighting safety, now?**

Safety is really important to the brand and we focus on it from an engineering standpoint and a brand standpoint. And it's important to customers as well. So having good creative that speaks to that in an emotional way has served Subaru well.

We try to tell emotional stories in different ways as it relates to safety.

**Is the woman in the campaign based on a true story?**

Not per se. Any time we do commercials like this we get a lot of letters from owners. They'll send us pictures of their cars that are completely mangled, for example, and "we came out of it with only bumps and bruises." We get a lot of letters from owners. Sometimes we post them on our



Forester is the subject of a new advertising campaign by Subaru.

Facebook wall or send them into our call center. [The ads are] representative of stories that we've heard from our owners.

**Some of your recent TV commercials ["Take the Subaru" and "I'm Sorry"] featured parents having peace of mind because their kids were driving their Subarus. Does this new safety-oriented ad represent an evolution or a departure?**

It's an evolution. We're approaching the spot differently with the camera moving backward through your life. There is a really old Subaru and an old Outback at the wedding scene and then the crash, a Forester, and then the ad puts you inside a new one. It's a similar storytelling approach, about someone's life, but an evolution in the approach.

**How important is safety today for the Subaru brand?**

It ranks very high for people in our owner base or people in general

who are shopping. It's important to a segment of people buying small or mid-size SUVs, and it's something that as a brand we can deliver on. Our products deliver safety. We prioritize it from an engineering standpoint and highlighting it in our advertising lets people know it's important. They recognize Subaru for safety.

**How are you planning to launch the new Forester later this year?**

This [ad] will be tough to beat. We're working on that now. That car will be great. We did like using this spot to kind of lead-in to that next one, and that's another reason why the timing was right. Safety will be a key factor in that launch. But the people who buy that car are active singles, couples and young families, and we're going to try to portray that as well. Safety is important—but not the only thing that's important—and space for dogs, too.



Subaru introduced its new Ascent large SUV at the LA Auto Show.

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