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## Geography? There's an app for that

### Middle school student builds app for studying

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Seventh-grader Deepak Laungani, 12, built a computer app to help him study for a school geography bee, while Ameen Abou-Rjaily, also 12, prepped the old-fashioned way — by looking at a chart of the world's countries.

Ameen's approach paid off Jan. 16, when he took first place in the National Geographic geography bee at Meads Mill Middle School. Next, he'll take an online

quiz to determine whether he can move to the state-level contest.

"I really didn't expect to make it this far," Ameen, also a seventh-grader, said recently by phone, explaining that he just "winged it" to prepare for the bee.

While he wasn't a poor geography student, he added, it wasn't his best subject.

Deepak was a runner-up in his class bee and plans to create more apps for different grade levels and subjects. His new app is called Geography Bee.

"It's pretty simple," he said. "Anyone can build this app." Deepak got help from his dad, Rohit, and from Google in building the app.

Deepak is a fan of Google Assistant, which can help with a multitude of tasks,

from checking the weather to cooking dinner. "You can play games and study, too, so that's where I come in," he said.

Geography Bee, free and available for a variety of platforms, is pretty simple: It asks geography-related questions, seven per session, offers multiple-choice answers and follows up each question with a "fun fact."

Deepak got to choose the app's voice (for use on the "smart speaker" Google Home), plug in the questions and answers and design a logo.

He built Geography Bee during the holiday break and it was one of Google's top-trending apps Jan. 12.

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Seventh-grader Deepak Laungani created an app that helps kids learn geography and plans to make others geared toward different subjects and grade levels. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## NHS students ready to fly with 'Peter Pan'



Learning to fly: Peter Pan (Alyssa Chechak), at right, teaches the Darling children John (Ian Danaher), Wendy (Michelle Quesada) and Michael (Grace LoGrasso) how to fly. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Play will be performed the weekend of Feb. 1-3 at school

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The Northville High School drama club will explore childhood imagination

with a show that appeals to people of all ages when "Peter Pan" hits the stage next month.

Based on characters created by Scottish writer J.M. Barrie, the play tells the story of Peter Pan — the boy who would

not grow up — and his adventures in Neverland with the Lost Boys as they meet up with the Darling children, Wendy, John and Michael, and run into

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## New CCW leadership team for 2018 includes Nix

The Conference of Western Wayne, an association of 18 chief elected local officials in Michigan's largest county, announced that it has selected its new 2018 leadership team.

The CWW 2018 Executive Committee is composed of Chairman LeRoy Burcroff (Romulus mayor), Vice Chairman Robert Nix II (Northville Township supervisor), Secretary Kerreen Conley (Belleville mayor), Treasurer Pat Williams (Canton Township supervisor) and Chair Emeritus Jack O'Reilly (Dearborn mayor), who led the CWW the last year. The committee was sworn in by the Wayne County Circuit Judge Melissa Cox.

"I am truly grateful to serve the 18 communities in western Wayne County that make up this organization," Burcroff said. "Our board has met monthly for over three decades to discuss issues such as state and federal legislation, county matters, transportation, public safety, substance use prevention and community and economic development. Our region is the most populated in the county and we pride ourselves on working together to promote western Wayne."

The CWW is a bipartisan group that works collectively to discuss mutual issues, share information and generally improve the quality of life for the nearly 700,000 residents who live in the region. CWW also serves as the 9-1-1 Service District for western Wayne County.

The CWW communities include the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn

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## Geography

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"I've gotten more than about 1,000 people to play it or see it," Deepak said. Deepak said he enjoyed building the app, "but I would not really want to spend my whole life doing that." He sees his future self as an entrepreneur or finance professional.

Ameen won the Meads Mill bee's final round by naming the state, Illinois, that shares borders with Missouri and Iowa and also borders the Mississippi River, then naming the ocean, the Pacific, where pioneering aviator Amelia Earhart is thought to have disappeared.

Science, Ameen said, is his favorite subject and he's a regular participant in the Science Olympiad. He intends to become a doctor. "I'm not sure what type, but that's my plan," he said.

Last year's overall winner at Mead's Mill, Akshaya Kannikeswaran, went on to both state and national National Geo-



Ameen Abou-Rjaily (left) is the geography bee champion at Meads Mill Middle School. Smrithi Kattethota is the runner-up. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

graphic geography bees, said Shelley Castor-Taylor, a social studies teacher.

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## Nix

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Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren. The CWW area is 340 square miles, bordered by Washtenaw County to the west, Oakland County to the north, the city of Detroit to the east and Monroe County to the south.

Despite the diversity of size, economic development and population density, these communities have been working together – working regionally – to enhance this area of Wayne County for more than 38 years.

"All of our 700,000 residents and 340 square miles are impacted by the decisions and laws that are made at the federal, state and county levels," Burcroff said. "It is vital that we continue to collaborate in order to create the best solutions possible to the challenges we face."

The 18 members of CWW selected the new leadership at its board meeting Jan. 12 in Plymouth Township.



The new leadership group of (from left) Jack O'Reilly, LeRoy Burcroff, Robert Nix, Pat Williams and Kerreen Conley are sworn in by Judge Melissa Cox.

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## Peter Pan

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a band of pirates led by Captain Hook. The show, the club's second this school year, is entirely student-run, from directing to costuming to makeup and set design.

Director Emily Hanlon, a senior, said she wanted a change of pace following last fall's production ("A Christmas Carol, The Musical"), as well as a show that would be accessible for children.

Hanlon and assistant director Winter Graham, also a senior, said they also favored a more intimate show with a smaller cast than the club's typical musicals.

"I've always found the shows with a smaller cast, for me personally, felt more successful," said Hanlon, who has stage-managed several drama club shows and was the assistant director for "Pippin," the club's 2017 musical.

Graham, who has been in several past shows and been on the crew for others, said performing with only a couple of other actors pushes all of them to step up their games.

"When there're just three people on the stage, you're just totally on ... working as hard as hard as you can," she said.

Hanlon is working toward a career in theater, planning to major in college in either stage-managing or design and production. Graham is taking a different road, planning to attend Central Michigan University to study biomedical science, with long-term plans to become a forensic pathologist. Theater — she's done makeup, costuming and set work, as well as acting — is a 180-degree turnabout that engages her creative side, she said.

The NHS drama club is a student-run extracurricular with more than 60 members that is overseen by adviser Bryan Johnson, the auditorium manager and a set designer. The club welcomes all types of talent and interests.

"Everybody has a place. If you want a job, we will find you a job," Hanlon said.

"Peter Pan," said Graham and Hanlon, expresses the magic and joys of childhood.

"That's something a lot of adults easily forget and why the 'Peter Pan' story is so cherished," Hanlon said.

"I want people to walk away from it feeling happy, and refreshed in their lives," Graham said.



Peter Pan (Alyssa Chechak) and Wendy (Michelle Quesada) will fly to Neverland to meet the Lost Boys. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Slightly (Tristan Presley) tells the story of how he became a lost boy wearing his diaper, "slightly soiled." BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"Peter Pan" is scheduled to run at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 1-3, at the Northville High School auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 a person in advance, \$12 at the door. Advance tickets are available by clicking on the ticket icon on the drama club's website, [www.nhstheatre.com](http://www.nhstheatre.com).

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Captain Hook (Ben Blondy) reminds Smee (Bryce Green) that the crocodile that ate his hand and left him with a hook will be back. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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## Brasscraft presents Zell Award to two employees

Brasscraft Manufacturing Co. announced for 2017 it has awarded, for the first time, the Robert M. Zell Award to two employees – Daniel Hodges, product engineer, and John Yuan, FP&A supervisor, both from its Novi headquarters. The Zell Award was created in honor of Robert M. Zell, the company founder, to recognize employees who epitomize and embrace Zell's vision to deliver the highest quality and innovative products to customers.

"In December of each year, Brasscraft Manufacturing Co. takes the time to recognize people within its team who have distinguished themselves as leaders in our business," Brasscraft President Rick Mejia said. "It is a special award, as our colleagues nominate colleagues, and it is colleagues who select the persons to receive the award."

Hodges's peers cited his rapid response to critical issues in product design and development and his willingness to continuously look for improvements in design, manufacturing and processes.

"To be recognized as an innovator with a passion for quality and customer solutions with an award created in honor of a visionary like Robert Zell by my colleagues, whom are at the very top of this industry, is very humbling. I'm honored and overjoyed that my contributions reflect these core values and have meaning and value to Brasscraft," Hodges said.

Yuan's focus on quality and innovation shone through with the development of new tools for the accounting team. He consistently displays his willingness to step in and assist his team meet their goals and to look for process improvements.

"I'm honored to have been recognized by my peers. It means a lot to me, especially when you realize the tool you designed has made a real difference for multiple functional areas, and I couldn't have done it without the help and support from such a great team of people here at BMC," Yuan said.

Winners of the Zell Award receive an engraved plaque and a cash prize.



Hodges



Yuan

## NORTHVILLE LIBRARY EVENTS

### Battle of the Books Registration

When: Through Jan. 31

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

### Drop-in Morning Storytime

When: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 through March 1

Details: Fun for toddlers and preschoolers. All ages welcome; caregivers must accompany children age 3 and younger. Just drop in.

### Get Your Financial House in Order

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29

Details: Financial expert Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management will provide tips to help you get your financial house in order and start the new year on the right financial footing. Register.

### Hooray for LEGO Day!

When: 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31

Details: Kids in grades 1-5 make a fun hand-sized LEGO creation of your choice to be displayed in the youth area of the Library. Participants must attend independent of a caregiver. Limit 30. Register online.

### App Café: Download Day

When: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3

Details: Bring your tablet or smart phone and enjoy coffee and snacks while we share the library's downloading apps: Libby by Overdrive, Hoopla, RBDigital Magazines and Prequal Music. Register.

### DIA in the Garden

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5

Details: Photographic presentation that explores the hidden meaning behind images of flowers, plants and gardens in some of our most favorite Detroit Institute of Art works. Register.

### Books & Brews Book Group

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6

Details: Join us at The Wagon Wheel for a fun discussion of Junot Diaz's "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao." Books available at the library. Ages 21 and older only.

### Kidz Time

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

Details: Celebrate Chinese New Year playing a Chinese guessing game, learning your Zodiac animal, making a hand-held Chinese drum and Chinese new Year bracelet and more. For grades 1-3. Registration begins Feb. 1.

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

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

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### TOT Storytime

When: Varied, see website

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When: Varied, see website

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### ESL Conversation Group

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

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# King's true gift: Living the words he spoke

**Super Talk**  
Steve Matthews  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

On Jan. 10, I stood in the hallway of Novi Middle School during passing time between classes. In front of me, four students walked laughing, joking, carrying on in the way that only middle school students can do. One student was Japanese, two students were Indian and one student was white.

I turned and to my right and coming up the hall was a group of girls. African American, Japanese and white.

I am sure none of them noticed or cared about the nationality, race or color of the skin of the other students. That we have different races, religions and languages is just the way it is in the Novi Community School District. And it is something that we not only accept, but embrace.

This past week, we honored the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We honored him because he was able to put into words the essence of what we want America to be.

Most of us have read or at least listened to his great "I Have a Dream" speech, given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. Many, like me, have visited the Lincoln Memorial and stood in the exact spot where King stood as he looked out on hundreds of thousands of people and uttered those famous lines: "I

have a dream!" We honor King because, through his words, he was able to capture our hopes, our dreams and our best intentions.

However, the true genius of King was not the speeches he gave in front of hundreds of thousands of people.

The true genius of King was not his association with presidents and leaders throughout the world.

No, the true genius of King was his ability to live the words that he so eloquently spoke. When he spoke of making a difference, he lived a life that made a difference. He was able to put into action the words that he spoke about our hopes and dreams.

The true genius of King was that he not only was able to talk about the importance of supporting one another, he was able to demonstrate through his life that he really did care about other people.

Emblematic of this commitment was King's last recorded speech, given April 3, 1968, in a church in Memphis, Tenn. It was a speech given 50 years ago this year to support the sanitation workers the city. On April 4, 1968, King would be shot and killed.

Think about that for a moment. King was the Nobel Peace Prize awardee in 1964. His "I Have a Dream" speech attracted more than 250,000 people to Washington, D.C., in April 1963. He was honored by presidents and politicians.

King had the power and the social cachet to do and be almost anything. Yet April 3, 1968, he was in Memphis, Tenn., to speak to and support ... those who picked up other people's garbage.

Why would he do that? A clue is contained in the speech that he gave that evening.

In this speech, King talks about the tendency of people — people like you and me — to engage in "compassion by proxy."

The tendency of people to talk about the importance of helping other people, the tendency of people to recognize the need other people have, the tendency of people to understand intellectually that there is a problem, the tendency of people to actually see a problem — but to not get involved.

Compassion by proxy is the belief that we are compassionate if we recognize and talk about the problem.

King emphatically and strongly stated that if we believe that we can be compassionate by proxy, we are wrong. King was clear. Compassion requires investment.

Compassion requires getting out of our office, out of our homes, out of our cars and into the lives of those we seek to help.

We cannot be truly compassionate if we refuse to visit, help, work with, stand next to, sit with, eat with, talk to, walk with and be with those who need our help.

Nevertheless, we would miss the true intent and the true power of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. if we do not recognize that he calls us to get involved, to act, to actually do something for others.

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## Governor, AG candidates say Dems can win

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Two candidates vying to become Michigan's next governor and attorney general, respectively, campaigned Jan. 17 in Canton, calling for an end to policies they say favor the political establishment and big corporations over the needs of a struggling electorate.

Their message: Make Michigan a Democratic blue state again.

Gubernatorial candidate Abdul El-Sayed, a Michigan native and doctor who helped rebuild the Detroit Health Department after it was shuttered amid Detroit's bankruptcy, said residents deserve good schools, clean water, better health care and an end to discrimination based on ethnicity, economic status and sexual orientation. He said those problems have worsened under Republican rule and President Donald Trump.

"You want to know what a middle finger to Donald Trump looks like? You're looking right at him," El-Sayed said, drawing applause from a crowd of about 200 people attending a Canton Democratic Club forum at the Summit on the Park recreation center.

Attorney general hopeful Dana Nessel, a Plymouth resident and former Wayne County assistant prosecutor who later helped win a Supreme Court ruling against Michigan's ban on same-sex adoption and marriage, vowed legal battles to protect immigrants, sanctuary cities, public schools, net neutrality rules and consumer protection laws.

Nessel claimed she was once denied a job by state Attorney General Bill Schuette's office because she was a gay Democrat who had fought on the right side of political causes. Fast forward a few years to the battle



**Plymouth resident Dana Nessel is running for the Michigan attorney general's seat.** BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



**Michigan gubernatorial candidate Abdul El-Sayed addresses the Canton Democratic Club.** BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

on same-sex adoption and marriage, she said, "and we beat his ass at the Supreme Court."

El-Sayed and Nessel both stressed the need for Michigan to protect working and struggling residents and the state's marginalized populations. El-Sayed indicated support for a \$15 an hour minimum wage, saying workers deserve to feed and house their children.

Nessel vowed to fight corporate environmental polluters, unscrupulous companies that prey on consumers and federal officials, from U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, over policies that Nessel said hurt the country and its citizens. Nessel, responding to a question from the audience, also said marijuana should be legalized

for recreational use.

Among the highlights of the town hall-style gathering:

■ Nessel touted her attorney experience battling child rapists and murderers, but said she also worked to defend indigents, the mentally ill and veterans suffering from post traumatic stress disorder, among others in need. She said the state needs more empathy from its elected leaders.

■ If elected, Nessel vowed to make the attorney general's office more inclusive, saying it lacks Muslim Americans and other minority groups.

■ Nessel vowed to file a federal lawsuit to shut down Enbridge Line 5, an oil pipeline she said threatens the environment in Michigan.

■ Nessel vowed to prosecute hate crimes, which she said have risen since Trump was elected, and to fight the deportation of non-violent immigrants.

■ El-Sayed, a Macomb County resident, Arab American and Muslim whose family immigrated from Egypt, said he is ready to fight "a disease" that "showed itself in 2016," when it became commonplace to discriminate against minorities.

■ El-Sayed called for an end to corrupt politics. "It has been driven by Republicans," he said, "but far too many Democrats have succumbed to it."

■ He touted his experience rebuilding the Detroit Health Department, saying he pushed for eyeglasses for schoolchildren, an end to excessive emissions from some companies and, in the wake of the Flint water crisis, testing of drinking water for 360 Detroit schools.

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## Kids use assembly to jump to healthier food choices

**Brad Kadrich**  
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Ali Jaafar knows it's much better to show kids how to create a healthy lifestyle than to sit them in a classroom and try to teach them through book learning.

So when Bartlett Elementary School, where Jaafar is a physical education teacher, had a chance to win an assembly with the national Jump with Jill interactive nutrition program, Jaafar and his colleagues jumped at the chance.

The Kensington, Pa.-based group, in association with the American Dairy Association, brought its road show Friday to Bartlett after Jaafar and his colleagues entered a contest to win a free, school-wide assembly.

"We hear a lot of great things about (the program)," Jaafar said. "Here at Bartlett, we speak about our health and nutrition and physical education and

anything to engage our kids in that realm would be great."

According to the Jump with Jill website, the program is a "music-based health program for kids" that offers audiences live concerts, recorded music, video experiences and cross-curricular classroom activities.

Billed as the "world's only rock & roll nutrition show," Jump with Jill uses music and dance to celebrate healthy habits by transforming nutrition education into a live concert.

"I love food and I love music. ... I put my two favorite things together to make healthy rock," said Friday's "Jill," played by Renee Zelinski. "We teach kids to learn about their bodies through music and dance and we make it fun for them."

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# Events happening this weekend

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Looking for something to do as the end of the month arrives?

From celebrating student filmmakers to having something to warm the soul, here are three events happening in the hometownlife.com communities this weekend.

## Film premiere at Madonna University

Several film students at Madonna University in Livonia have worked for more than a year on their film "People Like Me." Now, curious members of the community are invited to see it shown on campus.

The screening of the film will take place at 7 p.m. Friday in the Kresge Hall auditorium at the university, located at Levan and Schoolcraft roads.

The film, crafted by students in a capstone class for the college's broadcast and cinematic arts department, revolves around a 16-year-old girl named Lydia, who checks herself into a treatment facility for bulimia. There, she befriends other young people, who get together to hold an impromptu prom for Lydia, who missed hers in order to receive treatment.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and admission is free, though donations will be accepted at the door. More information on the movie can be found on its Facebook page at facebook.com/peoplelikememovie.

## Auto show continues in Detroit

It's not too late to check out the biggest car show in the country.

The North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in downtown Detroit wraps up Sunday. Those looking to check out the latest models, including the new Ford Ranger, Ram 1500 and Honda Insight hybrid, have through the weekend to wonder the gallery at Cobo.

The show continues from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets for the show are \$14 for adults or \$7 for children ages 6-14. Senior



The North American International Auto Show is the perfect antidote to the doldrums of winter. NAIAS

tickets are \$7 and children under age 6 are free. For more information, go to naias.com.

## 'Schoolhouse Rock' in Novi

If you need a reminder of how a bill becomes a law or are just feeling nostalgic for those times you had a substitute teacher pop in everyone's favorite learning cartoon in grade school, look no further than Novi this weekend.

That's because "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr." will be performed all weekend at the Novi Civic Theatre, 45175 10 Mile. The show, being put on by the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, will have shows at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets for the show are \$12 at the door.

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Levi Peters composes music for the film "People Like Me," to be shown Friday at Madonna University. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# MIRACLE ON ICE

## Hockey community rallies to support injured 'Father D'

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Nearly two months ago, "Father D" lost his balance and fell awkwardly into the boards at Redford Ice Arena during an over-60 men's recreational hockey league game. The Rev. Dimitrie Vincent could not get back up.

Vincent — parish priest at St. Thomas Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills — suffered a compressed spinal cord in the accident and, during the ensuing weeks and months, has dealt with surgery, an infection, getting shuttled between hospitals and going through countless hours of grueling physical therapy.

At first the 66-year-old Redford resident could barely move his fingers and toes.

Talk about the power of prayer. On Jan. 15 at Plymouth Cultural Center, with 64 of Vincent's hockey friends taking to the ice for a pair of benefit games, he was able to lift himself out of his powerized wheelchair and make his way along the bench to greet some of the skaters before the second game.

"I'm all fired up," Vincent said, all but promising clinical therapeutic recreational therapist Kerrie Macudzinski that he would really take on that day's session with an extra bit of juice.

### Encouraging

There was no reason to doubt him in the least. Buoying Vincent was the chance to spend a couple of hours soaking in words of encouragement and watching his friends in the R&G Hockey League (code for the Russ & Guy adult rec league, launched in 2003 by Russ Schram and Guy Moise, who are both now retired from the circuit).

"It kind of inspires me," Vincent said. "I have therapy this afternoon. I'm going to go back with a little more vigor, because I want to get out there. But the fact is, that's a long way away. And that's a

### How to help

**Who:** The Rev. Dimitrie Vincent, 66, a.k.a. "Father D," is recovering from a serious spinal cord injury sustained Nov. 25 while playing in an over-60 men's recreational hockey game. He has what is described as an "incomplete" spinal cord injury, which means he retains some motor and sensory function. He gets around via wheelchair, but he is able to walk in very limited fashion with assistance.

**What:** R&G Hockey League and the Plymouth Puckmasters teamed up to host an adult league doubleheader/fundraiser Jan. 15 at Plymouth Cultural Center. The Hockey has Heart nonprofit organization donated \$10,000 and has set up an account to raise additional funds; chipping in with \$3,600 for Vincent's medical care were players from the leagues.

**Donate:** Those interested in helping defray medical costs for the Vincent as he recovers may do so by going to the Hockey has Heart website and clicking the link [www.hockeyhasheart.org/donate-now/](http://www.hockeyhasheart.org/donate-now/).

**On tap:** A dinner and auction for Vincent is scheduled to take place Saturday, March 24, at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral of Greater Detroit in Southfield. Go to the Hockey has Heart website for more information.

dream that may or may not come true."

Seeing Vincent back at the rink was inspirational for the Rev. Andrew Yavornitzky of St. Mark Orthodox Church in Rochester Hills and a classmate of Vincent's in the 1980s at St. Vladimir Seminary in New York. Yavornitzky said the blessing before each of the two games.

"I think it's great for him to get out," Yavornitzky said. "We've been visiting him the last month or so in the hospital and in the rehab place. He's excited about getting out, he's happy to see these guys. I don't know if he's dreaming about being on the ice yet, but he's thinking that way. And it's good to get out of the rehab center."

According to Macudzinski, the trip to the arena was important for Vincent from a quality of life perspective.



The Rev. Dimitrie Vincent, "Father D," is all smiles while meeting his hockey-playing pals at the Plymouth Cultural Center. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"You want to make sure you're doing those things that make you happy and get back to the quality of life you had before your injury," she said. "I'm sure it makes him want to work even harder and looking forward to the next stage of rehab, which is getting discharged and getting closer to independence."

### Incremental progress

Progress in physical therapy is slow, but steady. Because Vincent has what is termed an incomplete spinal cord injury, Macudzinski said he can walk with assistance.

It continues to be a difficult journey back to health.

"When I got hurt, I was totally paralyzed from my neck down. Well, the only thing I could feel was the bottom of my feet," Vincent said. "I couldn't move anything. I'm grateful that through time, the great skill of the surgeons and the great staff of rehabilitation and a lot of prayer, I've been able to recover slowly but surely the use of my hands and feet. But I still don't have enough dexterity to do many things. I can't write yet. I walk in a limited capacity. There's still a lot of work to be done."

With a twinkle in his eye, though,

"Father D" talked in hopeful tones about joining his buddies out on the ice.

"Well, I'm thinking about it," he said. "In fact, I asked the girls if maybe I could go out on the ice with the power chair and they said, 'No, no, no, Father, you can't do that.'"


### Showing support

Vincent then summed up what the other side of rehab might look like.

"My goal would be to be good enough to serve those that I love and God put before me, my family, my parish," he said. "I'm a parish priest for 35 years. That's the first and foremost thing. If I'm capable of physically being able to skate, then I'm going to encounter a lot of resistance from family and friends in the church. They don't want me getting hurt again."

R&G players and those from Plymouth Puckmasters chipped in \$15 (and much more, in almost in every case) to play the late morning rec contests in front of Vincent, who was at the rink as part of a supervised "field trip" from the DMC Rehab Institute of Michigan in downtown Detroit.

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## Priest

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Among those doing so was 70-year-old Jack Johnston of Monroe, who was playing in the Saturday morning game Nov. 26 during which Vincent was seriously injured. During the first game Jan. 15, Johnston said hello to Vincent — watching the action from a handicap access ramp in the corner of the rink — by slapping his hockey glove against the Plexiglass.

"He was on our team and everybody felt so bad when he got hurt, so we wanted to do everything we can," Johnston said. "I was at the game. I was coming off the ice, I didn't see it happen. But it could happen to anybody. It's everybody's worst nightmare. So I'm hoping Dimitrie will be OK and come back."

"If he can come back, I don't know if he'll have second thoughts about coming back on the ice or not. But he's a very spiritual guy, so I'm sure he'll draw some very good lessons from it."

### A 'real good guy'

Former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district teacher Steve Roth played goaltender for R&G in the opener and displayed some remarkable dexterity for a 65-year-old. But stopping three penalty shots during a 3-1 win paled in comparison to showing friendship and support for Vincent.

"I've known Dimitrie for six years and he's just a real good guy," said Roth, the starting goaltender for Western Michigan University during the mid-1970s. "He's an artist, he paints and does sculpture. He's just a real good guy. He's a kind of guy you're glad to be around. I don't think I could say a bad thing about him if I had to."

"It's a fundraiser, so that's good. But what it really does is, it shows respect for the man. He's a guy worthy of respect ... not enough in this world."

Skating in the second game Jan. 15 was 82-year-old Russ Baumann Sr. of Livonia. His son, Russ Jr., is an assistant athletic trainer with the Detroit Red Wings.

"Father, he's got connections upstairs and I think he's going to help us all, I think," Baumann said about making sure he played in the benefit games (which raised about \$3,600 from players). The nonprofit organization Hockey Has Heart, also on hand at the fundraiser, previously donated \$10,000 to Vincent and will be holding a March 24 dinner to raise even more for the cause.

"I can see him, each time I go down (to the rehab center) to visit him, a little more perkiness and enthusiasm," Baumann said, sporting facial bruise only a hockey player could appreciate, sustained when he slipped on icy steps after shoveling snow. "He's got a lot of faith in God, so that will help him."

### Therapy for them, too

Baumann, along with every other person at the arena, said being at the benefit event was therapeutic for them, too. Hockey has a way of doing that, as men in their 60s, 70s and 80s happily go through the same rink routine they've enjoyed for decades.

That means plenty of socializing and bad jokes, not to mention an incredible workout followed by (in this case, at least) pizza, pop, cookies and coffee.

"I talked with him after he showed up today," said Mike Norgren, 61, of Carleton, who grew up in Plymouth. The Salem High School graduate is a member of the Plymouth Puckmasters, but could not play Jan. 15 due to a hip injury.



The Rev. Dimitrie Vincent greets players on the bench before the second charity game in his honor Jan. 15. KERRIE MACUDZINSKI | DMC

"When I saw everyone who came up and approached him, he was happy for them. Showing no pity for himself. That's why I wanted to come out."

"Anytime you hear about a hockey player who gets injured like this, your heart drops," said Kenji Fujita of Dearborn Heights. "You want to help out as much as you can. That's why I'm here."

Describing Vincent as a hard-nosed player who perhaps doesn't mind throwing (or receiving) the odd elbow was Livonia resident Mike Butka, 63, of the Plymouth Puckmasters.

"When you're on the ice, it's a little different, still competitive," Butka said. "But when you're out here (in the arena hallway), it's everybody supports everybody else. And especially with Dimitrie, he's a great guy. I've known him for at least 10 years now. We started off at Compuware (Arena) playing together. I'd do anything for him."

"Playing against him, he could be a little rough. He has a great shot in close and (is) a good skater. ... He wants to get that puck. He's not afraid to get that puck."

### Sight to behold

Could that bulldog mentality during games transfer over to Vincent's arduous recovery period that undoubtedly will require many months and thousands of dollars?

"Yes, he won't give up," Butka said. "He'll continue to work on that therapy which is the best thing for him."

The catalyst for the Jan. 15 hockey doubleheader was Gary Swain of the Plymouth Puckmasters. All the time and money the organization devoted to the event proved to be almost as cathartic for the assembled players as it was for Vincent.

"To see Dimitrie actually get up and walk onto the bench I thought was just fantastic," Swain said. "He came out of his chair and walked right up on to the bench by himself. That's so encouraging to see."

"He had the choice of going to a Red Wing game or here and he chose this. I think he made the wise choice, because of all the outpouring. Everybody wanting to talk to him and shake his hand. I think he's had a blast. ... It's just a good group of guys."

### Heart-felt help

Also on hand at Plymouth Cultural Center was Lucy Oakleaf, president of Farmington Hills-based Hockey Has Heart.

"The hockey community is so close-knit," Oakleaf said. "He was injured Nov. 25 and we didn't hear about it until the middle of December. As soon as that happened, I got together with his brother Mark and he and I have been communicating. We started a campaign for him."

"We donated \$10,000 for Father's



The Rev. Andrew Yavornitzky says a blessing before the start of the charity hockey games Jan. 15 at the Plymouth Cultural Center to support "Father D." DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

care and we've raised more than \$10,000 already just on our web. People are donating from across the country for him. ... The fact of the matter is, all of these guys that have skated with 'Father D' — and I understand he's played on three leagues — that's who's here to support him, which I think is phenomenal. And that's just how it is.

"The hockey community will rally around him and, hopefully, with his congregation helping us, we're going to do well for him."

Many people are calling up Vincent and wishing him the best, from all over North America. Because he served in a parish in St. Louis, Mo., before moving to Michigan in 2005, members of the St. Louis Blues have called him.

"When (Swain) gave me a call and said he was thinking of doing something, all of our guys jumped in wholeheartedly," said Canton's Mike Dunn, commissioner of the Plymouth Puckmasters. "We miss him out there. Hopefully, he can get back. You never can tell."

With plenty of TLC, medical care and many people across the United States praying for Vincent, the time might come sooner than later for a bearded guy to battle for a puck and snap one into the twine.

Miracles still happen, don't they?

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## NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

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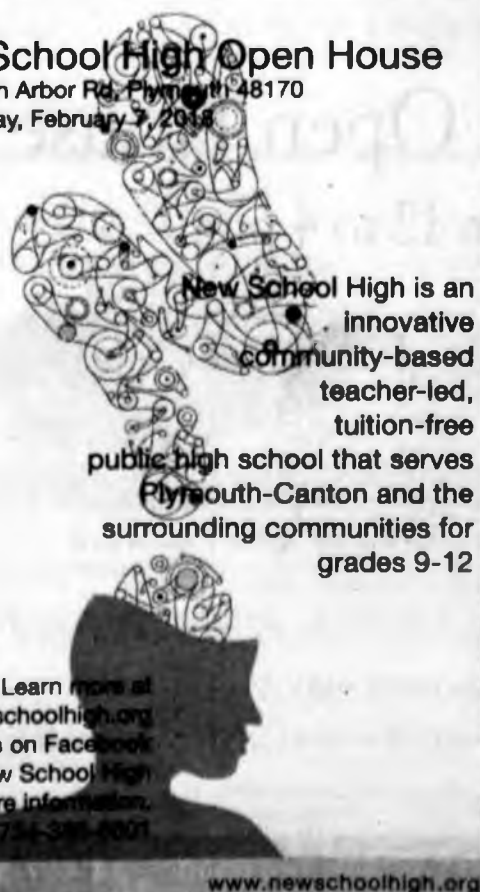
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Novi tax abatement concerns

Dear Mayor Gatt and Members of the Novi City Council,

We the undersigned presidents of three Novi homeowners associations have been concerned about the lack of openness in our city government. Required Notices of Hearings regarding tax abatements and regarding the proposed Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority have not been published in the Novi News which has been the historic pattern. Instead, they have been published in The Oakland Press at a greater expense to the city. The Oakland Press is essentially a Pontiac publication with a focus on north Oakland County to which few people in Novi subscribe. In the interest of transparency which certainly should be a goal of the Council, such notices need to be placed in our local newspaper, the Novi News, where the citizens of Novi look for them. Such a practice will save tax dollars as well.

We hereby request that the Novi City Council create and pass a new ordinance that does the following:

1. Requires that all Notices of Hearings required of the Novi City Council or any City of Novi Commissions, Committees or Departments be published in the Novi News at least two weeks (14 days) prior to any such hearing taking place unless state law requires a greater time of notice.

2. Requires that on the same day that a Notice of a Hearing is submitted for publication in the Novi News that the same Notice of Hearing is permanently placed in the Legal Notices section under References on the City of Novi website.

3. Requires that the next community news email publication produced by the City of Novi also include a copy of that same Notice of Hearing.

4. Requires that any Notices of Hearing which could lead to any property tax abatement include the following:

I. Complete name and address of the property owner requesting the tax abatement as well as the complete address information for the property including the size and nature of the business.

II. The total property taxes paid by the property owner for the last complete tax year or in the case of a new business, the estimated next year's tax for the new property.

III. The amount and percentage of property tax abatement requested, the number of years of the abatement request, and the estimated total amount of tax revenue which would be removed from community tax resources should the tax abatement be granted.

We request that these issues be quickly placed on the Novi City Council Agenda.

We also request that no new tax abatement issues be decided by the Novi City Council until the above issues have been debated and voted on. Please notify us as to when these issues will be discussed and decided.

**John Kuenzel**  
Echo Valley Civic Association president

**Dennis Ringvetski**  
Greenwood Oaks Homeowners Association president

**Jacqui Schulte**  
Mockingbird Glen Homeowners Association president

## Where's the diversity?

On MLK Day, I read the article "MLK would be 'flabbergasted' about today's society." A few months ago on Facebook, a P-CCS Board Trustee stated to me that among other things such as age and economic, "...it (diversity) includes different home styles and sizes", and that diversity "is not just racial."

And at the recent Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce fundraiser celebrating Plymouth's 150th anniversary of incorporation, where at least two Plymouth City Commissioners, city staff including the city manager, and Plymouth Township supervisor were present, my wife and I witnessed just one African American couple in attendance, at an event which was reported to have a turnout of over 600 folks.

This brought to my mind a recent Plymouth City Commission meeting, in which a woman from a local diversity outreach group was making the rounds by attending western Wayne County city council meetings, bearing invitations to communities to be more open to dialogue on local diversity issues. At that meeting, a City Commissioner responded by saying the city needs to do better, that it is hurtful to know that Plymouth has an image problem when it comes to racial diversity, and that the city will work to better that image.

Yet what kind of diversity messaging does it convey, when Plymouth City Hall, and the Plymouth City Commission, conducts city business, on MLK day?

Martin Luther King Day, is a national holiday. Most federal government offices and services were closed. The U.S. Patent Office was closed. Wayne County offices, Third Judicial Circuit Court, U.S. Post Office was closed.

Plymouth City Hall, however, was open for business to collect property taxes, and the Plymouth City Commission met on MLK Day. Local governments are disrespectful to the Civil Rights struggle in America by not fully recognizing MLK Day as a national holiday.

Every Plymouth City Commissioner should be concerned about this image problem - especially in a city that has less than 2 percent African American population, far below Wayne County and neighboring Canton, with numbers of around 39 percent and 9 percent respectively.

Plymouth City Hall should correct poor diversity messaging, by recognizing MLK Day as a national holiday. A long-term goal for the Plymouth Community should be to better racial diversity within.

**Dan Sabo**  
Taylor

## Presidential behavior?

A small town paper is perhaps not the best place to air one's grievances about national politics. But aren't small town values writ large what national politics should be all about? I came of age during the JFK years. The man could be relied upon (publicly) to conduct himself in a manner that was beyond scrutiny. If he was prejudicial, he did not evince it. When he spoke, he spoke with eloquence. If he uttered vulgarities, they were muttered under his breath or in private.

Now we have a sitting President who holds himself to no such standards. All partisan considerations and loyalties aside, it is unequivocally wrong, in bad taste, and reprehensible for the leader of arguably the most morally influential nation on earth to vent personal biases and allow his verbiage to sink to the level street talk.

That the president's background is

big-stakes real estate wherein expletives doubtlessly rule the day and such maledictions go unchallenged, is perhaps why he feels empowered to carry on similarly in his new position.

I shudder to think how our standing with the rest of the world has been sullied by such a regrettably foul remark. International friends with whom I correspond must wonder whether the president's bad choice of words reflects the thinking of Americans in general. Of course they do not, but shouldn't the guy at the top be trying to convey the goodwill of the country he represents? How do we effect damage control following this very conspicuous gaffe?

**Ken Kilpatrick**  
Northville

## Blame Republicans

While we're on the topic of s\*\*thole countries, did Republicans ever fix those drinking water pipes in Flint? Is it safe to fish the Kalamazoo river yet after the million-gallon tar sands oil spill? Are our roads smooth? And, ah, under Rick Snyder, DeVos, and the rest of the Republicans, fourth grade math and reading scores went to 13th in the nation before them to 47th and 49th in just 7 short years. Great job guys, you rock.

**Mitch Dubanik**  
Livonia

## Where are Republicans?

This past Presidential election was won by a Republican candidate, Donald Trump. As President he has done nothing but change, alter, amend or discard what took years for both parties to develop as our American future. Our environment, trade, immigration, friendships have all been deteriorating under his leadership.

Additionally, he has embarrassed our citizens and our country in the eyes of the world with his irresponsible demeanor and comments. "My button is bigger and more powerful than yours" type thing. And through all this ridiculous behavior, I haven't heard a peep out of our GOP representatives in Washington.

To me, their silence is acceptance, or worse, an endorsement. I don't want to believe that true, but time to be heard is past due. And I'm a voter.

**Bob Breslin**  
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# Whitmer speaks to full house in Livonia

David Veselenak  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

News that came Jan. 18 of Amazon declining to locate its second headquarters in Detroit because of a lack of talent had Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gretchen Whitmer clamoring to return the state to the days when Michigan had "the best skilled workforce on the planet."

"It's not the fault of people of this state. It's a lack of leadership in our capital," she said. "It is college degrees that used to be funded 75 percent by the state and 25 percent by the student. Now that's reversed, where so few people in our state can afford to get a four-year degree, if that's their path."

Whitmer, a former state senator and representative from East Lansing, spoke Jan. 18 to a fairly full auditorium in the Robert and Janet Bennett Library in Livonia. Brought by the Livonia Democratic Club, Whitmer spoke about infrastructure, education, gun control and various other issues facing the state.

Whitmer, widely believed to be the front-runner for the Democratic nomination later this summer, spoke highly about her desire to keep education funding in the schools and said she would work to keep school aid money from being moved to the general fund.

She said programs such as the industrial arts, in which she learned such skills as how to change a vehicle's oil, are crucial to helping students determine their life goals, whether it's a two- or four-year degree or going into a specific trade.

"These are the experiences that expose us to different paths," she said. "You can make a phenomenal living in almost any community in this state as a plumber, as an electrician, as a drywaller."

Whitmer was the latest gubernatorial candidate brought by the Livonia Democratic Club, which has also seen speakers such as Abdul El-Sayed and Bill Cobbs come to town to share their campaign goals.

Karl Burnett, president of the Livonia Democratic Club, said using the library's conference rooms would not work for a candidate with as much support when she came to visit.

"Because of the strength and momentum behind Gretchen's campaign, we anticipated using the conference rooms would not suffice," he said. "She has stated what, I think, truly are the kind of ideas voters look for in a candidate."

Voters will go to the polls to vote in the gubernatorial primary Aug. 7. The top candidates in each party will run in the general election Nov. 6 to replace Gov. Rick Snyder, who cannot run again due to term limits.

The Livonia Democratic Club has several other speakers lined up for both statewide and local offices before the August primary.

Contact David Veselenak at [dveselenak@hometownlife.com](mailto:dveselenak@hometownlife.com) or 734-678-6728.



Gretchen Whitmer speaks about the Michigan she grew up in and the Michigan her kids are growing up in. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Gretchen Whitmer fans voice their support. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# Alzheimer's doesn't give a damn who you are



**Dealing with Dad**  
Dan Dean  
USA TODAY NETWORK -  
MICHIGAN

Keith Famie has taken many journeys in life. The documentary producer has traveled the world with his own celebrity chef television programs, appeared on "Survivor: The Australian Outback" and owned top-rated restaurants in metro Detroit. But it was dealing with his dad's dementia that altered his life course.

"Alzheimer's doesn't care who you are ... just does not give a damn," Famie said from the office of his production company, Visionalist Entertainment Productions, in Novi.

Visitors entering the VEP office are greeted with a visual record of Famie's vast travels. A cooking photo from a Maasai village in Kenya on 9/11 in one corner. Numerous framed photos showing him with the likes of President George H.W. Bush and Steven Spielberg from his Food Network days adorn a wall in another corner. In between, photos and memorabilia honoring World War II veterans featured in the documentary "Detroit: Our Greatest Generation" form a prominent display.

But tucked into a cupboard above his computer is a special black box. Adorned with images of his dad, it holds his father's ashes and is a constant reminder of the most challenging journey of the 57-year-old Novi resident's life.

"Until you've had a loved one living with Alzheimer's, or a friend, do you really understand the journey they are going to go on or the journey you're going to go on?" Famie said. "It's as hard on the caregiver as it is for patients."

When his dad died in 2003 from complications associated with Alzheimer's, he started to question what he was doing, who he was doing it for and who gains from it all. That experience led to him hanging up his apron to become a documentary filmmaker.

## Vested interest

"I was tired of everything being about me ... I just wanted to live life differently — I wanted to tell other people's stories, I wanted to do documentaries," he said.

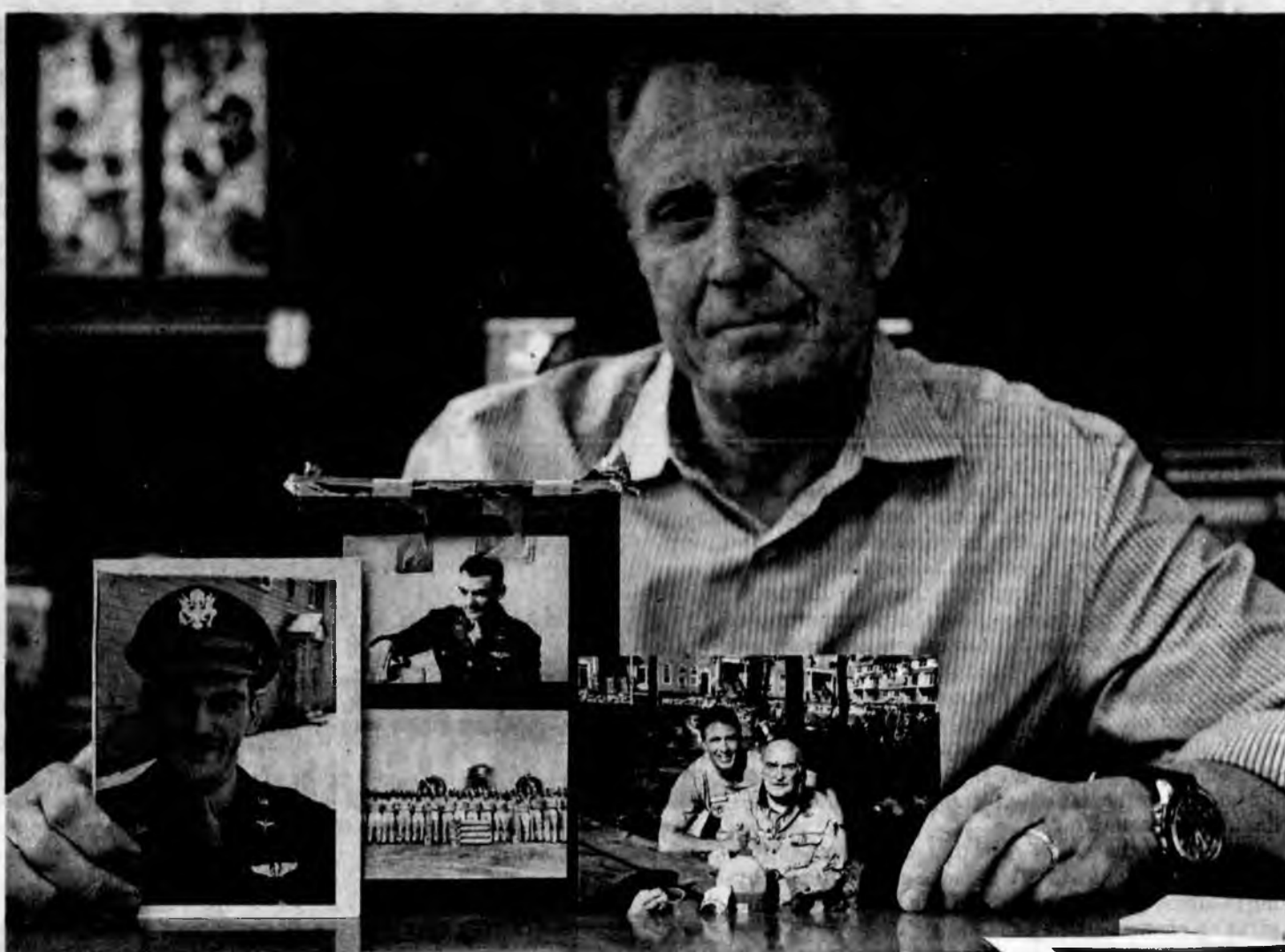
Famie's latest project hits close to home. "On the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia" will air in the spring on Detroit Public Television.

"I lost somebody — I have a vested interest in this story," he said. "I always vowed to one day do what I could to help families facing the same fate."

"When my dad died, I made a conscious decision to make a documentary on Alzheimer's, as we did the series on aging. It was only a matter of time," he said.

Between the photos and memorabilia, on a wall directly in front of his desk, a large dry erase board is a constant reminder to the breadth of the story he has set out to tell. The history of Alzheimer's; what new facilities are adding to treatment; what a doctor tells a new patient; what is memory? The list keeps growing as Famie learns of new leads.

Famie's goal is to open a window into dementia. Get people talking about the sixth leading cause of death in America so we can get beyond it being thought of as just a disease people get when they



Keith Famie poses in his office with the ashes and photos of his dad, who died from Alzheimer's. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



A display of World War II memorabilia from the documentary "Detroit: Our Greatest Generation," includes Keith Famie's dad's "Fly Boys" cap and other items. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

get old. A large part of the film is dedicated to new research that is showing the disease can be prevented or slowed.

"So now, there is a way to try and stack the deck in your favor or your loved one's favor for the clearest, healthiest, cognitive aging journey that you can go on," Famie said.

## We can control how we age

"(Dad) was smarter than most, but he didn't know how to live, he didn't know how to age," Famie said. "One thing that I have learned over the years is how we

live today will determine how we age tomorrow and that is just as simple as it can be."

It is a common theme in "On the Front Lines." Segments of the film will show tai chi classes, ballroom dancing, yoga and community center activities, along with interviews with experts from the University of Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center, Henry Ford Hospital, Wayne State University and the Alzheimer's Association. Interspersed will be real stories on the front lines like that of my dad, who was filmed for the documentary after battling scammers for more than three years. All these story lines are meant to be woven together in an attempt to inform and change the mindset that Alzheimer's and dementia don't have to be a common part of aging.

"As human beings, we make a lot of excuses," Famie said. "We're lazy. I am speaking for myself. We're always, like, 'It will happen tomorrow.' 'I will take care of it later,'" he said. But, he explains, later is now and one of the most important things we need to find inside ourselves is discipline.

"We have been given a plethora of information — it comes at us in all stages every day," he said. "Don't do this, do that, drink this, don't drink this, eat more of this, do more exercise. It's there. We can discern commonsense stuff — it's how much of it do we apply to our own lives?"

"I think you have to dig down deep a lot of times and just say, 'Hey, if I am not going to do this for myself, let me just do it for the loved ones around me.' To help them, as I age, to not have to take care of me," he added.

"I think that is a real concern for ... the baby boomers who are aging now — it is like a tsunami," he said. "Never before in history have we had so many people aging simultaneously. A lot of baby boomers are concerned over whether the millennials will be there to take care of them. It is a good serious question, a very serious question: 'Will they be there? Will they be as caring, as empathetic and as concerning as we were, as we are, for the Greatest Generation?'"

"We, as a society, we can all work together to navigate through these waters of aging and, hopefully, the documentary will help people."

For more about "On the Front Lines of Alzheimer's and Dementia" go to <http://www.ontodayfrontlines.com/alzheimers/> or Facebook @Front LinesofAlzheimers.

Dan Dean is managing editor of [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com). His dad deals with dementia and will be featured in Famie's upcoming documentary. Email him at [ddean@hometownlife.com](mailto:ddean@hometownlife.com).

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING February 21, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 31, Fences (Height & Location) for a residence at 16759 Highland Lane (Parcel ID#77-057-02-0051-000).

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair  
Zoning Board of Appeals

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## City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on February 13, 2018 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

**PZ17-0063 (Berkshire eSupply) West of Haggerty Road and South of Fourteen Mile Road, Parcels #50-22-01-200-027, 50-22-01-200-028, 50-22-01-200-018.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Sections 5.4.1 for the proposed location of a loading area in the side yard, in the interior side yard up to a total of ratio of 5 square feet per front foot of building to a total area of 360 square feet per building. Section 28.7 for the proposed installation of a forth flag pole, two additional flag poles allowed by code. This property is zoned Office Service Technology (OST).

**PZ17-0064 (Alice & Jason Bertachi) 23661 E Le Bost Dr, East of Meadowbrook Road and South of Ten Mile Road, Parcels #50-22-25-151-013.** The applicant is requesting variances from the Novi Zoning Code of Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a front yard setback of 20 feet, 30 feet minimum Setback required by code and rear yard setback of 32 feet, 35 feet minimum setback required. Setbacks are for a proposed garage. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

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Keith Famie holds a photo of him and his dad. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



## Ice festival offers up weekend of frozen fun

For Gerneil Franklin, the cold temperatures Jan. 13 were "almost perfect."

The coach of the Oakland Community College ice sculpting team was out in Kellogg Park in below-freezing temperatures as his five-member team carved ice blocks as part of a competition at the 2018 Plymouth Ice Festival.

"And we're probably the only people that beg and pray for cold weather," Franklin said.

The low was 11 degrees Jan. 13 at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, said Jordan Dale, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in White Lake.

Many of the ice sculptures Franklin's team worked on included different kinds of wildlife: a dog, salmon, a scorpion and turtles.

The most difficult part of the process, Franklin said, was "fusing" or cutting ice outside the ice block and connecting it to another piece, which earns more points. He said his team is at the festival every year.

"The favorite part is actually watching these kids get surgical with it," Franklin said. "Taking that chainsaw, just going to work. ... I get the biggest joy out of that."

John Wrobel, 69, of Canton said he comes to the festival every year and enjoys photographing the sculptures.

"I love to come here and get different angled shots, like the sun through the back of it and whatnot," Wrobel said. "And it's just a great event. It's a little cold but, you know, the sun's out — and so what?"

Attendance was down that day compared to past years, but as temperatures warmed in the afternoon it "seems to have picked back up to a little bit above normal," festival director James Gietzen said. He didn't have a specific number for attendance.

Weather permitting, the sculptures will be available for viewing 24 hours a day after the event, according to the festival's website.



Real dogs and ice dogs can be seen at the festival. This cool canine watches over the southwest corner of Kellogg Park. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Carver Clinton Rich sands up a cloud of ice chips while working on a sculpture of an eagle. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Ashley Rathbun peeks through an ice sculpture. She is from Monroe. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



John Brennan hoists his son Jay, 7, so mom Stephanie can take a picture. Three-year-old Grace will be next. They are from Ypsilanti and are regulars at the ice fest. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Canton escapes Plymouth in thriller

Plymouth's Anthony Crump (left) takes Canton defender Vinson Sigmon to the basket.  
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### State-ranked Chiefs improve to 10-0 with victory over Wildcats

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Canton is 10-0 at the mid-point of the boys basketball season, but the Chiefs are finding out quickly that they're going to be getting every team's best shot.

Host Plymouth came in locked and loaded Friday, only to come up two points short in its upset bid against the state-ranked Chiefs, who pulled out a 44-42 victory.

To say it was a dogfight throughout the 32-minute battle would be an understatement.

With the game tied at 38-38 and Plymouth in-bounding just inside half court with 1:38 left, Canton got a clutch steal from Eian Barker, followed by a short put-back from B. Artis White with just 17 seconds left before eventually holding on for the win.

It proved to be the pivotal play of the game.

"I saw it was a loose ball and I had to get to it," Barker said. "I tried to get down and get a bucket for us, but I got blocked (by Anthony Crump). My team came up with the ball ... we pulled out the win. Plymouth came out and battled tonight and we still got to the winner's circle, so I'm happy about that."

White, a junior point guard, finished with a game-high 16 points on a night when Canton shot an uncharacteristic 16-of-41 from the field (39 percent).

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## WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

## The world awaits



Olympic ice dancers Madison Chock of Novi and Evan Bates will be competing in PyeongChang, South Korea, next month during the 2018 Winter Games. BRAD EMONS

### #Team Novi ice dancers Chock and Bates savor PyeongChang sendoff

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There was a stream of cars backed up on Novi Road trying to turn on to to Nick Lidstrom Drive as ice dancing fans came out in recently to the Novi Ice Arena for

an Olympic sendoff celebration.

Five international ice dancing teams headed to the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games in South Korea, including Novi's own Madison Chock and partner Evan Bates, greeted fans and signed autographs.

It will be Chock and Bates's second

Olympics. They represented the U.S. at the 2014 Sochi Games in Russia, with an eighth-place finish.

The 25-year-old Chock, who graduated from Novi High School in 2010, has become a fixture on the local skating scene, training under the direction of Igor Shpilband and his staff of coaches.

The Novi Ice Arena has become her second home.

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## PRO SOCCER

## Canton's Krolicki is selected in MLS draft by Impact

Former Michigan State standout goes in third round, 53rd overall

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Former Canton High and Michigan State standout Ken Krolicki was drafted Sunday by the Montreal Impact in the Major League Soccer Super Draft.

The 5-10, 159-pound midfielder, who grew up in Fukuoka, Japan, was the 53rd overall pick, chosen as the seventh player in the third round.

Krolicki reacted on his Twitter feed after his selection: "Thank you @ImpactMontreal for the amazing opportunity. Never been more excited and ready to work for the amazing fans and club."

The Plymouth resident was the first MSU player picked in the MLS draft since defender Zach Carroll was taken in 2016 as the 38th pick overall drafted by the New York Red Bulls in the second round.

"I am really excited and happy for Ken, his family and the Michigan State program," MSU men's soccer coach Damon Rensing said in a press release. "It's great to see a young man who put four years of hard work into the team and bettering himself get a chance to play in Major League Soccer. Montreal is not only getting a very good soccer player, they are also getting a great person and teammate."

In 2017, Krolicki started all 20 games as MSU finished 13-3-4 and reached its third elite eight berth in the last five seasons. He was a key part of the Spartans' midfield, adding five assists.

Krolicki was named first team all-Big Ten, as well as first team all-Midwest. He also made the aAll-Big Ten freshman team (2014) and was an all-academic Big Ten selection as well (majoring in applied engineering sciences).

In his four seasons at MSU, Krolicki appeared in 81 games, starting 67. He played more than 5,700 minutes and finished his storied career with seven

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## INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

# Izzy and U.S. eye spot in U20 World Cup

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First Salem, then Ohio State — now the world? Women's soccer stalwart Izzy Rodriguez perhaps will follow that prestigious path — hopefully all the way to the 2018 Under-20 Women's World Cup this summer.

Rodriguez, a defender now in her freshman year at Ohio State University, played for Team USA in the CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship, Jan. 18-28 in Trinidad and Tobago.

The Canton native had a strong rookie year with the Buckeyes, ranking fourth on the team with five assists. She made the all-Big Ten third team and Big Ten all-freshman team.

As part of the U.S. team, Rodriguez played in

games against Nicaragua, Jamaica and Mexico. Winners of the semifinals and the winner of a third-place match-up will each earn a spot in the Women's World Cup set for August in France.

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Rodriguez

## Dancers

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"It's just so wonderful the whole community has come together to show support of all the teams that train here," she said. "We have such a great group of people that we're training with and it's amazing to have so many teams from one camp going to the Olympic Games. And the fact that our community is recognizing that is pretty special."

### Five qualifiers

In addition to Chock and Bates, Shpilband is coaching five other ice dancing teams headed to PyeongChang: Yura Min and Alexander Gamelin (South Korea), Penny Coomes and Nicholas Buckland (Great Britain), Courtney Mansour and Michal Ceska (Czech Republic) and Oleksandra and Maxim Nikitin (Ukraine).

Another #TeamNovi ice dancing team from France could also land one of the 24 qualifying spots, depending on its performance at the upcoming European Championships.

Chock and Bates, coming off a bronze-medal finish at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in San Jose, Calif., will depart Feb. 5 for PyeongChang. They will spend a few days outside the Athletes Olympic Village at an alternate training site while soaking up the Olympic experience.

Last season, they competed in the Four Continents Cup at the Olympic venue in PyeongChang.

"It's a beautiful venue," Chock said. "So far of what we've seen, the site is coming together. Not everything was done, but the rink was done. We were able to compete and it was absolutely beautiful, so we're excited to go back."

### Olympic schedule

The ice dancing team competition is Feb. 10-11, while Chock and Bates will hit the ice Feb. 18 (short program) and Feb. 19 (free dance) in search of their first Olympic medal.

"It would be an honor for us to walk in the opening ceremonies, so we definitely plan on doing that," Chock said. "We're just so thrilled to have been named a part of the Olympic team again. There's no greater feeling than to represent your country abroad, especially at the Olympic Games, so we're really fortunate to be on the Olympic team for the second time together and we cannot wait to go to PyeongChang."

Chock and Bates certainly have the credentials to make a run at an Olympic medal. They are two-time World medalists, with a silver in 2015 and a bronze in 2016. They were U.S. champions in 2015 and have been runner-up four times.

The margin of error last week in San Jose was razor-thin as the team of Madison Hubbell (Okemos) and Zachary Hubbell upset two-time defending champions Maia and Alexa Shibutani, 197.12-196.93, for their first U.S. title. (Brother and sister, the Shibutanis train out of the Arctic Edge in Canton.)

Chock and Bates, who posted the best score among all 13 teams in the free dance program, finished a close third with 196.60.

### Tight scoring

"I think we were really thrilled with both performances — short and free — and I think they were the best performances we've had all season long," said Bates, an Ann Arbor native who graduated from the University of Michigan. "And that is part of the plan, to peak in February, so I think we're right on a good track."



Novi Ice Arena skating director Micki Freier introduces the five Olympic ice dancing teams headed to PyeongChang during the sendoff celebration. BRAD EMONS

Chock and Bates have captured the free dance program two years in a row at the U.S. Nationals and could be considered for the team competition, but Shpilband has been informed that more likely they will not be under consideration for one of two spots by U.S. Figure Skating selection committee.

"I thought they had two solid performances there. I couldn't ask for a better skate," Shpilband said of the San Jose showing. "They skated the best that they could there. They had a great audience reaction. And it's up to the judges to decide and the calls were very close, with all three teams ending up within a half of a point, which is really tight. Unfortunately, it wasn't in our favor. I felt like they deserved a better score. That's my opinion and I don't want to sound like a sore loser, but it was a tight competition."

### Coach confident

"It's obviously a lot of disappointment, but there's a big competition ahead — the Olympics — and this is what they have to focus on," Shpilband said. "They have two solid programs, they're great skaters and I think they're one of the best in the world. They're going to go there and prove it one more time."

Two of Chock's biggest supporters, mother Barbara and father Wes, will be in PyeongChang. They were both at Sochi in 2014.

"It's quite amazing. It's quite a thing to see in person and experience meeting

all the athletes from other countries," Wes Chock said. "I've been to Seoul, on the other side of town, for business, but this is on the other side of the country."

It was Wes and Barbara Chock who made the ultimate life-changing decision to move from California to Novi to help further Madison's skating aspirations.

"We've been here for about 12 years," Wes said. "It's a little bit of a sacrifice, but she's our only daughter, so she's worth it to us to have that opportunity."

### Planting the seed

Madison, born in Redondo Beach, Calif., seemed destined to be an Olympian at an early age.

"She wanted to be a skater," Barbara said. "When Michelle Kwan was in the Olympics, she was almost 6 (1998) and started taking skating lessons. And she just took off; she loved it. They did a piece on her at the rink. She was, like, 5 years old and they asked her if she knew who Michelle Kwan was. The lights were bright and she covered her eyes and she goes, 'Ice skater, ice skater.' But she knew right then. We ice skated a lot, so we put it on TV and she asked me, 'Mommy, show me how to do a double axle?' And I'm, like, 'I don't know how to do one.'"

The Chock family arrived in Novi on her 13th birthday and her career took off from there.

"We packed up everything, transferred our jobs and away we came," Barbara said.

And she started ice dance really with Igor. So we just took a chance. When I saw her go across the ice, you could just see something different. She just had a certain way that would glide across the ice that didn't look the same as a lot of the other kids. And I told my husband, 'She has something special, there's something special.' And her coach said she should really try ice dance, her coach in California. And she did."

At the intermediate level, Madison skated with Kurt Ligenfelter and then switched over to Greg Zuerlein. They competed five years at both the junior and senior levels.

After their partnership ended, Bates and Chock teamed up in summer 2011 working under both Shpilband and Marina Zueva.

"(Zuerlein) was a good partner and then he decided he didn't want to skate anymore and she found Evan," Barbara said. "And it was meant to be."

The future for Chock and Bates after they compete in PyeongChang can only be left up to speculation. The 2022 Winter Games will be in Beijing, four years away.

"They have to make that decision themselves," Wes said. "It seems they're looking forward to (more) skating, but you never know."

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## Krolicki

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goals and 14 assists for 28 points. During his junior year, he made second team all-Big Ten.

"The MSU soccer family looks forward to following his career along with the other Spartan pros," Rensing said.

Krolicki also played in the USL's Premier Development League for both the Michigan Bucks and Kitchener-Waterloo (Ontario) United. He was also a midfielder for the U-16 and U-18 Crew Acad-

emy Wolves in 2013 and 2014 under coaches Lars Richters and Brian Doyle.

In 2014, three Spartans signed to play for MLS led by Fatai Alashe (Northville), who was selected fourth overall by the San Jose Earthquakes. Jay Chapman also signed a homegrown contract for Toronto FC, while Adam Montague was

taken in the third round by the Vancouver Whitecaps.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Farmington fries Ferndale for third straight triumph

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Farmington's boys basketball squad extended its winning streak to three straight Friday.

Veteran head coach Terrance Porter was happy with the offensive balance the host Falcons showed in their 73-63 victory over Ferndale. In fact, it was his team's highest scoring output this season.

However, he was a bit disappointed in his team's defensive effort. It was the fourth time in eight games that an opponent went off for at least 61 points against the Falcons.

Porter, whose team was up by 17 points in the third quarter only to have Ferndale cut it to seven points entering the fourth, believes Farmington needs to focus on its defensive efficiency.

"Offensively, we did a decent job of sharing the ball. My concern is being there for your teammates defensively," said Porter, whose team is now 4-4 overall. "We went up 17 and we allowed them to cut the lead to eight because we lost focus."

"Instead of putting our foot on their neck, we kind of thought the game was over with. The game of basketball is never over with until there are triple zeroes. Even if you are up by 17 points, you still have to continue to play until the end of the game."

"You have to learn how to win games and close teams out and that starts at the defensive end with rebounding," he added. "We didn't do a good job of defensive rebounding tonight. Toughness is shown on the defensive end with defensive rebounding, not on the offensive end."

## Ferndale rally falls short

Farmington broke an early 8-8 first-quarter deadlock with a 9-0 run en route to a 17-12 lead at the end of the quarter. The Falcons enjoyed a 35-29 halftime lead and scored 15 of the third quarter's first 20 points to go up 51-34.

At that point, Ferndale went on a run of its own with 12 straight points by causing a few Falcons turnovers. Farmington held a tenuous 53-46 lead after three quarters.

The Falcons surged ahead with another 9-0 run to begin the final eight minutes and had things under control from that point on. Ferndale got within eight points on a couple of occasions, but Farmington was never in danger of losing its lead.



Ferndale's Teonta McKeithen (left) attempts to hide the ball from Farmington defender Christian Smith. MARTY BUDNER

"I thought we had them when we cut the lead to seven. I thought the momentum was on our side, but we missed a couple good shots and they got the lead," said Ferndale head coach Tom Staton, whose team is now 3-6 overall. "We turned them over a whole lot, but they are so tough going to the basket. They are big and strong."

"The one thing about it is that it's always going to be tough winning in Farmington's home," he added. "But the one thing you want to see is that the guys don't quit and they keep going to the end and I thought our guys did that tonight."

## Four Falcons reach doubles

Farmington had six players who scored, with four of them reaching double figures.

Senior guard Christian Smith led the way with 19 points, including four treys.



Veteran head coach Terrance Porter led Farmington to its third straight victory Friday over Ferndale. MARTY BUDNER

Senior Ray Bryant and freshman Jaden Akins both finished with 17 points, while senior Russell Norris contributed 10 off the bench.

Bryant also had seven rebounds and four assists, while Norris finished with six rebounds. Senior Austin Anthony had five rebounds and senior Bashar Shalal added four steals.

Ferndale's leading scorers were Kee-lan Lucas and Teonta McKeithen, in just his second game back after an injury, with 19 points each. They combined for six treys. Brian Pozolo canned three treys and scored a dozen points.

The victory kept Farmington in the chase for the OAA Blue Division title with a 3-2 record. Ferndale fell to 2-3 in the division.

"We've been kind of up and down all year," Porter said. "We're going to take it game-by-game, one step at a time and go through the process. Hopefully, we can put ourselves in position to be able to compete for a division crown."

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## Canton

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"We didn't play Tuesday, so we had a long week and we talked it being a rivalry game and these guys (Plymouth) are going to be ready," said Canton coach Jim Reddy, whose team also improved to 6-0 in the KLAA Black Division. "Coach (Mike) Soukup does a good job. We tried to tell our guys that this was going to happen. From watching practice, we had a tough time believing it was going to happen. I'm glad it did, because they need a little bit of a wakeup call."

Vinson Sigmon scored a layup with 6:33 left in the second quarter to put Canton up 17-4 and it appeared another rout was on for the Chiefs.

But Plymouth refused to fold and tied it midway through the third quarter on a 3-pointer by senior forward Joey Robb (11 points) to make it 23-23.

The Wildcats (6-4, 4-2) trailed only 30-29 after three quarters, but tied it again at 38-38 with only 2:26 left on a hoop by Justin Reynolds (10 points).

Canton then turned over the ball and Soukup called a timeout with 1:38 remaining, but the drawn up in-bounds play went awry.

"It was right there, we just dropped the ball," Soukup said. "We had them maybe second-guessing themselves at that point and time. But there's about three or four plays a ball game and, in that instance, we had to have all of them go our way and that one just didn't go our way in that instance."

After Canton went up by six on two free throws by White with only 45.8 seconds left, 44-3, the outcome appeared to be all but decided.



Canton's Eian Barker (right) looks for an opening against Plymouth defender Joey Robb. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

But another 3-pointer by Robb cut it to 44-41 and three straight Canton missed free throws gave Plymouth one more opening.

Down three, Robb went to the line with only 3.3 seconds, making the first while intentionally missing the second. But White grabbed the ensuing rebound as the clock ran out.

"My kids battled tonight, as their kids did, too," Soukup said. "(Reddy) had them well-prepared. They're the seventh-best team in the state, so you really have to play well against them and I thought we did."

Here are four other takeaways:

## CRUMP SIGHTING

After being limited to three points in

the first half, Plymouth's 6-foot-7 point-forward Anthony Crump, who signed with NCAA Division I UNC-Asheville, came alive during the third quarter, scoring nine of his team-high 14 points.

Crump began to assert himself offensively.

"He took a couple to the basket," Soukup said. "Obviously, he's going to be a focal point every night of everybody we play and I thought he took that challenge on the second half especially well. We're proud of him."

## TRANSFER CONTRIBUTES

Canton's Kendall Perkins, a junior transfer from Detroit Cass Tech, played his first game for the Chiefs after sitting out the first semester.

"It felt great, great atmosphere coming back home," Perkins said. "It was great competition. Felt great to get the stops and thank God we got the 'W.'"

Perkins contributed seven all-important points off the bench in the low-scoring game.

"He's still trying to figure things out," Reddy said. "He gave a spark to us. He's a good offensive rebounder, he can shoot it a little bit and he's skilled. He's going to help us down the stretch, for sure."

## COUNTER-PUNCHING

Plymouth held the Chiefs, who had been averaging 69 points per outing, to their lowest point total of the year.

"They're used to playing in the 80s and so are we, but the game just kind of fell into that pace," Soukup said. "It was almost like a boxing match, for lack of a better term. We were both just kind of exchanging punches and that's just how it fell, I guess. I can play in the 80s, I can play in the 40s. We kind of dictated a little bit of tempo. I thought we were in

control of that piece of the game."

Reddy tried to make some adjustments during the game, but the Wildcats proved to be a stubborn out.

"They did a great job of sagging off and not allowing some of our guards getting to the rim, like they usually do tonight," Reddy said. "We just didn't shoot it well tonight. We had open ones ... I don't know what we were from the free throw line (9-of-14), but I know we didn't shoot it well there, either. We missed some big ones down the stretch."

## CORE VALUES

The Canton heroes in last week's impressive 71-44 win over Wayne Memorial, Sigmon and Meredith, both had off-nights, finishing with just five and four points, respectively.

So some others had to pick up the slack for the Chiefs.

"We weren't really playing Canton basketball and we weren't really playing good enough defense," said Barker, who had six points. "And as the score showed, they slowed us down. They really played their game tonight and came out strong. It was a close game, but we still did our thing on the defensive end."

Perkins, meanwhile, made the most of his first action.

"(Reddy) expects me to give it my all, do what I've got to do and make the most of my opportunity," Perkins said. "He said, 'Keep our composure, play as a team and play Canton basketball instead of letting the crowd get to our heads.'"

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## BOYS HOCKEY

# Spartans nip Trenton in tourney-like tilt, 4-2

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In a furious last-minute push Friday by Trenton, Livonia Stevenson goalie Will Tragge's legs were moving like flip-flops on a pinball machine, keeping pucks out of his net.

And with just under 23 seconds remaining in the tournament-like non-conference match-up of Division 2 standouts at Eddie Edgar Arena, Stevenson senior defenseman Jake Beaune — taking a frantic swipe at a loose puck while falling to the ice — launched it all the way down the ice and into the empty Trenton net to seal a thrilling 4-2 victory.

"It was crazy. We were battling adversity out there and we ended up getting the job done," Beaune said. "I was falling, shot it on the ice and it ended up going in. Nothing better than that, I guess. We finished it off well."

But Beaune might not have had the chance for an insurance goal if not for the clutch performance by Tragge against a fierce Trenton attack, led by senior center Drew Welsch.

"You know what, we lucked out," said Stevenson head coach David Mitchell, whose team improved to 12-2-0. "We kind of got caught cheating a little bit and sending too many guys out there and they had a chance there and Tragge was Tragge."

"We have to clean things up on our end, (we were) lucky to throw one the length of the ice and put it in. It's not the game plan, but sometimes things work out like that. We know we have to pay more attention to detail to be successful in the long run."

Trenton coach Chad Clements said his team (12-3-1) had possession in the Stevenson zone after goalie Joey Cor-



Livonia Stevenson defenseman Jake Beaune (left) stays with his man, Trenton's Nolan Szczepaniak, during Friday's game. TOM BEAUDOIN

mier was pulled for an extra attacker with just over a minute left. But the bounces didn't go in favor of the Trojans.

"We had a shot on net and we had a chance for the rebound," Clements said. "It was a loose puck and, unfortunately, it bounced over our guy's stick and the rest was history."

The two teams could eventually meet again, in what would be a tremendous postseason match-up. But Mitchell wasn't about to get caught looking too far down the road.

"I don't know, you saw our draw," Mitchell said. "We probably have the toughest region and quarterfinal in the state with Plymouth and Canton and Novi."

"Trenton's just a heck of a team; they'll always be there in the end. Well-coached and tradition-rich hockey there. It was a nice win for us, but we got to clean a lot of things up. We can't even think about the playoffs right now."

Stevenson will face Plymouth in a pre-regional opener Feb. 27, in a game pitting the top two teams in Division 2

(based on current rankings).

The Spartans drew first blood with 4:50 to go in the first, when senior forward Jack Williamson knocked in a rebound past Cormier, who had just made a sprawling save on a one-timer.

Before the end of the period, it was a 2-0 lead thanks to senior forward Cole Parkhurst's snipe from the right circle.

But Trenton's Welsch cut that lead in half midway through the second. He let a wrist shot go from between the circles that eluded Tragge.

Less than two minutes later, however, Stevenson got it back with the eventual game-winner. Junior forward Austin Adamic stayed with his rebound and jammed the puck in at the right post with 6:27 remaining in the period.

The 3-1 score remained until Welsch set up linemate Nolan Szczepaniak for a power-play goal at 5:27 of the final period. Szczepaniak drilled a slap shot from the right circle that Tragge had no chance on.

"They've been our best line this year, we rely heavily on them," Clements said. "Especially (Welsch), but he gets his li-

nemates going and they scored both our goals tonight."

Here are several other takeaways:

## SINGLE HELPINGS

The Spartans had six players who notched one assist in the victory: Easton Schlatterbeck, Brenden Preiss, Julian Decina, Vinny Decina, Josh Suzio and Seth Lause.

## ANSWER TIME

Bodies were flying early in the game. First, Trenton's Donte DiPonio leveled Stevenson's Jack Williamson with an open-ice hit.

Only a half minute later, the tables were turned when Vinny Decina of the Spartans rode James Boyd hard into the boards.

## LIKE A PLAYOFF GAME

It remains to be seen whether the two teams will meet again in the postseason, but the intensity on display Friday was much like a playoff contest.

"We've had a nice little rivalry going the last six or so years," Clements said. "Kids are excited, coaches are excited and fans are excited. It was definitely a playoff atmosphere and it gets you prepared. It was a good game, a hard-fought game."

## HE'S THE BEST

Mitchell pulled no punches when talking about his goalie and his penchant for performing under pressure.

"Will Tragge's Tragge, he's up for the state player of the year for a reason," Mitchell said. "He's the best goalie in the state, he's earned that title. He is a tireless worker, he pays so much attention to his craft. That kid's going to play hockey for a long time."

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## BOYS HOCKEY

# Hockey night in Livonia: Churchill tops Franklin

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Livonia Churchill broke out to a fast 3-0 lead Friday and held off a third-period comeback bid by Livonia Franklin, earning a 7-3 boys hockey win at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Scoring two goals each for the Chargers (9-6-1) were senior forwards Carter Swider and Josh Friend, while senior defenseman Seth Kucharczyk (three assists) and freshman forward Jimmy Targosz (goal, assist) also helped the attack.

For the Patriots (7-10-1), senior forward Trevor Van Vliet scored two power-play goals and junior forward Dakota Keaton scored a goal with about 10 minutes remaining to briefly help the young team pull to within 6-3.

Churchill actually enjoyed a 5-0 lead during the second period, before Van Vliet got one on the board, scoring against Chargers freshman goalie Bryant Riley (who played the first two periods before junior Joey Proctor came in for the third).

"We knew (the Patriots) were going to come at us," Churchill head coach Jason Reynolds said. "We certainly knew that when we brought a cold goalie in for the third period, Joey Proctor, his first opportunity to get in."

"We wanted to make sure we did right by Joey. At the same time, other teams are going to find opportunity when they know another goalie's coming in."

According to his Franklin counterpart, Dan Phelps, it was a case of too little, too late.

"We played with a little more energy in the third and we played a little more physical," Phelps said. "But give them a lot of credit, they're certainly a powerful team and they came to play tonight."

"I don't think we really did the first period. We came out flat and a good team will take advantage of that. They minimize their mistakes and maximize yours."

Following are several other takeaways:

## LIKE A VETERAN

Reynolds said Riley has been outstanding over the past couple of weeks, filling in following a hamstring injury sustained by senior goalie Chris Sergison.

During that span, Riley has backstopped the Chargers to a 2-1-1 record,



Holding the fort during this Livonia Franklin scoring bid is Livonia Churchill freshman goalie Bryant Riley. TOM BEAUDOIN

including wins over Howell and Franklin and a tie against Hartland (the lone loss coming against Brighton).

"Bryant Riley, a freshman, has really had to take the workload for us," Reynolds said. "To his credit, he's been outstanding. It's such an unfair task to ask of a freshman goaltender, to go out and play Brighton, Howell, Hartland and Livonia Franklin over a span of two weeks."

"Having said that, considering how we did over those two weeks, he did a phenomenal job. He took a tremendous amount of shots, he's got a lot of composure for a young man and I can say, honestly, the goaltending situation at Churchill has a bright future with him at the helm."

## TWICE AS NICE

In the third period, Friend scored a pair of goals. His first was unassisted at 2:13 against Franklin senior goaltender Will Augustine.

Friend later scored the final goal of the game, finding the rebound of sophomore forward Tyson Wisner's shot and flipping a backhand inside the far corner.

"I had a good shot from my buddy on the point, Wisner," Friend said. "He's a team player, getting shots at the net."

## KEEP 'EM COMING

Friend added that a key to the win was maintaining offensive pressure and getting plenty of shots at Augustine. "You just got to put a lot of shots on the net, everybody on our team just peppered him, he played really well," he said.

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## BOYS HOCKEY

# Canton beginning to turn the corner

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Fueled by some of the KLAA's most prolific scorers, the Canton varsity boys hockey team might be on the cusp of a serious turnaround.

Before the season, first-year head coach John Bartle preached the importance of working hard during every shift in hopes of reversing a team culture that had trended in the wrong direction in recent winters.

Although Canton's record remains sub-par (4-10-1), recent results indicate the best might be yet to come. After hanging tough the previous week against Salem, the Chiefs routed Ann Arbor Huron on Jan. 17 at Arctic Edge Arena, 8-2.

"That was probably the best game of our season," Bartle said. "We came out flying and led 4-0 after the first period."

Spearheading the lopsided win were forwards Paul Maurer (four goals), Hugo Ponovic (two goals, three assists) and Daniel Bourgeois (two goals, assist).

Helping the cause with two assists was freshman forward Declan O'Hare, while goalkeeping duties were divided between freshman Michael Renzi and senior Donald Jardine.

"Our big gun is Hugo, he is averaging almost two points a game," Bartle said about the sophomore winger, who had 17 goals and 28 points entering last weekend. "Hugo is a phenomenal player."

Another key offensive player has been senior forward Sam Reinders, second on the squad with 15 points.

Canton also played a strong game the previous week against campus ri-

val Salem. The game was 1-1 after two periods, but the Rocks had a late surge to win 4-1.

According to Bartle, the win over Huron will hopefully be the catalyst for a strong second-half run, with the mission of finishing at .500 or better and entering postseason play with confidence and momentum.

"We have about 10 games to go and I'm feeling pretty confident we can reach that goal of .500 or better," Bartle noted.

One of Bartle's main objectives for his first season at the Canton helm was to build a winning culture. That seems to be happening.

"It was a struggle getting the boys to skate hard on a consistent basis," Bartle said. "At the end of (December), they started to figure it out. It just seems like we're playing a heck of a lot better and I'm looking forward to the second half of the season."

Regardless of how the rest of the regular season plays out, Canton knows it will have a formidable tourney test. The Chiefs drew a first-round bye in the D2 pre-regional at Eddie Edgar; they will play at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1, against the winner of the Feb. 27 match-up between Plymouth and Stevenson.

"I think we were fortunate to draw the bye, so that it only takes one game for us (to win the pre-regional)," Bartle said. "And on any given day, we feel confident, especially if we play well the next couple weeks. I think we will."

"The culture is definitely changing. You can see the change in the effort on the ice, both in practices and games."

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Canton senior forward Paul Maurer against Ann Arbor Huron. He scored four goals in the Chiefs' 8-2 win.



## COLLEGE HOCKEY

# Gatt tries to make best of final season at MSU

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With his Michigan State hockey career quickly winding down, Carson Gatt's main goal is to leave a positive impact on the program and soak up every moment.

The fourth-year senior defenseman from South Lyon is adjusting to a new coaching staff led by Danton Cole, who is off to a 9-14-1 start in his inaugural season.



Gatt

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound Gatt has appeared in all four 24 games this season with two goals and 11 assists. He has 35 career points (with five goals) and wants to go out on a high note for Cole, the new coaching staff and his two fellow seniors Ed Minney and Dylan Pavelek.

"Even coach Cole said for us, 'Our mark on the program will be left more with the culture and off the ice, not necessarily on the ice, so kind of just help bring that revival back and that hunger to win, and bring champions back to the East Lansing, and to make Munn (Arena) an awesome fan experience and a hard place to play for the other team,'" Gatt said. "Kind of just keeping the team together and most importantly just to have fun. I think we have 10 games left and it's crazy to think that there's only those games left in my Spartan career, but just go out there and have fun with my teammates and hopefully bring some wins back."

Coming off a weekend split at Wisconsin, MSU is currently 3-10-1 in the Big Ten heading into a two-game series with Minnesota, which includes a Saturday night game at Madison Square Garden. The Spartans are 7-5-1 at home this season and 2-9-1 in road and neutral site games.

Despite being in last place in the Big Ten standings, there's still hope the Spartans can catch lightning in a bottle during the postseason.

"That's the fun part of it," Gatt said. "You can win one game in the Big Ten, make it to the Big Ten Tournament, get hot, win that and then you're in the NCAA Tournament. You want to be playing your best in early March, and so that's always kind of been the motto of what you're striving for. You never know, you can get hot at the right time and really ride that wave into the postseason."

Following in the footsteps of his older brother Nickolas, who was a Spartans' defenseman from 2012-14, Carson was recruited by Tom Anastos, who stepped down after last season. The Spartans finished 17-15-2, 10-23-4 and 7-24-4 overall in Gatt's first three seasons.

As a junior, Gatt was voted to the All-Big Ten honorable mention team. As a sophomore he played in all 37 games, registering a career-best seven assists. In 2014-15 as a freshman, he appeared in 29 games.

It's been a smooth transition for the senior adapting to the new coaching regime.

"It's been really good," Gatt said. "I'm one of three seniors on the team, so didn't really know what to expect, but



Michigan State's Carson Gatt is a fourth-year defenseman. MSU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

they've been awesome teaching us, helping us transition. It is a transition that breaks some old habits and changed the style of play, but it's been awesome. I've really enjoyed the knowledge from the coaching staff and their eagerness to teach us."

Gatt's has also adjusted to some subtle changes in his role as defenseman under the direction of Cole.

"Actually right now we're starting to work on the defensemen being more of a part of the forecheck and shrinking the zone a little bit," said Gatt, who played three seasons at Detroit Catholic Central High School before heading to the North American Hockey League's Muskegon Lumberjacks his senior year. "And that's kind of something, I think, they want to us to do and it was just going to have to be to take a little time to get used to it. But there's definitely more freedom, but it's really about picking your spots. As much as we want the defensemen to jump into the play, we can't sacrifice defense at the same time and give up odd man rushes."

Gatt is a respectable minus-5 while he's on the ice, but he's most proud of being second on the team in block shots with 45.

"That's funny, because if you asked anybody on the team, or especially the

trainer Dave Carrier, somehow the pucks find me," Gatt said. "It's like a rubber magnet. Even in practice or even in games, I won't be trying to block a shot, but they'll end up hitting me. So I've guess I kind of got a knack for it. As a defenseman you kind of like it on the penalty kill, too. You block a shot, it hurts for a little bit and you see the bench go nuts, and your teammates are there to pick you up. So I've got to like blocking shots as much as you can like blocking shots."

Gatt, an All-Academic Big Ten honoree, will graduate from MSU's James Madison College in May majoring in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy.

"After I graduate I was thinking of law," Gatt said. "See how hockey season goes. If I can play after here, that would be great. I'm kind of just seeing what hockey brings and if not, I'll probably do something and look for a job in government or politics. Lansing is a great place, since it's the capitol of Michigan, so there's plenty of stuff to get involved in around here."

"People have told me I'd be a good lawyer because I like to argue a lot, so I've always had that knack in history. I had an A.P. government class in high school that kind of really sparked my in-

terest in government. Ever since then liking history and that class I've really been fond and interested in government and politics."

Gatt's favorite team is the Detroit Red Wings and his favorite player Henrik Zetterberg. During the Great Lakes Invitational on Jan. 1-2 at the new Little Caesars Arena, Gatt was somewhat awestruck by the surroundings.

"There were two really big crowds and the arena is first class," he said. "When we dropping off our bags on New Year's Eve the Red Wings played that night against the Penguins, so as we were coming we saw the Penguins' bus. It's was just crazy to think guys like Sidney Crosby and Malkin, and all those... I mean, they're the two-time defending Stanley Cup champs and we were 40 feet away from their locker room. It was just a surreal experience knowing that you're in the same building and playing on the same ice as the Stanley Cup champions, and obviously the history of the Red Wings, too. Not as much as Joe Louis (Arena), but any time you can play were the best players in the world play it's pretty cool."

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## COMPETITIVE CHEER

## South Lyon squad making inroads

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The early season returns have been favorable for the South Lyon competitive cheer squad.

The Lions posted a season-best total of 708.64 points to earn a runner-up finish in their division and fourth overall at the seventh annual Shorian Invitational hosted by St. Clair Shores Lake Shore.

Warren Cousino led the 18-school field with 779.52, with Utica (732.60) and Auburn Hills Avondale (711.70) rounding out the top three.

In a Lakes Valley Conference meet Jan. 10, Walled Lake Western (737.241) led the way, with the host Lions (693.22) and Waterford Mott (654.80) finishing

second and third, respectively.

South Lyon got off a strong start to the 2017-18 season by placing runner-up at the Cousino Cheer for Charity event.

Defending MHSAA Division 2 state champion Allen Park was first overall with 779.94, while South Lyon was 10th overall and second in Division 2 with 686.46.

The Lions will also compete Saturday, Jan. 27, in the Plymouth Invitational before embarking on the Lakes Valley Conference championship Saturday, Feb. 3, at Western. The Division 2 district will be Saturday, Feb. 17, at Fenton.

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The South Lyon competitive cheer squad is off to a solid start.



## PREP WRESTLING

# Catholic Central pins Davison on senior night

**Shamrocks will earn top Division 1 seed if they advance to elite eight in Kalamazoo**

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In what could be a preview of another MHSAA Division 1 team wrestling state finals rematch, host Novi Detroit Catholic Central knocked off Davison in a dual meet, 36-17, on Jan. 19.

The senior night victory improved the top-ranked and defending state champion Shamrocks' dual match record to 17-1 overall.

And if CC reaches the elite eight of the state tourney, it should lock up the top seed at the team state finals starting Friday, Feb. 23, in Kalamazoo after winning head-to-head duals this season against the five top-ranked Division 1 teams.

Against the No. 4 Cardinals, last year's Division 1 runners-up, the Shamrocks got off to a quick start, winning five of the first six matches, getting victories from Cam Amine (160 pounds), Rory Cox (189), Easton Turner (215), Steven Kolcheff (285) and Daniel Rehfeldt (103).

Number-one ranked Amine beat No. 4 Jay Nivison, 8-2, while No. 7 Cox blanked No. 9 Trevor McGowan, 5-0. Kolcheff (No. 6) decisioned Aron Gilmore (No. 5), 5-2.

Other CC winners included No. 6 Dominick Lomazzo (125), who edged No. 7 Jaron Wilson, 3-2; No. 1 Josh Edmond (135), who defeated No. 3 Marc Schaeffer, 8-5; No. 2 Derek Gilcher (140); and No. 1 Kevon Davenport (145).

Davison got wins from No. 2 Cal Stefanko (171), No. 3 Steven Garty (112), No. 1 Andrew Chambal (119), No. 2 Brian Case (152), and James Johnston (130).

"That's a good team, as always," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "They're missing a few pieces and we had (Ben) Kamali out tonight, so I don't put too much merit into the match. I think we did a good job of pushing the action tonight. We have to do a better job of wrestling on the edge and scoring near fall."

On Sunday, the Shamrocks won 12 matches en route to a dual match victory over Warren Woods-Tower, ranked No. 2 in Division, at Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena.

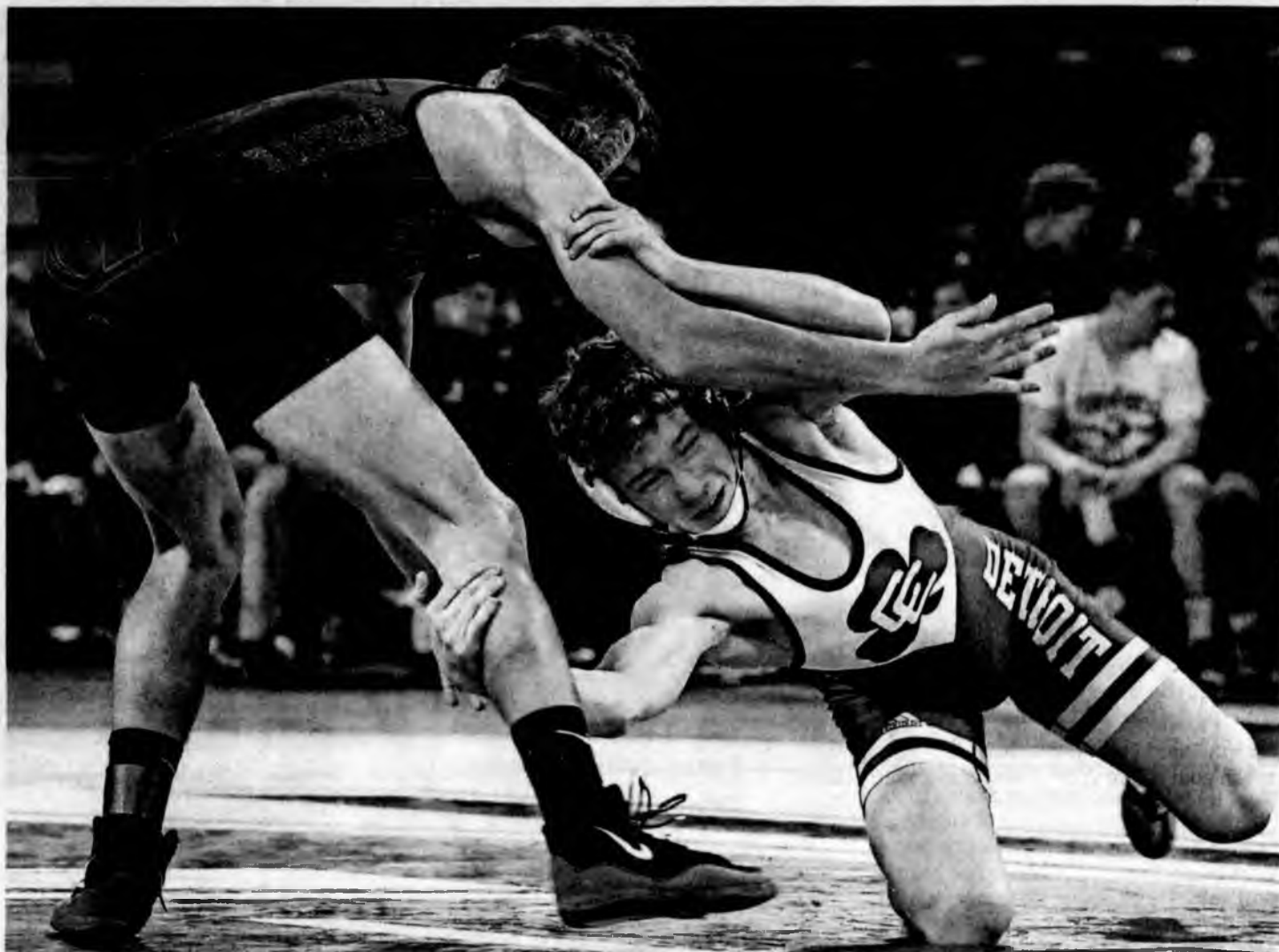
"Our guys were extremely aggressive and that was fun to watch," Hancock said. "Josh (Edmond) had a great weekend and added a huge spark to this team and what we're capable of doing offensively."

Among the highlights was Turner's overtime win over No. 2 Joel Radvansky, along with Davenport's pin of No. 7 Keff O'Connell. Amine also won by fall over No. 5 JaJuan Lovejoy.

Lomazzo pulled off the upset of the match with a win over No. 2-ranked Chaise Meyer.

"I'm proud of Dominick and the weekend he had," Hancock said. "He wrestled some really tough guys and showed some resiliency this weekend. I'll have him ready and hitting on all cylinders come state tournament time."

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Catholic Central's Derek Gilcher (right) takes control of his match against an opponent from Warren Woods-Tower. SCOTT CONFER



Catholic Central's Josh Edmond (top) takes down his opponent from Warren Woods Tower. SCOTT CONFER

## YOUTH WRESTLING

## Matcats enjoy success at four different tourneys

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The Michigan Matcats could be found all over the state last weekend, led by its 13-member open team that captured the Mid-Michigan Wrestling Association Ram Chargers Wrestling Club team title Saturday in Montrose.

Individual winners for the Matcats included Wes Honiss, Carter McGlinch, Gabriel Rzyzi, Mason Aluia and Travis Richardson.

Meanwhile, the Matcats sent their sixth-grade-and-under squad the same day to an invitation only tourney in Dundee.

And despite the flu bug, they captured the team title, defeating some of the best clubs in Michigan and Ohio af-

ter finishing runner-up a year ago.

"We had to scramble to fill four spots for kids who got sick on last-minute notice," Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. "With a little panic, we filled these spots with some of the top-level kids in our program, many who have never seen this kind of competition before."

On Sunday, the Matcats posted the most wins and pins by a team at the MMWA Linden Summit Wrestling Club Novice Tournament in Linden.

Among the Matcats' first-place finishers were Brogan Hass, Jackson Remington, Drew Williams, Nathan Weiland, Odysseus Schulsler, Alexander Erhman, Nathan Esser and Aiden Olmstead.

"This group is the future of our club and I truly believe the best class we've had," Richardson said. "Our future is in



The Michigan Matcats won several trophies at Michigan USA Wrestling Duals at Alma College. KARI MEYERS

good hands."

In the Michigan USA Wrestling Duals held Sunday at Alma College, the Mat-

cats sixth-grade squad got a pin from Peerless Shulshler against a state-ranked opponent to clinch dual meet title.

"Peerless is a leader in the practice room," Richardson said. "I had no doubt that he'd perform when needed."

Meanwhile, the Matcats middle school team finished runner-up, led by Alden Smith and Sabrina Nausa, both of whom went undefeated on the day.

"I'm so proud of back-to-back championships in a weekend, a very difficult task," Richardson said. "We asked these kids to work extra hard all weekend. They stayed focused and committed to team."

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## BOYS HOCKEY

# Joseph's OT keeps South Lyon Unified unbeaten in LVC

**Plohetski scores game-winner in 3-2 triumph over Mavericks**

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South Lyon Unified Brian Plohetski can't remember the last time he scored a game-winning goal.

"I'm not sure about this year, it's never been like that before," said the junior right winger, who popped in a rebound shot with 5:35 left in overtime to beat Milford, 3-2, in a Lakes Valley Conference game boys hockey game at the Hartland Sports Center.

Teammate Ryan Bigler took the initial shot that caromed off Milford goalie Hunter Bartholomew, who was heroic in defeat with 39 saves.

"I saw Bigler coming wide, so I was trying to stay high, just to leave it as an option," said Plohetski, who notched his ninth goal of the year. "I saw him go far-side pad and I saw the juicy rebound come out, so I buried it."

Plohetski, who attends South Lyon, took a year off last year to focus on baseball, which he intends to play in college. But he's glad to be back on the ice as the victory kept South Lyon Unified (10-3, 8-0) in first place during its inaugural season in the Lakes Valley Conference.

"I'm loving every minute," Plohetski said. "I just love all the boys, playing hockey with my best friends. It's just a great time playing hockey, playing some good teams."

SLU was all over Milford (8-6, 4-5) during the opening period, out-shooting the Mavs, 14-7. Plohetski went top-shelf on a short-handed effort for the game's first goal, off an assist from Luke Turowski, to make it 1-0 at the end of one period.

Milford's Kevin Mozel then tied it at 1-1 at 2:00 of the second period, off assists from Tyler Tori and Jack Chaldecott.

Bigler answered for SLU at 7:44 of the second, off an assist from Jace Gerlach, but Milford's Brent Anderson scored from Henry Combs with just 47 seconds left in the same period to deadlock the game at 2-2 entering the final period.

In the third, Bartholomew made a nifty glove save to keep it 2-2 with 5:03 to go and Joseph rang a shot off the post with 3:52 remaining, but neither team was able to score.

"We knew coming in that we were going to have to pepper him with a lot of shots and get him moving," SLU assistant coach Steve Manasco said of Bartholomew. "But he stood on his head and our boys persevered."

SLU head coach Bill McCreary's message to players remained the same heading into the final period.

"We knew that if continued to stay with our game, that we felt we would prevail," Manasco said. "Everything was going right. The puck wasn't going into the net and we were running into a good goaltender and we felt like we just needed to stay with it and it would come."



South Lyon's speedy Luke Turowski (right) churns up the ice against Milford's Benjamin Kozar. JERRY REA



Milford goalie Hunter Bartholomew (right) covers up the puck with the help of teammate Andrew Thiele. JERRY REA

Going into the eight-minute OT, McCreary repeated the theme.

"He was just saying to keep our tempo up like we had been playing," Plohetski said.

Manasco called Bigler, a senior with a team-leading 16 goals and 15 assists, "a difference maker."

"He had a very good game and he brings it every time," he said. "I felt like he had a really good game, couple of the others had a really good game. Brian Plohetski played out of his mind. He played very well and it was nice to see,

because he's developed into a really good hockey player."

SLU goalie Andrew Lowen had a relatively quiet night, facing just 17 shots, while Bartholomew was under constant duress on the opposite end.

"He played great and he's been playing great," Milford coach Dennis Gagnon said of his senior goalie. "Hunter has been carrying us, which is allowing us to make some moves. We might make some moves with my defensemen up to forward, try and give us a little more firepower up front."

Milford, however, was able to hang tough despite SLU's continuous pressure.

"With that being said, I thought we did a good job keeping them to the outside," Gagnon said. "We kept the quality chances down, for the most part. But they're a quality team; hats off to coach Manasco and McCreary. It looks like those guys are probably going to win the league. That's a feather in their cap and to be able to knock them off tonight ... we gave it a battle."

In the first meeting between the two teams Dec. 8, South Lyon defeated the Mavericks, 5-0.

"They're deep and they've got speed," Gagnon said of SLU. "They've got a couple of AAA kids ... Turowski and, I think, Bigler might be an AAA kid. You get kids who see the beauty in coming and playing high school hockey. And I think they're having a ball. We've got a couple kids at our school that would rather play AAA and I think they're missing out on a good experience."

After a 0-4 start, Milford had won eight of nine before falling to rival White Lake Lakeland (3-2) and SLU.

"Lakeland took it to us pretty good, but after that, we've played some pretty good hockey," Gagnon said of the 7-1 loss to the Eagles on Nov. 22. "We're just getting better and guys are working hard at practice and we're looking at the end of the year right now."

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## DANCE ON DISPLAY



Competitive dance teams from Northville High School will give the community a chance to see this year's routines at their end of season Performance Showcase that will take place at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at the NHS auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children and are available at the door or from a team member. The team competes Feb. 3 at the UDA National Dance Championship in Orlando, Fla., for the second straight year (it was fifth last year). Team members include (varsity) Molly Johnson, Amelia Sons, Kim Backus, Anna Koppin, Sophia Lack, Jordan Grizer, Natalie Orlando, Anjali Petrucci, Allison Fegert, Kylie McCaskill, Ryleigh Snelling, captains Julia Gessert, Sonia Petrucci and Lily Sheppard and co-captain Brynn Webber; and (junior varsity) Hailey Vahratian, Kaylee Chirgwin, Addison Coyle, Ava Foresi, Anya Gustafson, Allison Heemer, Kacey Howley, Jenna Kamsickas, Ana Nojkova, Erica Kruszewski, Brianna Lee, Gracie Rudolff, captains Erin Brown, Kaitlyn Mollanen and Olivia Poupard. NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Novi's O'Leary, Cottrill reap more honors

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The postseason honors just keep on coming for the three-time Class A state champion Novi volleyball team.

For the second straight year, Gatorade has selected Novi setter Erin O'Leary as its Michigan Volleyball Player of the Year, while Jen Cottrill is a finalist for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Coach of the Year.

O'Leary, the most decorated student-athlete in Novi High history, is the fourth two-time Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year, joining Macomb Dakota's Carli Snyder, Fraser's Angie McGinnis and Portage Northern's Kim Tasky.

"An incredible accomplishment, exemplifying not only excellence on the court, but in the classroom and community as well," said Billy Stacy, Gatorade marketing associate. "To be named Gatorade Player of the Year in back-to-back seasons is a feat only a handful of athletes have ever achieved and shows the impact Erin has had over her illustrious career."

O'Leary, who was named 2017 Michigan's Miss Volleyball and MaxPreps National Player of the Year, helped lift the Wildcats to a 214-12-1 overall record and four straight appearances in the Class A state finals, winning three titles in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Novi is the first team to win three consecutive Class A state crowns since Portage Northern won four in a row from 1992-95.

During her illustrious four-season career, the 5-foot-10 O'Leary, who played in the Under Armour All-America game last month in Kansas City, Mo., re-wrote the MHSAA record book by compiling 5,748 assists in 227 matches. She also finished with 832 kills, 317 aces, 184 blocks and 1,338 digs.

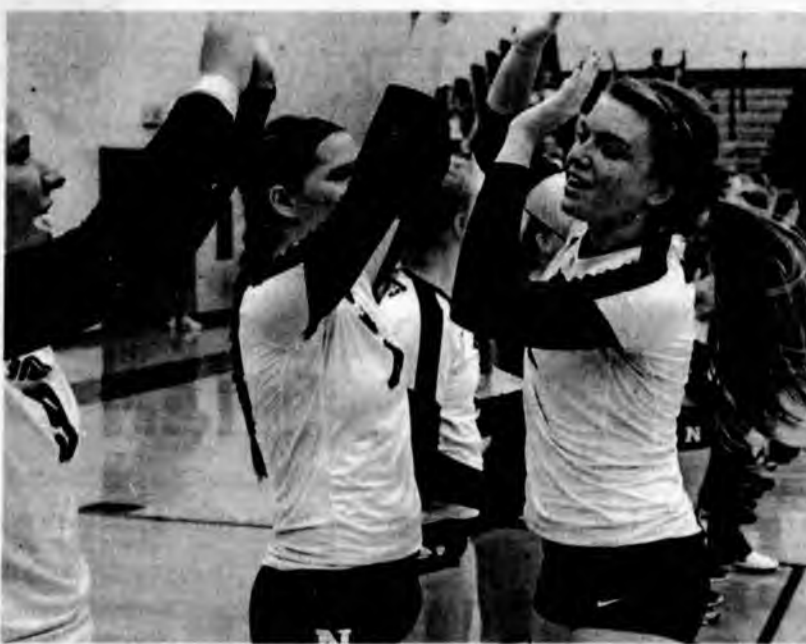
O'Leary, who graduated in December with a 4.175 grade-point average, has already enrolled at the University of Michigan, where she will begin playing next fall for coach Mark Rosen.

For the second consecutive year, Gatorade will donate \$1,000 to a sport-based organization of O'Leary's choosing. Additionally, she is once again eligible for the Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award, which will be announced at a future date.

A banner raising to commemorate O'Leary's award is planned Friday, Feb. 23, during halftime of the Novi varsity



Novi's Jen Cottrill is among eight finalists for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association award in volleyball.  
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Novi senior setter Erin O'Leary (right) was named Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year for the second time. FILE PHOTO

boys basketball game.

Under Cottrill, Novi has enjoyed an unprecedented run in Michigan, amassing a 270-36-3 record during her coaching tenure. The Wildcats have advanced to the Class A state finals in each of the last four seasons, while compiling a 214-12-1 overall record.

Cottrill was nominated by the Michigan High School Coaches Association, which named her coach of the year following the 2016 state title run. The national selection was based on longevity, service to prep athletics, honors, championship years and winning percentage. The nominees are evaluated by experts in the coaching field using a sport-specific rubric to assign points in each category.

Eight finalists from across the nation will be honored during the National Coach of the Year Awards banquet, which will take place at the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's national convention at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Should Cottrill win, she would become the first coach in Wildcats history to earn the national recognition.

She'd also be the fifth volleyball coach in Michigan to receive the award, joining Jodi Manore, Temperance Bedford (2016); John Knuth, Marysville (2001); Jack Magelssen, Portage Northern (1994); and Jo Lake, Flint Kearsley (1979).

Under Cottrill's leadership, the Wildcats have been the most-dominant vol-

leyball program in the state. The Wildcats have won five straight KLAA divisional and regular-season championships and six consecutive KLAA postseason tournament crowns.

Seven of Cottrill's former players are currently competing in collegiate athletics, including volleyball players Jordan Massab (Oakland University), Rose Maylen (Kalamazoo College), Victoria Iacobelli (Bowling Green), Paulina Iacobelli (Bowling Green), Christina Hudgens (Cleveland State) and Ally Cummings (Valparaiso).

Next fall, the former Wildcats will be joined on college courts by this year's seniors Abryanna Cannon (Northwestern), Kathryn Ellison (Kent State) and O'Leary.

Prior to taking over the Novi position in 2012, Cottrill coached volleyball at White Lake Lakeland, Pinckney and Ypsilanti Lincoln. In 14 total seasons, she's recorded a 462-137-32 mark.

Cottrill, an Illinois native, played collegiate volleyball at Eastern Michigan University, where she met her husband Ricky, a former EMU basketball player, who is now serving as a Novi assistant volleyball coach.

State Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, has invited Cottrill and the Wildcats to the state Capitol Building, where their 2017 state championship will be recognized by legislators during a special observance. The Wildcats' visit Thursday, Feb. 22, will be the team's third trip to the state Capitol Building in Lansing.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

# Woody emerges in Novi's win over Stevenson

Transfer center scores 17 in season debut in Wildcats' 71-61 victory

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Novi boys basketball team welcomed its new arrival and he couldn't have timed it any better.

The Wildcats got a big boost Jan. 16 from 6-foot-9 Tariq Woody as the Plymouth transfer finished with 17 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks in a 71-61 KLAA Gold Division win over visiting Livonia Stevenson, which suffered its first loss.

Woody, who sat out Novi's first seven games under the MHSAA transfer rule, provided an inside presence and another dimension for a team that started the season 0-4 and was ranked among the top 20 preseason.

Although Novi (3-5, 3-2) trailed at halftime, 37-36, Woody showed little rust, getting off to a good start by scoring 12 of his 17 points.

"It felt great; it was a great team win," Woody said. "I felt I was real ready. I try to bring effort and energy and definitely rebounding. We were definitely struggling with that the first couple of games, but we started as a team in practice to work on that. I just bring everything I've got all the time."

Meanwhile, Stevenson senior guard Devin Dunn gave Novi fits, scoring 20 of

his 22 points during the first three quarters, but the Spartans went cold in the fourth, going 2-of-11 from the floor while being outscored, 18-7.

"It was a gritty game and I think just our effort was consistent in that fourth quarter," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "I don't know what Devin had in the fourth quarter, but I thought that we played harder against him and forced other guys to beat us that maybe were uncomfortable in the fourth quarter to do those kind of things. So that was kind of our message to the guys at the end of the third. Down by one, we just told them, 'Hey, we're fine, no panic, nothing to be worried about' and we outscored them by 11."

Novi got a team-high 21 points from junior guard Giovanni Miles, while senior point guard Trendon Hankerson, in only his second game of the year after sustaining a broken foot Nov. 13, chipped in 16.

The Wildcats' other top scoring threat, Oakland University signee Traveon Maddox Jr., finished with just six on 1-of-7 shooting, but it was his defense on Dunn in the fourth quarter that helped turn the tide.

"We talked in the huddle the fourth quarter and we switched (Maddox) back on Devin," Sinawi said. "And he said, 'He ain't scoring, I'm going to lock him down' and he did that. He had to adjust his game a little bit to do something to help. His shot wasn't falling and wasn't getting the touches he was looking to get. And it's OK. There's going to be another game ... for an opportunity. But the biggest thing, and he understands, is that we got the



Woody

win and that's all he cares about."

Dunn played the second half with a bloody nose that had to be impacted. He took only four shots in the second half, making three.

"At halftime, (Sinawi) said he had 15 points and nobody was stopping him," Woody said, "so we put Traevon on him and he did a really good job of guarding him and locking him up."

Stevenson (7-1, 4-1) had six 3-pointers in the first half, but did not hit another over the final two quarters.

"I think we took a lot, but some of them were ill-advised," Stevenson coach Kareem Smart said of this team's 3-point marksmanship. "I think we had the right mindset, they weren't just falling, but some of them we could have thought about it better. Our thought process should have been a little more."

The Spartans went 14-of-31 from the field in the opening half, but finished 23-of-59 overall (38.9 percent).

"Offensively we need guys to step it up," Smart said. "We don't have people stepping it up right now, so that's part of our downfall right now. Devin can carry us so far. We need a team effort to get over that hump. We just got to get better, get back in the gym, get up more shots, work a little bit better — we'll get there."

Parker Graham and Chris Fazica added 10 and eight points, respectively, for the Spartans.

"Devin was engaged tonight and the big key for me as a coach is, when he's en-

gaged, get everybody else engaged, too, so everybody else is not watching him perform and are out there helping him," Smart said.

Novi, meanwhile, connected on 8-of-10 free throws during the final 2:55 to seal the victory.

"We're a good team and I feel like we can have stretches late in games that can kind of separate us," Sinawi said.

The Wildcats got active play on the boards from not only Woody, but also 6-4 senior forward Blake King.

"Those guys were all over the boards," Smart said. "And even when they'd drive — their guards would get offensive rebounds. That's one thing we need to work on and get better, box them out. We're small, but there's no excuse ... got to play the game."

And with a new 6-9 inside presence in Woody, Novi was able to keep its KLAA Gold Division hopes alive.

"It's great to have him, not just his size, but his work ethic has been there from the start of the season until now," Sinawi said. "It's good to have the chance to see him suit up. He's been through a lot with his transfer. He'll be able to do a lot of things for us aside from rebound and keep plays alive, but he's a positive kid who comes out and gives effort. He's a talented kid and we're happy to have him. In terms of the things he can do, he can only get better."

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## AREA EVENTS

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

### Dems social mixer

Join the Northville Democratic Club to meet Democratic Party candidates for federal, state, county and local political offices at a social mixer at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at the American Legion, 100 W. Dunlap Street, in Northville.

Candidates will include those running for federal district representative seats, state gubernatorial, Senate and legislative seats, as well as county and local positions. Each candidate will be given a few minutes to address the crowd and then will mingle to meet and greet voters and answer your questions. There will be great food, good conversation and a cash bar.

For more information, go to [www.Northville Dems.com](http://www.Northville Dems.com).

### 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 Burroughs with students and instructors from metro Detroit.

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.

### 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@midichigan.sierra-club.org](mailto:crossroadsoutings@midichigan.sierra-club.org).

### 11th District town hall

Constituents of Michigan's 11th Congressional District are invited to discuss the state of the infrastructure in the 11th District and throughout America during a constituent town hall 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the West Bloomfield Township Public Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road.

Hosted by West Bloomfield resident and district constituent Bryan Watson, the town hall will provide a chance for the community to come together to share their thoughts and ideas. Invitations were sent to all of the announced candidates for the open congressional seat, as well as to current U.S. Rep. Dave Trott.

The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. You can learn more about the

town hall and RSVP at Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/events/13875042347812/>) or by contacting Watson by email at [milt.townhall@gmail.com](mailto:milt.townhall@gmail.com).

### 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.

### '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.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com) or view on Facebook at [facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMI](https://www.facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMI).

### Spaghetti dinner

The Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic Street, will host its next monthly spaghetti dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2. The menu includes homemade meat or marinara spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. Tickets are \$7 and proceeds ben-

efit the Milford Senior Center. For more information, call Nancy Hinzmann, Milford Senior Center director, at 248-685-9008.

### Providence Park seminar

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

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.

### Soles4Souls collection

New Hope Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 57885 Grand River Ave., in New Hudson is collecting used shoes for Soles4Souls, a nonprofit organization, through Sunday, Feb. 11. Church members will be at New Hope from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, taking donations or donations can be placed in the drop box set up by the front door. Soles4Souls provides footwear to those in need around the world.

# Obituaries

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

### Scot Douglas Stuart

COLVILLE, WA - On Monday, January 15, 2018, Scot Douglas Stuart, husband, father, son, brother and coach, passed away suddenly at the age of 64 at his residence. Scot was born in Garden City Michigan on July 26, 1953 to Ronald Arble and Sally Perry. When he was five years old, his mother met and married John Stuart and their family grew as they welcomed Scot's four siblings.

Scot was the Senior Vice President of the class of 1971 and a graduate of Northville High School. He lettered in basketball, football and baseball for the Mustangs. He played football at Albion College and then later transferred to the University of Michigan and became a Wolverine which he shared his love and passion for with his daughters.

After graduating from U of M, Scot headed west where he attended the University of Puget Sound Law School. Scot graduated in 1979 and moved to Omak, WA where he practiced law as a public defender for Okanogan County.

Scot met his wife of 33 years Vanessa Holloman in 1980, they married in 1984 and welcomed their eldest daughter Katherine, followed by Cassandra and lastly Mariah. Scot lived and raised his family on their ranch in Omak, WA. Omak is also where his passion for coaching began as he coached his daughters' travel ball softball teams and helped to coach the high school team as well. Scot moved to Colville, WA in 2005 when he joined the prosecutor's office in Stevens County. He was the head coach for the Colville High School softball team and became a four star master coach with the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. He coached until his daughters graduated and then followed their collegiate careers as he was their biggest fan. He retired as the Chief Tribal Judge and then spent the rest of his days following his passions of traveling, visiting National Parks, mountain biking, kayaking, boating and spending time on Lake Roosevelt, snowshoeing, hiking, skiing and spending time with his family, friends and his dog Jaxx.

Besides his wife and three daughters, Scot is survived by his parents John and Sally Stuart, Ron Arble, his siblings Todd Stuart, Stacy Callahan (John) Craig Stuart (Jackie), and Adam Stuart (Joe) and by his nieces and nephews.

Scots daughters were his pride and joy and his belief in living life to the fullest, having a hard work ethic, positive attitude, love for the outdoors, passion for sports and Michigan Football will live on through them. He will forever be missed but never forgotten.

A memorial service in Michigan will be announced at a later time. Given his love for the great outdoors we ask that memorial donations be made in his name to the National Park Foundation at <https://www.nationalparks.org/support>



Jim Kern

HIGHLAND - Age 49, of Highland, passed away unexpectedly January 12, 2018. Beloved husband of Karen. Loving father of Brandon Kern. Cherished son of James Kern and Mary Strayer. Dear brother of Maureen (Mark) Hoyer, Tim (Karen) Kern and Kevin (Jennifer) Kern. Treasured uncle of Alissa Hoyer, Nick Hoyer, Emily Harris, Kasmin Kern and Kayley Kern. Proud great-uncle of Aria Wood. Son-in-law of Candous (the late John) Priestley. Share a memory at: [www.eltonblackandsonhighland.com](http://www.eltonblackandsonhighland.com)

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Doris May Patee

SOUTH LYON - age 93, passed away January 16, 2018. She was born May 21, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan, daughter of the late Willard C. and Elizabeth B. Copeland. She was the beloved wife for 62 years of the late Walter Patee before his passing in 2006.

Doris worked for Alexander Hamilton, Oakland County Training Center, and Farmington Training Center.

She is survived by her loving children: Kirk (Sue) Patee, and Jill Rogers; her granddaughters: Keri (Rick) Richardson, Laura (Kevin) Lloyd, Erin (Dameon) Pittenger, and Kristen (Augie) Grebinski. Doris is also survived by six great-grandchildren: Carson and Colin Lloyd, Addison and Zoe Grebinski, Cameron and Sarah Grace Pittenger. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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### Richard Przywara

COMMERCE TWP - Richard Przywara, a longtime resident of Commerce Twp., passed away in the loving care of his family on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the age of 78.

In addition to JoAnn, his beloved wife of 48 years, Richard is survived by his son, Rick (Jodie) Przywara; daughters, Vicki (Daniel) Barone, Shelly Przywara and Kelly Przywara; grandchildren, Devan, Jacob, Tyler, Paige, Cory, Lindsay, Salvatore, Krista, Bailey, Hunter and Cortney; great-granddaughter, Brooklynn; siblings, Joan (Paul) Lombardi, Phil Przywara, Tony Przywara, Barb (Rick) Haycox and Louie Przywara as well as extended family and friends.

Memorial contributions encouraged to the America Cancer Society.

For information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



### David Williams

CLEARWATER, FL - 85, died unexpectedly at his home on December 17, 2017. A longtime resident of South Lyon, MI, David worked at Hugh Arms Ford, and for several years was a co-owner of the Williams-Lloyd Ford dealership. His career included multiple regional positions with Hertz, and with automotive dealers in Arlington and Amarillo, TX. Later in life he worked at the Inverness Country Club, in Chelsea, MI, and was serving as President of the Mission Hills HOA in Clearwater, FLA at the time of his death. David is survived by his wife, Carol Seese, son Tony [Lisa], daughters Diane Worthington, and Tracey, stepsons Scott [Kellie] and Douglas [Angie] Seese, eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and 4 step grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Carole [Richard] Bourns, Judith [Fred] Simpson, and brother Bill [Cheryl] Williams. He was a great brother and uncle to an extended family of nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his son, David Jr., father and mother, William and Gladys Williams, and brothers Roger and Bob. David was born in Wayne, MI April 3, 1932, and graduated from Harvey H. Lowrey High School. He moved to South Lyon following his graduation in 1950. David was a member of the Countryside Baptist Church, where a memorial service was held on January 18, 2018. Dr. John S. Connell, Senior Pastor, officiated. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth, MI.



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### Why the perfect resume won't get you the job

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We've all been there: The seemingly endless hours of toil, the struggle and intense focus, the attention to every detail, the tweaks and rewrites based on multiple rounds of feedback and criticism from everyone who was ever important to us in our lives ... until a version as close to perfection as possible is achieved.

What could we possibly be talking about?

That's right, it could only be one thing — it's your resume, and we all know how valuable a document it can be.

In short, your resume is your initial handshake, your smile, your first impression to potential employers and hiring managers. And you really want to make it count.

According to a recent article in Psychology Today, the power of first impressions is undeniable and "first impressions matter, for good and bad." (Google "the halo effect" if you're curious and want to learn more about the lasting power of first impressions.)

We also know that the competition to get a new job is intense, and some fields are tougher than others, so the time and effort spent on perfecting your resume is worth it



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in the end.

However ... if you think your resume will be your "golden ticket" to your next job, think again.

While it's true that an impressive resume can help open doors and put you in the running for new job opportunities, even an absolutely perfect resume won't automatically guarantee you the job.

Your resume is a document designed to grab the attention of recruiters, hiring managers and potential employers, but

it's up to you to seal the deal.

Remember, they're looking to hire a person, not a piece of paper, so more than just your resume will be under scrutiny during the hiring process.

While it's true that your resume can, and hopefully will, get them interested, they'll want to know if you actually live up to the initial impression they got from reading about you.

Furthermore, the competition you'll face is just as hungry for the jobs you're going

after, and you better believe that many of their resumes will be perfect, too. So, in a universe of impeccable resumes, the thing that separates the winners from everyone else in the job-hunting game is what they bring to the table after their resumes make the initial impression.

If you're lucky enough to get to move forward in the hiring process, perhaps to a phone call or video conference call, or even a face-to-face interview, you're going to have

to continue the job that your resume started.

This means looking your best, demonstrating impeccable communication skills, instilling confidence that your skill set, experience and innate abilities match well with the job, and giving the impression that you'd be a great person to work alongside everyday and a valuable addition to their team.

You'll also need to make a convincing case as to why you're a better choice than all the other people with perfect resumes that you'll be competing against.

Here's the bottom line: It's definitely worth your time and effort to craft a stellar resume, but if you're really serious about landing the job opportunity you have in your sights, you need to pay just as much attention to ensuring you make as good of an impression as your resume does.

Don't forget — your resume will get your foot in the door, but it's up to the rest of you to get you through it!

*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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**ACROSS**

1 Make hostile  
9 Sliced to bits, as a potato  
14 Outblow  
19 Used with both ears  
20 Love, in Lido  
21 Like a lamb  
22 Eleanor Roosevelt's successor  
23 Step foot in  
25 Pluralizable word  
27 By means of  
28 D.C.'s nation  
30 "The Cosby Show" actress  
37 Lamb's cry  
40 Org. for cavity fillers  
41 Suffix with election  
42 High volcano in Europe  
43 "La La Land" co-star  
52 First episode  
53 Actor Hale  
54 "— big girl now"  
55 Piece of lifting lingerie

56 "Mixed Nuts" actress  
57 Ivanisevic of tennis  
58 "Como —?" (Jorge's greeting)  
59 Tipped about  
60 Smear (on)  
70 Female  
75 Post  
76 Gallagher  
78 Deep dislike  
79 Battery pole  
81 "Crazy" singer cuts a gossip  
82 Comedian  
83 Schumer  
84 Widespread  
85 Top 40 tunes  
90 Big name in tractors  
92 "Gidget" star  
93 Challenges the head of a college?  
94 Frozen drink brand  
101 Savings plan, for short  
102 Holiday in Vietnam  
103 Divs. of a ton

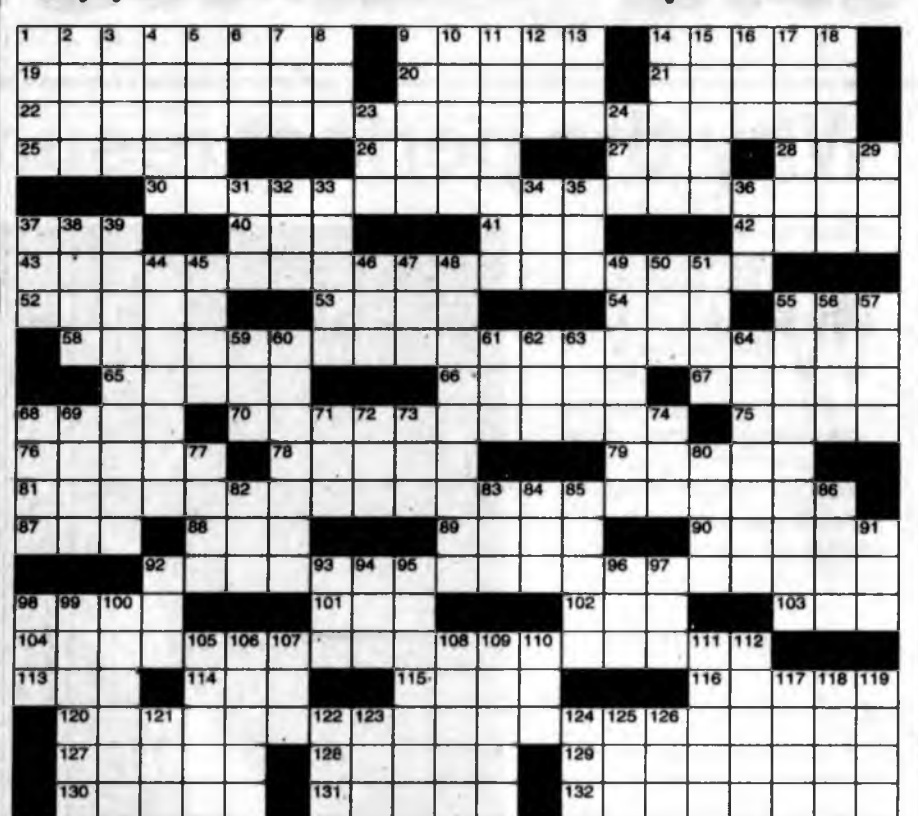
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113 — light leach  
114 Post's p.m.  
115 Ray of McDonald's  
116 Brewery kins  
120 "Bullseye and Bows" singer  
121 Indistinctly  
122 Classroom instruction  
123 Year, to Jorge  
124 Hot tub site  
125 Gasteiger of "Mean Girls"  
126 Roasted  
127 Buisiness  
128 Ho-hum  
129 Queen, e.g.  
130 Hosp. alias  
131 Singer Sayer  
132 Queen, e.g.  
133 ABA or AMA part: Abbr.  
134 Uncertainty of meaning  
135 Large tour vehicle  
136 Sky shiner brand  
137 Loop trains  
138 Eastem Ideal  
139 Landing abbr.  
140 NBC's "The Brave"  
141 Leaf, Santa and Maxima  
142 Ambulance  
143 VIP

**DOWN**

1 Singer Lane  
2 Debt security  
3 Research center  
4 Prop for art  
5 — Grain (cereal bar brand)  
6 Airport  
7 Greek letter  
8 Graceful tree  
9 Talked too long  
10 Permeate

11 "See how many there are," informally  
12 Be off target  
13 Fox's home  
14 Sky streaker  
15 Declares  
16 By means of  
17 Know  
18 Classmate  
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31 "Serpico" author Peter  
32 Selt, in Paris  
33 Disposed  
34 "... and yet here we —"  
35 Burgundy or maroon  
36 Kinman: Abbr.  
37 Greek letter  
38 Prefix with lateral  
39 Frank  
40 May of film  
41 A long time  
42 Alter, in a way, as a skirt  
43 Seat holders  
44 Actress  
45 Rich  
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47 Lindsay  
48 — warrior  
49 Prescription amounts  
50 One-named musician  
51 Tania units  
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53 Sediment  
54 Hapa — (Easter Island)  
55 TV's Lincoln  
56 Men-mouse linkup  
57 Disposed  
58 Cheer yell  
59 Soft & —



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

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

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9	8	5	2	1	6	3	7	4
5	1	3	6	7	4	8	2	9
4	6	9	1	3	2	5	8	7
2	7	5	4	8	9	1	6	3
1	8	2	9	6	5	7	4	3
8	9	6	3	7	4	5	2	1
7	6	3	8	5	2	1	4	9

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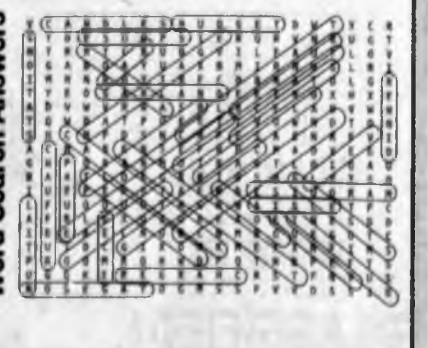
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Crossword Answers

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Word Search Answers





## Car Report

# 2018 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW HIGHLIGHTS TRUCKS AS IT UNDERSCORES DETROIT'S CRUCIAL ROLE IN INDUSTRY



By Dale Buss

Even as US car sales ease off a bit, there's an optimistic buzz about the future of the auto industry at the press days at the 2018 North American International Auto Show that is expected to carry over to the public show that begins at Cobo Hall on Sunday.

Like every major North American and global auto show these days, as well as the CES (formerly known as the Consumer Electronics Show) that unfolded last week in Las Vegas, our hometown show will illustrate how these big platforms now are evolving into a display not only of traditional

automotive attributes such as horsepower, fuel economy and interior comfort in future models but also into an explainer of how companies are tackling the nascent trends of electrification and autonomous vehicles.

Thus the headliner kicking off the press preview at NAIAS wasn't Mary Barra, GM's CEO who wowed the CES crowd last year, or Ford CEO Jim Hackett, who similarly offered a keynote last week at this year's CES, but Elaine Chao, US Secretary of Transportation. And she talked about the future of driverless cars and "mobility services" as well as issues tied to the industry of today, such as emissions.

In fact, NAIAS—which is sponsored by the Detroit Automobile Dealers Association, based in Troy—has

quickly shifted its focus toward the autonomous-vehicle future by making a second type of exhibition, AutoMobili-D, a complementary role to NAIAS, giving the mobility-technology conference significantly more floor space and speaker star power than in the first year of AutoMobili-D, last year.

And in AutoMobili-D's second year, NAIAS added another wrinkle, along with the Michigan Economic Development Corp.: a curated, vetted "matchmaking" platform that was used by hundreds of automakers, Tier One suppliers, startups, venture-capital firms and university representatives to partner for participation in the autonomous-driving future.

"There's an underlying hunger from these large corporates to find the next great startup that can allow them to differentiate themselves as [autonomous driving] hits Level 4 in the next few years," Trevor Paul, group vice president of MEDC's Planet M (for "mobility") initiative, told me, referring to a U.S.-government scale that defines advancing levels of deployment of autonomous driving.

Still, several thousand automotive journalists, bloggers, producers and hangers-on were kicking tires and snapping pictures of some significant new models, and evaluating some important new features, as they were revealed and highlighted on the traditional NAIAS floor in Cobo Hall.

Before the unveilings were official,

here was the speculation about what the journalists and show-going public would see:

**Acura** will show a prototype of its redesigned 2019 version of the RDX, its important midsize crossover vehicle, JD Power said.

**BMW** will show its new compact crossover SUV, X2, as well as a freshened version of its i8 plug-in-hybrid sports car.

**Chevrolet** is expected to divulge details about the crucial new version of its mighty profit-maker, the Silverado pickup truck, at a time when pickup sales are going full bore.

**Ford** is rumored to be planning a reveal of a new Ranger mid-size pickup truck, officially re-entering a segment that it abandoned a few years ago because it believed "lifestyle" pickup buyers were an extinct breed.

**Honda** is refreshing an old nameplate as well, Insight, which is what it called its industry-first tiny hybrid model many years ago. The third-generation Insight is expected to sport a more mainstream and upscale look.

**Hyundai** is rumored to be unveiling a new version of its quirky Veloster sports coupe as well as showing the Nexo fuel-cell vehicle, which the brand debuted at CES.

**Infiniti** will be previewing what industry analysts believe will be a replacement for its aging Q70 sedan. The Q Inspiration Concept also will demonstrate the evolution of Infiniti's styling language.

**Jeep** The FCA-owned brand will roll out a restyled version of its Cherokee mid-sized crossover in Detroit, with more conservative front-end styling.

**Kia** Speculation has it that Kia might be unveiling a new SUV that's been called Telluride.

**Lamborghini** The luxury leader will stage the North American debut of its Urus SUV, taking even top-end brands further into the once-spurned utility-vehicle configuration.

**Lexus** The Toyota-owned premium brand plans to showcase its LF-1 Limitless Concept, which will demonstrate some of the brand's thinking about a flagship crossover SUV.

**Mercedes-Benz** Detroit will host the unveiling of a new version of the brand's classic, boxy G-Class SUV.

**Ram** The redesigned 2018 Ram 1500 will make its debut at NAIAS, adding to the US pickup-segment scrum, and CEO Sergio Marchionne will address the show.

**Rolls-Royce** The Phantom, a classic nameplate, will be present in redesigned form at the show, priced at about \$450,000.

**Toyota** Avalon has held down the brand in the full-sized family sedan segment for years, and Toyota is unveiling a new version of it.

**Volkswagen** Jetta is one of VW's most important nameplates, and the brand will unveil a redesign for 2019.



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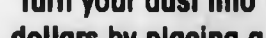
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