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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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"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.

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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

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Books & Brews Book Group

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Kidz Time

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

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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

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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/.

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 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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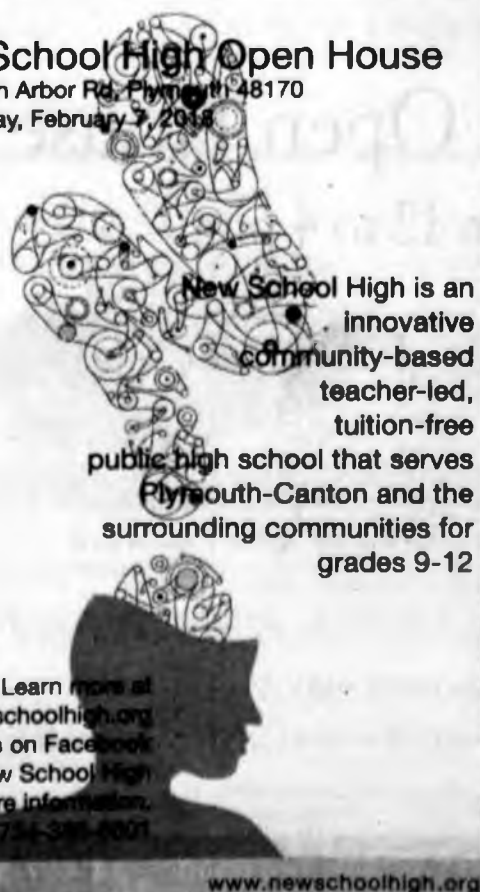
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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
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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

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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 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
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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.

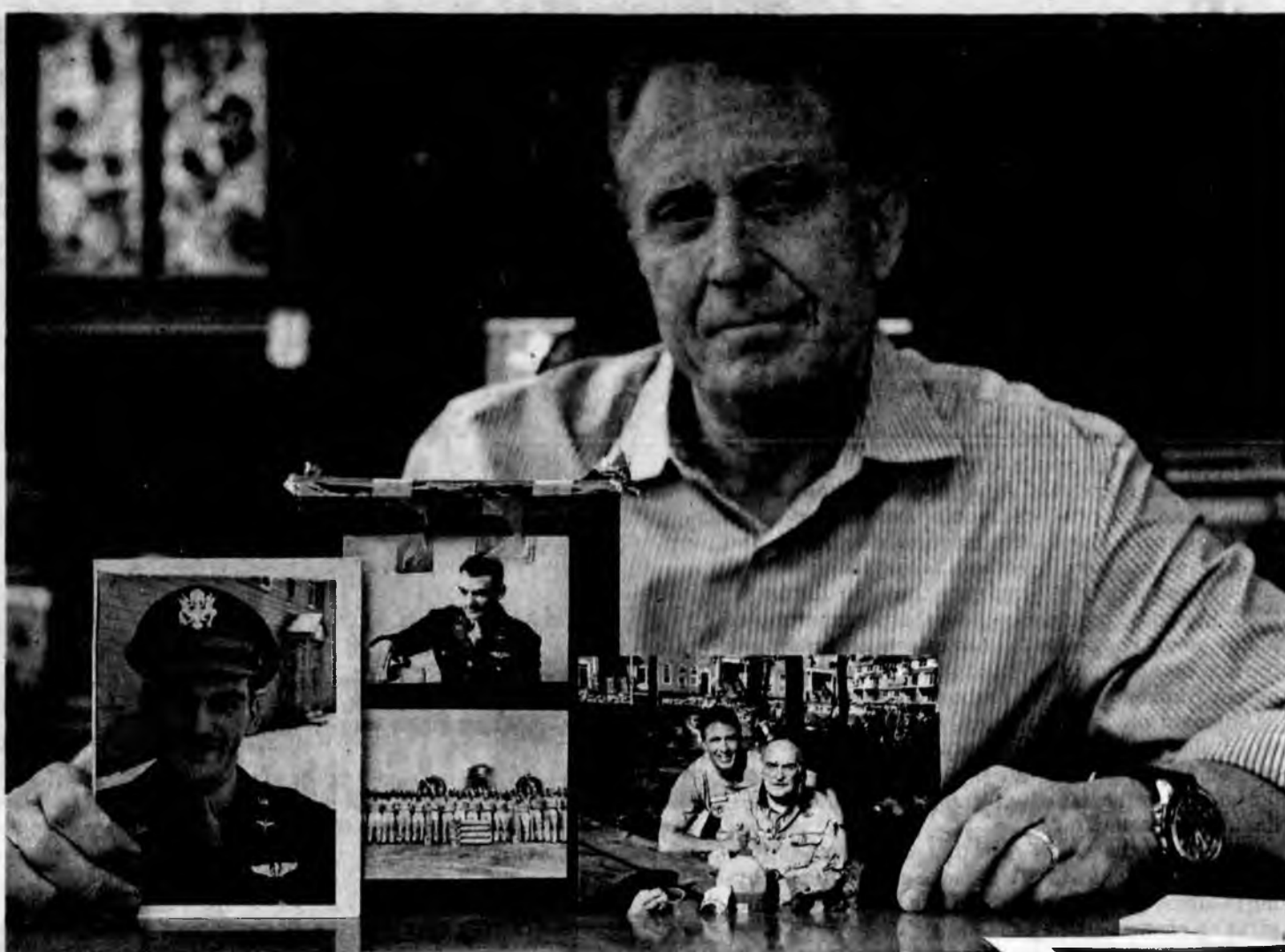
Famie's latest project hits close to home. "On the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia" will air in the spring on Detroit Public Television.

"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. His dad deals with dementia and will be featured in Famie's upcoming documentary. Email him at 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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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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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

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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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

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," Bar-

bara 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.

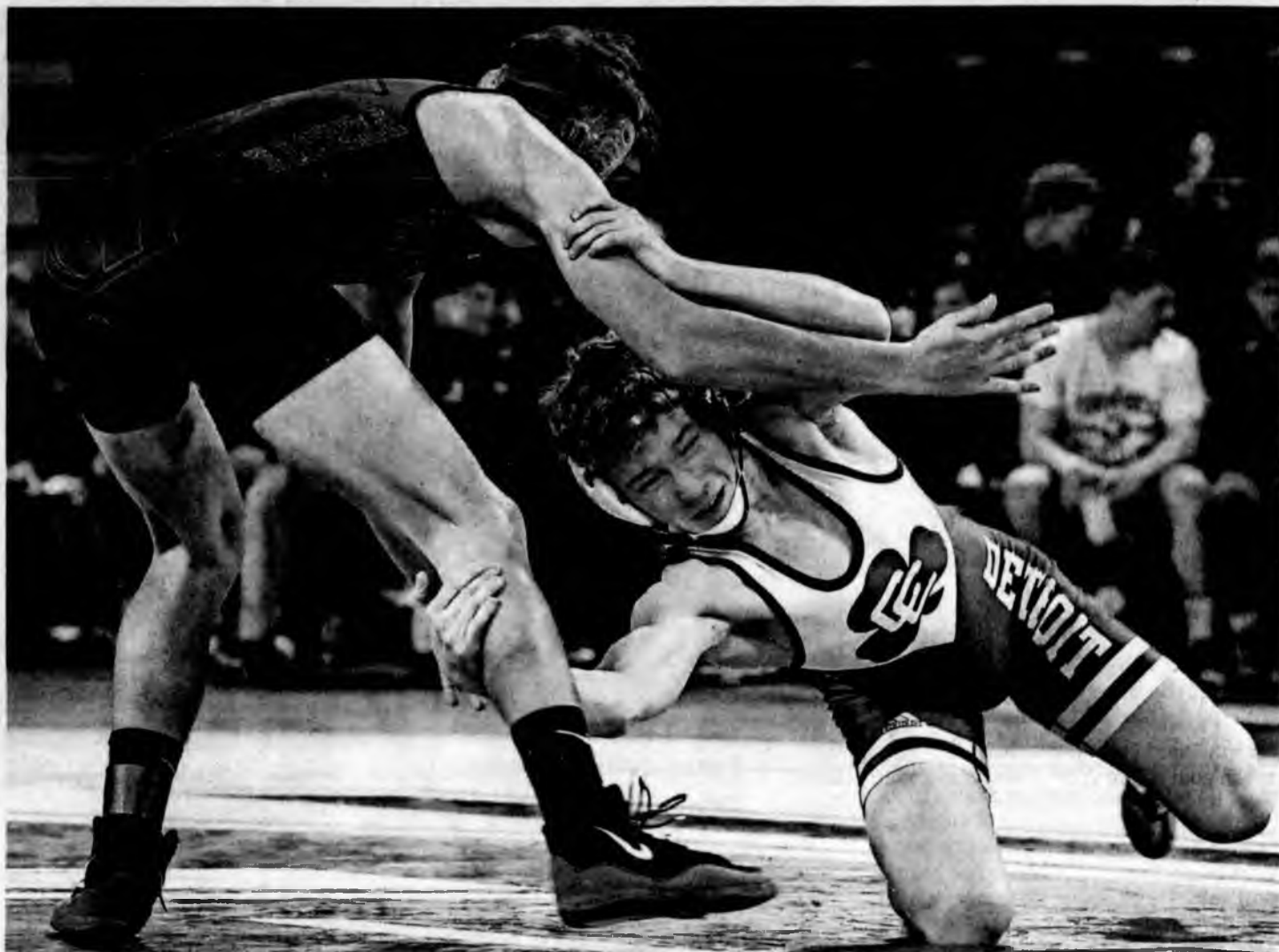
"Our guys were extremely aggressive and that was fun to watch," Hancock said. "Josh (Edmond) had a great weekend and added a huge spark to this team and what we're capable of doing offensively."

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 Tasker.

"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.

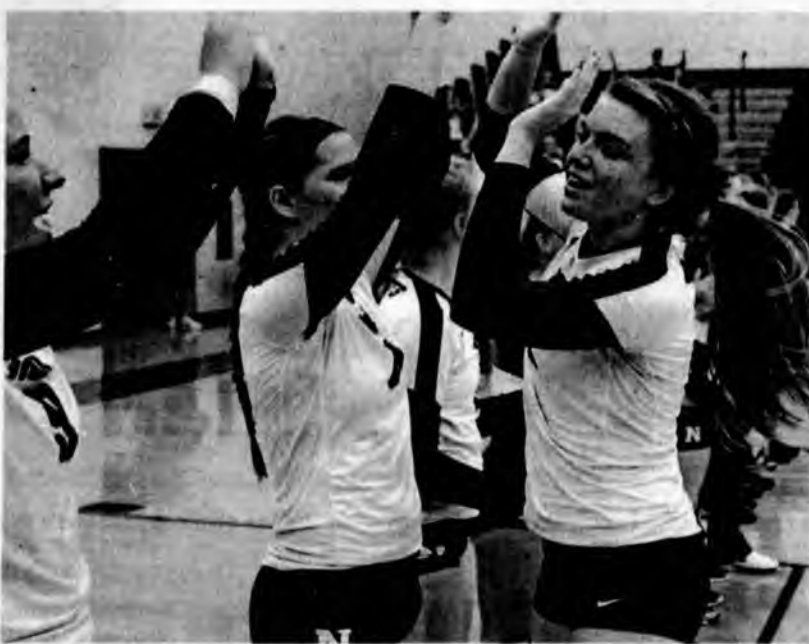
O'Leary, who graduated in December with a 4.175 grade-point average, has already enrolled at the University of Michigan, where she will begin playing next fall for coach Mark Rosen.

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.
BILL ROOSE | NCSD



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

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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.

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.

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.

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, go to www.northvillamarquistheatre.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

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

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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

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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.

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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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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.)

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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

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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
65 Ivanisevic of tennis
66 "Como —?" (Jorge's greeting)
67 Tipped about
68 Smear (on)
70 Female
75 Post
76 Gallagher
78 Deep dislike
79 Battery pole
81 "Crazy" singer
87 Comedian
88 Widespread
89 Top 40 tunes
90 Big name in tractors
92 "Gidget" star
98 Frozen drink brand
101 Savings plan, for short
102 Holiday in Vietnam
103 Divs. of a ton

104 1980s astronaut
113 — light leach
114 Post's p.m.
115 Ray of McDonald's
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120 "Bullseye and Bows" singer
128 Part of PG
130 Franklin's belief in God
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132 "No turning back now!"

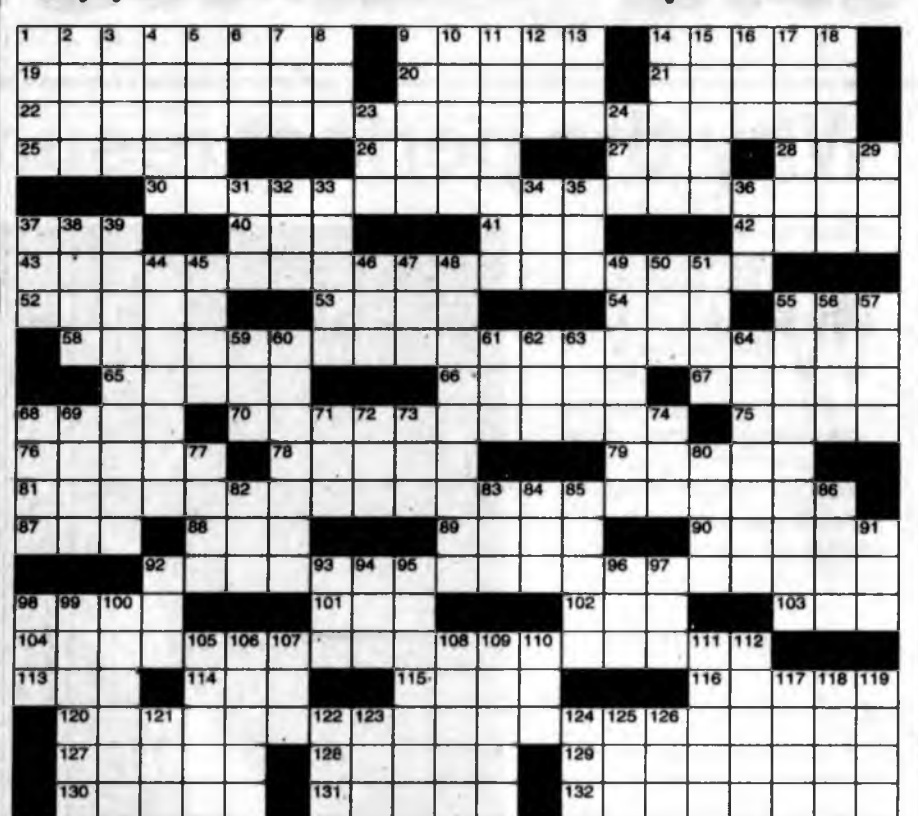
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1 Singer Lane
2 Debt security
3 Research center
4 Prop for art
5 — Grain (cereal bar brand)
6 Airport
7 Greek letter
8 Graceful tree
9 Talked too long
10 Permeate

11 "See how many there are," informally
12 Be off target
13 Fox's home
14 Sky streaker
15 Declare
16 By means of
17 Know
18 Classroom instruction
23 Year, to Jorge
24 Hot tub site
29 Gasteiger of "Mean Girls"
31 Roasted
32 Buyness
33 Ho-hum
34 Queen, e.g.
35 Hoop, alias
36 Singer Sayer
37 Queen, e.g.
38 ABA or AMA part: Abbr.
39 Uncertainty of meaning
44 Large tour vehicle
45 Sky shiner
46 Loop trains
47 Eastern Ideal
48 Actress on NBC's "The Brave"
49 Leaf, Santa and Maxima
50 Ambulance VIP

51 "Serpico" author
56 1960 Jamie Lee Curtis
57 Action thriller
58 Birds of Arabian myth
59 WWII female
60 Got some air
61 Toronto-to-Detroit dir.
62 Midori on ice
63 War zone of the '60s
64 Spoke
68 L — (drug treating Parkinson's)
69 Actor West
71 Prefix with lateral
72 Actor Silver
73 Pre-F string
74 Vetoing
77 Gore
80 Beatty and Buntline
82 Cheat
83 Tell untruths
84 "— be a pleasure!"
85 Exams for some jrs.
86 Yemeni, e.g.

91 Navy off.
92 Salt, in Paris
93 Disposed
94 "... and yet here we —"
95 Burgundy or maroon
96 Kinman: Abbr.
97 Greek letter
98 Prefix with lateral
99 Frank
100 May of film
105 A long time
106 Alter, in a way, as a skirt
107 Seat holders
108 Actress
109 Actress
110 — warrior
111 Prescription amounts
112 One-named musician
117 Tennis units
118 Baft eamr
119 Sediment
121 Hapa — (Easter Island)
122 TV's Lincoln
123 Men-mouse linkup
124 Disposed
125 Cheer yell
126 Soft & —



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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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Crossword Answers

1. HOSTILE 2. SHRED 3. BLOW 4. EARS 5. LIDO 6. LAMB 7. ELEANOR 8. ROOSEVELT 9. SUCCESSOR 10. STEP 11. PLURAL 12. WORD 13. BY 14. MEANS 15. D.C. 16. NATION 17. COSBY 18. SHOW 19. ACTRESS 20. LAMB 21. ORG 22. CAVITY 23. SUFFIX 24. ELECTION 25. HIGH 26. VOLCANO 27. LA 28. LAND 29. CO-STAR 30. FIRST 31. EPISODE 32. ACTOR 33. HALE 34. BIG 35. GIRL 36. NOW 37. PIECE 38. DIVS 39. TON 40. 1980S 41. ASTRONAUT 42. LIGHT 43. LEACH 44. POST 45. P.M. 46. RAY 47. MCDONALD'S 48. BREWERY 49. KINS 50. BULLSEYE 51. BOWS 52. SINGER 53. PART 54. PG 55. FRANKLIN 56. BELIEF 57. GOD 58. BURDENED 59. NO 60. TURNING 61. BACK 62. NOW 63. SINGER 64. LANE 65. DEBT 66. SECURITY 67. RESEARCH 68. CENTER 69. PROP 70. ART 71. GRAIN 72. SKY 73. SHINER 74. LOOP 75. TRAINS 76. EASTERN 77. IDEAL 78. ACTRESS 79. NBC 80. THE 81. BRAVE 82. LEAF 83. SANTA 84. MAXIMA 85. AMBULANCE 86. VIP 87. SERPICO 88. AUTHOR 89. 1960 90. JAMIE 91. CURTIS 92. ACTION 93. THRILLER 94. BIRDS 95. OF 96. ARABIAN 97. MYTH 98. TORAH 99. CASES 100. WWII 101. FEMALE 102. ENEMIES 103. GOT 104. SOME 105. AIR 106. TORONTO-DETROIT 107. DIR 108. MIDORI 109. ON 110. ICE 111. WAR 112. ZONE 113. OF 114. THE 115. 60S 116. SPOKE 117. SLOWLY 118. AND 119. SOLEMNLY 120. L 121. DRUG 122. TREATING 123. PARKINSON'S 124. ACTOR 125. WEST 126. PREFIX 127. WITH 128. LATERAL 129. ACTOR 130. SILVER 131. PRE-F 132. STRING 133. VETOING 134. GORE 135. VIDAL 136. BECKENRIDGE 137. BEATTY 138. AND 139. BUNTLINE 140. CHEAT 141. TELL 142. UNTRUTHS 143. BE 144. A 145. PLEASURE 146. EXAMS 147. FOR 148. SOME 149. JRS 150. YEMENI 151. E.G. 152. NAVY 153. OFF 154. SALT 155. IN 156. PARIS 157. DISPOSED 158. AND 159. YET 160. HERE 161. WE 162. BURGUNDY 163. OR 164. MAROON 165. KINMAN 166. ABBR 167. GREEK 168. LETTER 169. PREFIX 170. WITH 171. LATERAL 172. FRANK 173. MAY 174. OF 175. FILM 176. A 177. LONG 178. TIME 179. ALTER 180. IN 181. A 182. WAY 183. AS 184. A 185. SKIRT 186. SEAT 187. HOLDERS 188. ACTRESS 189. RICH 190. ACTRESS 191. LINDSAY 192. WAR 193. RIOR 194. PRESCRIPTION 195. AMOUNTS 196. ONE-NAMED 197. MUSICIAN 198. TENNIS 199. UNITS 200. BAFT 201. EAMR 202. SEDIMENT 203. HAPA 204. ISLAND 205. TV'S 206. LINCOLN 207. MEN-MOUSE 208. LINKUP 209. DISPOSED 210. CHEER 211. YELL 212. SOFT 213. AND

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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.

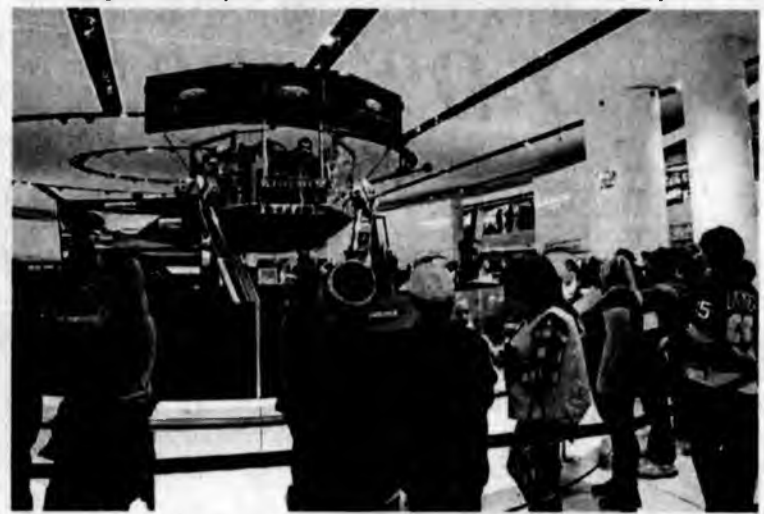
Mercedes-Benz Detroit will host the unveiling of a new version of the brand's classic, boxy G-Class SUV.

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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Neighbors: Suspect in CNN threats 'nice guy'

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Residents of Chestnut Tree Way in Novi were surprised to learn that a neighbor had been accused in federal court of making violent threats toward the news network CNN.

"When you hear something like this, it knocks my socks off," Bill Nelson said Jan. 23 at a house across the street from

where Brandon Griesemer lives with his parents.

Griesemer, 19, faces a charge of using interstate communications to threaten injury, conviction of which could mean a prison sentence of up to five years. A complaint by Sean Callaghan, an FBI special agent, alleges the Atlanta-based network received 22 calls Jan. 9-10 from Griesemer; the specifics of four of those calls, some of which included racial slurs, references to "fake news" and

threats to shoot staffers, were detailed in the complaint.

Nelson, who said he uses a cane, said he has known Griesemer for years and described him as a "nice guy" who, with friends, would carry equipment or furniture for him if they saw him grappling with it. "They're always helpful," he said.

The teen and his mother would also fetch groceries for him from the local Busch's supermarket where Griesemer

works, Nelson said. "Just normal people" is how Nelson described the family.

"Would never have believed it," he said of the accusation of threats.

Griesemer, a 2017 Novi High School graduate, was arrested Jan. 19 and charged in U.S. District Court. He was freed on an unsecured \$10,000 bond, meaning he will owe the government that amount, plus face an additional

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In Valdada, in the year 2065, senior citizens get help from Herbie, a robotic personal assistant that can cook, clean, have conversations and even use Braille to communicate with the visually impaired.

"It looks like us, but it's animatronic," said Joseph Waller, an eighth-grader from New Era Christian School, who explained Valdada — and Herbies — to visitors at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. "It's made by Apple, so you know it's good."

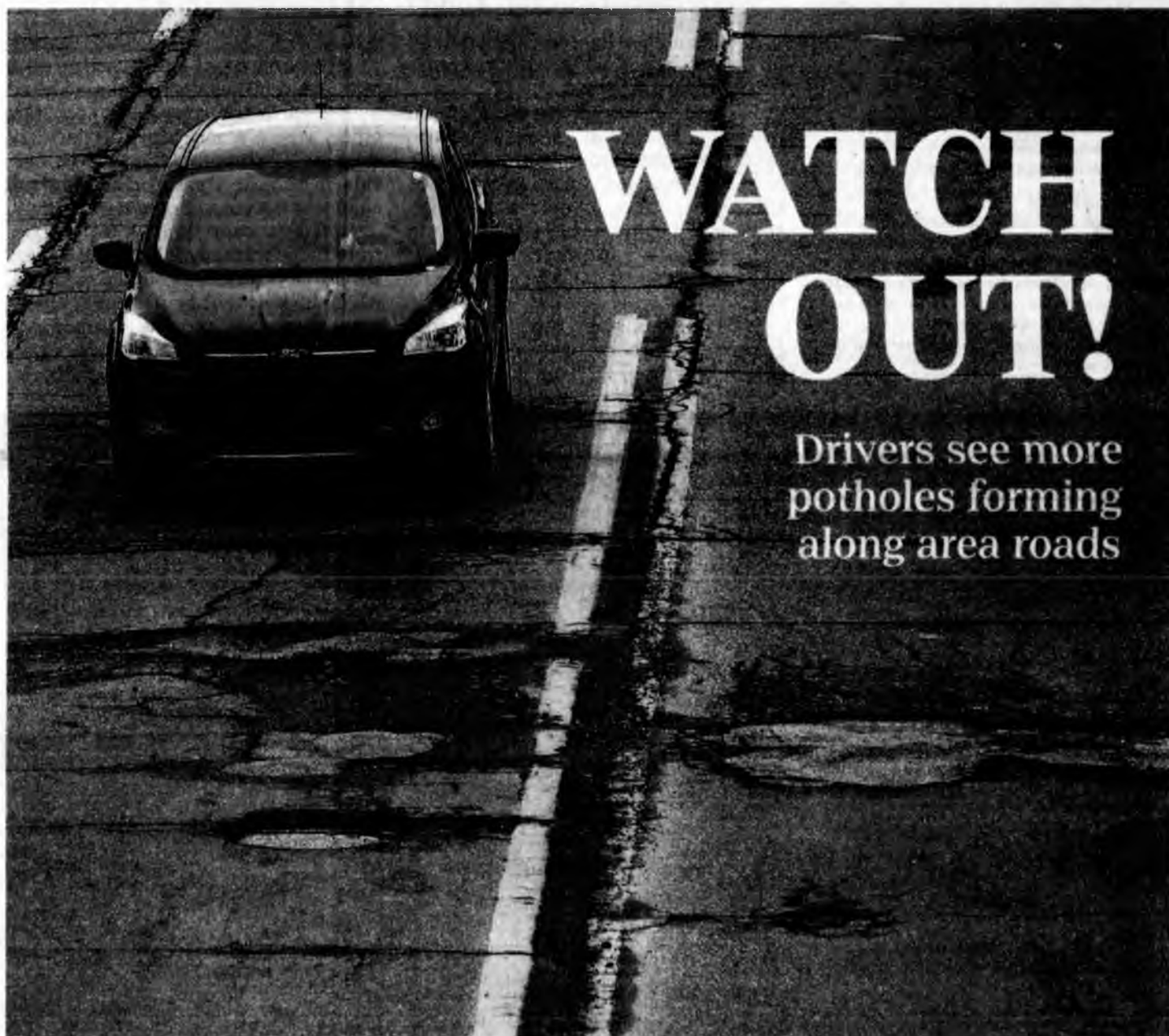
In Kutali, where it's 2232, older people routinely interact with college students and seniors can get groceries or prepared meals delivered by drones. Implanted microchips keep track of individual dietary needs, which are relayed to the central food emporium so that meals can be customized.

And in Stratified, in 2150, seniors benefit from moving walkways, get household help from an AVCS, or advanced voice command system, and can ward off the effects of Alzheimer's and dementia with a memory chip implanted in the temporal lobe.

These imaginary towns and several dozen others were on display at SCS during the Michigan Future City competition.

Organized by the Engineering Society of Detroit, the contest has middle school students plan various aspects of a city of the future — the economy, infrastructure, transportation, food sources, health care, education and more — and build models of them, largely from cast-offs and recyclable materials. "The Age-Friendly City" was the theme for this year's challenge.

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Joy Road, just east of I-275. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I had to buy all new tires. First week here, I ended up having to spend \$700 on new tires."

Dan Heintz
newcomers to the area

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Dan Heintz got quite the welcome from southeast Michigan during his first week of work earlier this year.

Heintz, who recently moved to the Farmington area, was on his way to his new job in Livonia when he hit a pothole at the Grand River/10 Mile/M-5 interchange area. That pothole ate up a tire

and, because his car has four-wheel drive, he needed to replace all four tires.

"I had to buy all new tires," he said. "First week here, I ended up having to spend \$700 on new tires."

Everyone probably has a similar story to Heintz's, especially in years like this one, when potholes have cropped up everywhere along area roads.

Both Wayne and Oakland counties

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Newcomers and Neighbors group has something for everyone

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors, which has been in existence for more than 40 years, is not only for individuals who have recently moved to Northville, but for those who have lived there for years and are looking for a way to connect with their neighbors and make new friends, while engaging in fun and worthwhile activities.

The group was created to promote the community of Northville and the surrounding communities while creating an atmosphere of friendship. It has almost 200 members who pay annual dues of \$25 for couples or individuals. Northville is the heart of the organization, but membership is open to surrounding communities. Some live in Novi, Plymouth, Canton, Farmington and Livonia, just to name a few. Other members live as far away as Bloomfield Hills and Sterling Heights.

NNN has a board of directors made up of two co-presidents who serve for two years and 10 other board members serving in various capacities. The board meets monthly from September through May. Newcomers and Neighbors have three major events a year, including the kickoff breakfast in September, a holiday party in December and a spring banquet and fashion show in May. Daytime events will be having some fun and interesting activities coming up soon. Members will be attending a DSO concert called Women Rock at Orchestra Hall.

Newcomers and Neighbors welcomes new members to join in promoting Northville and surrounding communities in creating an atmosphere of fun and friendship. For more information, go to www.northvillnewcomers.com.



Northville Newcomers and Neighbors has many group activities, including this recent craft beer tasting.

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Threats

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charge, if he fails to follow the terms of his release.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 9, at the federal courthouse in Detroit.

No one answered the door at the Griesemer house Jan. 23, but a man behind the closed front door said, "We have no comment" when asked about Griesemer. Later, people were seen coming and going from the house.

Griesemer's attorney, Tenny R. Beardslee of the federal public defender's office, did not return a call.

Nelson said he and Griesemer often greeted each other in passing: "How's it going? What's new? You know, chit-

chat," he said.

Like Nelson, four other neighbors said that day that they were hearing about the charge against Griesemer for the first time. One refused to comment, two others would not give their names and a fourth said she did not know the family.

An employee at the Busch's on 10 Mile, where Griesemer works, referred questions to the company's corporate office, where a message was left late Tuesday afternoon. An employee outside on a smoke break said he could not comment because of company policy.

In federal court Jan. 19, U.S. Magistrate Judge Anthony P. Patti highlighted several of Griesemer's bond conditions, which include that he not have contact with CNN, not possess weapons or drugs and not travel outside the court's jurisdiction of the U.S. Eastern District

of Michigan.

Patti sternly told Griesemer not to make any sorts of threats. Griesemer was accused of making a threatening call to an Ann Arbor mosque in September and the FBI's complaint says Griesemer admitted to police that he made that call. He was not charged in that case.

"You're not going to be committing any illegal activity while you're on bond, so don't be making any threats to anybody," Patti told Griesemer, according to a recording of the Jan. 19 hearing. "Understand?"

"Yeah," Griesemer said.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Suspects nabbed in shoplifting try

A 17-year-old girl and a 21-year-old man, both from Saginaw, were arrested Jan. 12 in an attempt to steal vodka from the Meijer supermarket on Haggerty.

Meijer security employees reported seeing a male and a female removing anti-theft devices from four bottles of vodka and the girl concealing the bottles in a purse, a Northville Township Police Department report said. The two then went in separate directions, the report said. A security employee called police.

A responding officer spotted a man outside the store who fit the description of the male suspect, the report said. The man, while sitting in a Chevrolet Equinox, appeared to notice the officer and

then appeared to be using a phone to send a text message, the report said.

The man drove off in the Equinox, but the officer stopped him near the store's north-side exit doors. A second officer located the female suspect.

A shopping cart with the purse in it, vodka bottles inside, had been abandoned in the store.

The suspects were ticketed under a township ordinance and later released on cash bonds.

Drunken-driving arrests

Two township residents were arrested on suspicion of drunken driving in the same area — Northville Road and Jamestown Circle — in separate inci-

dents four days apart.

The first arrest, of 39-year-old man, came around 4 a.m. Jan. 14. An officer saw the man driving a GMC Terrain through a recreation area in Hines Park, which is closed after dark, and pulled him over when he failed to stop completely before turning on to southbound Northville Road, a police report said.

The man said he'd had two or three drinks and later registered a blood-alcohol content of 0.14 percent, nearly twice the legal limit. He was charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license.

The second arrest, of a 59-year-old woman, occurred around 1 a.m. Jan. 18. A resident of Jamestown Circle had called police to reported that she feared

a woman had driven away from her home while drunk, a police report said. The suspect was stopped at Jamestown and Northville Road.

A police report said the responding officer smelled alcohol when speaking with the suspect and that her eyes were glassy and watery. The woman performed poorly on field sobriety tests and, police said, registered blood-alcohol contents of 0.21 percent and 0.20 percent in two separate breath tests.

Police also found a half-empty bottle of vodka in her purse. She was charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

— By Matt Jachman

Contest

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lenge.

The contest develops students' research and writing skills (an essay about each city is required), as well as the technical skills used in putting together the models. Students also polish public-speaking skills, as each team has to present its city to judges who are professional engineers, plus answer questions from them and other Future City visitors.

"They like the teamwork. They like the collaboration aspect," said teacher Leandra Edwards-Brandel, adviser to the team from Geisler Middle School in Walled Lake, where Future City was an after-school activity for a team of nine students. "They're all, academically, pretty driven students."

The Geisler team put together Stratified, population 75,000, located on what is now Puerto Rico. They gave themselves an extra challenge by siting Stratified in the aftermath of a nuclear disaster; the city is partially underground and, because the air is contaminated, the above-ground portion is protected by a dome.

Kutali, planned by eighth-graders from St. Valentine School in Redford Township, also rose following a disaster: The city was built on the ruins of George Town, on the Grand Cayman is-



"Scientist" Travis Dombroski, interviewer Bradley Teeple and "retiree" Nathan Duff answer questions from Dinesh Seksaria. The team is from Trinity Lutheran School in Utica. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

land in the Caribbean, a city that had been destroyed by storms in the year 2054.

Edward Austin, a presenter for St. Valentine, said open communication among members of the Future City team was important in coming up with a successful project.

"You really have to be an open person

when you're doing projects like this," Edward said. "You want to make sure you're all working together to achieve the same goal."

St. Valentine placed second to the team from St. John Lutheran School in Rochester. That team's city, Copper Valley, population 132,000, is planned for the year 2132 in the community now

known as Butte, Mont.

In Copper Valley, seniors are assisted by strain energy (the energy used in walking, for example) that is recaptured by special sensors, solar power is harnessed to melt snow on the roads to make traveling safer and food production is accelerated by feeding excess carbon dioxide to plants in domed farms. As in Kutali, seniors and college students learn from each other.

The St. John team now moves to the Future City finals, which are in Washington, D.C., next month. Last year's St. Valentine team went to the finals.

Joseph, the eighth-grader on the New Era Christian School team, said he enjoyed the tinkering required in putting the Valdada model together.

"It was great," he said. "We got to do all the engineering, wires and stuff I've never done before."

Teacher Phil Morse, the New Era team's adviser and also principal of the school in New Era, which is north of Muskegon, said it was his school's first trip to the Future City contest.

"I'm hooked," he said. "I think this is a great thing for kids."

Doing the presentations took students out of their comfort zones, he said, but were good preparation for similar assignments they'll face in high school and college.

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Apologies offered over inappropriate questions

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Several months of South Lyon City Council members conducting business in a polite fashion came to a crashing end Jan. 22.

There were apologies from a councilman for inappropriate questions to an applicant for a council appointment, angry public comments and a war of words between council members over the same incident.

The meeting began with Councilman Carl Richards reading an apology for his questions to Joyce Clohosey during a public interview of candidates seeking appointment to council. Richards had questioned Clohosey about when she had given birth.

"My statements to her were not tactfully and well-formatted. It was not my intent to offend anyone's sensibilities. I just wanted a clarification of her time availability," said Richards, who rose from his seat to speak. He added that he personally needs quiet solitude to consider council issues.

Speaking under public comments, Clohosey said she had expected her



Kurtzweil Parisien Pelchat

qualifications to be discussed at the interview, not her reproductive history.

"It was degrading and an oversimplification of my value. It was degrading to all moms. My family and friends think it was disgusting and inappropriate," said Clohosey, who unsuccessfully ran for council in November.

Clohosey also criticized Mayor Dan Pelchat for a nervous laugh as Richards asked his questions. "The mayor found it humorous. He never gavelled the council member," she said. "Neither the mayor nor city manager intervened. I feel this was to shame me from participating."

Another applicant for the council seat, Ashley Enstad, said the mayor and council should be ashamed for not stopping Richards's questions. "This was a teachable moment. This is an example of why people don't get involved with

the city," said Enstad, who had run unsuccessfully for mayor last November.

Later in the meeting, Pelchat said he wanted to apologize for anyone insulted by Richards's interview questions and his nervous laugh.

"My reaction was regrettable. I'm learning," said Pelchat, who took office in November. "I will not censor council members. Mr. Richards is an elected official."

Clohosey had also criticized Councilwoman Mary Parisien, who described Clohosey as lying in response to an interview question about personal or financial relationships with current council members. Clohosey said she has a friendship with Councilwoman Rose Walton, but didn't interpret that as a personal relationship in context of the question.

In fact, Parisien repeated that comment, noting that statement, along with failure to complete the application and not listing three requested references, were reasons she didn't vote to appoint Clohosey to council.

After lengthy comments from Parisien, Walton said in reference to a telephone call between herself and Parisien that she wasn't a liar and wasn't going to

continue the conversation at the council meeting.

The process used to fill the council seat to which Stephen Kennedy was appointed wasn't fair, Councilwoman Margaret Kurtzweil said, since all the candidates weren't asked the same questions. Those questions should have been submitted and approved in advance, she said.

Parisien only asked the two women council seat applicants about personal/financial relationships with current council members, Kurtzweil said, "which revealed her bigotry." Parisien said she had questioned the women since their campaign literature — which Clohosey submitted as her application — was nearly identical with those of Enstad and Walton.

"You are inappropriate and an embarrassment to the council," said Kurtzweil, who went on to criticize Richards. "I heard your apology. I don't accept it totally. I need to see that your belief system that led to the question has changed."

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3-4:30 p.m. Feb. 24, African American; March 4, Irish American; and April 28, Italian American

Parent to Parent Book Discussions

6:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 26 and March 26

We need to listen to give students their voices



Super Talk
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Why don't we listen? Over the last week I, perhaps like you, have read and listened to statements from women of all ages about the abuses they suffered as gymnasts in the USA Gymnastics program. The statements were difficult to hear.

Tragically, this was not the first time these women had told their stories. But this was the first time that we heard.

Why? Why do we not listen when someone tells us something that is difficult to hear?

Over the past several years in our school district, we have attempted to find ways to listen to our students — to hear our students' voices.

One way we have tried to listen is through a student survey, asking questions about our schools' culture and climate. We had students help us design the survey and identify questions that we should ask. We have done this because I believe that it is important to hear the voices of our students.

One question in particular has caught my attention. We asked how many adults did a student trust in their school building. What we found is that we have many, many students who trust one or more adults in the school that they attend — and we are proud of that.

But more than 2,000 students took the survey last year and almost 12 per-

cent said there is not one adult that they trust in their school.

We need to hear that number. We cannot rationalize it away. We cannot say that the students must have misunderstood the question.

Reducing the number of students who identify that they do not have one adult they can trust is so important to me that it became one of the goals for which I am responsible. It means that we have to do things differently. It means that we have to pay attention in ways that we may have not before.

Our students need us to hear them. We need to listen.

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DTE customers lose more than \$100,000 in telephone scam

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DTE Energy is warning its customers of an uptick in bogus callers posing as DTE employees and demanding money for supposedly overdue utility bills.

It's the latest resurgence of a scam that Michael Lynch, DTE chief security officer, said cost DTE customers more than \$100,000 last year based on reported incidents — with the actual dollar figure likely being much higher.

Several businesses have recently received calls threatening an imminent shutoff of electricity unless the owners immediately buy prepaid debit cards, such as Green Dot, and provide numbers on the back to make payment.

Lynch said some phone calls even show up as DTE Energy on caller ID, making the caller's demands seem even more legitimate.

His advice: Don't fall for it because DTE never demands payment by prepaid debit cards.

Plymouth Downtown Development Authority Director Tony Bruscati said the DDA has issued an alert on Facebook after yet another business reported getting a bogus call. He said the alert is "getting quite a bit of traction" on social media.

In some cases, DTE officials say the perpetrators even provide callback numbers that answer with a recorded greeting like the one on DTE's customer service line.

Lynch said the vast majority of bogus calls are made to businesses, often between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. That's when some businesses, such as restaurants, are more likely to become victims because they fear losing power during the lunch rush.

"They don't want to be embarrassed, nor do they want their power shut off when the most customers are there," he said.

Plymouth Detective Lt. Jamie Grabowski said some local businesses have fallen prey to the scam. He said some of them actually were behind on their DTE bills, making the bogus calls seem even more legitimate.

Last year, DTE received about 200 reports of scam attempts across metro Detroit, but Lynch said the number is likely much higher. Of those 200 incidents, he said 110 people actually reported losing money.

Lynch said DTE customers who are late on their bills may receive a notice at their door or a robocall to remind them,

but DTE wouldn't demand payment by prepaid debit card with the threat of an imminent shutoff.

With some calls showing up as DTE on caller ID, DTE said utility impostors have upped their game by adding technology to their list of tactics.

DTE offers the following tips to avoid scams:

■ DTE Energy does not call customers for payment for an account that is in good standing.

■ DTE typically sends a warning notice by mail if a customer is behind on payments.

■ It's a red flag if someone calls to say a crew is on the way to shut off service unless there's an immediate payment. The more aggressive the caller, DTE says, the more skeptical customers should be.

■ DTE does not demand a specific form of payment, but gives customers options, including credit cards, debit cards and bank transfers. If a caller insists on payment with a prepaid debit card, especially a specific brand of prepaid card, it's a scam.

■ Don't trust caller ID. Any customer who suspects a fraudulent call should hang up, call DTE toll-free at 800-477-4747 and speak with a customer service representative who can confirm the status of an account and, if needed, work out payment arrangements.

■ When receiving a call, get the most recent DTE bill and ask the caller to provide the account number and amount due.

■ Fraudulent calls also should be reported to local police.

■ If someone who appears to be a DTE employee shows up at the door, they should be wearing a photo identification badge. Any customer who isn't sure of the situation should call DTE to inquire about work to be done at the home.

■ Don't allow people into the home if they claim to be offering a DTE refund. Employees never deliver cash refunds or rebates to customers' homes.

■ DTE employees do not engage in door-to-door sales for gas and electric services, although home protection plans are occasionally offered that way by employees who carry a photo ID.

■ DTE employees do not collect or accept utility bill payments at the door.

■ Never give out personal information such as Social Security cards and bank account numbers.

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The Oakland County Federal Aid Committee will conduct a funding meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13.

County committee to meet to allocate 2021 federal road money

The Oakland County Federal Aid Committee will conduct a funding committee meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Madison Heights Fire Department, 31313 Brush Street.

The funding committee is responsible for selecting road-improvement projects to receive federal road funds anticipated to come to Oakland County. It is made up of representatives of the Road Commission for Oakland County, the Michigan Department of Transportation, SMART (the suburban bus system) and all communities in the county.

During the meeting, the funding committee will select road projects to receive 2021 federal road dollars coming to the county. The projects must be on roads that are eligible for federal road funds and under road commission or lo-

cal jurisdiction in Oakland County. For a map of Oakland roads that are eligible for federal funding, go to <http://www.rcocweb.org/DocumentCenter/View/2051>.

For 2021, the funding committee anticipates having approximately \$17.4 million to award for various road projects. Federal road funds are typically programmed three years prior to construction.

Projects are selected based on an objective point system — all projects that are submitted are rated and ranked based on the point system, which takes into account safety considerations, traffic volumes, cost and other factors.

For more information about the Oakland County Federal Aid Committee, go to <http://www.oaklandfac.org/>.

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AREA EVENTS

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Exhibit at Northville Art House

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cadiz Street, presents the exhibition POW!, a juried comic art exhibition featuring 38 works of comic, or comic-inspired, art created by 22 artists and selected by juror Jim Anderson.

The artists participating in the exhibition include Elisa Albrecht, Kathleen Brenowitz, Joanne Cook, Terence Cover, Adrienne Dunkerley, Kayleigh Fogle, Shayauna Glover, Adam Helner, Jessica Justice, Peggy Kerwan, Jennifer Kesler, Travis Matchulat, Brandon McDonald, Mike Ortiz, Megan Roethler, Jan Ross, Shannon Schmidt, Billy Tackett, Aaron Underwood, Babelon Williams, Todd Zapoli and Emily Zelasko.

The exhibition opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, with awards presentation at 7 p.m. The exhibition runs through Saturday, Feb. 24, during Art House hours: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, go to www.northvillearthouse.org.

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 benefit 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.

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

The Northville Newcomers and Neighbors group will host a pair of meet and greet meetings, for those new to the community or just wishing to catch up with old friends. The first is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6. Host is Corlyss Jenkins; RSVP to momontherun201k@comcast.net. The second is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 6. Host is Jann Cantelon; RSVP to janicecantelon@aol.com.

Country Garden Club meeting

The Country Garden Club of Northville will hold its next meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road. Featured speaker will be Tracy Campbell of English Gardens, who will speak on conifers.

Guests are welcome. Call Sheryl Signorelli for further information at 248-202-1518.

NYA seeking youth recognition nominees

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

The NYA would like to honor those youth who have volunteered their time and talents for the betterment of their organization, school, family and community.

If you know of a young person who is living within the Novi Public School District, complete the nomination form that can be found online at <http://www.cityofnovi.org/Government/City-Services/Youth-Services/Youth-Recognition-Nominations/Youth-Recognition-NominationForm.aspx> and return it to Novi Youth Assistance no later than Friday, Feb. 16. All candidates will be evaluated on the basis of the information you provide. Be sure to in-

clude any relevant information that would help in the ultimate selection. It is important to honor these young people and NYA believes residents are an important resource for locating them. All students nominated will be honored with a certificate of recognition.

Trivia night to benefit Community Sharing

Community Sharing will host its third annual trivia night at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road. Attendees can set up their own table of 10 or they can join in with another table. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. A 50/50 raffle, a gift basket raffle and a live auction will also be part of the evening. Prizes will be awarded to all 10 members of the winning table.

All proceeds of this fundraiser will benefit Community Sharing, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides food, clothing, emergency financial assistance, tutoring and other services to those families living within the Huron Valley School District boundaries and who qualify based on income level.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available for purchase at Community Sharing's Duck Lake Center in Highland, Acorn Farms in downtown Milford on Main Street or online at www.community-sharing.org. For more information, contact Community Sharing at 248-889-0347.

ArtCrush for Northville Art House

The Northville Art House will host a fundraiser called ArtCrush, set for 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Cantoro Italian Market & Trattoria, 15550 N. Haggerty Road, in Plymouth. The event will include appetizers and wine and a silent auction of gift baskets and art work donated by event sponsors and local Art House artists.

ArtCrush is sponsored by The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James and Bandoni Creative, LLC. Tickets are \$60 and on sale through Sunday, Feb. 4, at www.northvillearthouse.org/artcrush-2018/.

AAUW meetings

The American Association of University Women-Northville Novi affiliate exists to promote equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. The group has two general meetings scheduled with enriching presentations:

■ Friday, Feb. 9: Learn how to avoid falling from an occupational therapist

■ Friday, March 9: Learn about the Walled Lake Casino where Detroiters once came to dance

For meeting details and reservations, send an email to rlryork03@gmail.com. For information about AAUW-NN and membership, go to www.aauwnn.org.

Evenings in the Garden

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

■ Feb. 8: Janet Macunovich - Prune Trees and Shrubs Like a Pro

■ Feb. 22: Rebecca Finneran - Greening the Garden... a Smart Gardener's Journey

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

For more information and to register, go to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/evenings18winter/>. MSU Extension Tollgate Farm & Education Center is at 28115 Meadowbrook Road.

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. Donations can be placed in the drop box set up by the front door. Soles4Souls provides footwear to those in need around the world.

K. of C. fish fry

The Knight of Columbus will sponsor a fish fry 4-7 p.m. each Friday throughout the Lenten season, Feb. 16 through March 23, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette Street, in South Lyon. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for children ages 12 and under. Carry outs are available 4-6:30 p.m. The dinners are sponsored by the Father Edmund Battersby Council No. 7586.

Special People Outing

Special People Social Outings in South Lyon has been formed by two volunteers, Janine Asher and Jackie Sawle who discovered the lack of social activities for special-needs people. The group has been meeting once a month since October 2017. The group started for those with disabilities over age 18, but the group has opened the invite for participation to include those younger also. The only requirement is that a caregiver/family member or guardian attend the event with them.

The next event is bowling at Pinz Bowling Center, 700 N. Lafayette Street, in South Lyon, scheduled for 3:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17. Those interested in attending and learning more can email socialoutings@gmail.com. RSVP is required to attend.

Valentine's tribute at Marquis Theatre

Northville's Marquis Theatre will present a Valentine's tribute featuring Frank Sinatra (Gary Sacco) and Elvis (Matt King) imitators. Performances are 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.

Tickets are \$20, available by calling 248-349-8110, from the box office at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., or at the door.

For more information, go to www.northvillemarquistheatre.com, facebook.com/MarquisTheatre NorthvilleMi or email marquis.theatre@sbcglobal.net.

HWLBA scholarship fundraiser

The Highland White Lake Business Association will hold their Laughs at the Legion scholarship fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 24, at the American Legion Hall, 510 W. Commerce Street, in Milford. Doors open for dinner at 5 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Guests also have the option to purchase tickets for hamburger and fries in advance or at the door for only \$7. The Legion will be running a cash bar. Tickets can be purchased at hwlba.com or by calling 248-889-1422.

The headlining comic is Andy Benigno, a Milford resident.

Each year, HWLBA donates proceeds from the ticket sales to the annual scholarship fund, awarding several students from Milford and Lakeland high schools with scholarships of \$1,000 each. For more information, go to www.hwlba.com where you can view upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Preschool open house

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

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

Salem Historical Society meeting

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

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

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

VFAA exhibit at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, has a rotating exhibit of its member artwork in the library community room. The current exhibit features the artwork of Catherine DeLong. She has 12 oil paintings depicting scenes from Michigan, as well as from Italy, Malta and Australia. DeLong's artwork will be displayed until February, after which another artist will have a turn.

Artists interested in participating should contact the Linda Onderko of the VFAA at 248-842-6789. The free exhibit is open during regular library hours: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Northville Marketplace event

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is accepting registrations for the annual Northville Marketplace event, presented by Community Financial Credit Union, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. The Marketplace will feature interactive exhibits from retail, service and nonprofit businesses.

The early bird registration fee of \$75 (chamber members' discount) includes booth space, table, chairs, setup assistance and four tickets to the event. The Northville Marketplace application form is available on the chamber website at www.northville.org or can be obtained by contacting the chamber at 248-349-7640.

MOMS sale

A South Lyon Mothers of Multiples Society sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette Street, in South Lyon.

Gently used clothing (including teens) sorted by size and gender, cribs, strollers, car seats, maternity clothing, books, games and more. Now accepting credit cards. Admission is \$1.

Salem Historical Society dinner

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

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

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

Friday and Saturday Hangouts

The Living and Learning Center in downtown Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art, and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house.

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.livingandlearningllc@gmail.com.

Adopt-A-Reader

Adopt-A-Reader links volunteers like you with children in kindergarten through second grade in the South Lyon Community Schools district who need extra support with reading and/or writing. This is an opportunity to create a learning bond by working individually with two children. You could make a real difference in their lives. All it takes is a commitment of about an hour a week.

You decide the school you would like to volunteer at, the day and time slot during school hours that's convenient for your schedule; we provide the training and materials. Contact Lindsey Jackson at 248-941-1701 or jacksonl@slcs.us for more information.

Indivisible Huron Valley

Indivisible Huron Valley is a local non-partisan group committed to social and economic justice and the protection of our environment. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at 125 S. Main in downtown Milford. Public welcome.

Youth Alpha film series

All teens are invited to the Youth Alpha film series at the Java House Cafe, 25840 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. A free Java House drink and snack will be provided. Come at 6 p.m. each Thursday. Email any questions to YouthAlpha789@gmail.com or register at wp.holyspiritcs.org/alpha/.

SL Rec Authority

South Lyon Area Recreation Authority board meetings are held at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call 248-437-8105 for directions and confirmation of meeting location. To register for classes, go to www.slrec.net.

Eleven graduate from Oakland County drug court

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It's not often you hear applause and tears of joy when talking about overcoming substance abuse. But that was the scene Wednesday in the Oakland County Courthouse in Pontiac for 11 graduates of the county's Adult Treatment Court.

"I like to call it 'probation on steroids,'" said Anton Holloway, a Southfield resident. "Everything is condensed. There's so much stuff you have to do and accomplish."

"It's definitely a little overwhelming." Holloway joined 10 others in the auditorium for the graduation ceremony, the 53rd such event in the court's history. The program is open as a sentencing alternative for non-violent felony offenders with serious substance abuse problems that come through the court system. Participants go through a minimum of 13 months of the program, which includes drug testing, counseling and other formal treatments.

The 11 people, who hail from places like Southfield and Hazel Park all the way to Highland, South Lyon and White Lake, join 740 other graduates who have gone through the program. Overseen by Circuit Judge Hala Jarbou and Chief Circuit Judge Shalina Kumar, the program Wednesday saw each participant get up and share their thoughts on the program and be presented with a certificate by the two judges.

The program, probation officer Callie Moss said, is one that sees major changes in many of the participants.

With the increased visibility of opioid drugs, especially in Oakland County, seeing so many graduate with lengthy periods of sobriety is a big success, not only for those who run the program, but for those who complete it.

"I think it's more rewarding for them, because they're being held accountable for their actions, something that regular probation may not necessarily always hold them to," she said. "We hold them to a higher standard."

"When they get to the point of graduation and they have a good amount of time of sobriety, it's much more rewarding for them."

Drug courts have been used for more than 25 years across the country. Statistics from the National Drug Court Institute show 75 percent of drug court graduates do not get arrested the following two years after leaving the program and show a reduction in crime overall.

In addition, such courts can reduce the amount of financial resources used by a criminal justice system, saving jurisdictions money: a year in jail can cost as much as \$42,000, while a year of



Several of the graduates line up for a photo before the graduation ceremony Wednesday. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"This program gives you a lot of tools to deal with your daily issues. They're there for you."

Steffen Heacock
Adult Treatment Court graduate

drug court can only cost \$5,000, a savings of about \$37,000.

Moss said she's seen an increase in the speed of most participants who do complete the program, a sign that participants want to accomplish their goals and continue on with their lives.

"I would say I feel like we're increasingly getting more and more people who are breezing through the program," she said. "I had maybe four or five people out of the 11 that graduated today that completed it in the 13 months that is required."

Steffen Heacock, a Hazel Park resident, graduated from the program Wednesday as well. He's been sober for more than a year and credits the program with helping him change his life.

"This program gives you a lot of tools to deal with your daily issues," he said. "They're there for you."

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Steffen Heacock hugs probation officer Callie Moss during the Adult Treatment Court graduation ceremony Wednesday in the Oakland County Courthouse in Pontiac. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCE NO. 18-190

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 31, "STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES," IS AMENDED TO ADD ARTICLE VI, "PUBLIC CEMETERIES," SECTIONS 31-86 - 31-89 IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR CITY-OWNED CEMETERIES.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, January 22nd, 2018 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Dawn Spaulding, Acting City Clerk

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Potholes

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have seen an increase in pothole activity early this year, thanks to deep-freeze temperatures that evolve into warmer weather within a span of a few days.

Those sudden temperature swings, coupled with plenty of precipitation this January, have county road workers out in full force, shoveling cold patch into craters all over roads in the region.

The weather has crews working more than usual at this time of year. Bill Bantom, director of the Department of Public Services road maintenance division for Wayne County, said the county has used roughly 800 tons of cold patch so far this season. That's more than double what it used at this point in 2017, at 350 tons.

"I'm running probably eight to 10 crews a days patching potholes on various roads," Bantom said. "Based on our calculations, we've probably cold-patched 27,000 potholes."

Poor roads see potholes faster

Oakland County is also seeing plenty of activity. Craig Bryson, senior communications manager for the Road Commission for Oakland County, said crews are ahead on overtime hours usually budgeted for this time of year, a sign that they're out patching potholes on a frequent basis.

"Right now, it's a bit ahead of where we expected," he said. "We always plan for the worst and hope for the best."

Bryson said roads that are in worse shape are the ones seeing more potholes. But he said the county improved 40 miles of roads last year, including Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Even with recent improvements, he said there are more than 60 miles of roadway marked as "poor" in PASER, which usually see potholes sooner.

"It's really widespread from Holly to Ferndale and from Addison to Lyon," he said.

The potholes are being noticed by residents like Heintz, who grew up in Grand Rapids, lived in Lansing and recently came to metro Detroit. He said he doesn't recall roads being nearly as bumpy in west and mid-Michigan as he's found in the last month here.

"The roads over here are much worse," he said.



Water in the pothole can fool you. It's deeper than it looks. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Crews in Wayne County have been out six days a week, filling potholes from Detroit to Canton, Bantom said. One recent Saturday, Bantom said crews filled more than 3,900 potholes and 100 service calls were completed.

When it comes to reporting potholes, both counties have a hotline for drivers to call. Potholes in Wayne County can be reported by calling 800-762-3273 or online at waynecounty.com. Oakland County potholes can be reported to the road commission by calling 877-858-4804 or online at rcocweb.com.

While crews try to fill potholes this season as soon as they come in, Bantom said, it's not always possible to get crews there right away and drivers need to be wary of where they are on the road when dealing with potholes.

Such driving tactics can be compared to driving with several inches of snow on the road.

"To some degree, we have to look at potholes the same way as snow and ice," he said. "It causes us to have a need to drive a little differently."

Heintz has learned the hard way to avoid such calamities. The next day after damaging his tire, he drove in another lane and went slow enough so other drivers could pass him.

He said the best way to avoid pothole damage? Avoid potholes altogether.

"I'm definitely more cautious now," he said. "I know now which roads to avoid."

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Check out these weekend events

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Congrats, everyone. We made it through the first month of 2018.

With that success, it's time to head out and find something fun to do. Check out these three events happening across the hometownlife.co area this weekend.

Restaurant Week in Birmingham

If you haven't already done so, you've still got some time to enjoy the end of Birmingham's Restaurant Week tonight and tomorrow.

The annual event, which wraps up Friday, features two dozen participating restaurants across the city. Restaurants such as Big Rock Chop House, 245 S. Eton; Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse, 201 S. Old Woodward; Vinoteca, 210 S. Old Woodward; and Sidecar Slider Bar, 280 E. Merrill are just some of the those taking part.

Three-course lunches are \$15, while three-course dinners at are \$30. And for those who aren't able to make it this week, Restaurant Week will begin again Monday and run through next week.

For more information, including a full list of participating restaurants, go to birminghamrestaurantweek.org.

Used book sale in Livonia

Book hounds: It's time to line up outside the Robert and Janet Bennett Library in Livonia again this weekend for the tri-annual used book sale.

This sale, which runs Friday through Sunday, will feature hundreds of books for sale in the library, 32777 Five Mile. The sale takes place during the library's regular hours, which are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

A bag of books will sell for \$5 Sunday. All proceeds from the sale will go toward the library system in Livonia. For more information on the sale, go to livoniapubliclibrary.org.

Super Bowl party at Northville brewery

Who you got? Eagles or Patriots?

You'll have the opportunity to cheer on one of them (though there's plenty of evidence that shows we probably know who you'll be cheering for) at North Center Brewing Co., 410 N. Center St., in Northville.

The business, which opened in 2015, will feature a tailgate buffet full of football-friendly foods, along with its usual assortment of beer and drinks.

For more information, go to northcenterbrewing.com.

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SYNOPSIS

JANUARY 18, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, January 18, 2018

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Richard Allen, Trustee
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Fred Shadko, Trustee

ABSENT: Mindy Herrmann, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:
 - Regular Amended Agenda and the Consent Agenda Items – Approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
 - Genie Nehs – Senior Citizen Advisory Council – Approved
 - Robin Schleh – Historic District Commission – Approved
 - Tim Zawodny – Planning Commission – Approved
 - Scott Frush – EDC/BRA – Approved
 - George McCarthy – Planning Commission – Approved
 - Paul Smith – Zoning Board of Appeals – Approved
 - Julie Herrin – Retirement from Northville District Library – Approved
 - Resolution – Support for Closing the MSP Gun Range – Approved
- Public Hearing: None
- Brief Public Comments: One member of the audience thanked the Board of Trustees for their help in getting a Resource Officer back into the High School.
- New Business:
 - Mill Ridge PUD Second Amendment – Approved with Conditions
 - Budget Amendment 2018-1 – Approved
 - Information Technology – Windows Upgrade (Parks/ NYA) – Approved
 - S.E.M.C.O.G. Annual Dues – Approved
 - Unfinished Business: None
 - Ordinances: None
 - Check Registry:
 - In the amount of \$3,431,021.99 for the period of 12/2/17 to 1/5/18 – Approved
- Board Communication & Reports:
 - Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Symantha Heath, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None
- ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available January 30, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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Don't chase the market; invest based on goals



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
USA TODAY NETWORK —
MICHIGAN

As I speak to investors, whether individually or at talks that I give, the No. 1 question I get is how much higher can the stock market go? My answer is quite simple: I don't know. Not only do I not know, but neither does anyone else.

You have plenty of people who speculate about the direction of the market but, in reality, they don't know either. I've always told investors that it's a fool's game to try to predict the market. At any time we could have a downturn or a correction. If that happened, the real issue is, how long would the correction last? Would it be one of these situations where the market sells off and two weeks later reaches an all-time high? Or would it be a correction that lasts a few years? Once again, many people speculate and make predictions, but no one knows for sure. Although it may be fun to try to predict the direction of the market, the reality is that isn't how you should be investing your money.

For as long as I've been in the investment world, I have believed investors should not invest based upon where they think the market is going, but based upon their own situation and what they are trying to achieve with their money. That's why I've always told investors that, when it comes to investing, the focus is not on where the market is, but what their individual goals and objectives are.

If someone was saving for retirement and retirement is 20-30 years down the road, this is a wonderful time to invest. If you had money to invest and you needed that money in six months, I believe investing in the market would be a mistake. Even if I believe that the market will be higher six months from now, I would still tell an investor with a six-month time frame to avoid the market. As investors, we cannot predict the market, particularly over the short run. We do know our goals and objectives and that is where our focus should be.

When investors try to time the market or predict where the market is going, particularly over the short run, they are no longer investors, but gamblers and speculators. There's nothing wrong with speculating and gambling with

your money, but I wouldn't want to do it with my retirement money. You should only speculate and gamble with money you can afford to lose. If someone had a six-month time horizon and they wanted to speculate on the market, that's fine as long as they accept and understand the risk they are taking.

There are a number of reasons why the market has exploded over the last year. These include the substantial reduction in regulations on businesses, the increase in consumer confidence in the United States, the anticipation and now the reality of tax reform and the fact that corporations are making money. Whether these factors continue to drive the market is anyone's guess. As investors, we can drive ourselves crazy trying to predict what factors will move the market. As opposed to wasting your time trying to predict markets, a better use of your time is to redefine why you are investing money. You will be a much more successful investor if you are focused on your individual goals and objectives and use that as your guide.

It would be nice if you could buy when the market is at its ultimate low and sell when it's at its high. That would be nice, but no one has been able to do

that consistently. Remember, when you time the market, you have to be right twice: once when you buy and once when you sell. Since you can't time the market, a much better strategy — and one where you can be more successful — is to make decisions not based upon where the market is, but on your goals and objectives. If you're a long-term investor, you ought to be consistently investing in the market and have the discipline to stay in it, despite the roller-coaster ride. On the other hand, if your goals are short term, no matter how good the market is, it's not for you.

I know when you invest based upon your goals and objectives, you can miss out on some nice runs in the market. The reverse is also true: When you invest based upon your goals and objectives, you substantially reduce the risk that your money won't be there for you when you need it.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

We all need a big glass of fresh water this new year



Cultural Relevancy
Dean Johnson
USA TODAY NETWORK —
MICHIGAN

The first summer my daughter and I hiked on the Appalachian Trail, we discovered there was something way more important than we'd expected. It was water.

When you hike or run on a trail here in southeast Michigan, like Maybury State Park or the Pinkney State Recreation Area, you always eventually come to a drinking fountain or a hose in someone's yard, etc. But the AT runs mostly along a remote, mountainous ridge line and, since you're at altitude, you become dehydrated much more quickly.

Water is so important, hikers plan how far they'll go on a given day by the availability of a water source.

John Chapter 4 tells the story of how Jesus sits down by a well and a woman there says, "Excuse me, but you're going to have a difficult time getting water because you don't have anything to draw with — no bucket or rope, etc." Jesus answers, in essence, "You know, I give people living water." The woman declares, "Oh my, I need some of that."

The woman has had a hard life, including some bad choices of her own. She's been married and divorced five times and now she's living with another man. She's here at the well by herself because she has no friends, since all the other women reject her. The only people who ever talk to her are an occasional

man who hires her for sex.

And Jesus says, "I can give you what you need. But what you need (living water — spiritual life) may not be what you think you need (physical water — just to get by today)."

The Bible uses water as a spiritual metaphor a lot. In Genesis 1, Eden is a very well-watered place, with four rivers running through it. In Exodus 17, the Israelites were panicking in the wilderness — "How will we make it? Is God really with us? Will we have what we need to live?" and God causes water to gush from a rock.

But the prophet Jeremiah points out that most people are drinking from "broken cisterns." "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug

their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water."

So here's Jesus talking to the woman at the well. She all of a sudden asks about which temple she's supposed to worship at — the one in Jerusalem or the one in Samaria? Jesus replies that it's not about religion or worshipping at the right place, it's our hearts.

I love a cold Mountain Dew in the morning, but this year I've given up drinking anything but water. To be honest, I still crave a Dew every morning, but I realize that pure water is what I really need. That's true in body and soul.

The Rev. Dean Johnson is senior pastor at Lake Pointe Bible Church in Plymouth. Email him at DeanLPBC@sbcglobal.net.

Ancient Rome exhibit opens Feb. 3 at Cranbrook Institute of Science

Travel through time to the height of the Roman Empire that shaped the world when Ancient Rome: Age of the Caesars opens Saturday, Feb. 3, at Cranbrook Institute of Science. Ancient Rome: Age of the Caesars, presented by Flagstar Bank, is a family-friendly exhibit that runs through July 3.

The exhibit is open during regular business hours and is an additional cost (\$6 to \$8) to general museum admission. For information on hours and pricing, go to <https://science.cranbrook.edu>.

[edu/visit/admission](https://science.cranbrook.edu/visit/admission).

Additionally, guest lecturer Dr. Max Nelson, associate professor of language and culture at the University of Windsor, will be at the Institute 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, to explore the history of making (and drinking) alcohol in the ancient world. Guests 21 years of age and older are invited to attend. Pre-registered tickets are \$10 until 5 p.m. Feb. 11, available at <https://science.cranbrook.edu/explore/programs/amor/> registration, and \$15 at the door.

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Work to be done includes the removal and replacement of existing HVAC systems including ductwork, piping, controls, and electrical work. Also included under this project is coordination of the removal and replacement of the existing membrane roof. Bid documents may be obtained free of charge for download on or after Monday, January 22, 2018 via the Spicer Group engineering website, <http://www.spicergroup.com/>. Click the Bidding Tab at the top.

Hard copies of the drawings may be requested by contacting the engineer, Aaron Wosek, aaron.wosek@spicergroup.com 989-754-4717. A fee of \$60.00 including 2-day shipping expenses per set of drawings will be charged for hard copies of the drawings. Specifications will not be included. No refunds will be given for returned documents.

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Submit and document questions regarding the project in written form. Submit questions via email to Aaron Wosek, Engineer Project Manager with Spicer Group at aaron.wosek@spicergroup.com. Office: 989-754-4717. Questions will not be accepted within four (4) business days of bid due date.

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Support settlements harder with new tax law



Tales from the Front Lines
Henry Gornbein
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Q: What impact does the new tax reform act have on my divorce?

A: This is a very important question. Under the new tax laws, starting Jan. 1, 2019, spousal support, which is what alimony is called in Michigan, will no longer be taxable income to the recipient and tax-deductible to the person paying spousal support.

This is a major, negative change. Any current cases where spousal support was entered into as part of a settlement agreement and judgment of divorce prior to Jan. 1, 2019, will still be treated as taxable income to the recipient and tax-deductible to the payer.

If you are contemplating a divorce during the next year and your marriage cannot be salvaged, it is critical that you consult with an attorney as soon as possible. There can be many thousands of dollars at stake.

I am author of the chapter titled "Spousal Support" in the book "Michigan Family Law," published by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. This book is used by judges and attorneys as a key reference guide on all aspects of family law throughout the state of Michigan.

Let's look at the consequences of the new law.

In the past, when negotiating a settlement where

there was spousal support, the tax aspects have been critical.

Following is an example: Let's say that the person paying the spousal support is in a high-income bracket. I will use 33 percent in this example. If the spouse who is receiving the spousal support is in a low-income bracket because he or she has a low-paying job or has not worked, then the spousal support will be taxed at a much lower level.

Using \$1,000 per month as an example, the person paying the support is writing it off so that he or she is only paying \$666 in after-tax dollars, with a savings of \$334 per month. If the recipient is in a 20 percent bracket, then he or she is paying taxes on \$200 per month of the \$1,000, providing a win-win for both parties. The government is, in essence, helping everyone and footing part of the bill.

In a divorce, the person paying spousal support is never happy. It is like paying for a dead horse. In my negotiations and trials over the years, the tax savings argument was a very important one. The tax savings tool used by attorneys, judges and accountants is now gone, beginning in 2019.

It will make it much harder to negotiate and settle cases where spousal support is a factor, because there will be no tax consequences or savings to either party.

Instead of paying \$1,000 per month, as I stated above, the settlement may be at \$600 or \$700 per month. This creates a lose-lose situation for everyone. There will be fewer dollars to go around.

In addition, over the years many complicated divorce settlements involving a business or professional practice have utilized tax-deductible section 71(b) payments as a means of saving money. Payments are made in pretax dollars with full deductibility and tremendous savings for everyone. This has created another win-win scenario for both the business owner or professional spouse and the soon-to-be other former spouse.

From now on, negotiations will have to be changed so that the tax aspects and consequences, along with the potential savings for everyone, will be gone. Settlements will have to be based on after-tax dollars, with interest factored in like a bank loan or similar economic vehicle.

These changes will make it much more difficult to settle divorces where there are businesses, professional practices or high-income wage earners.

My advice is that you consult with an attorney sooner rather than later if a divorce may be in your future. I also advise you to have any settlements where modifications of spousal support may be coming up reviewed as well because, with the new tax laws, there are still a lot of unanswered questions.

These are my thoughts on this complicated issue. Do not hesitate to ask your questions.

Henry S. Gornbein specializes in all aspects of family law. Contact him at hgornein@lippittokeefe.com or 248-646-8292.

Five questions to ask before choosing a birthing center



Dr. Anan Abdelrahman
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

When the time comes for you or your loved one to bring a child into the world, you will be met with the challenge of having to decide which birthing center is right for you. Each local center has its own philosophy and set of principles that guides standards of care and helps create a birthing experience for expectant mothers.

Here are five important questions parents should ask before deciding which birthing center is right for them.

1. Will I have experienced doctors and nurses?

An experienced, compassionate medical staff with access to the most up-to-date treatment strategies is the single most important aspect of any birthing center. From the physician that determines the course of treatment to attentive nurses that provide bedside care, each caregiver you come into contact with directly influences the quality of care you receive.

2. Does this center have a proven track record of quality and safety?

High-quality and comprehensive medical care can give mothers peace of mind knowing they are in good hands. It is a benefit to mothers and their babies if a birthing center offers advanced capabilities. Areas of competency to look for include: maternal fetal medicine for high-risk pregnancies; neonatal intensive care unit to provide advanced care for complex and critically ill infants; on-site anesthesiologists to assist with pain management; and operating rooms designated for cesarean deliveries, if needed.

3. Can I have a personalized birthing plan and will it be supported?

Not everyone shares the same culture, religion or values. That is why your physician and nurse should take the time to listen and get to know you. So long as the health of a mother and baby are not in any danger, a personalized birthing plan should be honored and re-

pected.

4. Is the birthing center baby friendly?

A birthing center's standards of care should be designed to help mothers achieve the very best start for themselves and their new family. A certified baby-friendly hospital is a prestigious designation given by the World Health Organization that reflects a birthing center's support of optimal infant feeding strategies and proven methods for mother/baby bonding.

5. Are educational resources available to support parents and newborns?

While the love for your newborn will come naturally, the act of parenting has a learning curve. Access to lactation consultants, parenting classes, prenatal and postnatal yoga, and Mommy and Me classes can offer real benefits.

At St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, our philosophy is centered on family, quality and safety, which is why we are Baby-Friendly® certified and offer many advanced capabilities, such as maternal fetal medicine and an NICU. We are also excited to unveil a new 18-bed mother/baby unit to the public later this month, outfitted with award-winning technologies and inviting, hotel-style amenities. This new space will offer a spa-like atmosphere and provide expectant mothers with a private room, restroom and shower so that they can rest comfortably with their newborn following labor and delivery.

Giving birth is more than just a medical event, it's a life event. That is why the birthing center you choose should be family-focused and have a commitment to providing you a safe, comfortable and memorable experience.

Anan Abdelrahman, M.D., is chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, located on Woodward Avenue.

Wilson re-elected as RCOC board chairman

The three-member Road Commission for Oakland County board, at its regularly scheduled meeting Jan. 11, re-elected Eric Wilson as board chairman and Greg Jamian as vice chairman.

The board traditionally elects its officers at the first meeting of the new year. Members then hold those positions for a one-year period. Wilson and Jamian served as chairman and vice chairman, respectively, in 2017.

While the RCOC is an independent unit of government and not part of Oakland County general government, RCOC board members are appointed by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in accordance with state law.

"I am looking forward to 2018," Wilson said. "This will be our second year with some new state road funding and motorists will begin to see a real difference on our roads." Wilson was referring to the state road-funding package approved by the state Legislature and governor in 2015, which resulted in an increase in the state gas and diesel taxes and vehicle registration fees Jan. 1, 2017.

"We have made positive strides in the last couple of years to improve our road system," Jamian said. "This new stream of investment into our system is helping to stop further deterioration of our roads and provide funds for real improvements."

Third board member Ron Fowkes noted he looks forward to working to continue RCOC's efforts to provide safe roads in 2018. "We in Oakland County have the safest roads of any county in Michigan, based on the traffic-fatality rate," he said. "This didn't happen overnight. We have been a leader in using crash-data evaluation as a primary basis for selecting road projects for almost 40 years."

Wilson is an attorney in private practice and former member of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and the Orion Township Board of Trustees. He was first appointed to the RCOC board in 2007 and re-appointed in 2013.

RCOC board members are appointed for six-year terms.



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Long-time volunteers Carol and Steve Lawrence package items from the food pantry for clients. They are from Northville Township. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Saving food pantry just the start of new mission

Brad Kadrich
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Todd Lipa grew up at St. Alexander Church in Farmington Hills, following pastor the Rev. Jim Wright around, playing games inside the church and baseball outside.

So when Lipa — who admits he and the church “grew apart” — found out St. Alexander was going to close, along with the food pantry it had hosted for three decades, he and others connected with the pantry knew something had to be done.

So Lipa, along with Farmington Hills Mayor Ken Massey, Hills-based attorney Jerry Ellis and others, did something. Working under the umbrella of Massey’s nonprofit, The Graham E. Smith Memorial Fund for Suicide Prevention, the group formed CARES (Community Action Resources Empowerment Services) of Farmington Hills, a nonprofit that wound up buying the church, saving the pantry and developing a vision that will transform the church into a community service center that will serve hundreds of clients.

“The pantry started out as a small operation and got bigger and bigger over the years,” said Lipa, who serves as executive director of CARES. “(Wright’s) philosophy was feed and clothe the people, not only his parishioners, but anyone off the street. We’re just taking his philosophy and expanding on it.”



Shoes are lined up in the pews of the former sanctuary, now serving as the clothing bank. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Pantry

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Next meal

Massey knew how important expanding on that mission was when he heard the church and the pantry were earmarked for closing. The discussion among the leaders quickly turned to how to save it.

"We knew we needed a community foundation that could handle the food pantry, because people needed it," Massey said. "I can't think of anything more mentally stressful than not knowing where your next meal was coming from. We decided we'd take over the pantry."

The pantry serves some 300-400 people a month, including seniors and needy families from Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Redford and Livonia. The CARES group heard in November 2014 the church — and thus the pantry — would be closed and began putting together an offer to buy it.

The property, including the 10.5 acres on which St. Alexander sits, transferred to the control of St. Gerald's Church. An original offer to buy it fell through and a developer appeared set to put a senior residential complex on the property.

According to Lipa, that didn't sit well with neighbors. "The community around (St. Alexander) didn't want another building like that in the neighborhood," he said.

Roller-coaster ride

All that uncertainty made for nerve-racking times. Carol Greening, pantry supervisor the last six years, remembers clients and volunteers alike being crestfallen at the possibility the pantry would close.

"We were told we could stay here until the property sold. ... It was a roller-coaster, with developers looking at it," Greening said. "Everyone was scared we were going to lose this. The people here were so excited it was going to be saved. (Clients) trust us and they were so fearful. It was a celebration."

A second donor had generously stepped up and when the new pastor at St. Gerald's, the Rev. Kris Nowak, told the CARES group its offer was acceptable, plans for the church property began developing.

"I thought it would be the best or-



Carol Greening standing in the clothing bank, located in the former sanctuary of St. Alexander, began running the food pantry when it was a parish mission. She's happy that the food pantry will continue, with more services planned. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ganization to serve the people of this area," Nowak said. "Everything will stay the same, the food pantry will remain the same and they can expand their activity and offer much more to the community."

That's certainly the plan. With 40-50 volunteers, led by Greening, making it a success, the food pantry remains a big part of what CARES wants to do. But it's not the only part.

One-stop shopping

CARES officials envision a sort of "one-stop shopping" center where folks can get nearly anything they need. The food pantry and clothing bank are certainly part of that — part of the church's rectory will be remodeled to accommodate the clothes closet and Lipa hopes to make the food pantry look more like a grocery store to soften any negative connotations coming to a pantry might hold.

Lipa said Rebuilding Together is looking at using the first floor of the convent on the property. The Farmington Public Schools district could conceivably use the catechism classrooms for

educational classes, plus another part of the building for an early childhood center.

The future vision for the property includes:

- Social services
- School district
- Oakland County
- Neighborhood House
- Health center

"The whole idea is to bring as many services as possible into one campus," Lipa said. "We don't want people to travel all over the county to get help. Our hope is to give them one place to go to find the help they need."

More changes coming

Some of those changes are already done. For instance, Lipa noticed that when CARES took over the pantry in November 2016, many of the parents and grandparents would come in with their children or grandchildren in tow, but there was nothing for the little ones to do.

They immediately put out a call for

furniture and donations — furniture, a big-screen TV, toys and books — started flowing in.

"Now they can play here in the toy area," Lipa said. "It's not a sad place to come anymore."

To make the rest of the renovations happen, CARES hopes to secure grants from one or more of three private foundations. To do everything the group wants to do, Lipa figures it'll cost about \$20 million.

The vision is to remodel the sanctuary, part to be the clothing closet and the other part to be an education center.

Partnering with Beaumont Hospital Farmington Hills to do a community-needs assessment, CARES wants to offer classes on things like healthy eating and healthy preparation of food. "They'll take food right off our shelves and teacher (pantry clients) how to prepare it," Lipa said.

Down the road, the center will offer classes in reading and writing, in resume writing and job training.

"We know there are people who have worked and can't go back to work," Lipa said. "We want to be able to educate and help them get back on their feet. We want to help them find a better path to travel."

"We know the changes in our community and we know where we want to be in five to seven years," he added. "We know the beginnings, we know where we are and we know where we want to be. We feel there will be support for our vision, it's just a matter of being patient. God is teaching me patience."

Building the vision and putting it into motion is a dream and Lipa can tell you the exact moment the dream came true: 1:52 p.m. June 29.

"We got an email saying, 'Your property is now owned by CARES,'" he said with a huge smile.

And now that the groups owns the property, Lipa believes CARES is going to make it all happen, though he knows the it will need a lot of support.

"I really believe we can get it done," Lipa said.

CARES of Farmington Hills can be reached by calling 248-882-7800 or by calling the pantry directly at 248-474-8231.

Contact Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @bkadrich.



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The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a rezoning on a vacant parcel on Fry Road (Parcel ID#77-061-99-0171-000) from Local Business (B-1) to Single Family Residential (R-4).

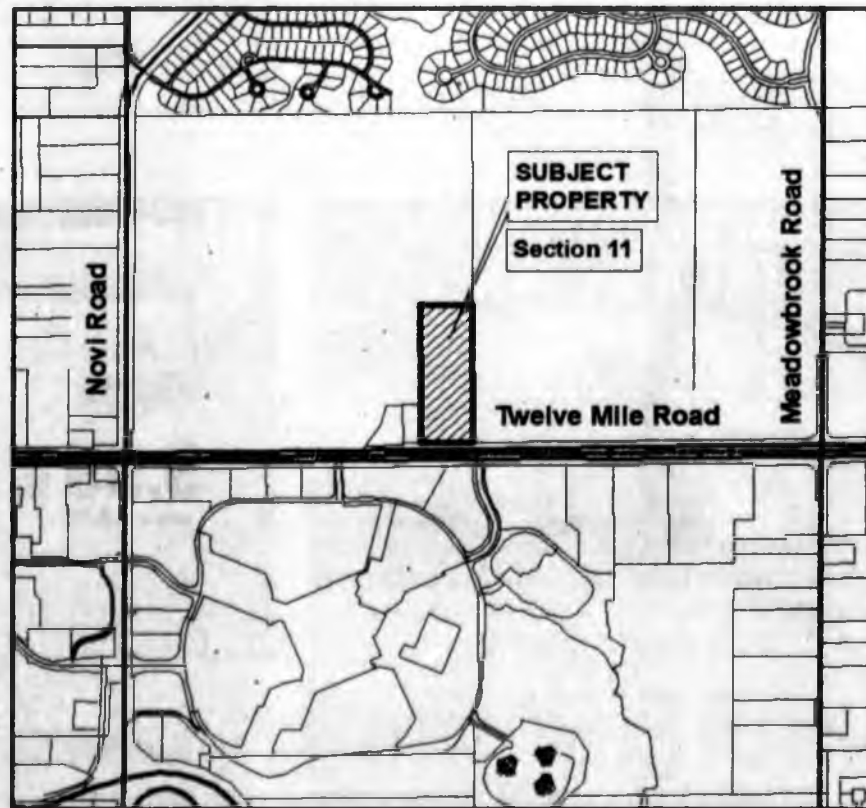
The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Township office hours are 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Eric Lark, Chair
Planning Commission

Publish: February 1, 2018

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 07, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **NOVI SENIOR COMMUNITY PROJECT JSP17-06 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLANDS PERMIT, WOODLANDS PERMIT, AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL**. The subject property is currently zoned OS-1 (office service) and RA (residential acreage) and is governed by the William R. Eldridge v City of Novi Consent Judgment. The subject property is approximately 9.72 acres and is located on the north side of Twelve Mile Road, between Novi Road and Meadowbrook Road (Section 11). The applicant is proposing to build a senior living care facility that houses about 78 assisted living units and 105 beds for congregate care all under one roof with associated site improvements such as parking, loading and landscaping. The site plan also includes an exclusive access drive to the adjacent cemetery. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



Subject Property Parcel ID: 50-22-11-300-009

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 07, 2018.

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PREP WRESTLING

Monroe Jefferson wins Observerland tourney

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Livonia Churchill's Drew Bush didn't want to disappoint the home crowd when he stepped onto mat for the 135-pound finals early Saturday against Waterford Mott's Darian Lindemier at the 27th annual Observerland wrestling tournament.

The junior was the only Charger to reach to the finals, but found himself in a 4-2 hole during the final stages of the third period.

"I'm thinking, I'm gassed, but this kid (Lindemier) is more tired than I am and I'm going to keep coming at him, so I kept coming at him and he broke before me," Bush said.

With his teammates urging him on, Bush tied the match with a late two-point move and then sealed the deal with another two-pointer in overtime to score a 6-4 decision, while also earning the lower weights MVP honors.

"It feels pretty nice, honestly," Bush said. "It's good to put all that hard work

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Jacob Bisdorf of Catholic Central (bottom) and Luke Borman of Berkley compete in the 125-pound championship match. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

NFL FOOTBALL

A CINDERELLA STORY



Novi High grad and former Ferris State player Brady Sheldon made the Oakland Raiders 53-man roster at the end of the season. OAKLAND RAIDERS

Novi's Sheldon got call from Oakland for last two games

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Brady Sheldon might only have two NFL games under his belt, but his journey to land a spot on the Oakland Raiders active 53-man roster is a lesson in perseverance.

The 24-year-old undrafted free agent, an edge-rushing linebacker out of Novi High School and Ferris State University, made his debut in a 19-10 Christmas night loss in Philadelphia and also played special teams in a season-ending 30-10 New Year's Eve setback to the host L.A. Chargers.

"It was a dream come true, from the ups and downs of the combine process and not being signed, getting called back and getting cut after training camp ... it was the best feeling ever, such a relief," said Sheldon, who turns 25 next month. "It was just a little taste, so I'm excited to get back, working out. I know

what I need to work on, I know what I need to get better."

After Raiders head coach Jack Del Rio was let go following a 6-10 season, Sheldon knows he'll have to prove himself all over again. That's because nothing in the NFL is guaranteed. He'll have to fight for his position under a new regime.

"I'm excited," Sheldon said. "I like (coach Jon) Gruden, I like his passion. I think he's gonna to shake some things up in the organization, which is going to be good for us."

Another chance

Sheldon, who signed a two-year deal with Oakland after earning a call-up to the Raiders practice squad prior to the Week 11 game against New England, can be found during the off-season training at Total Performance in Wixom.

Under the direction of Total Perfor-

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Novi's Brady Sheldon showed his NFL potential during his days at Ferris State. FERRIS STATE ATHLETICS

PREP ATHLETICS

Canton High rolls out red carpet for best of the last 45 years

Tim Smith
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The best athletes to come out of Canton High School during the first 45 years of its existence have gone on to stardom at the collegiate and professional levels — not to mention U.S. freestyle swimmer Allison Schmitt of Olympics fame.

That rich tapestry of excellence finally will be officially recognized with the inaugural class of the Canton Athletic Hall of Fame. Fourteen athletes or coaches, plus the 2005 football team, will be enshrined Saturday, Feb. 3, at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton, during the induction ceremony and dinner.

What's more, the Class of 2018 were recognized at halftime of Tuesday's Canton-Salem boys basketball game.

"There have been many great athletes, coaches and teams over the past 45 years and there will be so many more in the future," Schmitt wrote in an email. "To be able to stand among them is quite an honor."

In addition to Schmitt, a 2008 grad, nine-time All-American and eight-time Olympics medal winner, members of the debut class include National Football League player Devin Thomas, former professional baseball player Thomas Close and Tim Baechler, the recently retired football coach who already is in two halls of fame.

"I am honored to go in with the first class," said Baechler, who built a state power during his 20-year coaching career, which just ended in November. "I have so much respect for these athletes and fellow coaches. We are just a few of many who have set a high standard of success for Canton athletics."

One of Baechler's Canton teams was the 2005 squad that reeled off nine wins in a row to advance to the state title game against Rockford at Ford Field in Detroit.

Baechler isn't the only coach to make the prestigious honor roll. Also inducted will be longtime gymnastics coach John Cunningham, veteran basketball coach Bob Blohm and legendary baseball coach Fred Crissey.

Crissey was the first baseball coach in school history, taking that job the year Canton High School opened (1972-73) and racking up a 348-147 record over 22 seasons. He was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1993.

Two of Crissey's players were drafted by major league teams: Brian Stemberger (1975) and Close (1976).

Close played minor league baseball in the Kansas City Royals farm system, but he also was an all-league performer in football and basketball. Stem-

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PREP WRESTLING

Brighton senior's dramatic pin clinches KLAA

Bill Khan
Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Quitting was never an option for Jack Ireton.

The thought never crossed his mind at any point during his Brighton wrestling career, despite not having a regular spot in the lineup.

And after four years of grinding it out in the Bulldogs' demanding program, it certainly didn't cross his mind Jan. 25 when he was being dominated by Chase Kersten of Westland John Glenn.

Ireton figured he had Kersten right where he wanted him.

"A lot of my matches seem to end up like that," Ireton said. "I'm a come-from-behind kind of guy, I guess."

Down 5-0 in the second period, Ireton suddenly turned the tables and got a pin in 2 minutes, 46 seconds, at 171 pounds to clinch the team title for Brighton in the next-to-last match.

The third-ranked Bulldogs' 38-25 victory over second-ranked John Glenn gave them the KLAA championship and possibly the No. 2 seed for the Division 1 state tournament. The latter is of considerable significance, because no team wants to face powerful Detroit Catholic Central until as late as possible.

"Last year, we were the eighth seed and wrestled C.C. in the first round (of the state finals)," Brighton coach Tony Greathouse said. "It was tough, a nationally ranked team. It's tough going there and wrestling the best team right out of the gate."

Ireton is a holdover from three seasons ago, when Brighton was the best team in the state. He was a freshman on the junior varsity, but still cherishes the memory of watching the Bulldogs beat arch rival Hartland for the title.

"Even though I wasn't even wrestling there, it was still the best wrestling memory of my life," Ireton said. "It was incredible. Nothing can compare to that."

Ireton never had a secure spot in Brighton's lineup until this season. He's gone 20-8, but his confidence was rattled by some recent losses.

Sensing that, Greathouse tried to take pressure off Ireton before he took the mat. The Bulldogs needed to win only one of the final two matches. They were in a good position with Greyson Stevens, the eighth-ranked wrestler at 189 pounds, going into the final match.

"I think he knew I was a little worked up over this match," Ireton said. "I just came off a couple big losses. I was worried, I was kind of in a slump. He came out and told me I didn't have to win this one. I said, 'That doesn't matter, because I'm just going to go out and stick this guy.'"

It was Ireton who was getting worked over until he used his favorite move, a cross-face cradle, to turn the tide and pin Kersten.

"When you're in that dark place, you've got to just think, 'One more second, one more second,'" Ireton said. "Then the seconds start getting easier. Then eventually there's that time when he's thinking, 'One more second, one more second.'"

Greathouse admires Ireton for never



Brighton's Greyson Stevens capped off the Bulldogs' victory over Westland John Glenn with a 2-0 victory over George Schwemle. BILL KHAN | LIVINGSTON DAILY



Ireton

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giving up wrestling when he kept getting passed over in Brighton's lineup.

"He hasn't really been a full-time starter in his whole career," Greathouse said. "In today's day and age, you don't see that a lot, especially in wrestling. A lot of kids, if they don't start when they're freshmen, sophomores or juniors in the varsity lineup, a lot of time they find something else to do, because wrestling's a hard sport if you don't get a lot in return."

"But he's been a really valuable guy we've plugged in a lot this year. He's kind of got his own spot in the lineup. He's been doing great. He's been winning a lot of big matches. It's pretty cool for him tonight as a senior to win the dual."

Ireton understood his role in previous seasons and continued working hard in the wrestling room to get the opportunity he has earned as a senior.

"A lot of time, I've been a backup," he said. "You know that it's for the good of the team and you're just gonna get better and next season you're gonna try again. I've been stuck behind some good guys in my weight classes, putting me back in the lineup a bit. Just got to keep at it."

Ireton, who has been wrestling since third grade, can't imagine doing anything else.

"Wrestling's always been my one and only," he said. "I've tried everything else, like every kid does, but wrestling's the only thing that stuck."

The turning point in the match may have been the coin toss, which allowed Brighton to avoid putting one of its top wrestlers out against John Glenn's Mikey Mars, a two-time state champion. When Mars was sent out at 125 pounds, the Bulldogs took a void.

One of Mars' possible opponents, Eddie Homrock, won 10-6 over Kyle Borthwell at 130 in the only match featuring two state-ranked wrestlers. Another possible opponent for Mars, Zach Johnson, lost a 10-2 decision to state-ranked Isaac Lefler at 135.

"We figured out a million different ways and, really, on paper, the winner was winning the coin flip," John Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "We lost the coin flip, so we had to win a match or two that we weren't supposed to and it didn't happen. We needed Mikey Mars ... and Anthony Gibson, the two best kids on my team, to take out two of their best kids. They were able to avoid them. They won the coin flip. It's smart wrestling."

Wrestling

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up in the room into the mat. It felt really nice."

It was the signature victory this season for Bush, who improved to 22-13 overall.

"My goals are to get out of districts, wrestling well at regionals and hopefully get out of regionals and go to states," Bush said. "Definitely this is our most competitive tournament, the most fun, home crowd advantage ... feels nice winning, looking up in the crowd, seeing all your family members and all the guys have wrestled with you the whole year and look at you to get the win."

Observerland newcomer Monroe Jefferson, placing seven individuals in the finals and coming away with four titles, captured the team championship with an even 200 points.

The defending champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central varsity White squad was runner-up with 173.5, while Westland John Glenn's 'B' team took third with 169.5.

Host Churchill and another newcomer, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, tied for fourth with 152 each in the 18-school field.

"I actually liked the tournament," Jefferson coach Mike Humphrey said. "We

didn't know what we were getting into even when we got up here the day coming in. We wanted to have a good tournament where the kids could just get some good matches, not every match be killer, but all the kids work into some tough competition, whether it be in the finals, consolation finals or whatever it might be. This time of the year, we're not wanting to get beat up every match, but we want to see just one or two good matches."

Individual champions for Jefferson, a Division 3 school with an impressive 19-3 dual match record, included Dawson Gessner (112), Greg White (130), Caleb Garro (140) and Justin Duvall (160), the upper weights MVP who decisioned Canton's Chris Little in the finals, 6-2.

"Forest Hills Central, Catholic Central had some good kids," Humphrey said. "Our 140-pounder (Caleb Garro) beat the kid who was third in the state last year (Catholic Central's Rhett Newton), so that was a great win for him because he was just a regional qualifier. A lot of good competition once you get to the end."

While Catholic Central's top-ranked varsity Blue team, defending Division 1 team state champion, was competing in the Lowell Duals, the Shamrocks varsity White turned in another strong Observerland performance.

"Overall, it was a good day," CC assistant coach Mike Carrier said. "I thought

the guys who came in here and were supposed to get the job done did just that. We had a lot of young guys, too, that showed some promise. We probably could have won a few more closer matches in the semis and consolation semis, where could have had some other placers or seen some other finals qualifiers. But overall, pretty good job."

Individual winners for CC included Caleb White (103), who got past Franklin's Jager Kwiatkowski, 3-2; Jacob Bisdorf (125), who decisioned Berkley's Luke Borman, 9-5; Logan Sanom (145), who pinned Mott's Mystyr Sanders in 1:16; and Camden Trupp (130), who decisioned Jefferson's Greg White, 7-0.

"Logan Sanom was a killer all day at 145 today, tech falls and all pins ... that was great," Carrier said. "Jacob Bisdorf at 125, a sophomore, did a phenomenal job for us. And Camden Trupp, a freshman at 130, was great. Caleb, a sophomore at 103, was outstanding all day. And then Rhett Newton at 140, unfortunately, lost in the finals. He had a thumb injury, but overall, a really nice day. It's kind of setting us on a good track here as we go to the postseason."

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Monroe-Jefferson, 200 points; 2. Novi Detroit Catholic Central (White), 173.5; 3. Westland John Glenn (B), 169.5; 4. (tie) Livonia Churchill and Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 152 each; 6. Canton, 91.5; 7. Wayne Memorial, 84; 8. Farmington, 80; 9. Livonia Franklin (B), 77.5; 10. Berkley, 67; 11. Farmington Hills Harrison, 63; 12. Wetherford Mott, 60.5; 13. Garden City, 59; 14.

Houghton Lake, 49.5; 15. Bellevue, 23; 16. Romulus Summit Academy, 22; 17. Detroit Mumford Academy, 17; 18. Salem (B), 9.5.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RESULTS
103 pounds: Caleb White (CC) decisioned Jager Kwiatkowski (LF), 3-2; third place: Aidan Haupt (LC) dec. Ethan Brabant (Jeff.), 3-2; fifth place: Trevor Avierette (Farm.) dec. Dominic Megdanoff (WJG), 5-2.

112: Dawson Gessner (Jeff.) pinned Anthony Averette (Farm.), 3:20; third: Anthony Marchione (LC) p. Valentino Scicluna (CC), 2:30; fifth: Darnyn Smith (WJG) dec. Nathan McCollum (WJG), 5-4.
119: David Johnson (Houghton Lake) dec. Josh McGee (Jeff.), 7-2; third: Han Ting Wong (FHH) dec. Philip Burney (CC), 5-4; fifth: Rocco DiPonio (LF) p. Casey Tennant (WJG), 0:53.

125: Jacob Bisdorf (CC) dec. Luke Borman (Berkley), 9-5; third: Ian Abel (FHC) dec. Charles Kersten (WJG), 5-0; fifth: Jack Higley (Farm.) p. Dylan York (GC), 3:13.

130: Camden Trupp (CC) dec. Greg White (Jeff.), 7-0; third: Jake Justice (Farm.) p. Brandon McCollum (WJG), 2:06; fifth: Garrett Englehart (LC) dec. Nick Jaynes (LF), 6-2.

135: Drew Bush (LC) dec. Darian Lindemier (Mott), 6-4 (OT); third: Mitchell Winnie (Canton) dec. Scott Lange (Summit), 10-8; fifth: Chase Moscovik (CC) won by major dec. over Alex Nesovski (Canton), 9-0.

140: Caleb Garro (Jeff.) dec. Rhett Newton (CC), 6-3; third: Mike Bagwell (LC) dec. Pierce Slabodnik, 7-4; fifth: Cole Bagwell (WJG) dec. Michael Watson (Mumford), 13-10.

145: Logan Sanom (CC) p. Mystyr Sanders (Mott), 1:16; third: Zack Dehnke (Canton) dec. Tony Ulka (GC), 8-5; fifth: Alek Poremba (Jeff.) p. Jack Fowler (Farm.), 2:16.

152: Tyler Haggart (Houghton Lake) dec. Dylan Weiss (WJG), 15-12; third: Dylan Slowik (Canton) dec. Nolan Ott (FHC), 4-0; fifth: Keith Thompkins (GC) p. Connor McAnally (LC), 4:36.

160: Justin Duvall (Jeff.) dec. Chris Little (Canton), 6-2; third: Jalen Adams (Wayne) p. Jamison Irwin (LC), 1:26; fifth: Davis Gaudson (GC) won by injury default over Logan Valente (WJG).

171: Isaac Torrey (FHC) p. Justin Morrison (WJG), 0:51; third: Luke Losie (FHH) p. Preston Dixon (LC), 1:11; fifth: Zack Beckatt (LF) won by major dec. Jayvon Johnson (Wayne), 10-0.

189: Keegan Moore (FHC) won by injury default over Adam Hameveld (FHC); third: KeVaughn Henderson (Wayne) p. Hayden Rhoades (WJG), 2:21; fifth: Grant Imus (Mott) p. Jeremiah Loewen (Farm.), 2:23.

215: Thomas Eads (Jeff.) dec. Trace Schirmers (FHC), 6-3; third: Jacory Scott (WJG) p. Matt Wilson (LC), 1:41; fifth: Seth Udell (FHC) p. Niko Przeslawski (FHH), 0:50.
285: Bobacar Diop (Berkley) p. Tyler Hattley (Jeff.), 5:10; third: Justin Anaponye (Berkley) p. Doug West (Bellevue), 2:08; fifth: Chad Reeves (LF) dec. Devonte Miller (Mumford), 5-1.

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Allison Schmitt wipes away tears during the medal ceremony after the U.S. won the gold medal in the women's 800-meter freestyle relay at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games. MARTIN BUREAU | AFP/GETTY IMAGES



Tim Baechler, who recently retired after 20 winning seasons as Canton football coach, is among the first group to be inducted into the Canton Hall of Fame. FILE PHOTO

Hall

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berger originally was picked by the Chicago White Sox in 1978.

Posthumously honored will be John Young, a 1977 graduate who was a three-year varsity starter and team captain in football and baseball. Young, who graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy as a first lieutenant, tragically lost his life piloting a C130 transport jet.

Other than Schmitt, arguably the honoree with the highest profile is Thomas — a standout wide receiver and track star. Thomas was captain of the football team as a senior in 2004, when the Chiefs went undefeated.

He went on to star at Michigan State University and played from 2008-12 in the NFL, including with the New York Giants team that won Super Bowl XLVI

HAIL TO THE CHIEFS

What: The first induction class of the Canton Athletic Hall of Fame, celebrating 45 years of athletic excellence.

When: After honorees were introduced at halftime of the Tuesday, Jan. 30, boys basketball game between Canton and Salem (tip-off about 7:30 p.m.), they will be formally enshrined Saturday, Feb. 3.

Induction ceremony: The Canton Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner will take place beginning at 6 p.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 S. Lotz Road, in Canton.

Who: Honorees include the state finalist 2005 football team, coaches Bob Blohm (basketball), Tim Baechler (football), John Cunningham (gymnastics) and Fred Crissey (baseball) and athletes Allison Schmitt (swimming), Anne Morrell (soccer), Brian Stemburger (baseball), Dave Visser (basketball), Devin Thomas (football and track), John Young (baseball), Katey (Gilles) Branson (gymnastics), Katie Cezat (basketball), Paul Petersen (swimming) and Thomas Close (baseball).

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over New England.

The red carpet also will be rolled out for Anne Morrell (soccer, 2001); Katey

(Gilles) Branson (gymnast, 1997); Katie Cezat (basketball, 2005); Paul Peterson (swimming, 1979); and Dave Visser

(basketball, 1980).

"It's such a great honor to have my name included with these other amazing inductees," Morrell said. "All of us are unique in our own little ways and when you piece all our different qualities into one you get a group of true excellence."

A committee led by athletic director Vernon Crump led the process to choose the inductees.

According to an announcement about the induction, "We look forward to celebrating 45 years of rich athletic history with this prestigious honor. The Hall of Fame was organized as a means of recognizing, preserving and promoting the heritage of interscholastic sports at Canton High School."

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Sheldon

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mance's Jim Kielbaso, the 6-foot-5, 236-pound Sheldon and a handful of several NFL hopefuls, including Ferris State teammates Tavierre Thomas, Jevonte "Book" Alexander and Brandon Walker, train weekly with the hope of just earning a spot in an NFL pro day and eventually getting a tryout.

"I actually trained Brady when he was in high school at Novi," Kielbaso said. "And when he came back, before his senior year (at Ferris), he was bigger, taller, stronger, faster ... like he had just completely, like, blossomed. It was, like, that late bloomer thing and right away your could see his explosiveness was crazy. For his size, to be able to move that smoothly and that quickly — just not a lot of people have that quality."

Sheldon was first discovered by NFL scouts during Central Michigan's pro day last spring.

"I didn't have as good of a senior season as my junior year," Sheldon said. "I knew if I just had a good combine, that maybe I'd get looked at."

Strong pro day

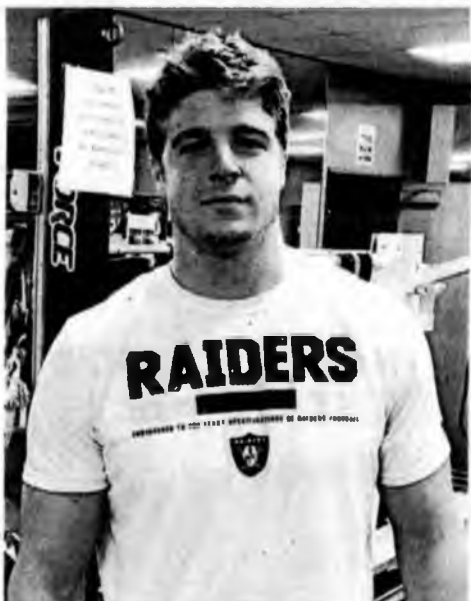
Sheldon weighed 228 entering the CMU combine, but caught a stomach bug and his weight dropped to 215.

"It ended up being a blessing," Sheldon said. "I ran a 4.47 (40-yard dash), jumped a 10-5 broad jump, 37-inch vertical (jump). They cut me short on bench (press) because I hit 19, but they only gave me 15. So that went really well and Jim got me super-prepared. These guys at Total are the best of the best for the combine and getting us ready."

The Raiders were the first to call, inviting Sheldon to their rookie mini-camp. He also received invites from the Baltimore Ravens and Kansas City Chiefs.

"I went with the first one," Sheldon said. "I was a nickel, strong safety in college, then (the Raiders) moved me to (strong side) linebacker, which is a glorified defensive end. I weighed 230. Bruce Irvin and Shilique Calhoun are 260, 265. I felt a little underweight, but I felt I could use my speed and, basically, it was a little rough putting my hand in the dirt. Coach Ken Norton Jr. was coaching me up a lot on my stance and, by third and fourth day of mini-camp, I was getting to quarterback and I was thinking, 'Maybe this is my calling.'"

But the Raiders didn't sign Sheldon



Brady Sheldon works out. BRAD EMONS

and he went back home for a month of training again at Total. Oakland then invited him back to mandatory mini-camp, where he was stationed at the same spot on defense.

Back-and-forth

"I said, 'This is it, this is my position, let me gain some weight and see if I can do it at this position,'" Sheldon said. "And obviously, special teams is where I'd be the most valuable. They didn't sign me, but it was a six-week period before training camp and I came back home. They talked to me like I was going to be in training camp and 10 days before they signed me. In training camp ... I did OK, but they saw me as a bigger value on special teams. I was there up until the last day and they cut me Sept. 2."

Sheldon returned home for 10 weeks and switched up his lifting techniques and performed Olympic-type workouts each day at 6:30 a.m. at Total.

Sheldon, who earned a small business management degree at Ferris, took a job with Precision Satellite, going door-to-door for Direct TV dish sales to help pay the bills during his 10-week hiatus.

"Jim's really good at keeping our mentality high and our attitudes up and just make sure ... just keep us level-headed, basically," Sheldon said. "And that helped a lot. That allowed me to keep my head down and just kept on grinding. I trusted the process and it ended up working out."

Prior to the Oakland-Patriots game Nov. 19 in Mexico City, Sheldon was signed to the Raiders practice squad.

Making his way

"I fly in on Monday and they put me on the practice team ... the best feeling ever," Sheldon said. "They put me at inside linebacker, which is where I wanted to be, with more space behind the line where I could run. And that's my strength. I think they liked me a lot there and, in four weeks, they moved me up to active roster."

Sheldon was one of four Ferris State players to suit up in the pros this season, joining Jason Vander Laan (Indianapolis Colts), Jake Lampman (Tampa Bay Buccaneers practice squad) and Justin Zimmer (CFL Montreal Alouettes).

Sheldon began playing football in the fifth grade at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth before moving to the Novi Bobcats as a running back.

"In the sixth and seventh grade, I was on par with everyone else, but eighth, ninth and 10th (grade), everybody was way bigger than me," Sheldon said. "Then continuously, I kept growing, but it was never a big growth spurt, so I never grew three inches at once. It was just gradual. As a sophomore, when I was 16, I was 6-foot, 140."

Sheldon's mother Angela was athletic and his late grandfather Bob Armstrong played football at Michigan State. His three uncles were all athletic as well, one playing for the USFL's New Jersey Generals and at Penn, another at Duke, while another was an Olympic decathlete.

Prep career

At Novi, Sheldon played both football and basketball. In football, he was a 6-3, 183-pound slot-back and safety.

The only school to recruit Sheldon, who was an all-Oakland County selection his senior year under coach Todd Pennycuff, was Ferris State.

"Truthfully, he was recruited by the previous coaching staff (under Jeff Pierce) and when we got there, we thought there would be a very solid plan over time and that came into fruition," current Ferris State coach Tony Annese said. "When we first got there, we didn't view him as a for-sure guy right then, but he kept on growing, kept on working hard ... he was just a joy to coach with a great personality, always smiling, always happy and he, obviously, ended up being a big force for us."

In 2011, Sheldon received a medical red-shirt and, in 2012, he got his first taste of action for the Bulldogs, appearing in five games as a reserve and on special teams.

In 2013, he played in just two games, recording 13 tackles. After not playing in 2014, when he red-shirted again, the linebacker began to take off 2015 as Ferris captured its second straight Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title and reached the NCAA Division II playoffs, as he finished with a total of 43 tackles, including 21 solo stops. He also intercepted a pass for a 51-yard pick-six touchdown in the postseason. He also recorded a total of 12 pass break-ups.

Total training

Prior to his final season (2016) at Ferris and just six credits shy of graduating, Sheldon took the spring semester off to go back and train at Total with the 2016 NFL Draft hopefuls.

He returned in the fall and the Bulldogs finished 12-3, reaching the semifinals of the NCAA Division II playoffs before falling to Northwest Missouri State, 35-20.

Sheldon finished the year with 54 total tackles, including 28 solo in 14 games.

"He was a guy when we took over there that was a little bit thinner, tall with not a lot of muscle mass," Annese said. "He just continued to grow and work hard and all of a sudden became one of the fastest guys on the team — 6-5, 225, and could really run around. So over time, it was, like, 'Wow, he's grown into a big old guy that can cover, close down space very effectively and tackle in open space, bring him off the edge to rush the quarterback.' He became the full package for us as time progressed."

Sheldon keeps in constant contact with his former coach,

"I talk to him all the time," Annese said. "He's one of those guys that Face Times me all the time. When we get off the phone, he always says, 'I love you, coach' and I say, 'I love you, Brady.' He's a very good young man and (I'm) very proud of him."

"He's got just such a positive attitude," Kielbaso said. "He's not a different person, so he's still very humble, but he's got a little more confidence now. He realizes what he has to do so that he knows he can fit in. And you can just see he's just got a little bit more confidence, not that he was shy or anything before, but now he knows. It's interesting, he still acts like the same kid even when he was back at Novi. Just a down-to-earth guy."

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BOY BASKETBALL

MSU recruits spark Belleville to win vs. Thurston

Brown, Williams spur Tigers to 80-37 WWAC Blue Division victory

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Asked if Belleville was the best team he's faced this season, Redford Thurston boys basketball coach Brian Bates didn't hesitate.

"Absolutely, by far," said Bates, whose team fell 80-37 to the highly-regarded Tigers in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division clash Friday.

Visiting Belleville, a preseason top 20 team, was led by two Michigan State signees.

Gabe Brown, a 6-foot-7 senior hoop recruit, finished with a game-high 15 points to go along with eight rebounds and three blocks, while 6-2 senior guard Davion Williams, a football signee, wound up with 14 points.

Eight different Belleville players had scored by halftime as the Tigers (7-4, 4-0) roared out to a 43-23 advantage.

"They're so athletic," Bates said of the Tigers.

"Everybody they brought in was athletic. That's what stood out to me."

Senior Kaevon Merriweather and junior Andrew Leamy both added 10 points as Belleville made it a rout in the second half by outscoring Thurston in the third quarter, 27-9.

The Tigers stretched their lead to 40-point mark midway through the final quarter to invoke a running clock.

Thurston was coming off a 76-73 loss Jan. 23 to WWAC Blue Division co-leader Romulus, but couldn't keep up with Belleville's frenetic pace.

"We work on transition defense and we just didn't back in transition," Bates said. "And they ran floor well and they leak people out because they know they're going to get the rebound. They're just so athletic — even when we got back in transition, they're going over us and they're bigger than us."

Thurston (6-5, 1-3) also committed a total of 20 turnovers.



Brown

"It's the best defense we've played against all season long," Bates said. "They got out, they play fast-paced and they even sped us up even more than that. They had that one stretch where they really sped us up and we had turnovers in there."

Brown's style of play reminds some of former UNLV and NBA player Stacey Augmon, nicknamed "Plastic Man," who was a long-armed lefty, too, with graceful and slashing-style moves to the basket.

"Gabe played well," Belleville coach Adam Trumpour said. "We've challenged him to go to the basket a little bit more, not settle for his jumper, even though he's an excellent shooter. We want that balance out of his game. He attacked well tonight. Good solid game for him, especially on that end of the floor from Gabe."

"What got things rolling for us was defense and our coach pushing us hard on the sidelines," Brown said. "And us just running in transition and showing that energy that we have."

"Things are coming together. We still have to work on things every day."

Gabe Brown

Brown was an efficient 6-of-9 from the floor and, as a team, the Tigers shot a blistering 54.6 percent (35-of-64), with many coming on layups.

"Things are coming together," Brown said. "We still have to work on things every day. Our energy is still going up and down every day. We've got to correct that if we want to be a state championship team. But it was real good tonight."

Here are four other takeaways:

PLYMOUTH TRANSFER
Belleville has added forward Connor Bush to the starting lineup. He became eligible Jan. 16 after transferring from Plymouth. It was Bush's fifth game for the Tigers.

He finished the night with four points against Thurston after scoring eight in a lopsided 71-29 win Jan. 23 over Dearborn Fordson.

"He's a great kid," Trumpour said. "Even off the basketball court, I've had him in class. High-character kid and works hard. He's a really good human being and, obviously, on the basketball court, he's competitive, great athlete and wants to be really good. He's really worked on his left hand,

worked on his shooting. Hit a couple of threes the other night for us, just gives us another piece to the puzzle and, obviously, we're fortunate to have him the next two (years) as well."

SHOOTING WOES

The Eagles shot only 13-of-46 from the floor (28.2 percent) and leading scorer Karlos Berry, a senior guard, finished with just six points on 2-of-8 shooting. (Darrell Anderson also had six points off the bench.)

"He did struggle," Bates said of Berry. "Karlos is having a good year. We talked about a few things at halftime. And they're long. He got in there a few times and he's not used to playing against that. They'd come from the weak side and block his shot and he's just not used to that at all."

FALLING BEHIND

Belleville spotted the Eagles a 9-4 lead at the start before outscoring Thurston 18-3 to end the first quarter.

"Losing the tip right away kind of set us back a little bit," Trumpour said.

"(Brian Bates) had those guys ready to play and it was a big Friday night game for them and they

were excited to play us."

But before long, it was off to the races for the Tigers.

"We got a little more up-tempo and pushed the pace and got it going a little bit," Trumpour said. "We're fortunate. We're very blessed with a lot of talented guys right now. They're good kids, they're sharing the ball right, they're playing both ends. When we get on a roll, we're difficult to deal with when we play that hard together."

MSU FALLOUT?

In the wake of the Larry Nassar sentencing last week and more revelations by ESPN's "Outside The Lines" about accusations of the Michigan State's handling of sexual assault allegations against members of the football and basketball program, Trumpour decided it was best for his two players, MSU-bound Brown and Williams, not to comment on the situation.

"Go green, that's all I'm going to say," said Trumpour, who has ties to Michigan State basketball coach Tom Izzo having worked at his summer camps. "Obviously, there is some stuff up there that you don't want to see occur. I'm not in the know enough to make an intelligent comment on it."

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 07, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **EMERSON PARK JSP 17-10 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLANDS PERMIT, WOODLANDS PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED OS-1 (OFFICE SERVICE) WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM OS-1 (OFFICE SERVICE) TO RM-2 (HIGH DENSITY MID-RISE MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).** The subject property is approximately 24-acre and is located on the west of Novi Road and north of Ten Mile Road in Section 22. The applicant is proposing a development of 120-unit multi-family attached condominiums with frontage and access to Novi Road. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-22-400-006, 50-22-22-400-007, 50-22-22-400-019 and 50-22-22-400-020

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 07, 2018.

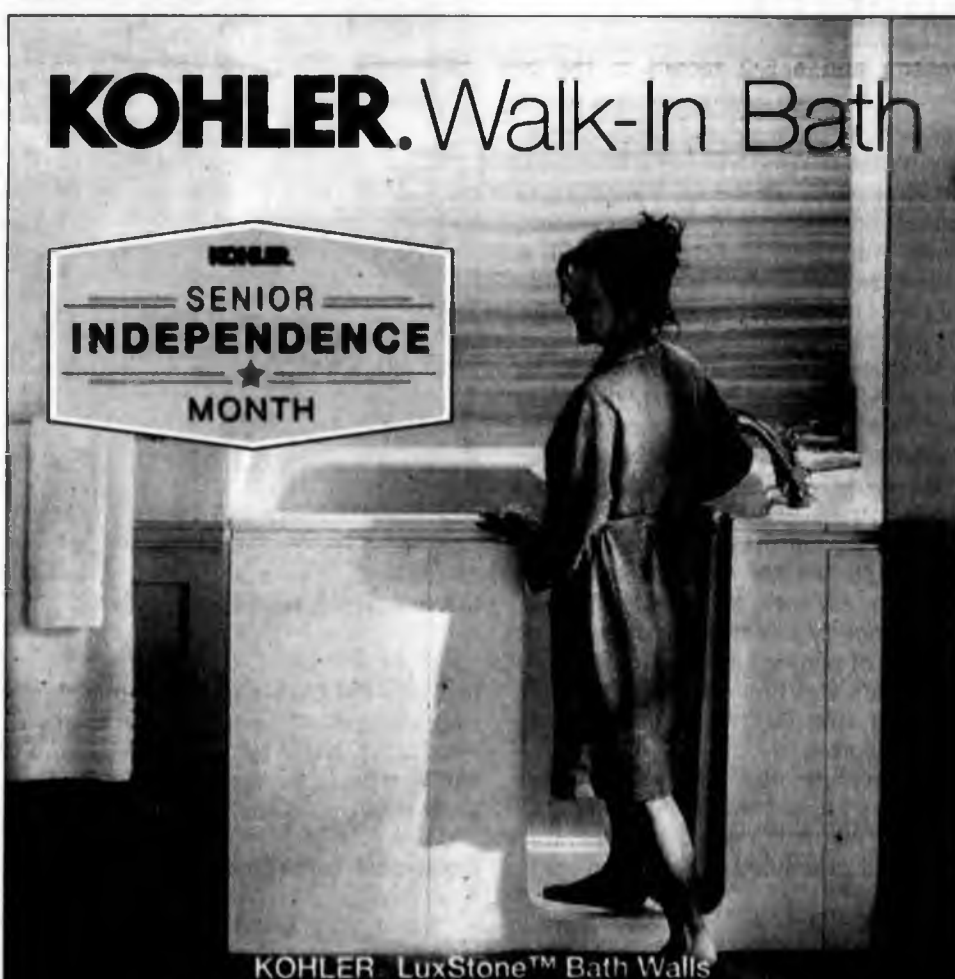
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BOYS HOCKEY

Tulpa nets two in Hartland's win over Northville

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Brenden Tulpa is one of the reasons why Jake Behnke has been such a dangerous goal scorer for Hartland's boys hockey team this season.

Tulpa has set up some of Behnke's biggest goals, but hasn't had much luck when he's directed the puck toward the net.

"He's been bit a couple times," Hartland coach Rick Gadwa said. "He's hit a lot of posts. He's had some breakaways and a goaltender has made a good save."

Tulpa is capable of providing a goal-scoring complement to Behnke, as he showed by scoring two goals and setting up another Jan. 24 in Hartland's 3-0 victory over Northville at Novi Ice Arena.

It was the first multiple-goal performance for Tulpa in his last 37 games after he had two early last season.

With the two goals, Tulpa has seven goals and 11 assists in 15 games to rank third in scoring on the second-ranked team in Division 2.

"I've been struggling to put the puck in the net," Tulpa said. "I haven't been hitting the net lately. So, luckily, I got a few goals tonight. I like to think of my-



Vlad Sarceвич of Hartland plays the puck in front of Northville goalie Owen Moruzi. TIMOTHY ARRICK | FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

self more as a playmaker, especially playing with Jake Behnke. He has a ton of goals this year."

On Hartland's first goal, Josh Albring carried the puck into the zone on a power play and slid it across to Tulpa, who

put a shot past the blocker of Northville goalie Owen Moruzi 41 seconds into the second period.

On the second goal, Tulpa took a pass from Behnke in the right circle, paused for a moment, then fired the puck past

Moruzi on the power play with 14:42 left in the game.

Tulpa passed the puck across the net to Joey Larson for a back-door goal to complete the scoring with 7:10 remaining, also on the power play.

"He's just a guy we have to have score goals," Gadwa said. "I think it's coming for him. That started tonight with two."

On the other end, Brett Tome got his first shutout of the season after having two spoiled in the final seconds of games against Hancock and Detroit U-D Jesuit.

"I felt it from warmups, like I did against Hancock," Tome said. "I just felt it right before I stepped on the ice."

Hartland was 3-of-6 on the power play against the No. 6 team in Division 1.

"They've got tons of skill," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "Our goal was to stay out of the penalty box. We didn't want to give their skill a lot of opportunities. Unfortunately, we went to the box a little bit and their skill showed. We're playing well. We're having a tough time scoring now. We're getting opportunities and just not scoring."

Hartland is in first place in the KLAA Gold with a 6-1-1 record, while Northville dropped to 6-4.

COLLEGE RECRUITING

Dartmouth-bound Paxton speaks different language

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Detroit Catholic Central Andrew Paxton not only graded out high this season as an offensive lineman, but he grades out even higher in the classroom.

That's why the 6-foot-4, 280-pound left tackle, who carries a 4.2 GPA and scored a 32 on his ACT exam, had several Ivy League schools knocking at his door.

"I kind of decided last year that Ivy is kind of where I wanted to go ... academics are really important to me," Paxton said.

Dartmouth College, coming off an 8-2 season and a 5-2 record in the Ivy League, seemed to offer the best of both worlds for the cerebral Paxton.

"World-class education, (plus) all the players I met there were extremely amazing people," he said. "The coaches were top of the line. As soon as I got on campus, I kind of knew it was the place for me."

Paxton, who also visited Yale and had preferred walk-on offers from Stanford and Tulane, plans to study international business.

And when he arrives next fall in Hanover, N.H., he'll have a leg up academically on the competition, because he speaks a foreign language.

Paxton speaks fluent Mandarin. He was first exposed to the language as a first-grade elementary school student in Fishers, Ind.

"They had a Chinese program for the younger kids, I really enjoyed it, so I kind of just stuck with it," said Paxton, whose family moved to South Lyon when he was in third grade.

Catholic Central proved to be a great fit because, ironically, it also offers Mandarin as part of its curriculum.

"It seems like it's becoming more popular these days," said Paxton, who made a trip last spring to visit China with his father Barry.

At CC, Andrew is taking challenging classes such as accounting, math and AP calculus.

"He's a very smart, very intelligent young man," CC head coach Dan Anderson said. "He's the captain of our Chinese Quiz Bowl team, as well (which has finished first and second in the state the last two years). He speaks Chinese fluently and his grades are off the charts ... heck of a young man."

Paxton, who turned 18 last Nov. 11, played baseball, basketball and swam growing up. He first got exposed to football with the South Lyon Panthers. But when he entered Catholic Central as a freshman, he was only 6-0 and weighed 210 pounds.

A late bloomer, Paxton didn't start for the Shamrocks varsity squad until the final game his junior year, when CC fell to Detroit Cass Tech in the Division 1 state championship at Ford Field.

But according to Anderson, Paxton improved "leaps and bounds" entering his senior year.

"In the off-season, he just kind of dedicated himself to making himself ready to play," Anderson said. "He was voted in as a captain and just really took



Catholic Central left tackle Andrew Paxton is Ivy League-bound for Dartmouth College.

off for us this year. He did a great job for us."

Paxton worked on improving his footwork and hand speed at a boxing gym in Brighton during his free time.

"I spent a lot of time in the weight room, did a lot of personal stuff with coach (Guy) Monarch, the (CC) strength trainer, went to a lot of camps and tried to improve my crafts," Paxton said.

Paxton became of the anchor of the

Shamrocks' offensive line this fall, along with University of Toledo signee Nick Carey, as they finished 9-4.

And despite falling short against eventual state champion Clarkston in the Division 1 playoffs, it still turned out to be a rewarding season for Paxton, who made the grade individually by earning all-Catholic and Detroit Free Press all-Metro North honors, as well as Division 1 honorable mention all-state.

"Obviously, it was a little disappointing only making it to semifinals," Paxton said. "I think everybody really wanted to win the state championship this year, but it was still a great year being with all the other teammates."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Lakeland junior skier Katie White was named hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week.

Lakeland skier wins weekly online voting

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White Lake Lakeland's Katie White has been on a mission so far this season on the ski slopes.

And the junior was rewarded by being voted hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week after garnering a total of 2,933 votes (61.32 percent). Canton hockey player Paul Maurer runner-up with 1,818 (38.01 percent).

White has led the Eagles to a 6-0 start in the Southeast Michigan Ski League's Alpine Division, including wins this week over Hartland (27-58) and Birmingham Marian (30-43), where she placed first overall in the giant slalom (37.84) and second overall in the giant slalom (41.93).

The previous week, White finished

first overall in both events in victories over rival Milford (36-40) and Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart-Livonia Ladywood (33-40).

Last year, she earned Division 1 all-state honors at Nub's Nob, finishing eighth in both the slalom and giant slalom. She was runner-up at the Mt. Brighton regional in the slalom and fifth in the GS.

White, who is also a member of the Lakeland equestrian team, began skiing at age 3 and few years later started competing in NASTAR events.

"I joined different coaching teams, which has definitely helped me grow," White said. "I hope to continue skiing as a sport. I'm not sure what I'll do as far as competing, but I'm going to make sure skiing is going to be a part of my life."

White also excel academically. She is



White

a member of the National Honor Society and carries a 3.66 grade-point average.

"My favorite class right now is AP psychology, but I'm more into arts and stuff like that rather than math, I guess," White said.

White's goals: "This season, I hope to make it to states again and, honestly, just do my personal best. I think that's the most satisfying to me, knowing that I put in the work I needed to. The season actually has gone pretty well. We had a little iffy points with the rain we've just had, but so far we've had good training and our coaches have been helping us a lot. And I think the team has been really improving this year. Everyone is really dedicated to doing well this year."

Coach Sue Wiberg on White: "She's just really maturing this year and is de-

termined unlike any other skier out there this year, I think. She's just a strong competitor. She has that determination written all over her. Here personality off the race course ... she's just any easy going teenager having fun and then, once she gets out on that race course, her face says that determination."

On winning Athlete of the Week: "I was really happy about it," White said. "My family was really into it. I was really into it. I'm really thankful I ended up being nominated for that. I was really surprised to be on it in the first place."

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YOUTH WRESTLING

Michigan Matcats rack up more weekend titles

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The Michigan Matcats produced five champions and came away with the most wins, pins and points Sunday in the Mid-Michigan Wrestling Association Open at Fenton High School.

The event was sponsored by the Fenton Wrestling Club.

Among the champions for the Matcats were Mason Aluia, Devin McKinney, Kaleigh Kiesgan, Tyler Swanigan and Travis Richardson.

Runner-up finishers for the Matcats were Knox Plave, Sullivan Hass, Brandon Oliver, Peter House, Hunter Skatzka, Tayden Plave, Rayna Richardson, Grace Gallop and Jace Garcia.

Third place went to Gabriel Rzyzi, Gabriel Adam, Brogan Hass, Simeon Mardossian, Daniel Russel and Benjamin Leece, while Aidan Garcia and Jason Conklin each placed fourth.

Mardossian, in his first event back from a near season-ending knee injury, scored the first, fifth and seventh fastest pins on the day.

On Jan. 27, the Matcats also traveled to Clare for the North East Michigan Wrestling Association Class B & C Open with Aluia, Wesley Honiss, Gavin Boller, Carter McGlinch and Tayden Plave each winning a title.

The event, sponsored by the Clare Youth Wrestling Club, served as a qualifier for the regional as Rzyzi, Richardson and Aidan Meyers each took second.

Finishing thirds were Kiesgan and Mardossian, while plaing fourth were Skylar McGlinch and Nathen Main.

In the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association Bright Duals on Sunday, the Matcats' sixth-grade team stayed undefeated on the season, sweeping Summit Wrestling (69-18), Flint (67-8), Brighton (63-20), Warren (70-12), Birch Run (83-0) and Lowell (63-10) to earn first place.

And despite the third-grade team hit by the flu bug, the Matcats placed seventh overall.

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Matcat coaches go over strategy at the MYWAY Brighton Duals. RANDY HONISS

LVC ROUNDUP

Lakeland hockey cruises by Knights

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Boys hockey

LAKELAND 9, WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 1: Justin Smith had two goals and two assists, while Tyler Martin assisted on four goals on Jan. 27 as White Lake Lakeland (12-6, 7-2) downed the Knights (7-8-1, 2-5-1) in a Lakes Valley Conference game at Lakeland Ice Arena.

The victorious Eagles, who led 4-0 after one period and 6-1 after two, also got contributions from Alex Libby (one goal, two assists), Max Cohen (one goal, two assists), Jacob Lesnew (two goals), Blake Jackson (one goal, one assist), Hayden Baker (one goal, one assist) and Jacob Brown (one assist).

Ethan Schnieder scored for Northern in the second period. Lakeland starting goalie Bryce Samoylov made 10-of-11 saves, while Jason Loo had six saves.

MILFORD 1, STONEY CREEK 0: Goalie Hunter Bartholomew made 38 saves and Nathan Brennan scored on a rebound early in the third period to give the Mavericks (10-9) the non-conference win Jan. 27 over Rochester Stoney Creek (9-8) at the Hartland Sports Center.

Jacob Briggs assisted on the game-winner and Bartholomew earned his second straight shutout.

Stoney Creek's Brady O'Shea made 28 saves.

WOODHAVEN 6, LAKELAND 3: Carlsen MacDonell had two goals and one assist as Brownstown Woodhaven (13-3) scored five unanswered goals, including three via power play during the final period, to upend White Lake Lakeland (11-6) in a non-conference game Jan. 24 at the Brownstown Sports Center.

Carson Foradori chipped in one goal and two assists, while Daniel Bennett and Brandon Wylie both added a goal and assist for the Warriors, who trailed 3-1 in the second period. Dylan Downey notched the other Woodhaven goal.

Lakeland goals came from Tyler Martin, Jake Lesnew and Ben Getzen, while assists went to Ryan Ramboer, Max Cohen, Nick Hrobosky, Nik Casianelli and Blake Jackson.

Jason Kornoelje made all 14 saves in net after replacing Garrett Zvoch in the second period for Woodhaven, while Lakeland goalie Jason Loo had 23 saves.

MILFORD 8, WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 3: Brent Anderson enjoyed a four-point night with a goal and three assists and goaltender Hunter Bartholomew made 39 saves as the Mavericks (9-9, 5-5) downed the Knights (7-6-1, 2-4-1) in a Lakes Valley Conference game Jan. 24 at Lakeland Ice Arena.

Milford, which outscored Northern in the final period 4-1, also got offensive contributions from Mitchell Balaka, Ben Kozar, Kazuma Bowring and Nathan Brennan — all with one goal and one assist each.

Nathan Brennan had the other Mavs goals while assists went to Jacob Quinn (two), Jack Chaldecott and Andrew Thiele.

Trevor Lablanc scored twice and McKenzie Hunter had the other goal for Northern.

NOTRE DAME PREP 4, MILFORD 3 (OT): Will Caton scored the game-winner just 45 seconds into overtime as Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (11-5-1) defeated the Mavericks (9-8) in a non-league battle Jan. 23 at the Hartland Sports Center.

Nick Wagner added two goals and two assists, while Matt Knill added a goal and two assists for the Fighting Irish, who scored three times in the second period. Zach VanSolkema also had three assists for Notre Dame.

Ben Kozar (power play), Nathan Brennan and Sam Hewitt tallied goals for Milford. Assists went to Tyler Conklin, Dan Onofrio and Jacob Quinn.

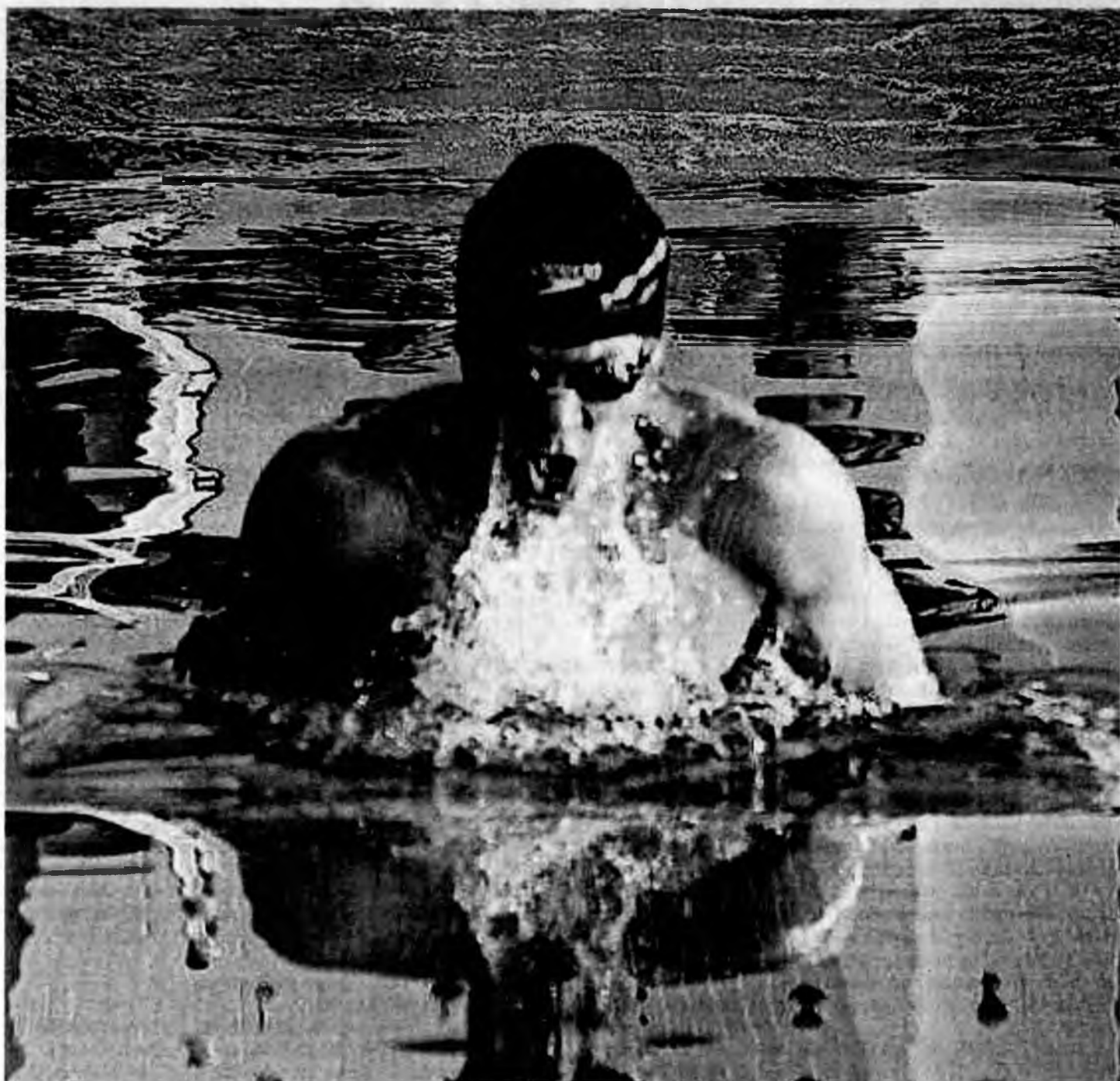
Goalie Chase Tabor made 27 saves for the Mavs, while Michael Conroy finished with 15 for the Irish.

Boys basketball

MOTT 64, LAKELAND 59: Senior center Cass Phillips filled up the state sheet with 17 points, 16 rebounds and six assists, but it wasn't enough Jan. 26 as visiting White Lake Lakeland (8-4, 4-4) fell shot against first-place Waterford Mott (10-1, 8-0) in a Lakes Valley Conference game.

Patrick McDonald and Cody McComas added 14 and 11 points, respectively, for the Eagles, who trailed 24-21 at halftime and 41-37 after three quarters. Lakeland made 14-of-19 free throws.

Mott's David McCullum scored a



South Lyon Unified's Max Topping captured the 100-yard breaststroke at the Best of the Underclassmen meet at Howe Parker. JENNIFER TOPPING

game-high 20 points, while Ashton Franklin added 11. The Corsairs made 15-of-22 foul shots.

"Our guys really competed hard against a great Mott team," Lakeland coach Ron Thompson said. "In these types of games you have to protect the ball and we didn't tonight. Give Mott credit for upping the pressure. We learned a lot tonight and will be better in these types games going forward."

MILFORD 56, SOUTH LYON EAST 38: On Jan. 26, junior center Gunnar Gustafson scored a game-high 21 points and junior guard Nolan Rand added 14 as the Mavericks (7-3, 6-2) toppled the Cougars (4-8, 1-7) in a Lakes Valley Conference game.

Milford, which led 23-17 at halftime, outscored East in the third quarter 24-10 to take control. The Mavs made 13-of-21 foul shots.

Zack Guietts-Stafford, Marc Garland and Nick Branton paced East with eight points apiece. The Cougars were 4-of-6 from the line.

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 57, SOUTH LYON 49: Jake Haver's 20 points paced a balance offensive attack Jan. 26 as the Knights (7-5, 5-3) downed the host Lions (6-6, 3-5) in a LVC game.

Andre Price and Andy Millikan chipped in 15 and 10, respectively, for Northern.

Ben Call scored a team-high 15 for South Lyon.

MILFORD 57, WALLED LAKE WESTERN 32: Senior forward Kyle Soderberg scored a game-high 22 points as the second-place Mavericks (6-3, 5-2) stayed in the LVC race with a victory Jan. 23 over visiting Walled Lake Western (5-4, 5-2).

Junior center Gunnar Gustafson added 20 points, while senior guard Alden Warzecha contributed 11 for Milford, which outscored the Warriors 20-10 in the third quarter after leading 23-15 at halftime. The Mavs made 12-of-22 free throws.

J.T. Sarafa sparked the defensive effort as the Mavericks held Western's top scorer Myles Dalton without a point. Spencer Brown and Randall Harris led the Warriors with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

"It was a great win and we had a good night shooting the ball," Milford coach David Gilbert said.

LAKELAND 41, KETTERING 36: On Jan. 23, senior center Cass Phillips finished with 11 points and 16 rebounds as host White Lake Lakeland (8-3, 4-3) downed Waterford Kettering (2-7, 1-6) in a LVC game.

Cody McComas chipped in with 15 points for the victorious Eagles, while Zach Belz led the Captains with a game-high 17.

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 55, SOUTH LYON EAST 43: Andre Price tallied a game-high 17 points to lead four players in double figures Jan. 23 as the host Knights (6-5, 4-3) downed the Cougars (4-7, 1-6) in a LVC encounter.

Also notching double figures for Northern was Andy Millikan (12), Kevyn Robertson (10) and Jake Haver (10).

Nick Branton and Zack Guietts-Stafford led East with 16 and 14, respectively.

Girls basketball

SOUTH LYON EAST 45, MILFORD 37: Senior Mackenzie Mallory poured in a game-high 22 points on Jan. 26 to power the Cougars (10-3, 8-1) to the Lakes Valley Conference triumph over the visiting Mavericks (5-8, 4-5).

Rachel Waranauckas also added eight points for East, which broke a 22-all halftime deadlock with an 11-2 third quarter run. The Cougars made 8-of-11 free throws.

Milford's Olivia Seestadt had nine points and nine rebounds, while Megan Wallace also added nine points. Allison Smith chipped in eight points and eight board as the Mavs made 6-of-8 foul shots.

SOUTH LYON 60, WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 53: Morgan Booth scored 15 points and Sarah Ash added 12 as the Lions (6-6, 4-5) rallied in the final quarter Jan. 16 with a 19-9 run to beat the host Knights (5-8, 4-9).

Danielle Booth scored all 10 of her points in the final quarter to spark the rally, while Paulina Swain and Chloe Grimes chipped in nine and eight, respectively. South Lyon made 9-of-18 free throws.

Northern's Courtney Callahan led all scorers with 24 points, while teammate Grace Fredericks added 10. The Knights went 13-of-24 from the foul line.

SOUTH LYON EAST 51, WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 36: Senior Mackenzie Mallory led a balanced scoring attack with 13 points on Jan. 23 as the host Cougars (9-3, 7-1) remained in a first place tie in the Lakes Valley Conference with a win over the Knights (5-7, 4-4).

Sophomore Lucy Cronin added 10 points, while sophomore Rachel Waranauckas and freshman Ella Robinson each contributed eight for East, which went 2-of-3 from the foul line.

Northern, which trailed 26-23 at halftime, was outscored 17-6 in the third quarter.

Senior Courtney Callahan scored 10 for the Knights, who made only 3-of-10 foul shots.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 68, MILFORD 38: Sophomore Jenna Galecki scored a game-high 18 points and junior Sarah Rachiele added 17 as the Warriors

(11-1, 7-1) rolled to an LVC win Jan. 23 over the visiting Mavericks (3-7, 1-7).

Olivia Seestadt scored 12 points and pulled down 15 rebounds in a losing cause as Milford was unable to overcome a 23-8 first quarter deficit.

KETTERING 64, LAKELAND 27: In a LVC game Jan. 23, host Waterford Kettering (7-4, 6-2) rolled past White Lake Lakeland (0-12, 0-8).

Boys swimming

CLASH OF THE UNDERCLASSMEN: In the Clash of the Underclassmen meet Jan. 27 at Howell Parker, South Lyon Unified (475) took the title followed by the host Highlanders (382), Grand Blanc (353), North Farmington (336), Brighton (330), Hartland (201) Milford (75) and White Lake Lakeland (41).

Max Topping led SLU with a win in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:04.94).

Other top six SLU placers included Blake Vaughn, second, 1-meter diving (295.45); John Abernethy, second, 500 freestyle (5:16.15); third, 200 freestyle (2:00.24); Jared Keeney, third, 100 butterfly (59.02); 100 backstroke (58.80); Eric Perczak, third, 100 butterfly (59.02); sixth, 200 IM (2:14.22); Vince Adragna, fourth, 50 freestyle (24.77); fifth, 100 freestyle (55.09); Nick Finn, fifth, 100 breaststroke (1:12.28); Owen Showek, sixth, 200 freestyle (2:06.94); 500 freestyle (5:52.64).

Lakeland diver Austin Kolb took fourth and teammate Luke Dittman was eighth. Other Lakeland scorers included Peyton Triplette, 10th (100 freestyle) and 14th (100 breaststroke); and Maksym Rozhko (100 freestyle and 100 backstroke).

SOUTH LYON 124, LAKELAND 60: Max Kempisty and Christian Etnyre both figured in three first-place finishes as Lakes Valley Conference leader South Lyon Unified (7-1, 3-0) captured eight of 12 events in a dual victory Jan. 25 over White Lake Lakeland (0-5, 0-3) in a meet at South Lyon East.

Kempisty took first in the 100-yard freestyle (49.60) and 100 breaststroke (1:07.70), while Etnyre took the 100 butterfly (56.61) and 100 backstroke (1:01.17). They also teamed up with Brandon Bell and Joey Younkin for a victory in the 200 medley relay (1:48.59).

Other individual winners for SLU included Logan Boals in the 200-yard freestyle (1:57.59) and Bell in the 200 individual medley (2:13.29). The foursome of Bell, Kellen Weeks, Jared Keeney and Younkin also captured the 400 freestyle relay (3:40.60).

Lakeland's Jack Winslow won the 50

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KLAA ROUNDUP

Novi, Northville waylaid in Gold chase

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Boys basketball

GRAND BLANC 68, NOVI 63: The Wildcats (6-6, 5-3) had their five-game winning streak snapped Jan. 26 at home as Lonnell Martin led the victorious Bobcats (8-3, 5-2) with 19 points in a KLAA Gold Division encounter.

Cedric Givens and Goliath Mitchell added 17 and 12, respectively, as Grand Blanc made a 36-24 halftime lead hold up.

Traveon Maddox Jr. paced Novi with 20 points, while Giovanni Miles and Trendon Hankerson added 16 and 15, respectively.

BRIGHTON 42, NORTHVILLE 39: Keenan Stolz scored a game-high 21 points, including 7-of-7 from the foul line on Jan. 26 as the host Bulldogs (5-6, 1-5) knocked the Mustangs (9-4, 5-3) out of first place in the KLAA's Gold Division.

Junior Steven Morrissey scored 17 to lead Northville, which was outscored 29-18 in the second half. The Mustangs' Daniel McLaughlin had a triple try go in-and-out at the buzzer that would have forced overtime.

"Tonight a lot of worst fears came true," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "Brighton certainly deserved to win and outplayed us in every phase. Credit to them. We haven't had this feeling in awhile, so we need to regroup and get better."

JOHN GLENN 68, SALEM 62: Joe Moon IV scored 18 points and registered six rebounds and four assists Jan. 26 to spark Westland John Glenn to this KLAA Black Division win.

Other Rockets with solid games included sophomore Solomon Johnson (13 points) and Renel Thrasher (12 points).

For Salem, Grant Racer and Jordan Ingram scored 18 and 12 points, respectively.

The game was 18-18 after one quarter, with John Glenn taking a 38-27 halftime lead.

HOWELL 56, STEVENSON 49: The Highlanders went on a 20-4 run in the fourth quarter to pull out this KLAA Black win Jan. 26 over Livonia Stevenson.

Josh Palo of Howell led all scorers with 23 points, with the Spartans Devin Dunn collecting 21.

Other solid performers included Howell's Matt Dewar (13 points), Kip French (11 points) and Stevenson's George Ferguson (10 points).

Howell upped its record to 9-3 overall and 5-3 in the division while Stevenson dropped to 7-4, 4-4.

CANTON 71, CHURCHILL 36: On Jan. 26, the Chiefs improved to 12-0 overall and 8-0 in the KLAA Black with this victory.

NOVI 65, HOWELL 53: Senior point guard Trendon Hankerson scored a game-high 23 points as the Wildcats (6-5, 5-2) won their fifth straight with a KLAA Gold Division win Jan. 23 over the host Highlanders (8-3, 4-3).

Junior forward Giovanni Miles and senior guard Nik Williams chipped in 19 and 13, respectively, as Novi moved into a first place tie in the division with Northville. The Wildcats made 17-of-24 foul shots.

Josh Palo and Kip French led Howell, which couldn't overcome a 31-25 halftime deficit, with 17 and 12, respectively. The Highlanders were 16-of-21 from the foul line.

"It was a good road win against a gritty, tough team in Howell," said Novi coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team avenged a 70-55 loss last month to the Highlanders.

NORTHVILLE 68, STEVENSON 56: Senior forward Mark Grimes went 9-for-10 from the foul line and hit three triples en route to a game-high 24 points as the Mustangs (9-3, 5-2) moved into a first-place tie in the KLAA's Gold Division with a win Jan. 23 over visiting Livonia Stevenson (7-3, 3-3).

Junior forward Steven Morrissey, hitting all four free throws, added 11 points, while senior guard Nick Barach added 10 as Northville overcame a 16-13 first quarter deficit by outscoring the Spartans 55-40 over the final three periods.

Northville made 23-of-29 foul shots, including 15-of-16 in the fourth.

George Ferguson and Devin Dunn paced Stevenson with 16 and 14 points, respectively. The Spartans were 19-of-28 from the foul stripe.



Northville pool records in the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays were set by the quartet of (from left) Cameron Heaven, Arthur Greenlee, Trevor DeGroot and Kirk Maibach. ART GREENLEE

"Daniel (McLaughlin) did a fantastic job of making Dunn earn every hoop," Northville coach Todd Sanders said. "We really committed to guarding and rebounding."

CANTON 75, JOHN GLENN 45: The host Chiefs made it 11 straight wins without a loss this season with this victory on Jan. 23.

Canton led 21-13 after one quarter and expanded the advantage to 42-19 at halftime.

For the Chiefs, Eian Barker led the way with 22 points. Also contributing were Chase Meredith (14 points), B. Artis White (10 points) and Vinson Sigmon (10 points). Noah Brown tallied eight points and a team-high nine rebounds while Barker grabbed seven boards.

SALEM 42, FRANKLIN 41: The Rocks edged Livonia Franklin on Jan. 23, sparked by nine points each from Shawn Srivastava and Joe Kaceli. Adding eight points was Jordan Ingram.

Girls basketball

WAYNE 63, PLYMOUTH 42: Wayne Memorial snapped Plymouth's five-game winning streak Jan. 26, led by 16-point games by Camree Clegg and Jeanne Terry and Jayah Hicks' 15 points.

For Plymouth (8-4, 4-3 in the KLAA Black), Chantal LeDoux scored 16 points while Gabby Chouinard (11 points) and Sydney McCaig (10 points) also reached double figures.

"I was proud of how we competed all night long," Plymouth coach Ryan Ballard said. "Wayne kept giving us blow after blow and we found a way to respond."

"You almost have to play a perfect game when you play a team that good. We had too many turnovers that kept us out of the game."

NOVI 42, GRAND BLANC 39: On Jan. 26, the Wildcats (8-4, 5-3) overcame a 28-20 halftime deficit to beat the host Bobcats (6-6, 3-4) in a KLAA Gold Division matchup.

Senior point-guard Ellie Mackay paced Novi with 15 points, four rebounds and four assists, while Mikayla Lynch chipped in with 14 points and five boards. Other contributions came from Julia Lalain (seven rebounds), Jenna Daschke (four assists) and Anna Biberstein (six points).

BRIGHTON 42, NORTHVILLE 39: Sophomore Sophie Dziekan scored 12 points as the Bulldogs (8-3, 4-2) led from start-to-finish to turn back the host Mustangs (7-6, 2-6) in a KLAA Gold Division game.

Senior guards Kendall Dillon and Roan Haines each scored 11 for Northville, which made 10-of-16 free throws.

Brighton went 15-of-25 from the foul stripe.

HOWELL 55, NOVI 47: Leah Weslock scored a game-high 21 points and grabbed five rebounds as the state-ranked Highlanders (11-1, 7-0) took a step closer to winning the KLAA Gold Division with a victory Jan. 23 over the host Wildcats (7-4, 4-3).

Howell, which jumped out to an 18-8 first quarter lead, also got 15 points and six rebounds from Alexis Miller.

Senior point-guard Ellie Mackay paced Novi with 20 points and seven boards. Senior Mikayla Lynch and sophomore Jenna Daschke added eight and six points, respectively. Senior Julia Lalain grabbed seven rebounds.

NORTHVILLE 66, STEVENSON 18: Senior guard Kendall Dillon led the way 11 points and all 11 players scored as the Mustangs (7-5, 2-5) snapped a three-game losing streak with a KLAA Gold Division triumph Jan. 23 over host Livonia Stevenson (2-8, 0-6).

Northville, which led 35-8 at halftime, also got nine points from senior Ella Duckworth. The Mustangs made 7-of-12 foul shots.

Senior Sarah Tanderys scored 10 for Stevenson, which dropped its seventh straight.

CANTON 48, JOHN GLENN 46: On Jan. 23 at Westland John Glenn, the Chiefs roared back from a 40-30 deficit after three quarters to post this KLAA Black Division win.

For Canton (6-5, 5-2), it took a last-minute basket by Abby Sokol to provide the margin of victory. Strong defense was key to the turnaround, with Ashley Criscenti registering six steals and 10 rebounds and Alaina Heitmeyer grabbing 12 boards.

On the offensive side, Criscenti (16 points), Heitmeyer (14 points) and Carli Vaughan (12 points) keyed the attack.

Boys swimming

NORTHVILLE 118, HARTLAND 68: The foursome of Cameron Heaven, Trevor DeGroot, Arthur Greenlee and Kirk Maibach set pool records in the 200-yard medley relay (1:28.19) and 400 freestyle relay (3:16) as Mustangs (10-0, 5-0) rolled to a KLAA Gold Division win Jan. 25 at home over the Eagles.

"Great job by those guys on senior night, fun to watch," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "Those pool records were 12 years old and they were pretty fast."

Northville's 200 medley relay team of Michael Alameddine, Travis Nitkiewicz, Jason Nitkiewicz and Vishal Kolla also won in 1:45.99.

Individual winners for Northville included Craig Maibach, 200 freestyle (1:52.11); Matthew Pang, 200 IM (2:13.83); Travis Nitkiewicz, 100 backstroke (55.77); and Austin Zhang, 100 breaststroke (1:04.54).

Hartland got firsts from Nate Schick, 50 freestyle (22.51) and 100 butterfly (54.79); Gabe Pallen, 100 butterfly (1:18.65); Michael Harris, 100 freestyle (50.19); and Leo Schick, 500 freestyle (5:13.65).

"We had some really good swims in the 200 free by Ben Beliasov, Shaun Pereria, Josh Seideman and Luc Cornille," Bennetts said. "Also, Connor Halberg had a real good 500 free for us and Craig Maibach did outstanding in the 200 and 100 free events."

NOVI 119, BRIGHTON 77: On Jan. 25, Alexander Yuan figured in four firsts and Brian Son earned his team's first Division 1 state cut with a second in the 200-yard individual medley (2:00.70) as the Wildcats (7-1, 4-1) dunked the visiting Bulldogs on senior night.

Yuan swept the 200- and 500 freestyles in 1:51.52 and 5:11.25, respectively. He also teamed up with Max Robbins, Minjae Kim and Son for a win in the 200 freestyle relay. The foursome of Yuan, Preston Harrell, Daniel Chung and Adam Carozza also took the 400 freestyle relay (3:21.97).

Other first-place finishers for Novi included Carozza in the 50 freestyle and Son in the 100 butterfly (54.60).

Drew Panzl led Brighton with wins in the 200 IM (2:00.29) and 100 breaststroke (1:01.23). Other firsts for the Bulldogs came from Cade Hammond, 1-meter diving (281.25 points); Scott Spaanstra, 100 freestyle (50.50); and John Louria, 100 backstroke (54.41). Louria, Panzl, Anto Essayan and Nathan Kelly placed first in the 200 medley relay (1:43.01).

Boys hockey

NOVI 8, GRAND BLANC 0: Alex Scarozza notched a hat trick with one assist and Logan Londo's unassisted goal with 3:47 left gave the Wildcats (7-11, 4-6) a KLAA Gold Division win Jan. 27 over the host Bobcats (5-11, 1-9) at the Dort Federal Events Center.

Londo also had three assists for Novi, which tallied six goals in the final peri-

od, including three power play.

Other contributions for the Wildcats came from Mike Small, one goal and one assist; Chris Martin and Evan Chippa, two assists each; Mitchell Grinshpun and Alec Giragosian, one goal each.

Goalie Evan Budd made 14 saves to post the shutout.

PLYMOUTH 6, NORTHVILLE 3: Jack Chumley had three goals and one assist to propel the Wildcats (13-3-1, 9-2-1 KLAA South) to a crossover win Jan. 26 over the host Mustangs (10-8, 6-5) at the Novi Ice Arena.

Tim Baldwin added a goal and two assists, while Tommy Cassari and Luke Kaledas each had a goal. Other assists went to Adam Rebecca (three), Andrew Garby, C.J. Mullenax, Nathan Stoneburg and Jack VanDenBeurdeur.

Alex Garback and Owen Finkbeiner each tallied a goal and assist for Northville, which trailed 4-2 after two periods. Jack Sargent had the other goal while Nick Bogenhagen and Blake Evans each had assists.

Winning goalie Brendan Olepa made 24 saves, while Owen Moruzi had 25 for Northville.

STEVENSON 8, CANTON 0: Adam Hillebrand's hat trick lifted Livonia Stevenson to this win on Jan. 23 at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Chipping in one goal and two assists each for the Spartans were Jake Beaune and Brenden Preiss. Contributing two assists each were Connor Jakacki, Easton Schlatterbeck and Jaydon Spears.

Sharing the shutout were Will Tragge and Eric Polzin, combining to stop all 10 Canton shots.

Boys bowling

CLARENCEVILLE DOUBLES TOURNEY: Jan. 27, Novi's Brian Cromwell and Jacob Kilikevicius qualified 11th with a total of 1,601 in the 40-school tournament at Livonia's Merri-Bowl Lanes.

Wayne defeated Novi in the round of 16 (364-335).

BRIGHTON 22, NOVI 8: Jan. 23, the Bulldogs won both regular games, 926-878 and 875-815 en route to a KLAA Gold Division win over the Wildcats.

Novi took the first Baker game, 18-179, on a Steve Davis strike in the 10th frame, but lost the second, 199-191. Davis had a high game 220 for the Wildcats followed by Jacob Kilikevicius (208), Paulo Burgess (204) and Nick Siriani (184).

Girls bowling

CLARENCEVILLE DOUBLES: Novi's Allison Prahin and Carrington Beaman, qualifying ninth after three regular games and two Baker games with a 1,275, reached the championship match before losing to the host Trojans in the finals Jan. 27 at Livonia's Merri-Bowl Lanes.

Prahin and Beaman won three rounds in Baker match play topping the eighth seeds, 415-361, the top seeds, 437-376, and the fourth seed, 341-332.

BRIGHTON 29, NOVI 1: Carrington Beaman rolled a 168-206 two-game set in a losing cause Jan. 23 as the Wildcats fell to the Bulldogs in a KLAA Gold Division match.

Brighton won both Baker games, 160-137 and 164-128, and both regular games, 804-640 and 857-676.

Allison Prahin (154) scored the lone point for Novi.

Gymnastics

JEANNE CARUSS INVITATIONAL: On Jan. 27, Farmington United (142.250) edged Northville (142.225) for the title in a meet at White Lake Lakeland.

Northville senior Erin McCallum competed in the all-around highlighted by a score of 9.35 on vault, while Maddy Lewis added a 9.35 on floor for the Mustangs.

CANTON 137.875, SALEM 136.75: Canton literally was on the beam Jan. 23, and it proved to be the deciding factor in a narrow victory over Salem.

For the Chiefs (4-3, 3-2), firsts were collected by Katherine Najduk (vault, 8.95), Zoe Graves (uneven parallel bars, 8.65) and Rachel Socha (balance beam, 9.275) with Salem's Jordyn Williams untouchable on floor exercise (9.5).

Socha was followed by Canton teammates Annika Wang (9.1) and Najduk (8.525) on beam and, noted veteran coach John Cunningham, that proved to be the difference.

It was a standout performance by Socha, who also was third on vault (8.65), third on bars (8.3), fourth on floor (8.95) and first in the all-around with a 35.175 total.

Graves placed second on floor (9.25), with Nehal Harish fourth on vault (8.6) and Najduk third in the all-around (33.875).

BOYS HOCKEY

Hartland hangs on in wild finish against Stevenson

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Two of the top boys hockey teams in Division 2 met Friday at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia and the game was as fast and thrilling as one might imagine.

In the end, however, Hartland — sparked by junior forward Gabe Anderson's hat trick — eked out a 6-5 victory over Livonia Stevenson.

"Stevenson, we've developed a pretty good rivalry with them here the last several years," Hartland head coach Rick Gadwa said. "They're always a top-ranked team. And we're a team trying to find our way this year and I thought today was a great step."

"A lot of big swings, ups and downs, a roller-coaster ride for both teams, and I thought it was just a good high school hockey game."

Stevenson head coach David Mitchell, whose team fell to 14-3-0, said the loss boiled down to Hartland executing better and making the Spartans pay for defensive mistakes.

"You got to give Hartland all the credit in the world," Mitchell said. "We made some mistakes and good teams will put it in the back of the net."

"They're so good, they're so well-coached and they have so many offensive weapons."

On Stevenson's senior night, Anderson was the Eagles' top weapon.

He put the visitors in front when he combined with new linemates Kieran Carlile and Josh Albring for a nifty three-way passing play with 9:26 to go in the opening period. Anderson, stationed near the left post, jammed a cross-crease feed past Spartans senior goalie Will Tragge.

"I liked the first one," Anderson said. "It was everyone on the line contributing and it was nice."

Anderson wound up with three goals and an assist, while Albring (four assists) and Carlile (goal, two assists) were dangerous all night.

"That line really blew up today," Gadwa said. "We just assembled them a game ago. It was just their second game playing together and they're really starting to click."

The Eagles (11-3-2) never trailed, although Stevenson made them sweat a couple of times during the course of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover.

In the second period, Carlile and senior forward Jake Behnke (goal, assist) scored within a 45-second span to increase Hartland's lead to 3-0.

But Stevenson battled back, cutting that deficit to 3-2 thanks to goals from junior forward Jaydon Spears and senior forward Brenden Preiss — going in on a partial breakaway and faking Eagles goaltender Brett Tome.

Hartland answered this time, when Anderson snapped one from between the circles past Tragge to put the Eagles in front 4-2 with 2:26 left in the period.

About 30 seconds later, Hartland scored again when junior forward Brendan Tulpa jabbed in the rebound of a Behnke shot.



Battling for the puck along the boards Friday are Livonia Stevenson's Vinny Decina (left) and Hartland's Jake DeYoung. TOM BEAUDOIN

After the second period, Tragge told coaches he had tweaked his groin earlier in the period and Mitchell decided to play junior Eric Polzin for the third.

Late rally fizzles

Stevenson sliced the Hartland lead to 5-3 just 50 seconds into the third period, when senior defenseman Kevin Stefanick sniped a shot from the top of the left circle over Tome's trapper.

"Picked up the momentum right there, got things sort of swinging our way," Stefanick said. "But unfortunately, it just kind of all went back against us again."

It did, because Anderson scored his third of the night at 3:40.

The Spartans, once again, showed moxie, closing to within 6-5 on tallies by senior defenseman Jake Beaune and senior forward Julian Decina, the latter on a sharp-angle shot with 1:55 remaining.

But with Polzin pulled for the extra attacker in a bid for the equalizer, Stevenson was whistled for a minor penalty.

"We got to start on time," said Stefanick, who also had an assist. "It definitely wasn't our best game, but we got down at the beginning. ... It's tough to come back once you're down 3-0."

"I'm happy with the battle to the end,

that's always good. But we got to come out at the beginning and start that right off the bat."

Following are several other takeaways:

CHANCE TO LEARN

According to Mitchell, the miscues and ill-timed penalties are things his team will learn and, hopefully, grow from.

"It goes back to execution. They executed better and we did not. We took penalties at the wrong times," Mitchell said. "We made the wrong plays at the wrong time against the wrong team."

"You can't do that against quality hockey clubs. If anything, that's what we learned tonight."

PUSH-BACK

Both teams showed the ability to respond to adversity, something Gadwa said is part of his team's DNA. He noted how his team scored two quick goals right after the Spartans got to within 3-2.

"We talk about a push-back. When the other team scores, you got to come hard," Gadwa said. "We were able to push back hard there and that was a huge, important part of the game."

And Anderson said maintaining a positive spark was key: "I think it was the energy, we just had to stay positive

even though they kept coming back."

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN?

The Spartans and Eagles potentially could meet in the Division 2 championship game at USA Hockey Arena, although an awful lot of hockey remains to be played. Before Friday, Stevenson was ranked No. 1 in D-2, with Hartland third.

SENIOR NIGHT

Before the game, senior Spartans were introduced and honored, along with their parents.

In addition to Stefanick, they include Tragge, Beaune, Preiss, Julian and Vinny Decina, defensemen Connor Jakacki, Kyle Siroky, Easton Schlatterbeck and forwards David Orlando, Cole Parkhurst, Tyler Slabaugh, Joey Beaudoin and Jack Williamson.

"The seniors this year are great, it's been a great year so far, I love playing with them," Stefanick said. "It's special because it's my fourth year on the team and it's amazing how fast it (goes)."

SKATE WITH THE SPARTANS

After the game, Stevenson players and coaches skated on the other ice sheet at Eddie Edgar, along with community members.

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LVC

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and 500 freestyles in 22:52 and 5:02.84, respectively, while also combining with Jacob Hazelton, Jason Tanner and Maksym Rozhko for a first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:38.86).

Girls skiing

MT. BRIGHTON SKI LEAGUE: Birmingham (40 points) edged South Lyon United (43) and Brighton (44) in a giant slalom meet Jan. 25.

Top finishers for South Lyon included Natalie Aulicino, seventh (34.28); Kelsie O'Connor, ninth (35.91); Trinity Glover, 11th (36.03); and Lex Bidwell, 16th (37.43).

Grace Sigouin (19th) and Erika Auner (21st) rounded out the South Lyon contingent.

LAKELAND SWEEPS: On Jan. 23-24, White Lake Lakeland improved to 6-0 in the Southeast Michigan Ski League Alpine Valley Division with victories over Hartland, 27-58, and Birmingham Marian, 30-43.

Scoring in the slalom for Lakeland against Hartland included Katie White, first (41.93); Brooke White, third (48.20); Olivia Racine, fourth (52.68); and Sarah Armstrong, fifth (54.35).

Marian's Olivia Weymouth scored first in the slalom vs. Lakeland in 40.00

followed by Katie White (second), Brooke White (third), Racine (fifth) and Armstrong (sixth).

In the giant slalom, White took first against both Hartland and Marian followed by Brooke White (second, 39.91), Armstrong (fifth, 44.28) and Racine (sixth, 44.39).

Boys skiing

LAKELAND SWEEPS: On Jan. 23-24, White Lake Lakeland (6-0) earned a pair of Southeast Michigan Ski League Alpine Valley Division wins over Hartland, 29-47, and Birmingham Brother Rice, 27.5-60.5.

In the slalom, Hartland's Jake Pezzotti took first overall in 40.89 followed by Lakeland's Tommy McCarthy, second (41.96); Dillon Massey, third (45.81); Drew Massey, fourth (45.88); and Jacob Wagner, sixth (47.28).

Rice's Collin Condit was second overall in the slalom (41.58) followed by McCarthy (second), Dillon Massey (third), Drew Massey (fourth) and Wagner (fifth).

In the giant slalom, Pezzotti was first overall in 37.02 followed Drew Massey, second (37.56); Dillon Massey, third, 37.97; McCarthy, fourth (38.33); and Alec Day, fifth (38.53).

Drew Massey finished first against Rice followed Dillon Massey, McCarthy and Day in places three, four and five, respectively.

MT. BRIGHTON SKI LEAGUE:

Brighton (20 points) defeated South Lyon United (55) and University of Detroit Jesuit (68) in a giant slalom meet on Jan. 25.

Top scorers for SLU included Jake Roush, fifth (32.70); Evan Leslie, 15th (34.23); Dominic Santoni, 16th (34.40); and Ryan Francis, 19th (34.88).

Gymnastics

HURON VALLEY SWEEPS: Huron Valley United (136.125) earned a tri-meet victory Jan. 25 over host Waterford United (125.225) and West Bloomfield (53.55) as International Academy freshman Lilly Morgan earned qualifying scores on all four events.

Top Huron Valley performers on floor exercise were Lakeland freshman Nicole Graham (9.0), Lakeland freshman Lauren Skrobot (8.65) and Milford freshman Morgan Hester (8.55).

Competitive cheer

WESTERN TRIUMPH: Walled Lake Western scored a team-best 743.68 to keep its stranglehold on first place in the Lakes Valley Conference in the second varsity meet Jan. 24 at Waterford Kettering.

Rounding out nine-school field was South Lyon (709.94), Waterford Mott (684.74), Walled Lake Northern (655.56), White Lake Lakeland (647.66), the host Captains (600.64), South Lyon East (599.04), Milford (587.64) and

Walled Lake Central (385.20).

The overall standings heading into the LVC meet Saturday, Feb. 3, at Walled Lake Western includes Western, first (16 points), South Lyon, second (14); Mott, third (12); Northern, fourth (10); Lakeland, fifth (7); Central, sixth (four); Milford, East and Kettering, tied for seventh (three each).

Girls bowling

LAKELAND 23, SOUTH LYON 7: Jenny Pelc rolled an impressive two-game set of 213-258 as Lakes Valley Conference leader White Lake Lakeland (9-1) downed the Lions (7-3) in a match Jan. 24 at Waterford's Century Bowl.

Other top scorers for the victorious Eagles included Taylor McBride (226-188), Erica Pyden (171-180) and Amber Robertson (193).

Boys bowling

SOUTH LYON 19, LAKELAND 11: In a Lakes Valley Conference match Jan. 23, the Lions (3-7) defeated White Lake Lakeland (5-5) at Waterford's Century Bowl.

Aaron Lenz (183-217), Nick Kotsonas (192) and Jon Barnes (184) posted single-game bests in a losing cause for the Eagles.

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Jeanne Doreen Barrett

SOUTH LYON - Jeanne Doreen Barrett was delivered into the arms of our Lord on Saturday, January 20th 2018. Jeanne was born on December 12, 1945 in Entrican, Michigan to her parents, Marvin and Doris (Cross) Cannon.

Jeanne graduated from Central Montcalm High School in June of 1963. She graduated from Lansing Business University two years later. Upon graduation, she went on to work as a CPA for Medlo Hyde Accounting in Lansing. Later in her career Jeanne went on to work for Michigan National Bank, South Lyon Public Schools, and Iverson's Lumber Company in Milford, where she worked for 19 years.

Jeanne was married to Timothy Barrett on June 16th, 1968 and they remained married for 47 years.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents, Marvin and Doris Cannon and her brother-in-law, Michael Johnson. She is survived by her only child, Stephen (Kim) Barrett; her three loving grandsons, Alex, Dominik, and Kyle; her loving sister, Phyllis Johnson; her niece, Christina (Bob) Francis; her nephew, Michael (Sarah) Johnson; and her great-nieces and great-nephews. Jeanne was touched in her life by her dear friends, especially her Aunt Shelia Smith, Jan Nietzal, Bonnie Potts, Alma Stern, Marlys Noah, Gail Meloche, Carol Weurding, Carla Gorton, and countless others from Stanton, Lima OH, South Lyon, and Milford. She was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Memorial Services will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the First Congregational Church, Stanton, with visitation from 12:00 to 1:00 PM at church prior to the service. Pastor Jamey Nichols will serve as officiant. Private interment will take place in the spring at Riverside Cemetery, Langston. Memorial contributions may be given to the First Congregational Church, Stanton or the American Cancer Society. Hurst Funeral Home is serving the family, and memories and messages of condolence may be shared at www.hurstfh.com.



Margaret Hamel

- - Margaret, age 96, passed away peacefully January 27, 2018, surrounded by the loving care of her family. Beloved wife of

her late husband George. Loving mother of Patricia (Robert) Nakoneczny, Lawrence (Lynette) Hamel, Diane (David) Wallen, Kenneth (Deborah) Hamel, Colleen Hamel. Proud grandmother of Carrie (Jason) Krentz, Matthew (Danae) Nakoneczny, Daniel (Krystal) Nakoneczny, Gregory (Mai) Hamel, Nicholas Hamel, Brian Hamel, Jeffrey Wallen, Christopher Wallen, Megan Wallen, Kellie Wallen, Michael Hamel, Brett Hamel, Griffin Hamel, Kathryn Siroonian, David Siroonian as well as 5 great granddaughters: Madeline, Natalie, Amelia, Carina, Olive. Survived by her twin sister Marion Feeny and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews who have played a very special part in her life. Margaret was a charter member of the Redford Suburban League and was a Red Cross volunteer. She was an avid baker and candy maker. She also enjoyed bowling, tennis, and golf. She loved to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with her many friends and neighbors. She enjoyed being with family and friends especially the FEMELGERTY gang. Above all she would never refuse a Snickers. The memorial service will be held on Saturday February 3, 2018 at 11:00 am with a visitation prior to service at Church of the Holy Family 24505 Meadowbrook Road Novi MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials made be made to: Alzheimer's Association 25200 Telegraph Rd. Suite 100 Southfield, MI 48033. Website: alz.org/gmc



Doris R. Mason

WHITE LAKE - Doris R. Mason, age 90, of Milford, Highland and White Lake, passed away January 26, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Ernest. Loving mother of Sharon, the late Christine (the late Ken) VanNess, Roger (Julie), Roseanne (Peter) Nash, Jan, Tracy, Karla Mann and Nancee Chaffee. Proud grandmother of Lori, Michael, Theresa, Susan, Kevin, Rachel, Paul, Aubrey, Brandon, Danielle, Krystal, Jessica, Johann, Dayna, Rebecca, Andrew, Dusty and Kyle. Treasured great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother of many. Share a memory at www.eltonblackandson.com.

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David W. Dempsey

HIGHLAND - age 54, passed away on January 10, 2018. Born on July 26, 1963 in NJ to William & Helen.

A University of Phoenix graduate, he was a Senior Engineer with GM for 25 years, specializing in power train systems, even projects with NASA & NASCAR. He was an Inventor, Entrepreneur, Patent Holder, Author, & Private Pilot. He loved to make people laugh & smile.

He is survived by his wife Tari (Shanteau); children David, Devin, Andrew, & Brandon; his wife's children Jacob, Jordan, & Julie; grandson Hunter; sisters, Valerie, Donna, Colleen, & Celeste; many family members and friends. A Private Memorial will Be held.

Norman S. Winterhalter

UNION LAKE - a resident of Independence Village, passed on January 25, 2018 at age 92.

Norm was born and grew up in Milford, where along with Elaine, his beloved wife of sixty-seven years, they raised their family, and Norm made his career in the Special Test Division at the General Motors Proving Ground. He retired after a career of thirty years, and he and Elaine moved to their home on Torch Lake where he enjoyed woodworking and gardening. Their lives were rich with the love of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Catherine "Elaine" on December 14, 2017, and is survived by his daughters, Kaye Chartier (Leo) and Gail Crocker (Gary), as well as his brother, Jerry (Josephine) Winterhalter.

No funeral arrangements will be made at this time, but donations in his honor can be made to any Alzheimer's Disease or hospice agency. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com



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Maureen Gieswein

NORTHVILLE - Our beautiful mother, wife, sister and friend, Maureen O'Callaghan Gieswein, passed from this life on January 24, 2018, surrounded by her three children and in the loving arms of her husband, Robert. Remarkably, all three children arrived from around the country. Seeing that she started life with each of us it was fitting to be together as she departed. Maureen was born to Jack and Margaret O'Callaghan in Flint, Michigan, the oldest girl of seven siblings. She was predeceased by her parents, son, Mark Conser, step-daughter, Kathie Gieswein Sharkey, brothers Patrick O'Callaghan, and Michael O'Callaghan and nephews, Danny O'Callaghan and Michael Fix, who all greeted her with open arms upon her arrival in heaven. Maureen is survived by her husband of 35 years, Robert Gieswein, and the father of her children, Hugh Conser. Her three children are Michele Kelly (John) of Northville, Michigan, Brian Conser (partner Carol Gaito), Barry Conser (Marie) both of Scottsdale, Arizona, stepson Robert Gieswein (Susan) of Grand Rapids, Michigan. There are five grandchildren Ryan Kelly (Dave Cameron) Jack Kelly (fiancée Carly Francavilla), Michael Kelly (Melissa), Megan Atkinson (Jake), all of Northville Michigan, Dr. Ellie Conser of Los Angeles; two step grandsons Ryan and Hunter Gieswein; seven great grandchildren, Carter, Paige, Owen, Preston, Liam, Sean and Blake. Surviving siblings are Norah Fix, Brian O'Callaghan (Marie), Terrence O'Callaghan (Linda), Sean O'Callaghan (Deborah), numerous nieces, nephews and god children. During her lifetime Maureen had many accomplishments. Upon graduation from eighth grade Maureen was determined to be a nun, but after a brief stay in the convent her father removed her. One of her greatest assets was her tireless devotion to her son Mark who had muscular dystrophy. In 1966 in Mark's



honor she created the Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign in Ann Arbor, Michigan which has raised over 300 million dollars since its inception and is a worldwide program. After her divorce Maureen decided to pursue higher education and entered a junior college in a women's re-entry program. In 4.5 years she completed an AA, BA and MA degrees all with summa or magna cum laude honors. At California Lutheran University Maureen and daughter Michele were the first mother daughter duo to receive their diplomas together. Another volunteer pursuit was with the American Red Cross for over 15 years serving as a disaster area team coordinator assisting hundreds of people. During Hurricane Harvey Maureen considered going back to volunteer despite her age and medical condition. A gifted artist in acrylic, watercolor and mixed media, Maureen won numerous awards in art shows. President Jimmy Carter has one of her paintings hanging in their home of a favorite spot in Florida. Her sculptures were primarily of women but she once created a life size head of Arnold Palmer. For the past several years Maureen was heartlessly robbed of her creative abilities by Alzheimer's disease. When moved to a memory care unit at Vero Beach Brookdale Maureen reinvented herself once again finding her purpose as the adoptive mother of Bing (a doll). During her final year she was a fiercely protective, strong, encouraging and loving mother to Bing, just as she was to her children. Her husband Robert was patient, devoted to her care and security during her life, making sure she was happy. The staff at Vero Beach South Brookdale was exceptional in providing a safe and kind place during the end of her life. Despite the sadness and loss felt by our family and friends we are supported by our faith and belief that she is in heaven with the Lord. Most likely Maureen is wildly creating art, talking up a storm and trying to run the place. A celebration of Maureen's life will be held on May 12, 2018, in Northville Michigan. In lieu of flowers please spend the money on helping another person less fortunate in Maureen's spirit.

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As one year ends and another begins, it's a good time to start thinking about what may be lying ahead for you work-wise in 2018. It's obvious that the world is changing pretty rapidly, with advances in technology and consumer demands having a tremendous impact on the workplace across all industries.

For example, it's fair to say that the traditional routine of commuting to work Monday through Friday and punching a clock from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. is disappearing; in many professional sectors it has already gone the way of the dinosaur and in others it's quickly evaporating, leaving many of us to wonder what's next.

More flexible work arrangements

If there's one thing that technological advances have changed it's the ability to work from absolutely anywhere. These days, you can even get work done while waiting on line at the grocery store. More people are being more productive than ever before on their laptops, tablets and smartphones and getting work done at home, waiting for appointments or wherever else they have pockets of spare



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time (and internet access).

Progressive employers have already capitalized on this trend by allowing their employees to take advantage of opportunities to work remotely. This can be a real win-win situation: Employees get to save on the time, hassle and expense of having to commute back and forth from work every day, and employers get to save money on things like office supplies and have a

happier staff (and potentially greater employee retention from the added perk). Count on this telecommuting trend to continue through 2018 and beyond.

Decreasing full-time positions

Modern innovations in the workplace have ushered in a new way of thinking about employee productivity. Simply put, companies are discover-

ing creative ways to do more with less and to leverage new technology to empower fewer employees to get more work done. As a result, companies are reimagining what they need from a dedicated staff and are shifting away from hiring full-time employees and toward hiring part-time, freelance and contract employees as needed for work projects — for better or for worse. This represents a real cost-savings for the average company, and in an economy in which domestic growth is sluggish at best, it's a compelling option that fewer companies will shy away from in 2018.

The rise of employee engagement

As companies learn to do more with less and rely on a smaller, more valuable core group of employees to drive productivity, expect to see a greater focus on making sure that these employees are fully engaged and happy. Why is this a growing trend? Employee turnover with leaner staffs can represent a significant loss of time, money and institutional knowledge, so doing whatever it takes to keep folks happy — and in place — will become more strategically important. This can take lots of different forms, from added incentives and perks on the job to more flexibility regard-

ing work-life balance and life outside of work.

More cultural diversity and awareness

It's obvious that most progressive societies are moving toward a greater understanding, awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity, and this is trickling down into the workplace. In 2018, expect to see most companies enhancing their efforts to ensure that their workplaces reflect the rich diversity that exists in our increasingly globalized world. Furthermore, according to Amy Cooper Hakim, an industrial-organizational psychologist, "more companies will hold training classes (both virtually and in-person) to ensure that all members of an organization treat others with respect. This respect is vital for interactions with employees, employers, stakeholders and clients."

Although you can expect to see some variation across industries and companies, you can count on these workplace trends continuing for the foreseeable future.

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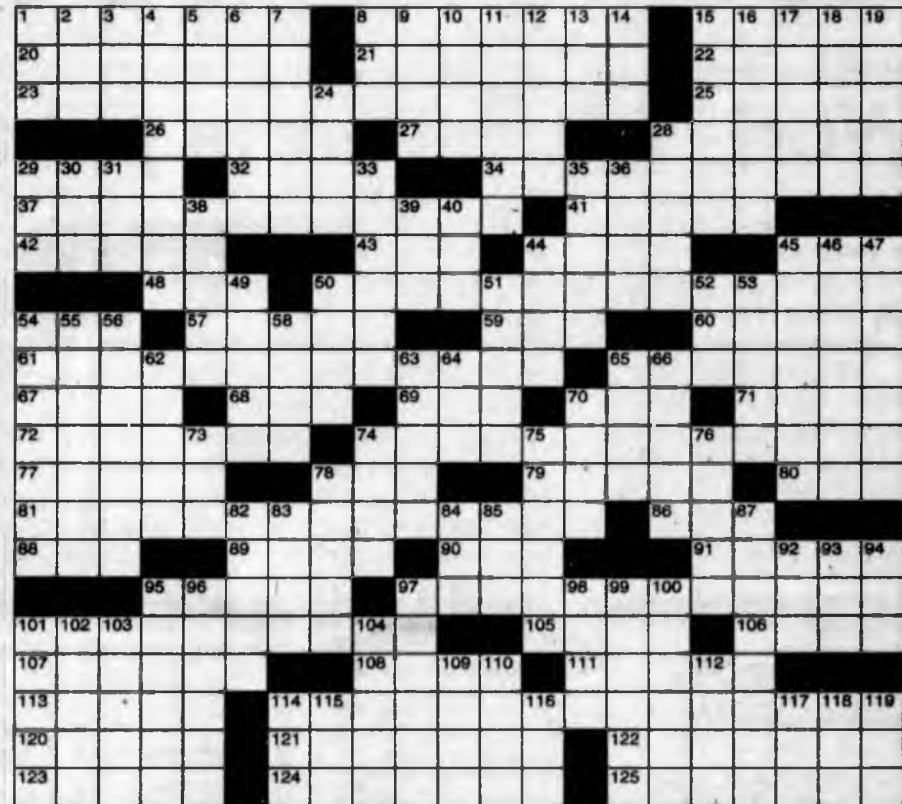
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 - 8 Public poster
 - 18 Malcolm — Warner ("The Cosby Show" actor)
 - 20 14th-century music style
 - 21 Arrives late
 - 22 Belittle
 - 23 Certain frat member receiving his diploma?
 - 25 Sing sweetly
 - 26 Cove
 - 27 Assassinate
 - 28 Muddy
 - 29 Met melody
 - 32 Took way too much, for short
 - 34 Gyro bread with lots of extra hidden calories?
 - 37 Heavenly food made from very hot peppers?
 - 41 — garde
 - 42 Sauna stuff
 - 43 Singer Acuff
 - 44 Stew
 - 45 Toon pic
 - 46 San Francisco's — Hill
 - 50 Target number of coverage
 - 54 Download for an iDevice
 - 57 Denmark's — islands
 - 58 High trains
 - 59 Delish, as a lapel mic
 - 61 Randomly mixed stack of Bing Crosby and Bill Haley albums?
 - 65 Folded a line into, say
 - 67 With 24-Down, reduced-cost product
 - 68 Glenn rocker Brian
 - 69 Lav
 - 70 Avary locale
 - 71 Bridge, in France
 - 72 Florida city
 - 74 Fish dish that's a chef's specialty?
 - 77 Rizzo in "Midnight Cowboy"
 - 78 Platform that runs on iDevices
 - 79 Ran easily
 - 80 La. neighbor
 - 81 Brass instrument with a dental product smeared all over it?
 - 86 "O Sole —" islands
 - 88 Sheepish
 - 89 "— well that ends well"
 - 90 Alias
 - 91 Idiot box
 - 95 Provide
 - 97 Hair dye produced in a county in southwest England?
 - 101 Chatty bird with shiny gray plumage?
 - 106 Pirate chant starter
 - 108 Took a train, e.g.
 - 107 Pilot a plane
 - 108 Prefix with skeleton
 - 111 Thin iPods
 - 113 Swiss chocolate brand
 - 114 Sitcom title
 - 115 "Midnight Cowboy" living in a wasteland?
 - 120 Actor Jason
 - 121 Energize
 - 122 Algebra rule
 - 123 Totally love
 - 124 Toronto Blue Jays' stadium before 2005
 - 125 Salzburg site
 - 35 Works to get
 - 36 With, to Luc
 - 38 "Too fast"
 - 39 Rebel's yell
 - 40 Sch. in the Big Apple
 - 44 FDR's tarrier
 - 45 Renegade
 - 46 — Aligned fashion brand
 - 47 Real-estate levy
 - 49 Bundled up, as hay
 - 50 Prefix for an element used in antiseptics
 - 51 Mission to gather intel
 - 52 — pass?
 - 53 Not likely
 - 54 Classics
 - 55 Ramones II, for one
 - 56 Plaything dragged on a string
 - 58 City in Nevada
 - 62 Mega-meal
 - 63 "Für —"
 - 64 Gear piece
 - 65 Brilliant move
 - 66 Composer
 - 67 Across
 - 70 Reverse alphabetical order
 - 73 Japanese drama style
 - 74 Tosses
 - 75 New York's capital
 - 76 Singer Piel
 - 78 R&B's — Brothers
 - 82 San Diego ballplayer
 - 83 One nursing
 - 84 Asian "way"
 - 85 Loc. of Kiev
 - 87 Exceeded, as a target
 - 92 — Cat
 - 93 Put a stop to
 - 94 — Bo
 - 95 Dogging type
 - 96 Ink
 - 97 Fortright
 - 98 Skye of film
 - 99 California
 - 100 mountain
 - 101 Japan's largest island
 - 102 Zesty dip
 - 103 Group
 - 104 Nervous — (worrywart)
 - 109 "Whip it" rock band
 - 110 City in Utah
 - 112 Iron sources
 - 114 Film director
 - 115 Ballpoint fill
 - 116 La.-to-ill. dir.
 - 117 Bruin Bobby
 - 118 Agnus — (Mass part)
 - 119 Drs.' org.



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Here's How It Works:

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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9	5	6	4	1	8	2	3	7
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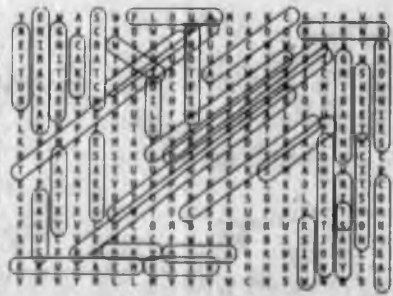
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ELAS	UNPIN	SHUFFLE
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Car Report

GET READY FOR LIGHTER, STRONGER, MORE ERGONOMIC 2019 CHEVY SILVERADO FOLLOWING AUTO-SHOW DEBUT



By Dale Buss

One of the biggest, baddest displays at the 2018 North American International Auto Show revolved around the 2019 Chevrolet Silverado.

And for good reason: The new model is crucial to General Motors' hopes of expanding its relevance to today's market and extending its strong run of profitability.

The newest version of Chevy's most important product has shed about 450 fuel-saving pounds from the previous version that's currently on the market, and has added a number of new ergonomic and technology features.

Every little edge is important as Chevrolet continues its decades-long tussle for supremacy in the highest-profit segment of the U.S. auto market with Ford's F-150 pickup, America's best-selling individual nameplate for decades running, and with a new version of the Ram truck due out this year.

Chevy also has created an edge with its introduction of the Colorado mid-size pickup a few years ago.

"Chevy is the only brand with a three-truck line-up" including a heavy-duty sub-brand of Silverado, Sandor Pizar, director of Chevrolet marketing, told me on the NAIAS floor.

"In fact, GM has sold more pickup



A bigger, bolder grille highlights the exterior redesign of the 2019 Chevrolet Silverado. Trucks for the last four years than our competitors."

Pizar shared more about how Chevy is positioning its overhauled entry in the robust pickup:

Sandor, what are the most significant features about the new Silverado that will make it a stronger competitor to F-150 and the new Ram?

There are some key things. Strength is certainly a factor, and GM is approaching this segment with a smarter way to go to market—a mixed-materials strategy that involves the right material for the right application.

Silverado has a steel bed; F-150 has an aluminum bed. So part of your marketing the new Silverado will focus on continuing to take swipes at the aluminum bed in the F-150? One of your counterparts at Ford told us that these efforts haven't hurt sales or consideration for the F-150.

People, Not Actors" message because it resonates with consumers in a very relatable way. People connect with that and will focus on the strengths of trucks and what makes a Chevy truck the right buy.

It's a creative construct that has given Chevy a high level of flexibility. We're able to truck it up and give a very specific message that appeals to truck customers. Real people are truck folks. The message we're conveying and the environment are all very truck-centric.

It has lifted the entire Chevy brand and builds awareness and alignment as tiers 1 and 2 and 3 all have the same, cohesive messaging and go-to-market strategy. It's a truck-specific message, but it still fits the brand.

How else are you engaging customers in the new Silverado?

Beyond "Real People" you'll see a message about being the most dependable, longest-lasting pickups

on the road. Dependability is one of the top reasons for purchase. We don't take that lightly. Everything we do to engineer this truck reinforces that mindset, down to our powertrain lineup with the availability of six powertrains.

Ford introduced a new Ranger mid-size pickup truck at NAIAS this week in a bid to catch up with the Chevy Colorado. And yet just a few years ago most people in the industry were saying that the "lifestyle" buyer for smaller pickups was a thing of the past. What happened?

Obviously we're flattered by the launch of the Ranger. We've sold more than 300,000 Colorados since launch and it's been a huge success. We're building every truck we can and we have continually invested in this space since launch. It's an important part of our go-to-market strategy (and) a distinct buyer from larger pickups.



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