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## Suspect facing trial in attack

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A man accused of tearing off a woman's clothing, barring her in a closet and firing a rifle during a home invasion in Northville Township last spring faces a jury trial in February.

Deamo L. Lately, 31, is charged with 18 counts, including two counts each of armed robbery and carjacking and one count of unlawful imprisonment, in the incident at a home in the area of Five

Mile and Bradner.

No one was hurt in the crime; shoes, purses, cash, a Rolex watch and two vehicles, a Chevrolet Corvette and Lexus RX 350, were reported stolen.

The victim, Candace Holiday, testified in November during Lately's preliminary hearing that she returned early April 30 from a night of club-hopping to find two men, both with guns, in her home.

A masked man holding a rifle, whom Holiday identified in court as Lately, said, "Bitch, get down," when she en-

tered, she testified. He then fired the rifle toward a staircase, she said. "I got down," Holiday said in 35th District Court before Judge James Plakas.

Holiday went on to testify that Lately grabbed her by the hair and forced her upstairs, where, in the master bedroom, there was a second masked gunman and a man on the floor who was her boyfriend at the time.

Lately threatened to kill her, demanded jewelry, asked if she had any guns and stripped off her one-piece outfit, Holiday said. He put her into a closet

in another bedroom and barricaded the door with a bed and other items, she said.

When the men left, Holiday said, her boyfriend called police.

Cliff Woodards, Lately's attorney during the preliminary exam, asked if Holiday had been under the influence of alcohol at the time; Holiday said she'd had two drinks, one at each of the strip clubs she'd visited over a four-hour span.

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Players participated in the inaugural Unified Sports League basketball game. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## New league a smash hit

Novi-Northville Unified basketball teams put on a show for big crowd

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The scoreboard read at the end of the game: Novi 27, Northville 24.

But everyone came out a winner in the inaugural basketball game between the two rival schools in the Kensington

Lakes Activities Association's new Unified Sports League, which is composed of students with and without disabilities.

The co-ed game, held last Friday at Northville, featured both general and special education students and it was well-received by a large, noisy and enthusiastic crowd of fellow students, faculty and parents from both schools.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience," Northville's Sarah Hige said. "Since it's my senior year, it's so cool

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Matt Heslop (right) grabs the rebound before Wolfie Mueller can get the ball.

## Fugitive in gun, pot plants case arrested

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A Northville Township man who skipped his trial on drug and weapon violations is back in police custody after his arrest on a drunken-driving charge.

Adam Scott Thomas, 29, failed to show up for his Dec. 12 trial and was being sought by Novi police and the South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium, or SONIC, a team of officers from several communities that's focused on drug trafficking. Novi Police Chief David Molloy said Thomas was also wanted on outstanding warrants from six other jurisdictions.

He was arrested by Livonia police on northbound I-275 around 1 a.m. Sunday on suspicion of drunken driving and pleaded guilty Thursday in Livonia's 16th District Court. He was to be sentenced Friday by Judge Sean Kavanagh.

Molloy said his department will take custody of Thomas, so that he can face the charges that led to his arrest last spring, after he serves his Livonia sentence.

Thomas was arrested in Novi the night of April 29 after police stopped him for speeding on Meadowbrook, near Nine Mile. There were two dozen marijuana plants, potted in plastic cups, and a loaded semiautomatic pistol in the Mazda 3 he was driving, a No-

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## NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

**After crash, driver admits she had been drinking**

A 46-year-old Northville Township woman was charged with driving while intoxicated after being involved in a Jan. 25 crash on the township's northeast side.

The suspect was driving a Ford F-150 pickup truck that struck a light pole, knocking it over, then collided with a Ford Mustang, a Northville Township Police Department report said. The crash occurred about 9:30 p.m. on Silver Spring Drive in front of Silver Springs Elementary School; police said there were no injuries.

The pickup's driver, police said, told

police her truck had struck a pothole and that she didn't know what happened after that. She smelled of alcohol and her speech was slurred, but she initially denied drinking alcohol, police said.

She later admitted she had been drinking, police said, at one point saying she had had two or three glasses of wine before leaving her Northville office, but at another time saying she had been out with friends in Southfield.

She performed poorly on field sobriety tests, police said, and a Breathalyzer test registered a blood-alcohol content of 0.21 percent, well over twice the limit for a driver.

The woman was cited and later re-

leased on a cash bond with a Wednesday, Feb. 14, court date.

The Mustang's driver told police he was heading south on Silver Springs when he saw the pickup, heading north, rounding a curve at high speed. The truck left the road, he said, knocked over the light pole, then went back onto the road, crossed the center line and crashed into his car.

**Open alcohol**

Police responding to a report that a driver had been "slamming" a beer ticketed a 63-year-old Livonia man Jan. 24 for having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

It was shortly before 10 a.m., a police report said, when the caller told police that a man in a gray Ford Taurus had been drinking beer outside the Fresh Thyme Farmers Market on Sheldon Road at Five Mile.

A responding officer saw a gray Taurus pulling out of the plaza, eastbound on Five Mile, and stopped the driver a short distance away, the report said.

The driver admitted to having drunk the beer, police said, and completed field sobriety tests and passed a preliminary Breathalyzer test. He was ticketed and released.

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**Suspect**

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"I wasn't buzzing or anything," she said.

Woodards also questioned how she was able to identify Lately when her assailant had been wearing a mask.

"I seen his eyes and his mouth," she said.

"And that's enough for you to determine who a person is?" Woodards asked.

**Fugitive**

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vi Police Department report said.

He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, the manufacture or delivery of marijuana, having a gun during a felony and driving with a suspended license.

Freed on bond after his April arrest, he had been scheduled for a Dec. 12 trial in Oakland County Circuit Court before Judge Leo Bowman. But Thomas did not show up for the trial, Molloy said, and the judge issued a bench warrant for him.

According to police in Novi, Thomas did not have a concealed weapons permit at the time of his April arrest and

"Yes," Holiday said.

Lately was arrested Oct. 9 in Detroit and is being held in the Wayne County Jail on a \$1 million bond. His current attorney, Wyatt Harris, did not respond to phone calls.

In addition to the carjacking, armed robbery and unlawful imprisonment charges, Lately is charged with one count each of home invasion, assault with a dangerous weapon, discharging a gun in or at a building and being a felon in possession of a gun. He also faces nine counts of using a gun during a felony.

Lately has a criminal record that includes guilty pleas to charges of larceny and unarmed robbery.

His trial is set to begin Monday, Feb. 12, before Judge Wanda Evans in Wayne County Circuit Court's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Police have not made a second arrest in the case and continue to investigate. Holiday's Corvette was later recovered.

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had a Michigan medical marijuana card that said he was "no caregiver."

The state's medical marijuana law prohibits patients who are not caregivers from transporting more than 12 marijuana plants and any transporting must be done directly from one location to another for the purpose of keeping the plants at the new location.

Thomas, the Novi police report said, told police that he had taken the plants to Grand Rapids to give them to a man there, but that the man had not shown up so he was returning home. He had the pistol, he said, because he planned to go to a shooting range at a later date.

Molloy said the outstanding warrants from other jurisdictions are related to offenses that include domestic violence and a probation violation.

His arrest early Sunday came after

police in Livonia received a report about an erratic driver.

Capt. Robert Nenciarini, the Livonia Police Department spokesman, said Thomas was driving an Audi when an officer saw him make a sudden lane change on I-275. He denied he had been drinking, Nenciarini said, but had glassy eyes, smelled of alcohol and performed poorly on field sobriety tests.

With Thomas's plea of guilty to a charge of operating under the influence with a blood-alcohol content of less than 0.17 percent, a charge of driving with a suspended license was dismissed in a plea agreement, according to court records.

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## Seventh-grader wins Hillside spelling bee

Natasha Kobelsky, a seventh-grader at Hillside Middle School in Northville, won the school's annual spelling bee Jan. 18 and will represent Hillside this month during regional competition in Detroit.



Natasha

Thirteen students competed in the Hillside bee, which lasted for 35 rounds and included more than 140 words spelled. Natasha's winning word was "dialect."

Natasha will attend the regional WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) spelling bee Saturday Feb. 17, at the Charles H. Wright Museum in Detroit. A win in the regional would give Natasha a chance to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee championship in Washington, D.C.

## Student competes in international contest

About 260 sixth-graders in the Northville Public Schools district submitted entries for this year's Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest, with one of them moving on to district, state and international competition.

The theme for this school year's contest was "The Future of Peace." The local contest is sponsored by the Northville Lions Club.

Seth Fodera, a sixth-grader at Hillside Middle School, won first place at the school, district and state levels and moved up to international competition, the results of which have not been announced.

Seth's poster depicts a world map, partially in full color and partially in gray, with the colored portion sweeping decisively forward to color in the gray areas.

"I was thinking on how that the world had peace, but not all of the world. Therefore, I colored some of the world gray," Seth said when asked how he came up with the idea.

"There are sad things about the world, mainly because of lack of peace," Seth said about what inspired



Teachers pose with Northville Lions Club poster contest winners and copies of their posters (from left): Hillside Middle School teacher Meaghan Monk, Hillside students Seth Fodera and Maddie Pohlman, Meads Mill Middle School students Nicole Zhong and Chloe Mattison and Amy Soukup, a Meads Mill teacher. The posters will be on display through February at the Northville District library.

him. "So if there was world peace, those problems would be gone."

Seth said the poster took him five or six days "and a lot of tweaking" to complete.

Nicole Zhong was the contest winner at Hillside Middle School and her poster placed third at district competition. Maddie Pohlman was the runner-up at

Hillside and Chloe Mattison was the runner-up at Meads Mill.

The posters will be on display through February at the Northville District Library.

The Northville Lions Club has a short video of the winners and their posters on its website, [www.northvillelionsclub.org](http://www.northvillelionsclub.org).

### NORTHVILLE LIBRARY EVENTS

The Northville District Library is at 212 W. Cady Street. Call (248) 348-5001 or go to [northvillelibrary.org](http://northvillelibrary.org) for more information.

#### Drop-In Little Me Storytime

**When:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9

**Details:** Little ones, babies to age 2, along with parents or caregivers, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. Just drop in.

#### Kidz Time

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

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

#### Kidz Time

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

**Details:** Celebrate Chinese New Year playing a Chinese guessing game, learning your Zodiac animal, making a hand-held Chinese drum and Chinese New Year bracelet and more. For grades 1-3. Register online or call.

#### Make a Cute No-Sew Snowman

**When:** 4:15-5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20

**Details:** Ages 9-12, make a cute no-sew snowman from socks. Limit 30. Register.

#### America's Classiest Cars with Russell Dore

**When:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28

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**When:** Varied, see website

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#### Storytimes

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# Dancers finish season with Sunday show

The Northville High School varsity dance company is closing the first year of its second decade with this season's 11th performance, "Transcendence," at 3 p.m. Sunday in the high school auditorium.

"Transcendence" will display the versatility, artistic expression and diversity of the dancers through a lineup of selections performed by the company, plus some of its alumnae. The dances will include group, duet and solo pieces, with jazz, lyrical, contemporary and hip-hop genres represented.

Carly Siracusa Carlin, the company's artistic director, said "transcendence" is the best way to describe the 11th season.

"Transcendence, without a doubt, defines NHSVDC," she said. "What has occurred in the last 11 years can only be defined as such. We finished off a decade of dance on an all-time high and began our second decade and 11th year with a transcendence of dance."

She added: "The dancers have far surpassed the limits of what season 11 was to hold. They have set the 'barre' so high for themselves and for the team, I can only sit back in amazement of what has transpired over the last several months. I am so very proud of these 18 dancers that I'm lucky enough to call my team."

This is Carlin's eighth year as a company choreographer and her seventh as artistic director and head choreographer. She is an accomplished dancer and award-winning choreographer from New York City.



Northville High School's varsity dance team will wrap up its 11th season at 3 p.m. Sunday with a performance at the high school auditorium.

To Carlin, the season was not only a new beginning, but a building upon and strengthening of the foundation that had been set.

"This team has something that can never be touched — its heart. It is 11 years strong and beats for the love of dance, friendship, family and, most of all, each other," she said. "If this season is any inclination of what is to come for this new decade, I cannot wait to see where we will go and what we will achieve. Together, we can transcend any limits."

For its 11th season, the company has 18 dancers with diverse backgrounds in dance. This includes traditional dance

training in all genres, competitive dance, competitive gymnastics, acrobatic arts and Bollywood.

The dancers are enrolled in local studios such as Performer's Edge Dance Co., Center Stage Dance Co., Piazza Dance Co, Barbara Hatch School of Dance, Dancing Feats, Miss Jean's Dance Arts and Central City Dance.

The dancers have performed this season at the high school's fall pep rally, the homecoming parade, the Halloween Spooktacular at Park Place, at varsity boys and girls basketball games and at the Northville Lighted Parade.

Giving back to the community is very important to the company and each

season the team selects an organization to support. This season's goal was supporting Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit. Fundraising events and social events are included in the company's seven-month season.

"NHSVDC has become my family and somewhere I'm excited to go and dance every day with my friends. The NHS varsity dance company is somewhere where everyone can feel included," said Grace Cracraft, a junior co-captain.

"Transcendence" will feature a unique component and experience for the dancers — student choreography. Cracraft and Meyers, also a junior and a co-captain, are marking their second year as student choreographers.

"Student choreography allows the dancers to step out of their comfort zone and try new genres while learning from their peers," Meyers said. Including Meyers and Cracraft, the team has six student choreographers.

It will be bittersweet for the company's graduating seniors, captains Rachel Matejewski and Megan Wayne, who will each perform their senior solo Sunday.

"After being on NHSVDC for four years, I will miss the bonds that are made. I wouldn't have wanted to spend my four years anywhere else," Wayne said.

Tickets for "Transcendence," at \$8 each, will be available beginning at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the NHS auditorium box office. Northville High School is at 45700 Six Mile.

## NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Buildings will re-open each Sunday starting in June 2018. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; go to [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org) for details.

### Upcoming events

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

Tickets available in the office.

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

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## ENGAGEMENT



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## Pitcher-Baumgardner

John and Shari Pitcher of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Julianne Marie Pitcher, to Kristopher Michael Baumgardner, son of Al Baumgardner of Redford and Bill and Janice Keyes of Northville.

Julianne is a 2010 graduate of Northville High School and a 2014 graduate of Michigan State University with a bache-

lor of arts in journalism. She currently works in human resources at Plastipak Packaging, Inc., in Plymouth.

Kris, a 2009 Northville High School graduate, received a bachelor of arts in advertising from Michigan State University and is currently employed as an ad operations specialist with Valassis in Livonia.

An August 2018 wedding is planned in Detroit.

## Koleszar announces bid for state House seat

Matt Koleszar of Plymouth Township, a public-school teacher, has announced his bid for state representative as a Democratic candidate in the 20th District. The district, currently represented by Jeff Noble, R-Plymouth, includes Northville, Plymouth and Canton.

"After nearly a decade of failed leadership in Lansing, we have seen our schools suffer, our roads crumble and the cost of tuition skyrocket while wages remain stagnant for too many Michigan families," Koleszar said in his campaign announcement. "I am running for state representative because it's time we have a legislator who truly represent our best interests and fights for what matters most - our children and our families."

A graduate of Walled Lake Western High School (Class of 2000), Koleszar went on to earn his bachelor's degree in education from Saginaw Valley State University and his master's degree in English studies from Eastern Michigan University. He has taught English and social studies in the Airport Community Schools district for the past 12 years.

"As a public educator, I have the



Koleszar

unique opportunity of watching firsthand how legislation affects our schools, teachers and, ultimately, our students," Koleszar said. "It's time we invest in Michigan by putting our children's education first. We can do this by removing the profit motive in education services, reduce standardized testing and expand college prep and skilled trades education. Every child is unique and it is our responsibility to ensure we are providing the very best education no matter the situation."

Northville native and Plymouth City Commissioner Nick Moroz voiced support for Koleszar's vision for building a stronger community with better representation.

Koleszar intends to host events around the district and started a Neighborhood Voices page on his website, mattformichigan.org, asking for input.

"I decided to run because I felt my voice, and the voice of my neighbors, is currently not being represented in Lansing," he said. "I hope to earn the support of my neighbors as I continue to listen and learn more about what keeps them up at night. I hope the Neighborhood Voices page gives people an opportunity to share their stories and values."

## Polehanki announces bid for state Senate seat

Dayna Polehanki of Livonia, a 16-year public school teacher and small business owner, has announced her bid for the state Senate as a Democratic candidate in the 7th District.

This district, held by term-limited Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, includes the communities of Livonia, Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Wayne.

Polehanki is hosting a meet and greet fundraiser at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at The Claddagh Irish Pub & Restaurant, 17800 Haggerty Road, in Livonia. The public is invited to attend.

Polehanki made her candidacy public at a campaign kickoff event this past November.

"I am running because I am fed up," she said. "As a teacher, I have seen firsthand that we are failing our children with a lack of investment in our public schools. Like all Michigan residents, I have avoided potholes, experienced cracked windshields and flat tires and worry about driver safety on our roads. So many of our bright minds leave Michigan because we are not retaining talent. Lastly, our seniors worry about a secure retirement and additional taxes on their pensions. We can and must do better for the people of our great state."

A graduate of Flushing High School,

Polehanki earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Central Michigan University, a teacher certification and English major from Alma College, a master's degree in teaching from Marygrove College and an administrator certification from the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals. She has taught English in the New Haven Community Schools district for the past 16 years and is a former Teacher of the Year at New Haven High School.

Polehanki is also a small business owner, running Detroit Casting Co., a film/television/commercial casting office based in Livonia. A former manager of features casting at Paramount Pictures in Los Angeles and a member of the Casting Society of America, Polehanki has witnessed first-hand the devastating effects of the elimination of Michigan's film incentive on her once bustling small business.

"The work just dried up once the film incentive was fully eliminated," she said. "It is a shame. Filmmakers and talent from all over the country and the world came to Michigan to spend money and to create art and Michigan workers, from actors to caterers to electricians, benefited. But we cut the industry off at the knees. What a huge missed opportunity."

Polehanki plans to host events around the district. For more information, go to daynaforsenate.com.

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# Local Stroh's collection toasts once-mighty Detroit beer empire

**Derrell Clegg**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Allan Ruth has a picture of his father carrying a case of Stroh's beer into their Detroit home in 1965.

"My dad was a Stroh's man," he said. And Ruth is a Stroh's collector.

He has collected more than 800 pieces of Stroh's memorabilia since he took up the hobby in the mid-1980s. To step inside the basement of his house in Plymouth Township is to be transported back in time to a Detroit brewing company that started in 1850, stayed in the Motor City for 135 years and became the third largest beer-maker in America.

Ruth has accumulated Stroh's neon signs, playing cards, a Lionel toy train piece, beer tap handles, bar mirrors, sports calendars and cigarette lighters, including an old one made for a car.

"That was a rare find," he said.

Ruth has collected beer mugs and steins, a Stroh's toy truck and ship, patches, badges, key chains, knives, a beer keg, pencils, a vintage wooden beer case, a Lady Stroh's Open golf club and a plastic blow-up Strohman, which resembles a snowman.

And, of course, bottles and cans of beer.

At first glance, it would appear that Ruth dug deep into his pockets for his collection of memorabilia.

Not so. He said no single item cost more than \$50.

"This is a very cheap collection," he said. "I didn't spend a lot of money on it."

Even so, friends who have seen it admire it. Just ask Michael Balow, who has served with Ruth on the Lake Pointe subdivision homeowners board and who took an opportunity to see Ruth's basement.

"I didn't expect it to be quite as extensive as it is," Balow said. "It takes up his entire basement. It's impressive. I'm keenly interested in all local history, whether it's Michigan, Detroit or Ply-



From neon signs to bottle and can openers, Stroh's is the theme. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



This is a cigarette lighter from a vehicle, modified with a Stroh's logo. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Allan Ruth hangs a Stroh's plaque. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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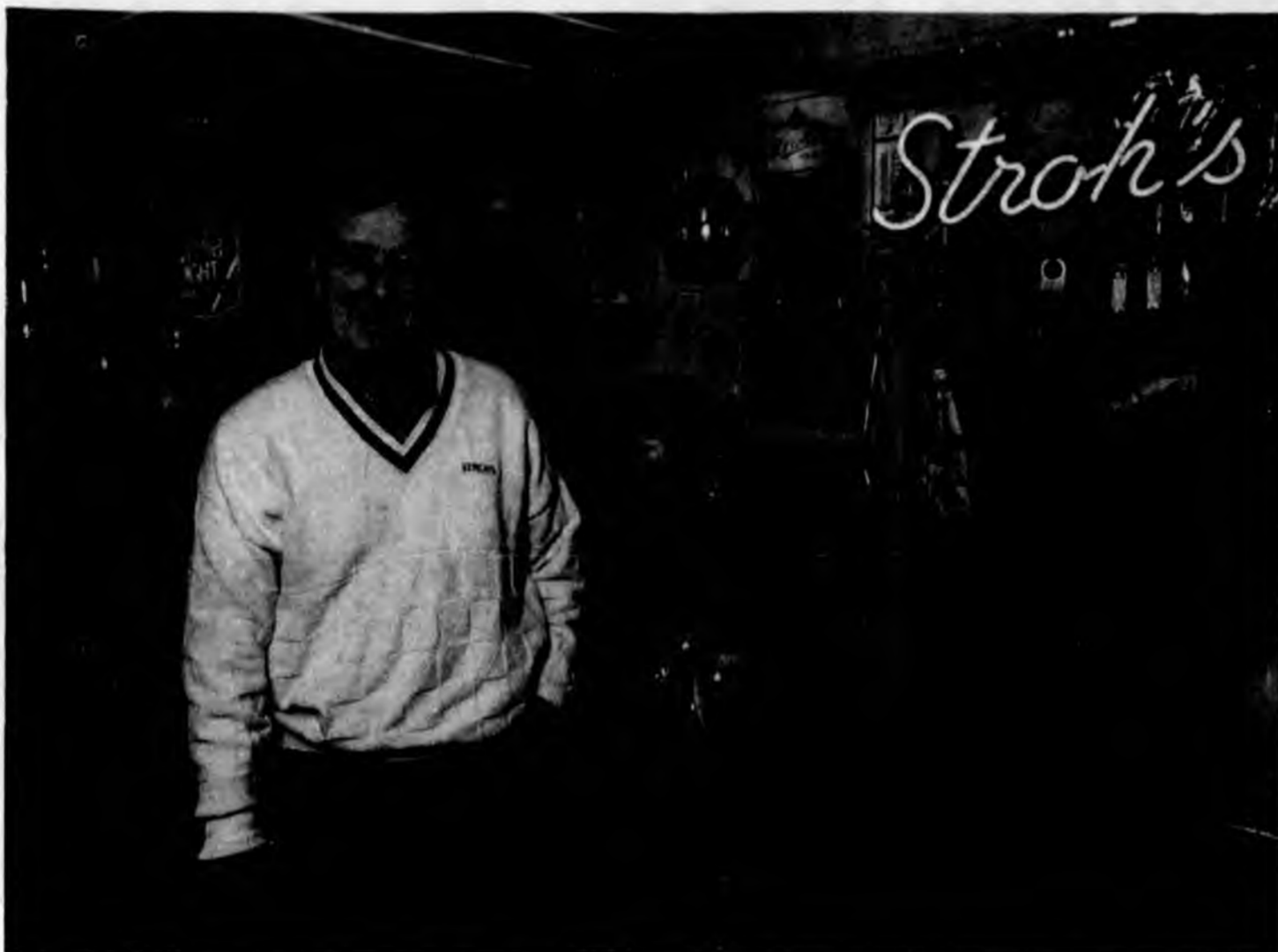


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## Stroh's

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mouth. And Stroh's was such a big part of Detroit for so many years. A lot of stuff in his collection has been lost to history."

According to the Stroh's website, the Stroh family began brewing beer in 1775 in Germany. Bernard Stroh immigrated to the United States in 1849 and founded his Detroit brewery the following year, giving it a Lion's image that remains on the label.

Stroh's won a blue ribbon at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893 and later, during Prohibition, sold beer with alcohol extracted and also turned the company's attention to other products such as ice cream.

By 1978, Stroh's sold 6.4 million bar-

rels of beer a year in 17 states.

Ruth has a set of Stroh's beer glasses made prior to Prohibition. It's the oldest part of his collection. He has made the rounds to trade shows and garage sales, usually accompanied by his wife JoAnn, to find his memorabilia. He also belongs to the Stroh's Fire-Brewed Club.

"I think it's pretty cool," his wife said of his collection. "He really enjoys it a lot."

Ruth even has Stroh's items on his basement ceiling, including beer mirrors and a Tigers baseball schedule from the team's World Series season of 1984.

Ruth, a retired maintenance worker for the Michigan Department of Corrections, has attended annual brewery advertising shows in Wyandotte and other events where he and other collectors find camaraderie.

As a company, Stroh's began making bad financial decisions, history shows,

and in 1985 it closed its Detroit brewery operations after 135 years, eventually becoming part of Pabst Brewing Co., then based in Milwaukee.

An article in Forbes magazine in 2014 said the company in the 1980s had accumulated a fortune estimated at \$700 million. In today's adjusted dollars, Forbes said, the family would currently be worth about \$9 billion.

A fifth-generation family member, Greg Stroh, told the magazine that the company went national without the money to do it. "It was like going to a gunfight with a knife," he told the publication.

Just over 30 years after Stroh's left Detroit, it came back in 2016 to Brew Detroit in Corktown, through an agreement with Pabst.

Much like Detroit, Stroh's has been a survivor, Ruth said.

"They never really stopped making

Stroh's," he said, wearing a sweater with the Stroh's logo.

In his neighborhood, Ruth is beloved, much like the Stroh's collection he cherishes.

He volunteers for Huron Valley Lutheran High School in Westland, where he drives a bus. He decorates a big pine tree in his front yard every Christmas. He places little flags near the Lake Pointe entrance on patriotic holidays.

Despite Ruth's love for Stroh's memorabilia, he is not a big drinker, though he enjoys a cold brew from time to time, either at home or when he visits friends.

"Almost everybody who knows me will have Stroh's for me," he said with a smile.

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# CARE House luncheon puts spotlight on childhood trauma

**Diane K. Bert**  
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Recently, guests attended the 22nd annual Circle of Friends luncheon at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, to benefit CARE House, which was established in 1977 through a partnership of Oakland County Law Enforcement agencies, the prosecutor's office and Children's Protective Services. In 1989, it became a child advocacy center. Today, CARE House is dedicated to the safety of children.

"Child abuse remains the most common type of major childhood trauma today, with more than 2,000 confirmed child victims in Oakland County in 2015 alone," said Blythe Spitsbergen, executive director of CARE House. "We are working to prevent, minimize and eliminate abuse."

CARE House has many important roles. The Early Head Start program helps young parents develop good parenting skills to assure the healthy development of their infants. The Court Appointed Special Advocacy program has trained volunteers work with foster children to make recommendations to the courts for optimal placements. Training programs help educators, nurses and doctors recognize signs of abuse and learn how to report cases.

When abuse is suspected, forensic interviews are conducted and videotaped by skilled interviewers. Members of police forces, protective services and other involved agencies witness the interviews concealed behind a large mirror. This interview is used in investigating the abuse and spares the child from repeated interviews.

Therapy is provided for the victims of abuse at no charge to the families. The staff of psychologists and social workers includes highly skilled therapists.

Attendee Jeane Lee was a board member of CARE House and an active volunteer.

"My passion was preventing child abuse and neglect," Lee said. "I felt won-



Leaders of CARE House include (from left) Chad Ozias, director of volunteers and community development; Tricia Schuster, program director; Blythe Spitsbergen, executive director; and Cathy Weissenborn, board member. Talented professionals provide services to children who have experienced abuse and neglect, present educational programs for medical and educational personnel and conduct prevention programs. DIANE K. BERT

derful about the work I did there."

Spitsbergen said CARE House recently received a three-year grant from Impact 100 Oakland County.

"This prestigious grant will enable us to develop and implement programs to prevent child abuse," she said. "The program is designed for families with children ages 5-12 and strives to prevent abuse by promoting healthy parenting skills, strengthening familial relationships between parents and children and expanding open, empathetic communication."

The audience at the luncheon listened with rapt attention as Keith (a pseudonym), a local government attorney and child sexual abuse survivor, told his story. As is usually the situation, a person whom he liked and trusted nurtured their friendship. His soccer coach, after months of close communi-

cation, sexually molested him, swearing him to secrecy.

After many months, he told his father the story and they reported it to the police. An empathetic officer was supportive and the coach received a jail sentence.

Keith was able to communicate his feelings and shame.

"Keith was able to let us know what kids are feeling as they approach the door of CARE House, their fears, shame, anxieties, facing the unknown," said Trisha Schuster, a licensed social worker and program director of CARE House. "Keith used the concept of walking through a dark valley alone."

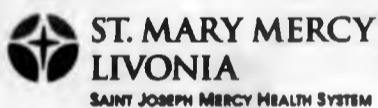
Keith added, "Today, thanks to CARE House, that child won't have to walk through that valley alone." He praised the staff for choosing to make life better for children and walking along with

them on the path in the valley of darkness.

Midge Moran, a guest at the luncheon, said, "This was one of the most impactful presentations I have ever heard. His story and the way he told it were very powerful."

Spitsbergen sent an email to supporters: "Not only did you help to raise over \$40,000 for CARE House, you also had the opportunity to be in the heart, mind, and shoes of the child who is about to walk through the CARE House doors. ... We will continue to fight to break the cycle of abuse, because it shouldn't hurt to be a child."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Go Trump

President Donald Trump's first State of the Union address was uplifting, optimistic, and parts of the speech were truly inspiring. According to a CBS poll (not a Trump-supporting organization), 75% of Americans approved of the speech and 81% thought President Trump was trying to bring the nation together.

Trump's first year has been a big success for our fellow citizens - 2.4 million jobs created, African-American unemployment and Hispanic-American unemployment stand at the lowest rates ever recorded, and wages for ordinary Americans are finally going up after years of stagnation.

Since the Trump tax cut, more than 70 major U.S. companies have announced either pay raises or bonuses for rank-and-file employees, plus additional hiring and investment in America. Small business confidence in the future is at an all-time high.

All of this job growth in America is designed to lift our citizens from welfare to work, from dependence to independence, and from poverty to prosperity. Amen.

All of this good news did not appear to be welcomed by Democrat politicians, who largely sat on their hands during the speech. However, all of these positive developments are a refreshing and rewarding change for ordinary hard-working Americans (regardless of party affiliation) who are tired of being treated like helpless victims by left-wing power-hungry bureaucrats.

Randy Kniebes  
Brighton

## Colbeck Impressed

The First Gubernatorial Debate in Grand Rapids, a brief synopsis:

1. Pat Colbeck clearly knocked it out of the ball park. His answers were clear, heartfelt, knowledgeable, accurate, sincere, with no ambiguity and were well received by the audience.

2. Brian Calley was smooth but vague in many areas. Although he is a well-polished politician, his answers were often too general. I thought he was going to gag when asked a question about tax cuts. (Let's not forget his tax-increasing record re: the gas tax, Medicaid expansion and increasing the senior income tax).

Perhaps one of his most embarrassing moments was the question about the purpose of government. He began his ramble with "infrastructure." Really?

The beauty of a town hall format where each candidate answers each question was realized when Colbeck followed Calley and answered that question remarkably different. Colbeck's answer was that the "purpose of government was to secure the rights of the governed." It was clear Colbeck read and actually understood the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and understood these two social compacts that unite all Americans. Especially the part: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Colbeck's short and extremely correct answer was virtually a direct quote from the Declaration of Independence.

Compare the two, and you will see which of the two is more qualified to serve us as our next Governor!

3. Bill Schuette failed to attend the gubernatorial debate. After watching, it was clear to me that Schuette is afraid to debate Colbeck. Colbeck mopped the floor with Calley.

4. Jim Hines is a nice man and has attained a nice set up of accomplishments, such as MD, being a pilot and distance runner. Perhaps one of his best accomplishments is to repeat that which Colbeck has previously championed. I have had many opportunities to attend town hall meetings where both were both speaking.

Those that attended the debate saw that the majority of campaign stickers, buttons, shirts and other forms of support were for Colbeck. No other candidate has anywhere the grassroots support that Colbeck enjoys. Last night was an initial glimpse of the beginning of the end of the "Lansing Swamp."

Bob Cushman  
Northville

## Dealing with loss

During the recent holiday season, Detroit Free Press columnist Mitch Al-

bom wrote a poignant piece which was a reflection on his deceased parents. This got me thinking about something I've already thought a lot about. I'm referring to how we as people are forced to live with grief and loss in our lives.

These recent holidays have also reminded me how vastly things have changed for me. In the 1970's, my family received 100's of Christmas cards. Now, if I get a dozen, that's about it. Our Christmas dinners were once conducted across a long dining room table, but now you could fit us into a phone-booth. Most of my relatives are deceased and many friends are flown.

We experience death at various stages in our life. As children, death may seem like a strange novelty at first, like watching a horror movie. We often experience our first awareness with death during the loss of a pet, even if it's a goldfish. The loss of a cat or dog can hurt quite a bit. Then, there's usually the death of an elderly relative, perhaps a grandparent. When I was in 8th grade, my cousin, who was my age, was killed in a car accident, and this made the imminence of death to me more real.

If you're a childless, single person, the most intense form of loss comes with the death of your parents. For baby boomers like myself, many of us are now going through a period without our parents. Unless you're married, there really is no-one who you'll be with longer than your parents, so their loss is a vast chasm to cross. For baby boomers, that usually means losing people who you've been around for 50 years.

When we're younger, we often probably take our parents for granted, and the time we have with them. We sometimes don't appreciate them as much as we should, and we sometimes engage in brainless conflict (especially as teens.) But if we could look into the future, we would realize that every minute with our loved ones is precious and should be treasured, and that one day, when our time with them is up, we won't be able to buy back even one more minute with them, even if we had all the money in the world-- no matter how desperately we may want it.

Leo Weber  
Livonia

## School plan promotes bullying

I am an eighth grade student from

Discovery Middle School. One of the largest problems in schools today is bullying. My problem lies in how my school has addressed this issue. This week the school decided to place the bullies with the bullied by forcing students to have assigned seats in the lunchroom.

Staff and students participate in a Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support reward system quarterly to improve school culture, giving properly behaving students snacks or the use of electronics during recess and lunch.

This quarter, however, our school decided to do something new, called "Mix It Up" week.

Students were placed into table groups of about 20, who will sit together every day during lunch for one week. The stated goal is to keep your table the cleanest so you can win a hot lunch reward.

After the shock that the student body received laying out this plan, the hallways went into a frenzy, and at least four petitions were started with over 100 signatures from students and teachers.

Lunchtime is a time to relax after the first half of the day. Kids find safety in their friends. You can walk into our lunchroom and find kids actually enjoying school. This is the exact opposite when the plan for Mix It Up week goes through.

I have been called cruel names, have been filmed and laughed at, and have had food thrown at me. Friends and I will be sitting for an hour within arms' reach of the perpetrators of these actions. This week everything we do will need to be calculated so as not to give ammunition to people who have harassed us. I know that this week is trying to stop bullying; it's going to be a week of stress and anxiety added to the school day.

The plan for Mix It Up week is not a new idea. Novi ran a similar experiment and chose after one trial to not repeat it. Overall this week does not seem to be a plan that was thought out by the administration, had not gone through student council, and does not take students' feelings into consideration.

Grace Laney  
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# Fixes for demolished I-96 overpass on hold

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The replacement of an Interstate 96 overpass damaged seriously enough by a company hauling equipment that it had to be demolished will be closed six months longer than initially expected.

In September, Michigan Department of Transportation officials estimated Pleasant Valley Road over I-96 would be closed for approximately six months. The portion of the bridge over eastbound lanes was demolished after it was severely damaged in a crash Sept. 27.

However, MDOT's latest estimate is that the bridge will be replaced and reopened more than a year after it was demolished.

"We expect completion by November," MDOT spokeswoman Jocelyn Hall said.

She said MDOT officials likely will let the project out to bid in March or April. They expect the cost to be about \$1.3 million.

She said it likely will take a year to replace because it is a lengthy process to do design work, bid the project and secure materials.

"Once the bidding process is complete, then the contractor has to have a lead time of a minimum of six months to order the fabrication of steel beams. There isn't a place that has them made and ready to pick up. They have to be made on demand," Hall said. "We know residents and businesses are certainly impacted by this."

Dawn Turner, owner of a 7-Eleven and Mobile gas station less than a half-mile south of the closure at 11501 Grand River Ave., said her family has lost a "significant" amount of business since the overpass was demolished.

"We have seen the lowest numbers that we've ever seen since this business has been open, since 2001," Turner said.

She said the business is down to eight employees from 15 due to the lost business.

"It has impacted our sales inside and both outside. We haven't seen customers since Sept. 27 that we used to see every day. We do still see some loyal customers that do make the journey around the bridge and come all the way around,



The Pleasant Valley Road overpass shown Thursday partially demolished due to structural damage after a crash, will be replaced, but not until November. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY



Pleasant Valley Road continues to be closed at the overpass over I-96 and won't be reopened until November. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

so we are very thankful for that, but there are a lot of people that we haven't seen," she said.

She expects the overpass closure to continue to hurt business.

About 7,700 vehicles a day used the overpass.

While the two I-96 ramps at the Pleasant Valley Road bridge are open to traffic — there is one westbound off-

ramp north of the closed bridge and one eastbound on-ramp to its south — the closure is disrupting people's drives, according to one resident.

Resident Clarissa Schultz, who lives south of the bridge closure, said it is causing major traffic backups at Kensington Road and I-96 a couple of miles east.

"I go (eastbound) to Detroit a lot to volunteer and that's not bad, but coming home it would be so nice to get off at Pleasant Valley and now you have to get off at Kensington," she said. "I feel so bad for the people who need to get to work, because Kensington Road will be backed up for miles."

On Sept. 27, a 30-year-old Waterford man employed with MacAllister Machinery Rentals in Wixom struck the overpass while driving a flatbed truck carrying equipment similar to a cherry picker. Police cited the man for operating an over-height vehicle and careless driving.

MDOT will seek reimbursement on the cost of demolishing and replacing the bridge, Hall said. The crash damaged four of the six bridge beams significantly. MDOT immediately demolished the bridge.

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# Bagger Dave's abruptly closes Canton restaurant

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Jonathan Hicks ate 52 cheeseburgers in 52 weeks after Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern opened its Canton restaurant in February 2015.

Hicks and other patrons have had their last meal at the Bagger Dave's on Canton Center, south of Ford, which abruptly closed after the end of business Jan. 14.

Hicks was among the first 50 customers who lined up outside the restaurant when it opened in February 2015. Their reward: One free burger every week for a year.

Hicks is disappointed to see the Canton restaurant close, nearly three years after it opened.



Bagger Dave's has closed its restaurant in Canton. DARRELL CLEM

"I'm definitely sad. It's a bummer," he said. "It's a good place."

The latest closing comes after Bagger Dave's earlier shuttered locations in Woodhaven, Ann Arbor, Brighton and Detroit, though several of its Michigan

eateries, including one in Novi, remain open. The company had blamed the struggles at its underperforming restaurants on a decline in casual dining.

A message was left with the restaurant's parent company, Southfield-based Diversified Restaurant Holdings, Inc.

Hicks, who works in sales for Motorola, remained a Bagger Dave's customer even after his free burger offer expired. He often took his laptop and worked there.

"It just became part of my routine," he said, adding that he "tried just about everything on the menu."

A sign on the restaurant's door gave few details of the closing.

"Unfortunately, we have decided to close this Bagger Dave's location. Please know that we greatly appreciated your

business and support," it states, urging customers to find other locations.

When Bagger Dave's opened in Canton, company officials said it expected to employ about 80 workers. It wasn't clear how many employees it still had before it closed or whether they were offered jobs at other locations.

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden said it's disappointing to see Bagger Dave's close. The restaurant had participated in chamber events such as the annual Grub Crawl, which lets people dine at several restaurants for one price.

The closing of Bagger Dave's comes two years after Max & Erma's shuttered its nearby restaurant.

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## Do your homework before making a major move



**Money Matters**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

I recently met with a new client to manage their money. The client has been retired for about a year and one of the main topics of conversation was their home. As the client explained, they have been in the house for more than 30 years and they want to move. Not only is the house too big for them, but because of her health it has become very difficult to go up and down the stairs. He told me at one point they looked at putting in a lift system, but they dismissed it as impractical.

They are 100-percent convinced the home no longer fits their needs and they should move. The problem is, they're not sure where. They are thinking of Texas (where their children now live), Florida or staying in Michigan. Deep down, I could tell in our conversation that they wanted to be close to their children, but they were not sure if they would like Texas. They had been to Texas, but they have never been there for

more than a week. They did not know what they should do.

I agree it is difficult to pick up and move to an area that you are unfamiliar with. Even if you are moving to be closer to the kids, you're not going to spend all your time with them; you have to have a life of your own. In addition, let's not forget that your kids and grandkids will also have their own lives and they may not spend the amount of time with you that you had hoped for. I cannot tell you how many times I've heard from people that have moved out of state to be closer with their kids discover they've made a mistake.

What I had recommended was, before they pack off and move to Texas permanently, they consider going to Texas and spending a significant amount of time there. They should consider renting something for three months to see what living in Texas would be like. It is very difficult to know what a place is like if you only spend a week there. One week doesn't give you much time to truly learn about an area. If you go for an extended time like three months, you can get a better flavor as to what living in Texas is all about. It will

also give you time to look at different areas of the city to determine what best suits you.

Think if someone were to move to southeast Michigan. Would they live on the east side in St. Clair Shores or Grosse Pointe or would they move to Northville, West Bloomfield or Troy? The decision to move out of Michigan is tough enough; what makes it even tougher is you don't have all the information. By spending an extended time somewhere, it gives you the opportunity to learn about an area so you can make the right decision for you.

In the old days, it may have been difficult to rent a home or a condo, but that's not true anymore. In today's world, with websites such as Airbnb and TripAdvisor, it is much easier to rent a place for an extended period of time. For anyone contemplating a move to an area they're not familiar with, a great strategy is to live in the area for a period of time before you make the final decision.

Living in an area is totally different from visiting a place for vacation. I've been to Las Vegas many times, but I would have no idea what it's like to live there. When I go to Vegas, I generally

stay on the strip. I have no idea what it's like to actually live in Las Vegas. Before you make a major decision to move, always do your homework and make the decision not as a tourist, but as a resident.

One last note: I told the client they should begin the process of getting their house ready to sell. It's not easy to pack up a house that you've been in for 30 years; the sooner you start, the easier it will be. Whether they move to Texas or not, they should consider moving because the house no longer meets their needs. The house may have been wonderful in the past, but not today. Remember, when it comes to your home, the most important thing is quality of life. In this situation, since the house no longer provides that quality, it's a sure sign the house needs to be sold. If your house no longer brings you the quality of life it should, it is a sign that a change is needed.

Good luck!

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## Bed & Bread Radiothon set for Feb. 23

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit will host its 31st annual Bed & Bread Club Radiothon, presented by Ford Motor Co. Fund, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23. The fundraiser will be broadcast live on WJR-AM (760) from the Emagine Theatre in Novi.

Throughout the 16-hour broadcast, WJR hosts Paul W. Smith, Frank Beckmann, Guy Gordon and Mitch Albom will speak to local and national celebrities and musicians and civic and business leaders sharing their support for The Salvation Army. Jim Vella, president of Ford Motor Co. Fund, will share radiothon hours with Gordon beginning at 2 p.m. Dick Purtan, Bed & Bread Club chairman and retired Detroit radio Hall of Famer, will once again lead the broadcast 6-10 p.m., joined by daughters Jackie Purtan, WXYZ-TV's JoAnne Purtan and Purtan's People alumni.

"Through 31 years – and counting – we are truly grateful for all of the work our partners put in to make this a reality," said Maj. Russ Sjögren, general secretary and Detroit area commander for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. "We're so thankful for the generous support of the Ford Motor Co. Fund, WJR, Emagine Theatres and the thousands of people who donate to us. Only by their gracious contributions can we continue to provide Bed & Bread support to those in need across Detroit and the surrounding communities."

Supporters can donate now through the end of the 16-hour radiothon by:

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The annual fundraiser is the primary source of funding for the non-profit's Bed & Bread program and is the largest single-market, single-day radio fundraiser in the country.

## Basketball

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that we can do this as a last year to go out. I can't expect doing anything different my senior year. It's great out here."

Students who attended Friday's game received free admission to three games, which included the Northville girls and boys varsity basketball games that followed.

The first 300 fans received "Spread the Word to End the Word" T-shirts as part of the movement to raise awareness of the hurtfulness of the R-word and support Special Olympics.

"We're the first league in the country, I think, to form league play," Northville athletic director Bryan Masi said. "We really tried to promote it at both schools and got a huge crowd."

### Mixed teams

The rules require that two general ed students must be on the court at the same time as three special ed students.

"I just told them to have fun," said Hige, who plays softball for the Mustangs. "Sometimes you have to tell them what direction to go because they forget, but other than that, just have fun and play for the fans."

Hige is part of a peer-to-peer links class at the high school, where she accompanies a special ed student.

"For me, we go through their English class with them and we basically take the class with them, help them out," she said. "We're a mentor for them."

The Unified Champion Schools program is made up of three main core components, including youth leadership and advocacy, inclusive sports and whole school engagement.

"The kids out here were so excited because they haven't had this type of sporting experience," Hige said. "It was great they got to see this and be part of the social crowd at Northville."

"It's really cool to see my kids in my classroom be able to make relationships around the building," Northville Unified basketball coach and teacher Kelsey Mikiciuk said. "Just seeing some of the other students that aren't normally in my classroom, build relationships play together ... it's awesome."



Jessica Paul (left) and Jeffrey Li chase a loose ball. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Big rivalry

And being it was Northville vs. Novi gave the game a little more meaning.

"They were fired up," Mikiciuk said. "It was like the actual rivals at the football games or the basketball games. It was cool. All I had to do is send out one email and everybody wanted to help. It was neat. The students took the initiative, but so many staff members, too ... just great."

Novi track and cross country runner Trey Mullins was contacted about participating in the KLAA Unified Sports League basketball team through his school's administration.

"It's very cool being here, especially with Northville, our hometown rival," Mullins said. "I've always had a friend with special needs growing up, developed a relationship and, actually, he's on the basketball team (Hunter Goodman). So I really wanted to be with him and surround his friends, too. It's kind special for them, because they don't get this opportunity all the time or really never in their lifetime ... have this atmosphere that regular kids get to have all the time, really. And I think it's great for the parents of these kids."

The KLAA's Project Unified basketball league is composed of eight teams with a five-game schedule, which runs through March. Brighton, Belleville, Hartland, Northville, Novi and Plymouth are among the charter members.

Partnered with Michigan Special Olympics, Project Unified is just the latest special education initiative for Novi, Northville and the KLAA.

"It's been a really great experience so far," Novi Unified basketball coach and teacher Andrew Sairri said. "I know Novi schools have been pushing for all-inclusive activities and so having all our students come out here and have some fun and participate in sports is a great thing to do."

### Big crowd

Judging by the size of the crowd and the enthusiasm the students brought to the Northville gymnasium, it was a rousing success.

"I'm glad to see everyone come out and support their teams," Sairri said. "That's a really nice thing to do and it's fun. It makes for a fun environment. I think they were at first overwhelmed, but as the season continues on, they'll get used to it and it will become the norm."

The Northville team consisted of Abe Khoury, A.J. Kemp, Anthony Montemayor, Caden Williams, Cecelia Richard, Christian Aulepp, Dora Koski, Gabi Fisette, Jack Harrigan, Jane Colter, Jeffrey Li, Jonathan Tish, Kristian Andersen, Malcolm Wang, Ryan Doroudian, Shannon McKee, Wolfie Mueller, Yushan Zhang and Hige.

The Northville coaching staff consisted of Jill Anderson, Shaun Dicken, Julie Fisette and Teryn Chrzanowski. The scorekeepers were Haileigh Czarnnecki and Alec Woodman.

Members of the Novi squad included Eli Carpenter, Elizabeth Paul, Fabian Israel, Jack Waechter, JaDavian Harris-Jenkins, Jana Anbuselvan, Jerame Trimble, Jessica Paul, Kyle Henkel, Matt Heslop, Matt Murphy, Mike Manning, Nikola Ljucovic, Nylah Smith, Ric Nicklaus, Robby Heil, Scott Wilson, Sydney Giamarese, Sydney Lisowski, Goodman and Mullins.

Meanwhile, the victory proved sweet for the visiting Wildcats.

"It's very good to win at Northville, go back to school and brag about it," Sairri said.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The draft Capital Improvements Program documents are available for examination and review by contacting the City Manager's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours. Any written comments for the public hearing must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

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# Eradicating rats is a labor of love for neighborhood groups

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Patrick Welsh won his first hunting trophy last month for "meritorious massacre" in his neighborhood.

"It's for my willingness to teach high-tech rat trapping," said Welsh, who accepted the tongue-in-cheek honor from Ferndale Rat Patrol, a Facebook group of nearly 600 members who are working to rid their metro Detroit communities of rats without the use of poisons.

"One thing I invested in was a willingness to use modern hunting techniques," Welsh said. "I have game cameras that take infra-red video. I set them up. Someone had a one-pound rat in their front yard. I stalked that thing with a night vision scope and pellet gun and got it that same night."

Welsh has taken down dozens of rats since moving into Ferndale seven years ago. He was among a handful of neighborly rat killers who were honored with trophies — golden rat traps — from Ferndale Rat Patrol last year. The lighthearted awards ceremony injected a little levity and fun into the otherwise serious work the group conducts year-round.

Like Facebook pages Royal Oak RATS and Rat Problem in Garden City, MI, Ferndale Rat Patrol posts information and tips about eradicating rats. Welsh, who sometimes posts photos of his latest kill online, and page administrators Suzanne Janik, Eric Geiner and Laura Mikulski also often meet with distraught homeowners in person, assisting them with traps, helping to identify tracks and burrows, lending trail cams to capture rat activity at night and distributing informational fliers to neighbors.

The group draws its members primarily from Ferndale, nearby south Oakland County communities and a handful of cities in Macomb and Wayne counties. A Livonia resident posting Jan. 21 asked for help with her rat-infested garage and noted that "the information in this group has been so incredibly helpful."

## Ratty cities

According to the pest control company Orkin, the Detroit area can use all the help it can get battling rats. It ranked the area No. 7 on its 2017 list of "Top 50 Rattiest Cities." That's up from No. 9 in the previous year. The ranking is based on the number of rodent treatments from October 2016 through September 2017 in each city.

Royal Oak RATS will team with Ferndale Rat Patrol to present a free workshop from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marais, north of 13 Mile and east of Crooks. Topics will include trapping, using raptors to control rats, owl houses, tools to help fight rat infestation, feeding birds without attracting rats, rat facts and the downside of using poisons. Two live red-tailed hawks and a garter snake will be on hand, along with an owl mascot and face painter to entertain children.

"You'll find rats around farms and home and restaurants. They like our shelter, our food. They burrow along foundations, garages, sidewalks and driveways," Mikulski said. "Everywhere there are people, there are rats."

Mike Esson, Milford assistant director for public services, says he never receives complaints about rats and has never experienced a rat problem, other than being chased by a rodent while working for a cleaning service in Livonia years ago. He credits the village's attention to cleanliness for its apparent lack of rats.

Doug Manigold, code enforcement officer for the city of Birmingham, says he gets a handful of calls about rat sightings every year. Some of the callers are surprised to see a rat in the upscale community.

"Usually, it's close to a commercial area, along an alley, which is not uncommon," he said.

Open dumpsters, grease spilled behind restaurants and backyards littered with birdseed and dog feces can attract rats. Road and sewer work can force rats from underground burrows.

## Resident-driven

But resident-based groups like Ferndale Rat Patrol aren't waiting for municipalities to intervene. Mikulski describes the online community as a "concerted citizen effort."

"The city is not going to be the solution," said Jan Coppola Bills, founder of Royal Oak RATS. "We want to plow forward and not get caught up in bureaucracy."

Both Ferndale Rat Patrol and Royal Oak RATS promote non-poisonous rat control methods. They say poisons can harm children, pets or wildlife inadvertently.

"We have a city full of pet owners. Multiple people have had pets die because they got a hold of poison. I watched a family of screech owls die one by one," Mikulski said, adding that the birds ate poisoned rats.

She tells residents who are reluctant to use kill traps



Laura Mikulski shows how to set a wooden rat trap. SHARON DARGAY

or burrow smoke bombs that poison bait can take up to two weeks to kill a rat, depending on how much it eats at one time. She said rats sometimes stockpile the poison in a burrow while eating tastier berries or food scraps.

"We can wipe out an entire burrow of active rats in one night (by trapping) instead of taking up to two weeks if they are eating (poisonous) bait," she said. "A rat can get spooked and drop that piece of bait and run off and your pet can get it."

The group uses a technique called "shock and awe" that entails setting several traps at once to snare as many rodents as possible. Mikulski, wearing thick gloves, then throws the used traps and rodents in the garbage.

"The first time, I felt horrible and scared to pick it up. Each time, it has gotten easier," she said, adding that although women may at first object to trapping, "once they get involved, they really get involved."

The Garden City page "doesn't judge" about the use of poison, although some residents who comment on the site prefer non-toxic solutions.

"I have three cats that bring me dead rats all the

time," said Kim Montayne, a Garden City resident. "I know this might sound crazy, but if neighborhoods would embrace the feral cat problems they have, I think cats would really help."

If not cats, maybe owls and hawks.

Bills, who keeps owl houses in her front and back yards in Royal Oak, promotes the use of raptors in controlling the rat population. The owls hunt at night when rats are active.

"We're probably never going to eradicate all rats. They're part of the ecosystem, but being able to control them is something we should strive to do," Bills said. "Ultimately, we need to get people to stop using poison. No one wins with poison."

Bills also suggests placing garbage in metal cans with tight-fitting lids and picking up yard waste, leaves and dog feces.

"One thing is for sure, rats don't know city boundaries," Bills said. "Because you haven't seen one doesn't mean you don't have them."

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### Runestad to host coffee hours

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, will host local coffee hours Friday, Feb. 9, in White Lake, Highland and Milford. They will take place at the following times and locations: 8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, in White Lake; 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market, 468 S. Milford Road, in Highland; and noon to 1 p.m. at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road.

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or via email at [JimRunestad@house.mi.gov](mailto:JimRunestad@house.mi.gov).

### 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 Pam Siegfried. Her work is also currently on display at Heritage Park in Farmington. Siegfried's artwork will be displayed until April, after which another artist will have a turn.

Artists interested in participating should contact 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.

To learn more about the VFAA and the Suzanne Haskew Arts Center, go to [www.milfordvfaa.org](http://www.milfordvfaa.org).

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

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

### 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.northvillearthhouse.org/artcrush-2018/](http://www.northvillearthhouse.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 [rlYork03@gmail.com](mailto:rlYork03@gmail.com). For information about



The works of artist Pam Siegfried will be on display at the Milford Public Library until April.

AAUW-NN and membership, go to [www.aauwnn.org](http://www.aauwnn.org).

### 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.

### Northville Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, Feb. 12, at the Cady Inn in Mill Race Village for a light luncheon. The meeting and program will follow. This month, a speaker from English Gardens will present "The Four Season Garden."

Guests are always welcome. For more information, call Suemarie Klimek at 734-459-8327.

### Free pancake supper

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce Street, in Milford is hosting a Shrove Tuesday dinner 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13. We ask that you call and register for the pancake supper so we have enough food for everyone. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are accepted. For more information, call 248-684-0495 or go to [stgeorgesmilford.org](http://stgeorgesmilford.org).

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com), [facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMI](https://www.facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMI) or email [marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net).

### South Lyon Historical Society

The South Lyon Area Historical Society will present "History of Indian Beading & Lore" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the Village Freight House at 300 Dorothy Street. Mike Jewel, a member of Anishinaabe tribe, shares stories about Indian lore and beading.

### 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. 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.

### 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 [hwlbacom.com](http://hwlbacom.com) or by calling 248-889-1422.

The headlining comic is Andy Beningo, 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.hwlbacom](http://www.hwlbacom) 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.

### Exhibit at Northville Art House

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady 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 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.northvillearthhouse.org](http://www.northvillearthhouse.org).

### Support children in foster care

Parents of African-American Students in Novi will host a volunteer event at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road. PAAASN and partners Novi Rotary and HAP will be making a difference by funding, packing and decorating new duffel bags filled with supplies like a hygiene kit, a teddy bear and a blanket. Registration is required at <http://bit.ly/2FAVpXX>.

The group is also soliciting donations for its project. Donations must be received by Feb. 28. Contribute at <https://www.togetherwerise.org/fundraise/paasnpacks>.

### Salem Historical Society meeting

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

The Creekshead 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.

### Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

The Northville Newcomers and Neighbors group will host a meet and greet meeting, for those new to the community or just wishing to catch up with old friends. It is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 6. Host is Jann Cantelon; RSVP to [janicecantelon@aol.com](mailto:janicecantelon@aol.com).

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# Art Van party marks opening of 'stunning' store

**Darrell Clem**

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICH.

A jubilant crowd celebrated the festive grand opening in Canton of Art Van Furniture's new flagship store in Michigan, building on a 60-year company started by a family with one store and two employees.

Hundreds of people attended an invitation-only party Feb. 1 inside the two-story, 70,000-square-foot store facing Ford Road, near Haggerty. They listened as president and CEO Kim Yost said Art Van has grown into a company that has 182 locations in nine states with 6,000 employees and annual sales of \$1.3 billion.

Yost said Art Van is going international later this year with a new store in Windsor, Ontario. But this night, this crowd, belonged to Canton, which has the only store of this caliber, this style, outside of Chicago.

"It's beautiful. It's stunning," said June Sears, who works for Art Van supplier Beaver Tile & Stone.

"I think this store is fantastic," said Jessica Talbot of Howell, whose husband works for Art Van. "It's well-done. It's eye-catching."

Canton's store is the first completely new store Art Van has built in 20 years. It ushers in a new look across from Michigan's only IKEA store.

Yost said the store employs 120 people and represents a \$15 million investment.

Nigel Barker, whose NB2 Collection is featured in the store, said it's the perfect location for his furniture because of the lighting, the style, the open-floor plan.

"This is that perfect store," he said, adding, "The future is here."

Craig Gourley, Art Van vice president of merchandising, said the store features 300 different furniture vendors. He said it includes a new outlet section that replaces the older clearance centers for shoppers on a budget.

Gourley called it the next-generation store. The store's glass exterior allows natural light to stream into the spacious showroom during day-time hours. At night, the store is lit up and can't be missed along Ford Road.

If there has been one complaint, Canton officials say, it is that the store is too large and too close to Ford Road. But others have embraced the look.

"It has certainly made a significant splash in Canton," said township Supervisor Pat Williams, who attended Thursday's grand opening bash. "We wish them years and years of great success."

Some marveled over a large, shiny sculpture suspended above the escalator to the second floor. It glistened and sparkled, one of the decorations that John Wyatt, Art Van vice president of store environments, said sets it apart from other stores.

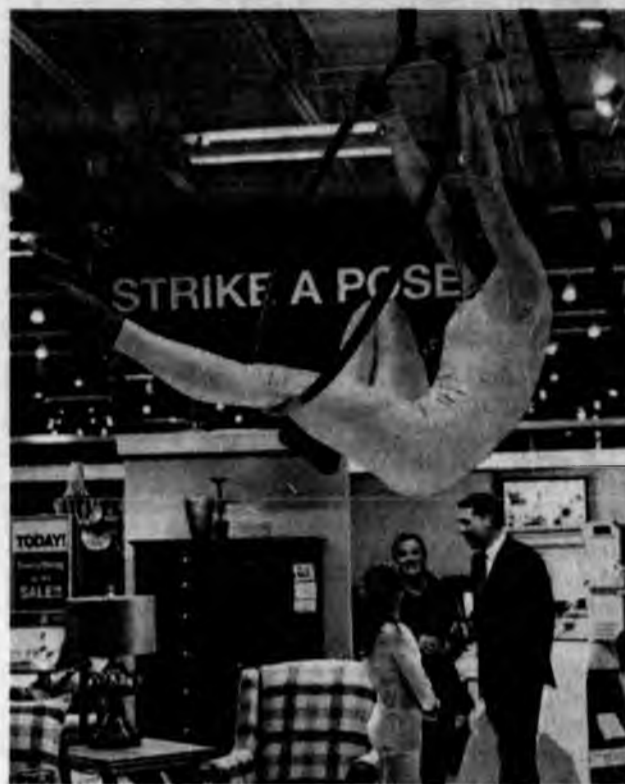
"This has more bling in it," he said, though he said the Canton store complements other stores in Novi, Westland and Ann Arbor.

Others remarked on decor such as a large dinosaur statue on the upper level.

Wyatt said Canton seemed a perfect location



James and Terri Todero own JMC Electric, based in Clinton Township. Their business handled construction of the electrical system at the new Art Van store in Canton. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Entertainment on an aerial hoop during the invitation-only grand opening. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Debbie Beevers of Farmington Hills makes friends with a dinosaur hanging out by children's bedroom furniture section. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The new Art Van store was called "stunning" and "beautiful" by visitors. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

due to the busy Ford Road retail corridor and its proximity to Interstate 275, making it accessible to a broad area.

Some in the crowd moved to the groove as a band, Skyline and the Backstreet Horns, played a set that focused heavily on Motown tunes by artists such as the Temptations and Marvin Gaye.

Art Van Furniture had revealed the new design of the Canton store in 2016. It was built on the site of what was once a medical office building and a two-story structure that formerly housed businesses and a racquetball club.

Some Canton resi-

dents had worried the new store would add to traffic problems along already-busy Ford Road. But the company designed a driveway that lined up with the IKEA traffic light, easing some fears of worsening traffic problems.

In the end, the mood Feb. 1 was decidedly upbeat. And Wyatt said the store has drawn a good crowd of customers since its "soft opening" in January.

"The store has taken off from day one," he said.

Contact Darrell Clem at [dclem@hometownlife.com](mailto:dclem@hometownlife.com).

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Novi Community School District (NCSD) will receive bids for: **Novi Community School District - 2018 Site Improvements Program**

**Program consists of parking lot and roadway paving, major and minor stormwater drainage improvements; various concrete curb and gutter and sidewalk repair/ installation, various HMA repairs, and other ancillary project tasks. Work is located at various buildings/sites throughout the district.**

**2018 Bid Package** - Novi High School North / East / Visitor Parking Lots, HS Taft Road and 10 Mile Road Entrances Drives, Orchard Hills Elementary School SE Parking Lot, Middle School and ESB drainage improvements. Bids will be received until **1:00 PM, local time, March 2, 2018.**

All bid packages are to be delivered to the NCSD Educational Services Building (ESB) attention **Ms. Jill Minnick**, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, 48374. At the time the bid packages are due all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Board room. Bids received after the above stipulated date and time, faxed bids or electronic bids will not be opened, considered or accepted.

Bid documents can be pre-ordered and purchased at the offices of ARC/Dunn Blue, 1009 W. Maple Road, Clawson, MI 48107 beginning February 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Contact ARC/Dunn Blue for non-refundable purchase price for each bid package. Bid documents will be available to view from the PlanWell Enterprise System on-line by accessing the website at [www.e-arc.com/mi/clawson](http://www.e-arc.com/mi/clawson), clicking on "Order from Planwell" then clicking on "Public Planroom". Neither the district or SME will provide documents.

A **NON-MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting will be held on **Tuesday February 20, 2018 at 1:00 PM**, in the NCSD ESB Board Room located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374.

All bidders should be available on Tuesday March 6, 2018 starting at 9:00 am for post bid interviews. Interviews will be on an invitation basis only.

Prospective bidders must meet the following minimum standards in order to submit a proposal:

- Must be an established Contractor in Michigan for a minimum of five (5) years
- Has successfully completed a minimum of three (3) educational, institutional or municipal site paving / earthwork / site improvement projects each with construction values in excess of \$250,000.00
- Must be able to provide business and liability insurance, performance and payment bond for work required by the Bid Documents

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by SME for the "Novi Community School District - 2018 Site Improvements Program" and be accompanied by a bidder's bond or a certified or cashier's check payable to Novi Community School District for the sum of not less than five (5%) of the bid amount for the BASE BID Package. All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner (bidder) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the NCSD School Board, Administration or Staff. Bidders shall also provide a Sworn Statement of Economic Relationship with the Country of Iran. Bids received without a bidder's bond, certified or cashier's check, sworn and notarized statement of familial disclosure, and Iran Economic Statement **MAY BE REJECTED**.

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## COLLEGE RECRUITING

# Northville kicker Moody commits to U-M

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

One of the state's all-time prolific high school place kickers has committed to play football at Michigan on the premise that he'll be receiving an athletic scholarship sometime in the future once he's enrolled.

Northville senior Jake Moody, a Detroit Free Press Dream Team selection who booted field goals of 55, 57 and 58 yards this season, made his decision Sunday after turning down a four-year scholarship offer from his second choice, Central Michigan University.

"I made a pros and cons list of the things that were important to me, because the decision was too hard to just

pick a school, so I needed to pick out all the little differences, everything that I liked and disliked about both schools, so at end Michigan had more pros than Central did," said Moody, who also had several other Division I offers.

Moody's dad Chad also graduated from Michigan, but Jake said his father stayed out of the recruiting process.

"I've always been a Michigan fan growing up," Moody said. "It just kind of felt right. He just left it up all to me, he didn't give any input at all. He just let me decide where I wanted to go."

Moody said had three face-to-face contacts during the recruiting process with Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh, who made a visit Friday to the North-



**Moody**

ville High campus.

During the new early signing period last month, Michigan landed 16 of its 19 verbal commits and was expected to fill the remainder of its 25-player scholarship limit during the second national signing day period, which

was Wednesday.

Harbaugh mapped out a couple of different scenarios for the 6-foot, 177-pound Moody, who made 12-of-17 field goals this season.

"I'm not exactly sure how it works, but I'm pretty sure that they said I could play this fall, actually, if certain scholarships open up or people leave or (are) injured or stuff like that," Moody said of

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**Northville's Jake Moody is committed to kick for Michigan. FILE PHOTO**

## BOYS HOCKEY

# Showcase showpiece



**Catholic Central's Dylan Montie (left) checks Culver's Andrew Wisniewski. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM**

# Culver rallies to defeat Catholic Central, 2-1

**Marty Budner**  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It's safe to say Culver (Ind.) Academy has Catholic Central's number.

The Shamrocks have just three losses this season — all off of them to the country's No. 1-ranked powerhouse. Michigan's top-ranked team gave a valiant effort, but fell to Culver, 2-1, in Friday's final MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase game at the Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton.

Culver (29-2) has now defeated Catholic Central 10 straight times dating back to 2014, when the Eagles took care

of the Shamrocks 6-1 in their last Showcase meeting. In between, CC had won six straight Showcase games over the past three years.

"They are the No. 1 team in the nation and it's not by coincidence," said CC head coach Brandon Kalenicki, whose team is 16-3-1 overall. "They play a Triple-A schedule and whether they have our number or not, they are just a really good hockey team."

"We were right there with them. It was a 2-1 hockey game and we hit a couple posts and they hit a couple posts too," he added. "I don't want to sit here and analyze it too much, because I'll drive myself crazy. It was just a real good

hockey game and it could have gone either way."

Catholic Central gave Culver a tremendous battle.

After a scoreless opening period, the Shamrocks took a 1-0 lead five minutes into the second on a goal by Kyle Gaffney. The sophomore forward broke down the left wing and cashed in on a wicked wrist shot that went top shelf over Culver goaltender Alexander Wisco.

It remained that way until late in the second period, when senior Dominic Vidoli tied the game with just 45 sec-

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## BOYS HOCKEY

# Stevenson iced by Culver power play

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Livonia Stevenson was the latest team to take a crack at the nation's No. 1-ranked hockey team in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase.

And although the Spartans fell short 4-2 Saturday afternoon against Culver (Ind.) Academy, they acquitted themselves quite well at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

"It was a tough game. They played us really hard," fifth-year Culver coach Steve Palmer said. "And if we didn't get a couple of power-play goals in the second period ... that was the difference. Our power play was a little better than theirs tonight and it's a 2-2 hockey game if we're not two-for-two on the power play, so it was a really good game."

After a scoreless first period, Culver (31-2) capitalized twice in the second with the man advantage to take a 2-0 lead.

Senior forward Connor Merrill, who has 60-plus points on the year, scored at 8:15, assisted by Jackson Pierson and Dominic Vidoli, followed by a Vidoli goal at 16:45 from Brock Paul to give Culver a two-goal cushion.

"They're good," said Stevenson senior defenseman Kevin Stefanick, who was a standout on the blue line. "Coming in knowing what they are — No. 1 in the nation, too — we knew we'd have a tough game. Their power play is good, no doubt about that. We tried to focus on our defense, live another day, so just chip pucks out, get pucks deep and play simple."

Only 13 seconds after Vidoli's goal, Stevenson Brenden Preiss answered when he beat Culver goalie Grant Adams with an unassisted effort to trim the deficit to 2-1 entering the third.

But at the 3:36 mark of the third period, Culver's Nick Stapleton made it 3-1 on a screwball-type drive that eluded Stevenson goaltender Will Tragge.

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## YOUTH BASEBALL

# Livonia Franklin camp set for Feb. 24

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Livonia Franklin's 12th annual Future Stars Spring Baseball Camp is just around the corner, set for Saturday, Feb. 24.

Patriots head baseball coach Matt Fournier and his coaching staff will oversee camps for boys and girls in

grades 2-6.

Campers will be assigned to groups according to age and ability and will be instructed on a wide variety of skills. The sessions will take place indoors at the Franklin High School field house.

Following are details on the two sessions:

The morning session is 9-11:30 a.m. On the agenda will be hitting, base running and infield work, as well as point-

ers on taking the extra base, hitting for average and taking the proper approach for playing infield defense.

The afternoon session will run from noon to 2:15 p.m. Defensive work will be the main focus. Included will be pitchers fielding practice, catching drills and outfield defense.

Registration fees are \$30 for a single session and \$55 for both. Checks should be made out to Franklin High School

and be sent to Matt Fournier, Franklin Baseball Camp, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Each camper should bring a glove, bat and athletic shoes and sack lunch.

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Catholic Central's Rylan Clemons is taken down at the blue line by Culver's Brennan Coulson. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Culver

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onds left. The goal punctuated a furious Culver push as it peppered CC goalie Zach Allan relentlessly for a five-minute period until finally finding the back of the net.

Culver scored the game-winner at the 12:28 mark of the third period, when Jacob Eckerle redirected a nice pass from James Shea past Allan, who had no chance.

"We got the lead, they called a timeout and we knew they were going to have a great push there and they did," Kaleniecki said. "We fought it off as long

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**Brandon Kaleniecki**  
Catholic Central head coach

as we could, but they scored the late one.

"And I thought we started the third really well, but they just got the one goal and that was the difference," he added "We were right there."

Catholic Central had a few chances to tie the game, including a hard wrist shot

by Carter Korpi that just went wide of the net with six minutes left in the third. Korpi's shot was denied by Wisco on that same shift a few seconds later while rushing up the left wing.

The Shamrocks enjoyed a 10-4 edge in shots during the final period, but could not get the equalizer. CC finished with a 19-18 advantage in shots.

"This was the best game we played against them this year," Kaleniecki said. "We gave them two pretty good games (to start the season in Indiana). Obviously, we were looking to give them our best shot tonight, but we just fell a little short in the end."

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## Stevenson

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Assists went to Pierson and Jacob Eckerle.

"The defenseman went to get his stick on it and it popped up, and Will (Tragge) never saw it," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "They shoot the puck so hard and they shoot it so well. It was a fluky goal, but that's what good teams do. Good teams make plays happen."

Culver's Patrick Schmiedlin went top shelf off an assist from Merrill to increase Culver's lead to 4-1 at 9:04, but the Spartans got a late goal with 1:43 remaining from Vincent Decina, assisted by Cole Parkhurst.

With 1:23 left, Mitchell called a timeout and pulled Tragge for the extra attacker, but time ran out on the Spartans, the state's No. 1-ranked team in Division 2.

"It was a great hockey game in terms of we gave it our best, that's for sure," Mitchell said "Culver is on another level. You have the utmost respect for them, for their program, for what they do and what they're about. We can't say enough of who they are and we appreciate them coming down to this Showcase."

Stevenson did a good job of limiting Culver's chances. The official MIHL stat crew had Culver outshooting the Spartans, 18-11.

"They blocked a lot of shots tonight. Normally we've been getting 30-plus shots a game and we got under 20 today," Palmer said. "It was tough to get pucks to the net and they played really hard, they blocked a lot of shots, they had sticks in lanes. They really competed defensively. It was a real tough game for our kids, who skate pretty well and move the puck pretty well, but they made it real tough on us. That's a pretty good defensive hockey game."

The loss dropped Stevenson to 16-4. "We learned we can play with the

best, for sure," Stefanick said. "We got a lot of competitors, guys that want to compete, want to play hard. I think we're looking good."

It was only a night earlier that Culver handed Novi Detroit Catholic Central, the No. 1-ranked team in Division 1, a 2-1 setback in the Showcase. CC has only three losses this season, all to Culver.

"Culver plays a really mature, real hockey, next level hockey game," Mitchell said. "And when you play that, you have to stay on top, you have to make sure your guys stay with their assignments. You have to really have to stay on guys instead of puck watching. I think we did a really good job of sticking to the game plan, skating with them and playing with them."

The Spartans went 0-of-3 on power play, while Culver went 2-of-2.

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## Moody

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Michigan "I think that's the only difference, that I would play this fall or if I sat out this fall.

"If I gray-shirted, I would stay home this fall and I would start up in January, most likely on scholarship, but if not, a scholarship that summer going into the (fall) semester (of 2019)."

Moody, along with Northville coach Matt Ladach, confirmed that Harbaugh also suggested another scenario where Moody could take a scholarship and kick for Central Michigan as a freshman before transferring to Michigan the next season and sitting out the next year under NCAA transfer rules.

"(Harbaugh) said he'd make sure (CMU) came to an agreement that that's how it would work out," Moody said. "That was an option, but I would just rather just kind of go to a school and just be done with it than keep having to transfer, worry about the credits and all that kind of stuff."

Michigan's starting kicker, Quinn Nordin, just completed his red-shirt freshman season and has three years of eligibility remaining. His recruiting process became famous when Harbaugh came to his house for a sleepover.

The Rockford native made 19-of-24 field-goal attempts this season, including 4-of-4 in an Outback Bowl loss to South Carolina. Nordin made four field goals from 50-plus yards, including a best of 55.

Ithaca kicker Adam Culp has also been accepted by Michigan as a preferred walk-on for 2018.

"If the scholarship isn't there this fall, then I would probably gray-shirt and that would probably give me a buffer a year in between Quinn (Nordin)," Moody said. "And if I gray-shirted, I could also red-shirt if I wanted to if it looked like I couldn't play. Then I could get two years in between Quinn."

Ranked among the nation's top kickers by two different recruiting services, Moody also punted for the Mustangs, finishing with a 39.6 average, including four punts downed inside the 10-yard line.

Midway through his freshman year, Moody earned a spot as a varsity kicker for the Mustangs and finished 9-of-12 on field goals as a sophomore. As a junior, he converted 14-of-17 attempts, including a school-record 52-yarder against South Lyon East.

In a 38-30 loss last fall to Grand Blanc, Moody raised more eyebrows by drilling the 58-yarder, topping his own school record of 57 set in the season opener against Dearborn.

Even more impressive was his 80-yard boot off the tee for a touch-back after the Mustangs had taken a safety in the Grand Blanc game.

In the Michigan High School Athletic Association record book, Moody is now tied for second for the longest field goal with former Michigan State kicker John Langeloh, who had a 58-yarder for Utica in 1985. Warren Woods Tower's Doug Kochanski holds the state record with a 59-yarder set in 1994.

"It's his leg strength," Ladach said earlier this season. "He booms the ball. When he kicks the ball, it sounds like a cannon has been shot off. The ball gets up right away and it's not like he's kicking knuckle balls or line drives. He gets it up in the air and he kicks it a long way as well. His strength ... I mean, is phenomenal. His accuracy is, too."

Moody, who carries a 3.64 grade-point average, said he plans on playing baseball again in the spring, when he returns as the starting third baseman for the Division 1 state runner-up Mustangs.

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Smith is new coach at Milford

Oakland County deputy replaces Dan Novak after one season

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There's a new deputy in town for the Milford High School football program.

Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Garfrey Smith, who spent last season as defensive coordinator at Madison Heights Lamphere, earned the nod Jan. 30 after Dan Novak stepped down following the team's banquet in November because of health reasons.

The 29-year-old Smith was among six candidates interviewed by a committee of five, including a football parent, a youth program member, a faculty member and two administrators.

"He didn't have as much experience as a couple of the other candidates, but his energy and what we consider his willingness to jump in head-first and be a part of the community and be visible is what really separated him from some of the other candidates," Milford athletic director Jim Marszalek said. "His experience and knowledge at all levels of the game will be an asset to our players and coaching staff as we work to advance the Milford football program."

## Previous stops

In addition to his one season at Lamphere, Smith was also an assistant at his alma mater Waterford Kettering, where he played four seasons of football, along with Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.



Novak

"Previous coaching positions that I had and previous head coaches that I were under always pushed for you to keep continuing your coaching career, not just be settled for something and be happy," Smith said. "The Milford job opened up and it felt like a good fit. It felt like a good community to go to and it felt like it was my time to try and take over a program."

In Novak's only season, Milford finished 2-7 overall and 1-7 in the inaugural season of the nine-school Lakes Valley Conference. Novak took over for Tim Gough, who resigned after going 4-23 in his three seasons.

Milford hasn't had a winning season since 2012 (5-4) and hasn't been to the state playoffs since 2011 (6-4).

"We want to be able to pop with our



Garfrey Smith has been named the new varsity football coach at Milford.

pads and play with our hearts," Smith said. "We want to show people that we want respect back in Milford. We want to be known for a team that can go out on every Friday night and compete to win a game, no matter who we are facing. We know we've got big challenges ahead of us. The league is tough, but why be in a weak league? We want to be in that strong league and we like that the league is strong."

## New system

Smith said he hopes to implement the wing-T offense.

"I think the kids that I've watched on film so far that are coming back, that would be more suitable for them," he

said. "We're still going to look at some things and still look at some players after we meet them and put them through some tests to see what personnel we have best. We want to fit our personnel with the best system, so there's always options for that one."

Defensively, Smith plans to go with an aggressive, attack-style scheme.

"We don't like to sit back and wait for our opponents to take advantage of us," he said. "We want to take advantage of them. We run a 4-3 style the converts into a 3-4 and that's what we did at Lamphere and we were successful."

Smith said Lamphere assistants Jake Wittlich and Rob Karagosian will be joining him on Milford's staff for 2018.

"We took an 0-9 program (in 2016) to

5-5 and made the playoffs," Smith said. "Unfortunately, we lost to a good (Bloomfield Hills) Cranbrook team (35-0) in the playoffs, but it was a good experience because they hadn't been to the playoffs in seven years. We won the MAC Bronze (4-0), so that was a good accomplishment."

## Family values

Smith's wife Amy is the volleyball head coach at Kettering. They have three children: son Kamden, 6, and daughters, Payten, 2, and Rilee, 5 months.

"We not only want to give back to the school, but we want to give back to the community," Smith said. "We want to be family-based. We're a family."

The 36-year-old Novak, an insurance agent, took the Milford job in 2017 after going 0-9 in one season at Ann Arbor Huron.

He battled health issues during his one-year stint with the Mavericks following an auto accident when he was struck by a drunken driver at 1 p.m. St. Patrick's Day 2015.

"I had fusion surgery, rods and screws in my back," Novak said. "It got irritated around probably June-July. It's compressed around the fusion, so I've been pretty much in pain. The areas around it are kind of giving out. I'm going to need back surgery and hip surgery as well."

## Coaching in pain

Novak said surgeons advised him not to coach last season, but he forged ahead.

"I wasn't going to leave the kids without a coach in summer and scrambling," Novak said. "We fought through it this year and I made the decision which was best for my family and I. It's not fair to the Milford kids with me being out three or four months to get surgery and miss the summer. I'm just trying to get myself healthy and do what is necessary."

And to complicate matters, Novak broke his tibia when he got hit during a practice.

"It was a fun one," Novak said with a laugh. "Most of the time, I was coaching on crutches or on a golf cart and that's not how I am. I want to be active and I'm only 36. I just decided to get healthy and, once I do, I may decide to get back into it. It was the best choice for myself and Milford, too."

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Novi defense shines in win over Northville

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With March Madness still a month away, the Novi boys basketball team is trying to improve its stock portfolio.

Although it's been somewhat of a struggle so far this season for the Wildcats, a preseason top 20 team, they became a buy instead of a sell Friday as they knocked off rival Northville for the second time this season, 53-42, on the road.

With the win, Novi improved to 7-7 overall and 6-4 in the KLAA Gold Division, while Northville slipped to 10-5 and 6-4. Novi also captured the first meeting between the two rival schools Jan. 9, 61-50.

"I don't think there's a hump we've got to get over," said Novi 6-foot-3 junior swingman Giovanni Miles, who finished with a team-high 15 points to go along with nine rebounds. "We just got to flow into it and just really get prepared for March. I don't think we're really worried about the standings or the records because everybody makes it to the (state tourney). What matters is who wins districts, who wins regionals and states, so I think that's the most important thing right now."

Defense was the key for last year's Class A regional finalists, who held the Mustangs to 37.5-percent shooting from the field (18-of-48).

"It was more of our team chemistry on the defensive end, us talking and making sure we knew what we were doing," Miles said, "and so by that, we had a flow on offense the whole game. And we didn't give them easy shots."

Miles hit three 3-pointers to go along

with a basket as he scored 11 third-quarter points to give Novi a 39-32 advantage heading into the fourth.

"He passed up a lot of shots early because his point of emphasis was to get Trendon (Hankerson) the ball going to the basket or Traveon going to the basket," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said of Miles. "He sacrificed early, which opened up his shot a little late, but hey, he competed defensively. There were times when he was on the bench and we said, 'Hey, we got to have in there for a defensive possession.' Hey, he was committed to that and was a big reason why we win tonight."

Despite making only 8-of-26 first-half shots, Northville trailed only 22-17 at intermission.

"We felt pretty good about ourselves at halftime," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "As poorly as maybe as we thought we played, we were only down five when it could have been maybe 15. And we made a nice run at them. But again, Giovanni from the right corner hit a number of triples in the third quarter to stretch the lead after we had made a run coming back after them."

On two occasions during the third quarter, Northville pulled to within two, but Novi always had an answer.

"I thought we missed an opportunity early, we got wide-open looks and a lot of games those have fallen," Sander said. "And obviously, it's a different game if that's the case tonight, but that wasn't the case. They happened to be threes, they're long rebounds, they're early run-outs, so that really helped their transition game."

Steven Morrissey, a 6-4 junior for-



Miles

ward, turned in a nice offensive effort for the Mustangs with a game-high 17 points. Senior guard Mark Grimes chipped in 11.

"We just wanted them to slow it down, take rushed shots and forced shots, while we have easy fast-break layups and stuff like that," Miles said.

"I thought we did a nice job of settling in as the game progressed," Sander said, "but they're really talented and they played some of the best defense that I've seen them play for stretches tonight."

Here are four other takeaways:

## BALANCED SHEET

In addition to Miles's team-high 15 points, the Wildcats also got 12 apiece from 6-7 senior center Tariq Woody and 6-3 senior point guard Trendon Hankerson.

Senior guard Traveon Maddox Jr. contributed 11, including two dunks in the final quarter. Woody also came through with four straight free throws during the final 39 seconds.

The Wildcats shot 50 percent from the floor (19-of-36), but only 52.6 from the foul line (10-of-19).

## DAMAGING LOSS

Northville is now two games down in the loss column in the KLAA Gold race to first-place Grand Blanc, which has a makeup game Feb. 15 against Brighton.

The Mustangs finish their division schedule with road games against Howell (Feb. 6) and Grand Blanc (Feb. 9).

"Guys are disappointed, but we have a lot left to play for, though," Sander said. "We're looking at seeding within the division. Can we climb into second? Can we get a home (KLAA playoff) game early on? We just have to come back

from this weekend and get better, get ready for two tough ones next week."

## CLOCK MANAGEMENT

After Morrissey's triple cut Novi's lead to 43-39 with 3:45 left in the game, the Wildcats began to spread the floor and milk the clock.

Miles, however, took one ill-advised shot from the wing with just under two minutes left, much to the chagrin of Sinawi, who gave him an immediate seat on the bench.

"It was an open shot," Miles said. "Trendon gave it to me and it was an open shot and I shot it. Coach is always looking for something else, but you always don't get it all the time."

But all was forgiven in the hallway afterward as the player and coach joked about it.

## TRIPLEHEADER

The day started with the KLAA Unified basketball game between special-needs students, with Novi defeating Novi, 27-24, followed by the Northville girls varsity beating Novi, 43-37.

All three games were well-attended with large student cheering sections.

"It's a fun atmosphere to be in," Sinawi said. "Whenever we get on Friday night here at Northville or if it's at our place, these guys always come out and battle, both teams. And we told our guys just enjoy the moment, especially our seniors. Just enjoy the atmosphere and let's come out and play as hard as we can, because you know they (Northville) are going to, they're very well-coached and they play hard. My overall take is that we'll take the win."

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## BOYS HOCKEY

# Showcase host Trenton rallies to nip Plymouth in shootout

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Yes, Gerry Vento's Plymouth Wildcats suffered a tough, 2-1 shootout loss Saturday to Trenton at the MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase.

But Vento sounded more like a high school hockey fan than a coach after the hard-fought finale of the three-day extravaganza held at Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton.

"Great game. You can't ask for much more," Vento said. "It's a tough way to lose, but we won one like that yesterday, so it evens out. But it is what it is, fun game, fun environment."

Plymouth won Friday against Hancock, 3-2, also in a shootout. And for about 48 minutes against the Trojans, it looked like the Wildcats might go two-for-two at the showcase.

Senior captain Jack Chumley's power-play goal with 11:45 remaining in the second period put Plymouth up 1-0 and that edge held up for the rest of that period and most of the third.

Trenton sniper Drew Welsch had other ideas, of course. He banged in the equalizer at 14:12 of the final period, beating Wildcats senior goaltender Brendan Olepa — who was locked in a goaltending duel with Dominik DeMaggio of the Trojans.

Both goals were similar. Chumley, stationed near the left post, ripped home linemate C.J. Mullenax's centering pass. The shot soared over DeMaggio's trapper.

Picking up the second assist was senior defenseman Andrew Garby, who impressed with his ability to skate back into his zone and ward off trouble.

Welsch also was parked in front and successfully one-timed Nolan Szczepaniak's crisp pass from behind the net.

In the shootout (the teams did not play overtime), the lone goal was scored by Trenton senior defenseman Justin Litchard.

Plymouth's last-ditch attempt to extend the shootout, by Baldwin, clanked off the left post.

"We preach all year batting through adversity and this was a night where we were battling adversity for 40-something minutes," Trenton head coach Chad Clements said. "And Litchard with a nice shot at the end, he's a defenseman we converted into a forward. But he's good around the net."

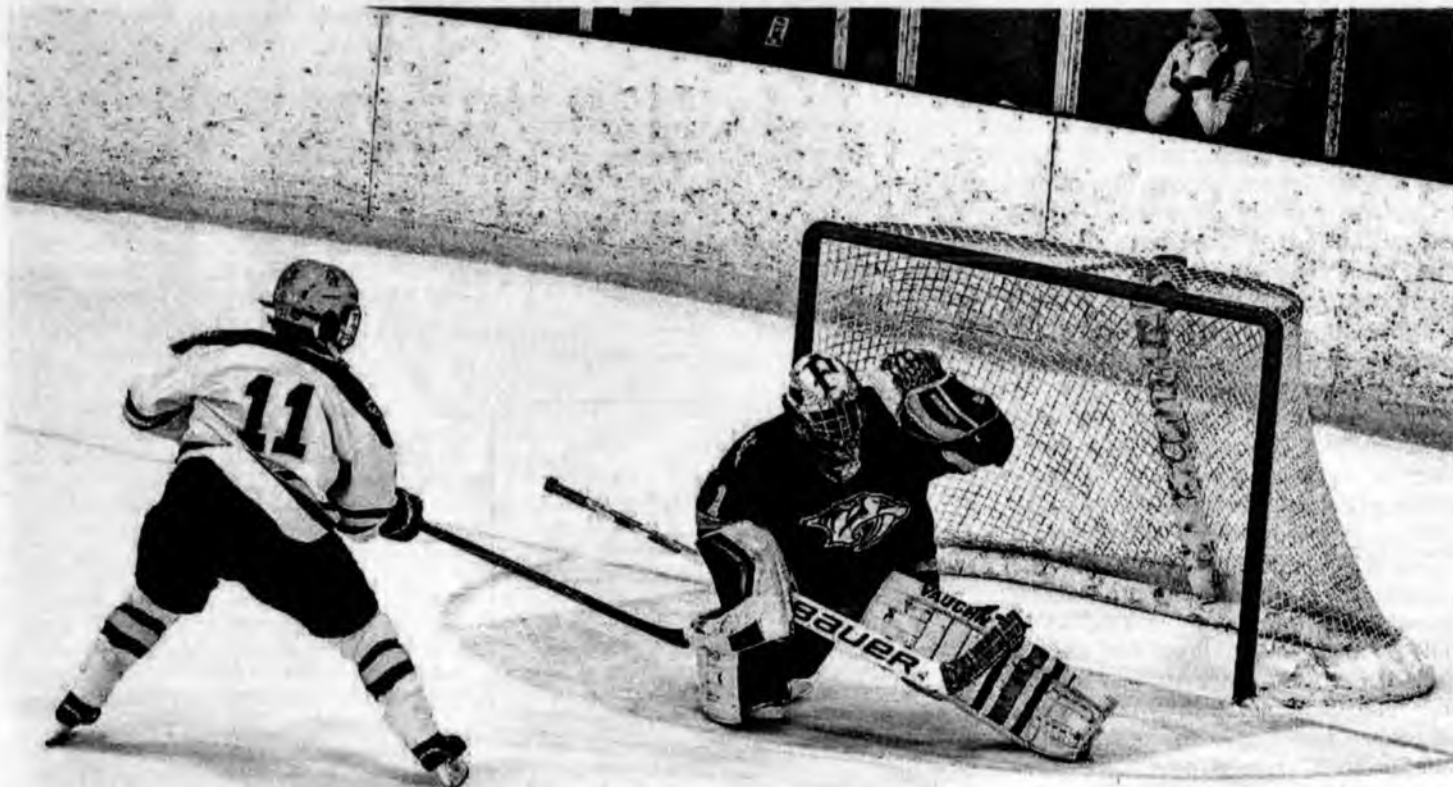
"Then DeMaggio comes up huge on all three of them. They had some pretty potent forwards shooting."

DeMaggio made 19 stops during regulation, while Olepa made 17 saves.

"(Olepa) played a great game," Vento said. "The shorthanded breakaway save he made (against Szczepaniak in the second period) with his glove was outstanding."

Vento added that the outcome might have been different had his team taken advantage of some scoring chances.

"We left a lot on the board early on, which I thought could have changed the game, but we didn't bury them," Vento said. "Give their goalie credit and, partially, a little blame on us for not bearing



Plymouth goalie Brendan Olepa robs Trenton's Nolan Szczepaniak with this glove save during the second period of Saturday's MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase game. ED OLEPA



Plymouth's C.J. Mullenax (front) tries to block the vision of Trenton goalie Dominik DeMaggio. ED OLEPA

down on some quality chances. That's the way it goes."

He did praise the showcase for providing quality, fast-paced hockey between a slate of outstanding teams from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

"For us it's a great environment. We're playing against top-ranked teams," Vento said. "It certainly preps the guys; they know what to expect. That was an intense game out there, no doubt about it."

Clements, whose team improved to 13-6-2, said some of his players might have been overly pumped up to impress the many college and junior scouts who

were in the building.

"This is one of the two showcases we play in where you know there's going to be a lot of scouts," Clements said. "And a lot of our guys want to move on and play at the next level."

"So I guess the intensity's up a little bit. They get excited, but sometimes they get overexcited and do too much."

## Salem splits two

Salem, a state-ranked team in Division 1, went 1-1 at the showcase, edging Saline 3-2 before falling 4-1 to Warren De La Salle.

Salem defeated the Hornets on Feb. 1 on a third-period goal by junior forward Colin Goleniak.

Other goals for the Rocks were by Eric Jensen in the second period and Anthony Gattoni early in the third.

Saline then rallied to tie the game at 16:24 of the final period, but Goleniak answered 16 seconds later (set up by Tyler German).

Goalie Austin Goleniak turned aside 25 shots for the victory.

"I thought we played well in both games," Rocks head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "Saline was 16-1 coming into our game. We went up 2-0, they came back in the third. I thought we had a little bit of a letup. And then we were fortunate enough to finish it in the end."

In the loss to De La Salle, on Feb. 2, Salem took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Logan Sowa at 4:46 of the third period.

De La Salle reeled off four quick goals, however, to close out the win.

"The first two, two-and-a-half periods, against De La Salle, we played really well," Ossenmacher said. "We were up 1-0, outshot them 30-20. But we just worked so hard to get that goal, their goalie (Daniel Miscavish) was phenomenal in that game. It could have been 4-0 in the first period. He made some fantastic saves."

According to Ossenmacher, "Both games we played really fast. And when we play fast, we're a pretty good team. I was happy with that, even though we lost the second game."

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## BOYS SWIMMING

# Northville captures Wayne County title

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Travis Nitkiewicz was the catalyst once again as the Northville boys swimming and diving repeated as Wayne County meet champion Saturday over host Grosse Pointe South.

The Mustangs scored a team-best 409.5 points, while the host Blue Devils placed runner-up with 309.

Rounding out the top five in the 20-school field were Livonia Stevenson (370), Riverview (219), Canton (177) and University of Detroit-Jesuit (167). Plymouth and Salem finished ninth and 10th, respectively with 108.5 and 95.5.

Nitkiewicz, a junior who won two events a year ago, captured the 200-yard individual medley (1:58.10) and 100 breaststroke (57.73). He also swam a leg on the runner-up 200 medley and third-place 400 freestyle relay teams.

In addition to Nitkiewicz, Northville coach Rich Bennetts also singled out the

performances of Connor Halberg, Jason Nitkiewicz, Ali Pazooki, Brain Ding, Matt Pang and Nick Mouaikel.

"I would have liked to see some faster swims from some of our guys," Bennetts said. "This is just a tough meet for our guys to get up for. Whatever the reason is, we are always flat for this meet. I am not sure why that is. I hope that our boys are saving up their energy and we will have big drops in the next couple of weeks leading up to state meet. With the times I saw from the Oakland County meet, we have a long way to go to be competitive with any of them."

One of the meet's individual stars was Canton's Daniel Mullen, who swept the 100 and 200 freestyles in 48.55 and 1:45.83, respectively. He also teamed with Tristen Shao, Ethan Shimones and Derek Goderis for a victory in the 400 freestyle relay (3:17.22).

Stevenson's Parker Wasielewski was also an individual double-winner, in the



Nitkiewicz

50 freestyle (21.76) and 100 backstroke (52.81). Teammate Ben Rojewski won the 500 freestyle (4:50.05).

Grosse Pointe South's 200 medley relay team of Matthew Melican, Khalib Rahman, Matthew Koueiter and Ethan Briggs set a meet record (1:37.10).

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**WAYNE COUNTY BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET**  
Feb. 3 at Grosse Pointe South  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 409.5 points; 2. Grosse Pointe South, 309; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 370; 4. Riverview, 219; 5. Canton, 177; 6. University of Detroit Jesuit, 167; 7. Allen Park, 138.5; 8. Trenton, 125; 9. Salem, 108.5; 10. Plymouth, 95.5; 11. Wyandotte, 83; 12. Brownstown Woodhaven, 51; 13. Detroit King, 49; 14. Grosse Pointe North, 47; 15. Detroit Cass Tech, 25; 16. Livonia Churchill, 14; 17. (tie) Dearborn and Westland John Glenn, 12 each; 18. Allen Park Cabini, 10; 20. Detroit Renaissance, 3.  
**FINALS RESULTS**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. G.P. South (Matthew Melican, Khalib Rahman, Matthew Koueiter, Ethan Briggs), 1:37.10 (meet record); 2. Northville (Arthur Greenlee, Travis Nitkiewicz, Kirk Malbach, Cameron Heaven), 1:37.61; 3. Stevenson (Bryan Reppenbagen, Hans Anderson, Benjamin LaPorte, Parker Wasielewski), 1:39.51; 4. U-D Jesuit, 1:41.20; 5. Trenton, 1:42.05; 6. Salem, 1:44.45.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Daniel Mullen (Canton), 1:45.83; 2. Jason Nitkiewicz (Nville), 1:47.51; 3. Ben Rojewski (Stevenson), 1:48.20; 4. Trevor DeGroot (Nville), 1:48.38; 5. Thomas Jogan (G.P. South), 1:49.57; 6. Heaven (Nville), 1:49.77.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. T. Nitkiewicz (Nville), 1:58.10; 2. Tristen Shao (Canton), 2:01.87; 3. Stephan Freitag (Salem), 2:02.07; 4. Spence Boling-Hamer (Trenton), 2:02.90; 5. Rahman (GPS), 2:04.08; 6. Reppenbagen (Stevenson), 2:05.10.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Wasielewski (Stevenson), 21.76; 2. Michael Wolsek (Trenton), 21.87; 3. Peter Buescher (U-D), 22.33; 4. Greenlee (Nville), 22.35; 5. K. Malbach (Nville), 22.55; 6. Bruce Liepe (AP), 22.57.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Mark Walker (Riverview), 375.65 points; 2. Charles Carey (Canton), 340.45; 3. Benjamin Kirchoff (Ph.), 334.10; 4. Cameron MacDougall (Riverview), 333.80; 5. Tobias Artman-Chance (Canton), 325.70; 6. Alexander Alvarez (Allen Park), 287.75.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Michael Wolsek (Trenton), 52.21; 2. Koueiter (GPS), 52.48; 3. Briggs (GPS), 53.21; 4. J. Nitkiewicz (Nville), 53.29; 5. Maximilian Thomas (Riverview), 54.49; 6. Derek Goderis (Canton), 54.68.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Mullen (Canton), 48.55; 2. K. Malbach (Nville), 48.87; 3. Buescher (U-D), 49.01; 4. Tyler Irving (Riverview), 49.76; 5. Jogan (GPS), 50.30; 6. Nick Vallan (GPS), 50.34.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Rojewski (Stevenson), 4:50.05; 2. DeGroot (Nville), 4:54.60; 3. Goderis (Canton), 4:58.59; 4. Nolan O'Dowd (Stevenson), 5:06.07; 5. Michael Alameddine (Nville), 5:07.98; 6. Leland Broge (Wyand.), 5:09.36.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Riverview (Thomas, T. Irving, Brendan Irving, Fisher Rose), 1:29.60; 2. G.P. South (Vallan, Rahman, Koueiter, Jogan), 1:29.63; 3. Northville (J. Nitkiewicz, Craig Malbach, DeGroot, K. Malbach), 1:31.07; 4. Allen Park, 1:31.12; 5. Stevenson, 1:32.36; 6. U-D Jesuit, 1:32.62.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Wasielewski (Stevenson), 52.81; 2. Briggs (GPS), 52.89; 3. Melican (GPS), 53.79; 4. Reppenbagen (Stevenson), 55.31; 5. Greenlee (Nville), 55.41; 6. Thomas (Riverview), 57.08.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. T. Nitkiewicz (Nville), 57.73; 2. Koueiter (GPS), 58.25; 3. Anderson (Stevenson), 1:00.28; 4. Boling-Hamer (Trenton), 1:01.30; 5. Rahman (GPS), 1:01.52; 6. Freitag (Salem), 1:02.56.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Mullen, Shao, Ethan Shimones, Goderis), 3:17.22; 2. G.P. South (Jogan, Vallan, Melican, Briggs), 3:17.82; 3. Northville (DeGroot, J. Nitkiewicz, C. Malbach, T. Nitkiewicz), 3:17.91; 4. Stevenson, 3:21.22; 5. Riverview, 3:22.73; 6. Allen Park, 3:23.89.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2018 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2018 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2018 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. **Starting Friday, February 23, 2018 please call (248) 348-5811 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by 11:00 am on March 16, 2018. Postmarks are not accepted.**

Tuesday March 06, 2018 9:00 am Organizational Meeting

#### Appointment Dates for Hearing:

Monday March 12, 2018 9:00 am to 12 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tuesday March 13, 2018 9:00 am to 12 Noon and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday March 15, 2018 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Friday March 16, 2018 9:00 am to 11:00 am

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or on the Township website [twp.northville.mi.us](http://twp.northville.mi.us) click on Board of Review or at [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury).

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.  
Clerk

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville has received a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to conduct an intensive-level survey of the Northville Historic District, and to update the District information in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The project will be conducted by architectural historians from Commonwealth Heritage Group, out of their Dexter, Michigan office.

As part of this project, and in keeping with the state enabling legislation, City Council has appointed a Local Historic District Study Committee (LHDSC), comprised of members of the community. The LHDSC will work with the architectural historians during the study and preparation of the reports.

A **Public Kick-off meeting** with the Historic District Study Committee is scheduled for 7:00pm on March 1, 2018, at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The meeting will introduce the project, its benefits, and how the architectural historians will evaluate buildings and sites. There will also be time for questions.

Meeting materials, project information, and future meeting dates will be posted on the City's website [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us). The project information is found under the "Community" menu (Historic District, Historic District Survey).

Please email [historicsurvey@ci.northville.mi.us](mailto:historicsurvey@ci.northville.mi.us) with any questions about this meeting or the Historic District Survey project.

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### CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2018 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2018 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018: 5:00 p.m. Administrative Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise specified the dates above are for Public Hearings

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed values for 2018, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2018 Real and Personal Property Assessments: **WAYNE COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. **OAKLAND COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

**Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 14, 2018 before 4:00 p.m. ALL TAXPAYERS** wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by **APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 6, 2018.** Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2018 taxable or assessed value.

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### NOTICE of AIR POLLUTION COMMENT PERIOD and PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is holding a public comment period from February 8, 2018 until March 13, 2018, and a public hearing, on March 13, 2018, for Advanced Disposal Services Arbor Hills Landfill, Inc.'s proposed installation and operation of an open utility flare. The facility is located at 10690 West Six Mile Road, Salem Township, Michigan. The public comment period and public hearing are to allow all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the proposed conditional approval of a Permit to Install (PTI). It has been preliminarily determined that the installation of the new equipment will not violate any of the MDEQ's rules nor the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Additionally, the installation of new equipment will require revisions to Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) No. MI-ROP-N2688-2011 (SRN N2688). This public comment period meets the public participation requirements for a future administrative amendment to the ROP.

Copies of the MDEQ's fact sheet(s) and proposed permit conditions are available for review at the following locations, or you may request a copy be mailed to you by calling 517-284-6793. Please reference PTI Application Number 79-17.

AIR QUALITY DIVISION (AQD) Internet Home Page - <http://www.michigan.gov/air>

JACKSON: MDEQ, AQD, State Office Building, 4th Floor, 301 E. Louis B Glick Highway (Phone: 517-780-7690)

LANSING: MDEQ, AQD, Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan Street (Phone: 517-284-6793)

SALEM TOWNSHIP: Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile Road (Phone: 248-349-1690)

The public is encouraged to present written views on the proposed permit action. Written comments should be sent to Ms. Annette Switzer, Permit Section Manager, MDEQ, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan, 48909-7760. Comments may also be submitted from the webpage <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/apa/cwarp.shtml> (click on "Submit Comment" under the Advanced Disposal Services Arbor Hills Landfill, Inc.'s, PTI No. 79-17 listing). All statements received by March 13, 2018 will be considered by the decision maker prior to final permit action.

An informational session and public hearing will be held on March 13, 2018, at the Northville High School Auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. The informational session will begin at 5:30 p.m., at which time AQD staff will be available to answer questions. The public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. The sole purpose of the public hearing will be to take formal testimony on the record.

Individuals needing accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Ms. Lisa Shooltz at 517-284-6793 one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Ms. Annette Switzer, Permit Section Manager

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### NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – February 27, 2018

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. to consider amendments to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 11, Northville Road Mixed Use District (NRMU); Article 12, Local Business District (B-1); and Article 13, General Business District (B-3) to allow overnight pet boarding as a special land use. The proposed amendments may be viewed in the Planning Department at the Northville Township municipal office building during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Board of Trustees at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Eric Lark, Chair  
Planning Commission

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE HEADQUARTERS HVAC RENOVATION AND ROOF MEMBRANE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Sealed Bids, signed by an a legally recognized agent, will be received by the, Clerks Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, 44405 6 Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 on or before **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2018**, for construction of the **Northville Township Police Headquarters HVAC Renovation and Roof Membrane Replacement Project**. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked "Northville Township Police Headquarters HVAC Renovation and Roof Membrane Replacement Project". Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time.

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.apicergroup.com/>. Click the Bidding Tab at the top.

Hard copies of the drawings may be requested by contacting the engineer, Aaron Wosek, [aaron.wosek@apicergroup.com](mailto:aaron.wosek@apicergroup.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.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, or Bid Bond by a recognized surety, in the amount of 5% of the total of the bid price. A proposal, once submitted, becomes the property of the Charter Township of Northville. In the sole discretion of the Charter Township of Northville, the Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to allow a bidder to reclaim submitted documents provided the documents are requested and retrieved no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled bid opening.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance, labor and material bonds in the amount of 100% of the bid price and satisfactory insurance coverage.

After the time of opening, no Bid may be withdrawn for a period of **120 days**. The Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid, and to make the award in any manner the Charter Township of Northville believes to be in its best interest.

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@apicergroup.com](mailto:aaron.wosek@apicergroup.com). Office: 989-754-4717. Questions will not be accepted within four (4) business days of bid due date.

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## BOYS HOCKEY



Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Cleveland St. Ignatius players face off during Saturday's game in Trenton. TIM SMITH

## Catholic Central wins big in second test of MIHL Showcase

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

That's the thing about the MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase, there's no easy opponents.

And Novi Detroit Catholic Central showed just how fast, skilled and dangerous a team it is, routing the top team from Ohio, Cleveland St. Ignatius 6-1 on Saturday at Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton.

The Shamrocks had just suffered a tough 2-1 loss the previous night to Culver (Ind.) Academy — the nation's No. 1 team.

"We knew it was going to be a tough test and, in the first period, obviously it was," Catholic Central head coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "It was a tough game. We had some guys out that were sick that played last night. It was good to see a lot of guys step in and play big roles for us today."

Saturday's game got off to a slow start before Andrew Denk's rising shot from the point beat CC goalie Zach Allan just four minutes into the contest.

But after the Shamrocks regained their bearings, they tied the game with 6:44 to go in the period when a floating shot by Dylan Montie fooled Wildcats goaltender Benny Savarino (23 saves).

Catholic Central then took control with three goals in the middle period, two of them essentially thanks to an extended power play (which included 23 seconds of five-on-three time).

Brendan Miles broke the tie, taking a feed from senior captain Brendan West (goal, three assists) and cranking a shot in off the post.

Then came the power-play goals, by West (burying a sharp-angle shot at 11:57) and Carter Korpi as the St. Ignatius penalty expired.

Closing out the lopsided win for the



West

Shamrocks were Zach Borchardt and Austen Gawronski, both with a goal in the third period.

"Obviously, Culver's a great team and St. Ignatius here," West said. "They're good competition for us. I think we matched up well. We could have beat Culver if we got some bounces and today we played a really good game in my opinion."

"It was really great exposure for everybody on the team. I'm sure a lot of guys are going to get emails and calls from coaches and juniors, college. It's great."

After the early goal, Allan shut the door, making 15 saves.

Kaleniecki also praised his team's effort in special teams, with Borchardt's goal coming on the PK. Borchardt skated up the ice in the McInerney Rink and went forehand-backhand to deposit the puck behind Savarino.

"We've had some struggles in both

areas lately, so for us to come out on top in that area was good," Kaleniecki said. "It was very important and it made a huge difference in the game, those are always big, big momentum swings."

"If you score on the five-on-three, huge bonus. If you don't, the momentum tends to swing the other way. Our PK did a really good job, kind of survived on a few of them, blocked a few shots and Zach made some good saves. That's important."

As for the showcase, Kaleniecki (whose team improved to 17-3-1) called it "exciting. All of these teams in the same building, playing back-to-back-to-back. You get to watch a lot of great hockey. It's just so competitive. And that's the benefit of it."

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## YOUTH WRESTLING

## Matcats excel at Mid-Michigan tourney at Hartland

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The Michigan Matcats brought home 12 individual titles from Sunday's Mid-Michigan Wrestling Association's Super Bowl Scrap held at Hartland High School.

The open tournament for ages 4-14, known as the mini-state finals, brought together some of the top youth wrestlers from across Michigan. The Matcats performed well, earning the most pins, technical falls, total wins and points.

"We've always been known for our intensity and grit, but our kids came to Hartland with a chip on their shoulders and a level of wrestling I've never seen as a whole," Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. "Even in the matches we lost, the other kid left the mat broken and many times crying. Several of our coaches and parents were complimented on our kids wrestling and their sportsmanship afterwards, something very important to me and our club."

Among the Matcats coming away with individual titles were Bronson Shinkonis, Gabriel Rzyzi, Dominic Nauss, Carter McGlinch, Ethan Smith, Nathan Walkowiak, Tayden Plave, De-

vin McKinney, Ryan Henderson, Travis Richardson, Sabrina Nauss and Aiden Smith.

Runners-up for the Matcats were Peyton Searing-Hopkins, Jaxon Moe, Alex Ehrman, Drake Pollins, Isabella Cepak, Tanner Adam, Skylar McGlinch, Aidan Meyers, Luke Whitehouse, Thaddeus Swanigan, Daniel Russell and Antonio Nauss.

Placing third were Griffin Cunningham, Knox Plave, Colton Hardesty, Mason Rakowski, Brandon Oliver and Hunter Oliver, while those placing fourth were Leo Shinkonis, Odysseus Schlusler, R.J. Green, Alden Garcia, Jace Garcia, Grace Gallop and Benjamin Leece.

Ella Hardman, Porter McCormick and Tyler Swanigan placed fifth.

"We have several 4- to 5-year-olds new to our team," Richardson said. "In fact, it's the largest young group we've ever had. These little guys and girls have been thrown into one of the toughest practice rooms in the country. They aren't afraid of anything, and it showed today."

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Michigan Matcats member Colton Hardesty gets his hand raised in victory at the Super Bowl Scrap held at Hartland. STEPHANIE HARDESTY

## PREP ATHLETICS

## Milford announces new Hall of Fame class

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Former track and cross country standout Dan DeRusha highlighted Milford High School's 2017 Athletics Hall of Fame class induction ceremonies held between the Mavericks' home varsity girls and boys basketball games last Friday.

In addition to DeRusha, the new six-member Hall of Fame class also recognized Chris Ceresa, Eric D'Andera, Cara Dukes, Kyle Jasieniecki and Abigail Shepherd.

DeRusha, who earned eight varsity letters, was captain and MVP on both teams during one of the most successful periods in Milford running. In 2002, he became the first male to win the Oakland County, Kensington Valley Conference and regional cross country titles in the same year while also setting the Kensington Metropark course 5,000-meter school record.

In track, he earned all-state honors five times and was a two-time All-American in the 400 relay. He also helped the Mavericks set a school record twice in the 3,200 relay.

During his time at Milford, DeRusha helped the Mavs capture five regional, five KVC and three county team titles.

DeRusha accepted an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he continued to compete in cross country and track.

He was recently promoted to the rank of major and is a highly decorated pilot, serving seven combat tours in the Middle East and having flown 248 combat missions over Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan. In 2014, he commanded the first KC-10 combat air refueling mission over Syria.

He was recently selected to be aide-de-camp to the deputy commander of U.S. Central Command and will be relocating to Tampa, Fla., with his wife Brandie and sons Beckett and Holden.

Here is a look at the five other inductees:

**Chris Ceresa**

The director of fund development for the Huron Valley Schools district will be making his return to coaching this spring as the head coach of the Milford track program.

The 1981 Milford grad was a four-year track and field letter winner as a discus and shot put thrower and went on to coach the Mavericks, compiling a 120-21 dual meet record. He guided Milford to



Former track and cross country standout Dan DeRusha headlines Milford's 2017 six-member Hall of Fame class. MILFORD ATHLETICS

seven unbeaten seasons, 10 KVC and five regional crowns.

During his 20 years as a teacher, Ceresa also coached football and golf before going on to become the school's athletic director from 2007-15.

In 2015, he was recognized as the Oakland County Athletic Director of the Year. Chris and his wife Sylvia reside in South Lyon.

**Eric D'Andera**

The 1999 grad earned nine varsity letters in track and field, soccer and cross country.

In track, D'Andera was the individual 400 and two-time 800 relay KVC champion. He was also a 3,200 relay state champion.

In soccer, D'Andera made all-state honorable mention, all-region and was a two-time all-district, all-KVC and all-area player.

He was also a all-area and all-county

honorable mention in cross country as he helped the Mavs to a regional title.

The Milford 1999 salutatorian and also went on to earn NCAA Division III Academic All-America honors at Albion College.

D'Andera resides in Commerce and works as a chemical engineer. His competes in bodybuilding as a hobby and has been a three-time national qualifier, winning the 2016 NPC Western Michigan Classic Physique Division.

**Cara Dukes**

A member of the class of 2006, Dukes earned four varsity letters in girls track as the Mavericks won four straight KVC and regional titles.

Dukes was KVC champion in the 100 and 200 dashes and a three-time conference champ in the 400 relay.

In both 2005 and 206, she was MHSAA finals medalist in the 800 and 1,600 relays. Dukes also ran the anchor

leg of the state champion 1,600 relay and earned KVC Track and Field Athlete of the Year honors.

Dukes attended Central Michigan University on a track scholarship as she excelled in both athletics and academics, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration.

She resides in Austin, Texas, and is working in the financial technology industry.

**Kyle Jasieniecki**

A member of the class of 2001, Jasieniecki earned six varsity varsity letters in tennis and golf.

He was a four-time MVP and two-time KVC champion (1999 and 2001) in tennis as he earned first team all-area honors three times. The two-time captain compiled a 58-2 dual match record.

As a member of the golf team, he was a contributor on the team that broke the school record for lowest away match score of 151.

Jasieniecki went on attend Michigan State, where he played on the club tennis team, earning a degree in packaging engineering.

He resides in Austin, Texas, and works for Applied Materials as a packaging engineer. He also runs an Esty shop called KEJ Woodworks.

**Abigail Shepherd**

The 2001 grad earned three varsity letters in cross country and track.

As a senior in cross country, Milford finished as the state runner-up after winning the regional and conference crowns, as well as going undefeated in dual meets. In track, she was also a state qualifier and all-KVC runner in the 3,200 relay.

But her best sport was soccer, as she continued her career at the University of Connecticut, starting 22 games as a freshman and helping her team to an NCAA tourney berth.

Shepherd transferred to Michigan State, becoming a two-time team captain while earning first team all-Big Ten, first team all-Great Lakes Region and all-Big Ten Tournament honors. She also earned all-Big Ten academic and the Big Ten Outstanding Sportsmanship Award.

She resides in New York City with her husband John, a Milford class of 2000 graduate. They are expecting their first child in April.

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## OLYMPIC GAMES

## Mack has 'amazing' journey to U.S. snowboarding team

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Kyle Mack had one last opportunity to make the 2018 U.S. Olympic snowboarding team.

The 20-year-old West Bloomfield resident placed second in the first Olympic qualifying event in March 2017 at Mammoth Mountain in California. Needing one more podium appearance, Mack's dream of attending the 2018 Winter Games came down to the final qualifier — the Toyota U.S. Grand Prix on Jan. 20, again at Mammoth Mountain.

Mack came through in flying colors with a monstrous pressure-packed slopestyle performance to earn his spot on the U.S. squad. He turned in two memorable runs, winning the Grand Prix with a score of 87.75 after successfully landing a triple cork 1440.

"I definitely knew what I needed to do," Mack said from his training site in Colorado. "I think in qualifying, there is a little more pressure because you only have two runs and I'm way more confident with three."

"Yeah. It was definitely stressful," he added. "But I just wanted to do what I could and wanted to land the run and do it and it happened."

Mack is now one of 26 members of the 2018 Olympic snowboarding team that will represent the U.S. at the XXIII Winter Games. The opening ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 9, in PyeongChang, South Korea.

**Slopestyle and big air**

Mack, who attended Birmingham Brother Rice for three years before graduating in 2016 from Pontiac High School after taking online classes, will compete



Kyle Mack is fast becoming one of the country's top snowboarders.

in both the slopestyle and big air events.

After narrowly missing a spot on the 2014 Olympic team that competed in Russia, Mack's goal was to make the trip to South Korea as an Olympian. The dream is now realized and the first-time Olympic participant can't wait to show his stuff.

"It's amazing man, amazing. It's been crazy," Mack said. "It's settled in now. I've been freaking out a couple days, jumping on my bed and I'm pretty excited."

Mack's two events are at the beginning and end of the Olympic fortnight, so he will be in South Korea for the entire Winter Games. Slopestyle is the day after the opening ceremony and big air is one of the last events.

His family — father Todd (1980

Northville High School grad), mother Connie (1982 Canton grad) and siblings Rachel (Mercy grad), Jena (Mercy grad) and Darren (currently a junior at Bloomfield Hills) — will be there to offer him plenty of support.

"It will be pretty interesting," said Mack, who has become very fond of Korean food. "Everyone in my entire family will be there. I love my family and we have all gotten along so well, so this whole thing will be really sick."

Mack was in South Korea last year when he helped test run the Olympic snowboarding venue, but this will be his mother's first trip to that country. The Mack family can't wait to watch Kyle, the second-oldest child, showcase his talents.

"I was there (when he qualified for

the team) and we just hugged and cried. We were both crying," Connie said. "My phone was ringing off the hook. And Todd called and (Kyle) took my phone and he even started crying harder. He was very happy to make the team."

"Kyle's a very humble kid who is always cheering on his teammates and his teammates are cheering him on. They all cheer for each other and that's what I love about the team. They are all great riders and they all have their unique styles."

"My husband is a world traveler, so he thinks we will all enjoy it," she added. "It's exciting as a family to go watch Kyle compete."

**Determined to do his best**

Mack, who turned to snowboarding at age 3 after a hard crash while skiing, competed in his first U.S. Open at age 9. Six years later, in 2013, he was the first to land a frontside triple rodeo 1440 in competition.

In recent years, Mack has concentrated on slopestyle rather than half-pipe. He's won numerous medals in slopestyle, including the prestigious Burton Open in 2016.

His hard work has paid off tremendously, to the point where he is now an Olympian.

While he would love to earn a medal, his main goal is to challenge himself to be his best at the Olympics.

"I like the (venue). Their big air is really cool and I'm really excited," Mack said. "Everyone has told me the Olympics are just a cool experience and just take things in. I'm just hoping to do as much as I can, take in as much as I can and do the best I can."

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## BOYS SWIMMING

# CC edges Rice for Oakland County crown

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central did not take any event, but used its depth Saturday to capture the 2017 Oakland County Boys Swimming & Diving championship at Waterford Mott.

The Shamrocks, under first-year coach Jessica Stoddard, edged Catholic League nemesis and four-time defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Birmingham Brother Rice by three points for the team title, 269.5-266.5.

Rounding out the top 10 in the 29-school field were Rochester Adams, which finished a close third with 261, followed by Harrison-Farmington (190.5), Novi (162), South Lyon Unified (138), Walled Lake Northern (124.5), Berkley (114), Birmingham Groves (98.5), Birmingham Seaholm and Troy (88 each).

Senior Jonathan Lee figured prominently for CC, taking second to Troy's Maxwell Chen, who set the only meet record in the 100-yard breaststroke (55.84). Lee's time was 56.93.

Lee placed fourth in the 200 individual medley (1:55.71), while also helping CC to a pair of runner-up finishes to Rice in the 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays.

The Shamrocks' David DeBacker (398.8 points) was runner-up to Adams' Soodong Kim (405.2) in the 1-meter diving event.

Rice senior Alex Margherio was first in the 100 butterfly (50.47) and teamed with Timmy Page, Jonah Venos and Jake Farr for a win in the 200 medley relay (1:34.95).

The Warriors' 400 freestyle relay team of Margherio, Farr, Spencer Gey-



South Lyon Unified's Max Kempisty was third in the 200-yard freestyle at the Oakland County meet. JENNIFER TOPPING

man and Venos won in 3:10.88, but CC's quartet of Conor Brownell, Bennett Loniewski, Matthew Kozma and Lee clinched the meet title with second in 3:11.58.

Harrison-Farmington's 200 freestyle relay team of Brody Jamieson, Drew Hinckley, Drew Hoelscher and Trevor Jones won in 1:26.66, while CC's foursome of Brownell, Brian Hussey, Tommy Wiaduck and Loniewski finished second (1:28.26).

Other individual county champions included Jack Hamilton (Berkley), 200 freestyle (1:42.61); Zane Rosely (Walled Lake Northern), 200 IM (1:53.80); Chen (Troy), 50 freestyle (20.84); Venos (Rice), 100 freestyle (46.54); Graham Miotke (Adams), 500 freestyle (4:35.91); and Kaden Schwaiger (Northern), 5170).

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## OAKLAND COUNTY BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Feb. 2-3 at Waterford Mott  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 269.5 points; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice, 266.5; 3. Rochester Adams, 261; 4. Harrison-Farmington, 190.5; 5. Novi, 162; 6. South Lyon Unified, 138; 7. Walled Lake Northern, 124.5; 8. Berkley, 114; 9. Birmingham Groves, 98.5; 10. (tie) Birmingham Seaholm and Troy, 88 each; 12. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 87.5; 12. Walled Lake Central, 82; 14. Lake Orion, 53; 15. West Bloomfield, 44; 16. North Farmington and Walled Lake Western, 40 each; 18. Bloomfield Hills, 34; 19. Oxford, 30; 20. White Lake Lakeland, 27; 21. (tie) Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day and Rochester Stoney Creek, 16 each; 23. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 15; 24. Waterford United, 14; 25. Auburn Hills Avondale, 9; 26. Rochester, 6; 27. (tie) Milford and Clarkston, 5 each; 29. Troy Athletes, 1.

### FINALS RESULTS

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Rice (Timmy Page, Jonah Venos, Alex Margherio, Jake Farr), 1:34.95; 2. Detroit CC (August Thielking, Jonathan Lee, Charlie Walsh, Brian Hussey), 1:37.09; 3. South Lyon (Logan Boals, Max Topping, Max Kempisty, Brandon Bell), 1:37.62; 4. Adams, 1:38.16; 5. Berkley, 1:38.44; 6. Groves, 1:38.58; 7. W.L. Northern, 1:39.30; 8. Novi, 1:40.54.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Jack Hamilton (Berkley), 1:42.61; 2. Graham Miotke (Adams), 1:42.87; 3. Kempisty (SLU), 1:43.40; 4. Trevor Jones (Harrison-Farm.), 1:43.54; 5. Farr (Rice), 1:45.04; 6. Eric Hieber (W.L.W.), 1:46.07; 7. Thomas Trueaux (Adams), 1:46.17; 8. Bennett Loniewski (CC), 1:46.25.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Zane Rosely (W.L.N.), 1:53.80; 2. Ian Allen (W.L.C.), 1:55.14; 4. Kevin Hao (Cranbrook), 1:55.18; 4. Lee (CC), 1:55.71; 5. Jorge Roman Lopez (Adams), 1:56.09; 6. Brian Son (Novi), 1:58.73; 7. Walsh (CC), 1:58.83; 8. Quan Lee (Adams), 1:58.91.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Maxwell Chen (Troy), 20.84; 2. Margherio (Rice), 21.22; 3. Nate Neely (W. Bloomfield), 21.36; 4. Michael Arpaia (Seaholm), 21.56; 5. Jacob Hart (Adams), 21.72; 6. Cameron Whitfield (W.L.C.), 21.78; 7. Jack Winslow (Lakeland), 1.88; 8. Connor Brownell (CC), 21.90.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Soodong Kim (Adams), 405.20 points; 2. David DeBacker (CC), 398.80; 3. Jakob Heberling (Stoney Creek), 396.70; 4. Alex Impelizeri (M.D. Prep), 387.55; 5. Seth Caspers (Waterford), 368.65; 6. Ari Wolfson (Berkley), 366.125; 7. Eric Shenouda (Bloomfield Hills), 340.25; 8. Christian Roumayah (Bloomfield Hills), 334.40.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Margherio (Rice), 50.47; 2. Allen (W.L.C.), 51.52; 3. Jones (Harrison-Farm.), 51.98; 4. Evan Lindquist (Lake Orion), 52.20; 5. Arpaia (Bloomfield Hills), 52.41; 6. Kaden Schwaiger (W.L.N.), 52.73; 7. Boals (SLU), 52.94; 8. Son (Novi), 53.55.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Venos (Rice), 46.54; 2. Hart (Adams), 47.22; 3. Neely (W. Bloomfield), 47.24; 4. Winslow (Lakeland), 47.62; 5. Drew Hinckley (Harrison-Farm.), 47.64; 6. Brownell (CC), 47.97; 7. Jackson Guspi (Groves), 48.24; 8. Drew Hoelscher (Harrison-Farm.), 48.59.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Miotke (Rice), 4:35.91; 2. Rosely (W.L.N.), 4:37.25; 3. Hieber (W.L.W.), 4:39.95; 4. Hamilton (Berkley), 4:44.32; 5. Trueaux (Adams), 4:44.97; 6. Kempisty (SLU), 4:45.72; 7. Loniewski (CC), 4:47.13; 8. Max Robbins (Novi), 4:49.42.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Harrison-Farmington (Brody Jamieson, Hinckley, Hoelscher, Jones), 1:26.66; 2. Catholic Central (Brownell, Hussey, Tommy Wiaduck, Loniewski), 1:28.26; 3. Adams (Hart, Hansen Qian, Lee, Trueaux), 1:29.03; 4. Rice, 1:29.23; 5. Bloomfield Hills, 1:29.82; 6. Troy, 1:30.03; 7. W.L. Central, 1:30.76; 8. Berkley, 1:31.10.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Schwaiger (W.L.N.), 51.70; 2. Page (Rice), 53.53; 3. Liam McDonnell (Rice), 54.20; 4. Boals (SLU), 54.55; 5. Erik Halboth (Novi), 54.77; 6. Maxwell Williams (Novi), 54.81; 7. Jamieson (Harrison-Farm.), 55.40; 8. Jimmy Connor (Novi), 55.61.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Chen (Troy), 55.84 (meet record); 2. Lee (CC), 56.93; 3. Venos (Rice), 57.92; 4. Evan Carpenter (Berkley), 58.92; 5. Roman Lopez (Adams), 59.21; 6. Hao (Cranbrook), 59.51; 7. Qian (Adams), 59.79; 8. Gabe Cohen (Cranbrook), 1:00.15.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Rice (Margherio, Farr, Spencer Geyman, Venos), 3:10.88; 2. Catholic Central (Brownell, Loniewski, Matthew Kozma, Lee), 3:11.58; 3. Harrison-Farmington (Jamieson, Jones, Hoelscher, Hinckley), 3:12.61; 4. Adams, 3:13.06; 5. Novi, 3:16.48; 6. W.L. Northern, 3:17.31; 7. Groves, 3:17.54; 8. South Lyon, 3:18.13.

## PREP WRESTLING

# Franklin's DiPonio brothers bring different styles to mat

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From fast and furious to technically sound, Livonia Franklin's wrestling DiPonio brothers pose a real triple threat.

And rivals in the KLAA are finding out there's no easy way to deal with the unique family dynamic of three brothers starting on a varsity team.

First is senior Johnny DiPonio, a two-time regional qualifier who is pure energy during bouts.

"It is the hardest thing I've ever done," Johnny, 17, said during a recent practice. "It's all go, go, go, non-stop, six minutes. You just got to outwork the other guy."

Junior Marino DiPonio, also a regional qualifier last year, brings more of a cerebral approach — weighing his options before swinging into action.

Freshman Rocco DiPonio? Over the next four seasons, he's likely to forge his own path to excellence. But he'll gladly take the best qualities from Johnny and Marino and put them to worthwhile use.

### Talented trio

It's all good for longtime Patriots head coach David Chiola, who in 2014 had the standout Atienza brothers (Jordan and Nathan) on the same roster.

"It's cool because they, obviously, if they're going home for the weekend, they drill together. They have built-in workout partners at home," Chiola said. "They push each other. They try to outdo each other, so it works out pretty well."

"They can push each other and they happen to be good, too. You could get three brothers — the fact they are all in the starting lineup is pretty amazing. I don't get too many freshmen to crack our starting lineup."

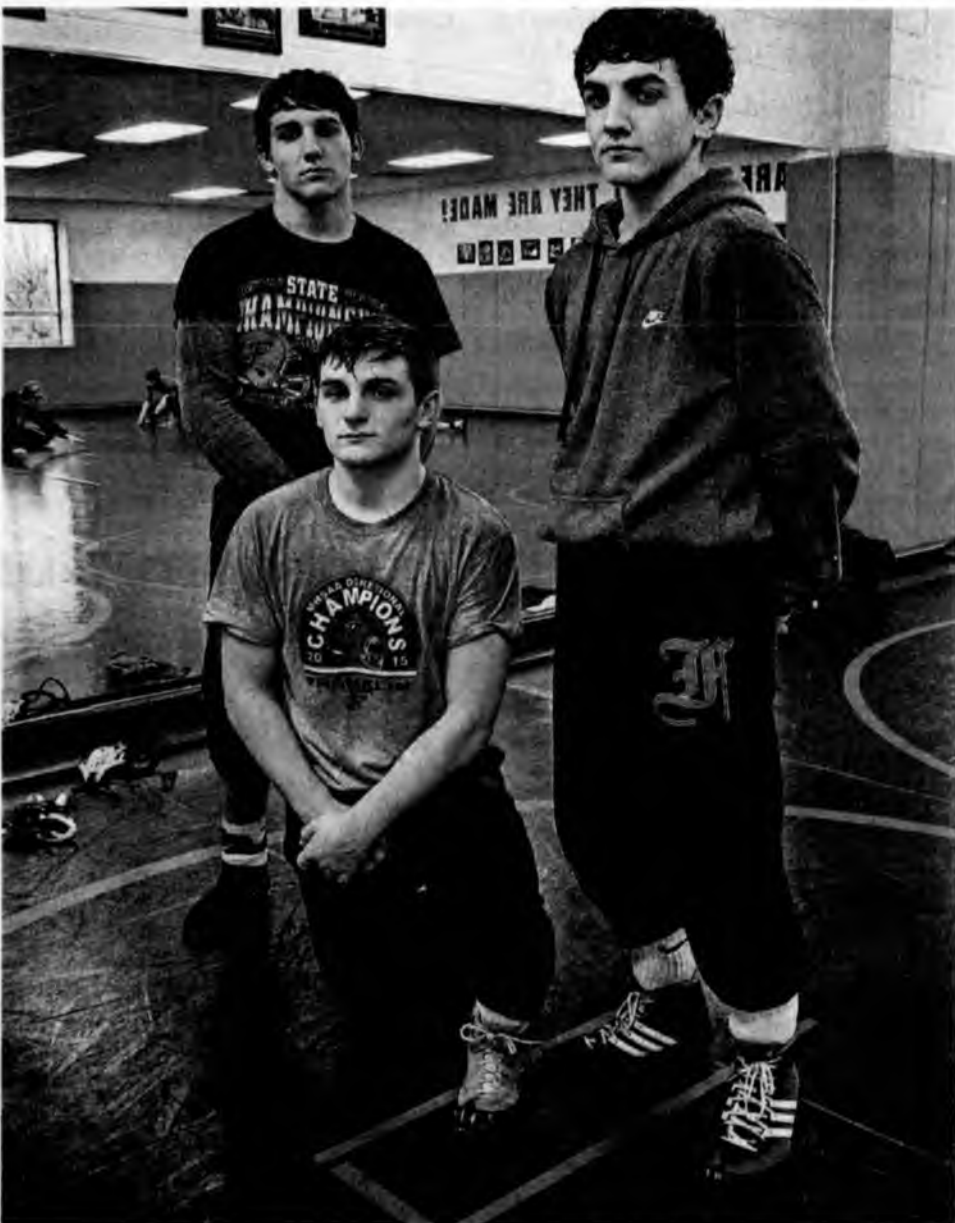
Chiola compared the wrestling styles of the DiPonio brothers.

"Marino is more of a thinker while he's wrestling," Chiola said. "Johnny's pretty much just an animal, he just whistle to whistle, goes super-hard. And Rocco is probably a combination of the two."

"I've known them all since they were little kids, because their dad (John DiPonio) is an assistant principal here. I used to be a teacher, so I've known him the whole 18 years I've been here, so I've watched them growing up since birth."

"I don't have sons, but I kind of treat them as my sons. I know I can yell at them and not get any flack from their dad."

Not that there'd be any reason for criticism.



The DiPonio brothers — Marino, Johnny and Rocco — on the mats at Franklin. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I think he likes it," Marino, 16, said about his father. "I mean, I think it's nice for him to see his three boys kind of just doing what we do up here every day. I bet it's cool for him."

### Family talk

The DiPonio brothers are not only the hardest workers in the room, but among the smartest, too.

Consider that Marino carries a 3.7 grade-point average, is in the National Honor Society and plays violin in the Franklin orchestra. Johnny is no slouch in the classroom and Rocco is only starting to build his academic resume.

During a recent practice, Johnny and Marino (along with junior Jacob Johnson) squared off for drills. All are 140-pounders, although Marino usually wrestles in the 145-pound weight class.

"Me and Marino wrestle a lot. We wrestle very similar," said Johnny, who is sporting a 35-3 record. "A lot of stuff is on our feet. I don't really know yet about Rocco, because he's still young."

With a grin, Johnny added that they don't take any unfinished business home.

"We usually settle it here," he said with a laugh.

That doesn't mean they don't often talk at home about recent performances and about how to get an edge the next time out.

"We talk about our matches and what we can improve on," Johnny said. "And our dad is really involved in it, too, so he talks with us."

### Rare opportunity

According to Marino, who is off to a

29-4 start this season, it's been "really awesome" being on the same varsity team with his brothers.

"There's not a lot of guys that get to come up here every day with their brothers and get to experience something like this," Marino said. "And it's really cool, because we've always been wrestling around in the basement (in earlier years). Now that we're grown up, it's a cool experience."

Johnny and Marino have been lights out for the Patriots for most of their matches this season.

If anything has upended them, it's that both were late to team workouts — they were part of the Division 1 football state finalists, playing key defensive roles at safety and outside linebacker, respectively.

"It started off a little slow. Football went a little longer, we didn't get as much time to prepare," Marino said. "We had to hop right into it, but it started slow. But it's been good."

Rocco, 14, is wrestling in the 125-pound weight class and is holding his own with a 20-17 record.

"It's pretty good right now," Rocco said. "I've got a winning record so far, doing pretty good for a freshman."

He said his older brothers are quick to offer advice and encouragement.

"We all work really hard and they push me a lot to do my best," Rocco said. "They push me more than they push everybody else."

### Intangibles matter

The youngest brother added that he is learning about intangibles that wrestlers need to have success.

"You got to have a mindset and be mentally tough," Rocco said. "That's something you can carry over into anything, really."

That the brothers gravitated to wrestling — joining a local wrestling club either in sixth or seventh grade — was not the result of a major push from their dad or a family influence.

But their father did, perhaps, give a slight nudge of encouragement to his sons.

"He was friends with coach Chiola, so he wanted us to get into it and we enjoyed it," Johnny said. "I like the hard work; it builds character. I like working hard and seeing hard work pay off. And it's fun."

Why wouldn't it be? It's always more fun to share in success with family members.

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# DRINK UP!

Add a pop of color to your drinks.  
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## The key to crafting the perfect winter cocktail

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There's nothing like a specialty cocktail to spice up a dark winter day and warm you from the inside out.

"Winter may seem like a dull time, but it's actually really great for creating cocktails because of all the citrus and syrups," said Chantelle Corbo, beverage director and partner of RBC Hospitality Group in Holmdel, N.J. "There are all different kinds of ways to infuse flavors."

Corbo has traveled the world, wine-tasting her way through Italy, France and Australia. She holds an advanced certificate from the Masters of Sommeliers and has been featured in The New York Times, Harper's Bazaar and Wine Enthusiast Magazine.

The cocktail connoisseur shared her knowledge on cocktail trends to try this winter.

### Citrus-infused cocktails

The possibilities are endless when it comes to cocktail combinations, but Corbo says the key to crafting the perfect winter cocktail is citrus.

"There's not a whole lot other than citrus that's in season," Corbo said. "But that doesn't have to be a bad thing."

From lemons and limes to oranges and grapefruit, citrus makes for a beautiful garnish and can intensify the flavor.

Fresh or dehydrated citrus slices can be

added to any cocktail. To top off a martini or Manhattan, Corbo suggests, adding a simple yet elegant citrus twist.

### Hot cocktails

You'll want to have a warm cocktail in hand as the temperature continues to drop. But this year, skip the conventional hot cocktail and opt for a more adventurous choice.

"Everyone talks about hot toddies, but hot scotch is another option," Corbo said. "It has an incredible silkiness."

For rum-fanatics, Corbo recommends creating a homemade hot buttered rum with golden raisins, demerara sugar and nutmeg. Be sure to freeze the butter before serving, so that it will slice perfectly and melt right into the rum.

"I love experimenting, and I'm a big rum fan, so hot buttered rum was really on repeat for me this December," Corbo said.

### A fresh take on the classics

If you are going to stick to a classic cocktail, Corbo recommends adding a modern twist.

Run-of-the-mill recipes can easily be modified to include deeper, more intense spirits.

"Just substituting one spirit can completely change a classic," Corbo said. "For me

as a sommelier, texture is a big thing in wines. There's a complete parallel in cocktails."

To make a Manhattan cocktail more interesting, Corbo suggests that you substitute simple liquors for amaro, sherry or port.

"Thinking outside of the box with those components and not being afraid to experiment is key," Corbo said. "Try every garnish under the sun that you can think of just to change it up."

### Make it interactive

"The winter is always a time of gathering," Corbo said. "That doesn't necessarily end when the holidays are over."

Next time you get together with friends or family, try setting up a build-your-own bar. This gives guests a chance to customize their cocktails and get creative.

Corbo recommends setting out a selection of high-quality gins, along with ample garnishes. In addition to citrus, be sure to include cucumber, beet and radish slices.

"They add a pop of vibrant color, but are also edible, crunchy and refreshing," Corbo said. "Just slice them thin, and keep them in cold water."

Cucumbers that are shaved lengthwise can be used to line the inside of a glass, and edible, nasturtium flowers can be popped in on top. The result is a drink that will dazzle guests all winter long.



# NO DIET NECESSARY

Healthy eating is more than calories and portion control

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Paleo. Atkins. (Is that still a thing?) Whole30. Cleanses. Meal delivery programs.

This is the time of year when promotions for diet plans cycle through our news feeds and we ask friends if that lemon-and-cayenne-pepper water detox actually works.

I'm not a dietician, so I'm not here to recommend a diet plan, though I will repeat the sensible advice to seek a doctor's input before you start a diet or exercise program.

Even if you're not watching your waistline, there are steps toward a healthier way of eating that you can adopt in January or at any time of the year. These suggestions aren't faddish, and they don't guarantee you'll lose 10 pounds in 10 days. They don't require you to give up sugar or coffee or wine. They do, however, invite you to become more thoughtful about what you eat and ask a little of your time and attention.

At the start of the year, let's hereby resolve to ...

**Cook at home.** Yes, it's time- and energy-consuming. But there's nothing more powerful you can do if you're concerned about managing weight, reducing your intake of sodium and fat, and advocating for healthier food. Cooking at home puts decisions about what you eat entirely in your hands. It's cheaper than eating out.

**Start with whole foods.** You may have heard the term "clean eating," which means the same thing: The closer you get to the way the food exists in na-

## Sheet Pan Roasted Vegetable Soup

Use at least two, ideally more, of the vegetables listed here.

serves 4

3 pounds vegetables (see list\*)

4 peeled whole garlic cloves

3 sprigs fresh thyme (or 2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves)

2 tablespoons olive oil

Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

4 cups vegetable broth, preferably homemade

For serving: Soup crackers, sour cream or plain Greek yogurt, snipped fresh herbs, croutons

Preheat oven to 400 degrees; line a large rimmed baking sheet with foil. Chop the vegetables into evenly sized 1-inch pieces. Place them on the baking

ture, the better. (Think fresh or canned tomatoes instead of prepared pasta sauce in a jar.) Fresh is best, but frozen veggies with no sauce or additives and canned, no sodium varieties are perfectly fine. See *Sheet Pan Vegetable Soup recipe*.

**Read the labels.** You'll be surprised where added sugar, sodium and preservatives show up in food. High-fructose corn syrup in salad dressing, spaghetti sauce and bagels. Nitrates in processed meat. Chemical flavorings in snack bars. You don't know these things if you

sheet and toss with garlic, thyme (sprigs or dried), olive oil, salt and pepper. Roast until vegetables are browned in spots and crisp-tender, about 40 minutes. Transfer vegetables to a pot (remove thyme sprigs) and add vegetable broth. Simmer soup until vegetables are totally tender, 20-30 minutes. Let soup cool, then use an immersion blender to puree to your desired consistency. Reheat to a simmer and serve.

## \*Veggie list

Carrots

Plum tomatoes (seeds removed)

Onion

Parsnips

Sweet potatoes

Winter squash

Red pepper

Fennel bulb

don't read ingredient labels. Some grocery retailers, like Whole Foods and Kroger's Simple Truth brand, are helping consumers become more aware of - and avoid - additives in food.

**Get to know beans, grains and their friends.** These aren't just for health-food nuts anymore; whole grains like barley and farro, heirloom dried beans and other ingredients like quinoa and lentils are both trendy and good for you (they're packed with low-calorie protein and fiber). Cooked grains or beans tossed with cherry tomatoes,

herbs, olive oil, lemon juice and a bit of cheese make a terrific side dish or lunchtime salad. Quinoa is a great swap for rice. Lentils make a lovely bed for a piece of grilled fish or chicken. See *Butternut and Brown Rice Bake recipe*.

**Expand your horizons.** Explore cuisines of other cultures that emphasize bright, fresh ingredients prepared simply: Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, Thai. Pick up a new cookbook to spark your creativity; my go-to resource for delicious, easy, healthy weeknight meals is "Everyday Food: Great Food Fast." Try a spiral cutter for veggies; zucchini "noodles" really are tasty and fun. Get one of those InstantPots that everyone's talking about, and a recipe book to help you use it.

**Buy local food.** Eating seasonally and locally means you're getting food at its nutritional best, sustainably grown by farmers in our region. You're getting meat and eggs from animals raised with care.

There are countless other strategies for healthier eating that you can embrace: Eating less, but more high-quality meat (or none, if you're inclined toward vegetarian). Being more mindful as you eat, paying attention to flavor and texture and enjoyment that will make you feel more satisfied. Never skipping breakfast or eating in your car. Planning smart snacks to stave off the hungries. Drinking more water.

No deprivation or diet meal delivery subscription required.

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# Westland murder suspect found competent

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A Westland man accused of killing his roommate has been found competent to stand trial on first-degree murder charges.

Jovica Nikoloski, 22, was back Jan. 25 in Westland's 18th District Court for a probable cause conference. A prelimi-

nary examination date was set at the hearing, meaning his case will continue through the legal system after he underwent a competency exam this past fall. Moving forward indicates Nikoloski had been found competent to stand trial on the first-degree murder charge he faces.

Nikoloski was charged back in September in the death of his room-



Nikoloski

mate, 25-year-old Spase Grazhdani, at their residence in the Skygate Apartment complex in the 6500 block of Yale in Westland. There, Westland police say Nikoloski said the two of them got into an argument during which a knife was produced. Police say Nikoloski then stabbed Grazhdani before the two struggled for the weapon. Police say Nikoloski then

stabbed him again.

A preliminary examination in his case will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, in Westland's 18th District Court before Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

Nikoloski remains locked up in the Wayne County Jail without bond.

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## Obituaries

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### Walter Eugene Byszkowski

VENICE, FL - formerly of Milford, Michigan, 93, died January 21, 2018.

He was a long time member of St. Mary Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church in Milford, Michigan. BMI US Navy World War II. Retired police officer for the City of Detroit, Michigan and a member of the Choir Boys. A man who loved to play the slots and the lottery. Great gardener and baker. A man with a quick wit, and a knack for storytelling.

Walter is survived by sons Mark (Jan) and Paul (Pam), daughter-in-law Jane Byszkowski, son-in-law Dan Giebel, seven grandchildren Jonathan, Jennifer, Andrew, Autumn, Rick, Ashley and Kirstin, and five great-grandchildren Kendall, Zakary, Jakub, Abigail and Joanna. He was predeceased by his parents, Henry and Anna Byszkowski, wife Theresa, sons Richard and Eugene, daughter Susan Giebel, brother Eugene, and sisters Rose, Helen and Elizabeth.

A Graveside Service will be held Monday, February 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Sarasota National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, American Heart Association, or a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated.

Toale Brothers Ewing Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



*May the memory  
of your loved  
one...*

*...bring you peace.*

### Susan Kay Agnew

MILFORD - Susan Kay Agnew, a lifetime resident of Milford, died peacefully, surrounded by her family, on January 30, 2018. She was 69 years old.

On January 21, 1949 in Detroit, Howard and Eulaine (Blair) Peters welcomed Susan, their youngest daughter and completed their family of four. Sue was welcomed home by older sister and friend, Joyce (Peters) Eaton. She grew up in the Milford area and graduated from Milford High School.

In 1967 she married George Agnew, and moved to Kentucky for a short time while he was serving in the military.

On her very own birthday, January 21st, in 1969 she gave birth to Christy (Agnew) Petru. Later that year Sue moved to 721 Manordale Court in Milford, the place she called home for the rest of her life.

When Christy was older Sue remained true to her love of children and began her career first working in childcare and then for a local Pediatrician. She was most recently employed at the Milford Family Practice until she retired in 2016.

For that last 20 years she enjoyed a loving relationship with longtime fiancé, Gary Motley. Together they enjoyed traveling, spending time on their boat or at their time share, and socializing with family, friends and neighbors. She was also blessed by being able to spend quality time with her three grandsons, Ryan and Tanner Petru, and Kyle Isaacson, and two granddaughters, Lauren and Rachel.

Sue will be remembered as a sweet, caring and strong woman who will be missed by all who were fortunate to know her.

She is survived by her companion of over 20 years, Gary Motley; daughter, Christy (Brad) Petru; sister, Joyce (Bob Lobdell) Eaton; grandchildren, Ryan and Tanner Petru; step-daughters, Erica (Troy) Isaacson and Tara (Harry) Motley; nephews, Greg and Kevin; nieces, Kim, Tracy, Terri and Deniece; step-grandchildren, Kyle, Lauren and Rachel. Susan is also survived by many close friends and extended family members.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Eulaine Peters.

A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 10 AM, followed by graveside services at Milford Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society and St. Jude Children's Hospital

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### Sandra J. Curry

NORTHVILLE - Sandra J. Curry, age 78, of Northville, passed away on February 3, 2018. She was born April 19, 1939 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; daughter of Joseph and Isabelle (nee Slaney) Corriveau. Sandra was united in marriage to Thomas J. Curry on May 14, 1960; dedicated to each other for over 57 years. Sandra was a 1957 graduate of Cooley High School in Detroit and later attended Schoolcraft College. She began a career at her father's Tool and Die Company, Corr Instruments and then chose a career as a Bank Teller at NBD Bank in Livonia. Sandra was an incredible baker; her husband's favorite baked good was her black magic cake. Her family also loved when she made pies that paired well with her homemade whip cream. Sandra was also a terrific cook who mastered making the perfect prime rib. She was a wonderful seamstress who liked making all types of clothing. Sandra enjoyed antique hunting and traveling with Tom. She adored her cats Izzy and Buddy. Sandra was an amazing wife with a great sense of humor. She is survived by her loving husband Thomas; her daughter Denise (Mike) Glod; her brother Richard (Dorothy) Corriveau; her grandchildren, Michael, Mathieu, and Katie; and her nieces and nephews, Joseph (Melissa) Corriveau, Marc (Wendy) Corriveau, Matthew (Stephanie) Corriveau, Melissa (Erik) Sullivan, and Lani (Mike) Liedtke. She was also loved by many great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her step-brother Ralph Parker, and her step-sister Dorothy Parker. A memorial service was held Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or Our Lady of Victory, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville, MI 48167.



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### Alice E. Peruski

SOUTH LYON - Alice E. Peruski, age 92, passed away January 31, 2018.

She was born October 13, 1925 in Parisville, Michigan, daughter of the late Joseph and Lucy Peplinski. She was a longtime South Lyon resident where she was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Altar Society. She was a hairdresser in town for over 40 years prior to her retirement and enjoyed swimming with the Senior Center.

Alice is survived by her loving children: Pat (Randy Smith) Peruski and Lawrence (Janet) Peruski; her grandchildren: Scott (Christine Hunt) Peruski, Ann Peruski, and Adam (Kim Madonia) Peruski-Smith; her great-grandchildren: Jillian, Nora, and Dean. She is also survived by her siblings: Irene, Archie, and Ernest. Alice was preceded in death by her husband Benjamin in 1999.

Visitation was held on Saturday, February 3 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, February 5 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Alice was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Active Faith Community Services. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### Kathy L. Smith

SOUTH LYON - age

70, passed away February 4, 2018 at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 19, 1947 in Highland Park, Michigan, daughter of the late Carroll and Virginia Ross. Kathy loved animals, especially dogs and was a longtime member of the Detroit Zoological Society and the Toledo Zoological Society Foundation. Kathy is survived by her beloved husband of nearly 53 years, Donald; her children: Carrie (Matthew) Haubert and Darren (Sande Keltz) Smith; her grandchildren: Terrance, Natasha, Elizabeth and Jessica; and her great-grandchildren: Armaan, Amir, and Elias. She is also survived by her sister, Bonnie White. Kathy was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Douglas Ross. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 10 at 1:00PM with the family receiving friends beginning at 11:00AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake Street, South Lyon. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



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### Frank Janette

MILFORD/HIGHLAND

TWP. - Frank Janette, a longtime resident of Milford and Highland Township and founder of Janette & Sons Excavating, died peacefully at his home surrounded by family on February 1, 2018. He was 90 years old.

He was preceded in death by Arlene, his beloved wife of sixty-four years in 2012. He is survived by his children: Catherine "Kitty" (Ric McGuigan) Curcio, Joseph, Michael (Marcella), Kerry (Timothy) Vallette, Marilyn (Gregory) Gross, David (Patti); twelve grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; his sister, Margurite Skaggs; many nieces; nephews; extended family members and loving friends.

A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Tuesday, February 6, at 11AM. Father Wayne Ureel to officiate. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery. Friends may visit at the Funeral Home on Monday, February 5, from 2-8PM with a Rosary at 7PM. Memorials may be made in his name to American Heart Association and Great Lakes Caring Hospice. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



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### Older workers should watch for these trends

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Attention baby boomers — not all trends are created equal. Each year, we see a variety of new workplace trends take hold, which often vary by industry, geography and even individual demographics. One of these factors is age — simply put, there are factors in the job world that affect older individuals differently, based on their level of experience, personal needs, comfort level in a rapidly changing work environment and longevity in the job market.

Baby boomers (individuals born between 1946 and 1964), face some unique issues and challenges in the work world. This aging population possesses a wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise, but is growing older in a workplace that increasingly prizes youth and vitality, and many are approaching the age where retirement is a consideration. According to a recent Pew Research Center study, approximately 29 percent of the workforce in the United States — which represents approximately 45 million workers — is part of the baby boomer generation. Although this number continues to shrink each year, it's still a significant amount of people. Therefore,



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it's worth taking a closer look at the trends these older workers can expect to encounter in today's workplace.

#### More flexible work arrangements

Although this may not seem like much of a departure from the norm for younger workers, older workers who are typically more used to the traditional Monday to Friday, 9-to-5 office arrangement may need some time to get used to the changing notion of what it means to be "at work." Advances in technology have made it easier than ever before to work remotely and telecommute — and older workers will get the

opportunity to take advantage of the flexibility this allows.

Baby boomers who work in fields in which telecommuting is a viable option and possess the technical knowhow can expect to encounter more flexible work arrangements. This is often a good thing, allowing for a faster, easier and less expensive commute to the office — which might just mean walking into another room in your house.

#### Rise in contract employment

Another trend that may hit baby boomers harder than their younger counterparts is the change in how employers

are hiring individuals to meet their needs. Many companies are embracing leaner approaches to staffing by using technology to get more work done with less people on their payrolls.

Companies are also increasingly relying on unorthodox work arrangements, relying more on contract, freelance and part-time workers to get things done.

These new workplace arrangements typically don't include benefits like medical and dental insurance, which usually become more essential as workers get older, so workers are going to have to get creative and seek out

alternative means for coverage. Another element missing from most forms of contract employment is retirement benefits, which will impact how workers prepare and save for retirement in the future.

#### Delaying retirement

A growing trend that many older workers are facing is the notion of having to delay exiting the workforce for as long as possible.

According to a recent article by U.S. News & World Report, this can be attributable to a wide range of factors, including older workers not having enough money saved, needing health insurance, desiring to stay active and productive and simply enjoying working and passing on their knowledge and skills to a new generation of employees.

These are the biggest trends older workers can expect to encounter in 2018. Those employees who will prove most successful in coping with a rapidly evolving workplace will stay one step ahead of these shifts and strategize accordingly.

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47 "Well well!"  
48 Use a pool  
49 Specialty of Windy City bakeries?  
52 Uses Dixie diction  
54 Door turner  
55 Expire, as a subscription  
59 Ballpark fig.  
60 New princess of '81  
63 One who doesn't succumb to a potent toxin?  
68 Clean energy org.  
69 Bombard with e-junk  
71 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"  
72 Hard wood  
73 Glorious state of bliss?  
79 Military units  
82 Prefix with hazard  
83 Achieve  
84 Obi-Wan Kenobi, e.g.  
85 Rob  
88 Desert haven mentioned in the first book of the Bible?

## ACROSS

94 Guitars' kin, for short  
95 Actor Rob  
99 Bits of matter  
100 Car for a VIP  
101 Mr., in India  
102 Have a cow, with "out"  
103 Ltr. insert  
104 Arrangement  
105 Ruler of the Sunflower State?  
108 Palpitation?  
111 Menu fish  
112 Audiotapes' successors  
114 Cato's 1,052  
115 Main female character  
118 Stuff hauled by Beantown trash collectors?  
124 Not ceasing  
125 Homer work  
126 St. — (capital of Loire)  
127 Mice and whales, e.g.  
128 "The Rose" singer Midler  
129 Plunder

## DOWN

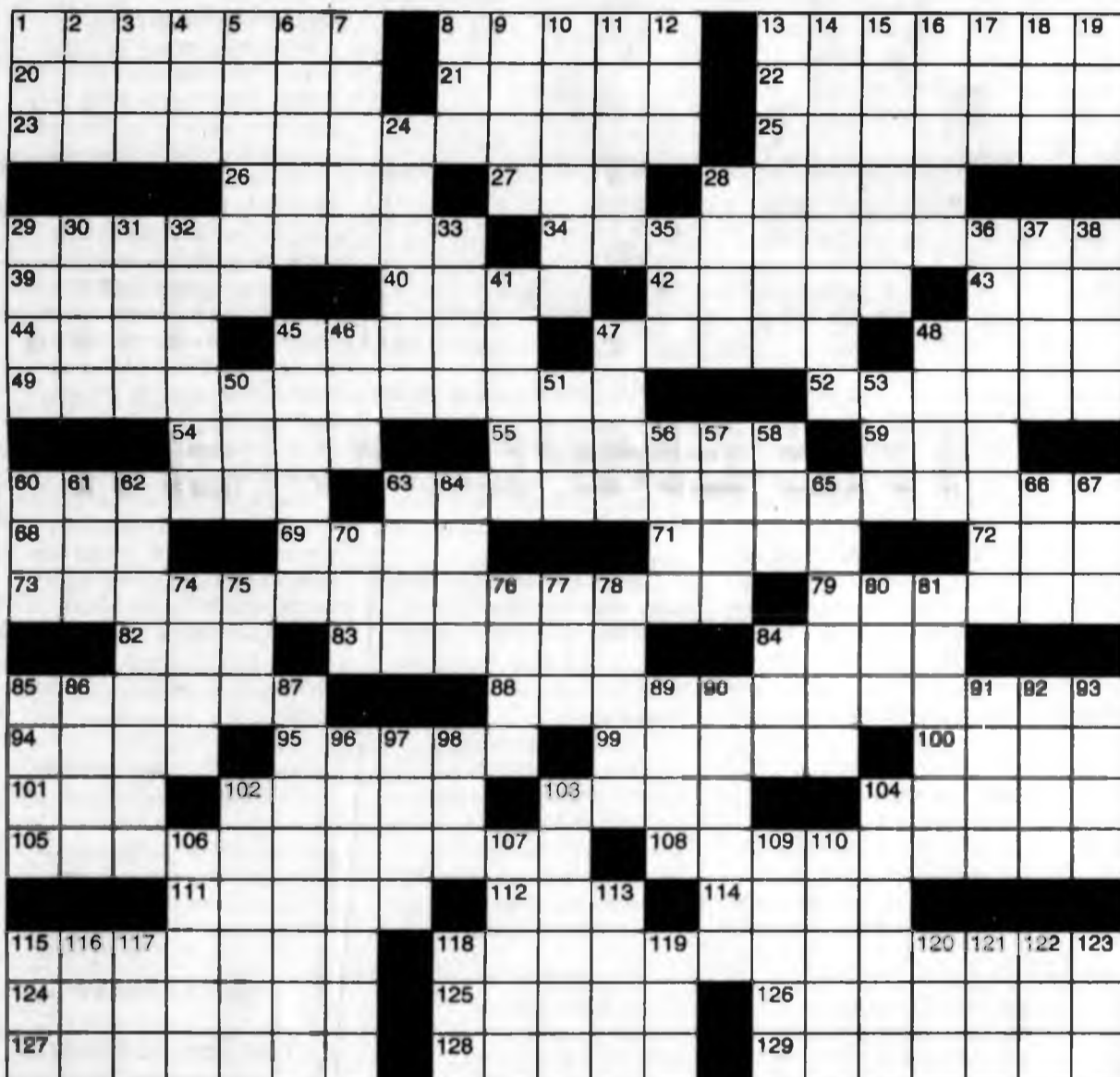
4 Moms  
5 Notoriety  
6 Noted berry farm founder  
7 Turn a deaf — (ignore)  
8 Musical artist DiFranco  
9 Barking pets  
10 Doctrine that reality is one organic whole  
11 Ham-handed  
12 Gen —  
13 Certain boxing punch  
14 Not firmly implanted  
15 Pre-lift-off term  
16 Jenna Bush  
17 "Kinda" suffix  
18 Ballpark fig.  
19 Scale notes  
24 Lay to rest  
28 Skating leap  
29 Ice cream flavor, briefly  
30 Writer Philip  
31 H.G. Wells race  
32 Smart — (cocky)  
33 At an end  
35 Fashion inits.  
36 Synthpop artist, say

## ACROSS

37 Sinister  
38 They may be candied  
41 Wombs  
45 Self-conceit  
46 Unruly crowd  
47 Social Security fig., e.g.  
48 Delhi dress  
50 Not only that  
51 Vienna loc.  
53 Crank (up)  
56 — upswing  
57 Meat stamp letters  
58 Wk. day  
60 The, in Paris  
61 "The Simpsons" store clerk  
62 Work at as a dilettante  
63 Breathe hard  
64 Leave out  
65 Intermission  
66 Bullfight cry  
67 Apt. units  
70 Stew veggie  
74 Eye covers  
75 Bettor's note  
76 Tatty clothes  
77 Strive (for)  
78 U.N.'s Kofi  
80 Hubbub  
81 Call placer  
84 Actor Parsons  
85 Corn cover

## DOWN

86 Stew veggie  
87 Part of PIN  
89 Carve  
90 Sombre  
91 In — (as found)  
92 Don of radio  
93 Last year's frosh  
96 "Part II" films  
97 Tightly strung  
98 Squeak (out)  
102 Cereal meal  
103 Breaks up  
104 Add to the batter, say  
106 Charge at  
107 School, in Nice  
109 Writer Horatio  
110 Calf catcher  
113 ESPN datum  
115 — and haw  
116 Greek vowel  
117 Dream-time acronym  
118 Baby's wear  
119 Lyric tribute  
120 Wanna- — (aspirants)  
121 Santa — (hot wind)  
122 Big health supplement  
123 "I see micel"



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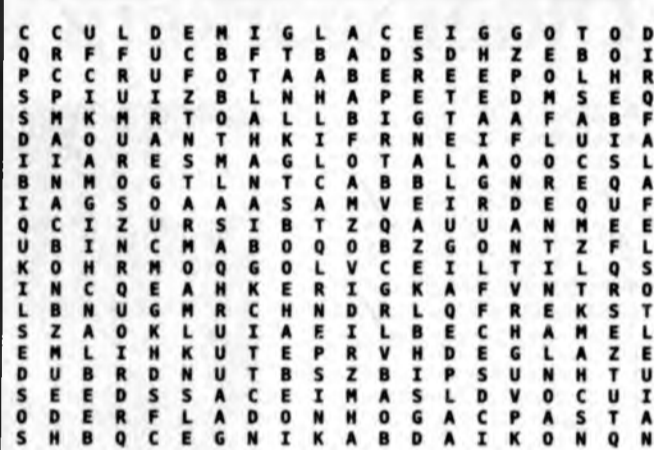
## SUDOKU



## 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!

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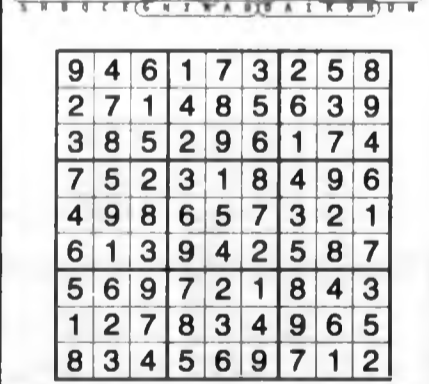
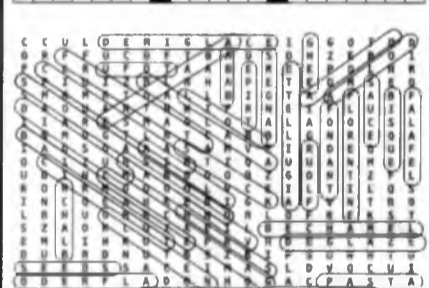
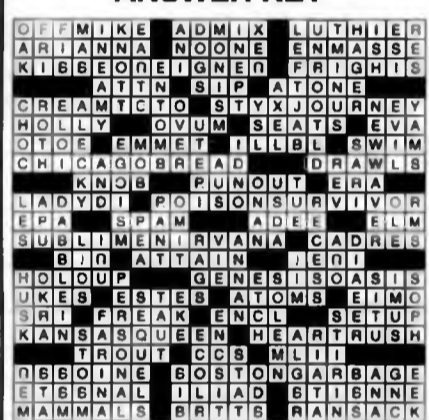


Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

## WORDS

ABALONE  
ADOBO  
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BABA  
BAIN-MARIE  
BAKING  
BAKLAVA  
BALSAMIC  
BANGERS  
BECHAMEL  
BISQUE  
BLANCH  
BOIL  
DAIKON  
DEGLAZE  
DEMI-GLACE  
DIM SUM  
DOLMA  
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## Car Report

# SUPER BOWL TO RUN SHORT ON AUTO ADS VERSUS PAST, BUT EXPECT TOYOTA, LEXUS, KIA, HYUNDAI – AND FCA – TO REPRESENT



By Dale Buss

Auto brands have always been Super Bowl advertising stalwarts, but as the robust U.S. sales boom has leveled off over the last year or so, the Big Game may be looming as a less attractive platform.

So far, Lexus, Toyota, Kia and Hyundai have been the only nameplates to confirm that they'll be fielding advertisements during Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis on February 4. That is following a Super Bowl in 2017 which pumped \$70.7 million into game network Fox's coffers, according to Ad Age, a 38-percent decline from the \$113.4 million that the network snared from car advertisers during the

game just three years earlier. With 2017 U.S. sales representing the first annual decline in eight years, automakers may just be keeping more powder dry to finance new needs such as more robust consumer financing incentives.

Other factors include the fact that some brands that have been big Super Bowl advertisers in the past increasingly rely on other "tentpole" TV events where they've got a primary or sponsorship position; Audi, for example, now expends a lot of resources annually on its partnership with TV's Emmy Awards. Cadillac has been focusing on the Oscars.

In any event, Toyota is returning to the Super Bowl with two 60-second spots, one of which will focus on its extensive Winter Olympics sponsorship; the games are in Japan this quadrennial. The company sat out



Veteran paralympian Amy Purdy is part of Toyota's winter marketing.

last year's Big Game after running ads annually from 2012 through 2016.

Lexus plans a tie-in with the new movie Black Panther by Marvel Studios, with the protagonist driving a Lexus LS 500. Kia's teaser for its ad in its ninth straight Super Bowl shows car-racing icon Emerson Fittipaldi checking out the new Kia Stinger performance model at a race track.

Hyundai has been running a teaser for its Super Bowl LII ad that promises it will "surprise millions" one year after the widely acclaimed Hyundai "live" ad in last year's Big Game in which it "surprised three families" by connecting them with their loved ones in the military thousands of miles away. The brand has said that this year's ad will also involve content generated on game day and that it will boost Hyundai's considerable efforts to help battle pediatric cancer.

Hyundai also plans a spot to promote

CEO Sergio Marchionne declaring this week that FCA can become a "top performer" financially – to believe the company won't participate this year.

If FCA was eager to show its colors in the past when things weren't quite as rosy as now – remember the iconic commercial with Eminem called "Born of Fire," and the ad, "Farmer," which included the late Paul Harvey in an authentic voiceover, for instance – the company certainly will be eager to now.

As for General Motors, at least one of its brands usually has participated in the Super Bowl, but Buick for sure has indicated it is sitting out, planning instead to focus on its substantial sponsorship of March Madness.

Ford doesn't advertise in the Super Bowl anymore, often preferring to occupy a TV slot right before the actual kickoff of the Big Game. And Honda has said it's sitting on the sidelines this year.



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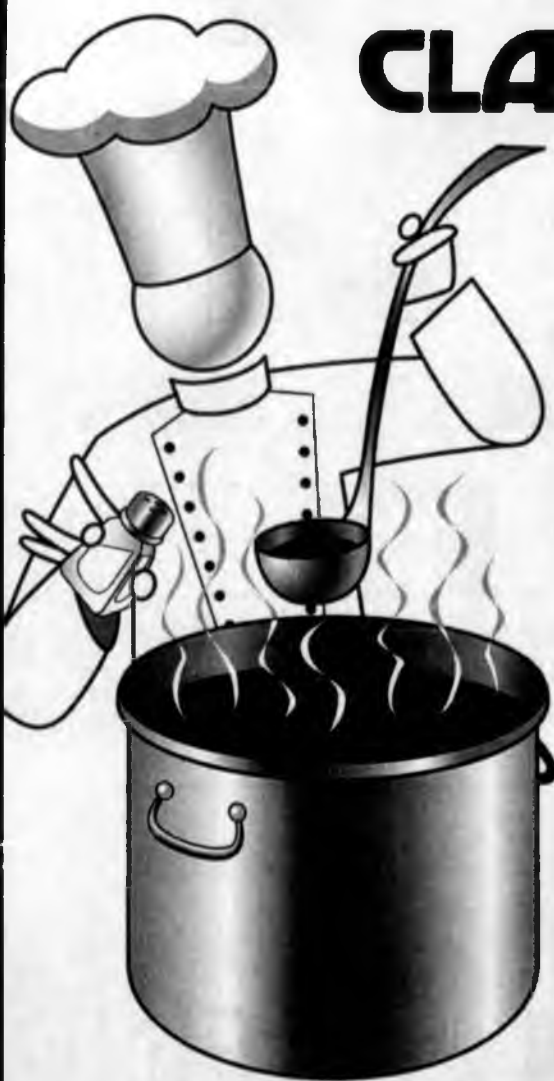
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