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Rebranded business expo is next month

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With a new name and new features, Northville's annual business expo is planned for next month at Northville High School.

The Northville Marketplace, which gives local business owners a chance to network with each other and market their goods and services directly to the public, is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at the school.

Formerly called the Business Showcase (and before that, Taste of Northville), the event will feature more than

60 area businesses and organizations, from retailers to financial service providers to community groups. Organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, the event has been around for more than 15 years.

"The Northville Marketplace is a great opportunity for our local businesses to showcase their products and services, to meet the community and to network with other businesses," Lindsey Butzin, the chamber's events manager, said in a press release. "It's also a fun way for the whole family to spend an afternoon in a fun atmosphere, getting

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Monroe Bank and Trust is a major sponsor of this year's Northville Chamber of Commerce business expo. Formerly called Taste of Northville and then the Business Showcase, the expo has been rebranded as the Northville Marketplace and is scheduled this year for Saturday, March 17. FILE PHOTO

Too close to home



Clarenceville Superintendent Paul Shapich asks for a moment of silence for the 17 victims of a Florida high school shooting. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Even when they're far away, tragedies like Parkland tug at local fears

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Jennifer Bennett feels like a conversation with her students is necessary when there's a tragedy like the school shooting that happened last week in Parkland, Fla.

Bennett, a social studies teacher at Plymouth High

School, spent most of the class time in all five of her social studies classes Feb. 15 — in the wake of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where the 17-year-old suspect killed 17 people — trying to help her students make sense of yet another tragedy.

She figures this is at least the 10th time she's had to

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Inside

Students rally in downtown Milford to call a stop to violence, 8A.

Medical Care Alert awarded another top 100 ranking

Medical Care Alert, a Northville-based company and leading provider of medical alert systems to senior citizens nationwide, has been named to the University of Florida's Gator100 list of fastest growing alumni companies for the second year in a row.

"Being named a Gator100 company two years in a row is a great honor," said Bryan Stapp, president of Medical Care Alert. "With so many of our clients living in Florida, this award holds special significance for us."

Medical Care Alert, the only Michigan-based company to receive the award, was ranked No. 68 on the Gator100 list (up from No. 88 in 2017) with a three-year compound annual growth rate of 34.27 percent. Results were compiled and certified by Ernst & Young.

"The Gator100 honors UF alumni from across the university who are founding and growing amazing companies around the country," said Kent Fuchs, president of the University of Florida. "It's an incredible affirmation of the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit of the Gator Nation."

Stapp attributed the company's growth to the popularity of its HOME & AWAY line of GPS-enabled mobile medical alert systems. He also noted the company's focus on customer service with an A-plus Better Business Bureau rating, five consecutive years of Angie's List Super Service Awards and the Cen-

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Northville Art House to host annual exhibition

The Northville Art House announces the 12th annual members' exhibition, showcasing the talents of current member artists through original works of art created in a variety of media and styles.

The exhibition opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 2, and runs through Saturday, March 24, during Art House hours: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The exhibition is held in appreciation of members who have supported the growth and creativity of the organization and arts in the community over the past year.

The Northville Art House welcomes the public to visit the gallery to celebrate the artistic achievements of its member artists.

"In 2017, our members contributed over 100 works to Art House exhibitions, participated in numerous classes, workshops and camps and instructed over 750 artists of all ages and skill levels through in-house and outreach programs," exhibits director Ryan Kaltenbach said.

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Ad-

**"Hudson's: The World's Largest Flag" by Jim Williams is part of the members' exhibition at the Northville Art House.**mission to Art House exhibits is free and open to the public. For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org.**Ranking**

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tral Station Of The Year award given to Medical Care Alert's monitoring center by industry group CSAA in 2016.

Medical Care Alert helps seniors live independently in their own homes with its award-winning "Help At The Press Of A Button" monitoring service. Company offers medical alert systems for every lifestyle, including mobile medical alert systems with GPS and automatic fall detection technology. Medical alert systems are available with no long-term commitment, for around a dollar a day. Medical Care Alert's systems are monitored 24/7 by EMT/EMD-certified operators based in the United States.

For more information, go to <https://www.medicalcarealert.com/>.**Expo**

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to know our local businesses and services."

Butzin said the expo typically draws 800-1,000 people.

For Ross and Kelly Bass, who run an online boutique specializing in LuLaRoe apparel, most of which is designed for women, the Marketplace is a good way to connect with customers.

"It's one of the better events we've had so far, so we're looking forward to it again this year," Ross Bass said. The Besses will have their entire LuLaRoe lineup — about 1,200 pieces of clothing — on display at the expo.

Other exhibitors will include Planet

Fitness, Ajeless Health and Medical Spa, Plymouth's Eats and Sweets Boutique and Tom Holzer Ford.

New this year, Butzin said, local crafters will be in the mix, including some who exhibit at the Northville Farmers Market during the warmer months. Craft businesses scheduled to attend include Jacklyn's Shiny Paintings, KootsiQuilting and Colors of the Wood, which sells handmade wooden kitchen and home decor products.

Community organizations such as the Northville Lions Club and the Northville-Novichapter of the American Association of University Women, plus public institutions such as the Northville Public Schools district and the Northville District Library, will also be represented.

The Marketplace will also feature,

for the first time, a Lego-building contest for children age 17 and younger. Organizers saw families with children attending the event year after year, Butzin said, and wanted to give the younger visitors something special to do. Registration for the Lego contest opens this Friday.

Tickets to the Marketplace are \$2 a person and will be available at the door. Northville High School is at 45700 Six Mile, west of Sheldon.

For more information on the event or to register as a Marketplace exhibitor or sign up for the Lego contest, go to www.northville.org.Contact Matt Jachman at mjachman@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @mattjachman.

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LENDER

Woman lifts burden by writing book

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Having written a book at 83, Constance Del Busso dedicated it to her late mother — she thanks her for instilling in her a lifelong inferiority complex.

"It's therapy for me — therapy I needed for the last 60 years. I didn't realize how damaged I was," said Del Busso, who credits a move to Abbey Park senior living in Lyon Township with bringing her out of her shell and prompting her to write a book. "It's like something has been lifted. I really feel like a burden has been lifted."

Writing under the pen name Constance Dell, her book about growing up is titled "Is Grandma a Witch?" And it can be taken both ways — Del Busso's mother was a practicing psychic, clairvoyant and witch who was known as Madame Ruth.

"My mother was a witch in more ways than one. I lived with a crystal ball, palm and tea leaf readings, bumps on your head. I thought all kids had moms like that," Del Busso said. "My mom was a



Constance Del Busso has written a book under the pen name Constance Dell. LEANNE ROGERS

witch, my grandfather was a warlock. Anyone can learn witchcraft, but to be a witch or a warlock, you have to be the sev-

enth son of a seventh son or daughter."

Madame Ruth did readings at monthly parties hosted by Detroit Mayor Albert Cobo, Del Busso said, giving out cards to draw customers to the family home for private readings.

"My mother pulled me out of school to work at 15. I lived by myself in the summers. My parents had cottages they rented in Leamington (Ontario)," Del Busso said. "I went to two years of night school. I was 19 years old and only in 10th grade."

Del Busso soon married her husband Mike (they celebrated their 63rd anniversary in January) and lived in Redford, Plymouth and then Green Oak Township for 38 years.

The couple has four children and 10 grandchildren.

Through writing the book, Del Busso said she had to accept that her upbringing wasn't her own doing. "My mother brought me up. I didn't bring myself up. I'm with the adults now."

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NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

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

Upcoming events

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.

Lecture Series: Great Lakes Lighthouse Preservation: 7 p.m. March 28. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

Fairy Garden Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. April 21.

General info

Website:

www.millracenorthville.org

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

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

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

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

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

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY EVENTS

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

Drop-in Saturday Storytime

When: 11-12:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24

Details: Fun storytime featuring stories, music and wiggles. Best for children ages 2-4, but entire families are welcome. Just drop in.

Foreign film

When: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26
Details: "The Red Turtle" is a beautiful, dialogue-less animated film. A man is shipwrecked on a deserted island and encounters a red turtle, which changes his life. English subtitles; 81 minutes. Just drop in.

America's Classiest Cars with Russell Dore

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

Details: Learn how the Deussen Brothers, E.L. Cord and Harry Stutz built these American brands to epitomize luxury and what led to the disappearance of these companies. Register online at northvillelibrary.org or call 248-349-3020.

Drop-in Morning Storytime

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

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

One-on-one tech help

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

Details: Free one-hour session with our Digital Services librarian to help you navigate our downloading services, help with email, Facebook, DropBox and more. Not for computer repair or configuration questions. Register online or in person or call 248-

349-3020.

TOT Storytime

When: Varied, see website

Details: Develop your toddler's early literacy skills and preschool readiness in this fun, interactive, small group experience. Please bring only children who are registered for this storytime; babies, siblings may not attend.

Storytimes

When: Varied, see website

Details: Go to northvillelibrary.org for details about Winter Storytimes or call 248-349-3020.

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Japanese consulate to conduct annual student speech contest

The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit, Mitsuhiro Wada, will host the 23rd annual Japanese Speech Language Contest at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Novi Civic Center. The public is invited to attend.

The contest, open to high school and college students in Michigan, consists of a maximum three-minute speech for high school students and a maximum five-minute speech for college students. Scoring is based on language, presentation and content. College participants

may be asked questions in Japanese about their speech, which will be a component of their score. First-, second- and third-place winners will be selected from each category. Additionally, a Consul General's Award and a Japan Business Society of Detroit Special Prize will be awarded.

The contest is sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit, along with the Japan Business Society of Detroit, the Japanese Teachers Association of Michigan and the Japan America

Society of Michigan and Southwestern Ontario, in cooperation with the city of Novi.

"The annual speech contest provides an opportunity to showcase the talents of students and show their proficiency in another language," Wada said. "It is wonderful to see so many students learning the Japanese language and taking it so seriously. With the world embracing a global economy, it is essential for students to learn other languages to open doors in both business and cul-

ture. We are very proud knowing the contest has continued to stay popular over the past 23 years. It gives students the opportunity to experience Japanese culture and is one of many facets that help strengthen the bond of friendship between the U.S. and Japan."

For more information, go to www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp/ or call 313-567-0120.

Novi High School yearbook earns state award

Novi High School staff and students learned earlier this month that the school's 2017 Reflections yearbook received a Spartan Award with Distinction, the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association's highest honor for yearbooks.

The Reflections staff will receive its Spartan Award plaque Monday, April 23, during the annual MIPA Spring Awards conference at the Lansing Center.

The production of last year's 332-page book was led by 2017 graduates Britani Chin and Lizzie Eller, who are continuing their academic careers at Schoolcraft College and Hope College, respectively. Six current students — Chrystal Lopez, Lauryn Love, Nayana Nagaraj, Jill Harrington, Ana Marin and Joelle Ellis — played integral roles in the success of last year's yearbook.

"We faced several obstacles throughout the production process and I could not be more proud of those kids and what they achieved," said Novi High School teacher Rachel Mercer, who serves as adviser to the yearbook staff. "Our small staff of 24 was able to cover all 50-plus sports, 50-plus classes and clubs and more than 2,000 students. They took all photos, conducted all interviews, wrote all copy, designed all spreads and managed and designed all



The cover of 2017 Reflections, the Novi High School yearbook, which was honored as one of the state's best. ANA MARIN

senior advertisements, while also completing other business-related tasks. They did a beautiful job."

Critiques for Spartan Awards are completed by out-of-state judges. While judges apply a standard set of MI-

PA guidelines, the critiques represent the opinions and expertise of individual judges.

"Reflections 2017 certainly did just that — reflected on the year and captured the vibe of your school," MIPA

judge Susan Colyer wrote in her summary statement. "Kudos to the editors and staff for an outstanding publication. The commendation for coverage is well-deserved."

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Blackthorn will perform two concerts of Irish music at the Farmington Players Barn.

Blackthorn to perform at Farmington Players Barn

Irish band Blackthorn will perform two concerts of Celtic music and songs at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 9-10, at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road. The concerts are presented by the city of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division and have been an annual tradition every March for the last 15 years.

Blackthorn recently released a new studio album titled "One Bright March Morning." Its ninth recording features 12 tracks of traditional tunes, instrumentals and contemporary songs from some of Ireland's greatest songwriters. "We wanted to stretch ourselves with totally new music, while at the same time include audience favorites," band member Gary McMullen said. The CD will be available for purchase at the concerts.

The Detroit-based Celtic folk quintet has been singing and playing Irish music together for more than 30 years. The band was voted Best Folk Artist by read-

ers of Detroit Metro Times and earned a Shammy Award as Michigan's favorite Irish band from the website www.Milrish.com. Blackthorn has also played at The Ark and the Michigan Irish Music Festival.

Band members play unique instruments found in authentic Celtic music. Richard McMullen is on guitar, mandolin, mandola and bodhran; Gary McMullen plays five-string banjo and guitar; David Mosher is on fiddle, mandolin and banjo; Dennis Green plays bass; and Fred Klein is on keyboards, accordion, flute and pennywhistle.

Tickets are \$23, with a discounted rate of \$21 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, in Farmington Hills, online at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or by calling 248-473-1848.

Area girl one of top youth volunteers

Alyssa Ewell, 18, of Canton and Abigail Diuble, 13, of Manchester were named Michigan's top two youth volunteers of 2018 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. As state honorees, Alyssa and Abigail both will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip in late April to Washington, D.C.

The program judges also recognized eight other Michigan students as distinguished finalists for their impressive community service activities. Each will receive an engraved bronze medallion. They include:

■ Allison Heath, 17, of Bloomfield Hills, a senior at Bloomfield Hills High School, who developed a program that offers music-loaded iPod shuffles to

1,500 patients a month at a Detroit cancer institute, providing comfort and distraction during treatments. A long-time volunteer and student researcher with the institute, Allison also developed a behavioral study to measure the impact of music on cancer treatment.

■ Caitlin Jodway, 17, of Westland, a senior at Franklin High School, who organized a swim-a-thon that drew more than 100 swimmers and raised \$24,000 to help a student with muscular dystrophy buy a wheelchair-accessible van. Caitlin then worked with her teammates to deliver leftover food from the event to feed more than 40 men and women living on the streets of Detroit.

For more information, go to <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **46860 WEST ROAD, JSP17-35, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 4, NORTH OF WEST ROAD AND WEST OF HUDSON DRIVE AND IS ZONED I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL).** The applicant is proposing to construct a 36,000 square foot light industrial speculative building with associated site improvements.



Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-04-328-006

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

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Five Points of Hope benefit

The Comeback Inn, 1451 S. Milford Road, in Highland will donate 10 percent of all food and drink sales starting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, to the non-profit Five Points of Hope cancer care fund. Five Points of Hope, based in Milford, provides assistance to Michigan cancer patients who are in financial distress as a result of their cancer diagnosis.

The event will include both in-restaurant and carryout sales, as well as beverage sales. The restaurant is open until 10 p.m. and the bar closes at 2 a.m. Carry-out orders can be placed by calling 248-887-5900.

For more information about the charity or to make an online donation, go to www.fivepointsofhope.com.

Crawford to host coffee hours

State Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, invites local residents to attend Coffee with Crawford during February and March. She will be available to meet with residents at the following times and locations:

■ 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at Biggby, 30771 Milford Road, New Hudson

■ 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at No. VI Coffee & Tea, 47490 Grand River Ave., Novi.

No appointment is necessary. Residents who are unable to meet during the scheduled times listed may contact her Lansing office at 517-373-0827 or email KathyCrawford@house.mi.gov.

Death and Dying series

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce St., in Milford is offering a Lenten series that is open and free to the community called Death and Dying: The Practicality and Spirituality of the End of Life. The program begins at noon and will run for about an hour each Sunday during Lent through March 18.

Each session will be facilitated by professionals from a variety of disciplines, including a funeral director, a priest, a hospice chaplain, a financial adviser and an attorney. You may decide

to sign up for the whole series or decide to attend sessions that interest you most. The schedule:

■ Feb. 25 - Liturgical planning (the Rev. Paul H. Castelli, AF, St. George's)

■ March 4 - Hospice and spirituality (the Rev. Deacon Jenny Ritter, Angela Hospice)

■ March 11 - Financial matters (Thomas Forbes, Morgan Stanley)

■ March 18 - Estate planning and other legal affairs (Ralph A. Castelli Jr., Kemp Klein Law Firm)

To sign up or for any questions, call 248-684-0495 or email office@stgeorgesmilford.org.

Evenings in the Garden

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

■ Feb. 22: Rebecca Pinneran - 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/eveningsinwinter/>. MSU Extension Tollgate Farm & Education Center is at 28115 Meadowbrook Road.

Northville Basketball Association tournament

The Northville Basketball Association is hosting its eighth annual Get-Skillz/FAAST Northville Invitational from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. 40-team tournament will include 12 Northville teams made up of boys in grades 4-8. For more information, go to <https://m.facebook.com/NvilleBballAssoc/>.

Novi library book sale

The Friends of the Novi Library are having a book sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at the library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road, featuring vintage books

and magazines and gift-quality books. In addition, 25-cent overstock hardback books will be on sale in the Book Nook.

HWLBA scholarship fundraiser

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

The headlining comic is Andy 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.hwlba.com where you can view upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Preschool open house

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

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

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.

Northville Dems Club meeting

The Northville Democratic Club will hold its monthly membership meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the Cady Inn, 215 Griswold Ave., at Mill Race Village in downtown Northville. Members will discuss current activities and upcoming events. A discussion will center on the work of George Lakoff, who wrote the book "Don't Think of an Elephant."

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. PAASN 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.togetherwiser.org/fundraise/paasnpacks>.

VFAA monthly meeting

The Village Fine Arts Association invites the public to hear guest speaker and award-winning visual artist Kim Ensck at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Suzanne Haskew Art Center, 125 S. Main St., Suite 700, in Milford. The group's general meeting starts at 7 p.m. For more information, call 248-421-3337.



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Congressional candidates talk opioids at debate

David Veselenak
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The primary election may still be nearly six months out, but Democrats from across the U.S. House 11th District packed a union hall Saturday morning to hear their candidates speak.

A debate was held at the Ironworkers Local 25 hall in Novi, which featured the five Democrats that have announced they'd run for the seat being vacated by current U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, who announced last year he would not run again.

The five candidates at the event included state Rep. Tim Greimel of Auburn Hills, businessman Suneel Gupta of Birmingham, lawyer Daniel Haberman of Birmingham, former chief of staff for the U.S. Treasury Department's auto task force Haley Stevens of Rochester Hills and Payrouz Saad of Northville, a former staffer in the Department of Homeland Security.

A similar debate for Republican candidates was held last month by the Michigan Conservative Coalition.

The 11th District covers northwest Wayne County and most of southern Oakland County, including the communities of Livonia, Plymouth and Northville, Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships, Novi, Farmington, Milford, South Lyon, Birmingham and Troy.

The five were asked questions ranging on several topics by moderator and former U.S. Rep. Hansen Clarke.

One such question dealt with the issue surrounding opioids and what can be done as drugs have continued to grow and have created a problem across the district and the state.

Haberman said, as all the other candidates did, that the United States needs to legalize not only medical marijuana, but recreational marijuana usage. Doing so, he said, will lead to a decrease in opioid use.

"The first thing we need to do is acknowledge that the war on drugs is a failure. An absolute failure," he said. "In states that have legal medical marijuana, we see a 25-percent drop in opioid-related overdose deaths. That number increases over time."

Saad said one way to combat the epidemic is by electing candidates who do not receive donations from companies that would expect favors in return. She said she has pledged to do just that.

"They're essentially what's causing this opioid epidemic," she said. "One way to do that is by electing more leaders that don't accept corporate donations and who aren't accepting donations from the pharmaceutical companies, so that when they go to Washington, they know who they're serving."

Stevens said 812 people from the 11th District died in 2016 from an opioid overdose. She also agreed changing the laws



Candidates running for the Democratic nomination in the U.S. House 11th District pose for a photo at a debate Saturday in Novi (from left): Payrouz Saad, Suneel Gupta, Tim Greimel, moderator Hansen Clarke, Dan Haberman and Haley Stevens. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

surrounding marijuana would be something she'd push for if elected.

"That is a right and ready solution for us and I will be an advocate and a partner from our nation's capital working directly with this district to address this opioid epidemic," she said. "It is hurting too many families. It is getting into our classrooms and it needs to stop."

Greimel said his views on legalizing marijuana had shifted in recent years as well and that he supported that movement. He also shared the efforts the Michigan Legislature, of which he is the Democratic leader in the state House, when it came to battling opioids.

"It includes increased funding for treatment, it includes steeper penalties for those doctors who run 'pill mills' and it also includes, I think importantly, measures to make sure that we're tracking what pharmacies are dispensing these medications to people, so that patients who are abusing this can't just go from pharmacy to pharmacy to get additional refills," he said.

Gupta said his experience in the medical industry provides him additional knowledge, including knowing the opioid epidemic was an issue before it became a talking point. He said it's important for federal leaders to focus their efforts on that crisis vs. keeping marijuana as an illegal substance.

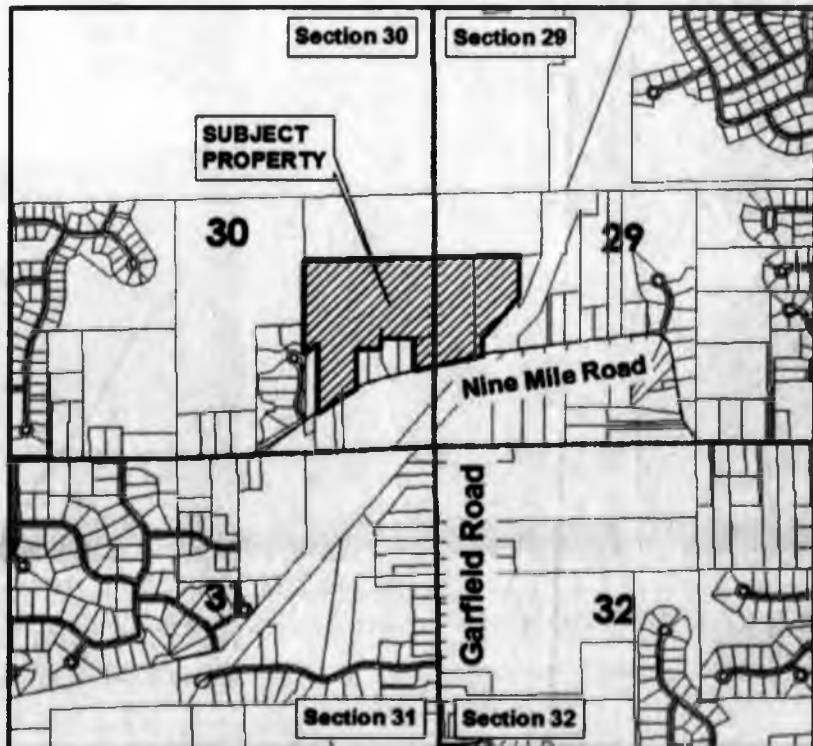
"This has been an epidemic that has been on the horizon for a very long time. This isn't a recent thing," he said. "(President) Donald Trump and (U.S. Attorney General) Jeff Sessions have had an opportunity to do something about it and what do they do? They focus on marijuana instead."

Voters will hit the polls Aug. 7 to select candidates for each party to move onto the general election, which will take place Nov. 6.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **VILLA D'ESTE JSP 17-52 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18-718 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY CONCEPT PLAN ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE FROM RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) TO R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)**. The subject property is approximately 51-acres and is located east of Napier Road and on the north side of Nine Mile Road (Section 29, 30). The applicant is proposing a 42-unit single-family ranch housing development (for sale). This is a gated community. All land is proposed to be considered as common element to be maintained by association.



Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

Subject Property Parcel ID's: 550-22-30-401-023, Part of 50-22-30-401-009, 50-22-29-326-002, 50-22-30-401-011 and 50-22-29-326-022

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

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Milford rally supports gun violence victims

Maria Taylor
Special to HometownLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Some 60 people showed up Sunday evening at the Milford gazebo on Main Street, carrying flashlights and homemade signs, to rally in support of the victims of the Feb. 14 shooting which left 17 people dead at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

"It's sadness that brings us together tonight, but not just sadness — frustration," said Vickie Smith, a member of Indivisible Huron Valley, which organized the event. "The frustration has mounted to 'enough is enough.'"

Sherri Masson of Milford, a retired teacher, voiced the dread that's loomed large in her thoughts ever since the Columbine school shooting in 1999.

"In my head, what I really saw as I watched the news were my two sons and Milford High School," she said.

That's a scary reality that haunts some students at Milford High. Tyler Capra, a senior, pointed out that Parkland had been named the second-safest city in Florida.

"What makes Milford different from Parkland?" Capra asked. "What makes those students and staff any different? Nothing."

Anna Lehrer, a junior, said she heard news of the shooting while scrolling through Twitter.

"I went numb," she said, then choked up. "Every kid in America right now is worrying — what if that could happen to me, in my school?"

"We stopped planning our week-ends," junior Allysa Decato added, "and started planning our escapes."

Megan Weeks teaches English and theater in the Huron Valley School District.

"This isn't a liberal/conservative issue to me," she said. "Kids shouldn't be working on a research paper or doing a math test and worrying about being shot."

As for arming school staff, she said "most teachers would laugh."

"I want to be able to teach and inspire them, not talk about how to hide when someone with an assault rifle comes down the hallway," she said. "We need to value the mind so we can stop counting the bodies."



A woman and her two children hold up a homemade sign at the rally in downtown Milford. MARIA TAYLOR



Guitarist Dusty Rhodes leads the singing of "Blowin' in the Wind" at the rally. MARIA TAYLOR

Masson rang a little bronze school bell as Smith read out the list of names and ages of those killed last week. Despite the cold, Dusty Rhodes pulled out his guitar and led the crowd in song:

"How many times can a man turn his head/And pretend that he just doesn't see?"

"The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind/The answer is blowin' in the wind."

Masson said it's up to us to honor

"not only the children who passed, but also the kids who are alive and traumatized" and to honor them with action, she added.

"We need to remind ourselves that there is more love in this world than there is hate," she said. "And we need to keep following the example of the brave kids in Florida who are speaking truth to power through their tears. I really feel hopeful that change is on the horizon."



Vickie and Dave Smith from Indivisible Huron Valley hold up signs in support of the Parkland shooting victims. MARIA TAYLOR



Laura Dodd of Milford Township speaks at the rally about school safety for her four children and their classmates. MARIA TAYLOR



Sherri Masson rings a bell 17 times, once for each person killed last week at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., as Vickie Smith reads out the list of victims. MARIA TAYLOR

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have this conversation with her students —and she's tired of having them.

"My immediate response is an obligation to communicate with my students to help them better understand why these events occur," said Bennett, who has taught in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district for 13 years. "I spent 35-40 minutes in each of my classes answering questions, allowing them to have a voice and talk about their concerns."

"It's one of those teachable situations that supersedes anything we're going to do," she added. "I tell them, 'I can't do what I need to do today because this is too important.'"

Call to action

Clarenceville School District Superintendent Paul Shepich couldn't agree more and he's calling on local leaders to stand up and take the lead on doing something about it.

Shepich gave an impassioned speech Feb. 15 at the Livonia Leadership and Awards Banquet before handing out the Teacher of the Year awards for the small district that covers parts of Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford.

He called on all community leaders in the room to stand up and work to correct the issue across the U.S., after leading a moment of silence in remembrance of those who had died in the shooting.

"It isn't just about teaching facts. Education is changing very quickly and we have a room full of leaders here from all walks of life," he said. "It simply is time to stop what is going on, to the best of our ability. We may never be able to stop it, but we should be trying a whole lot harder than we are now."

"So I ask all of you to bind together and make your voices heard in regards to this. It simply has to stop. Our young kids don't deserve this."

First responders

Jim Etzin knows a little bit about the impact of such tragedies on the human condition. It was, after all, a shooting incident that killed "many women and children" at a McDonald's restaurant in San Diego, Calif., that set Etzin on the career trajectory he's followed for some three decades.

Etzin, emergency management services coordinator for the Farmington Hills Fire Department, said he has "long-time personal friends" in the first responder business who were on the

scene in Parkland.

He said the fact the shooting happened so far away hardly lessens the impact on all first responders.

"It's upsetting because, just like anyone else, we're deeply bothered by it," Etzin said. "We're all about protecting and serving the people in our community. Whether something impacts our community or someone else's, it's upsetting."

"Very quickly, we think about how easily something like that could happen here. We start questioning how well-prepared we are."

Adding security

Across metro Detroit, school districts have spent countless hours and resources over the last two decades preparing for the worst — fears heightened by shootings in Columbine and Sandy Hook that shook the nation.

They've trained staff on how to react when there's a threat. They've made their school entrances more secure, often barring visitors from entering until they can be identified. They've installed security cameras. Some even have put panic buttons in their offices.

"Parents send their kids to school assuming they'll be safe," an emotional Steve Matthews, superintendent of the Novi Community School District, said in the wake of the shooting. "When something like what happened in Florida happens ... it's overwhelming realizing we have the lives of all these students and staff in our hands every day."

Measures taken by schools in metro Detroit include:

■ The Farmington Public Schools district has installed panic buttons in main offices. The silent buttons communicate directly with local law enforcement.

■ Many districts, including the Birmingham Public School district and the Lake Shore Public Schools district in St. Clair Shores, restrict entrance into school buildings.

■ In Novi, all staff members are trained in how to react when there's a safety threat.

■ Armada Area Schools, Warren Woods Public Schools, the Gibraltar School District and the Avondale School District are among those whose recent bond proposals have included school safety projects.

Etzin said fire and police departments have done "a tremendous amount of collaboration" working together to put together a response to these types of situations. For instance, Farmington Hills fire trucks carry ballistic protection so that firefighters, with security provided by police officers, can get to victims as quickly as possible.



Farmington Hills Fire Department EMS coordinator Jim Etzin (left), here talking with Farmington Police Sgt. Shane Walsh during an active-shooter training program, said fixing the school shooting epidemic is going to take an "all hands on deck" approach. FILE PHOTO

"The initial arriving police officers will step over casualties to prevent more casualties," Etzin said. "They get to the suspect as quickly as they can and stop the violence as quickly as they can. Our job is to get into that environment and get help to the victims as quickly as we can."

And that doesn't just include the shooting victims. Etzin and Bennett both said there are other victims. Etzin said first responders themselves often become emotional victims when dealing with such a situation.

"When these incidents occur, the public safety people who respond act heroically, doing everything humanly possible to help those victims," Etzin said. "But those emergency responders will never be the same. The minute they enter that environment, they've condemned themselves to PTSD for the rest of their lives. That's something they and their families will have to deal with the rest of their lives."

Survivors impacted, too

Bennett expressed concern not only for families, but the survivors inside the building who had to watch classmates and teachers being gunned down.

"I'm a teacher and I send my daughter to school," Bennett said. "The fact that I live in a world where that could happen ... is it likely to happen? No, but the fact is that it could. The media focuses on the victims and the perpetrator, but what about the kids who saw it? They're never going to be the same again."

The fear that it could happen here was heavy at a rally Sunday evening in Milford.



A bronze bell sits next to a sign reading "#Enough" at a rally in Milford to support the victims of the Florida shooting. MARIA TAYLOR

Tyler Capra, a senior at Milford High School, pointed out that Parkland had been named the second-safest city in Florida.

"What makes Milford different from Parkland?" Capra asked. "What makes those students and staff any different? Nothing."

'How would I react?'

So how does it get better?

Ezin said the solution, whatever it is, will have to be a collaborative one.

"It's going to take a comprehensive approach and it's going to take all hands on deck," he said. "There needs to be a willingness on the part of everyone out there to report suspicious behavior. It's the term that was coined by the New York Transit Authority after 9/11: 'See something, say something.' As overly simplistic as that seems, if you see something, don't just swallow it. Report it."

Meanwhile, teachers charged with keeping students safe in the classroom have to wonder, and worry, whether it will ever happen locally. It's a fear they know they shouldn't have to live with.

"The thought is, how would I react? I'm responsible for these children," Bennett said. "What would I do? If a shooter showed up in my class ... I don't know how I would react. That's what's frightening to me."

"I'd like to think I'd have the courage to do what I have to do," she added. "I know I'd take care of the students who are in front of me. But I couldn't tell you what that looks like."

Detroit Free Press staff writers Lori Higgins, Christina Hall and Kristen Shamus contributed to this report.

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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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District announces Teachers of the Year

The Novi Community School District announced recently its 2018 Teachers of the Year, recognizing one educator from its elementary schools, middle school and high school.

The honorees are Heidi Pendergraft of Novi High School; Stephanie Boersma of Novi Middle School; and Lisa Rice of Village Oaks Elementary School.

Nominated by peers with recommendations made by school administrators, these three recipients have achieved the highest standards of excellence. The Board of Education recognized the honorees at its Feb. 15 meeting.

Pendergraft teaches child development and life and leadership classes and has been with the district for 20 years. She holds an associate of science degree in child development from Ferris State University and a bachelor of arts in science in education from Western Michigan University.

Boersma teaches English language arts and has been with the district for six years. She previously taught at Coloma Middle School (2007-12).

She holds a bachelor of science degree in education/English language arts and a master of education degree in educational leadership, both from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Rice teaches first grade and has been with the district for 25 years.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in elementary/social studies and a master of arts in literacy education/reading endorsement, both from Madonna University.

The Novi educators have been nominated for the 2017-18 Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards, which includes a \$2,000 cash prize. The county awards will be presented April 30.

One of the three Novi educators will also win the use of a new automobile for a year when the Novi Educational Foundation – with the support of The Suburban Collection – selects its NCSD Teacher of the Year in late March.



Stephanie Boersma teaches English language arts at Novi Middle School. BILL ROOSE | NCSD



Heidi Pendergraft teaches child development and life and leadership classes at Novi High School. BILL ROOSE | NCSD



Lisa Rice teaches first grade at Village Oaks Elementary School. BILL ROOSE | NCSD

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Girl Scout project focuses on mental health

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Haley Whitmore had a simple idea for her senior Girl Scout project.

She'd "start a conversation" among her peers about mental health.

"Being a Girl Scout is about who I am ... helping people and making the world a better place is something I like to do," said Whitmore, a White Lake Township teen.

The Lakeland High School senior not only had students talking about suicide prevention, body image, self-esteem and stress, she also created an uplifting event that's likely to last years after her graduation.

She founded a week-long program called We Stand Together. It was held for the first time in late January at 10 Huron Valley schools. Age-appropriate activities were aimed at students in all grades.

The first day of the program, students sported yellow ribbon stickers, bracelets or buttons, depending on their grade level. High school students also received a card that offered resources for suicide prevention, while elementary school students were encouraged to make a new friend at lunch or smile at someone new in the hallway.

"You never know who is struggling," Whitmore said.

The following day was all about positive messages. Every student received a handwritten message from another student in Huron Valley Schools. The notes advised recipients to "believe in yourself" and suggested "you can do it." Each carried the name and class level of the writer. Notes were stuck on



Lakeland High School students show the "Take What You Need" board that offers notes with encouraging words.

lockers or set on students' desks.

High school students also watched public service announcements about suicide prevention and took inspiring notes off posters. Middle school students learned about managing stress and girls found messages about body image posted in restrooms. Elementary school students wrote "something nice" about each other on hearts that were read out loud and were encouraged to do something nice for a classmate.

Continuing the project

"She did a wonderful job and took on everything," said Jordyn Najduk, project coordinator for the Huron Valley Community Coalition. "Her goal was to raise aware-

ness about mental health. It definitely will make a difference."

Najduk pointed out that high school students now have information and phone numbers for suicide prevention resources.

"Every student was given a card," Najduk said. "Everyone is on the same page. They weren't singled out. That was a cool thing and to see the positive interactions between students, even at high school, to see the students smile because they got a note on their locker. The program brought the schools together."

Whitmore, 17, serves as a student liaison to the Huron Valley Community Coalition, which will continue her project after she graduates this year.

Najduk said the coalition's mission and We

Stand Together's focus on suicide prevention align.

"If you're struggling with a suicide attempt, the warning signs are very similar to the warning signs of an addiction problem," Najduk said. "I'm glad to see students are willing to talk about it. If it can save one life, it's worth it."

Whitmore will write a report on the project for the Girl Scouts, in the hope that it will lead to a Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. Approximately 5 percent of Girl Scouts earn the top honor.

She conceived the idea for her project late one



Haley Whitmore, a Lakeland High School senior, produced the We Stand Together event at several Huron Valley schools last month.

night in October 2016. She was unable to sleep and started jotting ideas on a marker board in her room.

Project research included interviews with a therapist, a psychiatrist, teachers, principals, local police and a local hospital, among other sources.

"I laid the groundwork and, after I got the plan down, I enlisted the help of everyone I could," she said. "I talked to the Rotary Club, the Optimist Club and I reached out to Huron Valley State Bank. I talked to leadership classes and some local representatives and got the ball rolling."

Eight suicides

Through her research, Whitmore said she became aware of eight suicides in the Huron Valley area over the past five years. The victims were not all students in Huron Valley Schools. She was acquainted with a student from the International Academy West, who took his life in March last year.

"It hit home for me," she said. "Mental health

is such a tricky situation. People are not always willing to say they need help. I chose to get the conversation started. If I didn't, I was afraid nobody would."

Alix Hess, a student leader at Milford High School, helped coordinate Whitmore's program there. She distributed pins, wristbands and wrote positive notes.

"My favorite activity had more to do with positivity and a feeling of community," Hess said. "Our SLS (Students Leading Students) group at Milford got to be part of this great new initiative by putting kind notes on lockers and in bathrooms. Those were things to make people smile ... and I think they did just that." Hess said a "change in culture" that allows for open and comfortable conversation about mental health will take time, but is "headed in the right direction" with Whitmore's efforts.

Whitmore hopes to study political science and write public policy someday. She also has her sights set on law school. She's a member of the student leadership group and Joy Club at Lakeland. She's also involved with National Honor Society, National Arts Honor Society, a student business club and plays on the girls tennis team. She's been a Girl Scout for 11 years.

"It has been extremely busy," she said, "but I thrive on being busy."

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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 www.northville.mi.us click on Board of Review or at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene for the Organizational Meeting at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 12, 13 and 14, 2018.

All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only.

If you or your representatives want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 9, 2018. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org

NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.cityofnovi.org

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 12, 2018 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Council Chambers
Wednesday, March 14, 2018 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
Located in the Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375.
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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

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

PZ17-0055 (Adrienne Lenda) 1209 East Lake Drive, West of Novi Road and South of Fourteen Mile, Parcel #50-22-02-127-019. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Sections 3.32-10.ii. a, for the building of a proposed 500 square foot shed on the waterfront, 100 square feet allowed by code, and 3.32-10.ii.b to allow a 10.5 foot height, 8 foot allowed by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ18-0001 (Mamnoon Siddiqui/Siddiqui Orthodontics) 27250 Wixom Rd, East of Wixom Road and South of Grand River Avenue, Parcel #50-22-17-101-024. The applicant is requesting variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 5.4 to eliminate the requirement for a loading and unloading zone. Loading zone is required by code. This property is zoned Light Industrial (I-1).

PZ18-0002 (ID Enterprises) 41875 Carousel Dr, East of Novi Road and North of Twelve Mile Road, Parcel #50-22-02-400-011. The applicant is requesting variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance Section 28-5(f)(3) to allow a proposed replacement sign located one foot from right of way, 10 foot distance required by code. This property is zoned Mobile Home (MH).

PZ18-0003 (Kensington Family Homes) East of Beck Road and South of Eleven Mile Road, Parcel #50-22-21-103-003. The applicant is requesting variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.1, for a side yard setback variance of 9.68 feet for an aggregate total of 40.32 square feet. 50 feet is required by code. This property is zoned Residential Acreage (RA).

PZ18-0005 (CA Senior Living Holdings, LLC), East of Novi Road and North of Thirteen Mile Road, Parcel #50-22-11-360-009. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Sections 5.4.1 to allow a proposed loading zone in the side yard. Rear yard location required by code. Section 4.19.2.F to allow placement of a proposed dumpster (screened) in the side yard. Rear yard location required by code. Section 4.19.2.A to allow proposed transformer and generator (screened) placement in the side yard. Rear yard location required by code in rear yard by code. This property is zoned Office Service (OS-1) and Residential Acreage (RA) and is governed by the William R. Eldridge v City of Novi Consent Judgment.

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Lineup announced for Greater Farmington Film Festival

Farmington-Hills based nonprofit organization kickstart farmington has announced the film lineup and schedule for the 2018 Greater Farmington Film Festival. The festival takes place March 1-4 with a selection of recently released feature films and documentaries that engage the heart and mind, explore important contemporary issues and inspire action.

Tickets are on sale now at www.gffilmfest.com and are \$6 each or a full festival pass can be purchased for \$30 (six films for the price of five; the children's film "Best of the NY International Children's Film Festival" is presented free).

For more information, go to www.gffilmfest.com. kickstart farmington is a non-profit arts organization that aims to strengthen the community through the arts.

The schedule includes: **"Citizen Jane: Battle for the City"**

Documentary, directed by Matt Tyrnauer, 92 minutes. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1, Smith Theatre at Oakland Com-

munity College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road

In 1960, Jane Jacobs's book "The Death and Life of Great American Cities" sent shock waves through the architecture and planning worlds, with its exploration of the consequences of modern planners' and architects' reconfiguration of cities. Jacobs was also an activist, who was involved in many fights in mid-century New York, to stop "master builder" Robert Moses from running roughshod over the city. This film retraces the battles for the city as personified by Jacobs and Moses, as urbanization moves to the very front of the global agenda. Many of the clues for formulating solutions to the dizzying array of urban issues can be found in Jacobs's prescient text, and a close second look at her thinking and writing about cities is very much in order. This film sets out to examine the city of today through the lens of one of its greatest champions.

Join us for a panel-led community conversation following the film. Trailer: <https://youtube/hKjkjntspFA>

"The Breadwinner"

Animated, directed by Nora Twomey, 94 minutes. 7 p.m. Friday, March 2, Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River Ave.

Parvana is an 11-year-old girl growing up under the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2001. When her father is wrongfully arrested, Parvana cuts off her hair and dresses like a boy in order to support her family. Working alongside her friend Shauzia, Parvana discovers a new world of freedom — and danger. With undaunted courage, Parvana draws strength from the fantastical stories she invents, as she embarks on a quest to find her father and reunite her family. Equal parts thrilling and enchanting, "The Breadwinner" is an inspiring and luminously animated tale about the power of stories to sustain hope and carry us through dark times.

Nominated for the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature. Trailer: <https://youtube/OKnJ5ZulqEk>

"A Season in France"

Drama (French, subtitled in English), directed

by Mahamat-Saleh Haroun, 100 minutes. 9:15 p.m. Friday, March 2, Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River Ave.

Abbas, a high school teacher in the Central African Republic, has fled his war-torn country with his two children. They now live in France, where Abbas works at a food market, while applying for political asylum. A French woman, Carole, falls in love with him and offers a roof for him and his family. When Abbas's application is rejected, they face a crucial decision. Trailer: <https://youtube/mCaoJpObtk>

"The Best of the New York International Children's Film Festival"

Animated, various directors, 65 minutes. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 3, Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River Ave.

A diverse community must put aside their differences to enjoy a tasty meal in "Stone Soup" (France/Belgium), a hungry creature devises a way to get his fill in "Tiger" (Germany) and a young croc enjoys a tasty treat in "Crocodile" (Germany). With visually innovative animation and many Audience Award winners from New York International Children's Film Festival 2017, this selection is truly delicious for children of all ages. Trailer: <https://youtube/>

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"Liyana"

Animated/documentary, directed by Amanda and Aaron Kopp, 77 minutes. 7 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River Ave.

A Swazi girl embarks on a dangerous quest to rescue her young twin brothers. This animated African tale is born in the imaginations of five orphaned children in Swaziland who collaborate to tell a story of perseverance drawn from their darkest memories and brightest dreams. Their fictional character's journey is interwoven with poetic and observational documentary scenes to create a genre-defying celebration of collective storytelling.

"Bending the Arc"

Documentary, directed by Kief Davidson and Pedro Kos, 102 minutes. 9:15 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River Ave.

A powerful documentary about the extraordinary team of doctors and activists — including Paul Farmer, Jim Yong Kim and Ophelia Dahl — whose work 30 years ago to save lives in a rural Haitian village grew into a global battle in the halls of power for the right to health for all. Epic, yet intimate, the film is a compelling argument for the

power of collective and personal vision and will to turn the tide of history. Trailer: <https://youtube/OjJmWZmpcE>

"Rebels on Pointe"

Documentary, directed by Bobbi Jo Hart, 90 minutes. 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4, Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake Road

Exploring universal themes of identity, dreams and family, "Rebels On Pointe" is the first documentary film celebrating the world famous Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo. The notorious all-male, drag ballet company was founded more than 40 years ago in New York City on the heels of the Stonewall riots and has a passionate cult following around the world. The film juxtaposes intimate behind-the-scenes access, rich archives and history, engaging character driven stories and dance performances shot in North America, Europe and Japan. "Rebels on Pointe" is a creative blend of gender-bending artistic expression, diversity, passion and purpose. A story which ultimately proves that a ballerina is not only a woman dancing, but an act of revolution in a tutu. Trailer: <https://youtube/erhZtNMZYb8>

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.298 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 3, ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.1.10, B-1, LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO ALLOW RESTAURANT USES IN THE B-1, LOCAL BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Planning Division of the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 21, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider variance requests to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- Residential property located at 46211 Sunset Street (Parcel ID#77-016-99-0007-000), Article 18.1, Schedule of Regulations Limiting Height, Bulk, Density and Area by Land Use (Rear Yard Setback).
- Vacant Land (Parcel ID#77-023-99-0018-702), Article 35.2, Site Condominiums (Dimensional Requirements to Article 18) and Article 18.1, Schedule of Regulations Limiting Height, Bulk, Density and Area by Land use (Lot Width).

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

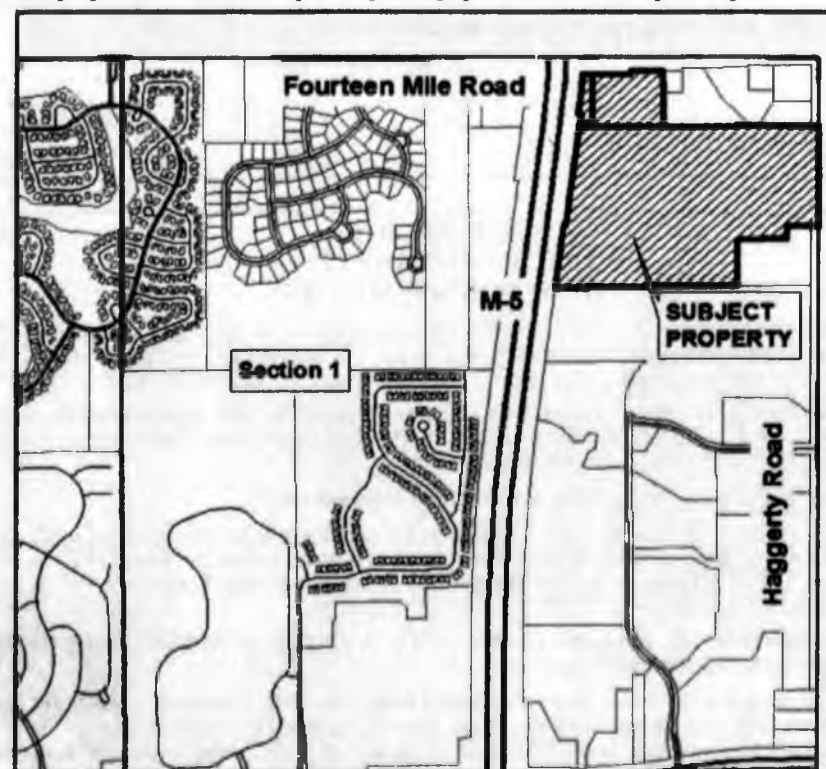
Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **BERKSHIRE E-SUPPLY JSP 17-72 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, LANDBANK PARKING, WETLANDS PERMIT, WOODLANDS PERMIT, AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED OST (OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY).** The subject property is approximately 57.12 acres and is located at the southeast corner of M-5 and W Fourteen Mile Road (Section 1). The applicant is proposing a two-story headquarters office building (18,380 SF) and a single story Fulfillment Center and warehouse with mezzanines (193,230 SF) with associated site improvements such as parking, loading and landscaping. The proposed site plan also proposes to land bank up to 74 parking spaces of the 359 required spaces.



Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-01-200-028, 50-22-01-200-018 and 50-22-01-200-027

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

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Three fun things to do this weekend

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If you're in need of something to do this weekend and in search of something different, take a look at this list.

There are several things taking place this weekend all across Wayne and Oakland counties. Take a look at these three events hap-

pening around town.

Train show in Novi

All aboard for those looking to ride their locomotive over to Novi this weekend.

The Great Train Show comes Saturday and Sunday to the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River. The show features thousands of model and toy trains, along with several demonstrations

and seminars on the hobby.

The show runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days and tickets are \$10 for Saturday and \$9 for Sunday if purchased online. Tickets can also be purchased at the door with cash. Children under age 11 are free.

For more information, go to trainshow.com/novi.

Black History Month at the DIA

There's still time to

celebrate Black History Month at one of Michigan's premier art museums.

The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, in Detroit wraps up its events for Black History Month with a concert featuring Charenee Wade at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday in the Rivera Court.

Wade, an award-winning singer, will perform with Oscar Perez on piano, Paul Beaudry on

bass and Timothy Angulo on drums. She's known for performing both jazz and rhythm and blues.

Admission to the DIA is free for residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. For more information, go to dia.org.

Orchestra concert in Livonia

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will perform its latest show this weekend at Clarenceville High School.

The orchestra will perform its New Horizons concert at 4 p.m. Saturday in Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, 20155 Midlebelt. The program will

consist of pieces such as "L'italiana in Algeri: Overture" by Rossini, "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra" by Cioffari and "Spartacus Ballet Suite No.1" by Khachaturian. The concert will feature pianist Michael Coonrod from the Interlochen Center for the Arts.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased online at the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's website.

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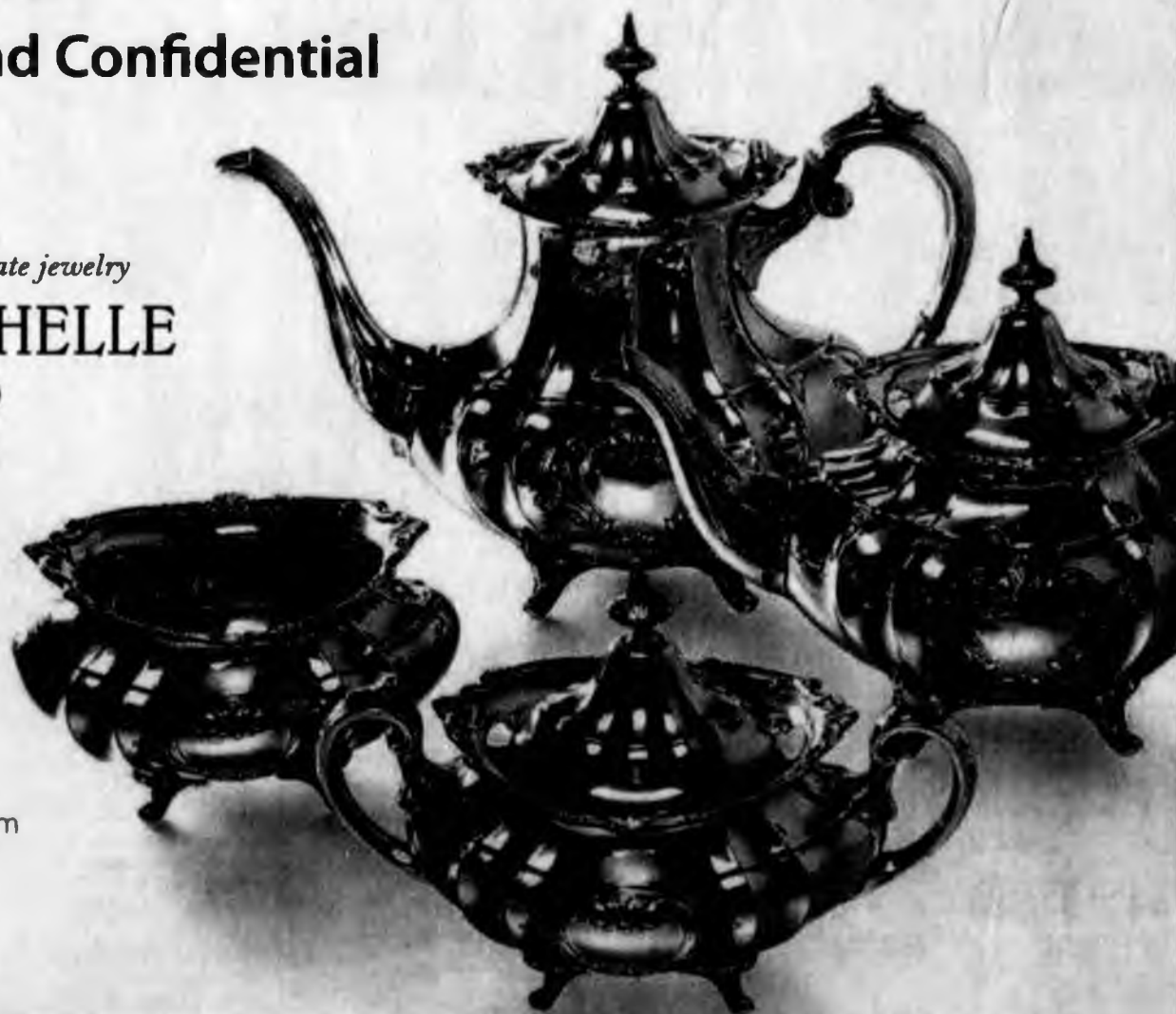
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Shamrocks sending 14 to Ford Field



Catholic Central's Josh Edmond (right) gets a leg up on Saline's Daniel Paupore during the regional final. SCOTT CONFER

Division 1 MHSAA individual state finals set for March 1-3

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It will be an invasion of Novi Detroit Catholic Central wrestlers when the Division 1 individual state finals commence March 1-3 at Detroit's Ford Field.

For the third time in program history and only the sixth time in the history of the Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament, the Shamrocks will be sending 14 qualifiers following a dominating performance Saturday at the regional tournament hosted by Saline. The Shamrocks were led by defend-

ing state champions Kevin Davenport (145 pounds), Cam Amine (152) and Ben Kamali (119).

Davenport improved to 35-2 overall with a 9-0 major decision over teammate Joe Urso in the finals, while Amine ran his mark to 37-2 with a 11-2 major decision over Temperance Bedford's Niel Antrassian, 11-2. Kamali, now 28-1, decisioned Dearborn Fordson's Aseel Almudhala, 5-2.

Also in position to earn top four seeds at the individual state finals are regional champs Josh Edmond (130), 17-0; Derek Gilcher (135), 32-5; Rory Cox (189), 35-5; and Easton Turner (215), 32-1.

The Shamrocks also had five runner-up finishers and a pair place thirds.

"We had a terrific day," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "It's incredible when advancing 14, but in our program, it has become the norm or expectation. I don't think everyone really fully understands how difficult this is. It takes a lot of health, resiliency and focus to get all 14 through and to think we have two state placers and several more guys at home, who I think would qualify, is a testament to our depth."

Also placing runner-up in addition to Urso, who is 32-9 overall; Stone Moscovic (125), 31-7; Logan Sanom

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INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

All-American triumph



U.S. players hoist the Five Nations Tournament Cup after beating Finland. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Resilient Team USA blanks Finland to capture U-18 Five Nations trophy

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Hockey teams sometimes need to stumble in order to soar.

That seems to have been the case with the U.S. team during the electrifying and entertaining 2018 U-18 Five Nations Tournament at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The tourney hosts laid a 6-2 egg Feb. 14 against the Czech Republic and that proved to be the wake-up call needed to close out the tourney with victories over Russia and Finland.

Saturday night's 4-0 victory over Finland gave the U.S. the chance to lift the coveted Five Nations Tournament Cup and gear up for April's U-18 World Championship in Russia with an extra



Jonathan Gruden scores the first goal Saturday. The goal was the eventual tournament clincher as the U.S. won 4-0 over Finland. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

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COLLEGE RECRUITING

Northville's Daniel is ready to fly for Air Force

Senior standout for FC Crew Academy Wolves is center midfielder

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Giuliano Daniel believes the chance to become an U.S. Air Force Academy cadet offers him the best of all worlds.

The Northville High senior, a center midfielder for the Crew SC Academy Wolves of Elite National Club League, was looking for an NCAA Division I soccer program along with a regimented service academy environment and strong academic program.

"I really buy into the program, to be honest with you," Daniel said. "I think the military side of it and it being so strict will kind of help me develop as a person, as opposed to a civilian college where you're really on your own. Although you'll have guidance from the soccer team, the coaches ... it's not always going to be a straight line. I'm looking to be able to develop as a person, not only as a soccer player when I go to college. I think it will be a good challenge."

In the middle of his junior year, the Air Force Academy soccer staff made contact with Daniel, who not only fit the bill athletically, but also in the classroom, carrying a 3.93 grade-point average to go along with a 31 ACT test score.

And last season under coach Chris Hill, Air Force finished 14-3-3 overall and earned a bid to the NCAA tournament.

Daniel visited the picturesque Air Force campus last spring in Colorado Springs, Colo., met with players and enjoyed the experience before going through a tedious application process, which included a series of interviews, followed by congressional and Senate recommendations for an appoint-



Daniel

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INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

U.S. completes riveting rally against Russia

Four-goal third period propels U.S. Under-18 team to Five Nations tourney win over Russia

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It was an entertaining hockey game with no shortage of slick offense from the likes of this year's expected No. 2 NHL draft pick Andrei Svechnikov, American phenom Jack Hughes and others.

Yet Friday's U-18 Five Nations Tournament showdown between the U.S. and Russia essentially boiled down to shooter Vladislav Mikhailov vs. goalie Drew DeRidder.

Russia nursed a 3-2 lead at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, with the American squad coming on strong in the third period when Mikhailov was brought down on a breakaway. Then came the penalty shot.

"When you're down to the Russians, you got to push, you got to take some chances," U.S. head coach Seth Appert said. "They're so good on the counter-attack and so good at capitalizing on those things, like they were in the first (period)."

"You felt that Drew was going to have two saves like that in the third period if we were going to have a chance to come back and he did. He delivered."

Crazy stuff

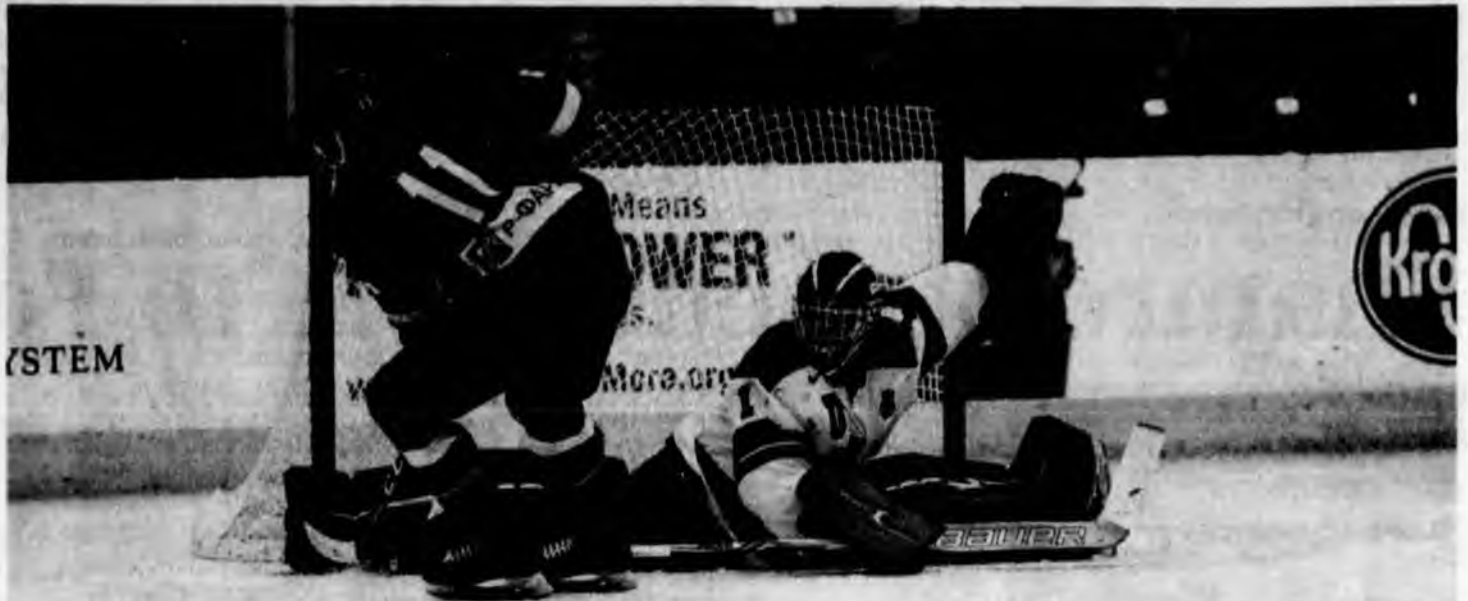
Although Russia — who built an early 3-0 lead — would later tack on a goal midway through the third to go up 4-2, the U.S. had its offensive mojo working and scored three unanswered goals to earn a thrilling 5-4 victory before 2,042 fans.

Svechnikov was as good as advertised, however, with one goal and three assists, teaming with linemates Alexander Khovanov (goal, two assists) and Grigory Denisenko (goal).

"(The U.S.) was the team that we expected to see, fast and active," Svechnikov said, speaking through an interpreter. "You're going to be running up and down the ice. ... It's hard to lose because it's the (Five Nations) championship."

DeRidder (Fenton) stood his ground on Mikhailov's penalty shot attempt and ultimately flashed out his right leg to stop the puck and ramp up the buzz and drama inside the arena.

"He came in, made a nice fake to my left and then I got my leg over to the right really quick," DeRidder said, then adding with a chuckle that he was "pretty



U.S. goalie Drew DeRidder of Fenton stretches to deny Russia's Vladislav Mikhailov on a penalty shot during the third period Friday. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY



Jack Hughes of the U.S. team tries to ward off a check from Russia's Andrei Svechnikov. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

deep into the splits there.

"That (save) got us going, that got the bench going. The bench was going crazy after that."

Quick response

The power-play goal by Russia's Dania Galenuk at 10:24 briefly sagged the enthusiasm of the home crowd.

But Joel Farabee answered just 40 seconds later to restore the buzz. He one-timed a shot from the left circle past Russia goalie Amir Miftakhof, who was brilliant early and wound up making 38 stops.

And then came the equalizer, by Oliver Wahlstrom with 6:47 to play. Hughes, who scored just 54 seconds into the final period to jump-start the U.S. rally, won a face-off and slipped the puck back to Wahlstrom, whose wrist shot from a sharp angle beat Miftakhof inside the far post.

"Wally's an NHL shooter, of course," said Hughes (goal, two assists). "Wherever he plays next year and in following years, he'll be really successful."

"I'm kind of a pass-first guy and he's a shoot-first guy, so it's a good little thing we got going right now."

That led to the winning goal, scored by U.S. forward Tyler Weiss, with 1:26 remaining. Weiss and linemates Jake Wise and Jonathan Gruden (Rochester) crashed the front of the Russia goal and the puck bounced in off Miftakhof.

"Coming back like that was really something special," Weiss said, adding that Appert always reminds players that "crazy things happen when you play the Russians. It was a lucky bounce and we won from that."

Following are other takeaways:

STARTING THE COMEBACK

Appert praised the all-around game turned in by defenseman K'Andre Mil-

ler, who got the U.S. on the board at the 19-minute of the second period to give the team new life. Miller also centered a pass to Hughes on the latter's goal, cutting the Russian edge to 3-2.

"Kee was awesome, we don't win that game without him," Appert said. "We needed a spark at the end of the second. ... It just felt like we needed something to ignite us, get the crowd going and maybe plant a seed of doubt in their mind."

"And Kee gave it to us and he gave us the next one as well, with that great end-to-end rush and the pass to Jack to get the comeback going in the third period."

THAT WINNING FEELING

After the U.S. broke the 4-4 tie, Gruden and defenseman Bode Wilde (Birmingham) happily galloped down to the other end of the ice in the direction of DeRidder, while the crowd cheered boisterously.

READY TO SERVE

With hundreds of scouts and officials from NHL, college and OHL teams in attendance, a special hospitality room was set up all week. On Friday, a number of USA Hockey NTDP billets helped them feel welcome, making sure there was plenty of food and drink.

PATRIOTIC FUN

A station was set up for young fans to have their faces painted red, white and blue and plenty of miniature American flags were thrust into the air, especially after the U.S. began rallying late in the second period and throughout the third.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Stevenson downs Hartland in KLAA finale

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The object, of course, was to keep winning.

Come to Livonia, capture a third straight KLAA hockey championship, knock off another state powerhouse, extend the winning streak to 10 games.

But when Hartland was unable to accomplish those things, losing 3-0 to Livonia Stevenson in the league title game Friday at Eddie Edgar Arena, it was time to put a rare loss in perspective.

Three weeks from now, if the Eagles are celebrating a Division 2 state championship, they will undoubtedly look back at the loss to the top-ranked team in their division in a positive light.

Maybe, after cruising through one of the most demanding schedules in the state, this is what Hartland needed to hit the reset button before the state tournament begins Feb. 27.

"It's good for us at this point in the season to get knocked off our high horse," Hartland coach Rick Gadwa said. "We need to understand how much work we actually have to do. It doesn't matter how many games you win, even in February. By the end of it, you've got to be ready to go for games like this, and we weren't tonight. We've got to figure it out."

The third-ranked Eagles (18-5-1) came into the game as one of the hottest teams in the state. Their nine-game winning streak included eight victories against state-ranked opponents and eight away from home. One of those victories was a 6-5 decision Jan. 26 at Stevenson.

Already last week, Hartland had



Livonia Stevenson goalie Will Tragge stops Hartland's Josh Albring for one of his 20 saves. TIMOTHY ARRICK | FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

beaten Brighton (the No. 3 team in Division 1) and Orchard Lake St. Mary's (the No. 2 team in Division 1).

If Hartland and Stevenson meet again, it will be in the Division 2 championship game March 10 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

"It's 100 percent a good thing in the long run," Hartland senior forward Josh Albring said. "Providing we both make it to the state championship, we'd end up playing each other. This will be in the back of our minds until that day. The boys will learn from it and come back even stronger."

Friday provided an opportunity for redemption, not only for Stevenson, but star goaltender Will Tragge.

Tragge had a rare off-night in the first

game against Hartland, allowing five goals on 25 shots before getting pulled after two periods. He bounced back strongly, making 20 saves for his fifth shutout of the season.

"It wasn't my best," Tragge said of the first Hartland game. "But I'm glad we got another shot at them to make it right. It was good. Our overall effort was better. We were diving around, blocking shots. All the credit to my teammates, for sure. They definitely helped me out a lot."

After an uneventful, scoreless first period, there were nine penalties called in the second period. Hartland got a four-on-three power play early in the period, but Stevenson took advantage of the open ice to score a shorthanded goal.

Vinny Decina carried the puck into the Hartland zone and slid it across the front of the net to defenseman Jake Beaune, who shot it past goalie Brett Tome at 1:43 of the second.

The Spartans (19-5) put it away with two goals in the third period.

Decina made it 2-0 when he took the puck out of the skates of a Hartland player, went to the net and scored on a backhand at the 5:07 mark.

On the final goal, Cole Parkhurst skated in from the left boards to the front of the net and scored with 8:31 left in the game.

Stevenson lost three straight games to Hartland, including in last year's state quarterfinals. The Spartans ended the Eagles' two-year reign atop the KLAA, winning their first association championship since the 2009-10 season. Livingston County teams had won eight of the first nine KLAA crowns.

"They're so good offensively, have so many weapons and are so well-coached," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We really tried to focus on limiting their chances. As you saw in the first period, they kind of took it to us a bit and had a number of opportunities. Will Tragge played an outstanding game in net for us."

Playing three games in five nights against teams the caliber of Brighton, St. Mary's and Stevenson is a difficult chore for any team. Gadwa didn't want to use the schedule as an excuse for what happened Friday.

"We've got to be in better shape," Gadwa said. "A third game in however many nights, that's how it goes if you want to win a state championship. We've got to learn how to play in situations like that."

Wrestling

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(140), 37-7; Brendin Yatooma (189), who is 31-9 after losing 3-1 to Cox in the finals; and Steven Kolchegg (285), 31-7.

Meanwhile, Aidan Wagh (171) and Dom Lomazzo (125) both took third for the Shamrocks.

"We have a lot of talent on this team and I wouldn't be surprised to see many of these guys in the semis on March 3," Hancock said. "We have a few adjustments to make and areas to focus on but, overall, our guys were gritty, tough, and sharp."



Mars

Rockets send five

Led by regional champions Michael Mars (125) and Anthony Gibson (140), Westland John Glenn qualified five for the individual finals.

Mars improved to 48-0 with a 6-0 win over Moscovici in the final, while Gibson pinned Sanon in 3:15 to up his record to 46-3.

Other Rockets qualifying were Isaac Laffer (130) and Caleb Meekins (119),

both third; and Branton Polk (145), fourth.

Patriots qualify four

Livonia Franklin earned four spots at Ford Field, led by regional runner-ups Russ Rusnell (112) and Manee Willie (215), while Johnny DiPonio (135) and Jake Swirple both placed fourth.

"We came in knowing we had some good shots, but this region was so competitive, you never know what's going to happen," Franklin coach David Chiola said. "Russ and Manee qualified last year, and their brackets looked really good. Russ is so dedicated. He puts in so much extra work – he really tries to improve every day. Manee is wrestling really well this year."

"... Johnny had an incredibly disappointing loss last year at regionals where he lost in the last seven seconds on a questionable ref call. It took a lot of determination and mental toughness to get back to the same place a year later and get the results he wanted."

"Jake Swirple was in an incredibly tough weight class, with the top three raked kids in his weight along with a kid that had beaten him before. He lost his first match and then came back to win his next two."

Other area qualifiers included Ja-Quan Baker (Salem), who placed third at 160, and Plymouth's Tyler Campbell (112), who placed fourth.

"All of our guys showed a lot of



Catholic Central's Ben Kamali (top) won the regional title at 119 over Fordson's Aseel Almudhala. SCOTT CONFER

heart Saturday," Salem coach Jeremy Henderson said. "We dropped a couple really close matches, at regionals almost every match is a finals match at a regular tournament."

"The good thing is three of four regional qualifiers are coming back next year in Max Hirvela, DaQuan Baker and now state qualifier JaQuan Baker."

CC top team seed

In Friday's Division 1 team state finals at Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo, defending champion Catholic Central (26-1) will be the top seed and face Hudsonville in a 3 p.m. quarterfinal.

The other match-ups, also at 3 p.m., feature John Glenn (No. 4) vs. Davison (No. 5); Macomb Dakota (No. 3) vs. Oxford (No. 6); and KLAA foes Brighton (No. 2) vs. Hartland (No. 7).

The Division 1 semifinals will be at

9:30 a.m., followed by the finals at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Wings Event Center.

MHSAA DIVISION 1-REGION 3 INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Feb. 17 at Saline

(top four qualify for state finals)

125 pounds: Michael Mars (Westland John Glenn) decisioned Stone Moscovici (Novi Detroit Catholic Central), 6-0; third place: Domnick Lomazzo (Detroit CC) pinned Ryan Caciado (Southgate Anderson), 1:59.

130: Josh Edmond (Detroit CC) p. Daniel Paupore (Saline), 5:52; third: Isaac Laffer (Westland John Glenn) p. Logan Peltan (Southgate), 0:52.

135: Derek Gilcher (Detroit CC) dec. Mason Grasso (Woodhaven), 2-0; third: Chris Cosgrove (Lincoln Park) dec. Johnny DiPonio (Livonia Franklin), 9-5.

140: Anthony Gibson (John Glenn) p. Logan Sanon (Detroit CC); third: Mikale Mitchell (Woodhaven) won by injury default over Blake Williams (Belleville).

145: Kevon Davenport (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Joe Unso (Detroit CC), 9-0; third: Kyle Emary (Woodhaven) won by major dec. over Branton Polk (John Glenn), 8-0.

152: Cam Amine (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Niel Antrassian (Temperance Bedford), 11-2; third: Joseph Muzzin (Woodhaven) p. Jeffrey Jones (Ypsilanti Lincoln), 2-31.

160: William Marano (Dearborn Edsel Ford) p. Hadi Chemeissani (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), 0:28; third: JaQuan Baker (Salem) p. Josh Watters (Woodhaven), 1:16.

171: Ali Makkii (Edsel Ford) dec. Colin Jagielski (Bedford), 1-0; third: Aidan Wagh (Detroit CC) dec. Jacob Smith (Monroe), 14-7.

189: Roy Cox (Detroit CC) dec. Brendin Yatooma (Detroit CC), 3-1; third: Hiram Robinson (Wyandotte Roosevelt) dec. Mohamed Zahwi (Dearborn Fordson), 7-2.

215: Easton Turner (Detroit CC) won by injury def. over Manee Willie (Franklin); third: Blake Wingate (Bedford) dec. David Wilson (Woodhaven), 4-3 (overtime).

285: Austin Emerson (Bedford) dec. Steven Kolchegg (Detroit CC), 3-1; third: Jaden Rice (Belleville) p. Jake Swirple (Franklin), 0:22.

103: Zain Bazzi (Crestwood) p. Jake Campbell (Wyandotte), 1:21; third: Jamal Chalkour (Crestwood) won by injury def. over Mojahid Ahmed (Fordson).

112: Alec Balogh (Southgate) p. Russ Rusnell (Franklin), 0:54; third: Isaac Storch (Southgate) dec. Tyler Campbell (Plymouth), 5-1.

119: Ben Kamali (Detroit CC) dec. Aseel Almudhala (Fordson), 5-2; third: Caleb Meekins (John Glenn) p. Kyle Cox (Wyandotte), 0:49.

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Five Nations

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boost of confidence.

"It's always good to win a championship," U.S. head coach Seth Appert said. "I'm really happy for our guys. Obviously, I've only been here for one year with them, but they've been working hard for two."

Wild finish

Goalie Drew DeRidder of Fenton was the game's No. 1 star, earning the shutout with 33 saves. But he and his determined teammates had to withstand a late Finland barrage. In the final 53 seconds, with two U.S. players in the penalty box and the Finland goal empty, it was a six-on-three situation.

"Especially having the shutout, you want to keep that," DeRidder said. "But it's nice knowing we have a four-goal lead and it's not live or die if you let one in. You have a little bit of a cushion. That just calms me down a little bit and that helps, but it's pretty nerve-racking."

In the final minute, DeRidder made a couple of sparkling stops. But his defense came to the rescue with timely clears and blocked shots.

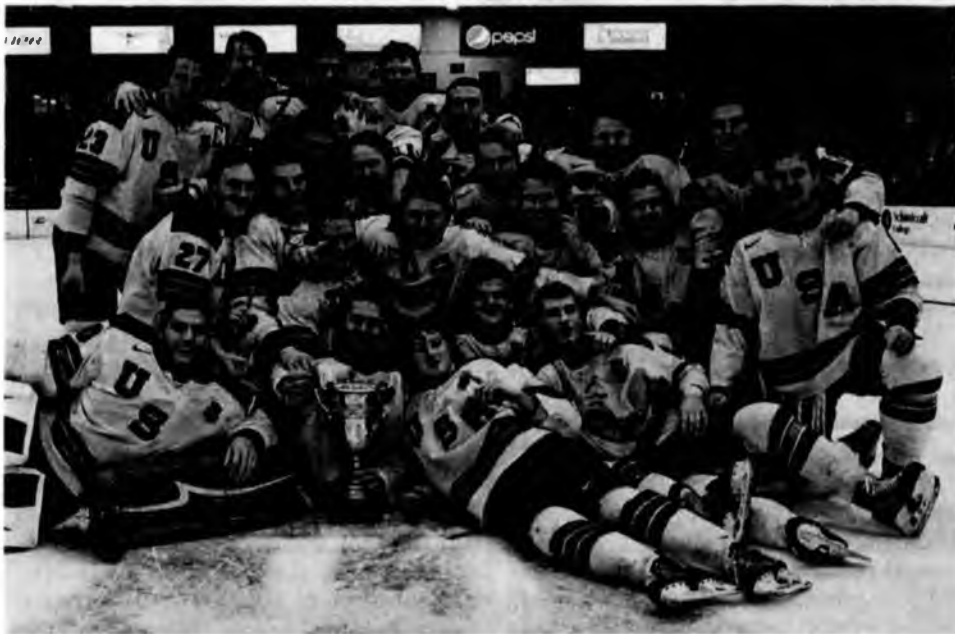
"The boys just really energized off each other," defenseman K'Andre Miller said. "Obviously, in that last 30 seconds, there were two big saves and five unbelievable blocks. So the boys really got energized from that."

Defenseman and captain Mattias Samuelsson said it was good to see the way the team bounced back after the Czech game.

"We had that embarrassing loss against the Czech Republic and the next day we had an off-day," Samuelsson said. "We got a good practice in and, basically, had a meeting and said it was time to figure it out."

"It's basically do or die now, put it all on the line here and that's what we did in these last two games."

Concurring was defenseman and Birmingham resident Bode Wilde, who assisted on the game's first goal (scored by Rochester's Jonathan Gruden) and later buried one himself to put the U.S. up,



"J.J." would be proud of the boys after the tourney championship win. The U.S. team poses with the tourney trophy on the ice, behind the logo honoring the late Jim Johannson. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

3-0.

"We got down a little bit early in the week and we weren't sure how this was going to turn out," Wilde said. "But we stuck to what our game plan was and our identity as a team. We finished strong, we stayed together and it was awesome to come out with the trophy on home soil."

Setting the tone

The seeds for Saturday's championship win in front of 1,734 fans were planted Friday night, when the U.S. rallied from an early 3-0 deficit to post a dramatic 5-4 win.

That set up Saturday's winner-take-all match against Finland and there was no way the U.S. was about to let the gold cup (sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln of Plymouth) slip away.

The U.S. wound up with a 3-1 record and nine points, enough to surpass three 2-2 teams (Finland, Russia and Sweden) and the Czechs (1-3).

"It's an unbelievable experience, knowing that we can do that against these four best teams in the world," Miller said. "We can do it again in April. Our goal was to just come out of this tourna-

ment victorious, so going into April we were comfortable."

"I think losing to Czech, it just helped us a lot. Because going into April, we'll know how to deal with those types of situations coming back the next night and playing an unbelievable game like we did."

It took a while for things to take shape Saturday. The U.S. outshot Finland 13-7 in the opening period, but could not solve goalie Justus Annunen.

It was more of the same in the middle period, until Gruden chipped in the rebound of a Wilde shot at 10:51.

"Once we got that first one, I think we kept rolling with it and we were comfortable," Gruden said. "Bode Wilde took a shot at the net, it kind of came off the boards. I just went to the net, it just popped to me and I jammed it home. If you go to the net, good things happen."

All he needed

DeRidder was determined to not give up that lead, especially in the wild third period, when Finland ramped up its offensive pressure with a 16-8 edge in shots.

Helping ease the pressure was a goal

by Gavin Hain at 3:15 of the third. Line-mate Jake Pivonka's shot was stopped by Annunen, but Hain flipped in the rebound from below the circles.

Wilde then provided breathing room with 5:27 remaining, when he one-timed Joel Farabee's pass high into the Finland net. Also assisting was Jack De-Boer.

Closing out the scoring was Hughes, at 16:24, from Oliver Wahlstrom.

At that point, the only matter to be decided was whether DeRidder would get the shutout. It was still up in the air until the final buzzer, as Finland peppered the U.S. goal.

The closest Finland got to scoring was when a rebound popped loose in front of a wide-open net. But defenseman Adam Samuelsson got to the puck and cleared it away in time.

"That was awesome, that was a for sure goal if he wasn't there," DeRidder said. "And Mattias blocked a shot, K'Andre blocked a shot. It was unreal knowing that, even at 4-0, kids are willing to do that."

Gruden said it was "good to see" the way the team pulled together to help DeRidder keep the shutout.

"He's been our backbone all tournament, all season long," Gruden said about DeRidder. "So it's unreal to see him do that."

Appert praised the team's effort in winning the second of back-to-back pressure-packed contests. He cited the defensive work turned in by the line of Hain, Pivonka, Patrick Giles and defensemen Mattias Samuelsson and Ty Emberson.

That five-man unit helped shut down Finland's dangerous Jesperi Kotkanie-mi.

"Those five were really good and really hard and physical," Appert said. "What great offensive players hate doing is playing in the defensive zone."

"That's what that line made Finland and Russia's best players do, is stand in their defensive zone most of the night. And that's a real, real key to winning hockey games."

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Daniel

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ment.

Under coach Scott Duhl, the U-18/19 Crew SC Academy Wolves stand 6-5-1 in the ECNL and are fighting for a postseason spot when league play resumes next month.

"It's not always easy, but it's towards the developmental side of soccer, what your don't really find at all clubs or even at the high school level, in my opinion," said Daniel, a 5-foot-10, 150-pound center-midfielder who has appeared in all 12 ECNL games. "As a team, we're having an average year, nothing really outstanding. We're right at the tail end of the playoff spot, which is not an ideal spot, but we have a guy coming off an ACL injury. We have another guy coming back. He lives in Grand Rapids, he didn't play with us in the fall season, but

he'll play for us in the spring. We've got a guy coming back with an MCL tear, so the spring is looking very hopeful for us."

During his free time, Daniel enjoys cross country skiing and has a passion for trail running; he can be found frequently at nearby Maybury State Park.

He ran track for a couple of years at Northville, but comes from a tennis family. His older brother Oliver is a sophomore at Earlham (Ind.) College, where he runs track and cross country. Oliver was also an honorable mention all-state player in tennis for the Mustangs.

As a senior last fall, Daniel reached the MHSAA Division 1 tennis quarterfinals at No. 1 doubles with partner Matt Freeman. He also reached the semifinals with Stephen Freeman as a junior (2016) and was a quarterfinalist during his sophomore year (2015) with Ryan Gallagher, both at No. 1 doubles.

Daniel was a Division 1 all-stater



Northville High senior Giuliano Daniel starts as a center-midfielder for the Crew FC Academy Wolves.

three consecutive years while helping

the Mustangs finish sixth twice and seventh once in the team standings.

"I grew up playing tennis and soccer, then dropped tennis for a few years, but once high school rolled around, I picked up again," Daniel said. "I played JV my first year, then I got much better between my freshman and my sophomore year."

In soccer, Daniel had interest from Division I programs Notre Dame, Villanova, Penn and Michigan State, but Air Force seemed to fit all his future goals and aspirations.

"I'm hoping to make the most of it," said Daniel, who plans to study engineering and math. "Northville has treated me so well. It's a great small town. I was hoping to go out of state and spread my wings a bit. I'm pretty sure it will be worth it in the end."

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COLLEGE RECRUITING

Athletes tout college choices on National Signing Day

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There might have been hoopla and celebration Feb. 7 as high school student-athletes made their college decisions official as part of National Signing Day.

But days, weeks and months of serious thought went into those choices, said former Canton football coach Tim Baechler — whose son Lou was one of five players from his 2017 team to take part in signing day.

"I've tried to tell kids to base their decision on four things: Will the degree you get from this school be well-respected everywhere? Will you have an opportunity to play and play early? Is the team going to win and win big while you are there? How bad do the coaches want you?" said Baechler, who retired in November after a 20-year hall-of-fame career with the Chiefs.

Linebacker Lou Baechler signed with Hope College (NCAA Division III) after mulling over offers from several Division II schools.

"He had two D-II offers and an opportunity to be a preferred walk on at a few others," Baechler said. "Julie (Lou's mom) and I are thrilled about his decision. It is a great school (in Holland, Mich.) with a coaching staff that is going into their third year there and I feel their program is about to take off."

Also ready to start careers in college football are outside linebacker Noah Brown (Northwood University, D-II offer), running back/defensive back Colin Troup (Colgate University, D-IAA offer) and offensive lineman Max Mulvaney, who will walk on at Indiana Wesleyan.

Meanwhile, a fifth football player who was a key factor in Canton's success, linebacker/running back Nick Polydoros, is going to Cleveland State to play men's lacrosse.

"I'm happy for all of them," Baechler said.

Following is a National Signing Day roundup highlighting the college choices of senior student-athletes from other area high schools:



This group of Canton football players celebrated on National Signing Day: (front, from left) Noah Brown, Lou Baechler and Colin Troup and (back, from left) Max Mulvaney, former Chiefs football coach Tim Baechler and Nick Polydoros. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Canton

■ In addition to the Canton football players, several seniors who play other sports also participated in the National Signing Day festivities Feb. 7.

Those included: Kathleen Brady (softball, Heidelberg University), Isabelle Dawson (softball, Aquinas College), Hailey Domzalski (rowing, Michigan State University), Sarah Hammond (soccer, Wesleyan University), Alaina Heitmeyer (basketball, Calvin College), Sabrina Lee (lacrosse, Concordia University), Emily Meredith (volleyball, East Stroudsburg University), Dan Mullen (swimming, Grand Valley State University) and Hannah Zajdel (softball, University of the Incarnate Word).

Plymouth

■ Joey Robb will play men's basketball at Kalamazoo College.

"I am very happy for Joey and his family," Plymouth boys basketball coach Mike Soukup said. "He has worked really hard the past four years and it is great to see that work pay off with an opportunity to play at the col-

legiate level.

"Obviously, you have to be gifted academically to go to Kalamazoo College and Joey is a great fit for their program both as a student and as a player."

■ Kyle Aniol is slated to continue his baseball career at Madonna University, where he also will study to go into the nursing program.

"He is one of the hardest workers we have in the program," Plymouth baseball coach Jason Crain said. "Extremely athletic and is one of the best defenders in our program in the infield or outfield. He is aggressive on the base paths that puts tremendous pressure in the opposition. He is a team leader."

Crain added that Plymouth baseball "couldn't be more proud that he signed with Madonna. It is a perfect fit for him."

Salem

■ Alexandra Derubo signed to play Division I women's soccer at Ball State University. Although the goalkeeper did not play for the Rocks during her high school years, she has been an instrumental piece of 2014 and 2017 national championship teams earned by the

Michigan Hawks Academy team.

"It was pretty close to home (just over three hours), so I didn't have to travel very far and I loved the coaches there and the atmosphere there is really cool," Derubo said. "I've been told to be prepared and fit, because the goalkeeper coach is going to be really tough. And I'm ready for it, because I'm really excited to play. I can't wait to get down there."

Derubo, who intends to study for a degree in business, said she will continue with the Hawks until June or July and then make the move to Ball State, where she will play in the Mid-American Conference.

■ Katie Coleman opted to sign with Central Michigan University, another D-I MAC program. The forward has one more season left with Salem before beginning the transition period.

"I've always really liked playing soccer and then I wanted to go to a school that had some options, because I'm not sure what I want to go into yet," Coleman said. "And it was a really good fit for me with the team and coaching philosophies."

She said she expects to have no trouble adjusting to college life because "they play formations that I like, they have a really good team culture. ... I like the ball at my feet, I can hit the ball pretty well."

Garden City

■ Cam Walter signed to play football in the NAIA with the Blue Devils of Lawrence Technological University.

Walter is a three-sport standout with the Cougars (also playing basketball and baseball) and is expected to play tight end at LTU. During his prep career, he was valuable because of his versatility, playing wide receiver and quarterback.

"They love him, with his size," Garden City head coach Jim Baker said. "He has the ability to do some things. He has great hands, athletic ability, he can get open and do some things in the open field. He's just a smart kid. He knows how to play the game."

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PREP ATHLETICS

Novi's Gordon tabbed Region 11 A.D. of Year

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Brian Gordon does not leave stones unturned when it comes to educational athletics in the Novi Community School District.

The veteran athletic director works tirelessly to include opportunities for all 3,100 of the district's middle and high school students.

"Brian is tenacious in his efforts of enhancing athletics and extracurricular programs that serve as a tremendous benefit to our student body," Novi High School Principal Nicole Carter said. "His diligent work ethic and can-do attitude allows him to work above the necessary standards of his position, allowing him to simply get the job done."

For his exemplary work and dedication to prep sports, the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association has named Gordon the 2018 Region 11 Athletic Director of the Year.

Region 11 consists of 46 school members representing the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, Lakes Valley Conference and Oakland Activities Association.

Gordon, 51, will receive the award March 18 at the MIAAA annual conference in Traverse City.

"I marvel at Brian's passion for helping student-athletes see the big picture," Carter said. "He encourages them to be successful inside the classroom and on the playing field. He is genuinely concerned about who they are and what they are striving to become."

Gordon is responsible for 1,700 student-athletes, plus 140 coaches and athletic volunteers, while maintaining a budget and schedules for 80 teams, including 31 varsity-level squads.

His department hosts roughly 30 postseason events for the Michigan High School Athletic Association, including Division 4 boys and girls tennis state finals and ice hockey championships in Plymouth. The Novi staff also hosts several annual KLAA and Oakland County championships.

In his sixth year at Novi, Gordon's efforts have brought several great events and initiatives to the community. Most notable is the annual fantasy football camp for special education students which, with the help of The Miracle League and the Detroit Sports Commission, began in June 2016.

He was also instrumental in the new-



Novi's Brian Gordon was selected MIAAA Region 11 Athletic Director of the Year. BILL ROOSE | NCSD

ly formed KLAA Unified basketball league, where high school kids of all abilities come together to support special education students on the court.

Gordon was a chief adviser during the planning and design of the school's new \$3 million fitness center that offers natural light and views overlooking the north end zone at Wildcat Stadium. The 5,700-square-foot space — which opened during the 2016-17 school year — replaced an outdated weight room that served only a few students.

Also in 2016, Novi hosted the Detroit Lions for a one-day training camp, with nearly 8,000 fans descending upon the high school grounds.

"Brian Gordon is a man with great moral character," Northville High athletic director Bryan Masi said. "He is an outstanding role model for the student athletes at Novi High School. He truly brings out the very best in each of his coaches and student athletes."

Prior to arriving in Novi, Gordon served the Royal Oak School District as a teacher and coach for 25 years.

A graduate of Clawson High School, Gordon is a baseball lifer. He played collegiately at Central Michigan University and, in 2011, he was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

A member of the MIAAA for 10 years,

Gordon served the OAA as a sport commissioner, league secretary, vice president and league president.

In the KLAA, he has served as vice president of the Kensington Conference, as well as league vice president. Gordon also serves on the board of directors for the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association, Royal Oak Youth Baseball, Novi and Royal Oak Youth Assistance.

He and his wife Jill, an educator in Clawson, have been married for 25 years. They live in Rochester Hills and have two adult children, daughter McKenzie and son Zachary.

CC SENDING 20 ATHLETES TO COLLEGE



Tying a school record, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's 2018 National Signing Day class features 19 student-athletes headed to the collegiate ranks. The group was recognized Feb. 7 at the Robert Santello Gymnasium in front of fellow students, family members, coaches, administrators and faculty members. Among those headed to the NCAA Division I ranks are Matt Stinebiser (baseball), Duke University; Ben Kamali (wrestling), Virginia; Nick Carey (football), Toledo; Peter Thompson (lacrosse), Georgetown University; Charlie Walsh (swimming), Davidson College (N.C.); Jonathan Lee (swimming), Michigan State; Andrew Paxton (football), Dartmouth College (N.H.); and Joel VanHook (soccer), University of Detroit Mercy. Matthew Young will play football at University of Dayton, a member of the NCAA Division I FCS. Among those headed to play in NCAA Division II are Isaac Darkangelo (football), Northern Michigan; Cody Kanclerz (baseball), Hillsdale College; Ethan Pattison (lacrosse), Bellarmine (Ky.) University; and Ryan Pierson (soccer), Saginaw Valley State. Liam Cunningham (lacrosse), Patrick Brandemuhl (lacrosse) and Joe Natoci (football) will play at NCAA Division III Hope College. Carson Kovath (football) is headed to University of Mt. Union (Ohio), while Tyler St. Clair (football) is going to John Carroll (Ohio) University. Devon Johnsen (wrestling) is headed to Indiana Tech, an NAIA member.

PREP SKIING

Brighton boys, Milford girls shine at regional

Division 1 state finals scheduled Feb. 26 at Boyne Mountain

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Brighton's boys continued their season-long dominance and Milford's girls continued to perform in the clutch at the Division 1 regional ski meet Feb. 15 at Alpine Valley.

The Bulldogs, KLAA and Alpine Division champions, captured their second straight regional championship with 58 points on a course slowed by temperatures approaching 50 degrees. Lakeland posted 67 points to place second and Hartland grabbed the third and final team qualifying position with 128 points.

"We were pretty confident coming in to today," said veteran Brighton head coach Jeff Street, whose team placed fifth at last year's state meet. "We are super, super deep. I had two kids who didn't ski today who could have scored."

"We had a slow start in slalom this morning, so I was a little worried, but I knew we could bring it back in GS. The conditions were a little nerve-racking this morning and, this afternoon, you just didn't know what was going to happen. You just hope everybody stood up."

"Lakeland is a very strong team and I knew we'd have some competition from them," he added. "The key to our success is probably that they all work together and support each other."

Mavericks 'deserved' title

The Mavericks, known for their comebacks this season, rallied from a half-point down after the morning slalom session with a great giant slalom race to finish with 77 points. Lakeland was 25 points back in second place at 102, while Walled Lake Central took third with 102.5 points.

"Our girls didn't do anything the easy way this year," said longtime Milford head coach Marty Neighbors, whose team captured its third regional crown over the past four years. "We had a couple ties during the regular season and we won those tie-breakers. And now we come here and we were a half-point behind this morning and they threw down in giant slalom this afternoon."

"All season long, I believed in these girls and I thought they could wind up as regional champions. It's a wonderful credit to these young ladies. They just skied so well and they deserved this regional championship."

"The key today was fortitude, staying in there and staying with the game plan



The Milford girls ski team is all smiles after winning the Division 1 regional at Alpine Valley. MARTY BUDNER



Lakeland's James Wenzloff was first in the slalom and giant slalom at the Alpine Valley regional. LYDIA ARMSTRONG

which was to keep ourselves in it in slalom and then push through in giant slalom, and that's what we did," he added. "We stomped back just like we did all through the season."

The Brighton boys team had four skiers among the top 15 to lead the slalom race.

Freshman Andrew Myers led the way with a third-place time of 45.62 and senior James Staszal was right behind in fourth in 45.79. Seniors Kyle Newton was 13th in 48.65 and Max Braidwood 15th in 48.97.

In the giant slalom, Junior Danny Vaughan was second overall in 34.63 and Myers was fifth in 35.11. Brighton's other scorers in that afternoon race were Braidwood (seventh in 35.42) and Staszal (11th in 35.92).

Brighton's two other regional racers were junior Grayson Keener and fresh-

man Luke Vaden.

Watts paces Mavericks

Milford had the same four scorers in each race.

Senior Morgan Watts, a four-year varsity skier and a team captain the past two years, led the way by winning her first regional giant slalom championship (34.81) and placing second in the slalom (49.03).

"Morgan is tremendous. She absolutely deserved it," Neighbors said. "She worked so hard this year, from preseason working out in the gym and we had a trainer that she worked with and was there every week working out and doing weights and squats and running."

"I'm not surprised she won it," he added. "She's an outstanding young lady. A quality person."

In the slalom, Milford's other scorers were freshman Riley Watts (fourth in 50.54), junior Alexandria Youngblood (19th in 57.49) and junior Sierra Staman (26th in 59.76). The girls were decidedly more bunched in the giant slalom as Youngblood was fourth (36.20), Riley Watts eighth (36.79) and Staman 13th (37.84).

"Alex was outstanding and Morgan's little sister Riley skied very well," Neighbors said. "There is some potential here with some of these young ladies to push it towards a state championship. It's real tough skiing up north, but this is an outstanding group of young ladies."

Wenzloff is double champ

Lakeland junior James Wenzloff was the meet's individual standout as he skied across the line first in both the slalom (43.47) and giant slalom (34.33). Wenzloff won the slalom last year and was third in the giant slalom.

"It was a lot of fun. I trained hard all year," Wenzloff said. "And today, coming into the slalom, I had a good first run and set myself up well for the second run and kind of skied my second run, not as fast, but not bad. And I kind of set myself up the same way in the giant slalom and I finished well, first in both."

"It was a good day. I had divisionals last week and ended up doing the same thing, winning both events," he added. "So I had good momentum and I was pretty confident coming into this race."

Brighton's Maddie Carrico also had a strong regional as she won the slalom (48.90) and placed third in the giant slalom (35.99). Lakeland's Katie White was second in the giant slalom (35.64) and Walled Lake Northern's Corrin Stanecki was third in the slalom (50.51).

Novi's Jack Grove placed third in giant slalom (34.93) and Hartland's Jake Pezotti was second in the slalom (44.96).

The other boys individual state qualifiers were Milford's Nolan Bailey, South Lyon's Brendan Clancy and Detroit Catholic Central's Sawyer Reed in the slalom and Novi's Nate Wood and Walled Lake Northern's Patrick Hodorga in the giant slalom.

The lone individual qualifier for the girls was Walled Lake Northern's Corrin Stanecki in the giant slalom.

The top three teams and individual qualifiers will compete in the Division 1 state championship meet, set for Monday, Feb. 26, at Boyne Mountain.

"I absolutely thought we could get back to the state meet," Street said. "I feel pretty confident that we can best our fifth position from last year and be in the top four. It just depends on how we ski. You just never know."

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SEVEN NOVI ATHLETES SIGN LETTERS



Novi High School recently honored seven student-athletes who will be moving on to participate in college athletics (front row, from left): Erik Halboth (Albion College, swimming) and Chase Sparling (Calvin College, lacrosse) and (back row, from left) Callie Rich Grand Valley State, soccer), Riely Schultz (Madonna University, soccer), Katie Valade (Albion College, tennis), Dominic Gatson (University of Detroit Mercy, soccer) and Luke McDonald (Lafayette College, Pa., soccer). BILL ROOSE | NCSD

POM PON SQUAD



The Northville Middle School pom team captured three championships this season.

Northville Middle School team caps stellar season

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Composed of sixth- through eighth-graders from Hillside and Meads Mill, the Northville Middle School pom team recently finished its 2017-18 season with a trio of championships.

On Jan. 28, Northville placed first against seven other teams to earn the high kick category and first overall at the

the 2018 Michigan Pom Association championship at Saginaw Valley State University.

And at the 2018 State Pom Championship held Feb. 4 at Michigan State University's Breslin Center, Northville captured the Mid American Pompon state crown against an eight-team field.

Coached by Christina and Claire Sobolak, Northville has never held the three titles at the same time.

Team members include Kensington

Ader, Emma Asher, Tori Bush, Kaitlynn Cadaret-Andrikides, Lia Candela, Ella Couture, Maria Cowden, Jolie Dabaja, Mackenzie DeYoung, Angelina Dolinski, Tess Gillum, Danielle Goodman, Riley Heaton, Lindsey Hesse, Ruby Hough, Kailee Kretsch, Ava Lesh, Miranda Leonard, Kyra Makie, Kampbell McConville, Fiona O'Brien, Peyton Portis, Olivia Steele, Kate Story, Ashlin Stover, Leah Styers, Kelsie Thomsen, Rylee Vance-Kubert and Rebekah Weiskopf.

Tryouts for the 2018-19 season will be 5:30-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20-21, and Friday, March 23, at Cooke Elementary School.

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YOUTH WRESTLING

Matcats earn titles at North East regional

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With the season winding down, the Michigan Matcats came away with a total of 16 qualifiers, including 10 champions from the North East Michigan Wrestling Association B&C regional held last Saturday at Freeland.

The NEMWA state finals set for Saturday, Feb. 24, at Petoskey High School.

"The NEMWA is a very competitive league that has some really great competition," Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. "We've focused on this league for a number of years because it challenges our kids unlike any other league."

Earning regional titles for the Matcats were Peyton Searling, Mason Alula, Gavin Boller, Cole Schwegler, Drake Pollins, Ethan Smith, Tayden Plave, Travis Richardson, Alden Smith and Aidan Meyers.

Wesley Honiss placed runner-up, while Anthony Medaferri took third. Finishing fourth were Jaxon Westover and Nathan Main.

Richardson singled out Schwegler, who took on three state placers to earn his way to the championship.

"Cole has worked extremely hard the last four weeks in our practice room, pushing himself more than any other kid," Richardson said. "After several weeks of the most grueling practices, Cole stood out and went head-to-head with the state's best, all three expected to compete for the state title. Cole sent a message to all clubs that he was challenging anyone who stood in his way. Cole is the nicest kid on our team and showed everyone what hard word and determination can do."

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Maycats wrestler Mason Alula (left) was an NEMWA regional champion. RANDY HONISS

Therapy choir helps mark Brain Injury Awareness Month



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Studies show that every 21 seconds, someone in the U.S. has a traumatic brain injury. A common source of brain injury is motor vehicle accidents. Michigan is the only state that continues to have full no-fault auto insurance, which can cover catastrophic injuries for life.

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan is a valuable asset for those afflicted by a traumatic brain injury. More people than you can realize have been helped because of the Brain Injury Association of Michigan and Michigan's no-fault auto insurance law.

There are many components to the treatment of traumatic brain injury, including emergency services, acute hospital care, step-down rehabilitation programs, outpatient TBI rehabilitation

and numerous other team treatment modalities. These may include physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, surgery, disability adjustment therapy, social reintegration and music therapy.

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month in Michigan. The first week of March has been designated Choir Therapy Awareness Week in Michigan. You see, choir therapy has become one of the several sub-modalities of treatments for traumatic brain injuries as well as many other neurological disorders. Its value is seen most when integrated with other rehabilitation strategies.

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan was created two decades ago with only one singer and one volunteer voice. Soon, there were five members who gave their first public performance at the Brain Injury Association of Michigan's annual conference/dinner. Since then, TCM has become a nonprofit organization

that provides choir therapy for groups in Oakland, Macomb and Livingston counties.

As studies continue to show, the performing arts provide a positive contribution to the recovery of brain injury survivors and many others. Since its inception, TCM has expanded to offer services, not only to TBI survivors, but people with autism, Down's syndrome, stroke, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's and other neurologically and psychiatrically compromised individuals.

TCM is proud to announce its upcoming 20th annual concert from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, in the beautiful Rotunda at the Michigan Capitol Building. This show is free of charge and open to the public.

The choir lives by the motto, "It's about more than just singing." This is because membership in the choir does not require good singing skills or talent. Members consistently demonstrate gains in self-esteem, a sense of belong-

ing to a part of their community, development of friendships and re-entry into the community. In addition, there is the opportunity to be helpful to others by raising awareness in a manner which is pleasing to listening audiences and also imparts inspiration and hope that audiences can take home and share with others. For 20 years, it has been a win-win situation for all who have been involved.

For more information, go to <http://therapychoirs.org/> or <https://www.biami.org/>.

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Tuesday, Feb. 13, was National Italian Food Day around the country.

For chef Anthony Calabrese, that pretty much describes every day since he was 15 years old.

That's when Calabrese, the chef at Cantoro Italian Market in Plymouth, embarked on what would become his life's work, learning to cook at the feet of his mother and grandmother in their Canton home.



Calabrese

"I liked watching my mom and grandma in the kitchen," Calabrese said. "I was always at their ankles, helping."

Calabrese is a 1998 graduate of the renowned culinary arts program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Q: What's been your background in cooking?

A: My first job was doing prep work and as a bus boy at (Livonia's) Laurel Manor. My first cooking job was at Wyndgate Country Club (in Oakland Township). I've also been at Tribute (formerly in Farmington Hills), at Bacco in Southfield and the Italian American Club in Livonia. I've been here (Cantoro, 15550 N. Haggerty) since 2012 and have been cooking since it opened in March 2014.

Q: Why is Italian food such a favorite for you?

A: My dad was born in Italy, then moved to Canada. I come from an Italian household, so there was always a lot of cooking going on. I like the diversity (of Italian food). From the top of Italy to the bottom ... cooking is vastly different.

Q: What's your favorite dish to prepare?

A: Pretty much any kind of pastas. It doesn't matter what kind. You can change pasta dishes like you change your mind. There's so much you can do with it.

Q: Who is most responsible for your pursuit of cooking as a career?

A: My parents and my grandmother.



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My mom and my grandma saw how much I enjoyed it and they encouraged me. I think my dad would have liked me to be a doctor or something (Calabrese smiles when he says that), but they've all been very supportive.

Q: Do you see yourself with a restaurant of your own someday?

A: Yes. The end goal has always been to own my place of my own. When and where? I have no idea. But that's the plan.

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Junk King stood up on Valentine's Day

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The Junk King didn't get much love in Northville on Valentine's Day.

The Clawson-based hauler of unwanted goods — from valuable household and office furniture to "straight-up trash" — had a dump truck stationed downtown Feb. 14 and driver Anthony Wesley was ready to help victims of bad breakups give their exes' stuff the old heave-ho at no charge.

It was part of a Junk King publicity campaign, duplicated in other cities around the country, to include the jilted (or the jilters, for that matter) in a holiday centered on romance: They could have a cleansing, cathartic experience by dumping belongings left behind by their former significant others.

"They put the spin on it that it's clutter" and that getting rid of it means a fresh start, Wesley explained.

Near the end of a three-hour shift, however, the King still had no customers.

"I'm just sitting here waiting. That's about it," said Wesley, who had appeared that morning on WJBK-TV (Channel 2) to plug the Valentine's Day service.

The Junk King truck was parked outside My Salon Suites on Main Street. Owner Alpesh Trivedi, who leases salon space to hair stylists and other beauty-related businesses, said a public relations agency had contacted him to float the idea, which meant publicity for his business, too. "I said, sure, why not, you know?" Trivedi said.

Some women had stopped to pose for photographs. "They thought the idea was excellent," Wesley said.

Wesley, who lives in Sterling Heights, has been with Junk King Detroit for about three years. The business serves the entire metro area and prides itself on being a "green" disposal business, recycling about 60 percent of what it takes in, according to its website.



Anthony Wesley waited hours for people to unburden themselves from the detritus of failed relationships, but nobody showed. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Junk King Detroit, Wesley said, works with recyclers and organizations that resell donated goods. "You're trying not to dump," he said.

Though he hadn't gotten any takers (or should that be givers?) Wednesday, Wesley had plenty of stories about couples and their possessions.

One woman "changed it up a little bit" right after her soon-to-be ex-husband left the house, he said, telling Wesley to take some of his things, like golf clubs and archery equipment, that hadn't been included in the original work order. He didn't argue.

Another time, though, when a woman wanted him to haul away her husband's brand-new riding lawn mower, he declined.

Though Wesley tries not to get caught in the middle, he said, sometimes it's inevitable, as when half a couple tells him to take away this or that, but the other says, no, leave *that* but take *this*.

"You come across some unique people," he said.

There are sad stories of the non-romantic variety, too, such as the businessman who suffered a life-altering stroke just after buying \$20,000 worth of office equipment. He wasn't going to work anymore and he and his wife didn't want to deal with it.

"Circumstances. Everybody's different," Wesley said. "They wanted to hurry up and downsize."

He makes a face when he talks about cleaning out frat houses in Ann Arbor, obviously not his favorite kind of job. "Trash. Straight-up trash," he said.

Wesley has a modest philosophy when it comes to accumulating things of his own: If he can pay his bills and travel, who needs it? "More stuff, more problems," he said.

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Norman Clyde Brown

HIGHLAND - Norman Clyde Brown, a longtime resident of Highland, passed away in the loving care of his family on February 13, 2018 at the age of 90.

Norman was preceded in death by Audrey Jean Brown, his beloved wife of over 63 years; son, Dennis Brown; daughter, Jeannie Brown; brother, Hank Brown and sister, Dorothy Iverson.

He is survived by his children, Kenneth (Karen) Brown, LeRoy (Jeanne) Brown, Theresa (Steven) Hall; daughter-in-law, Kim Brown; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; brother, Jim Brown and Fred (Marion) Brown; and sister-in-law, Margaret Brown as well as extended family and friends.

A Funeral Mass of the Resurrection was held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Milford on February 19, 2018. The Rev. Msgr. John Budde officiated. Burial Christian Memorial Gardens, Rochester Hills.

Memorials encouraged to: the Shriners Hospitals for Children or to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation.

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Allene Holman

HIGHLAND - Allene Maria (Red) Holman 68 years old passed riding a horse to Heaven from her home in Highland, MI on February 6, 2018. She was a passionate animal lover and rescuer. She had an amazing talent for design and decorating which extended to her fashionable attire. She was a woman of many hats, mostly cowboy/cowgirl variety. Over the top and out of the box would best describe her. She was a generous supporter of The Highland Equestrian Conservancy, Highland Trail Riders Assoc., Friends of Highland Recreation Area and The Michigan Humane Society. She is survived by her Brother Albert A. Holman of Boston, MA and Sister Penny J. Holman of Allentown, PA as well as many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents Albert A. Holman and Virginia M. Holman, Sister Joyce A. Holman and Nephew David L. Hatch. At Allene's request there will be no service or memorial. Please send donations to your favorite local animal shelter.



Stephen Alexander

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Dorothy J. Williams

ROTONDA, FL - Dorothy J. Williams, age 71, of Rotonda, Florida, passed away on January 30, 2018. She was born April 18, 1946 in Northville, Michigan; daughter of Henry "Hank" and Esther Budd. Dorothy was united in marriage to Joseph Williams; they were dedicated to each other for over 44 years until his death in 2009. Dorothy was a graduate of Northville High School, Class of 1964. She was a beautiful woman with a kind heart. Dorothy loved music, dogs, and going to the beach. She also loved to laugh and her contagious smile will be missed her family and friends. Dorothy was an amazing mother and grandmother who took immense pride in the care of her family. She is survived by her loving children, Joe (Patti) Williams and Heather (Patrick) Sjorgren; her grandchildren, Bjorn, Anna, Elsa, and Miles; and her sister Sharon Goebel. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother Robert Budd.



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Dolores Sieting

SOUTH LYON - age 87, passed away February 14, 2018.

Dolores was born in Lyon Twp., MI on August 6, 1930 to Stanley and Leleh Wydel. She is survived by her loving son Michael (Deanna); dear granddaughters Heather (Ryan Warsh) and Pam Sieting. Dolores is preceded in death by her beloved husband Carl, her parents Stanley Wydel & Leleh Rogman and half-sister Joan Rogman.

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Funeral Service was Monday, 11 AM, at the RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. His family suggests donations to the Michigan Humane Society. Please share a memory of David at www.rgrharris.com

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5 ways to help your teen's career path

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These days, it's more challenging than ever for teens to choose the right career path. On top of having a lack of real-world life experience and the self-awareness to help guide them toward making choices that are right for them, the work world is changing rapidly these days as a result of accelerating technological innovation, a fluctuating economy and shifting staffing demands.

That leaves many young adults struggling to find their purpose after high school.

The challenges teens face when searching for their ideal careers starts in college. According to a recent *Borderline* article, "About 80 percent of students in the United States end up changing their major at least once, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. On average, college students change their major at least three times over the course of their college career."

This general level of indecisiveness can have serious implications for young adults and their ability to make clear and rational life decisions, on top of adding stress and pressure to an already challenging time in life.

If you're a parent or guardian of a teen who's trying to figure



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out what career path to pursue, consider taking advantage of the following five strategies for helping them out:

1. Help them make choices based on who they are.

This one's important: although you may have big dreams and plans for your teen, your child is not merely an extension of you, and projecting your hopes and wishes for their future on them is not a guaranteed path to career fulfillment.

If you want your teen to pursue a career path that has

a good chance of making them happy, help them make choices based on who they are and what makes them a unique individual.

2. Empower them to explore their strengths and passions.

Choosing the right career shouldn't be a shot in the dark. If your teen is having trouble making a decision, a great first step is to help them make a list of their strengths, interests and passions.

Once they have a list, it's much easier to come up with a manageable set of possible

career options that might be right for them.

3. Help them find a suitable mentor.

If your teen has an interest in a particular field, a great way to learn more — and discover if it is the right path for them — is to help them connect with a prospective mentor in the field who can help them learn the day-to-day realities of life on the job, as well as short-term and long-term career options and outlooks. Intern and volunteer opportunities are excellent ways to get valuable exposure and experience.

4. Support their choices.

Sure, this seems obvious, but what happens if your teen chooses a career path that you don't agree with?

This happens all the time, and the parents who support and encourage their teens to follow their dreams — whether it's a choice you wholeheartedly support or think is a bad idea — are much more likely to have teens who are happy and successful, no matter what path they decide to pursue.

Be patient, supportive and encouraging to your teen as they grapple with this tough life decision, and you're much more likely to see a positive result.

5. Set a good example.

The truth is, parents who are happy and fulfilled with their professional choices in life and who display positive work habits and behaviors are much more likely to have children who make smart choices regarding their career paths — and they're also much more likely to exhibit similar positive work habits, which will help them achieve success in their chosen fields.

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1 Belgians, e.g.
6 Head hair hides them
12 Ape
20 Irked a lot
21 Was released
22 In a mannerly manner
23 Start of a riddle
26 Myrna of "The Thin Man"
27 Seasons' first games
28 Cried feebly
29 Gives in (to)
33 PIN point
34 TV reporter Burnett
36 — Marian
37 Riddle, part 2
45 Currently airing
47 Like straight lines, for short
48 Recycling receptacles
49 Notable years
50 Riddle, part 3
55 Singer Levine

56 — Fridays (restaurant)
57 Dalai —
58 Freeze Away targets
60 Youth org.
63 Bitten at persistently
67 Penalized monetarily
70 Taunt
72 Riddle, part 4
76 Nero or Livy
77 Actress Eva
78 Actress Eva
79 Ar follower
80 Plane parts
82 Korb of gymnastics
84 Fleur-de- —
86 Tick's cousin
87 Riddle, part 5
96 Stage decor
97 Champ's cry
98 Novelist Seton
99 "Ask, I might know the answer"
100 End of the riddle
106 Sword type
107 See 9-Down
108 Basketballer Ming
109 Gift from above
111 Test pilot's garb

114 Least dry
118 Surg. sites
119 Riddle's answer
126 More ready to hit the hay
127 Mexican or Guatemalan
128 Wall painting
129 Steed riders
130 Revises, as text
131 Messy types

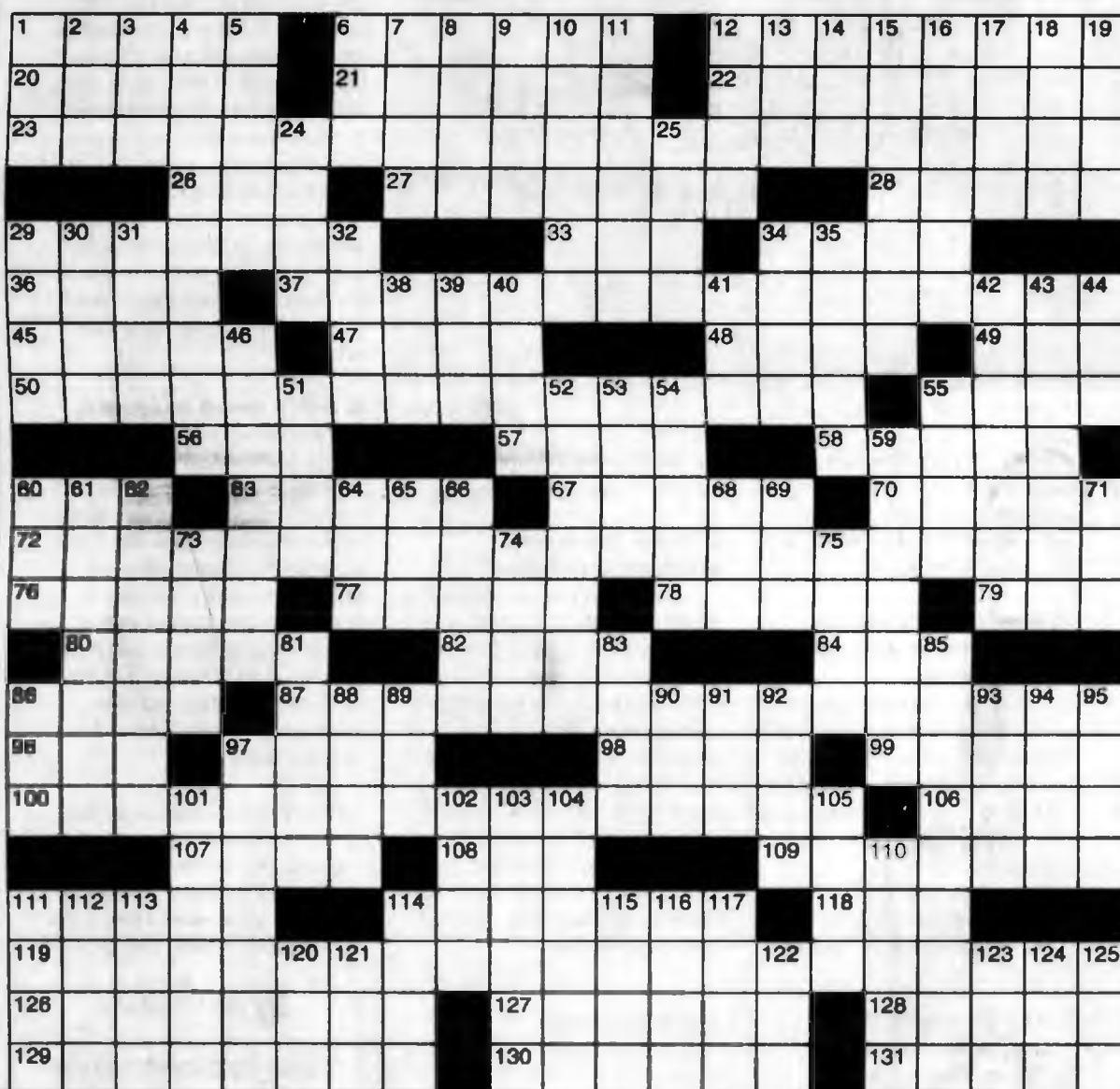
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1 Toothed tool
2 King James Bible suffix
3 San Luis —, California
4 Really scolded
5 Rose to one's feet
6 Police rank: Abbr.
7 "It's Impossible" singer Perry
8 Over
9 With
107-Across, give in to despair
10 "The 25th Annual — County Spelling Bee"
11 Tampa Bay city, for short

12 Stock mkt. debuts
13 Floor cleaner
14 In bad health
15 Neckwear clasps
16 Make harmonious
17 Blue hue
18 Sommer of "The Oscar"
19 Like much blond hair
24 No, to Dmitri
25 Writer Bombeck
29 Love, to Nero or Livy
30 Walking stick
31 French "five"
32 Loafer, e.g.
34 Revise
35 Revive
38 With 113-Down, product's ultimate
39 Vietnamese celebration
40 Hero type
41 Nets' org.
42 Form-filling
43 Millet, fescue and sorghum
44 Tuber often candied
46 Going gaga, with "out"
51 Wedding band

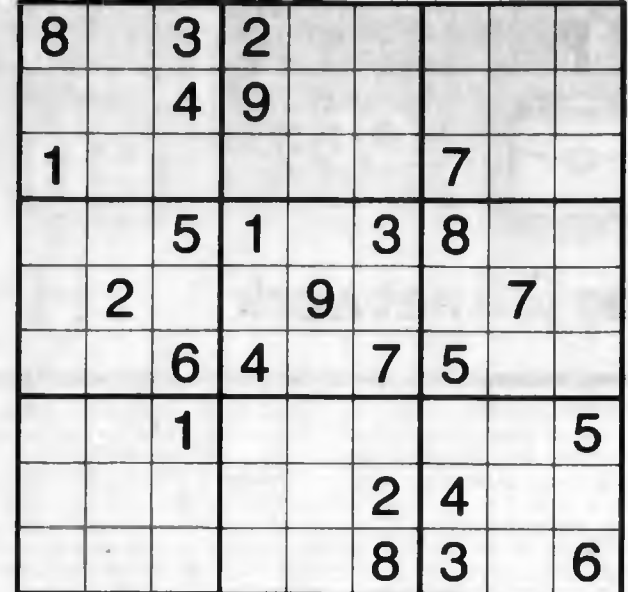
52 Lieutenant Geordi on "Star Trek: The Next Generation"
53 Exclude
54 — Zone
55 Zone
59 Disbeliever in God
60 Exclude
61 Like a worse blizzard
62 Confess
64 Birth mo. for many Leos
65 Job-creating FDR agcy.
66 Big shot
68 LAX stat
69 Cannes' Palme —
71 Mag heads
73 Hamlet, e.g.
74 Ballot site
75 Takei's "Star Trek" role
81 Close with stitches
83 Way out
85 Full of tension
86 Soup flavor enhancer, for short
88 Over
89 Not Rep. or Dem.
90 Party card game

91 Lower Manhattan sch.
92 Turf toughs
93 Ballyhoo
94 "Preach it!"
95 Really mad, with "off"
97 Krypton-86, for one
101 Cries feebly
102 Gazing sort
103 Baby's toy
104 New York City moniker
105 Way out
110 Instruments with sticks
111 Lillian of silent films
112 French battle site of '44
113 See 38-Down
114 Threadbare
115 Suffix with sermon
116 Where the tibia is
117 Minister (to)
120 Tiny —
121 Tiny
122 Set- (brief fights)
123 Swing to and —
124 Test center
125 Lofty rails



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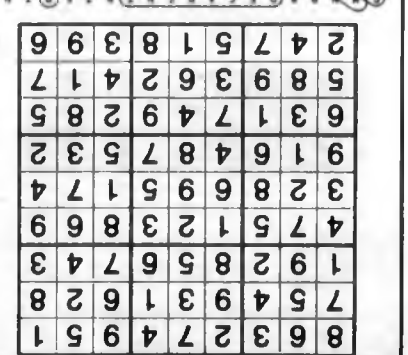
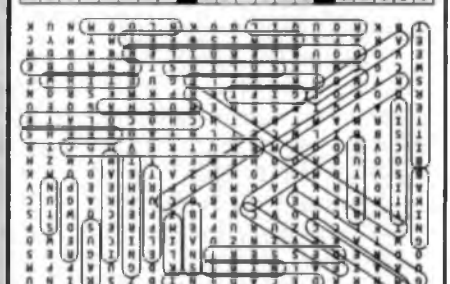
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Car Report

HOT ON THE HEELS OF ITS SUPER BOWL AD, KIA PIVOTS TO PROMOTING CRUCIAL NEW VERSION OF FORTE



By Dale Buss

While some other brands have been singing kumbah-ya with their marketing and focusing on messages of peace, unity and mobility, Kia has come out lately with a bare-knuckled message about capability, performance and even power.

Witness its Super Bowl commercial, in which Kia introduced its Stinger performance sedan with an ageless Steven Tyler and a race track.

That only followed one of the standout promotional moments at press days for the 2018 North American International Auto Show, in which Kia took on Lamborghini—and won. With a cheeky video stunt, that is, which compared the new 2019 Kia Forte with the Lamborghini Aventador.

Its bigger mission these days is making an impact with a new version of the Kia Forte compact sedan that is crucial for a brand that still relies heavily on providing affordable entry-level and mainstream-priced sedans.

The U.S. market has embraced crossovers and SUVs lately, and Kia has entries in those segments including Soul, Sorento and the new Niro.

By introducing a redesigned version of its Forte compact sedan at the Detroit auto show, the Korean automaker revealed a larger and more fuel-efficient 2019 model, one that



The fully capable 2019 Kia Forte

takes design inspiration from the slick Stinger car.

Kia would love the 2019 Forte to be a hit. The model had its best sales year in 2017, which Michael Sprague, COO and EVP of Kia Motors America, said at 2018 NAIAS was “extraordinary for a vehicle in the last year of its life cycle.”

The new Forte, Sprague added, is “bold, strong and ready to rock the compact segment where Kia has been steadily gaining.”

Orth Hedrick, VP of Product Planning at Kia Motors America, said the third-generation Forte is “full of standard features and amenities—and styling, packaging and content to take the category to a new level.”

Forte is “compact and nimble” yet taller, longer and wider than before, he said, featuring a longer hood and “a new take on Kia’s iconic tiger-nose grille.” Hedrick also mentioned the car’s “sleek and dynamic styling cues.”

Functionally, the new Forte offers high-beam assist headlights and “functional air curtains” on the outside, for instance, and “more soft-touch surfaces” on the inside as well as ventilated front seats and a 10-way driver’s power seat in one trim level. There’s “better egress and ingress” for passengers than in the current Forte, and “passenger room and cargo room are among the largest in the segment,” Hedrick said.

For more insights we spoke with Saad Chehab, VP of Marketing Communications at Kia Motors America.

Saad, what are consumers telling you about Forte’s segment these days and how does the new car meet those expectations?

It’s an exciting shape that they’re looking for. It has always been known for vehicles at an affordable price but not so much excitement. But we have the design capability to change that and bring excitement back to the

segment. Also we have the roominess that people continue to look for. Why look at a smaller SUV versus a car like Forte? It has the room, practicality, safety and technology you need, and you don’t need a ladder to climb into it.

Kia is well represented across both SUV and CUV segments, and sedans. So how do you strategically approach the shift in the market?

You have to be relevant. That’s why we’ve introduced Niro, a new crossover plug-in hybrid. If you’re in the market at the right size with the right vehicle at the same time with the colorfulness of choices and tastes that exist in the marketplace, the majority want sedans.

Hatches are in too, and fuel-efficient and environmentally friendly sedans are hot. Practicality is in. We need to stay with as wide a portfolio as possible to attract folks looking for style in segments that have become a little bit soft in excitement. Forte

comes in as a big answer in that big market that still has a lot of market share.

Kia has been ranking No. 1 in the J.D. Power Initial Quality Study for the last two years, a huge accomplishment for the brand. What does that enable you to do marketing-wise?

For any brand who has achieved and invested in this, it’s a badge of pride that we have, as an engineering and manufacturing company, produced these great products to share with the world. It’s important for consumers to know that they can put their money into something that they know will be reliable, dependable and the best of the best at a similar price to any other product.

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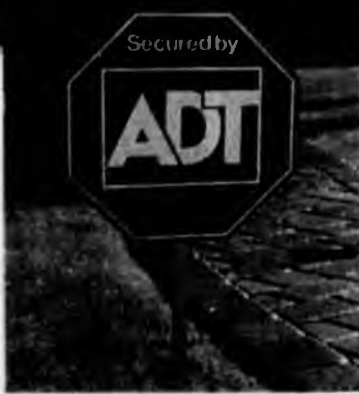
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