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Old Village School shows new look

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After close to six years of dust-collecting dormancy, Northville's Old Village School is back in business — and it has never looked better.

The results of the 101-year-old build-

ing's recent \$10 million makeover were revealed to the public Nov. 11 during an open house that succeeded an official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Appropriately, the ribbon-cutter was 4-year-old William "Duke" Fitzgerald — a student at the renovated facility's early childhood center and a member of a family that has resided in Northville

for eight generations.

"The building is beautiful," Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said, moments before she thanked several contributors for their efforts during a chilly but well-attended ceremony near the school's south parking lot. "It is a perfect mix of honoring tradition and looking to the future."

The building officially opened its doors to early childhood students and school district staff Oct. 15, roughly five weeks after the initial opening-day goal of the first day of school.

Early childhood classes were held at the former Main Street School next door

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South Lyon's Ed McKenna can't quite believe he is standing inside a glass igloo in northern Finland, waiting for night and the chance to look up at the northern lights.

LIGHT UP THE SKY

Local man has thrilling, dazzling star-gazing experience

Tim Smith

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Looking through a glass igloo?

With due respect to the legendary Beatles White Album rocker "Glass Onion," whatever John Lennon envisioned when writing that 1968 classic pales by comparison to what South Lyon's Ed McKenna encountered one October night at the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort near Ivalo, Finland.

McKenna, 60, saw the psychedelic aurora borealis (a.k.a. the northern lights) through that glass dome, a sight that he insists must be seen by as many human eyes as possible — even if the cost is something like \$6,000 to make the long flight to the top of the world.

"It's something you heard about all your life and, all of a sudden, you see this glowing dust, undulating like a curtain or a wave," McKenna said. "It's con-

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"It's continuously changing — sometimes it's green, sometimes it's pink, sometimes it's white — and it looks like magic, like magic dust ..."

Ed McKenna South Lyon resident

Storytellers Project: 2019 season kicks off Feb. 12

Dan Dean

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Everyone has a story to tell — and we want you to tell yours.

The Hometown Life Storytellers Project, a series of four live storytelling events spanning the next year, will kick off its first full season with a show at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Michigan Beer Co. in Novi. The theme is Romance.

Hometown Life joins more than 20 newsrooms from across the country to present the USA Today Network Storytellers Project. It was founded by Megan Finnerty at the Arizona Republic in 2011, with support from Liz Warren and Marilyn Omifunké Torres at the South Mountain Community College Storytelling Institute.

These nights bring people together from all backgrounds, beliefs and opinions through shared experiences. Each event will feature four to six true, first-person stories told in front of a live audience.

Storytellers are being selected from across Hometown Life land. Each teller will be coached by journalists from the USA Today Network, who will help transform your experiences into universal stories.

Facilitated by Hometown Life, the reflections told on the Storyteller's stage will show that every person has a story to share. These stories may make us laugh, cry or take action, but one thing's for sure — they will make us think and empathize with those around us.

With that, we will be able to better understand one another, making our communities deeper, more capable and connected.

If you are interested in becoming a storyteller, go to <http://www.storytellersproject.com/national/speak/>

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Police, newly issued Narcan save OD victim

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Narcan, a drug used to counteract opioid overdoses, became standard-issue equipment for Northville Township police officers Nov. 8.

The next day, Officer Tony Dang — with less than three weeks on the job — used his Narcan kit to save the life of a 44-year-old Plymouth man who had overdosed on heroin.

Dang and Officer Justin Norlock, Dang's field-training officer, responded Nov. 9 to the area of Six Mile and Haggerty roads on a report of a cardiac arrest, finding a man who wasn't breathing and had no pulse, according to a Northville Township Police Department

"Due to the efforts ... by all involved, this individual has another chance at life."

Todd Mutchler
township's public safety director

press release.

They began cardiopulmonary resuscitation, police said, and while Norlock performed CPR, Dang used a Narcan nasal spray on the man, whose pulse returned as he began laboring for breath.

Narcan is a brand name for Naloxone, a drug that can help restore breathing and reverse the sedation that commonly occurs during an opioid overdose, ac-

cording to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

When the man's condition began to deteriorate moments later, police said, Dang administered a second dose of Narcan. The man regained consciousness and told police he had snorted heroin. Township paramedics then transported him to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia for further treatment.

The officers' quick response, combined with their training, "demonstrated our commitment to fulfilling our highest calling: saving lives," said Todd Mutchler, the township's public safety director.

"Due to the efforts and commitment by all involved, this individual has another chance at life," Mutchler wrote in an email.

Dang had just been sworn in at the department Oct. 22.

The Narcan kits were provided by the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, a public body that provides mental health and substance abuse services, and training in using them was provided by Patrick Strope, a substance abuse counselor with Growth Works Inc., an area human services agency.

The Narcan, in addition to being available for overdose victims, can also be used should a department employee come in contact with Fentanyl, many times more potent than heroin.

Township police have responded to seven overdoses so far in 2018, none of them fatal.

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Simons named district's early childhood coordinator

Chelsea Simons has been named Early Childhood Program coordinator for the Northville Public Schools district. The Northville Board of Education unanimously approved Simons' appointment at its Oct. 9 meeting. She succeeds Eileen Freeman, who will retire at the end of December after 18 years with the district.

As Early Childhood Program coordinator, Simons will oversee the district's nationally accredited Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs, which provide many options for area families looking for childcare and early education for their children. Serving more than 1,100 students, programs include Kids Club, offering before and after school care for elementary school families as well as half-day, pre-K PLUS, school-day, full-day and parent/child classes.

Simons comes to Northville Public Schools from Starfish Family Services, headquartered in Inkster, where she served for 3½ years as Head Start site



Simons

leader and disability specialist, providing leadership and daily supervision of a federally-funded preschool program, as well as serving as an advocate and liaison

for children with disabilities and their families. In this dual role, her responsibilities included supervising staff; facilitating training for teachers, parents and staff; creating collaborations within the community; new program implementation; and completion of administrative duties, including federal, state and agency reporting. Previously, Simons was a teacher for Starfish Family Services and, before that, a teacher at The Learning Tree, child care services.

"Chelsea Simons has been recognized for her talent and leadership, being promoted within the Starfish organization," district Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "She has a passion for early childhood education and believes strongly in the value of making meaningful connections pre-K through graduation. We look forward to Chelsea joining our leadership team."

"I'm excited by this opportunity to work alongside the exceptional teachers, staff and families that are part of the Northville Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Program as we build a foundation of success for our youngest learners as they move to kindergarten and beyond," Simons said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to work for Northville Public Schools and I am looking forward to starting in December."

Simons has a bachelor of applied arts in early childhood development and learning, youth studies, from Central Michigan University.

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Four-year-old William Fitzgerald cuts the ribbon during the open house festivities. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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to Old Village up to the day the renovation was completed.

"Honestly, for the kids in the early childhood classes, I think the delay built up a level of anticipation that led to the excitement they shared when the building opened," Gallagher said.

"On the day we got the licensing go-ahead, I think it was about 10:20 (a.m.). By 11:20 (a.m.), we let the kids and teachers come in to see their new classrooms and the sound of joy throughout the building was awesome."

The history of the venerable three-story brick building located at 405 Main Street is rich, coated with success and perseverance.

Serving Northville's students of all ages, the Union School opened its doors for the first time in 1917.

Following 63 years of housing general education classes, the building was renamed Old Village School in 1980, when it became home to the area's groundbreaking Special Education Center program, serving children with significant special needs.

Old Village School was closed in 2012 due to a perfect storm of educational funding issues (its students were

moved to Cooke School in Northville).

However, the stage was set for the facility's dramatic comeback thanks to a united effort from Northville school employees, community members and the passage of a \$104 million bond in 2017.

Amazing turnaround

"I still remember the days when we were experiencing the financial crisis that a lot of school districts were suffering through and we challenged staff to make every infrastructure item last just a little bit longer," Northville school board President James Mazurek said during his opening remarks prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"Sometimes, the only way we got through was with duct tape and bubble gum — and I'm not kidding. We eventually had to mothball Old Village School (in 2012) and lay off 50-plus teachers the next year. Things were bleak."

Mazurek pointed to a "coming together" of the school district and community as the key to a dramatic turnaround that has put the district in a position to become one of Michigan's most efficient when it comes to providing families the most bang for their buck.

"One year ago, the community agreed to maintain our bond ... which allowed us to update every building in the district to create a 21st-century environ-

ment to support a new curriculum," he said. "And today (pointing to Old Village School), you are looking at the first phase of the updates."

The renovated building includes the district's administrative offices, studio space, six classrooms that are currently being utilized and additional rooms that are ready for future expansion of the early childhood programs.

Early childhood teacher Sandi Maynard said words couldn't fully express the joy her 15 students — a mix of 4- and 5-year-olds — felt when they first walked into their new classroom on the second floor of Old Village.

"They were so excited," she said. "The first thing they wanted to know was whether the bathrooms worked. And they couldn't stop talking about the color of the new cots. They are cream colored, but they were excited nonetheless."

Teacher Sarah Hoppenworth concurred with her colleague.

"The excitement was palpable," she said. "They couldn't wait to check out their new cubby space. And the rooms are amazing, with all the color and the natural light coming in from the big windows. We loved teaching in Main Street School, but the change will be nice."

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NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

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

Books & Brews @ Wagon Wheel Lounge

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4

Details: Kick back, relax and chat about books while enjoying your favorite beverage. This month, we're reading "Beartown" by Fredrik Backman. Just drop in.

When Amelia Came to Michigan

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4

Details: Presented by local historians Al and Dave Eicher, tells the real life story of Amelia Earhart's adventures in Michigan through hundreds of photographs, old film footage and music from the 1920s and '30s. Register.

Coloring for Grownups

When: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5

Details: Explore creative relaxation. A variety of coloring pages and art supplies provided. Register.

Fall TOT Storytime

Details: For ages 2-3 with caregiver.

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. Registration begins Wednesday, Sept. 5, for Northville residents; open to non-residents next day. See library website for dates and times.

Fall Storytime

Details: For ages 4-5. Enjoy stories,

music and creative activities in this fun, interactive, small group experience. Children must attend independent of a caregiver and should also have basic cutting skills with craft scissors. Registration begins for Northville residents Tuesday, Sept. 11; open to non-residents next day. See library website for dates and times.



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tinuously changing — sometimes it's green, sometimes it's pink, sometimes it's white — and it looks like magic, like magic dust is floating through the air.

"And all the while that you're up there, you're seeing billions of stars in the backdrop. And you can see satellites criss-crossing up in the sky. It was really something."

Spectacular color

Forget your local planetarium, looking up at the northern lights from McKenna's recent vantage point turned a black-and-white experience into glorious technicolor.

"You look out there and the stars are beaming," said McKenna, who traveled to the destination with work colleagues at Collette Vacations, where he is an employee. "From one horizon to the next, you're seeing the northern lights."

"But being in the igloo, you're warm, the beds are remote control. So you can put your head up, just sitting there facing the northern lights relaxing in the comfort of your own hotel room, basically."

But getting to a place that's akin to stuck in the middle of what McKenna labeled a "National Geographic experience" takes some doing.

Plan on long, tiring hours either in airports or on planes between southeast Michigan and the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort.

It took McKenna eight hours to fly from metro Detroit to Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and another 2½ hours to reach Helsinki, Finland. The final leg of the journey took just 90 minutes.

"It's one of those ones that most people aren't even aware that a place like this exists and then, when you find out about it, it's, like, 'Wow, I've got to go there,'" McKenna said. "It's north of the Arctic Circle. You fly into a city called Ivalo, which is an hour and a half flight north of Helsinki. So you fly to Helsinki first, spend a couple days there, get your bearings and then you head up to Ivalo."

"And the resort is just minutes outside the airport there. You're well above the Arctic Circle."

Spreading the word



Yep, man's best friend. Ed McKenna snuggles with Zepo, his partner for some sledding fun in Finland.

So how did McKenna find himself immersed in such a breathtaking adventure? He does work for a travel agency and had the opportunity to do a trial run, as it were. Tours to the resort are for a maximum of 19 people, so that there are enough accommodations to go around.

"It's something that, in the travel offerings throughout the world, this is somewhat undiscovered and it's very new," McKenna said. "I felt very honored to be one of the first people within my company to be able to experience this and I just feel this is something the world needs to know about."

He not only wants other people to consider taking that trek, but intends to go back himself with wife Alison and daughters (both South Lyon High School alumni) Melanie, 20, and Jillian, 18.

"My wife said, 'Yes, don't cross this off your list,'" he said with a laugh. "She said, 'I want to go there.'"

For starters, Michiganders will feel quite at home.

"I guess the fact that here you are, if you look at a globe, you can't believe you're almost on top of the Earth," McKenna said. "And yet, it was so thick with pine trees around us and lakes and very uninhabited. I you didn't know any better, you'd think you were in northern Michigan."

"So that was interesting, from that perspective. But at the same time, you've got the people, who were very

friendly. Just very welcoming, very social-minded."

Rejuvenating travel

And, he added, many people need to start making time for rejuvenation and renewal. That's what travel can do.

"We travel because we want something that's going to energize us and, at the same time, reawaken, to be engaged with the present moment," McKenna said. "This type of experience definitely does that. ... And we're always looking forward to the next trip. I think, as Americans, we work too much and we forget that we were put on this Earth to have fun."

"Travel is one of those things that we enjoy and we're always looking for the next trip, the next destination. That's what keeps us excited about life, that keeps that adventure in our life."

Starting up through glass into a blanket of stars was the main course of McKenna's trek, but there are several tasty side dishes connected with visiting Ivalo — especially during the snowy months of November through March.

Those particular months offer fun activities such as dog sledding and, yes, reindeer sledding.

"I went in early October and I did see the northern lights," McKenna said. "Saw it two nights out of three and it wasn't until the last day where we had the snow. I missed the dog sledding, but we were able to strap a bungee cord to



Ed McKenna saw this spectacular sight during his early October visit to northern Finland. He said he used a phone app to take this photo. ED MCKENNA

one of the dogs.

"My dog was named Zepo; she was awesome. We were going to take a walk through the forest, but mine did not want to walk. So we ran, we ran all over the place. It was a blast."

One of the nights featured a jaunt into the woods, with campfires and snowmobiles.

Meanwhile, the people of northern Finland also are very welcoming and fun to be around, when visitors aren't obsessed with the aurora borealis.

Nature's showtime

Travel aficionados will get to have something they've perhaps read about for years smack them in the face, leaving them with an imprint that will never fade.

The northern lights are sun-charged particles that are magnetically drawn to the North and South Poles.

Thanks to travel junkets that people can book through Collette Vacations (gocollette.com) and other agencies such as AAA, more and more people will become just as drawn to the spectacular.

"Nature's putting on a show for everybody," McKenna said. "It's pretty good stuff. It's nice to be able to step outside our own world, our own life."

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Night No. 1: Romance

Dating in the digital age can be exhausting, exhilarating and downright crazy. Join us as we explore stories about dating apps, true love and everything in between.

When: Doors at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12

Location: Michigan Beer Co., 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48375

Night No. 2: Growing up

Growth is about glorious failures as much as victorious triumphs. Join Hometown Life for stories about the little and big moments of growing up.

When: Doors at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7

Location: Michigan Beer Co., 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48375

Night No. 3: Outdoor adventures

The great outdoors isn't for everyone, but for some, it's everything. Join Hometown Life for a night of stories about some of the best — and worst — outdoor moments.

When: Doors at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3

Location: Michigan Beer Co., 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48375

Night No. 4: Food & Family

The fall season tempts us with cool nights, changing colors and comfort food. Come hear stories about the dishes that inspire us and the families that developed our palates.

When: Doors at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8

Location: TBA

For more information about the Hometown Life Storytellers Project go to the Hometown Life events Facebook page, call 248-396-0706 or email Content Strategist Dan Dean at ddean@hometownlife.com.



The Hometown Life Storytellers Project presents the 2019 season with Romance, Feb. 12; Growing Up, May 7; Outdoor Adventures, Aug. 13; and Food and Family, Oct. 8. GETTY IMAGES

Kroger selling Toys 'R' Us items for holidays

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Toys 'R' Kroger, apparently. Grocery giant Kroger Co. is selling 35 toys this holiday season from the bankrupt Toys 'R' Us retailer's Geoffrey's Toy Box collection.

Seven metro Detroit Kroger stores, including locations in Canton and White Lake, are among 600 nationwide involved in the partnership. Rachel Hurst, corporate affairs manager for the Kroger Co. Michigan division, said Kroger stores already are selling the toys.

"We are already receiving great customer comments," she said.

Kroger announced it is selling toys ranging in price from \$19.99 to \$49.99, including selections from Animal Zone, Journey Girls, Edu Science, You & Me and Just Like Home. The company said items stocked will vary by location.

The latest developments come after Toys 'R' Us declared bankruptcy earlier this year and closed hundreds of stores nationwide, including metro Detroit stores in Livonia, Westland and Novi, among others.

Hurst said it isn't known whether Kroger will carry Geoffrey's Toy Box merchandise in subsequent holiday seasons.

"We are unsure if this will continue year after year at this point," she said, "but we know this is going to be very popular this year."

The Canton store is selling the You & Me and Just Like Home items.

"Canton shoppers will be overjoyed when they see the new toys we have in-store this holiday season with the addition of Geoffrey's Toy Box," said Teresa Riley, store leader at the Canton Center store. "We have You & Me dolls and Just Like Home workshop sets, perfect for the children on your shopping list."

Robert Clark, Kroger's senior vice president of merchandising, issued a statement touting the partnership.

"Geoffrey's Toy Box delivers a unique shopping destination within Kroger stores," he said. "We're excited to offer Geoffrey's Toy Box this holiday season to provide our customers with the opportunity to purchase a selection of toys once exclusive to Toys 'R' Us."



Several Kroger stores in southeast Michigan are selling Geoffrey's Toy Box merchandise once exclusive to Toys 'R' Us. KROGER CO.

Kroger locations selling merchandise once exclusive to Toys 'R' Us include:

- 1905 N. Canton Center, Canton Township
- 10951 Highland Road, White Lake
- 14945 23 Mile Road, Shelby Township
- 16705 Fort St., Southgate

■ 2905 Union Lake Road, Commerce

■ 4672 State St., Saginaw

■ 7000 Monroe Blvd., Taylor

"We are thrilled to partner with Kroger to bring a curated collection of product from our beloved portfolio of brands to American consumers this holiday," Richard Barry, executive vice president

at Geoffrey's Toy Box, said in a statement.

USA Today reports that Toys 'R' Us could possibly relaunch some stores next year.

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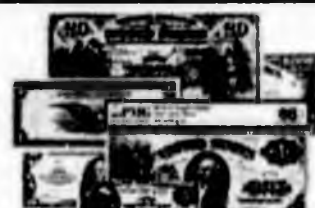
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Tattoos and fine art: Livonia studio has it all

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Karlos Kowaleski wonders aloud if a phantom pushed him from a 16-foot ladder that gave way while he was painting the ceiling of his new tattoo and fine art studio in Livonia.

He did, after all, name his studio Box5 Tattoo and Fine Art, a reference to the Box 5 seating where the masked, disfigured phantom sat in "Phantom of the Opera."

A fan of all things macabre, Kowaleski has a dark side with his interest in nihilism, futility and life as ticking toward the ultimate end, death.

"Knowledge of my own mortality really gives me a kick in the butt to get to work," he said.

His tumble from the ladder was a reminder that forced him to postpone his Sept. 1 opening of Box5. He spent a month in the hospital after his mishap fractured all five lumbar vertebrae and his ninth rib on the left side, also causing a laceration to his head.

What a difference two months make. Kowaleski, 33, opened his studio on Nov. 5 at 29524 W. Seven Mile, in the Livonia Marketplace, where his tattoo artistry and oil paintings are on display amidst a late 1800s provincial decor, including paintings of skulls with candles and self portraits, inspired by "Phantom of the Opera."

Before opening his own shop, Kowaleski was an apprentice at Suicide Kings Tattoo & Piercing in Canton, where he was brought in after impressing the owners with his oil paintings. He then worked at Chroma Tattoo in West Bloomfield, where he had a consultation with Josh Clark of Wixom, who was shopping for his first tattoo.

Clark was so impressed by Kowaleski's work that he followed him to Livonia and waited for his hospital recovery. On a November afternoon, Clark lay face down as Kowaleski, with a buzzing cartridge-based tattoo machine in hand, created body art of a strawberry pastry dessert on the back of Clark's right calf.

"I had been looking for years for someone who had his style professionally," Clark said. "I had seen his work at Chroma. I wasn't going to anyone else."



Karlos Kowaleski started out as a musician and fine artist. Now he uses those skills in his new business, Box5 Tattoo and Fine Art. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Kowaleski chose to open Box5 in his hometown Livonia, where he graduated from Franklin High School in 2002. He said his embrace of the macabre was influenced by growing up in a home where there was a love of the horror genre of movies and culture. His parents even had a skull on display.

"I loved it," he said, adding that he often "rooted for the villain" in films.

He performed in a hip-hop band, Dramadeus, in his teens and early 20s and opened at festival gigs for the likes of Ice Cube, Ice-T and Outlawz, founded by the late Tupac Shakur. Partly at the same time and until age 28, he was in

Bat on Fire, a pop/prog-metal group that cut three full-length albums and an extended-play record.

All the while, he honed his largely self-taught skills at oil painting by visiting museums, studying art history and taking college courses before dropping out. His art — self-portraits, his mother's hands, an empty Coca-Cola bottle and, of course, his darker works, such as skulls — are for sale at Box5, typically ranging from \$250 to \$4,000.

"I do a self-portrait every birthday," Kowaleski said, and he has adopted the moniker Saint Karlos, patron saint of oil painting, for himself.

His wall art also includes a mixed-media collage of newspaper articles about President John F. Kennedy's assassination, from the day after he was killed until the one-year anniversary.

On the tattoo side of his business, he said he strives to bring "high-brow" body art to his studio. He has about 60 tattoos of his own, though they're hard to count because some blend together. He said the old days of dingy tattoo parlors have long ago given way to "the next generation of fine artists" with a higher skill level.

When he worked for other tattoo studios, Kowaleski often was booked up for appointments two to three months in advance. The wait at his new business is about two weeks, he said, "but that won't last long."

He has hired another tattoo artist, Alex Hunter, and he expects to bring in another two artists as demand grows. And it will grow, he said.

Attending an Explorer Tattoo Conference in Los Angeles helped educate Kowaleski about his chosen trade, with \$1.2 billion a year in revenues in the United States alone.

With annual growth of 7 percent, the tattoo industry is expected to double in size within the next decade, he said.

"It is continuing to grow massively," he said.

Box5's rates are \$150 an hour or \$900 for an all-day, or eight-hour, session.

Kowaleski attributes the sustained popularity of tattoo studios to businesses like his that are combining fine art and tattooing by artists who are better-trained and using better tattoo machines.

Kowaleski, who has a wife, Kelley, and 15-month-old daughter, Kennedy, has a five-year lease for his business. After that, he could continue as is or restructure to become an owner overseeing other artists. Long term, he also has a desire to spend time on land his family owns in the Arizona desert, possibly taking a turn at "living off the earth."

For more on Box5, go to www.box5tattoo.com/. For more on Kowaleski's art, go to www.saintkarlos.com.

Contact Darrell Clem at dclem@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @CantonObserver.

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Planned Parenthood: Livonia clinic to open soon

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There's been plenty of talk surrounding the recently purchased building on Farmington Road, north of Five Mile, by Planned Parenthood of Michigan. But the reproductive health organization says despite all that, it's looking forward to opening and servicing the thousands of clients that have gone elsewhere the past few months.

Ruth Lednicer, director of communications for Planned Parenthood of Michigan, confirmed the organization purchased the building at 15707 Farmington Road in Livonia and plans on opening a health center on the property before the end of the year.

"Our lease was up and we thought it made sense to buy a building," she said. "It will have exactly the same services."

Lednicer said services offered at the clinic will include exams and pap tests, birth control, emergency contraception, STI testing and treatment, rapid HIV testing and education and pregnancy testing and options information. Lednicer said while some of its clinics across Michigan offer abortions, the Livonia clinic will not. The organization's offering of abortion services is the reason anti-abortion protesters were at the site earlier this month and at the Nov. 7 city council meeting.

The center won't be the first Planned Parenthood facility to operate in Livonia. The organization operated a clinic along Ann Arbor Road, west of Newburgh, for more than 17 years before it closed earlier this spring. It offered the

same services planned for the new building. The Ann Arbor Road clinic also did not provide abortions to its clients.

Staying in Livonia, Lednicer said, was important, since the group has so many clients in the region. She said more than 4,000 clients were served last year in Livonia, with 14 percent of them being men. With the clinic closed since the spring, those who typically went to Livonia were instead rerouted to other clinics in Ann Arbor, Detroit and Ferndale.

"We knew there was a demand in Livonia. We've been there for 17 years," she said. "We try to put ourselves to where people can access us more easily."

The building bought by Planned Parenthood will not need to go through any rezoning hearings or require any permissions from any city board. The building is currently zoned OS-Office Services, which a health clinic is an allowed use under that zoning. All the other required permits are up to date on the building, something protesters asked the city to investigate as a way to keep the clinic from opening.

"At this point, we are moving along well. Our permits have all been above board," Lednicer said.

Livonia city officials said at the Nov. 7 council meeting that so long as the proper permits are valid, there's nothing the city can do to halt its opening, though several city council members made it clear they were displeased with the clinic opening back up in the city.

Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728.



The building purchased by Planned Parenthood, along Farmington Road, in Livonia. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Northville lights up streets with holiday parade

Dan Dean
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A few remnants of last week's snow-fall and temperatures in the mid-30s set the perfect backdrop for Northville's annual Holiday Lighted Parade. Some 40 total entries decked out in lighted apparel and floats consisting of bands, dancers and, of course, Santa took to the streets in a swirling, magical, musical light show delighting hundreds.

Following the parade, holiday revelers, many bundled up in blankets sipping hot chocolate, gathered at Town Square to see Mayor Ken Roth award Santa the key to the city and witness the lighting of the Town Square Tree.

The parade, organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford, is the first in a series of weekend events known as the Hometown Holidays that runs through Dec. 23.

Other Hometown Holiday events include:

Santa's Frosty Follies

■ **Time/Date/Location:** 11:30 a.m. each weekend in December, Genetti's Hole in the Wall

■ **Sponsor/Contact:** Genetti's, \$20, 248-249-0522; call for reservations

Brew Ha Ha

■ **Time/Date/Location:** Various times and dates through Dec. 29. Both lunch and dinner shows available, Genetti's Hole in the Wall

■ **Sponsor/Contact:** Genetti's, \$59 dinner, \$42 lunch, 248-249-0522; call for reservations



The Holiday Lighted Parade wound through downtown Northville. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Pancakes and Pajamas

■ **Time/Date/Location:** 9-10 a.m. and 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, Northville Community Center Banquet Room

■ **Sponsor/Tickets/Contact:** Northville Parks and Rec, \$10, 248-349-0203

Tinsel & Treasures Holiday Market

■ **Time/Date/Location:** 9 a.m. to 8

p.m. Friday, Dec. 7; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, Northville Community Center

■ **Sponsor/Tickets/Contact:** Handcrafters Unlimited, \$4, www.merchantilefairs.com/tinsel-treasures

Santa visits and Open House at Maybury Farm

■ **Time/Date/Location:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 8-9 and Dec. 15-16, Maybury Farm

■ **Sponsor/Tickets/Contact:** Maybury Farm, free but donations appreciated, call 248-704-9211 to make reservations. Go to www.mayburyfarm.org/santa for more information

Contact Dan Dean at ddean@hometownlife.com.

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 reopen to the public each Sunday in June 2019. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation; go to www.millracenorthville.org

for details.

Upcoming events

Children's Christmas Workshop: 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Dec. 1. **Sold out.**

Greek Christmas Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. Dec. 8. **Sold out.**

General info

Volunteers: The Northville Histori-

cal 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.

Building rentals and school and private tours available: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or church for a wedding or party. You may also schedule a school tour or a private tour. Many dates are available. You may find

more information on the 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. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millracenorthville.org.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #10-15-18Z

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 10-15-18Z for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance amendment amends the zoning map by re-zoning two properties along S. Main Street, Parcel Id # 48-004-02-0113-301 (580 S. Main St.), and Parcel Id #48-004-02-0115-302 (598 S. Main St.), from PR-1, Performance Regulated Industrial District No. 1 to GCD, General Commercial District. The rezoning was proposed to implement the vision in the City of Northville Master Plan to guide any future redevelopment of these properties to a commercial (vs. new industrial) use.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on October 15, 2018, and was adopted by the City Council on November 19, 2018. The ordinance shall become effective on December 7, 2018. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE §91-11 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will be considering adoption of the proposed amendment to Ordinance §91-11 (Historic District Commission) at their Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. This amendment was introduced at the Board of Trustees meeting of November 15, 2018.

The proposed amendment would specify that the Commission is comprised of seven to nine members. This amendment will unify the ordinance and Historic District Bylaws with PA 169 of 1970.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Michigan 48168.

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

Published: November 29, 2018

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Northville
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FOR THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE
PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the Council of the City of Northville on the 7th day of January, 2019, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers 215 West Main Street, on the adoption of a proposed resolution establishing a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the City of Northville, within the municipal limits of which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

Published: November 29 & December 6, 2018

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SYNOPSIS November 15, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING (Closed Session 6:30 p.m.) CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, November 15, 2018

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

CLOSED SESSION: As permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15.268, Section 8 (C) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing. – Approved

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**

A. **Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items** – Approved

2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**

A. **Appoint Fred Shadko to Planning Commission** – Approved

B. **Appoint Margie Banner to EDC/BRA** – Approved

C. **Resolution Honoring NHS Girl's Golf Team** – Approved

D. **Appoint Jan Purtell to Senior Citizen Advisory Council** – Approved

E. **Appoint Symantha Heath to Parks & Rec. Commission** – Approved

F. **Manager Presentation** – Presentation honoring Clerk Hillebrand and Resolution of appreciation to Richard Allen, departing Trustee.

3. **Public Hearing:** None

4. **Brief Public Comments:** Numerous resident complaints about odors from the Arbor Hills Landfill.

5. **New Business:**

A. **Replacement of Fire Dept. Jaws of Life** – Approved

B. **S.M.A.R.T. Municipal Credit Contract FY 2019** – Approved

C. **Right of Way Dedication to Wayne County** – Approved

D. **Professional Services for the SAW Grant Program** – Approved

E. **Decision - Closed Session regarding Union Negotiations** – Approved

F. **Budget Amendment 2018-7 - Closed Session Decision** – Approved

6. **Unfinished Business:** None

7. **Ordinances:**

A. **Introduction of amendment to Historic District Commission ordinance** – Approved.

8. **Check Registry:**

A. **In the amount of \$2,064,556.15 for the period of 10/8/18 to 11/2/18.** – Approved

9. **Board Communication & Reports:**

A. Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider

10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None

11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available November 29, 2018

Respectfully submitted:
Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

Published: November 29, 2018

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Former Yum Yum Tree will become Mexican restaurant

Jennifer Timar
Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

An owner and chef of a popular Brighton bistro is proposing a new Mexican street food-inspired restaurant in the former site of the Yum Yum Tree downtown.

The Wooden Spoon's Steve Pilon is gearing up to open a taqueria in the former Yum Yum Tree restaurant and ice cream parlor at 140 W. Main Street, near the Mill Pond.

He will co-own the restaurant with his daughter Lauren Pilon, who will act as general manager. She is currently the front of the house manager at The Wooden Spoon.

"We're going to keep it classical Mexican street food," Pilon said. "We'll have probably six or eight styles of tacos, including al pastor tacos, which have pineapple and chili-braised pork, and carne asada and carnitas."

The eatery will be called El Arbol, which means "the tree" in Spanish.

"We're paying homage to the Yum Yum Tree, because it was a big part of the community and we want to be equally a part of the community," he said.

He signed a lease on the 1,700-square foot space Nov. 9.

According to floor plans Pilon submitted to the city, El Arbol would seat about 48 guests at a bar, bench seating along one wall, window seats and high-top tables.

"We're also doing a walk-up carry-out window on the St. Paul's side," he said.

The eatery will also serve flights of house-made salsas with chips.

"We'll probably have 20 types of dried chili types in-house at any moment," he said.

Pilon expects to open the restaurant by St. Patrick's Day next March.

He plans to hire a few dozen employees, including about two dozen for the front of the house and another dozen for the back of the house.

"We're also going to do a big mural, a Day of the Dead theme on the side of the building. ... I'm looking for artists and I'm hoping to speak with the Brighton High School arts department. I have (sketches) of dancing Day of the Dead skeletons with a tree," he said.

Pilon has submitted a liquor license application to Brighton city officials.

Community Development Director Mike Caruso said the Brighton City Council will review the liquor license application at its next regular meeting and could recommend that state officials approve the license. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission has the final say.

Pilon said the eatery would serve special margaritas and top-shelf tequila, along with beer and wine.

Yum Yum Tree operated for 35 years until it closed in February. Previous owner Allison Austin decided not to sell the business and instead held an auction in May, selling off memorabilia, furnishings and kitchen equipment.

Following the closure of the business, Yum Yum Tree co-founder Bert Kisak, who founded Yum Yum Tree with his late wife Sharon and partners in 1982,



Wooden Spoon owner and chef Steve Pilon spoke about renovations to his downtown Brighton restaurant. He has applied for a liquor license to open a Mexican-themed eatery in the former Yum Yum Tree building downtown. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY



Yum Yum Tree in downtown Brighton closed after 35 years of business. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY



Father and daughter Steve and Lauren Pilon will open a new Mexican eatery at the former site of the Yum Yum Tree in Brighton.

listed the building for sale.

Brighton real estate developer Corrigan Construction purchased the building from Kisak for \$675,000 under a

limited liability corporation, 140 W. Main St., LLC, according to the city's assessor's office.

Corrigan Construction will spend

about \$234,000 to renovate and rehabilitate the building and Pilon plans to contribute about \$84,000 to improvements, according to city documents.

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Statue of Howell icon Zemper unveiled

Sean Bradley
Livingston Daily
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Many people who met Duane Zemper have a story to tell of the Howell icon.

"He was one of the best teachers I've ever met," said Howell resident Gary Finch, who co-owned part of Zemper Photography Studio with Zemper and Zemper's son Steve. "He told me, 'If you don't learn something new every day, you've wasted your time.'"

A statue of Zemper was unveiled earlier this month on the lawn of the Howell Carnegie District Library, honoring him on what would have been his 99th birthday. He died in 2016 at age 96.

The statue, which was started in 2016 after Zemper's death, weighs 647 pounds and stands 7 feet tall. It also incorporates Zemper's philosophy into its design.

Created by Kristine and Colin Poole, it shows Zemper holding a camera and leaning on a stack of books. It includes approximately 50 "Easter eggs," bits of trivia about Zemper, his family and more.

"He gave enough to this community. It's nice he's getting some recognition for it," Finch said.

Derek Crandall, a Howell portrait photographer who has heard many stories about Zemper from Finch, said the statue looks "amazing."

He believes it will help the community learn more about Zemper, honor creativity, emphasize the importance of history and instill a sense of pride in the people of Howell and Livingston County.

Those are the things that Mike Hall, Zemp Legacy Committee chairperson, said the project should accomplish.

Zemper's photography will be the first step for people to learn about him and his contributions to the community, Crandall said.

Zemper was a decorated World War II veteran, serving as an aerial combat photographer during the war, a professional photographer in the Howell area for nearly 50 years and an active volunteer with the Howell Area Archives. His work forms the basis of the archives' photo collection. He saved many historical photos of the Howell area.



A crowd gathers around a statue of Howell icon Duane Zemper that was unveiled Nov. 4 at its location outside the Howell Carnegie District Library. SEAN BRADLEY | LIVINGSTON DAILY

Zemper's son Dan was in attendance at the event, which included an open house at the Howell Opera House. Many Zemper family members were in attendance for the event as well.

He said his father may have been overwhelmed by the idea of being honored.

"It demonstrates what the community thought of him, which was beyond the scope of what I understand that to be," Dan Zemper said. "He enjoyed being very involved. He wasn't one to do anything halfway."

The project is only partly complete.

It will also have an educational component in the form of a large book permanently mounted next to the statue that will list all of the donors who made donations toward the project on one side and have Zemper's story on another.

The story of Zemper's life for this portion of the project is being written by Joyce Fisher of the Howell Area Archives in the Howell Carnegie District Library.

That portion of the project is planned to be completed within the next six months, Hall said.

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Dan Zemper
son of Howell icon Duane Zemper

Survey: Housing a major want in downtown Howell

Sean Bradley
Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Howell residents want a sandwich shop downtown. They want a specialty foods market and two-bedroom townhomes.

That's according to results from a Howell Main Street survey released Nov. 1 during an event at the Howell Carnegie District Library.

There were 774 total respondents of the survey that was open Oct. 1-16. The Downtown Professionals Network out of Franklin, Tenn., served as consultants.

A solid majority of respondents — 72 percent — indicated the downtown district is improving or making progress.

"That's a pretty good thing that folks are recognizing the positive things that are happening in the district," said Jay Schlinsog of the Downtown Professionals Network.

The survey included questions about where people live and if they work in the downtown. It also included potential projects — such as housing, mixed-use developments, parking garages — and asked if they would fit in the downtown area.

None of the projects described in the survey are in the pipeline. The questions were an effort to gauge what types of businesses and designs residents want in the downtown.

Results indicated 40 percent of respondents want to see a deli or sandwich shop as an eating and drinking establishment, while a restaurant was favored by 35 percent and 13 percent preferred a drinking establishment.

A specialty foods market with artisan and locally-sourced foods scored the highest level of support, 47 percent, for a retail establishment.

On housing, 55 percent of respondents said "yes" or "maybe" to considering living in the downtown.

Additionally, 50 percent of respondents would live in a two bedroom townhome, while a total of 82 percent of respondents would be willing to pay \$1,200 or more in rent or mortgage.

Living in a two-bedroom condo was



Howell resident Jim Glenn (left) looks at maps with markings made by residents during a public input session about the future of downtown Howell. SEAN BRADLEY | LIVINGSTON DAILY

also an option respondents gravitated toward; 44 percent said they would.

"It shows there's a need for a mix of housing," Schlinsog said.

Mixed-use developments were also preferred by respondents, as are parking lots instead of parking structures.

For example, the idea of a parking lot with a roof over it scored a 2.7 out of 5, while a large parking garage scored a minus-5, indicating a negative reaction to the idea.

"Surface parking lots still score higher than parking decks or parking lots," Schlinsog said.

On Oct. 31, the first input session at Block Brewing Co. drew nearly 40 people. The main task at this event was for those in attendance to indicate on a map where areas of improvement are and which areas are doing well and could remain as they are.

Resident Jim Glenn said he likes the idea of underground parking, because it allows more space for apartments and businesses.

A market hall-type eating establishment is something he mentioned being in favor of.

"Something that can be frequented year-round," Glenn said.

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Just think if you were told that, for whatever reason, you had to immediately vacate your home. Would you be prepared? What would you take with you? Whether a major storm or the devastating wildfires that California is currently dealing with, it would seem that most people would focus on taking with them family heirlooms and other precious items. What many people tend to forget is that, in addition to taking the aforementioned items, it is important to include financial information that may be essential in case you do not have access to your home.

In today's world, where things are much more complex, it is important for everyone to take some time and think about what financial information they

would need in case of a disaster. I believe everyone needs some sort of disaster plan to protect themselves in cases of emergency. In other words, if you didn't have access to your online accounts, how difficult would it be to manage your financial affairs? The bottom line, everyone needs some sort of disaster plan and the time to do it isn't when a disaster is approaching or has already occurred.

In developing some sort of disaster plan, the first thing is to decide what information you would need if you were evacuated and did not have access to your home. Here are some things that I think should be in most people's disaster plan. The first would be the name, account number and phone number of your homeowner's and automobile insurance company. In addition, you should also have the name and number of your agent. After all, if for some reason you were evacuated from your home, there are benefits you are entitled

to. As we all know with insurance companies, the burden is on you to put a claim in. In addition, your disaster plan should also have all the account information, including passwords and log-in information, for your bank accounts and other financial institutions you deal with. I would also make sure that you have copies of important documents such as medical and durable powers of attorney, driver's license and passports. Lastly, you should also make copies of your health insurance information, including account numbers and contact information.

The aforementioned are just some suggestions of things you should have. The key is to ask yourself, if you did not have access to your home, what financial information and legal information are you going to need to protect yourself?

The next question is where to keep this information. In today's world, there are more options than ever before. You

can keep this information off location, such as in your office, or even store it online. The bottom line, you want to make sure that in the unlikely event that a disaster does affect you, you will have immediate access to this information.

Disasters such as the California wildfires can be very destructive and damaging. You can take some steps such as setting up a disaster plan that will make handling the crisis much easier. Once you do set up a disaster plan, it is important that you periodically update it. After all, we all know how fast things change and our disaster plan is not something to do once and forget about; it's something that occasionally needs to be updated.

Good luck!

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St. Joseph Mercy Oakland receives \$4.8 million gift

A \$4.8 million gift from the late Russell J. Ebeid has been given to St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, a member of five-hospital Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. This multimillion-dollar donation will be used to support future hospital plans for campus redevelopment, including improvements to both the emergency and labor & delivery departments.

"We are deeply thankful Russ chose to make such an extraordinary gift of \$4.8 million to express his gratitude and support compassionate, quality health care for others through our hospital's healing mission," said Shannon Striebich, president, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland. "Thanks to his generosity and foresight, thousands of people will receive care for trauma and other emergencies, as well as safe deliveries for a growing number of families. The giving spirit he demonstrated during his lifetime will touch many lives with a lasting legacy."

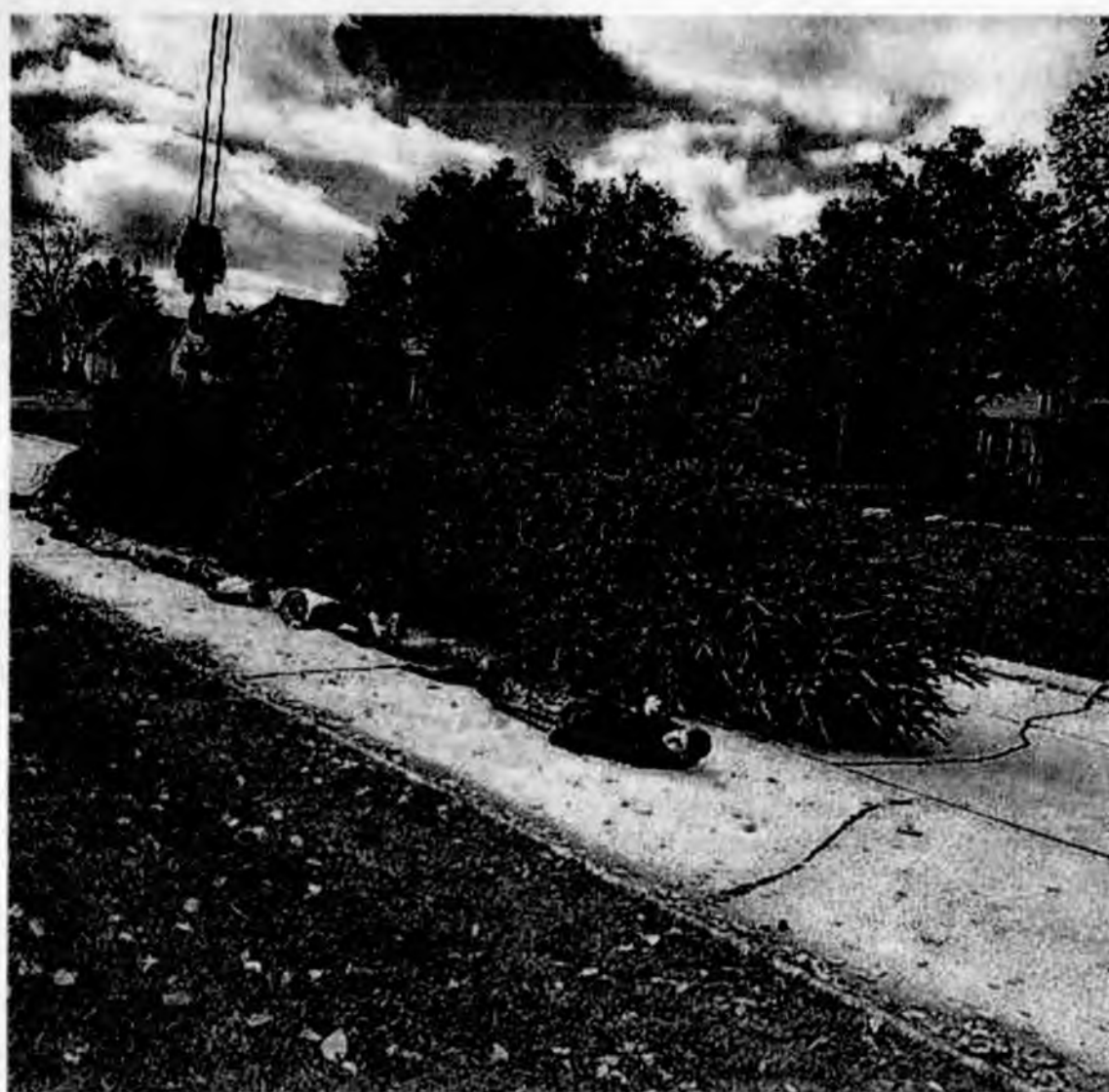
A dedication ceremony took place recently at the hospital, during which a portrait of Ebeid was unveiled in the hallway near the South Tower lobby entrance. In addition, two physicians who

played key roles in Ebeid's care, cardiologist Dr. James Heinsimer and vascular surgeon Dr. Diego Hernandez, were recognized by the Ebeid family with plaques for their appreciation of the quality of care they both provided.

"I took care of Russ for more than 15 years and, over that time, we became friends — it was a real pleasure to know him and his entire family," Heinsimer said. "St. Joe's dedication to high-quality, compassionate care made an impact on Russ. The combination of its excellent physicians and ability to personalize the patient experience across multiple units — from surgery to dialysis to nursing — is a total team effort that makes this high level of care possible."

Long-time chairman and president of Guardian Industries, among many other personal, philanthropic and business accomplishments, Ebeid died last year July 30 at age 77.

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland is a leading provider of health care in Oakland County with 350,000 patient visits last year and more than 11,500 surgeries performed.



To provide a unique perspective of the tree's height, Deer Creek subdivision children lined up next to the tree prior to its delivery to downtown Detroit.

Downtown Detroit Christmas tree has roots in Plymouth

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Decorated with a backstory that has all the ingredients of a Hallmark Christmas movie, a towering Plymouth Township pine tree moved from Detroit's suburbs to the heart of the city last week.

Destined for a date with a chainsaw anyway, due to its dangerously-too-close proximity to the Duffina family's Deer Creek subdivision home, a 60-foot-plus Norwegian spruce earned the one-in-a-million distinction of being selected as the first local tree to serve as the official downtown Detroit Christmas tree.

The special tree has historically been shipped in to the longtime Campus Martius Park site from a neighboring state — usually New York — by a company that finds downtown Christmas trees for Boston, New York City and Detroit.

Last year, a Cadillac-area Norwegian spruce was chosen as the first in-state hono(t)ree.

This year, the decision-makers at Downtown Detroit Partnership — the organization that orchestrates logistics for the annual holiday program — chose a tree with local roots, which was just fine with its former owners, Tonya and Curtis Duffina.

"Over the past five years or so, experts advised us to get the tree cut down because it was leaning into our house and the branches were scraping the windows," said Tonya, who along with husband Curtis owns the property the tree formerly graced. "They told us trimming it wouldn't work because it would look too awkward."

"We always thought the tree would make a perfect Christmas tree somewhere, so back in February, I Googled

'Campus Martius Christmas Tree' and called the number listed for the Downtown Detroit Partnership."

By chance, Duffina's call was answered by Heather Badrak, who was in charge of the 2018 Christmas tree's selection process.

Before Duffina knew it, a crew of DDP-hired tree experts was in her front yard inspecting the gigantic piece of greenery.

"From what I was told, a lot goes into the selection of the tree," Duffina said. "It has to be a minimum of 60 feet tall, it has to be a Norway spruce and it has to have the right shape."

Check, check and check.

"They came back multiple times to check on the tree and then, in August, we got the word that they had chosen our tree," Duffina said.

Over a two-day stretch last week, the tree was carefully bundled, cut down and loaded onto a flatbed truck.

"The other day, when we went downtown to see the tree standing in Campus Martius, people were coming up to us, thanking us for donating the tree," Duffina said. "We told them, 'No, thank you!' The entire experience has been such a blessing for us."

In a heart-warming subplot to the story, the man who built the Duffinas' home and planted the tree close to 30 years ago, contacted the family and told them he was considering attending the tree-lighting ceremony.

The ceremony will mark the 15th consecutive year the DDP has organized the event, which is expected to draw close to 40,000 people — including the Duffina family.

"We wouldn't miss it," Tonya said. "They even gave us VIP passes for the tree-lighting ceremony."

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Shannon Striebich (from left), president of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, cardiologist Dr. James Heinsimer and vascular surgeon Dr. Diego Hernandez stand in front of the portrait of Russell J. Ebeid located near the South Tower lobby entrance that was unveiled during the dedication ceremony.

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Charitable restaurant opening in former Fowlerville library

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A set of keys in hand, founders of a charitable program that trains people who are disabled in culinary arts and food safety skills are over the moon with excitement about taking ownership of their first permanent home.

Nonprofit Torch 180 purchased the former site of the Fowlerville District Library at 131 Mill Street in the village. The \$260,000 sale was finalized Nov. 7.

Torch 180 founders Rhonda Callanan and Sarah Ruddle are gearing up to use the 6,000-square-foot former library as a culinary training facility with a commercial kitchen, which will also double as a restaurant open to the public.

"We are going to open this up as a real restaurant," Ruddle said. "The students will run everything from hostesses to servers and prep cooks."

They hope to open next summer.

It all started with a food truck called The Torch.

They began serving free hot meals from the truck in 2014 and most customers leave them a donation for the food they take. As of this summer, about 2,100 free meals had been served from the truck.

"We really want to show that people with disabilities, they really are more able than disabled," Callanan said. "Our first class invented a sauce called 'awesome sauce' and the second class made a salsa we use in the food truck all the time."

The new restaurant and training facility will feature a retail area selling products like bottled sauces and salsas made by students.

In 2015, Callanan and Ruddle founded Torch 180 to help people with a variety of disabilities improve their employment skills by teaching them the basics of cooking, front of the house work and food safety.

Currently holding classes out of borrowed commercial kitchens, Torch 180 has been a remote and ever-moving program. It currently uses kitchens at Howell High School and Dansville High School and Middle School in Ingham County. It has also used other facilities, including Livingston Education Services Agency in Howell and First United Methodist Church in Brighton.

Over the years, Torch 180 has also donated free back to school supplies, haircuts and clothing to children in need.

Blessings

The group was able to pay for the former library building in cash it raised through fundraising over the years.

The founders are relieved to be mortgage-free. However, they still need to raise about \$150,000 to install a commercial-grade kitchen.

"Using other kitchens, that's been a blessing but also a struggle, because we had to share the spaces," Ruddle said.

Having a permanent location will allow the group to expand its program.

"We hope hundreds of students go through the program over the years," Callanan said.

She said about 55 students have participated in the program to date, some who are now working in the food industry. There are 17 high school students



Torch 180 students and founders (from left) Clayton Chenoweth, Sarah Ruddle, Alyxander Stokes and Rhonda Callanan pose during a culinary arts class for people who are disabled at the First United Methodist Church in Brighton. TORCH 180



Torch 180 founders Rhonda Callanan (left) and Sarah Ruddle stand behind what used to be the circulation desk at the Fowlerville District Library. It will be a coffee bar in the restaurant and training facility for people who are disabled they plan to open next summer. JENNIFER TIMAR | LIVINGSTON DAILY



Sarah Ruddle (left) and Rhonda Callanan pose by their food truck The Torch in this 2015 photograph. LIVINGSTON DAILY FILE PHOTO

and three middle school students currently enrolled in the training classes.

Students generally are ages 16-26. Classes are limited to 15 students each and there are currently three classes a week.

"Some older adults have asked and we'll have the potential to train them now that we have the new space," she said.

They also train students in what they call "soft skills," such as social etiquette and how to communicate personal needs to an employer.

"We are trying to help them figure out how to work around their disability and keep a job, like they can't have an outburst or if they need to sit down they can't just grab a chair and sit down in the middle of the room," Callanan said. "Sometimes, bosses don't know how to navigate that world and let them go."

Helping students to secure jobs is their ultimate goal.

"Our hope is to open it up for dinner and ask hiring managers to come and they might come in and see these people are great," Ruddle said.

She said running a restaurant open to

the public will also help students learn how to take constructive criticism, which she thinks is an invaluable life skill.

"It's hard when you've been bullied your whole life and we work with them on self-esteem, but we don't coddle them because the real world isn't going to coddle them and you have to learn how to work through things," she said.

The two founders know firsthand what it is like for people struggling with personal issues. Both Callanan and Ruddle have been homeless during their lives.

Callanan, who worked as an employment training specialist with the Livingston Educational Service Agency for more than 25 years, now devotes all of her time to Torch 180. She spent time couch surfing after leaving an abusive relationship.

Ruddle, a disabled U.S. Army veteran, worked in the restaurant industry for years and has a business degree. She found herself couch surfing after multiple shoulder surgeries impacted her ability to work and she was let go from a job and lost her workers' compensation.

Torch 180 will hold an open house during Fowlerville's Christmas in the 'Ville, a village-wide event Dec. 1. It will have the food truck parked outside and activities inside its new space.

New use, new asset

Fowlerville District Library Director Beth Lowe is excited another nonprofit is taking over the old library.

"We are thrilled that Torch 180 will be housed there," Lowe said. "With all of the good work they do through their food truck and now that they are going to put in a kitchen and train disabled individuals, it will be an excellent asset to the community, giving people work and training."

The library moved locations after purchasing the former Curtis Grocery store, a larger 17,000-square-foot space at 130 Grand Avenue, last year.

The Curtis family, which founded the grocery store in 1921 and passed it down through the generations, sold the building to the library for \$625,000.

The library reopened in its new space last June.

Inmates to receive free opioid treatment in Livingston jail

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Inmates in the Livingston County Jail now have the opportunity to receive Vivitrol, a monthly injectable opioid treatment, for free thanks to a partnership with Livingston County Community Mental Health and Alkermes, the drug company that produces Vivitrol.

Livingston County Sheriff Michael Murphy said there are currently 18 inmates involved with the new treatment with several others potentially joining the program.

He estimates nearly 33 percent of inmates has an opioid addiction. However as many as 90 percent of inmates have some sort of substance abuse issue.

The shots, which normally cost about \$1,000 each, are free to those in the program.

Unlike other addiction medication

such as Antabuse, Murphy said Vivitrol does not make the individual sick if they take the drug, but instead blocks the receptors in the brain.

"You can do heroin and there will be no effect," Murphy said.

He said the number of doses an individual receives depends on their unique treatment plan, but the county tries to start the treatment roughly 30 days before the inmate is released from jail to monitor any reactions.

According to Murphy, the response from both his officers and the inmates has been positive so far.

Connie Conklin, executive director of Community Mental Health, said the organization is dedicated to providing care to the inmates, not just while they are at the jail, but after they leave as well.

"We didn't want to just have it in the jail and nothing when they go back into the community," Conklin said.

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Samantha Donley, 8, of Pleasant Ridge looks down the sights of her crossbow while hunting with her father, Kevin Donley. KEVIN DONLEY

Drop in hunting poses crisis for state's wildlife funding

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Hunting — and, to a lesser extent, fishing — is on the decline in Michigan, with a particularly alarming drop in hunting that's only going to get steeper, as the baby boomers who have driven the sport for decades age and drop away.

This could pose a crisis in how Michigan funds its wildlife and habitat programs; have a huge, negative impact on the state's economy; and raises the specter of deer overpopulation, accompanying animal diseases and increases in car-deer accidents.

From a high of 785,000 deer hunters in 1998, the number of licenses sold for Michigan's firearm deer-hunting season last year was down to 621,000 — a nearly 21-percent decline. And those remaining hunters are graying, with most in their late 40s to late 60s, according to a demographic analysis conducted by Michigan Technological University. By 2035, projections are that the late-'90s rate will be cut by more than half.

That group of hunters will continue to decline and then reach a dramatic collapse as age forces them out of the woods almost collectively, with nothing near adequate replacement numbers behind them in younger generations.

That matters whether you love, loathe or are indifferent to hunting and fishing. License fees and surcharges on hunting and fishing gear purchases fund most of the wildlife management and habitat preservation and restoration work done by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. And hunting contributes \$2.3 billion annually to Michigan's economy and supports more than 34,000 jobs, according to the DNR.

"People who hunt and fish in this state have really paid for conservation in this state, over a very long time," DNR Director Keith Creagh said.

Michigan's highly lucrative hunt, for decades, has been driven by one population cohort: white, male baby boomers, said Richelle Winkler, an associate professor in Michigan Tech's Department of Social Sciences and author of the hunting demographics study.

"Those hunters, those people in that generation, have participated in hunting at very high rates throughout their whole life, compared to other generations," she said. "And there are a lot of them."



Kevin Donley readies to bow hunt in Jackson with his daughter, Samantha, 8, during the annual Michigan Youth Hunt. KEVIN DONLEY

Younger people are still getting outdoors — they're just not hunting. State park attendance and trail usage are at all-time highs, and activities such as bird-watching, paddleboarding and kayaking are soaring.

Looming in the demographic data on hunters is an upcoming wall — an age where the physical rigors of hunting lead to a near-complete dropout. Historically, it has been around age 70, the data shows. While passionate baby boomers are pushing that wall farther out, a point will come where they have to hang up the hunter's orange for good.

James Wandrie of Royal Oak has hunted for most of his 73 years and has no intention of stopping soon. But as he readied earlier this month to head north to Port Hope in the Thumb for a few days of bow-hunting before switching it up for the opening day of firearm deer season Nov. 15, he acknowledged that accommodations to his age are becoming required.

"I've got bad legs," he said. "I may have to get rid of my tree stand. I'll see how much problem I have getting up into it. If I have too much problem, I'll just hunt from the ground."

Wandrie is part of the demographic that has been the lifeblood of Michigan wildlife and ecological management: white, male, baby boomers who hunt and

Michigan's deer hunt

Hundreds of thousands of hunters from here and elsewhere will take to the Michigan woods at the start of Michigan's regular firearm deer season. Hunting contributes \$2.3 billion to the Michigan economy annually.

"Our Super Bowl is Nov. 15," opening day of the state's regular firearm deer season, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Director Keith Creagh said.

Michigan already held deer-hunting seasons for youth hunters and hunters with disabilities in late September and October. Remaining deer seasons:

■ Archery: Oct. 1 to Nov. 14 and Dec. 1 to Jan. 1, 2019

■ Regular firearm: Nov. 15-30

■ Muzzleloading: Zone 1 (Upper Peninsula): Dec. 7-16; Zone 2 (Northern Lower Peninsula): Dec. 7-16; Zone 3 (Southern Michigan): Dec. 7-23

■ Late antlerless firearm: Dec. 17 to Jan. 1, 2019

fish if not every year, most years.

While the DNR is expanding educational, social and mentoring opportunities to draw in younger hunters and women — a group that's actually on the rise from its near-nonexistent numbers of the past — the challenge to sufficiently replace the older hunters dropping out is difficult.

Branch County hunter Tony LaPratt has built a career out of creating optimal hunting grounds for others. His Ultimate Land Management company has improved conditions on the ground at 1,800 hunting camps in 38 U.S. states since the mid-1980s, he said.

"I come in and show them how to build buck beds, doe beds, fawning areas, make food plots more attractive to the deer," he said.

LaPratt, 57, increasingly notices a particular clientele.

"Who's hired me the most are grandpas," he said. "They are hiring me because their grandkids don't want to hunt with them, because they're not seeing any deer. In the old days, we would hunt for days to see deer. Now, everybody wants to see instant deer."

Kids can hunt. Do they want to?

Kevin Donley can relate. The 56-year-old from Pleasant Ridge grew up "a Detroit city boy with no understanding of hunting whatsoever, no exposure." A girlfriend's dad when Donley was in his 20s got him hooked. He now hunts deer, turkey and pheasants, and has bow-hunted other animals across the country, from bear to moose to mountain lion.

"It was a great way to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life," he said. "A chance to see hundreds of animals a year, being in nature, seeing it wake up, seeing it go to sleep."

Donley is now married with four children: three boys, ages 15, 13 and 11, and a 9-year-old daughter.

"They weren't born on a farm or had any knowledge of the woods, but they have a dad who's very into the

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outdoors," he said. "They grew up with me going on hunting trips."

Seeking to instill that love in his kids, Donley bought 80 acres with a hunting cabin in Jackson. He calls getting them into hunting "a work in progress."

"I grew up seeing this change — one or two generations removed from the field, the instant-gratification generation," he said. "They need constant stimuli. And then there's the anti-hunting push they hear, too."

Donley said he lets his kids bring their technology with them into the deer blind.

"I let them play their video games," he said. "And when there's a deer in the area, I give them a nudge."

The reaction of Donley's kids has been all over the board. His oldest boy has bagged two bucks and loves it, he said. His third-oldest son took a deer at age 8, but got grossed out seeing it gutted in the field. His youngest daughter took a shot at her first deer at age 7. "She mostly likes to wear the camo and get her face painted," Donley said.

Donley's second-oldest son, however, "after three years decided he'd rather go fishing," he said. And "he's in Fortnite world," referring to the wildly popular online video game.

The state of Michigan is trying to help. In 2012, it removed the minimum age to hunt, which had previously been 12 years old, to no lower age limit, provided the young hunter is with a mentor over age 21. Mentored youths under age 10 can get a combination spring and fall turkey license, deer and small game license, fur bearers trapping license, and fish for all species for only \$7.50. Those licenses would cost more than \$60 for an adult.

The emergence of the crossbow has also been a boost to youth hunting, Donley said. "There's no big bang; there's a scope on it," he said. "An adult can set the bow and hand it to them. It's very accurate."

Donley said he knows the story of the Michigan hunt's decline and the inescapable demographic wall looming out there for the largest group of hunters. But he remains optimistic that as younger people are exposed to hunting, "there's a chance we might not lose them."

"The young kids don't know where their food comes from," he said. "But as they get older, and more conscious about it, knowing that their (hunting-harvested) food doesn't have chemicals, preservatives, can have a real appeal. The whole farm-to-table translates well to field-to-table as well."

Baby boomers born to hunt

Who hunts in Michigan hasn't really evolved. It's the same group, over and over again.

"I think it's a combination of a lot of factors, that together created something like the perfect storm for white, male baby boomers to participate in hunting," Winkler said.

They may have grown up in more urban areas, but they were only one generation removed from rural life, she said. Their parents grew up on a farm and maybe their grandparents still lived on one, she said. They tended to have more extensive experience and comfort with firearms, their fathers and uncles serving in World War II and them perhaps serving in Vietnam or at least in military service before the draft ended in 1973.

They also had increased time for leisure and recreational activities, Winkler said.

"This was the first generation that had a pretty clear 40-hour work week, with vacation time built in," she said.

With fewer competing alternatives, getting out into nature was a particularly desired pastime and the baby boomers had more financial resources and fewer household demands than prior generations, Winkler said.

But that changed with later generations, whose interests and leisure possibilities expanded greatly.

"That traditional notion of masculinity associated with providing for the family, being an outdoors person, providing the food ... that culture of masculinity has changed," Winkler said.

Stopping the free fall

The DNR is putting significant effort into recruiting and retaining younger hunters, female hunters and families hunting together.

But at least one researcher questioned how far down that road the state should go.

While hunting and fishing may be on the decline, younger generations are still enjoying Michigan's outdoors. State park visits reached an all-time high last year, at more than 27 million visits, Creagh said. More than 1.1 million camping nights were spent in Michigan, second only to California, he said. And Michigan is a national leader in its ORV trails and rails-to-trails programs.

Nationally, 20 percent of Americans participate in bird-watching excursions. And paddle sports — stand-up paddleboards, canoes and kayaks — are among the fastest-growing sports in Michigan and nationally. The DNR, with partners, has established more than 3,000 miles of "water trails" in the state, promoted on the website www.michiganwatertrails.org.

Winkler, the Michigan Tech study author, said the DNR should not push too hard to try to create a new cohort of hunters like the baby boomers. It can't and won't happen again — the world has simply changed too much.

"I think they need to be a little more attentive to stakeholders outside of hunters and anglers, in terms of what their interests are, being sure we are able to provide opportunities," she said.

While that's happening, with heightened emphasis on park, camping and trail experiences, the DNR is also continuing to stop the free fall in hunting.

The DNR's Mi-Hunt website provides prospective hunters with detailed maps of public lands available for hunting. A hunters access program teams with private landowners to provide hunting opportunities for the public. An education program prepared for grade-



James Wandrie, 73, of Royal Oak outside of his apartment in Royal Oak. Wandrie, a longtime bow and firearm hunter, says he might not hunt from a tree stand anymore due to his legs getting worse. Wandrie looks forward to this time of year for the camaraderie of hunting with the same group of friends he has went with for 50 years. RYAN GARZA | DETROIT FREE PRESS

school teachers provides information on natural resources, wildlife management "and the role people who hunt and fish play," Creagh said.

The state Legislature in 2013 created the Michigan Wildlife Council, a nine-member board appointed by the governor consisting of hunters, anglers and representatives from agriculture, retail and advertising. Its mission: Get the word out to everyone how important to Michigan's ecology and economy hunting and fishing are. A \$1 surcharge on hunting and fishing licenses funds the effort.

Costs for resource and wildlife management that hunters once carried almost exclusively will likely be expanded to other users of state natural resources, Creagh said. And the DNR is increasingly looking to partner with other state agencies and private companies on projects that contain a desired natural resources outcome, he said.

"How do you share some of those costs, maximize multiple values and multiple uses?" he said. "Hunters like to use the trails to get into the woods, too."

Women hunt, too

Dawn Freeland remembers watching her father and brother heading out hunting, and asking to go herself.

"My dad would say, 'It's not for girls — go see what your mom is doing in the kitchen.' That type of thing," she said.

Freeland ultimately didn't take that now politically incorrect advice. The 55-year-old resident of Bailey in Muskegon County is the purveyor of the Women Hunt Too Facebook page, which has more than 320,000 followers. Then there's her womenhunttoo.com, womenfishtoo.com and womenscamptoo.com web pages, featuring blogs, events, recipes and merchandise.

She's part of the one group of hunters in Michigan that's on the rise: women. From about 65,000 female deer hunters in 2013, that number is expected to grow to 100,000 female hunters by 2035, according to the Michigan Tech demographic study.

The same holds true for fishing in Michigan. While male-dominated fishing is expected to decline from 707,000 licensed anglers in 2014 to fewer than 650,000 by 2035, female anglers' numbers are expected to rise slightly over that time period, from 180,000 to nearly 200,000.

"Hunting for women 50 years ago was pretty non-existent," Winkler said. "It's an increasingly popular activity with younger generations of women. They are making up right now for some percentage of that decline, but their numbers aren't big enough to make up for those declining numbers of male hunters."

Freeland said her popular page grew organically from her own enthusiastic Facebook posts about hunting.

"I couldn't find anybody out there who was like me," she said. "It was rare to find another woman who loved outdoor things as much as I did. To find that certain niche (on social media) — 'There are women out there like that!'"

Freeland and her future husband met in high school and he was an avid hunter, just like her father and brother. He'd take her along into the woods, but she'd usually bring along a book.

"I was curious, but didn't quite get it," she said.

Then she looked up from her book one trip, saw a doe and fawn moving over a fresh blanket of snow in front of her, a backdrop of trees and pines.

"It was like one of those moments in time off a calendar or something," she said. "I thought, 'Oh, wow. This is gorgeous. This is amazing.'"

As firearm deer season ended, she asked her husband what season came next. From muzzle-loading to spring turkeys and from then on, she was hooked.

Having grown up on a farm and around the men in her family hunting, the killing and dressing of a harvested animal didn't deter Freeland.

"Women like being self-sufficient, knowing they can feed their family if they have to," she said. "It's a bonus that it's healthy meat. That concerns a lot of

people right now with hormones, antibiotics. Organic is all the rage right now. You can't get more organic than that."

Freeland has exhibits at hunting expos and shows and does about 40 radio interviews a year.

Her advice to prospective women hunters: Start with a hunter safety course.

"They will help you on what to do, what not to do, where to go," she said.

Agencies such as the DNR and sporting goods stores such as Cabela's often offer low-cost or free hunting and fishing classes, she said. And Google and YouTube have tons of tips as well.

"Just get out there and enjoy the nature you're missing," she said. "Hunting, fishing, camping, just taking a walk down your cul-de-sac."

An uncertain future

Sixteen counties in southern Michigan have movement restrictions and testing requirements on harvested deer because of chronic wasting disease, or CWD, a fatal nervous system disease found in deer, moose, and elk, that has been found in wild deer in the area.

Jackson County, where Donley hunts, was added to the list this year. "They are giving us 10 doe permits per person, so they clearly want us to manage that herd," he said.

But as hunting dwindles, how many deer can remaining hunters be expected to kill? Donley said programs such as Hunt.Fish.Feed can be expanded, providing harvested game to kitchens helping hungry and homeless people in urban areas, including Detroit.

For years, Huron-Clinton Metroparks has kept its deer herds under control through culling, paying professional sharpshooters to kill as many deer as deemed necessary for population control. Could that be coming to suburban areas looking to reduce car-deer accidents, when low hunting numbers no longer do the job? Or to areas where CWD or bovine tuberculosis are spreading in a too-large deer herd?

"Bringing in a bunch of professional snipers and just eliminate the deer. ... It could end up that way, but that would be sad," Donley said. "Then we would really be disconnected from the outdoor world."

Creagh is determined to see Michigan never gets to that point.

"I have great confidence in the people who hunt in this state," he said.

But as the users of the state's natural resources shift from hunting and fishing to other recreational activities, DNR policy-making remains dominated by hunting and fishing baby boomers, Winkler said.

"It's funny for me personally to go to these Natural Resources Commission meetings and I'm the only one in the room who doesn't work for the DNR, who is under age 60 and female," she said.

While women and people of color participate in fishing in particular, "you don't see them represented in the big fishing clubs that have an ear with the DNR," Winkler said. "They're not very well represented in decision-making. The DNR could do a better job integrating those people into the process."

Creagh didn't disagree and cited efforts such as the DNR's Michigan Outdoor Adventure Center in downtown Detroit, plus fish stocking and spawning habitat restoration on the Detroit River, where many people of color fish and recreate.

"The whole conversation about the riverfront, connectivity, Belle Isle, the Outdoor Adventure Center, that's all about trying to get people comfortable with the outdoors," Creagh said.

Wandrie, for his part, teaches hunter's education to young people.

"We do have some children that really don't want to be there," he said. "But their fathers or grandfathers are hunters, and they say, 'You need to get the training, because somewhere down the line, the hunting may kick in for them.'"



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Worthy to hold town hall

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy will hold a town hall meeting 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. There will be a brief presentation by Worthy on the following topics: how the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office operates, school threats, domestic violence, body worn cameras, sexual assault kits, home invasions and the newly formed Business Protection Unit.

After the presentation, the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions. Light refreshments will be served, and the last half-hour will be reserved for attendees to meet with Worthy.

Light Up the Night

The city of Novi will host its annual Light up the Night celebration 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at the Novi Civic Center. Mayor Bob Gatt and a special visitor from the North Pole will light the holiday tree at 6:15 p.m. with fireworks starting promptly after (weather permitting).

The event will also include a craft bazaar, kids crafts and activities, family games, s'mores, a petting farm, reindeer, train rides and live entertainment on indoor and outdoor stages. A variety of food trucks will have items available for purchase.

Parking will be available at the Novi Civic Center, Novi High School 10 Mile Road lot, Novi Public Library and Faith Community Presbyterian Church, across the street from the Novi Civic Center.

Opportunities to be involved in the event are still available. Interested businesses can contact Cristin Spiller, recreation supervisor, at 248-347-0474 or cspillar@cityofnovi.org.

Warren Miller's 'Face of Winter'

Warren Miller Entertainment will present the 69th installment of its ski and snowboard film, "Face of Winter," with a special showing at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville. Film attendees will enjoy lift ticket and gear savings from Warren Miller resort, retail and other brand partners. All moviegoers will be entered to win prizes like swag and ski vacations.

For more information, go to warrenmiller.com.

VFAA exhibit at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, exhibits its member artwork in the library Community Room. Through the end of November, the exhibit will feature pastel and oil paintings by multi-award winning artist Patricia Bombach.

This free exhibit will be displayed during regular library hours (9:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday) unless the room is hosting another event. For more information, go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

NHS pancake breakfast

The Northville High School 2018-19 boys and girls basketball teams will host a Meet the Teams pancake breakfast 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Northville High School cafeteria, 45700 Six Mile Road. Northville Parks and Recreation youth basketball games will be staged in the main gym throughout the morning.

The event, open to the public, features a pancake eating challenge beginning at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Cougar Cabaret event

The music programs of South Lyon East High School will host their annual Cougar Cabaret 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Centennial Middle School Cafeteria, 62500 Nine Mile Road, in South Lyon. The event will include a spaghetti dinner (served 4-7 p.m.), music, raffles, a bake sale and local businesses on-site for Christmas shopping.

Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under and can be purchased at <http://www.slehsougarcabaret.weebly.com>. At the door, prices are \$12 and \$6.

Holiday season tribute

Northville's Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, will present a holiday season tribute featuring Gary Sacco as Frank Sinatra and Matt King as Elvis at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Tickets are \$25 and are available at 248-349-8110, from the Marquis Theatre box office or at the door. Senior and group discounts are available. For more information, go to www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Veterans clothing drive

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce Street, in Milford is having a winter clothing drive of new/gently used items for both men and women. It will also accept shoes, boots, outdoor wear and small sized toiletries. Clothing must be in good condition. Items collected will go to homeless veterans.

The drive runs through Saturday, Dec. 1. Donations may be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and each Sunday morning. Call 248-684-0495 in advance during the week before dropping off items.

Visit with Santa

Fisk Farm, 9180 Highland Road, in White Lake will be hosting visits with Santa from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1-2. The school, farmhouse and carriage house are decorated for the season. Enjoy refreshments and music in the farmhouse. New this year: Santa will be telling a story to the little ones at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day.

Everything is free, compliments of the White Lake Historical Society. For more information, go to hsmichigan.org/whitelake or email WhiteLakeHistoricalSociety@gmail.com.

Whoville 5K

Gazelle Sports will present the Whoville 5K, an untimed, themed, family-friendly fun run/walk and holiday celebration where participants dress to impress as favorite Dr. Seuss characters, at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, starting at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. The event includes a family-friendly 5K run/walk, a kid's mini fun run, costume prizes, photos with Santa and hot cocoa and holiday sweet treats for all. All participants also receive a Whoville T-shirt and finisher medal.

Registration is open at Whoville5K.com. Cost is \$37.50 for 5K run/walk and \$15 for kids fun run (ages 3-11). Children that are registered for the Run/Walk also can partake in the Kids Fun Run. Proceeds benefit Northville High School track and field and the Gazelle Sports Foundation.

Novi Choralaires concerts

The Novi Choralaires vocal group has scheduled two holiday concerts for this season: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook, in Novi and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, in Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children under age 12, as well as for groups of 10 or more, and will be available at the door. For more information, go to www.novichoralaires.org.

VFAA holiday events

The Village Fine Arts Association will host a series of holiday events this season.

The first is a benefit concert 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, featuring Dave Boutette and Kristi Lynn Davis of Escaping Pavement, Peter "Madcat" Ruth, Syd Burnham and Tim Burnham, Derek Daniel, John Latini and students from the Michigan Rock School in Milford at the Suzanne Haskew Art Center, 125 S. Main Street, Suite 700. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for VFAA and REB Mug Club members) or \$30 for a family and can be purchased at the SHAC, at River's Edge Brewery and at Main Street Art or at the door.

The VFAA will host an artists bazaar 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, featuring a variety of locally created art, painted ornaments, unique Christmas gifts and more, also at the SHAC. The sale is in conjunction with the Repeal of Prohibition Party at the River's Edge.

Lastly, the VFAA will host an artists reception 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, for the Gifts of Art show and sale at the SHAC. Finger food and refreshments will be provided. Admission is free, but donations are welcomed.

Proceeds will support the nonprofit VFAA and creative programs at the SHAC. For more information, call 248-797-3060.

Detroit Lutheran Singers concert

The Detroit Lutheran Singers group will present Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" during a concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Road, in Milford. This collection of Christmas music is based on old English carols and is accompanied by a harp. In addition, there will be wonderful arrangements of traditional songs of the season and the audience will be invited to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Visits with Santa

Santa will be at the Village Center Mall, 400 N. Main Street, in Milford from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday until Dec. 22, as well as 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6 and 13, and Friday, Dec. 21. Bring your own camera as a professional photographer will not be provided.

Northville Newcomers & Neighbors party

The Northville Newcomers & Neighbors club will host a holiday dinner dance 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive. Tickets are \$50 for members and spouses, \$60 for guests.

Make checks payable to NNN and send to: Claudia Snyder, 17945 Stonebrook Court, Northville, MI 48168. Seating is limited. RSVP and entrée choice are due Nov. 26. Please organize your tables of eight or let us seat you with new friends.

For more information, email Patt.Doyle@yahoo.com or grandmaabba@gmail.com.

Square dancing at VFW

The VFW Hall, 125 E. McHattie, in South Lyon will host a traditional American square dance 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. The event is open to the public, no experience necessary. Couples, singles or families (kids ages 9 and up with parents). All dances taught first.

Entrance fee is a \$5 per person donation to the VFW. For more information, go to <http://squaredance.michigan.tripod.com/southlyon.html>.

Cookie and candy sale

The Milford United Methodist Church, 1200 Atlantic, will host a cookie and candy sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 8. Proceeds help missions (local and worldwide) of the United Methodist Women.

'Nutcracker' at W.L. Western

Wixom's Academy of Russian Classical Ballet will host a performance of "The Nutcracker" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Walled Lake Western High School theater, 600 Beck Road, in Commerce Township. The show will feature a cast of local ballet students, joined by international professional ballet dancers as guest artists.

Tickets are available at www.tututix.com/ARCB. For more information, go to www.russianclassicalballet.com.

Supper with Santa

Santa Claus will join forces with the South Lyon High School jazz band to benefit Active Faith and the South Lyon Band Program at Supper With Santa, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette Road.

The event will feature a mostaccioli dinner and holiday music. There will also be games, crafts, prizes, dessert and a visit with Santa Claus.

Tickets are available at the door; a family of four is \$20, adults are \$7 and children ages 3-12 are \$5. Under age 3 are free. All proceeds will benefit Active Faith and the South Lyon High School band program. Donations of non-perishable food items will also be accepted at the door for Active Faith. This event is open to host holiday parties for Cub Scout, Brownies or other clubs simply by registering your group by email at agneb@SLCS.us.

Animal shelter donation drive

Provident Dentistry, 40105 W. Grand River Avenue, in Novi is hosting a holiday donation drive benefiting the Oakland County Animal Shelter. Donations will be accepted at the office through Friday, Dec. 14.

Items in need include towels and blankets, leashes and collars, canned cat food, cat litter and pans, bound carpet samples, pet carriers, pet toys/treats/food and food dishes.

For more information, call 248-471-0345 or go to www.providentdentistry.com.

Northville Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host an exhibit titled TransFORM: Contemporary Artworks in Ceramics, Glass and Metal, featuring the innovative expressions of metro Detroit artists Herb Babcock, John Beckman, Pamela Day, Ray Katz, John Albert Murphy and Ann Smith, through Dec. 15.

The exhibition is open during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. The Art House will be closed Wednesday through Saturday, Nov. 21-24, for Thanksgiving.

For more information, go to www.northvillearthouse.org.

New exhibit at HVCA

Four award-winning photographers are featured in Huron Valley Council for the Arts' last exhibit of the year in the gallery exhibition and sale, H20: An Exhibition of Fine Art Photography, at HVCA, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland. There is no admission fee.

Featured artists are Jerold Hale, Sylvia Ford, Lucinda Huff and Amy Lockard. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, through Dec. 22. For more information, go to www.huronvalleyarts.org or call 248-889-8660.

'Comedy of Tenors' at Tipping Point

Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville is producing Ken Ludwig's "A Comedy of Tenors" Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 29 through Dec. 2, Dec. 6-9, 13-16 and 20-23. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. There is also a performance scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12.

For more information, go to <https://www.tippingpointtheatre.com/tenors>.

'Tinkerbell' at Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville will present "Tinkerbell Visits Storyland" throughout the months of November, December and January. Show times are 2:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through Jan. 27, with weekday special performances scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 26-28.

Tickets for all performances are \$9. No children under age 3. Group rates and reserved seating are available for groups of 20 or more. For more information, call 248-349-8110, email marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net or go to www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

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Adding to 'Legacy' one final time is thrill for stars

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For many high school football players, the book on their prep careers officially closed with Saturday's round of championship games at Ford Field in Detroit.

But a select group of players from around the state had a unique chance to add to their story — playing Sunday afternoon in the second annual Legacy Football High School Senior All-Star Game.

"I'm just happy that I was out here, it was a good experience," Novi wide receiver Drew O'Connor said. "There were

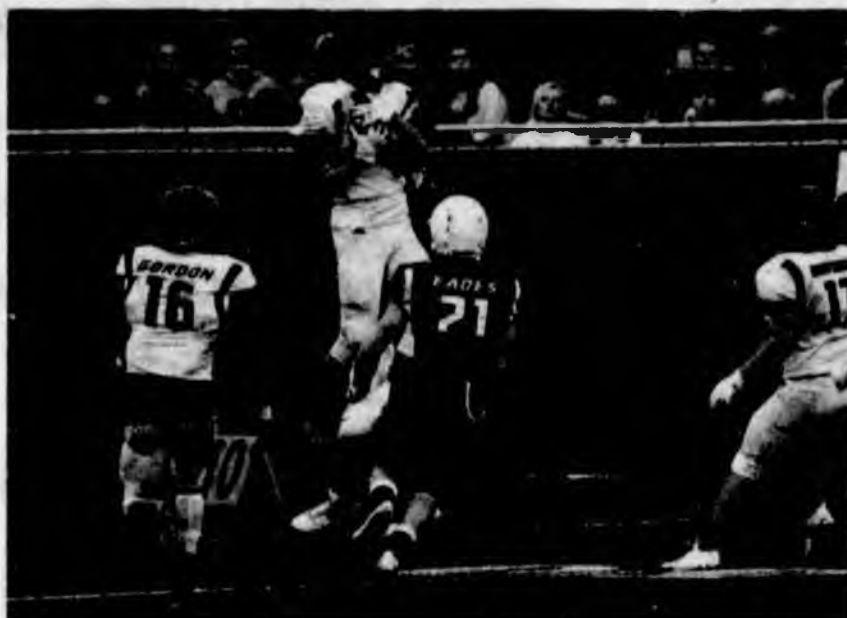
a lot of coaches out here, great experience for everybody."

A capacity crowd of about 1,300 jammed the Legacy Center Sports Complex in Brighton. Most watched from bleachers or mezzanine porches, looking down onto the field.

Numerous college scouts and coaches stood on the sidelines, jotting feverishly into notebooks or making plenty of mental notes.

When the game (broadcast live on Fox Sports Detroit) was over, with Team Legacy prevailing 12-6 over Team Legends, it was time for family and friends to join the players on the turf one final

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Brighton's Jack Krause jumps up to secure an interception for Team Legends in the closing minutes of the all-star game at Legacy Center Sports Complex. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

BOYS HOCKEY

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Stevenson's Austin Adamic (left) collides with Churchill's Jack Boyk during the KLAA East Division game. THOMAS BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Stevenson spoils Churchill's ceremony as Hillebrand, Heard both score twice

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Livonia Churchill celebrated its Division 3 state runner-up finish from a year ago with a pregame banner-raising ceremony Nov. 21 at Eddie Edgar Arena.

But it was Livonia Stevenson that put in a banner performance Thanksgiving eve as the Spartans got two goals during the first period from Adam Hillebrand and two more from Brenden Heard in the second en route to a 5-0 KLAA East Division boys hockey triumph.

Stevenson certainly made some strides coming off a season-opening 4-0 loss Nov. 16 to Birmingham Brother Rice.

"We had a relentless effort today," Hillebrand said. "The Brother Rice game ... it was kind of slow, we were kind of getting used to it. We had to reset, just come back with a relentless effort and a lot of aggression ... it was a full team effort against Churchill."

Hillebrand scored what proved to be the game-winner at 4:23 of the opening

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Adam Hillebrand
Stevenson senior

period on a tip-in, assisted by Adam Heard and Jaron Anderson. He also redirected a shot from the point to make it 2-0 at 11:58, from Austin Adamic and Ayden Adamic.

"The first one we had a nice set-up in the offensive zone, we were working it around ... relentless effort and got it back to the 'D,' took a nice shot from the point and I was there to bury the rebound," said Hillebrand, a second-year varsity senior. "The second one was another shot from the point where we were working it around well and I just got my stick on it. Nice tip and lucky it went in."

Stevenson padded its lead in the second period, when Brenden Heard, the sophomore, scored short-handed at 1:24 from Adam Heard, the freshman, and Josh Suzio.

Brenden Heard scored again at 11:31, with Suzio and Ian Kimble assisting, followed by Anderson's tip-in goal from Austin Adamic and Adam Heard at 15:18 to give the Spartans a five-goal cushion.

"They were putting pucks in the way we wanted to put pucks in," Churchill coach Jason Reynolds said. "Unfortunately, we didn't produce the opportunities to do that. We need to tighten up a little bit in our zone, make sure we're paying attention to the details. That's something that's going to come with time."

Stevenson was missing five players in the lineup, three due to injury and two others to disciplinary suspensions. The Spartans came ready to play as they outshot Churchill, 30-6.

"We're definitely growing, it's a

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wayne Memorial loads up for KLAA race

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Even with his star guard Camrèe Clegg having graduated and off to Clemson University, the proverbial cupboard is far from bare for Wayne Memorial girls basketball coach Jarvis Mitchell heading into the 2018-19 season.

Led by 5-foot-11 senior guard Jeanae Terry, the fifth-year coach returns just about everybody else from a squad that finished 22-5 and reached the Class A state semifinals before losing to East Lansing, 60-52.

Terry, who signed recently with Illinois, averaged 17 points, 7.0 rebounds and 5.8 assists last year for the Zebras, who also captured the KLAA Black Division and defeated KLAA Gold champ Howell for Association title.

Although Mississippi State signee Rickea Jackson of Detroit Edison is the favorite to win Miss Basketball this season, Terry will also get plenty of consideration for the coveted honor.

"She's actually matured into her own now," Mitchell said. "Right now, some publications have her the second best player in the state, but all around, I just think the kid has just figured it out now where there's a strong argument for her now that she is the best player in the state as far as passing, rebounding, shooting, scoring and defending. You can make a strong case of being the best player in the state."

The 5-foot-11 Terry, who verbally committed to the Fighting Illini on her 17th birthday Oct. 11, also had offers from Miami (Fla.), Rutgers, Texas

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Wayne Memorial senior guard Jeanae Terry (with ball) has signed with Illinois and is ranked one of the top girls basketball players in the state. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

KLAA

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Tech, Florida, Purdue and Ole Miss.

"The big reason I chose Illinois was the genuine love I was shown from day one and the family atmosphere is amazing down there," Terry said in a recent Illinois women's basketball release. "Coach (Nancy) Fahey is an incredible coach and Illinois felt like a home away from home."

Fahey believes Terry brings many intangibles to the table.

"She is a high-energy guard with a high basketball I.Q. Jeanae has a great vision and the ability to play at a fast pace, which will fit perfectly into the style we look to play," Fahey said. "Her passion and enthusiasm for the game are contagious and we believe she will be a great addition to our program."

Terry, ranked the No. 18 guard nationally by ESPN Hoopgurlz, will have plenty of help this season as the Zebras return nine other players from a year ago, including three other starters — Jayah Hicks, a 6-0 senior forward who has signed with NCAA Division I program South Carolina State; Sammiyah Hoskin, a 5-10 senior guard; and Jasmine Elder, a 6-0 senior forward.

The Zebras don't open their season until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at home against Williamston before taking on Chicago power Whitney Young in the Edison Holiday Classic at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, in Detroit.

Mitchell, however, has already settled on Clegg's replacement at the point guard position, with 5-7 Jordan Wright, a ninth-grader, ready to fill the void for the Miss Basketball runner-up.

"I'm sticking in a freshman in there," Mitchell said. "She's very, very talented. She's not Camr  , but she's really, really good."

In the newly configured eight-school KLAA East Division, Wayne could get a push from rival Westland John Glenn, which must replace its top two scorers in Sharon Woodard and Carley Loving (both at Schoolcraft College) to graduation.

"We have a very young team, but I think we are going to be a fast team," sixth-year Glenn coach Derrick Jordan said. "We have athleticism in most of our positions, we just have to continue to work hard and continue to increase our experience, being that we are so young. I expect our defense to be something that we thrive on, hopefully leading to some easy points being scored."

Also competing in the KLAA East will be Class A district champion Dearborn Fordson (21-3), Livonia Churchill (7-14), Livonia Franklin (3-18), Livonia Stevenson (5-14), Dearborn (14-8) and Belleville (16-8), which reached the regional final before losing to Wayne, 66-36.

Senior guard Maria Targosz and senior center Mary Claire Yost, will lead Churchill, while Stevenson must find a way to replace 3-point sharpshooter Sarah Tanderys, who graduated. Second-year Franklin coach John Santi also expects vast improvement after going 3-18 in his inaugural season.

The KLAA West, meanwhile, should be very competitive, with state quarterfinalist and district champion Hartland (16-8) leading the way, along with Howell (17-4), paced by 6-3 junior center Whitney Sollom, district champion Northville (14-9), Novi (14-9), Plymouth (13-9), Brighton (14-7), Canton (9-12) and Salem (6-15).

Novi must replace the school's all-time leading scorer in Ellie Mackay (Michigan Tech), while Northville will be led by 6-3 junior center Morgan Thompson, who has an offer from Wayne State, and 5-7 senior guard Ellie Thallman.

Plymouth will be sparked by Sydney McCaig, who plays guard and forward.

"She had a really good summer," Plymouth coach Ryan Ballard said. "Her confidence is at an all-time high and I expect her to be great in her junior season. She is just so skilled and can beat you in so many ways on the offensive end. Defensively, she took 14 charges last year, so she's tough as well."

Lauren Evans, who served as an assistant six years under Brian Samulski at Canton and the past two years as the Salem JV coach under Dan Young, takes over the Salem varsity program. She returns six seniors, along with promising freshman point guard in Marissa Henry.

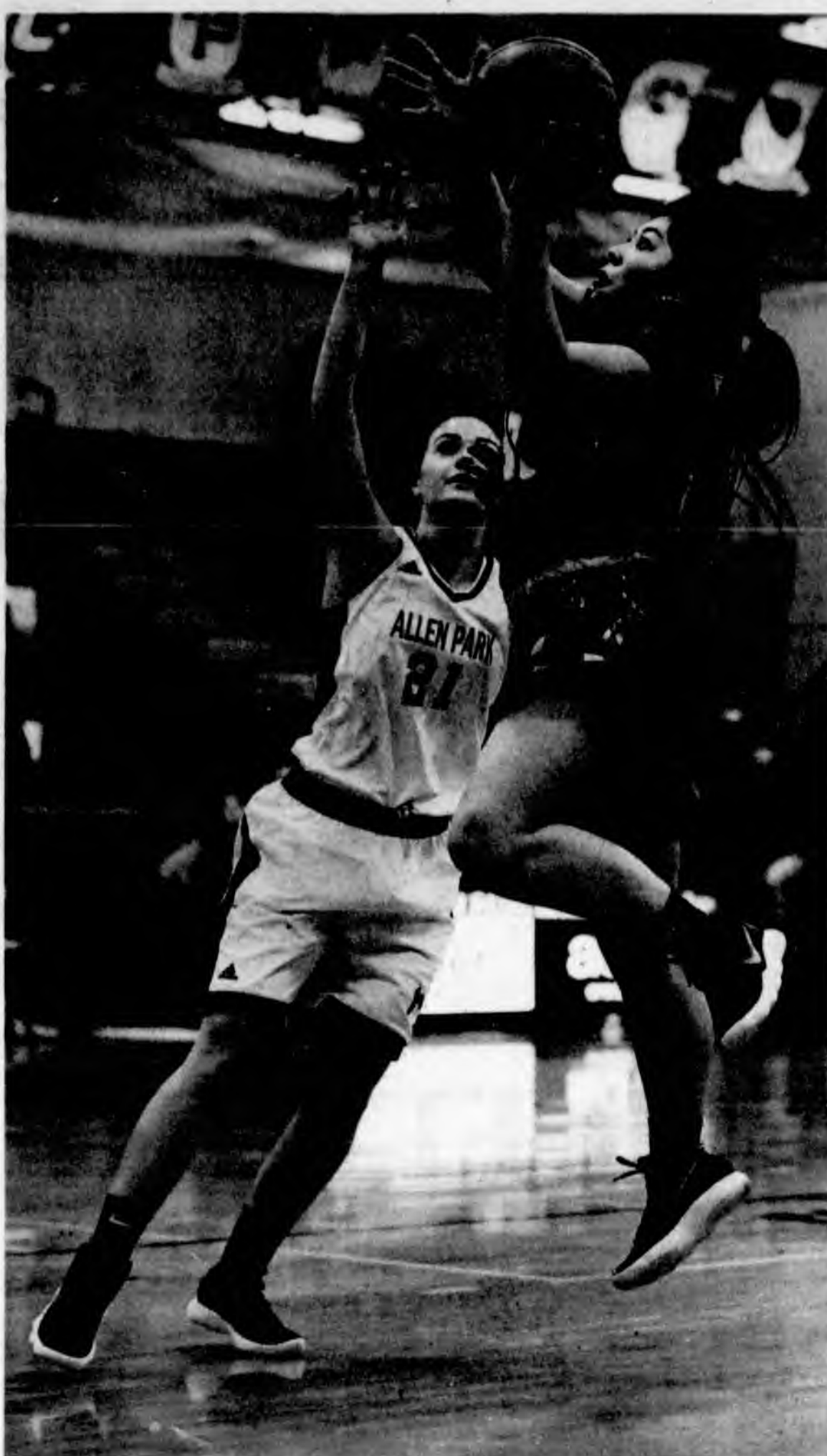
Fourth-year Canton coach Rob Heitmeyer, meanwhile, will bank on senior guards Carly Schwinke and Riley Spalding to lead the way.

Here is a capsule outlook of the Hometownlife.com-area girls basketball teams in the KLAA.

East Division

Wayne Memorial

Head coach: Jarvis Mitchell, fifth



Plymouth returns junior guard Sydney McCaig this season. MICHAEL VASILNEK

season.

Last year's record: 22-5.

Titles won last year: KLAA Black Division, KLAA Association, Class A district and regional.

Top players to watch: Jeanae Terry, 5-11 Sr. G; Jayah Hicks, 6-0 SF; Sammiyah Hoskin, 5-10 Sr. G; Jasmine Elder, 6-0 Sr. F; Alanna Micheaux, 6-2 Soph. C; Gloria Jarvis, 5-6 Jr. G; Kayla Gray, 6-2 Jr. C; Lichail Gaines, 5-9 Sr. F; Makailah Griggs-Ziegler, 6-0 Jr. SF; Jordan Wright, 5-7 Fr. PG.

Mitchell's season outlook: "What concerns me is discipline. It was the very thing that haunted us last year ... just discipline and the attention to detail. The funny thing about coaching girls basketball is you can have one of the top teams in the state in the first quarter, and in the second quarter you can have the worst team in the state. It's all emotion."

Westland John Glenn

Head coach: Derrick Jordan, sixth season.

Last year's record: 8-12.

Top players to watch: Jasmine Edwards, 5-11 Jr. G-F; India Grissom, 5-6 Soph. G; Taylor Watkins-Johnson, 5-5 Soph. G.

Jordan's season outlook: "I'm looking for our team to compete in each game that we play leading to us being at our best when the state tournament starts. This year will be a special year because of the youth that's in the program. There will be a lot of young players taking on leadership responsibilities on this team which I believe will only make them better as the year goes on. I'm extremely excited to continue my coaching here at John Glenn and having the opportunity to coach and mentor these kids that represent our community. This team is starting the season with an team grade-point average of 3.58 and we are proud of that and will continue to try to increase that as well."

Livonia Churchill

Head coach: K'Len Morris, fourth season.

Last year's record: 7-14.

Top players to watch: Maria Targosz, 5-7 Sr. G, Mary Claire Yost, 6-0 Sr. F, Kayla Osen, 5-6 Jr. PG; Rachael Klisz, Sr.; Abby Daoust, Sr.; Kayla Osen, Jr.; Nasya Thomas, Soph.; Molly Behan, Soph.; Katie Heston, Fr.

Morris's season outlook: "Maria (Targosz) and Mary Claire (Yost) will be the two that set the tone for us this year after really growing as players and as

leaders this summer. After watching those two grow over the last four years as players and leaders, I'm really excited to see how they lead this group. They have some good, hard working players around them and I am confident that they will lead this group to a successful season."

Livonia Franklin

Head coach: John Santi, second season.

Last year's record: 3-18.

Top players to watch: Hannah Strasser, 5-7 Sr. F; Kelly Peyton, 5-8 Jr. F; Hunter Conway, 5-7 Soph. G; Erin Young, 5-9 Fr. F.

Santi's season outlook: "I expect us to be improved over last season. How much depends on how we guard, handle pressure, apply pressure and rebound. We have a good mix of returning veterans and youth. Our goal is to get a little better each day. Effort-wise, I like what I've seen so far, but there is a lot of work to be done."

Livonia Stevenson

Head coach: Karen Anger, third season.

Last year's record: 5-14.

Top players to watch: Josie Piergentili, 5-4 Jr. PG; Kimmy Freed, 5-10 Sr. G; Keira Callison, 5-8 Sr. F; Tara Bourdage, 5-7 Jr. G.

Anger's season outlook: "This season we will be looking to capitalize on our experience. I only have three that didn't play for me last year and some of those on roster are three-year vets. Our schedule last year playing some of the top teams and girls in the state has helped us grow and some big teaching moments came out of that for both my girls and myself. This season with our new league, you truly can't rule any team out and I am looking forward to seeing what this group can do. We relied a lot on Sarah Tanderys in the past for a shooting presence, but this group has shown each other and themselves that they can put those shots up, too. We are all excited to get this season going."

West Division

Canton

Head coach: Rob Heitmeyer, fourth season.

Last year's record: 9-12.

Top players to watch: Carly Schwinke, 5-6 Sr. G; Riley Spalding, 5-5 Sr. G; Katie Currie, Jr.; Nina Pacheco, Jr.;

Lexi Villarini, Jr.; Noel Blain, Soph.; Alexis Bello, Soph.; Alex Bohn, Soph.; Kate Burns, Soph.; Emerson Kilgore, Soph.; Emma Morrison, Soph.

Heitmeyer's season outlook: "Both Schwinke and Spalding display a tremendous amount of grit and determination and will be counted on to provided leadership to a young, but well-balanced team. With three juniors and six sophomores rounding out the 11-person roster, the young Chiefs are expected to improve steadily throughout the season. As a group, they are very coachable and display a healthy blend of athleticism and determination. The team has a nice blend of height, strength and speed with all of players being multi-sport athletes. Defense will be this teams calling card. From top to bottom, our division is one of the most competitive in the state."

Plymouth

Head coach: Ryan Ballard, fourth season.

Last year's record: 13-9.

Top players to watch: Sydney McCaig, Jr. G-F; Kyra Brandon, Soph. PG; Sophie Zelek, Jr. G; Becca Przybylo, Sr. F; Kendall LaFlair, Jr. F; Angela Schmidt, Jr. G.

Ballard's season outlook: "Our kids have a 'Kaizen' mentality this season. It's all about continuous improvement. Every day our kids are striving to get better and better. All we can do is control what we can control and outwork yesterday. We need to be great teammates, love each other, play for each other and everything else will take care of itself."

Salem

Head coach: Lauren Evans, first season.

Last year's record: 6-15.

Top players to watch: Jenna Sydowski, 5-7 Sr. F; Lyniah Wilson, 5-8 Sr. F; Jaclyn Deprez, 5-9 Sr. G-F; Emma Streiter, 5-4 Sr. PG; Kyle Pamplona, 5-8 Sr. F; Natalia Lewandowski, 6-3 Sr. C; Mattison Joyner, 5-7 Soph. G; Makela Harris, 5-8 Soph. G-F; Marissa Henry, 5-4 Fr. PG; Laila Newton, Soph. G; Maddie Diton, Jr. F; Kiernan Schaefer, Jr. F.

Evans's season outlook: "This team ... we work hard every day in practice. We've competed well ... I'm looking for this team to compete every day in practice and in games. I'm hoping that we are an athletic team who is in every quarter of every game. I'm really looking for our team to be a defensive team, hopefully scoring in transition a little bit, and being able to work together offensively."

Northville

Head coach: Todd Gudith, 11th season.

Last year's record: 14-9.

Titles won last year: Class A district.

Top players to watch: Ellie Thallman, 5-7 Jr. G; Morgan Thompson, 6-3 Jr. C; Lauren Marshall, 5-5 Jr. G; Jenna Lauderback, Sr. G; Sophia Jeromsky, Soph. G; Avery Tolstyka, Soph. G; Julia Straky, Sr. G; Nicole Martin, Sr. C; Juliana Imbuzeiro, Fr.; Emily Marnocha, Fr.; Abby Sobutka, Soph.

Gudith's season outlook: "We graduated six seniors, five of which were three-and-four-year varsity players that led us to a district championship. We will have to try to replace not only the production they provided on the court, but also their leadership. We will also have to do this without one of our top returners in junior point-guard Tara Beason, who suffered a knee injury late in the summer and is out for the season. We have a good mix of returning players and youth. Our biggest issue is team chemistry and getting our kids to gel together. We've been blessed over the past three seasons to have the bulk of our team returning and haven't had to deal much with team chemistry. We have to get our newcomers up to speed with our concepts."

Novi

Head coach: C.J. Aro, second season.

Last year's record: 14-9.

Top players to watch: Jenna Daschke, Jr. PG; Anna Bieberstein, Sr. F; Emalee Lowes, Sr. F; Lauryn Burgess, Sr. G.

Aro's season outlook: "We return about 20 percent of our scoring. We are young-ish and we have a very daunting schedule in non conference (Okemos, Royal Oak, Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central). We have five returning players with varsity experience and we will lean on them to teach the young kids how hard we need to play to compete. I am going into the season with an open mind and with a lot of question marks. It should be an interesting and hopefully exciting season."

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Hockey

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process," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "It was better energy, better hockey game than our first one out. Pretty happy with the effort. And Churchill, with the run they had last year and being such a well-coached hockey team, so we knew we were going to have our hands full. So to get a win in a rivalry game like this we're happy."

Stevenson gave up only six shots on goal as starting goaltender Eric Polzin, who worked the first two periods, and backup Jonah Heath, who played the third, had a pretty uneventful night in combining for the shutout.

"That was our focus," Mitchell said. "We thought we gave up too much the other night and we have to get back to the foundation of what we do, which is on the back end and limiting other teams first. Our offense will be there ... some our guys out and some of our play-makers will be there to make plays, so we really have to focus on the back end and limiting other teams' chances and I thought we did a good job of that tonight."

If there was one shining light for Churchill, it was the play of sophomore goaltender Bryant Riley, who made 25 saves while being under duress for much of the game.

"(Riley) stood in there, he stood tall, a young kid ... so give him all the credit in the world," Mitchell said. "He was pretty good and kept them in the game."

Churchill, meanwhile, was also coming off a season-opening 4-0 loss Nov. 17 to Farmington United.

"I think a lot of people think the term 'rebuild' is a dirty word, but that's the reality of where we're at now," Reynolds said. "Obviously, we graduated a pretty special senior class and that class was special because a majority of those guys were together for four years. And now we're in the midst of starting that process over again now — and it's apparent. If you look over our roster, there are a lot of young guys who are playing varsity hockey for the first time and so this is a team now, really, that has to find its own identity. If look at our returning roster from last year, a lot of them are very young."

The Chargers showed some spunk in the final period, playing Stevenson to a



Churchill goalie Bryant Riley tries to cover up in front of teammate Luc Greener as Stevenson's Ethan Waldo crashes the net. THOMAS BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

0-0 count.

"Something happened in the third period that I was really proud of," Reynolds said. "You could see there was an uptick in intensity with our group. We really started to play with pride in that third period, regardless of that score. And there's so many teams that I've had in the past will play the opposite way. They'll play with pride the first period, when it's third period time and they're down, the pride seems to go out the window. If we can playing that way consistently, period by period, I think we have a really good chance at success in the future."

And despite the 0-2 start, Reynolds

believes things can change quickly.

"There's still some building to be done there," he said. "It's where we're at now and it's a day-by-day process. We're optimistic and, the bottom line is, we like playing in a tough schedule that the KLAA offers. It allows us to get better every day and compete in that environment."

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Stevenson's Adam Hillebrand scored the first two goals of the game. THOMAS BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Legacy

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time before players begin work on the next phase of their academic and athletic careers.

There were hugs, handshakes, impromptu photo sessions and even a few tears as one stage of life for standout student-athletes officially was over.

"These guys, they really played their tails off," said Team Legacy head coach Mike Martin of Canton, formerly a star at Michigan and in the NFL. "This is a great opportunity for these guys that don't have Division I scholarships, that have D-II, D-III opportunities.

"Coaches were out here watching them, they were putting great tape on, Fox (Sports Detroit) was broadcasting them live, so it's great exposure for them. And a lot of kids did great for themselves out here today. I think they earned themselves a scholarship and a spot on a team. There's some great players out here that I'm proud to see make good."

Chance to be seen

The game itself was the culmination of a three-day event, presented by Xenith Football and Adidas.

"Most of these kids have played sports and football, specifically, since they were just little guys," said Kevin Winningham, Legacy Center director of administration operations and a Canton resident. "This is an opportunity to come up here, through their high school years, one final game after the high school championships over the past two days down at Ford Field. For them to showcase their talents and show the world what they've got."

Winningham said hundreds of players from all over the state sent in applications for the chance to get out onto the field one final time and, hopefully, catch the eye of a college scout such as Ohio Northern University's Sean Buckley.

"It's an opportunity for them to showcase their ability one more time and play against a lot of other great players," Buckley said. "They slipped through the cracks, whether they're a little under-sized or just didn't get noticed for whatever reason. We've had our eyes on a lot of these guys. We feel like they can come in and play for our



Ian Iler, head coach at Redford Union, poses with two of his players — Carl Ware (left) and JaJuan Stokes. Iler also is director of player development for Legacy Center Football in Brighton. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

program and contribute."

With limited practice time ahead of the contest, play was sloppy at times, with several turnovers early in the game.

It took Team Legacy quarterback Gray Kinnie (Birmingham Seaholm) only about three minutes to put his team on the scoreboard. He took it in himself on a burst through the left side of the line.

Because of the low ceiling in the Legacy Center, there were no extra points, field goals, kicks or punts, so a two-point bid fell short.

Team Legacy doubled its lead to 12-0 with about seven minutes to go in the first quarter, cashing in on an interception near midfield by Davison's Cannon Hall.

Kinnie then completed a toss to wide receiver Taiwan Williams (Dearborn Heights Robichaud) and he took it in around left end for the score.

"Oh yeah, 100 percent," Kinnie said about whether the all-star game was a good way to belatedly give some props to previously overlooked athletes. "A few people tonight totally put their name out there and it's going to help them, for sure. This game has been great for all of us."

The only other scoring came in the final minutes of the game. Team Legend quarterback Matt Hornyak (Howell)

threw a deep ball to Lansing Everett receiver Noah Smith, who then danced down the right side of the field to complete a 50-yard TD. Smith was named MVP for Team Legend, with Detroit Central lineman Victor Nelson earning MVP honors for Team Legacy.

"I came from under-recruited to possibly one of the best recruits here and it means everything," Smith said. "Had some family over for two days, but I've been with Legacy four years, so it's just a blessing to be here."

A subsequent interception by the "hometown kid," Brighton's Jack Krause (who will play baseball at Bowling Green), briefly gave Team Legends hope for an equalizer. But the blue-shirted opponents snuffed out that chance in rather quick order.

"I wasn't really expecting (Kinnie) to throw, I don't think anybody was," Krause said. "And so when I saw him drop back to pass, I got really excited. And I just kept dropping, the play kept going on and then I got a chance to make a big play and I made it. It felt great making it here in front of everybody."

"It's a huge honor. A lot of people in the state don't get this opportunity, have the chance to have one more high school game. I never took it for granted and I'm just super-glad I got to have it."

Hard work rewarded

The by-invitation only rosters that were available to Martin and Team Legends head coach Greg Jones (MSU All-American, Super Bowl champion) were decided upon only after much scrutiny, Winningham explained.

Suiting up were players from outstate regions (Big Rapids, East Lansing, Jackson, Midland, Birch Run, Alma) and area high schools such as Novi, Westland John Glenn, Redford Union and Birmingham Brother Rice.

Two RU players (defensive back JaJuan Stokes and linebacker Carl Ware) suited up for Team Legacy — but their high school coach in 2018, former Panthers standout Ian Iler, was a Team Legends assistant watching from the opposite side of the field.

"This is a great opportunity for kids to come out, as seniors, and showcase their talents one last time," Iler said, echoing virtually everybody else inside the complex. "We're just trying to get them some extra looks."

"I'm very happy for those guys (Stokes, Ware). They worked really hard for us. And it's good to see them and actually look at them from the other side, you know, being an offensive guy and watching them play defense."

Who's who

Following is the list of players from schools in the Hometownlife.com coverage area who competed Sunday:

TEAM LEGACY: Carl Ware (Redford Union, linebacker); Gray Kinnie (Birmingham Seaholm, quarterback); Colin Gardner (Birmingham Brother Rice, wide receiver); Michael Willingham (Novi, defensive back); Nathan Eades (Howell, wide receiver); JaJuan Stokes (Redford Union, defensive back); Elijah White (Westland John Glenn, linebacker); Danny Files (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, defensive lineman); Jordan Holt (Wayne Memorial, center).

TEAM LEGENDS: Matt Hornyak (Howell, quarterback); Dajon Tatum (Westland John Glenn, defensive end); Jack Krause (Brighton, defensive back); Lee Williams (Westland John Glenn, defensive line); Colby Ford (Brighton, defensive line); Drew O'Connor (Novi, wide receiver).

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COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

Madonna squad eyes national title

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They come from all corners of the globe — Brazil, Kenya, Trinidad and Tobago, Japan, Jamaica, Italy, Honduras, Yemen, Venezuela and Nigeria.

The Madonna University men's soccer team (17-4), in the round of 16 in the NAIA national tournament this week in Irvine, Calif., looks a lot more like the United Nations at work.

"That's a living, social experiment for us every year with different cultures that we have," said MU head coach Mark Zathey, whose team was scheduled to play Bellevue (Neb.) Tuesday. "We have a lot of local guys. We've got guys from 10 different countries on our team and it's a challenge. This year it's been really good. Certainly it's not always that way."

After winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season title for the second straight year with a 10-1 record, the Crusaders were upset in the conference semifinals by Lawrence Tech, 1-0, forcing them to play their first NAIA tournament game Nov. 17 on the road against No. 7-ranked Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) in the round of 32.

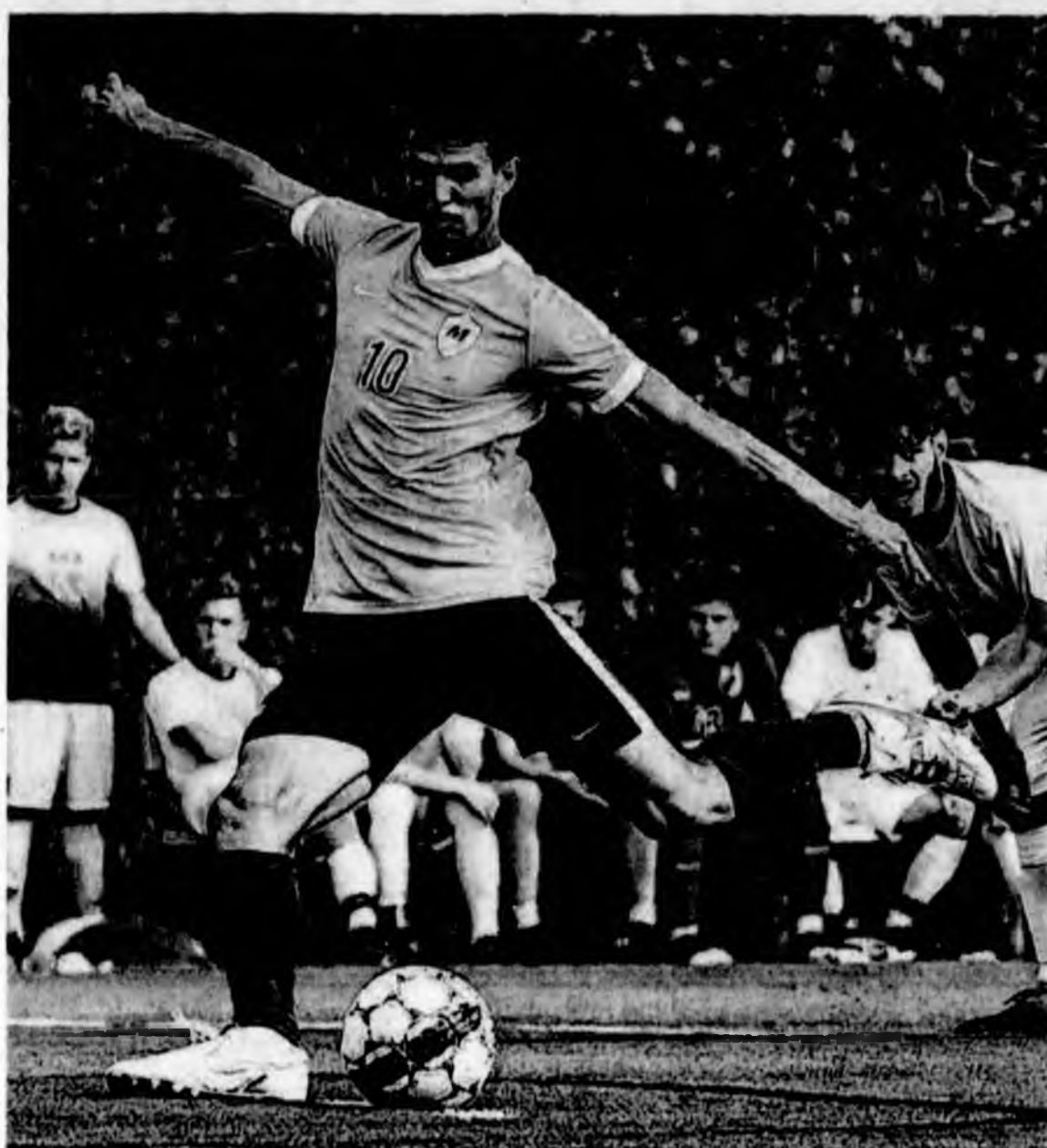
In the 81st minute, the Crusaders finally broke 0-0 deadlock when Marlon De Freitas took a free kick and crossed the ball into the box to Rodrigo Castro De Siqueira, who redirected it into the bottom left corner for the lone goal of the game.

It was de Siqueira's sixth goal of the year, while Freitas assisted for the eighth time. Both hail from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Junior goalkeeper Joe Smith (Royal Oak), a transfer from Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, recorded four saves for the clean sheet, making it 9½ shutouts for him on the season.

"Incredible challenge to play against Lindsey," he said. "They're No. 7 in the country for a reason and our guys started real strong, caught them on their backs a little bit and we really played well. Not quite dominant, but really outplayed them the first half."

The 19th-ranked Crusaders not only brought skill, but also showed a will.



Yuri Farkas Guglielmi possesses a potent left foot for the the Crusaders. MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

"Lindsey regrouped at halftime, played us a much stronger second half — pretty even — and we had to really, really dig deep to sustain some momentum from the first half and we were able to lock in and preserve a victory," said Zathey, who played on the first MU men's soccer team and was a two-time captain. "So really, really proud of the guys because I was not sure how much they would fight. They can play well, but I didn't know if they would fight. They gave everything they had on the day."

The team's leading scorer this season is Yuri Farkas Guglielmi, a 5-foot-11 senior forward who has a team-leading 23

goals and three assists. The WHAC Offensive Player of the Year is one of six Brazilians who start, including five from Sao Paulo.

"Yuri's got a nose for the goal, he's so calm on the ball," Zathey said. "Some of our kids that I see at our level are uncomfortable on the ball or even afraid to deal with the ball and Yuri welcomes it. He does with his feet what other folks do with their hands. He's got a left foot, he can score in a lot of different ways. His skill level and his awareness of spaces, and his ability to get into those spaces with power and quickness ... that can be dangerous."

Zathey, a Livonia native who graduated from Bentley High, has gone 62-26-12 since 2013 with back-to-back NAIA national appearances. He also coached the MU women from 2001-05, going to the NAIAs in 2005.

He splits his current 44-player roster into two teams, a varsity squad and a reserve team, which played a 12-game schedule.

His international talent scout is MU assistant Felipe Guimaeraes, who played professionally in Brazil and for the Crusaders in 2015-16.

Guimaeraes has a company (High Talent Sports Brazil), which is under the umbrella of English Premier League player Lucas Mora (of Tottenham Hotspur). He steers players from his native country to land soccer scholarships to American colleges and universities.

"Of course, I have a good connection with coach Mark Zathey and he opened up the opportunity for me to be his assistant coach," Guimaeraes. "Of course, all the best players are going to him and after that I start to give other options for the other players. A couple on the team are 20, 21, but probably, like, 90 percent are 18 and 19 years old."

This year's MU squad, however, is not devoid of local talent.

Among those who have seen considerable action this season include sophomore left-back Devin McCulley (Livonia Churchill), Anthony Wells (Utica Ford), sophomore forward Kyle Tinnion (Utica Eisenhower), senior midfielder Costa Wells (Sterling Heights/Schoolcraft College), Justin Stack (Dearborn Divine Child), Ryan Lynch (Trenton).

"It's a lot, throughout the year we've come together and found similarities and we just have fun honestly," McCulley said. "Somehow, it comes together. I'm not really sure how, but we just make it work."

McCulley has played in 18 games and started seven for the Crusaders, who are just four wins away from a coveted national title.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Rockford ousts Northville in state semifinal

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Northville senior libero Hannah Grant was playing basically on one leg, but she wasn't going to miss the MHSAA Division 1 volleyball state semifinal Nov. 16 against Rockford for anything.

The Michigan State signee, heavily taped up, gave it her all with 22 digs, but it wasn't enough. The Mustangs' season ended at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena as Rockford pulled out a four-set 25-13, 19-25, 25-23, 25-21 victory.

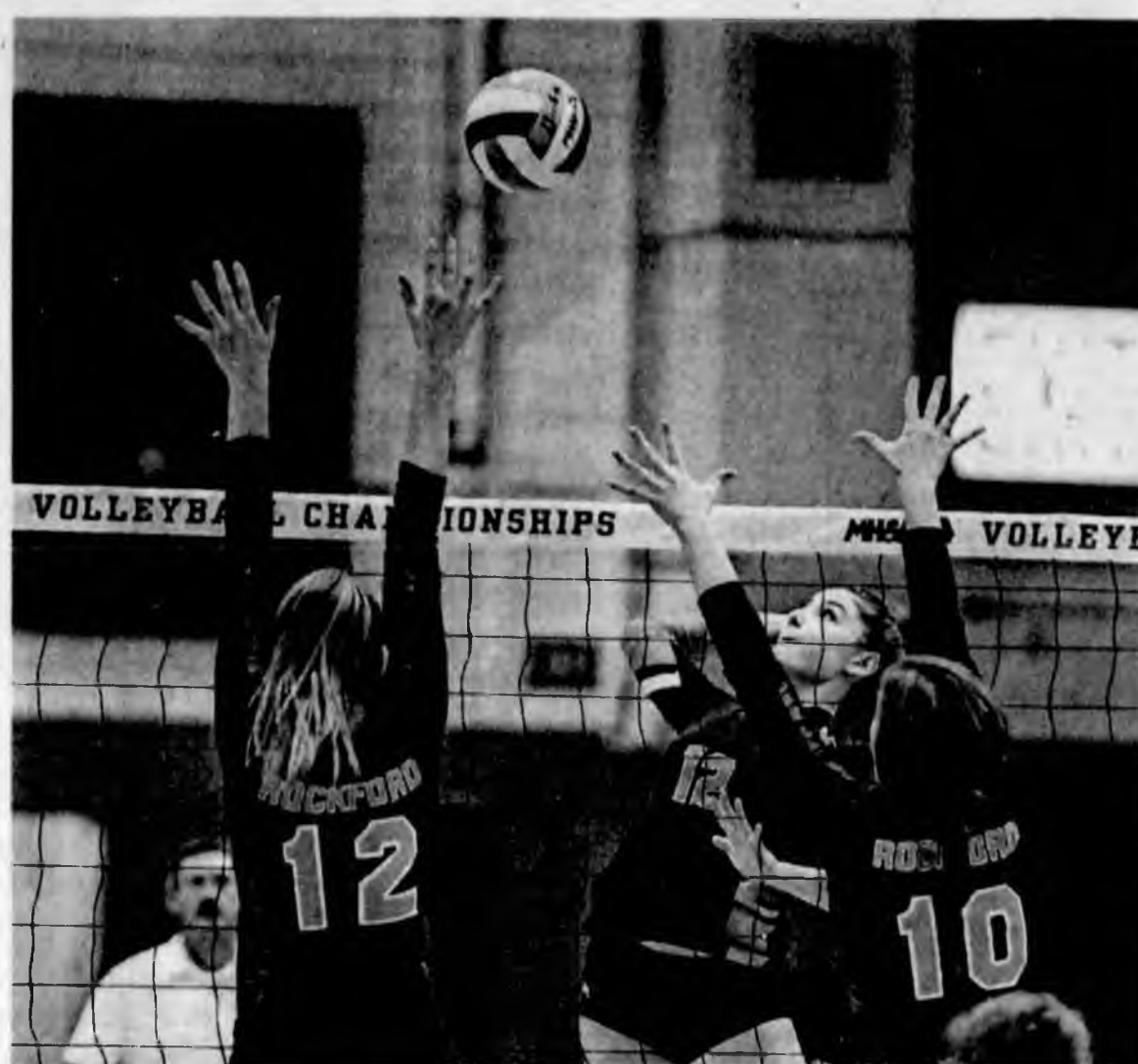
"It was hard, because I did have 10 stitches in my knee," said the 5-foot-7 senior, who missed last the quarterfinal win over Livonia Churchill because of a mishap. "But I knew once you get here, it's a big deal and I really did want to play. I thought I was capable to play. Overall, we did really good as a team, but I think we did have a lot of jitters and overall it was a little bit shaky ... but it was a good ride."

Northville ended its season at 47-7-1, while Rockford improved to 47-11-1 thanks to the one-two senior hitting duo of Emmy Webb and Lindsay Taylor, who combined for 41 kills.

The Mustangs got off to an uncharacteristic slow start in the opening set and it put them behind the proverbial eight-ball for the rest of the match.

"It was the first time these kids have been in here and it helps if you've been here before and you know what it's like," said Northville coach Julie Fisette, who guided the Mustangs to their first final four berth since 2013. "Next year, when we step on the court, it's going to be a different story for this team. But I think we pulled it together. We came back, had a fire in us. We had some great moments. There were just some long streaks in there where we let them get that momentum back."

Webb, a 6-0 senior headed to Davenport University, finished with 21 kills, while Miami (Ohio) signee Taylor, a 6-2 senior, added 20.



Northville's Jenna Boksha (middle) drills one over the net against Rockford's Emmy Webb (left) and Megan Witte during volleyball state semifinals against Rockford. AL LASSEN

"Lindsay and Emmy have been our one-two punch all year and they definitely lived up to expectations tonight," said Rockford coach Kelly Delacher, who led the Rams to a state runner-up finish to Novi in 2016. "You could tell Northville had a good game plan. They're a good blocking team and did a good job of slowing Lindsay down a little bit."

Sophomore Jenna Boksha paced Northville's attack with 11 kills, while Clare McNamara and Laryssa Imbuzeiro added seven each. McNamara, a junior, also had 10 digs.

"We scouted them as much as we could," Fisette said of Rockford. "We had

some games on them. We didn't play them this year, which is a little different. We knew who their hitters were. We compared a lot to (Ann Arbor) Skyline with their two big hitters. I think we were ready coming in, but we've got a young squad."

Setter Gabi Fisette, one of six Northville seniors, finished 24 assist-to-kills in her final match, while junior Emma Stiles added 12.

"It was a very good season and it was the last time playing for my mom and it's a big deal because I played for her my whole life," said Gabi Fisette, who transferred two years ago from South Lyon.

"The seniors are definitely close this year. Last year, we had some confrontation and some high school drama, but I think we did pretty well as a team this year."

"We're playing very well at this point. Obviously, you have to be at this point," Delacher said. "Really our road to this point I feel has prepared us well for this. We were down 22-24 in our regional in the third set with our tournament on the line and these girls fought back and got a win and then won the next two sets. That was a big win vs. a very good Hudsonville team. Then we had another tight win against Grand Haven. We had to fight with them. They're a conference rival. Even going back to districts we had a five-set win against Lowell after being down 2-1, so I feel like us being in those type of matches really prepared us to play well at this point."

And the Mustangs proved to be a tough out for Rockford as well.

"We got off to a very good start in the first game and felt like we had a lot of momentum, then Northville fought back," Delacher said. "They passed the ball really well and they did a great job of blocking and touching balls. We really had to dig deep to get that win in the third set and again in the fourth. We started down 0-5 in the third set and 1-5 in the fourth set. I called another timeout and the girls did a great job of responding and battling every point."

In addition to Grant and Fisette, it was the final match for Northville seniors Michael VanAcker, Ally Zayan, Natalie Barnhart and Alexandria Titoff.

"It was unfortunate we let some points go there where I think we lost our momentum in the third game and had them in the fourth game," Julie Fisette said. "We just let them get right back at it. We ran out of subs, but the people who came off the bench did a good job for us. We lost to a great team."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Northville blanks Novi in KLAA West clash

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As Northville goaltender Owen Moruzi surveyed the ice during his 51 minutes of action Nov. 20, he had to enjoy the view in front of him.

The second-year backstop had to make just 13 saves to post the clean sheet as the Mustangs opened KLAA West Division boys hockey action with a 4-0 win over rival Novi at Novi Ice Arena.

"We blocked a lot of shots today," Moruzi said. "We played as a team well, moved the puck well up and down the ice. You can't take all the credit for something. It's a team win all together."

Both teams came into the match-up 2-0 after sweeping the Muskegon schools, Reeths-Puffer and Mona Shores, earlier this month at Novi Ice Arena.

But Northville had more jump in its step after taking a 1-0 first-period lead on a goal by Brett Dann at 8:04 off an assist from Derek Fiebig.

"They kind of scored a fluke goal," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "We were pressuring them a lot, we were all over them in the first half of the first (period) and then they score that goal and that kind of deflated us. We played so well ... I don't know if three games in five days took a toll on us, but (Northville) played the same thing. So they played two games, too."

The Mustangs, who outshot Novi 25-13, then increased their advantage to 3-0 after two periods.

Spencer Ziparo went top shelf on Novi goalie Evan Budd at 10:47, with assists going to Sortis Tsilimingras and Ethan Collyer, followed by Jake McNeil's unassisted power-play goal at 12:21.

In the final period, Northville's Mike McInchak put it away at 1:14, with assists going to Seth Borge and Tsilimingras, to make it a four-goal cushion.

"We pretty much knew it would be somewhat low-scoring and that special teams would probably be an issue," Northville head coach Gordie Brown said. "You guys don't get to the opportunity like I do to see everybody practice, but everybody was working on the power play and penalty kill for the last two days."

Meanwhile, the 5-foot-11, 200-pound



Novi defenseman Joey Vesche (left) and Northville forward Derek Fiebig battle during a KLAA West match-up between the rivals. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Moruzi, in his second season as the Mustangs goaltender, was rock-solid throughout.

"I've always worked on my rebound control, it's always been something I've been proud of," Moruzi said.

Novi had three power-play chances, but couldn't cash in.

"We didn't win the 50/50 pucks or anything like that," Vellucci said. "I think we had a spurt in the second period there in the first six minutes. I know the power play where we had some good chances, but quite honestly we didn't make our bounces. We didn't earn it. We didn't play hard enough to pull it out. And it's a shame. You figure it's a rivalry game and the kids would step up, but for a reason, we didn't have any energy or jump tonight. It's something that we need to figure out."

Northville is off to a 3-0 start and appears to be making a smooth transition under its new head coach.

"He was around last year, we all like him," Moruzi said. "It's going good."

Here are three other takeaways:

TEAM TRIUMPH

Brown was pleased to see that his team finished the night in double digits in blocked shots.

"I got us marked down for at least 11 and probably missed a couple because I was talking to guys," the first-year coach said. "(Moruzi) played really nice, guys were back-checking great in the defensive zone. There wasn't much structure breakdowns, so it was difficult for them to create any offense. They were trying to chip it out and our guys were doing a nice job staying in their lanes and not let

them to get the opportunities that they were looking for. Same thing on their power play. We did a nice job of understanding of what we need to do to take away their opportunities, a lot of blocked shots, a lot of shots wide and we cleared the puck. And that's a team effort."

THROW OUT THE RECORDS

The two teams won't meet again until Jan. 11 at Novi Ice Arena, in a non-conference game.

"You could tell it was a rivalry game, everybody was up for the game," Moruzi said. "A lot of energy, especially in the rink. When you just walk into the rink, you gain more energy just from the atmosphere."

And Brown, who served as Clint Robert's assistant last season before he stepped down, knows that the records can be thrown out the window when these two teams meet.

"Over the weekend, we both win over the Muskegon teams, but it really doesn't reflect what this game ends up being," Brown said. "This game ... it's a coin toss, let's be honest. It's always a rivalry here unless you have three names on these teams where you say, 'Oh, these guys are great players,' it's always going to be a coin toss."

WELL DONE, DONNA

Following the first period, the Novi hockey program recognized longtime team manager Donna Malott, who retired after 20 years.

Malott, daughter of the late Detroit Red Wing defenseman and Hall of Famer Bill Gadsby, has been around hockey all her life and was in on the ground floor when the Novi varsity team was started.

Three of her sons, including current assistant coach Travis Malott, along with Alex and Garrett, all played for the Wildcats.

"The ceremony said it all," Vellucci said. "She was the only team manager for 20 years. She was the glue, the rock of the program. She made all the coaches' jobs easier, setting up the U.P. trip, the parents' meeting and just everything. Even when her sons graduated, she stayed on for another 10 years. She's a very special person and glad we honored her tonight."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Hill scores game-winner to lift CC past Rice

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Wow.

Talk about a Thanksgiving feast for hockey fans.

Catholic Central and Brother Rice put on a most captivating show in their Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League opener before a standing room-only and highly-energized crowd Nov. 21 at the Mitchel Kelfer Memorial Rink inside the USA Arena complex in Plymouth.

The host Shamrocks skated to an emotional 5-4 victory thanks to a game-winning goal by senior defenseman Brendan Hill with just 1:10 remaining in the third period. The timely goal broke a 4-4 tie after Rice, which trailed 4-2 after two periods, gamely battled back by scoring twice in the final period.

The entertaining clash featured clean, hard-hitting action, clutch goaltending, two lead changes, two ties, only six total minor penalties and a lively atmosphere provided by both student sections.

"It's a great event for high school hockey. I think anyone who was at the game and you look at the environment and then tell me you don't want to play high school hockey," CC head coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "It was a phenomenal environment and, obviously, the game lived up to it, which is such a huge part of it as well. It's a good thing."

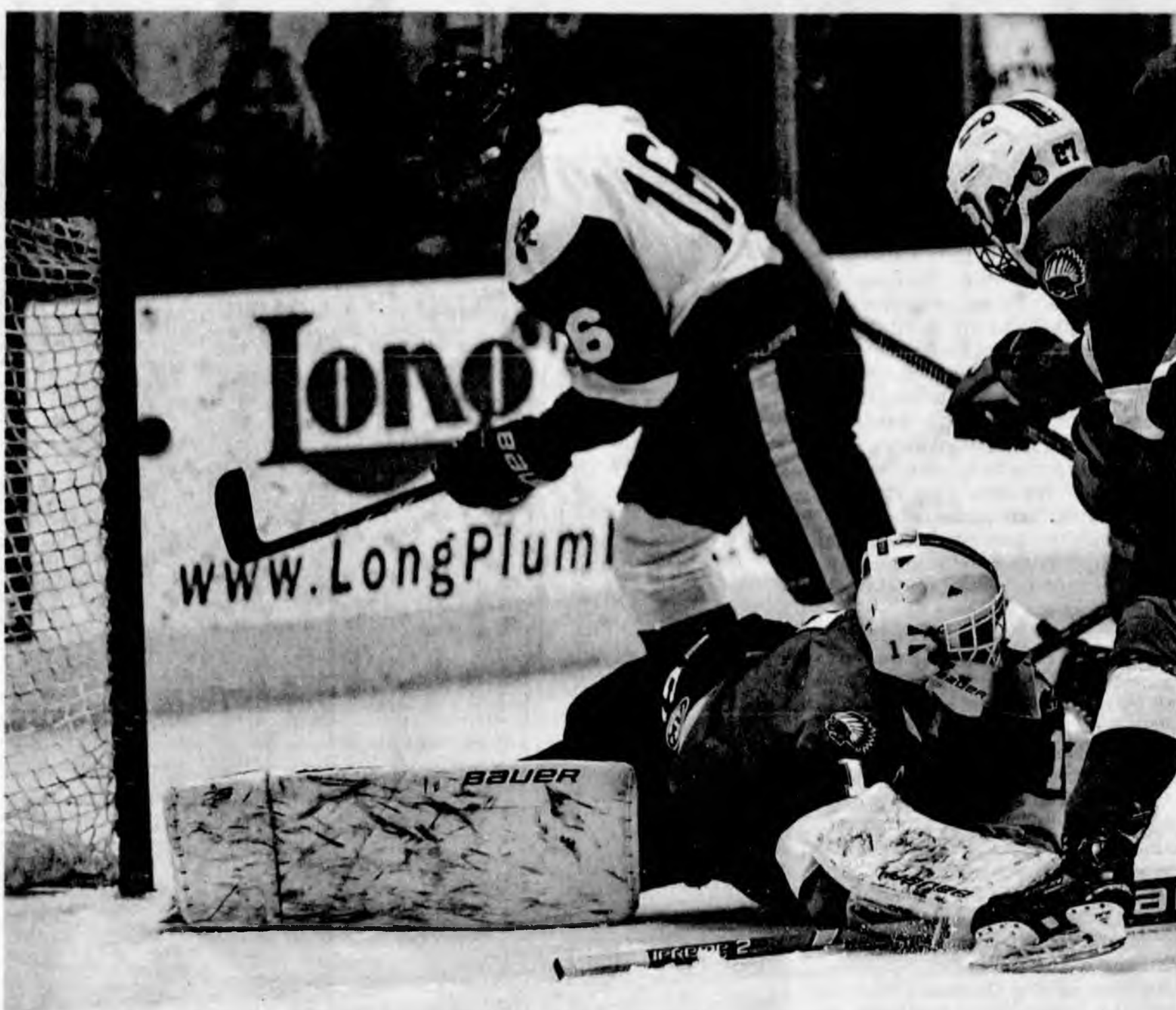
"That's what you expect out of Brother Rice and Catholic Central. You know it's going to be competitive," he added. "You know each team is going to rise to the occasion, regardless of where each team is at in any given year. You just know it's going to be that kind of game and I think it's always that way."

Rebounding from deficit

Brother Rice head coach Kenny Chaput was pleased with the way his team rebounded from the two-goal deficit. However, he lamented the fact his Warriors, who scored the game's first goal for an early lead, allowed three second-period goals which gave the Shamrocks (3-1) the two-goal advantage after the first 34 minutes.

"That's a good team over there. No question about it," said Chaput, whose team suffered its first loss in three games. "I think the difference was they played three full solid periods and we didn't."

"We played extremely well in the third and I'm proud of the way the boys didn't pack it in after two periods. But again, if we would have played that way in the first and the second period, it probably would have been a different game. We didn't battle in the second period the way we needed to to beat a quality team."



CC forward Dylan Dooley slips the puck past Rice goalie Cooper Duncan for a goal. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"You can't expect anything but a close game when we play them, that's for sure," he added. "I would have liked to have been on the other side of the scoreboard, but at the end of the day, it was a good game to watch. But we have some things to work on, for sure."

Brother Rice opened the scoring at the 9:23 mark of the first period, when senior Brendan Danou's breakaway goal beat CC goalie Zach Allen low to the blocker side. CC senior forward Carter Korpi tied it 1-1 seconds after a Shamrocks power play had just ended.

Junior forward Blake Salamon starred in CC's swarming second period with a pair of goals and an assist on Dylan Dooley's goal, which he buried into a wide-open net after picking up a loose puck.

Rice then shocked CC with a late second-period goal (by senior Keaton Vogel) and an early third-period goal (by junior D.J. Dixon) 48 seconds apart to make the score 4-3. Junior Nick Marone deposited a rebound into the net to tie the game at 4-4 at the 6:41 mark of the

third period.

Hill's late game-winner

Then, with just 70 seconds remaining, Hill, a tri-captain, had an easy tap in to win the game after a tremendous assist on some hard board work from junior Kyle Gaffney.

"It was a great jump by (Hill) and there was a nice play made down in the corner with Gaffney, who was able to find some ice," Kaleniecki said. "Brendan just made a great read jumping in and, from what I could see, he was able to make a nice play at the net."

"And (Salamon) played fantastic for us tonight, too. He played gritty and he was hard on pucks," he added. "That's what you need in a game like this and that makes all the difference in the world. He scored two by going hard to the net and he's willing to do that."

Allan made a great save on a hard wrist shot by Rice's Dixon from the top of the left face-off circle with 25 seconds left to preserve the victory. Rice goalie

Cooper Duncan made 21 saves, including a beautiful glove save on CC defenseman Joe Bothwick midway through the final period to keep his team within a goal.

Catholic Central's next game is at 1 p.m. Nov. 30 against Warren De La Salle at Western Michigan University's Lawson Arena in Kalamazoo.

"We've certainly had a good start to the season, but that's all it is, is a good start," Kaleniecki said. "We know there's a lot of room for improvement. When you look at this game, and we had a two-goal lead going into the third, there's definitely some things we can do better."

"But we definitely look forward to seeing (Rice) again at the end of the season," he added. "We will expect the same type of environment and the same type of game. We hope to clean up some things and hope the next game is just as good from an entertainment value."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Lakes Valley Conference names all-league teams

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South Lyon's football team had a perfect regular season, including an 8-0 mark to win the Lakes Valley Conference championship.

The Lions took a 9-0 record into post-season play and won their first Division 2 playoff game in dramatic fashion — 31-24 in an overtime thriller over Dexter — at The Jungle. Their incredible season came to a halt in the district championship game, as they suffered a 35-14 loss to fellow LVC member Walled Lake Western.

"I am extremely proud of our kids on what they accomplished this year," said South Lyon head coach Jeff Henson, whose team rebounded nicely from a 1-8 campaign the previous season. "Each one made a commitment to the team in the off-season and worked their butts off to get to where we are today."

"Going undefeated in the tough Lakes Valley Conference and in our season is something we are proud of as a program, school and community," he added.

South Lyon was not the only LVC team to qualify for postseason action. White Lake Lakeland, South Lyon East and Western also had extended seasons.

Each of the four teams won their pre-district game and finished the playoffs with a combined 5-4 record.

Following are the 2018 Lakes Valley

Conference's all-league selections:

First team

SOUTH LYON: Ian Goins, (senior running back); Ronnie Menard (senior tight end); Connor Fracassi (junior quarterback); Jack Schafer (junior running back/linebacker); Brendon Lach (junior wide receiver); Michael Dancer (senior wide receiver/linebacker); Mitch Hannah (senior defensive lineman); Mitch Komorous (junior running back/linebacker); David Rende (senior offensive lineman); Jake Newman (junior defensive back); Cole Stalter (senior offensive lineman)

WHITE LAKE LAKELAND: Carter Raab (senior linebacker); Ben Roberts (senior defensive lineman); David Thickstun (senior offensive lineman); Matt Fus (senior linebacker); Brendan McGrath (senior linebacker); Leo Skupin (junior defensive back/kicker); Drake Schultz (junior linebacker); Robbie Tracy (senior running back); Dakota Myers (junior running back); Nick Calderon (senior offensive lineman).

WALLED LAKE WESTERN: Spencer Brown (senior defensive/offensive tackle); Sam Johnson III (senior quarterback); Chris Harris (senior defensive end); Abdur-Rahmaan Yaseen (junior wide receiver/defensive back); Calvin Brown (junior safety/running back); Kevin 'KJ' Jackson (senior running back/defensive back); Aidan Jennings (senior kicker); Ja'Lon Oden (senior defensive end); Jacob Dean (senior off-

sive lineman); Gerard Tate (senior defensive back)

SOUTH LYON EAST: Chris Kaminski (senior quarterback); Sean Clary (senior wide receiver); Jon Carter (senior wide receiver/defensive back/kick returner); Rashard Ray (senior defensive back); Nick Helfrick (senior defensive tackle); Colt Kovach (senior defensive back); Terry Day (senior linebacker); Donovan Wright (junior running back/linebacker)

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN: Brenden Shelby (senior quarterback); Kyle Arnoldi (junior offensive/defensive lineman); Alex Hunt (junior defensive lineman); Chad Burton (senior defensive back/wide receiver); Matt Isom (junior linebacker); Devin Uhrich (junior offensive lineman); Seamus Conway (junior wide receiver)

WATERFORD MOTT: Key Fields (senior defensive back/running back); Kam Manley (senior defensive back/wide receiver); Luciano Pedini (senior linebacker); Hunter Ward (senior offensive tackle); Kove Myers (senior Ath); Christian Fitzpatrick (junior wide receiver); Nick Harden (senior center)

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL: C.J. Davidson (senior halfback/linebacker); Joey Brincat (senior linebacker/slot); Jake Perry (senior safety/slot); Justin Blackburn (senior wide receiver/slot); Ethan Gresh (junior center/defensive end)

MILFORD: Andrew Minton (senior quarterback); Christian Koschke (senior running back); Carson Jensen (senior

defensive end/defensive back); John Porter (senior running back)

WATERFORD KETTERING: Ryan Nolan (senior quarterback/defensive back); Daymond Hamler (junior running back/defensive back); Brendan Teal (junior wide receiver/defensive back)

Honorable mention

SOUTH LYON: Brendon Dancer; Jesse Powell; Isaac Nooe; Gus Taylor

WHITE LAKE LAKELAND: Brady Woodruff; Austin Boughton; Shaun Keller; Connor Kowalczyk

WALLED LAKE WESTERN: Malcomb Baker; Justin Collier; Cooper Anderson; Kalil Brown

SOUTH LYON EAST: Drew Ranson; Jace Barackman; Mike Beecher; Ayden Oliver

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN: Grant Smith; Andre Price; Bobby Long; Ryan Cornelius

WATERFORD MOTT: Jason Goodwill; Marcus Guerrero; Remi Murello; Keone Sanders

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL: Jordan Gray; Blake Nelson; Rafael Davish; Raffy Karoumi

MILFORD: Mike Smith; Tyler Knapp; Trevor Leigh; Zach Parks

WATERFORD KETTERING: Lake Johnson; Larry Platt; Sam O'Brien; Tommy Smith

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GIRLS GOLF

Five Northville players receive all-state honors from coaches

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Led by MHSAA Division 1 girls golf state champion Northville, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association is well represented as the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association recently unveiled its 2018 all-state teams.

The Mustangs, who did not lose a match or tournament this season en route winning their first state title, had five golfers recognized, led by sophomore Nicole Whatley, who averaged 73.9 per 18 holes in 11 tournaments as she became only the third Northville player to earn Super Team honors, joining Alicia Weber (2008) and Kate McDonald (2002).

Traverse City West's Anika Dy, the Division 1 individual medalist headed to Michigan, was voted the MIGCA Miss Golf for the third year in a row.

The remaining eight-member Super Team consists of Michigan signee Mikaela Schultz (Bloomfield Hills), senior; Ariel Chang (Utica Eisenhower), sophomore; Allison Cui (Okemos), freshman; Anika Dy (Traverse City West), senior; Alissa Fish (Brooklyn Columbia Central), senior; Danielle Staskowski (Pontiac Notre Dame Prep), senior; Kay Zubkus (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern), senior.

Players earning Division 1 all-state first team honors from Northville included senior captain Mariella Simoncini, an Oakland University signee who repeated the same honor from a year ago, along with junior Sufna Gill, who was honorable mention in 2017.

Division 1 runner-up Plymouth also landed two on the first team: senior Shae Zydeck and freshman Bridget Boczar. They are joined by Brighton's sister duo of senior Annie Pietila and sophomore Maggie Pietila, along with Hartland senior Sydney Bradford.

Other first teamers included Audrey Becker (Grosse Pointe South), sophomore; Domitille Chambon (Rochester Stoney Creek), senior; Anci Dy (Traverse City West), sophomore; Savannah Haque (Rochester), junior; Nateda Her (Holt), sophomore; Kaitlin Ifkovits (Grosse Pointe South), junior; Amaya Melendez (Ann Arbor Pioneer), sophomore; and Claudia Sampson (Clarkston), senior.

Northville's Katelyn Tokarz, a sophomore who placed 20th at the Division 1 finals, and sophomore Sedona Shipka, who took 25th, earned honorable mention along with Plymouth freshman Grace Boczar, Brighton senior Autumn Bailey and Bloomfield Hills senior Lizzie Pierce.

Division 2

Hometownlife.com area players named to the MIGCA Division 2 All-State first team were junior Marlo Hudson (Birmingham Marian), sophomore Shannon Kennedy (Marian), senior Mia Sooch (Farmington Hills Mercy), senior Sophie VanderWeele (Mercy) and senior Julia Vess (South Lyon).

Other first teamers included Rita Cheney (Mason), senior; Morgan Colby



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(DeWitt), senior; Sabrina Elle (Berkley), senior; Meghan Gallagher (Grosse Pointe North), senior; Rose Hami (Midland Dow), senior; Emlin Munch (Traverse City Central), junior; Ellie Palmatier (St. Johns), senior; Logan Potts (Muskegon Mona Shores), junior; and Savera Rajendra Nicolucci (Okemos), junior.

Honorable mention area players in-

cluded junior Chloe Collon (Birmingham Groves) and senior Molly Mackey (South Lyon).

Division 3

Area all-state players represented include Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day senior Kristina Roberts on the first team, with Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood freshman Natasha Samsanov making honorable mention.

Other Division 3 first teamers were: Zoe Anderson (Belding), senior; McKenna Bent (Comstock Park), junior; Lily Beyer (Freeland), senior; Katie Blauw (Hudsonville Unity Christian), senior; Alexa Davis (Coopersville), sophomore; Heidi Hines (Three Rivers), senior; Rylee Honsowitz (Hastings), sophomore; Ashley Keen (Grand Rapids South Christian), senior; Holly McKenna (Big Rapids), junior; Bethany Nowak (Tecumseh), senior; Lauren Posey (Big

Rapids), sophomore; Olivia Stoll (Hasslet), sophomore; and Rylee Woodring (Whitehall), junior.

Division 4

First team selections included Madi Bezilla (Harbor Springs), senior; Lindsay Bliss (North Muskegon), senior; Alexis Brzezinski (East Jackson), junior; Abby Grevel (North Muskegon), senior; Sabrina Langerak (NorthPointe Christian), sophomore; Caitlin Lysher (Napoleon), senior; Jacques O'Neill (Harbor Springs), sophomore; Calli O'Neill (Harbor Springs), senior; Kaity Rittner (Macomb Lutheran North), senior; Emily Stull (Kalamazoo Hackett), senior; Morgan Yates (Shepherd), senior; Hillary Ziemba (Jackson Lumen Christi), senior.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

South Lyon's Sartori takes final fall season poll

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Megan Sartoti was an individual event winner and a member of two winning relays at the recent Lakes Valley Conference swim meet.

For her efforts, she was voted Athlete of the Week after surviving a colossal battle with Birmingham Groves football player Joel Mitchell.

Sartori garnered a whopping 17,908 votes — 45 percent of the total cast in the weekly poll. Mitchell was a close second with 15,693 votes, 39 percent.

Sartori and Mitchell dominated the voting, combining for 33,601 votes among the total 39,929 cast for the six nominated student-athletes. Churchill volleyball player Sarah Dunn placed third with 3,213 votes.

"I found out I was nominated when a friend of my mom's tagged her in the poll on Facebook," said Sartori, who

started swimming at age 8 with the South Lyon Sea Lions. "I was shocked to be nominated and I was so excited to have had so many people voting for me non-stop."

Sartori won the 100-yard backstroke at the annual LVC meet with a time of 1:02.75. The three-year varsity veteran also was the lead swimmer on both the opening 200-yard medley and closing 400-yard freestyle relays.

"Megan had a breakout meet at the LVC championship this year," said South Lyon head coach John Burch, whose team finished with a 12-2 overall record and a perfect 7-0 mark in LVC action.

"Megan qualified for states for the first time ever and was a key part of both relays she swam. While she has never been to the state meet before, she did what you want to see when you graduate as a top girl in an event. Last year, she was our second backstroker and this year she seamlessly stepped into



Sartori

the top role and we never missed a beat.

"Megan was not scheduled to swim the 400 free relay, however an injury to another swimmer less than 10 minutes prior to the event led to her unexpectedly being on the relay," he added. "Her ability to jump in at the last minute and swim well was very impressive and speaks to her abilities."

Sartori did not place in the backstroke at the Division 2 state meet at Oakland University. However, Sartori and teammates Avery Covert, Nicole Hanshaw and Grace Gargiulo earned all-state honors in the 200-yard medley relay with an eighth-place finish.

Sartori agreed to answer five other questions asked of our Athlete of the Week winners:

How did you feel about your performance at the Lakes Valley Conference

meet? At this year's conference meet, I placed first in the 200 medley relay, the 100 backstroke and the 400 free relay. However, I did not get the time I was hoping for in my backstroke, so I'll have to try for next season.

What is your favorite all-time movie? I don't have a favorite movie, but I like "Silence of the Lambs" and other murder/mystery movies.

Who would you consider your sports role model and why? My sports role model would have to be Allison Schmitt. I have always looked up to her and I even got a chance to swim with her and meet her when I was 12.

What is your favorite song? My favorite song is pretty much any Zac Brown Band song.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? I'd love to travel to somewhere tropical, like Tahiti or Bora Bora.

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Mercy survives exciting finish to retain title

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Mike Venos has spent 35 years on the deck as a swim coach.

The veteran Mercy mentor never experienced such a dramatic ending as he witnessed Nov. 17 at the Division 1 girls swimming championship at Eastern Michigan University.

Six different teams were in title contention heading into the meet's last two events. It took the final event -- the 400-yard freestyle relay -- to decide the champion.

Mercy had to beat Brighton and place no lower than seventh to win the meet. The teams were tied going into the last event and Rockford was ten points behind in third.

The Harrison-Farmington foursome won the relay in an all-class record-setting time of 3:23.51. Saline was second at 3:27.95, closely followed by Mercy (3:27.97) and Brighton (3:29.94).

With that conclusion, Mercy captured its second consecutive D-1 state championship with 211 points. Brighton was just two points back at 209, immediately followed by Harrison-Farmington (199), Rockford (191), Saline (186) and Ann Arbor Skyline (184).

"I'll tell you what. I've never been involved in a meet like that before. It was fantastic," said Venos, who also coaches at Brother Rice where he's won six state crowns. "Without a doubt it's the best meet I've ever been involved in. It was an amazing, amazing swim meet. Coming down to that last relay, there were three or four teams that could have won.

"The pool is so big and I've been going to state meets there for a while and you can normally never hear the parents because they are so far away. But, that last relay was electric. That place was as loud as I've ever heard it.

"After we won it I was just really happy for all the girls," he said. "It was a hard-fought weekend. I'm glad that all of their hard work paid off."

Harrison-Farmington head coach Kyle Kinyon also marveled at the meet's conclusion.

"The meet was incredibly close. We were not anticipating challenging for the meet, but once again, the girls came to race," said Kinyon. "The last relay was most exciting as it was down to Brighton and Mercy to win the meet at that point...but we had our sights set on the state record.

"I was so proud to watch our girls touch the wall and realize that, not only did our relay team win the D1 title, but



Mercy is announced the top team at the Division 1 girls swimming and diving championships held at Eastern Michigan University Nov. 17, 2018. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

they also set the overall state record," he said. "It really was a great way to end a tremendous season."

Depth provides winning tonic

As usual, depth proved critical for the Marlins who didn't have an individual event champion for the second straight year.

All three of Mercy's relays provided All-State (top-eight) performances. In addition, the Marlins had five individual All-State showings and tallied points (ninth through 16th place) in eight other events.

Mercy's individual All-State swims were turned in by junior Kyle Goit in the 200-free (seventh in 1:52.31) and 500-free (seventh in 5:01.71), sophomore Ciara McCliment in diving (seventh with 394.30 points), senior Courtney Connolly in the 100-fly (fourth in 55.15), sophomore Greta Gidley in the 100-free (sixth in 51.52) and senior Annette Dombkowski in the 500-free (sixth in 4:59.21).

Mercy's 400-free relay included Goit, Connolly, junior Julia Coffman and Gidley. The 200-free relay team of Gidley, junior Lindsay Case, Goit and Dombkowski placed sixth in 1:36.80 and the 200 medley relay of Coffman, junior

Emma Engquist, Connolly and Dombowski placed eighth in 1:46.69.

"Greta Gidley set the tone for us with her swim in the 200-yard freestyle," said Venos. "She went from 16th to ninth and dropped four seconds. It was our first individual swim on Saturday after our medley relay had dropped a place. Gidley's swim got everyone really fired up.

"We didn't necessarily have the Friday we wanted to have, but they really stepped it up on Saturday," he said. "To come from 24 or 26 points down going into Saturday, and to culminate it with the state title, I've never been a part of anything like it."

Turak is star of meet

The meet's standout was easily Harrison-Farmington's Ashley Turak, who earned Division 1 Swimmer of the Year and Dream Team honors by the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association.

For the second straight year, Turak turned in four All-State swims by winning two events and playing a key role on two winning relays.

The Indiana University-bound senior won the 50-free in 22.20 and the 100-free in 48.72. Both times set new Divi-

sion 1 records and both moved her into second in the all-time state-meet performances as compiled by the MISCA.

Turak led off the winning 200-free relay (1:33.34) which included junior Lia Munson, senior Emma Inch and sophomore Madeline Greaves. Turak anchored the winning 400-free relay (3:23.51) which included Munson, Inch and Greaves. The 200-free time set a new Division 1 record and the 400-free team set a new All-Division standard. Both relays also earned Dream Team status.

"Ashley came into this season and this meet with certain goals. Certainly she wanted to be faster than last year, but we had a lot of discussions about leaving a legacy," said Kinyon. "I believe she was able to accomplish that by lowering her own D1 individual records as well as setting a new D1 record in the 200 free relay and an overall state record in the 400 free relay.

"It was just a distinguished moment to watch her celebrate with her teammates," he said. "I could not be more proud of the legacy she will be leaving behind, both as an athlete and as a team leader."

Harrison-Farmington's other All-State swims were turned in by Greaves in the 200-IM (third in 2:04.58) and 100-fly (third in 55.14), Munson in the 100-fly (seventh in 56.50) and Inch in the 500-free (fourth in 4:58.09).

The Hometown Life area's other competing teams in the D-1 meet were Northville (eighth with 123 points), Plymouth (14th, 57 points), Novi (tie for 15th, 50 points), Bloomfield Hills (22nd, 18 points), Canton (26th, eight points), Salem (tie for 27th, seven points) and Livonia Stevenson (tie for 29th, six points).

Northville's All-State swimmers were junior Sophia Tuinman in the 200-free (fourth, 1:50.50) and 100-back (second, 54.91), junior Lauren Heaven in the 100-fly (eighth, 56.75) and senior Kate-Lyn McCullough in the 100-back (eighth, 56.83).

The Wildcats' 200-yard medley relay foursome of Tuinman, junior Riley Szara, Heaven and McCullough finished fourth in 1:45.23.

Bloomfield Hills senior Sydney Woods earned All-State honors in the 100-back with a sixth-place time of 56.49. Plymouth freshman Brady Kendall was All-State in both the 50-free (third in 23.23) and 100-fly (fifth in 55.28).

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Seaholm, South Lyon earn top five finishes

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Birmingham Seaholm and South Lyon each earned top five finishes at the Division 2 girls swimming state championship meet Nov. 17 at Oakland University.

Rochester Adams, representing the Oakland Activities Association, scored 250 points to claim its first state championship. The Maples, also from the OAA, placed second with 220 points. Grosse Pointe South was third (214 points), followed by Portage Central (171) and South Lyon (139).

In other Hometown Life team results, Birmingham Groves was ninth (117 points), South Lyon East tied for 15th (58), North Farmington 17th (35) and Livonia Churchill 29th (four).

The Maples were led by their three-relays which accounted for 92 points with All-State finishes.

The 200-free relay foursome of freshman Eliza Dixon, sophomore Megan Clifford, junior Virginia Backus and sophomore Chloe Blake placed second in 1:36.97. Adams was first by a touch in 1:36.76.

The 200-yard medley relay team of junior Lexi Greenberger, freshman Kate Stanley, senior Sarah Thome and Dixon placed fourth in 1:48.05. The 400-relay squad of Backus, Blake, Dixon and Clifford was fifth.

Seaholm's individual All-State swims were registered by Blake in the 200-free (fourth in 1:53.33) and 500-free (seventh in 5:09.86), Clifford in the 200-IM (seventh in 2:09.43), freshman Bella Vaughan in the 100-back (eighth in 1:00.56) and freshman Kate Stanley in the 100-breast (third in 1:05.75).

South Lyon had a pair of All-State re-



South Lyon East's six-member state team included (clockwise starting from top right) Lindsay Boals, Madi Zielinski, Hannah Sun, Abby Seybert, Sophia Ohland and Melanie Cosens. SUBMITTED

lays -- the medley (junior Megan Sartori, senior Avery Covert, junior Nicole Hanshaw and junior Grace Gargiulo) placed eighth 1:51.75 and the 200-free (Gargiulo, junior Emerson Ramey, senior Emily Kurt and Hanshaw) took fourth in 1:38.16.

Kurt earned All-State honors in both the 50-free (second in 23.73) and the 100-free (third in 52.20). Lions freshman diver Anna Lang placed sixth with 356 points to also earn All-State designation.

Groves' lone All-State relay showing

came in the 200-free as the quartet of sophomore Hannah Dieghan, freshman Madison Helmick, senior Juliette Cerny and junior Nikki Barnas placed sixth with a time of 1:40.37.

Individually, Barnas (eighth in the 200-IM, third in the 500-free), junior Ellie Chalifoux (fifth in diving), freshman Pauline Izydorek (eighth in the fly) and Nicole Bastian (eighth in the 100-breast) posted All-State swims.

South Lyon East, with only six state qualifiers, was led by its 200-free relay foursome of junior Melanie Cosens, junior Lindsay Boals, sophomore Abby Seybert and senior Madison Zeilinski which earned All-State honors with an eighth-place showing.

Boals also was a double All-State sprinter after placing sixth in both the 50- (24.26) and 100-yard (52.93) freestyle races.

"South Lyon East was a scrappy team all season and that didn't change at the state meet," said South Lyon head coach John Burch. "I am very proud of all the girls."

North Farmington senior Julianna Petrak was third in the 200-IM (2:07.39) and second in the 100-breast (1:05.15) to earn All-State designation.

Division 3

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood's D-3 title defense came up a bit short.

East Grand Rapids, the 2016 state champion, scored 330 points to claim its second title in three years. Cranbrook Kingswood, last year's state champion, was runner-up with 284 points, followed by Hamilton (191), Bloomfield Hills Marian (160) and Chelsea (152).

Cranbrook and Marian both registered All-State swims in the three re-

lays.

Marian's team of junior Lauren Sielicki, freshman Mary Snyder, senior Anika Fassett and freshman Julia Waechter opened the meet by winning the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:46.71. The Mustangs also placed seventh in the 400-free and eighth in the 200-free relays.

The individual Mustang swimmers who earned All-State designation were Snyder (eighth in the 200-IM and fourth in the 100-breast), Waechter (fourth in the 50-free) and Sielicki (eighth in the 100-fly).

Cranbrook Kingswood's best relay showing was in the 200-free where it placed second behind the efforts of junior Jordan Murrell, senior Sydney Allison, sophomore Charlotte Trunsky and sophomore Gwendyth Woodbury. Their time was 1:36.60, just three-tenths-of-a-second behind the winning team from Hamilton.

The Cranes placed third in both the 200-medley and 400-free relays.

Cranbrook Kingswood posted 10 individual All-State swims, led by sophomore Justine Murdock who took first place in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 56.34. She also placed fourth in the 200-IM in 2:09.69.

The other All-State swims were registered by Woodbury in the 200-free (second in 1:49.78) and 100-free (second in 50.91), sophomore Serena Hao in the 200-IM (fifth in 2:09.73) and 100-breast (eighth in 1:08.70), sophomore Halé Oal in the 100-fly (fifth in 57.98) and 100-breast (seventh in 1:07.50), Trunsky in the 500-free (eighth in 5:18.60) and senior Camille Misra in the 100-back (sixth in 59.26).

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BOYS HOCKEY



Livonia Stevenson captured the Cranbrook Thanksgiving Tournament with a 3-2 win over the host Cranes in the final.

Stevenson rules Cranbrook Thanksgiving tourney

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Livonia Stevenson posted a pair of signature boys hockey wins over the weekend to capture the Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Thanksgiving Tournament at Wallace Ice Arena.

The Spartans scored three times during the second period to break a 0-0 deadlock and held off the host Cranes over the final period to earn the title Saturday with a 3-2 triumph.

"I could not be prouder of this group of players," said Stevenson coach David Mitchell, whose team improved to 3-1 overall. "So happy and excited for them. We've had some early season adversity and challenges, like most teams, but we have stuck together and focused on growing."

Stevenson's Ayden Adamic opened the scoring at 10:00 of the second period, off assists from Patrick McGowan and Jaydon Spears. Just 1:23 later, Mark

Stefanick made it 2-0 for the Spartans, off assists from Ethan Waldo and Ayden Adamic.

At 13:41 of the same period, Stevenson's Josh Suzio scored an unassisted short-handed goal to make it 3-0.

But Cranbrook (2-2) forged back at 8:52 of the third on Connor McGrath's goal from Aiden Goodfellow and Kamryn Hellman, followed by Eddie Agamov's goal from Hellman at 14:18.

But Stevenson goaltender Eric Polzin stood tall down the stretch and made a total of 24 saves to preserve the victory.

His counterpart from Cranbrook, David Blasky, finished with 17 saves.

On Friday, McGowan notched the game-winning goal at 1:14 of overtime sophomore and Ian Kimble recorded three assists as Stevenson turned back two-time defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Brighton in the tourney opener, 4-3.

Suzio also recorded two goals in the victory, while other offensive contributions came from Brenden Heard (one

goal, one assist), Austin Adamic (two assists), Waldo (one assist) and Stephen McDonald (one assist).

Polzin recorded a total of 19 saves.

Logan Przysiecki, Kaden Knight and Evan MacDonald each scored for the Bulldogs (1-2), while goaltender Harrison Fleming made 21 saves.

"Anytime you can beat traditional powers like Brighton and Cranbrook, back to back in the same weekend, I'd say that was a pretty good weekend for Stevenson hockey," Mitchell said.

SALEM 6, BRIGHTON 4: Dante Doute scored a pair of goals as the Rocks (1-2) went 3-of-8 on the power play to beat the Bulldogs (1-3) in the consolation final Saturday.

Other goal scorers for Salem included Josh German, Nathan Zylak, Justin Smith and Sean Sugrue.

Alex Schaumberger and Colin Goleniak both added two assists, while other assists went to Jacob Brodie, Nick Brosky, Adam Chismar and German.

Gavin Hall was in goal for the Rocks.

Will Jentz notched a hat trick, while Nathan Przysiecki and Tim Erkkila both added two assists for Brighton.

CRANBROOK 2, SALEM 1 (OT): On Friday, Lucas Doran scored the game-winning goal at 3:28 in overtime as host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (2-1) edged the Rocks (0-2).

Ronan McLaughlin and Kamryn Hellman both drew an assist on the game-winner.

It was scoreless through two periods before Cranbrook's Connor McGrath broke the ice at 4:33 of the third on a goal from Oliver Doran and Hellman. The Cranes went 0-of-5 with a man advantage.

Salem's Dante Doute tied it up at 13:44 on an unassisted effort. The Rocks went 0-of-4 on the power play.

David Blasky went all the way in net for Cranbrook, while Austin Goleniak was in goal for Salem.

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USA HOCKEY

NTDP rally falls short, Bowling Green prevails

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On Thanksgiving eve, a different kind of bird invaded Plymouth's USA Hockey Arena, as the Falcons of Bowling Green State University built a quick 3-0 lead and hung on for a 5-4 victory over the U.S. National Team Development Program's U-18 team.

The U.S., still catching fumes after a whirlwind travel schedule that took the squad to the Czech Republic and then Nebraska and Iowa, got to within a goal with 5:06 remaining, when forward Owen Lindmark scored to cut the deficit to 4-3.

But with NTDP goalie Spencer Knight (37 saves) pulled for an extra attacker, Lukas Craggs padded the Bowling Green lead to 5-3. That helped the Falcons stave off the U.S., despite a goal by Cole Caufield with 9.9 seconds remaining. Caufield sniped a shot under the crossbar, past goaltender Eric Dop (29 saves).

"You know what, hockey is a 60-minute game," U-18 head coach John Wroblewski said. "We had our goalie pulled (when it was 4-3) with our six best players on the ice, got a face-off and they scored within five seconds of the face-off."

"I would have liked to see us have a stronger bid at the end, as well. With that situation, I like that we ended up scoring late."

Also scoring for the U.S. was forward Patrick Moynihan, who tipped in a harmless-looking point shot taken by defenseman Drew Helleson.

Chipping in two assists was defenseman Case McCarthy, with forward Jack Hughes picking up an assist on Caufield's first goal (at 7:11 of the third).

Five different players scored for the NCAA Division I Falcons.

Wroblewski praised the way Knight and Caufield were stellar most of the game, but he lamented one of the Bowling Green goals and a power-play chance that went awry — with Caufield



U.S. forward Cole Caufield (right) sets up shop in front of the Bowling Green goal as a teammate unwinds on a slap shot.
RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

missing a wide-open net with a one-timer during the second period.

"That's one, with his caliber of goaltending ability, I think he wants back," Wroblewski said about Shane Bedard's goal at 4:34 of the middle period to make it 3-0. "But for the most part, Spence is awesome. I thought he came and showed why he has the credentials and the prowess that he's got."

As for Caufield's two-goal performance, "You love the two goals, (but) we had the power play and Boldy kicks it over to Cole and he's got that opportunity, shoots it high and wide. That's another one. ... It was a great power play, but at the end of the day, those are the situations I know those elite players aren't happy with their timing."

"I mean, it was a great play all-around on the power play. I got a great look, I just need to finish those," Caufield said. "He's a great player (Hughes), it's so much fun playing with him. Wherever you are, he's going to get you the puck. We had a great power play today, we didn't bury as much as we should have, but that's just what happens sometimes."

Here are several takeaways:

TURN BACK THE CLOCK

It was '90s Night, with fans treated to musical interludes of big hits from the 1990s, such as "The Danger Zone" (by Kenny Loggins), not to mention a chance to be photographed with a Fathead placard of one of that decade's

stars, such as Will Smith ("Fresh Prince of Bel-Air") or Bob Saget ("Full House").

TALKING TURKEY

Another holiday-related highlight for the crowd was a turkey bowling contest between the first and second periods.

TRAVELING TEAM

The U-18 team has traveled a ton in recent weeks, going to the Czech Republic for the IIHF Five Nations Tourney (where the U.S. went 4-0 to win the championship, clinching it with a 3-2 win Nov. 11 against Finland) and then playing road games in Nebraska and Iowa (both victories).

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COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

Madonna women NAIA runners-up

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Madonna University women's cross country coach Pat Daugherty would be the first to tell you that this team never had a bad practice all season.

And if practice does make perfect, then his fourth-seeded team exceeded expectations by taking runner-up honors in the NAIA nationals held Nov. 16 at the Seminole Valley cross country course in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Only six points separated the Crusaders from a national championship as Oregon Tech took home first-place honors with 126 points. Madonna and Taylor (Ind.) University took second and third, respectively, with 134 each (separated by the sixth-runner tiebreaker).

"Even before I knew the results, I was at the finish line and it's the most emotional I've ever been," said Daugherty, who help launch MU's cross country and track program in 2005. "Just the way they ran was the best feeling I've ever had as a coach. In fact, I didn't know what the score was going to be."

MU did not let the Iowa elements of 30-degree temperatures and strong winds affect its showing.

The Crusaders went out fast and held the lead after the first mile, but fell back to fourth at the second-mile checkpoint. At Mile 3 they dropped their team score from 162 to 135, but couldn't quite make up the ground on the first-place Owls.

"We were fourth coming in, so our expectations coming in were to stay either in the top four or sneak up to third," Daugherty said. "At the finish line, I had no idea what the score was. It took them a half-hour to do it, but (I) thought we had a good chance of winning it. The craziest thing in the world was that they all ran their fastest race ever at the same time."

Five of MU's top six runners posted personal bests, led by Alison Shapic (Madison Heights Lamphere), Christina Murphy (Livonia Churchill) and MacKenzie Gurne (Utica Eisenhower).

All three broke the school record of 18:12 and the trio became the school's first cross country NAIA All-Americans.

Shapic, a junior, placed 13th overall with a five-kilometer time of 17:50.4, a 34-second career best and her first time ever below the 18-minute barrier.

As freshman last year, Murphy was one spot shy of an All-America medal, but this time around she posted a 22-second P.R. and bested 18:00 for the first time in her career in 14th (17:51.4).

Gurne, a junior, wound up 28th overall with a clocking of 18:00.9, which is a 22-second P.R.

"Everything was great all year and those three girls led the way," Daugherty said. "They aren't overly vocal ... they are behind the scenes, but they really lead by example."

When Daugherty recruited the trio, he had no idea they had All-America capabilities.

Murphy's P.R. at Churchill was 19:26, while Shapic ran 19:33 at Lamphere as a junior, but was stuck in the 20:00s and 21:00s most of her career. Gurne ran 19:30 once during her high school days.

"When we got them, I never thought when those girls came here that they'd be in the 17:00s or close to 17:00 for the 5K," Daugherty said. "I don't know what to say about them. They're the hardest working kids. They never miss practice. They've been practicing at an elite level the whole year. It goes back to all three of them had a really good outdoor track season. They went two-three-four in the conference meet."

Sophomore Kateri Mills (Grand Rapids West Catholic), whose impressive time at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championships helped MU win the program's first conference title, finished 47th in 18:18.9. It was her first 5K under 19:00 minutes to go along with a 48-second personal best.

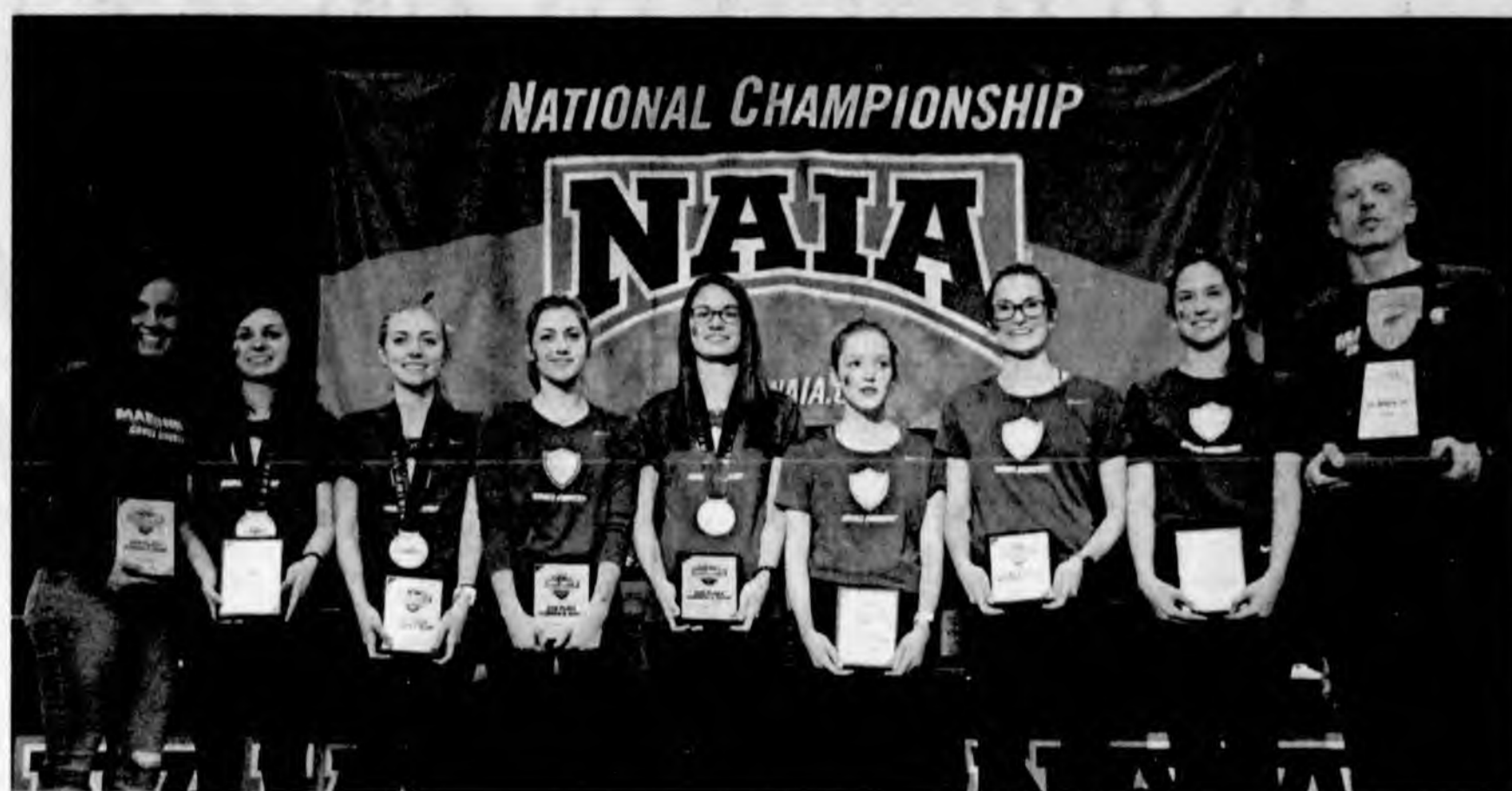
The Crusaders' fifth scorer was sophomore Kathleen George (Churchill), who placed 47th overall (18:22.9), a season best and just shy of a personal best.

"Kathleen George had a good year as well," Daugherty said. "And Kateri Mills finished on a high note as well by four seconds at the national meet."

Kathleen's twin sister Caroline also PR'd by 20 seconds with a 70th-place finish (18:29.4).

Rounding out the MU contingent was freshman Jana Hossein (Canton), the lone runner who didn't compete at last year's NAIA nationals. She placed 244th in 19:50, two seconds shy of her season best.

"If these three girls keep getting better, there's no reason to think we can't get second again or even a better chance of winning it," Daugherty said. "We're recruiting a couple of people who could



The Madonna University women's cross country team took NAIA runner-up honors Nov. 16 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

help the cause with those top five. Everybody comes back for the girls team, so I'm sure they're all thinking that goals will be a little higher next year. I think we're the only team with the top five that aren't losing somebody coming back next year. Expectations are always high."

Individually, Anna Shields of Point Park (Pa.) won the women's race with a time of 17:15.9, while Alexis Miller of Aquinas College was the top WHAC finisher as she placed sixth in 17:37.3.

Floyd leads MU men

Not to be outdone were the Madonna University men, who were making their first appearance in the NAIA nationals, won by Oklahoma City with 116 points.

Indiana Wesleyan placed second in the 36-school field with 143, followed by St. Francis (Ill.) with 162.

Madonna, seeded 22nd, placed 14th overall with 417.

Cornerstone University's Colin De Young won the individual national championship with an 8K time of 24:12.4, while the Crusaders where led once again by junior Tony Floyd (Livonia Franklin), who earned his third straight NAIA All-America honor in third place with a career-best 24:28.7.

Floyd, who also is a four-time All-America distance runner in track, has improved his cross country finish each season at MU after taking 11th in 2016 and fourth last year.

Floyd saved his best for his last race of the season.

"That's what he does every year, pretty much," Daugherty said. "He had a decent year this year. He got sick. He missed a whole week of practice and missed a meet. He had an upper respiratory infection, so it kind of set him back a little bit because he was doing really well up until that point."

Floyd was only a second behind runner-up Jesse Saxton of Indiana Wesleyan (24:27).

"Today my plan was to, obviously, was go out and try to win it, so I made the attempt to lead the race for a few miles and make sure that I put myself in a good position," Floyd told www.madonnacrusaders.com. "Near the end it really didn't pan out like I wanted to, but I gave 100 percent and I'm excited because next year I know that I can hopefully also do this again and try and win again. And I think if I put in the work throughout the summer I'll be able to do that."

Junior Joey Mercier (Waterford Kettering) and senior Devin Gibson (Wayne Memorial) placed 118th and 137th, respectively, with times of 25:50.4 and 25:57.0.

For Mercier, it was a 36-second P.R., while for Gibson, who qualified at the NAIA nationals as a freshman, it was his first clocking under 26:00.

Sophomore Alex Brauer (Livonia Stevenson) finished right behind Gibson in 138th place (25:57.6), his first time under 26 minutes as well. The fifth scorer for MU was Jack Balint (Stevenson), who placed 150th (26:03.8), a career best for the sophomore.

Also posting P.R.s for MU were sophomore Josh Chezick (South Lyon), who broke 27 minutes for the first time as a Crusader as he finished 247th (26:49.0), and red-shirt sophomore Vince Popyk (Grand Blanc), who took 270th (27:05.1), a 24-second personal best.

"Every single one P.R'd in our top seven, so it was good for them and good for us," said Daugherty, who guided MU to a third-place showing this season in the WHAC. "It's kind of a first thing for

us having this level of success."

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Obituaries

Rita Ann Keating Bliden

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - Mrs. Rita Ann Keating Bliden, 96, of Winston-Salem, passed away on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. Rita was born in Brooklyn, New York on April 26, 1922, to the late Joseph Francis Keating and Mabel Timmons Keating. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Victor John Bliden; and one brother, Francis Joseph Keating. She is survived by her son, John Bliden (Janet) of Winston-Salem, NC; one daughter, Rita Ann Bliden of Southampton, NJ; and two granddaughters, Mary Elizabeth Bliden of New York, NY and Kathryn John Bliden of East Lansing, MI. A service to celebrate Rita's life will be held at a later date. Hayworth-Miller Silas Creek Chapel is assisting the family of Mrs. Bliden. Online condolences may be made at www.hayworth-miller.com.

David A. Maternowski

MILFORD - David A. Maternowski, a resident of Milford, Michigan and Crystal River, Florida, passed away at home in the loving care of his family on November 24, 2018 from the challenges of renal cancer. He was 82 years old.

David was a lifelong entrepreneur who, with his best friend and business partner, Louise, created opportunity everywhere they went. Their legacy in downtown Milford in the 1970s included Henry Huggins Fish & Chips (at Huron and Water St.) and The Villager Steak & Eggs (at Milford Rd. and General Motors Rd.). When the team moved south, David and Louise owned several restaurants and RV Parks in west central Florida.

In addition to Louise, his beloved wife of 64 years, David is survived by their children, Keith (Michelle "Micki") Maternowski and Stacie (John) Morrison; grandchildren, Adam, Chad, Brett, Lindsey, and Alyssa; great-grandchildren, Darian, Joshua and Amelia; brother, Henry Maternowski as well as his canine companion, Rembrandt the Great Dane, extended family and dear friends.

David was preceded in death by his precious newborn son, Craig Lee Maternowski; his brother, Raymond Maternowski; his sister-in-law, Jane Maternowski and his parents, Henry S. and Helen M. Maternowski.

A Memorial Service will be held privately. Lynch & Sons, Milford 248-684-6645 www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Helen Z. Minier

MILFORD TWP. - Helen Z. Minier, a longtime resident of Milford Twp., died in the loving care of her family on November 24, 2018 at the age of 88.

Helen is survived by her son, Bill (Kim) Minier; daughter, Mary (Terry) Walker; grandchildren, Alyson, Terry, Shari, Coral, Brook, Tala and Brenna; great-grandchildren, Finn, Arianna, Moira, Rosemary, Fox, Liliana, Stella, Lyra and Sylvan; brother, Walter Zelony as well as many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Tony, Paul and George Zelony and her sisters, Ann Smith and Mary Sellers.

Visitation will take place at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Friday, November 30, 2018 from 4:00-8:00 PM.

Funeral Service will take place at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 10:00 AM with gathering to begin 9:00 AM. Pastor Terry Claus to officiate. Burial Highland Cemetery.

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How to communicate honestly with your boss

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Those of us who have spent any time in the workforce—from newcomers to seasoned veterans and across all industries and positions—have learned the value and importance of maintaining a positive and effective working relationship with our bosses. It just makes good intuitive sense—for most of us, our bosses are the professional gatekeepers, and we need to do our best to keep things going well with them if we want them to open the doors to promotions, new opportunities, greater responsibility, and more money. Like it or not, your relationship with your boss should be one you take seriously and put in the effort to cultivate.

In any healthy relationship, honesty is the cornerstone—it's the foundation of trust, good communication, and mutual respect, all essential components of the boss-subordinate equation. If you want things with your boss to run like a well-oiled machine, which will help make your work life easier and hopefully open up the doors to new opportunities, you need to keep an open and honest line of communication.

Granted, this is sometimes easier said than done—all bosses are not created equal, and those of us who have had the misfortune of working under the affectionately dubbed "challenging boss" know that these relationships often take a great deal of strategic finesse to manage properly. Also, not all situations present the opportunity for full disclosure and honesty in. While most of us don't sweat taking our full and fair credit at moments of professional success and triumph, it's not quite that easy to keep the floodgates of honesty wide open when things aren't going so



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well. We get it—but it's still important to make honesty your professional policy if you're looking to climb up the career ladder and achieve your work goals.

If you're looking to communicate more honestly with your boss, then consider using the following strategies for doing so effectively.

Know your boss

At a fundamental level, your relationship with your boss isn't all that different from other relationships in your life. Yes, they may hold the key to the next step in your professional journey, but in terms of them being a person in your life whom you have to figure out how to deal with, you've been here before.

Difficult or easy, typically the best way to handle a boss is to first acknowledge the sort of person they are—including how best to effectively communicate with them. Then, use this information to your advantage. Do they like

long meandering conversations or prefer you get straight to the point? Do they like talking over coffee or in conference rooms? Are they easier to pin down first thing in the morning or at the end of the day? Should you inject a little humor into things or is serious and buttoned up the best way to go?

Once you know your boss and are able to meet them on their own preferred terms, you're setting up the groundwork and backdrop for an honest conversation that will go as pleasantly and positively as possible—and make sure you continue to adapt and modify this strategy as needed. With a little luck, your boss will actually look forward to communicating with you, which will make being honest in all sorts of situations that much easier.

Start small

Honesty doesn't always come easy; in fact, for some of us who devote a great

deal of time and effort to artfully spin reality into our preferred version of things, being honest can take some getting used to—especially with our bosses. If being honest is a challenge for you, we suggest you start small. Think of a relatively low-stakes conversation you need to have with your boss that requires some level of personal honesty (nothing too traumatic or anxiety inducing) and go for it. Practice it at first if need be, and do your best to remain sincere, humble, and likeable (once again, aim to meet them on their preferred terms). If this honest conversation goes well, then you've begun to lay a healthy groundwork for future honest conversations. Take this success and build from there.

Find a bright side

Most of us have been in a situation where things might not have gone according to plan and have to face our boss. This isn't easy for anyone, regardless of tenure or level. When this happens and you're planning out how to broach this with your boss, always remember that honesty is the best approach—and the one least likely to come back and bite you in unexpected ways. Don't get defensive, don't look to deflect blame, and don't let negative emotions get the better of you. Instead, be humble, open, contrite, and sincere—and try to put a positive spin on the situation. Position it as a learning experience or an inflection point, and an opportunity to effect new and positive change and growth. Honesty isn't always easy, and it might not always go smoothly, but trust us—it's your best bet with your boss when confronted with a tough work situation.

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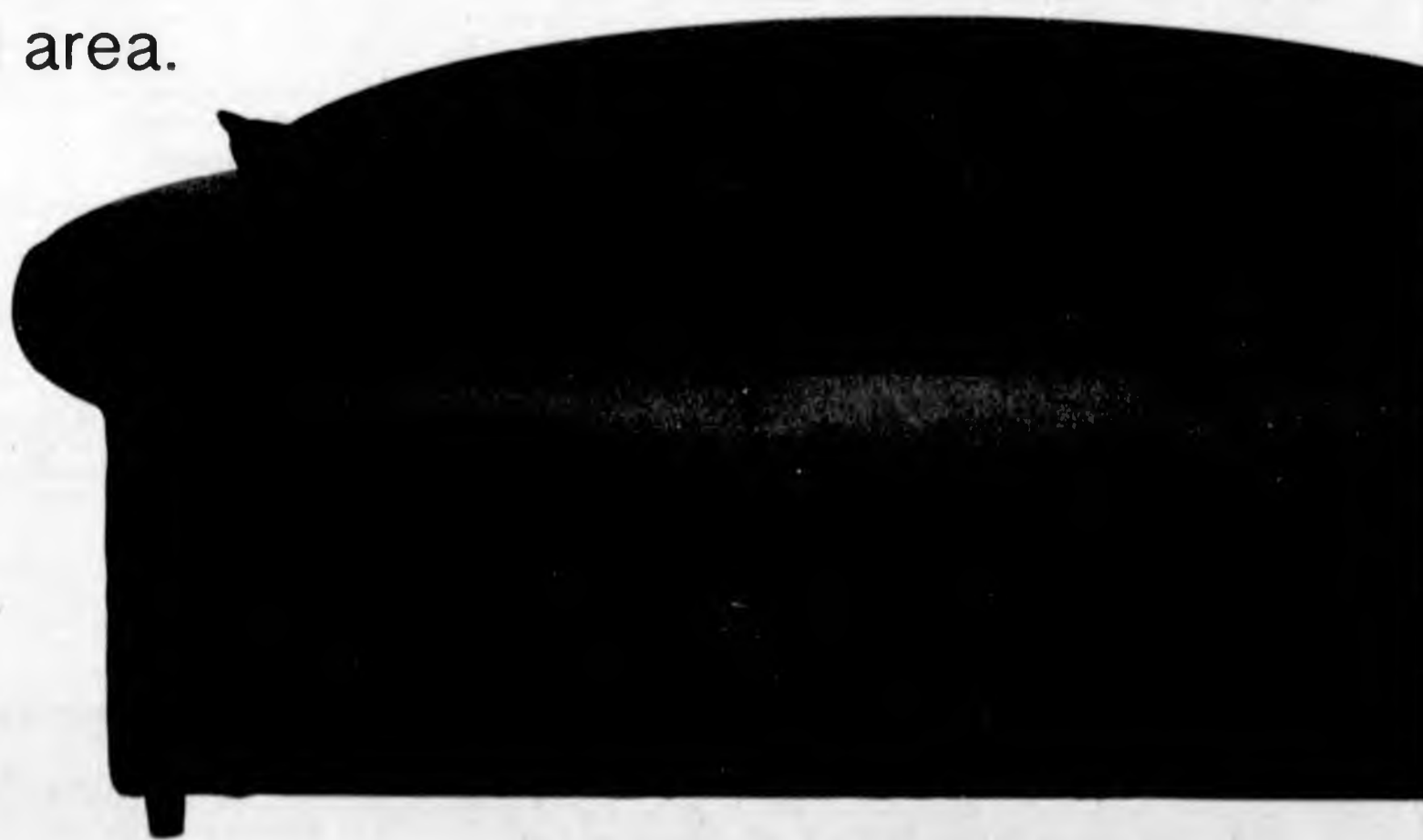
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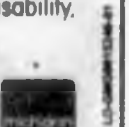
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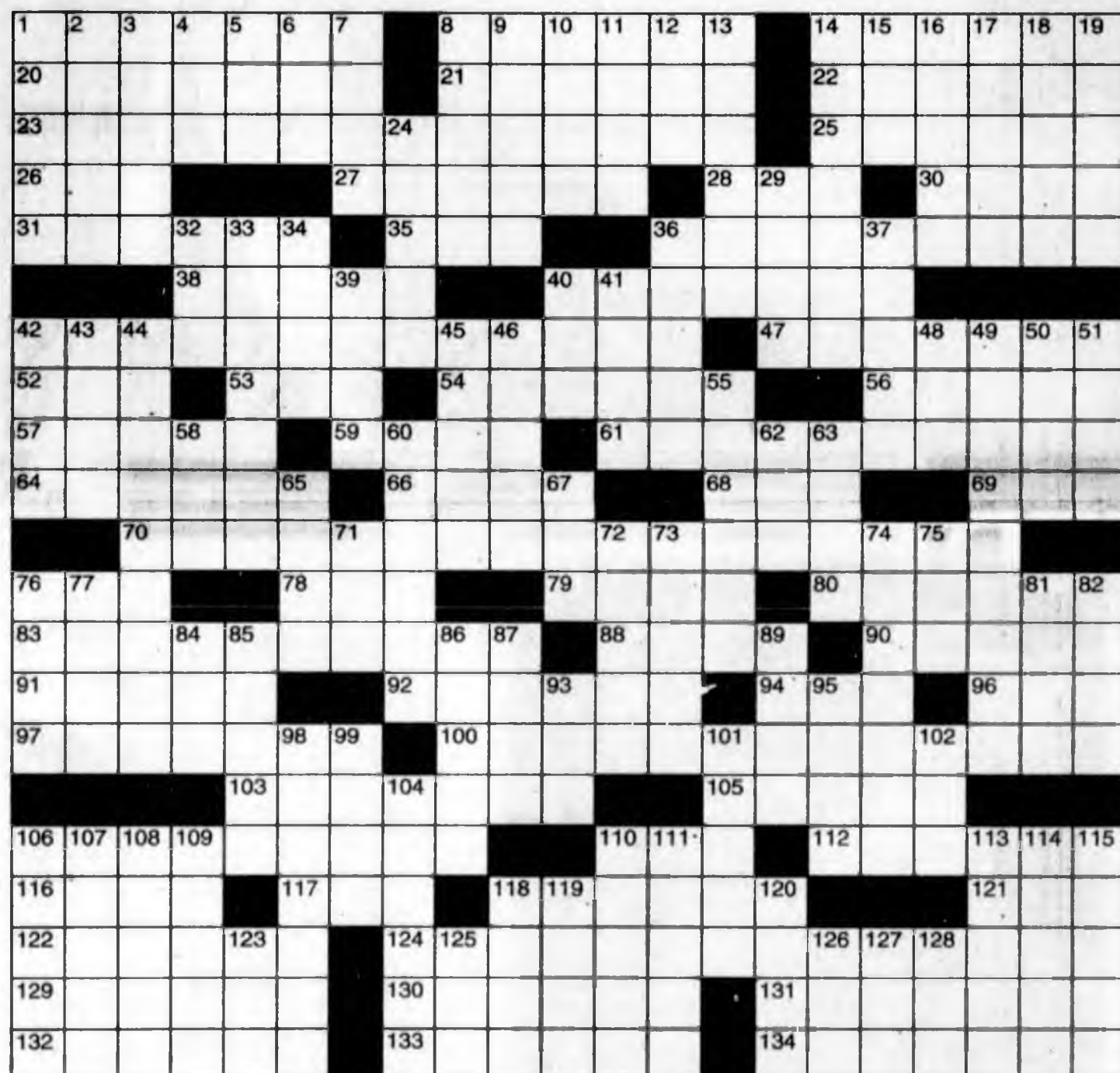
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ACROSS

- 1 Like many announcers' private side comments
8 Glistening
14 Give a cue to
20 Sounded like a frog
21 Durbin of old Hollywood
22 Worrier's cry
23 Deeper level of longing?
25 Walk like a little 'un
26 Coll. website suffix
27 Slandered really badly
28 "Uh-uh"
30 Legal claim
31 White water whereabouts
35 Give it a go
36 Place to bathe on the grass outside a house?
38 "Marvy!"
40 They cause actions
42 Really boring chairs, desks and tables?
47 Two-grid vacuum tube
52 Cry to a matador
- 53 Manning of the Giants
54 Far-off
56 Of charged particles
57 Extreme type
59 Lysol target
61 What 1066 is famous as?
64 Territory split in 1889
66 Pertaining to
68 Bad, to Jules
69 Viral malady
70 "Allow me to provide a leavening agent, if nothing else?"
76 Blvds. and aves.
78 China's Long March leader
79 Aquatic bird
80 — Leone
83 "Pray that I find some cool gross stuff!"
88 Isle of Man man, e.g.
90 Scout unit
91 — pittance (hardly any)
92 Garage job
94 Atop, to bards
96 Short snooze
- 100 Hankerings to take pictures of small and distant objects?
103 Places for milk products
105 Bored feeling
106 Measure of how much a ship swerves off course?
110 2000-15 TV series
112 Facet
116 Horror film lab aide
117 With 108-Down, deteriorate
118 Pre-entree dishes
121 Lanai wreath
122 Join the club
124 Chatter that's engaging?
129 Entertainer Uggams
130 Give kudos
131 Arms depot
132 Abides
133 Breadwinner
134 What vets provide

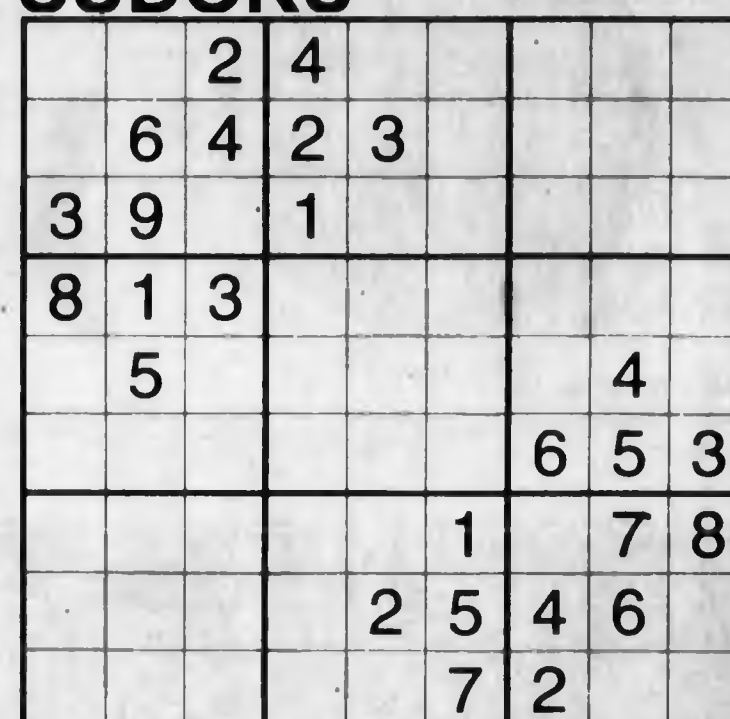
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- 1 Earthy color
2 Artist Kahlo
3 Mist over
4 — jongg
5 Mamie's man
6 Plunk lead-in
7 Häagen-Dazs rival
8 Storied fireman Red
9 Microbe-ridden
10 Byway
11 Camelot wife
12 Raggedy —
13 — opus
14 Road hazard
15 Sorority "P"
16 In a curious way
17 Word before circus or blitz
18 More ashen
19 Latest thing
24 Singer John
29 Be next to
32 Small hotel
33 Conquers
34 Writer Bellow
36 Connect with
37 Match well
39 Duo + one
40 Tally a total
41 1982 Disney cyberfilm
42 "— better believe it!"
- 43 Penne — vodka
44 Sloppy smooches
45 Wry twisting
46 — Haute
48 Acuff of song
49 Like a swap
50 Radio tuner
51 Hose color
55 Otter's kin
58 "Bosh!"
60 Go extinct
62 Bub
63 "Tis so sad"
65 "You lookin' —?"
67 Nosh
71 Stable stock
72 Seamless transition
73 Von — family ("The Sound of Music" clan)
74 — oxide (anesthetic)
75 The, to Hans
76 Emulated a fish
77 1 p.m. is one
81 Horse color
82 iPad
84 Oct.'s 744
85 Union general George
86 Darling type
87 Bodily joint
89 Aquatic bird
- 93 Lofty trains
95 Tall volcano in Sicily
98 Groups of geese
99 Dubliner's land
101 Model Klum
102 Dog's bark
104 Key in anew
106 Give in (to)
107 Nixon veep Spiro
108 See
117-Across
109 Dryly comical
110 In the vicinity
111 Not as risky
113 Kagan of justice
114 Romero of "Batman"
115 Work's name
118 Lasting mark
119 Related (to)
120 Take a pic of
123 — Abner
125 Legendary coach
126 Three, in Bari
127 D.C. winter hrs.
128 Remote button abbr.



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SUDOKU



Here's How It Works:

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

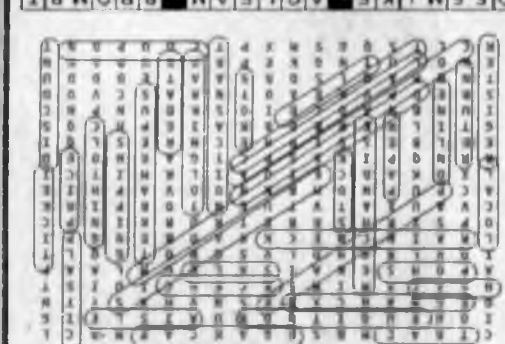
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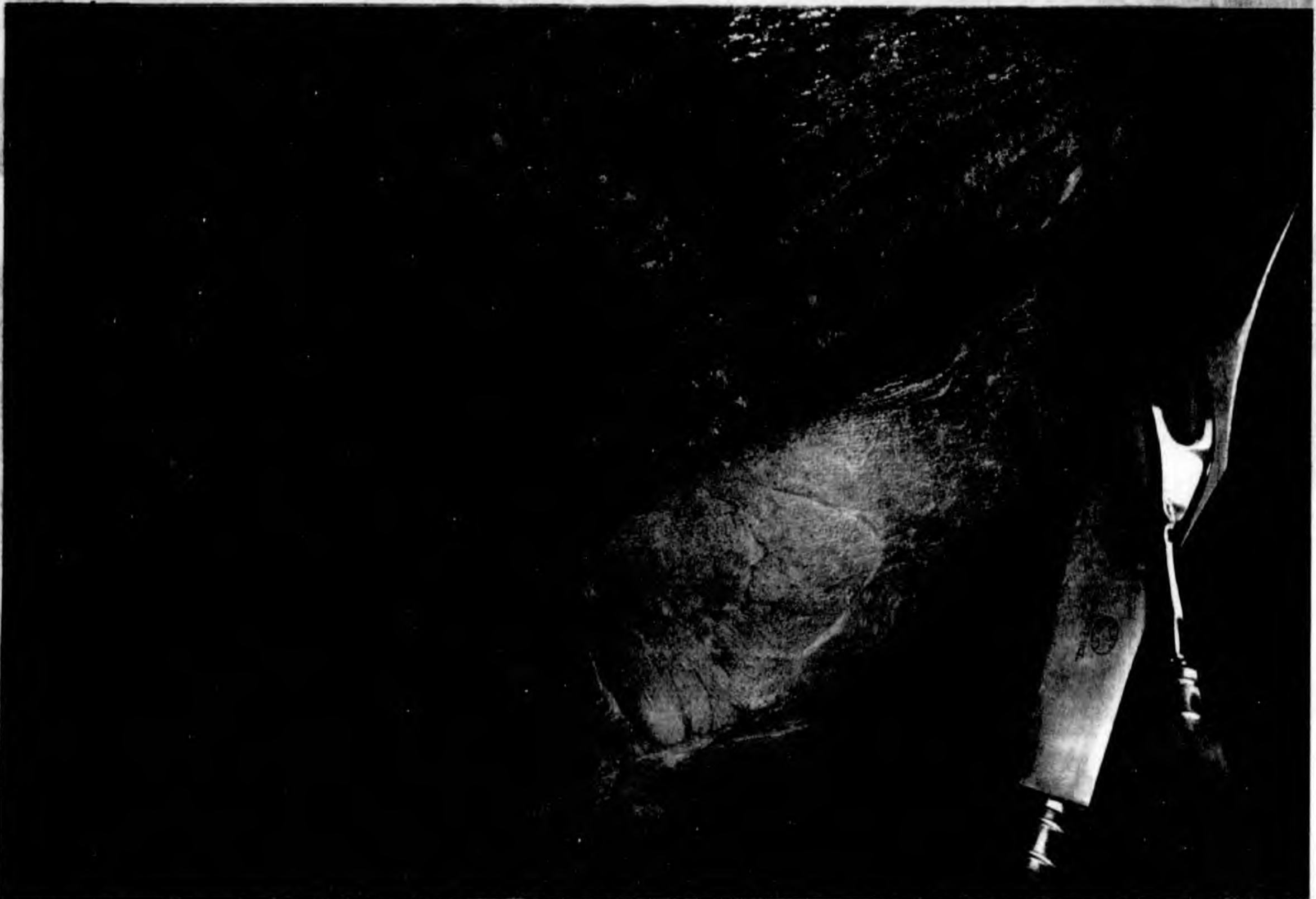


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