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# Northville students to stage 'Clue'

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After months of working late nights to put the show together, the students are ready to take the stage.

The Drama Club at Northville High School will present its student-run production of "Clue," scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 31 through Feb. 3, at the high school, 45700 Six Mile Road. Performances are schuduled for 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Stage manager and sophomore Hunter Meisel worked non-stop to prepare herself for the show. In addition to watching rehearsal every day, Meisel worked as a set designer.

"My favorite part of set design would have to be everybody. I like talking about the set design with people and getting their opinions on it," Meisel said.

For sophomore Tristan Presley, "Clue" never ceases to challenge his acting abilities. As Professor Plum, Presley continues to find new ways to approach a character.

"I am similar to my character, espe-

cially with the costume. Like in the 1950s, he would be more like a hipster kinda guy and artsy kinda guy," Presley said. "But Plum is very different in a way. In the show, he is going to have straight hair. Also he's kinda in it with the ladies and I am not."

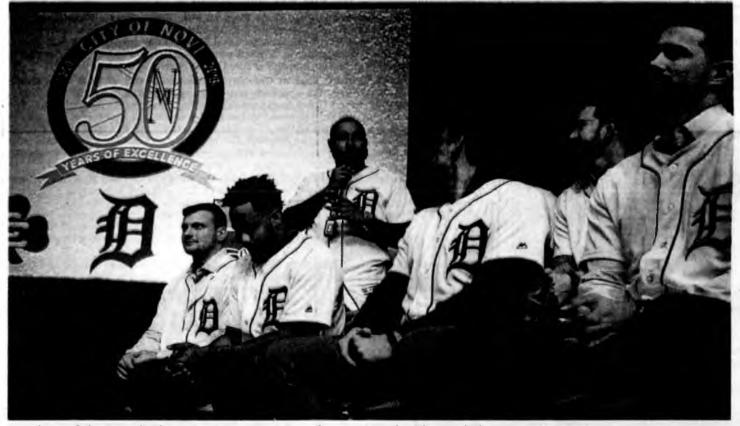
"Clue" is the eighth show junior Jack Fulton, who plays Wadsworth the butler, has been involved in. Fulton found that this show was a step up from previ-

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Sophomore Tristan Presley and junior Santhosh Sankar focus their attention to the booth, where senior Sarah Poulos gives them notes. HUNTER MEISEL

# **Tigers Winter Caravan makes two stops at Novi**



Author interviews 'Tombstone' actors for new book

Jennifer Timar Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Delving deeply into his research into the 1993 modern classic Western film "Tombstone" gave Livingston

Members of the Detroit Tigers took questions from fans gathered at the Novi Civic Center. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Players, coaches help generate interest in upcoming season

#### Brad Emons

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Of course, Miguel Cabrera got the biggest cheers when he was introduced and greeted by fans young and old during the Detroit Tigers annual Winter Caravan stop Jan.24 at both the Novi Civic Center and Novi High's Fuerst Auditorium.

And it turned out to be a festive day riguez and Dawel Lugo.

as several Tigers players and coaches were on hand as the city of Novi, which is ranked the sixth-best to live by Money magazine, continues to celebrates its 50th anniversary (1969 to 2019).

Among the notable Tigers participating were the two-time MVP and Triple Crown winner Cabrera, Michael Fulmer, Jordan Zimmerman, Matt Boyd, Shane Greene, Mikie Mahtook, John Hicks, Niko Goodrum, Jordy Mercer, Ronny Rodriguez and Dawel Lugo. The master of ceremonies was newly named Fox Sports Detroit Tigers play-by-play announcer Matt Shepherd, along with pregame and postgame host Craig Monroe, a former Tigers outfielder.

Several questions came from young and old fans, with Cabrera telling the crowd former Cincinnati Reds shortstop Davey Concepcion was his idol

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County author John Farkis opportunities to interview famous actors, as well as crew members, stuntmen and locals who remember when the films were shot.

Val Kilmer, Billy Zane, Stephen Lang, Frank Stallone, Joanna Pacula and Peter Sherayko were among actors who starred in the film and who spoke

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Author John Farkis is shown in 2015 holding one of several black-powder replica rifles used during the filming of "The Alamo," featuring John Wayne. His new book, is "The Making of Tombstone: Behind the Scenes of the Classic Modern Western." He donated much of his John Wayne memorabilia collection to the John Wayne Birthplace & Museum in Winterset, Iowa. LIVINGSTON DAILY FILE PHOTO

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# Nix selected as chairman of CWW

The Conference of Western Wayne, an association of 18 chief elected local officials in Michigan's largest county, announced that it has selected its new 2019 leadership team.

The CWW 2019 Executive Committee is composed of chairperson Supervisor Robert Nix II (Northville Township), vice chairperson Mayor Kerreen Conley (Belleville), secretary Supervisor Pat Williams (Canton Township), treasurer

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Mayor Byron Nolen (Inkster) and chair emeritus Mayor LeRoy Burcorff (Romulus), who led the CWW the last year.

"I am truly grateful to serve the 18 communities in western Wayne County that make up this organization," Nix said. "Our board has met monthly for nearly four decades, to take positions on state and federal legislation and county matters. Our primary focuses include: local government, public safety, substance use prevention, transportation and community and economic development. Our region is the most populated in the county and we pride ourselves on working together to promote western Wayne.

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

CWW communities are the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

The CWW area is 340 square miles, bordered by Washtenaw County to the west, Oakland County to the north, the city of Detroit to the east and Monroe County to the south.

Despite the diversity of size, economic development and population density, these communities have been working together to enhance this area of Wayne County for nearly 40 years.

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



The 18 members of CWW selected the new leadership team at its board meeting Jan. 11 in Northville Township.

# Play

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ous student-run productions.

"This is the best organized and the most together student-run (show) I've been a part of or I have ever seen happen. It's the most professional," Fulton said.

One of the head costume designers, sophomore Hadley Bugar, found that the best part of the experience is working alongside her best friends.

"My favorite part about this show is the fact that we can kind of goof off and also work at the same time, because

most of the time we are doing work," Bugar said. "But then also there is a little bit of wiggle room where we can be, like, 'Do we really have be working?"

Senior Sarah Poulos was given the opportunity to serve as the show's director. Along with her assistant directors and seniors Gracie Borbi and Ainsley Kirkland, Poulos spent two months bringing her vision to life. Poulos chalked up their success to the enthusiasm everyone brings to rehearsals.

"I think my favorite thing about 'Clue' is that everyone is enjoying themselves and it's shown because of the way everybody is acting during rehearsals. Everybody is happy to be here and happy to be included in everything and anything possible that they can do," Poulos said.

As the show is approaching opening night. Poulos is excited for the community to see what's in store.

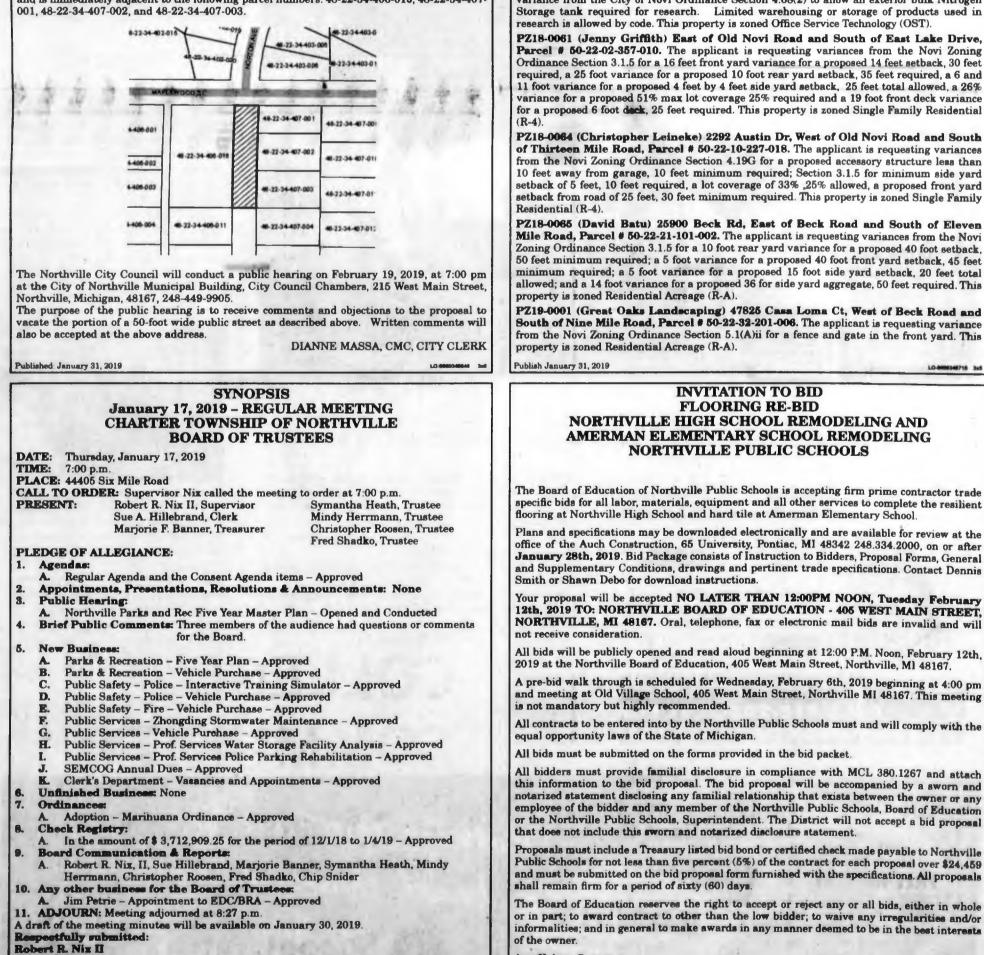
"I am most proud of how quickly we have gotten things done and how fastpaced but solid our show is right now. I'm just really looking forward to opening night, being able to sit back, free of taking notes or looking for errors. To be able to sit back and watch the full masterpiece that is 'Clue,'" Poulos said.

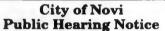
Tickets are \$10 online at https:// www.showtix4u.com/events/nhs theatreclue or \$12 at the door.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The Northville City Council received a vacating petition signed by the owners of privatelyowned property which abuts the following described street:

A portion of the 50 foot street in the City of Northville, County of Oakland, commonly known as Horton Avenue, located mid-way between Carpenter and Novi Streets and which runs in a North-South direction in the area immediately south of Maplewood Street as depicted below and is immediately adjacent to the following parcel numbers: 48-22-34-406-016, 48-22-34-407-





#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on February 12, 2019 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ18-0057 (Somnio Global LLC) 45145 West 12 Mile Road, East of Taft Road and South of Twelve Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-15-126-015. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 4.68(2) to allow an exterior bulk Nitrogen Storage tank required for research. Limited warehousing or storage of products used in research is allowed by code. This property is zoned Office Service Technology (OST).

PZ18-0061 (Jenny Griffith) East of Old Novi Road and South of East Lake Drive Parcel # 50-22-02-357-010. The applicant is requesting variances from the Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a 16 feet front yard variance for a proposed 14 feet setback, 30 feet required, a 25 foot variance for a proposed 10 foot rear yard setback, 35 feet required, a 6 and 11 foot variance for a proposed 4 feet by 4 feet side yard setback, 25 feet total allowed, a 26% variance for a proposed 51% max lot coverage 25% required and a 19 foot front deck variance for a proposed 6 foot deck, 25 feet required. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4)

PZ18-0064 (Christopher Leineke) 2292 Austin Dr, West of Old Novi Road and South of Thirteen Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-10-227-018. The applicant is requesting variances

#### allowed; and a 14 foot variance for a proposed 36 for side yard aggregate, 50 feet required. This property is zoned Residential Acreage (R-A). PZ19-0001 (Great Oaks Landscaping) 47825 Casa Loma Ct, West of Beck Road and South of Nine Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-32-201-006. The applicant is requesting variance from the Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 5.1(A)ii for a fence and gate in the front yard. This property is zoned Residential Acreage (R-A). Publish January 31, 2019 **INVITATION TO BID**

#### **FLOORING RE-BID** NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL REMODELING AND AMERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REMODELING NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting firm prime contractor trade specific bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the resilient flooring at Northville High School and hard tile at Amerman Elementary School.

Plans and specifications may be downloaded electronically and are available for review at the office of the Auch Construction, 65 University, Pontiac, MI 48342 248.334.2000, on or after January 28th, 2019. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings and pertinent trade specifications. Contact Dennis Smith or Shawn Debo for download instructions.

Your proposal will be accepted NO LATER THAN 12:00PM NOON, Tuesday February 12th, 2019 TO: NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION - 405 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud beginning at 12:00 P.M. Noon, February 12th, 2019 at the Northville Board of Education, 405 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 beginning at 4:00 pm and meeting at Old Village School, 405 West Main Street, Northville MI 48167. This meeting is not mandatory but highly recommended.

All contracts to be entered into by the Northville Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Northville Public Schools, Board of Education or the Northville Public Schools, Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$24,459 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

Ann Kalass, Secretary Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

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# Hines Park proposal needs full, open discussion



Terry Marecki Guest Columnist USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Every day in this country, we are inundated with arguing, political fighting and grandstanding. People have lost faith in many of their elected officials. Many have seemingly lost the ability, or perhaps the willingness, to listen to each their colleagues and the result is a complete absence of productive dialogue and compromise. When this happens, residents lose out.

There is currently a proposal in Wayne County that would allow for the sale of dilapidated mills to developers to be turned into restaurants, coffee shops, etc. I am not, today, advocating one way or another for this proposal. I am advocating simply for proper discussion and review. These historic mills have sat for decades and have been inaccessible to the public. If there is a path to rehabilitate and preserve them in a way the public can enjoy, it is worthy of our time and attention.

The end result may be the commission rejecting or approving the sale of two of these mills. Or we compromise with the executive's office an an alternative path. But either way, we would be doing Wayne County residents a disservice to not at least vet and discuss the

plan. Public officials, in good conscience, cannot make educated decisions without fully analyzing the proposals before them. And if we are public advocating for or against the proposal before the proper vetting has been completed, we are serving no one's best interests.

Residents want their officials to serve as diligent stewards of our community and, in this case, we can't do that until we know more. While the sale of Phoenix Mill was approved by the commission, the full Wayne County Mill Run Park proposal has not had one committee meeting. We have received a limited amount of information. There are some people who have intentionally circumvented the vetting process to rally the public against a proposal that has not seen proper discussion. In the process, they are pushing us toward political infighting before all the facts are established.

When we let politics dictate the decisions we make, everyone loses. No matter the party, no matter the policy position, elected officials need to have the full amount of information prior to making a public decision. Our constituents deserve no less from us every day. And they deserve no less from us on Mill Run.

Terry Marecki, R-Livonia, is the Wayne County Commissioner for District 9. She can be reached at 313-224-0946.

## WAYNE GOP CLUB GIVES DONATIONS TO FIRST STEP



On Jan. 18, the Western Wayne County Republican Club presented donations that filled the cargo area of an SUV to First Step in Plymouth, a nonprofit agency that provides services for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Donations were raised at the WWCRC Pizza and Politics event held Jan. 16 at Rose's Restaurant in Canton. Guest speaker at the event was Laura Cox, former state representative and chair of the House Appropriations Committee and now the leading candidate for Michigan Republican Party chair. The Western Wayne County Republican Club promotes political awareness, encourages participation in political affairs, works for responsible and limited government and supports Republican candidates. Events are held monthly.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in section 10.06, Cady Street Overlay (CSO). The new language was drafted in an effort to make the Zoning Ordinance reflect recent changes in the Master Plan. The new language eliminates the numerical density requirements in the district, and regulates density through the dimensional limitations that apply to the district. The language also removes flexibility of the district's architectural standards by the Planning Commission.

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on February 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm City of Northville Municipal Building – Lower Level Meeting Room, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearings will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. A draft of the proposed text amendments are available through the Building Department during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m, and are also available on the City's website (www.ci.northville.mi.us). Written comments will also be accepted at the above address.

> STEVE KIRK, CHAIRPERSON CITY OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

**CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS** Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the following Boards & Commissions:

**CITY OF NOVI** 

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON** 

- **Beautification Commission**
- Building Authority
- Construction Board of Appeals
- Library Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at <u>cityofnovi.org</u> or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, (248)347-0456.

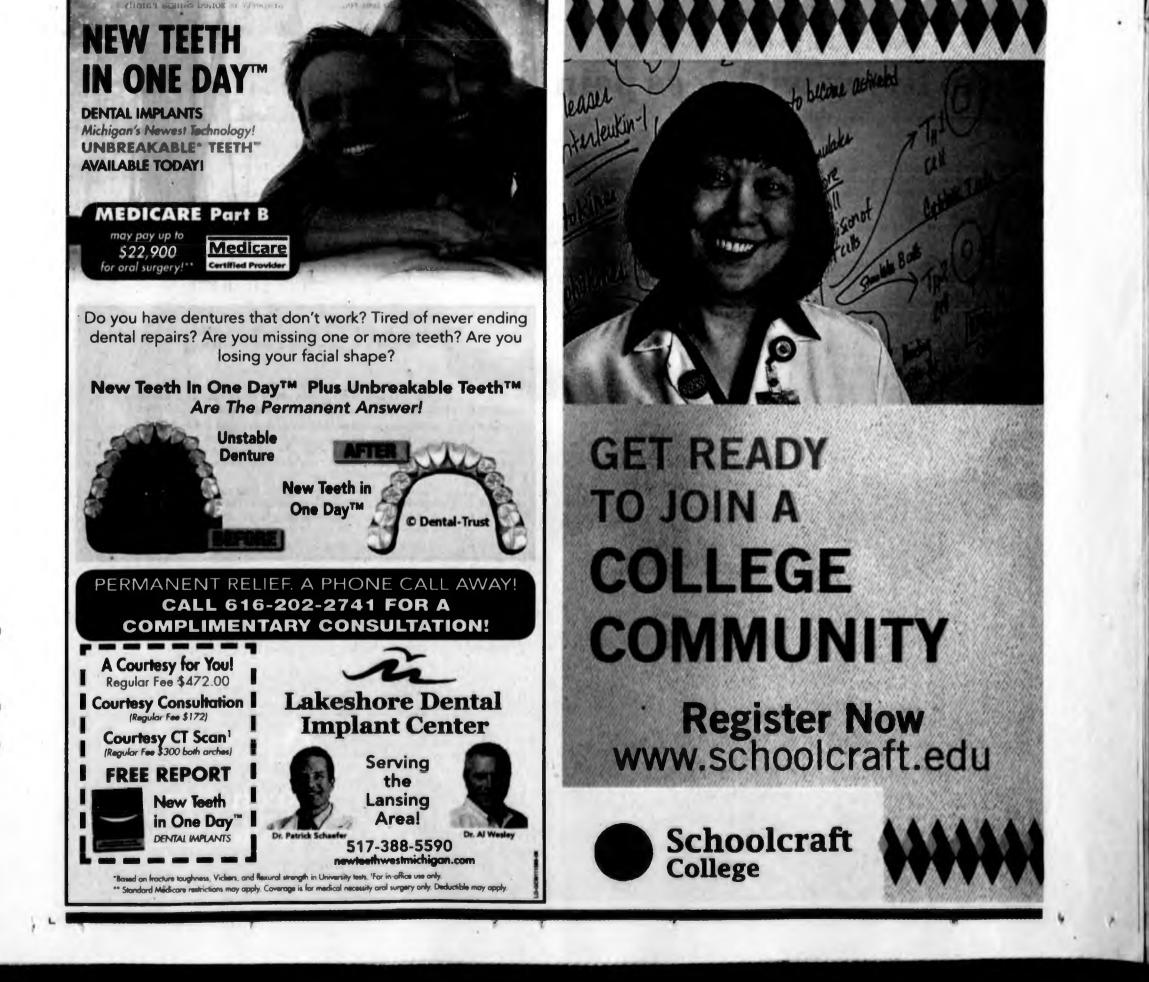
The deadline for filing an application (available online at <u>cityofnovi.org</u> or at the City Clerk's office) is Friday, February 15, 2019. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

Cortney Hanson City Clerk

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### Tigers

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#### growing up.

Mahtook also told the fans he was a multiple-sport athlete growing up, playing football, basketball and baseball, as well as running track. Meanwhile, Boyd was a hockey player as well.

When asked about his off-season training, Fulmer explained that he rested for a month and said with a laugh, "I'm a part-time plumber."

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt also recognized the Novi police and recreation departments, and also celebrated the city's 50 years of excellence by honoring a total of six different state championship teams from both Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Novi high schools.

Catholic Central's MHSAA state championship wrestling (2017, 2018), la-



Novi Mayor Bob Gatt welcomes Detroit Tigers players to the Novi Civic Center. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

crossse (2018) and soccer (2017) teams stood up for applause, as well as its state championship Quiz Bowl (2017, 2018) team.

Meanwhile, the Division 1 stae championship Novi girls soccer (2018) and volleyball (2015, 2016, 2017) teams also

#### took a bow.

The pep rally also featured two mascots, including the Tigers' own Paws and Novi's Wildcat.

The Novi High marching band performed the national anthem, which was followed by a routine by the Novi High

pom pon team. Novi High a capella choir also performed two songs.

The ceremony wrapped up at city hall when Gatt was presented a large framed Tigers No. 50 jersey by Tigers general manager Al Avila.

Following the ceremony, the caravan shifted over to Novi High for the Kids Rally, where Tigers players took part in an audience participation games and a trivia contest with elementary and middle school students.

Greene, the Tigers' closer, also matched up with 7-year-old Chuckie Hall, who appeared last fall on "Live With Kelly and Ryan" in the Pop-a-Shot Challenge.

And the first-grader from Novi, a basketball arcade MVP, won going away, beating the Detroit relief pitcher, 33-19. Contact Brad Emons at be-

mons@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @BradEmonsl.

### Author

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with Farkis for his new book.

Farkis also was able to chat with Catherine Hardwicke, a production designer on the film who went on to direct 2008 vampire romance "Twilight."

Farkis's book, "The Making of Tombstone: Behind the Scenes of the Classic Modern Western," was released last month by McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers.

"The book tells the story of the making of the movie from the perspective of people involved in making the movie and it also covers the history, how the city of Tombstone was created, Wyatt Earp and the gunfight at the O.K. Corral and the creation of the film itself," Farkis, a 69-year old Green Oak Township resident, said.

His research included interviewing more than 140 people who worked on the film. He also collected and studied all sorts of photographs and documents such as internal communications, call sheets and daily film reels.

One of his favorite finds: He obtained 11 drafts, or different versions, of the script.

"A lot of people don't know there were

two directors," Farkis said. "The original screen-writer Kevin Jarre had written 'Glory' (1989) and because of his success with the screenplay andwas hired to direct 'Tombstone,' which is why a lot of the actors got on board, but he had trouble translating it into a film."

Farkis obtained four versions of the script Jarre penned before getting fired as the film's director. George Cosmatos took over directing the film and actor Kurt Russell was also deeply involved in the film's creation.

"Reading the scripts were interesting, because you could see how the script evolved," he said.

He said he would have loved to interview more stars who appeared in "Tombstone," but it wasn't in the cards.

Russell and Sam Elliott were too hard to reach, he said.

"I had interviews set up with Bill Paxton and Powers Boothe, but unfortunately they both passed away before I could speak with them," he said.

Farkis traveled to Tucson and Mescal, Ariz., where scenes were filmed to hunt down more stories and evidence.

"A lot of people working behind the scenes stayed in a Holiday Inn in Tucson, which is still a hotel, and I went to the address ... some of the maintenance crew worked at the Holiday Inn and gave me a lot of stories about what happened around the pool," he said. "I tracked down the manager and her husband was an extra in one of the bar scenes. She found reels of film stored away in the hotel that were dailies filmedby the first director who was fired and they aren't in the film."

He said extras were given maps to filming locations. He followed one of the maps to see locations for himself.

Farkis has also written two books on the making of 1960 John Wayne film "The Alamo," and donated many photographs, props, posters and other materials to the John Wayne Birthplace & Museum in Winterset, Iowa.

One aspect of the film that Farkis found interesting: while the film is relatively historically accurate, it was also representative of the time period in which it was made.

"It's 1881 Tombstone, but it was also made in 1993 Hollywood," Farkis said. "You could see topics being incorporated into the script that made the characters more modern than typical characters in Westerns made in, say, the 1940s."

Wyatt Earp's love interest Josephine Marcus, who actress Dana Delany portrayed in the film, "was a very modern woman and very aggressive in both her sexual appearance and activities and she was a stage entertainer at the time," he said. "Typically, you don't see that type of female characters in films in the 1940s and 1950s, and drinking and drug use are prevalent in the film and you didn't see that in old Westerns."

Beth Cox, a marketing representative for McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers, thinks the book will appeal "to movie lovers of all stripes, but particularly fans of the Western, which is again making a comeback," she said. "Movie buffs will appreciate the comprehensive behind-the-scenes coverage of "Tombstone.' John's access to rare photos and personal commentary from the cast and crew attest to his ability to really deliver the often elusive behind-the-scenes perspective to movie fans."

#### Where to buy the book

The book, which was released by McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers last month, is available for purchase online through the publisher's website, mcfarlandbooks.com/product/themaking-of-tombstone, Barnes & Noble, Amazon and other websites.

Personalized autographed copies can be ordered directly from Farkis by emailing him at jkfarkis@earthlink.net.

Farkis said the book should be for sale at brick-and-mortar locations in the near future. He is also planning a book tour.

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# Check out these three events this weekend

**David Veselenak** hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Where has the time gone? It seems like just yesterday we were watching the ball drop. Now here we are one month into 2019.

To celebrate, let's get out and do something fun, especially after this week's blistering cold and snowy weather. Here are three things happening in the Hometown Life area worth checking out this weekend.

#### **Restaurant Week in Birmingham**

Hungry? If so, Birmingham is the place to be all this week and next.

The annual Restaurant Week kicked off earlier this week and runs through Friday night. More than 20 restaurants across the city are participating, including Big Rock Chop House, Toast, Mad Hatter Bistro and more. Enjoy some of Birmingham's finest dining with threecourse lunches for \$18 and three-course dinners for \$36 at participating restaurants.

Reservations can be made by contacting the restaurants directly. And for those who may not be able to make it this week, Restaurant Week takes place again next week across Birmingham.

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



Birmingham Restaurant Week runs all this week and next week at more than 20 restaurants across Birmingham. ED MORYKWAS | RIVER OF TIME PHOTOGRAPHY

#### Ice harvesting at Kensington **Metropark in Milford**

Go back in time Saturday by heading to Kensington Metropark in Milford.

There, a program on ice harvesting a process done before the advent of refrigeration - will take guests back to a time when keeping things cool took a lot more work than clearing out the freezer.

The program will include demonstrations and a chance for visitors to try their hands at some ice harvesting as well. Attendees are encouraged to dress

#### warmly

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kensington Farm Center, 4570 Huron River Parkway, in Milford. Day passes for vehicles entering Kensington are \$10 and annual Metropark passes are \$35. More information can be found on the park's website.

#### Used book sale at the Livonia library

If you're still looking for that perfect book to cozy up with next to the fire, Five Mile and Farmington roads will be your first stop this weekend.

The tri-annual used book sale takes place starting Friday at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library, 32777 Five Mile, in Livonia. Benefiting the Friends of the Library, the sales attracts long lines of book hunters seeking to find something to read or something to add to their collection.

The sale runs all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday while the library is open and will feature books marked at \$1 for hardcovers, 50 cents for paperbacks and 25 cents for romance novels.

More information can be found on the library's website at livoniapubliclibrary.org.

Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.

# Students sought for spring break history experience

In 2018, the Detroit Historical Society 1-6 at the Detroit Historical Museum introduced Detroit Design 2067, a youth-driven spring break immersion program held at the Detroit Historical Museum. During the week-long experience, 11 high school juniors and seniors worked with historians, community leaders and design thinkers to learn how Detroit's history impacts their communities in the present and how to use design theory to propose solutions to realworld challenges.

The hugely successful program is returning for 2019 and will take place April (with a student orientation Saturday, March 30). A presentation on the final day of the program is open to the public. Applications are now available at https://detroit1967.org/team-2067youth-immersion-program/16775-2/. High school juniors and seniors in metro Detroit are invited to apply by Feb. 1.

Detroit Design 2067 offers 12 high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to:

Explore the history of July 1967 in Detroit with the creators of the awardwinning Detroit 67: Looking Back to Move Forward project.

Learn and apply design concepts with lead instructor Chanel Beebe and a host of other professional designers.

Partner with four area businesses/ community organizations to a develop solutions to resolve a problem they are experiencing.

Students who successfully complete the program will earn a \$350 scholarship to apply to future educational endeavors.

Completed applications may be sub-

mitted to Kalisha Davis, director of community outreach and engagement, by email at kalishad@detroithistorical.org. For more information about Detroit Design 2067, go to https://detroit 1967.org/team-2067-youth-immersion -program/

Watch a video about last year's program, produced by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, at https://www.you tube.com/watch?time\_continue=3&v =J747rWwDoiA.

For more information, call 313-833-1805 or go to detroithistorical.org.



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RESIDENCY **Presence Saints Mary and Elizabeth** Medical Center, Chicago

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Li Li, MD, PhD is board-certified in Internal Medicine. Dr. Li focuses on listening to her patients' needs and concerns, and educating them on preventive care, allowing her to build relationships with the whole family. She is fluent in Chinese.

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# **RCOC reports fewer fatalities in 2018**

The number of traffic fatalities on roads under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County has trended downward over the past three years, including a nearly 20-percent decline in from 2017 to 2018.

For calendar year 2018, there were 23 fatalities on RCOC roads. This is fewer fatalities than any of the previous three years and well below the average number of fatalities for the last 18 years. Of the 23 fatalities, eight were alcohol and/ or drug-related.

The lowest number of fatalities in recent years was 2013, when 14 traffic-related deaths were reported. Additionally, the traffic-fatality rate in Oakland County has remained approximately half the statewide and national rates for several decades.

"Safety remains the top priority for RCOC," RCOC chairman Greg Jamian said. "Throughout the years, the focus on safety has guided many RCOC decisions related to road project selection, design and maintenance."

Jamian noted RCOC has consistently been on the cutting edge of traffic-safety innovations such as:

Annual safety reviews of 50 intersections and road segments with the highest crash rates to determine what can be done to improve safety (including the use of customized software to analyze crash data).

■ Modern roundabouts - RCOC has the highest concentration of roundabouts in Michigan. These circular intersections have been shown to dramatically reduce traffic fatalities and serious-injury accidents. No fatalities have occurred in RCOC's 25 roundabouts since the first one was built in 1999.

■ Wider white edge lines (widened from four inches to six inches to improve visibility and durability).

Paved shoulders which help prevent "run off" accidents when cars inadvertently swerve off the road – without paved shoulders it is far more likely the cars will lose control.

Numerous technology innovations, such as:

- Operating one of the largest systems of high-tech "adaptive" traffic signals in the nation (signals that detect the number of vehicles present in each direction and automatically adjust signal timing in real time to best meet the traffic needs at that moment).

- Being among the first agencies to adapt LED bulbs in traffic signals.

- Continued work with the Federal Highway Administration and the auto

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industry on "connected vehicles" that will allow cars to "talk" to road infrastructure, etc.

 Road project safety audits, in which a cross-disciplinary RCOC team studies proposed projects to ensure all safety concerns are addressed.

Pavement rumble strips that alert
 motorists when they travel out of their
 lanes.

 Detailed winter-maintenance guidelines that spell out how many snowplows/salt trucks should be used in every type of situation and when they should be deployed.

"For everything we do, we are continuously considering ways to improve safety. We take safety very seriously and motorists can join the effort by eliminating driving distractions such as cell phones," Jamian said.

#### **Fatalities on RCOC roads**

Here are the number of fatalities reported on RCOC roads for each year since 2001:

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# **MS&GCU offering college scholarships**

Over the course of many years, Michigan Schools & Government Credit Union has helped hundreds of students and educators fund their higher education pursuits through its annual scholarship program. The 33 available scholarships recognize academic achievement, community service and an applicant's commitment to learning.

New this year, the William Cayen Skilled Trades Scholarship honors longtime MS&GCU board member Dr. William Cayen. Known for his passion of helping students during his time as an educator, the scholarship will benefit students pursuing a career in skilled trades.

"The skilled trades industry in Michigan is growing and in high demand," said Pete Gates, MS&GCU president/ CEO. "We are pleased to be able to support our state and our community with a new scholarship that will help individuals reach their educational and career goals."

Offering more than \$106,000 in awards this year, applications are now being accepted for the following scholarships at msgcuscholarships.org:

■ Educational Solutions Scholarship, for high school seniors planning to attend a two- or four-year college or university. Eighteen \$2,500 scholarships are offered.

■ Educator Advantage Scholarship, for certified educators and administrators of early childhood, primary, secondary and post-secondary schools who are continuing their education. Four \$2,500 scholarships are offered.

■ Larry Swantek Educational Studies Scholarship, for high school seniors who plan to major in education or current college students with an education major. Four \$2,500 scholarships are offered.

■ Rudolph Heino High School Scholarship, for high school seniors who embody the MS&GCU philosophy of "people helping people." Five \$2,500 scholarships are offered.

■ William Cayen Skilled Trades Scholarship, for students pursuing a skilled trades certificate in Macomb, Oakland or Wayne counties. Two \$2,500 scholarships are offered.

Scholarship details, eligibility re-

quirements, selection criteria and online applications can be found at msgcuscholarships.org. The application period runs through March 8.

In addition to these scholarships, MSGCU also offers annual scholarships to students in the police and fire academies at Macomb Community College, Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College. The scholarships have been renamed in honor of the late MS&GCU board member Stephen Thomas, who served in the Detroit Police Department and retired from the Macomb County Sheriff's Department. The Stephen Thomas First Responder Scholarship program awards \$2,000 to 12 academy graduates annually. Information on these scholarships is available through the program directors of each academy.



# Don't waste your bonus money on frivolous purchases



**Money Matters Rick Bloom** USA TODAY NETWORK ICHIGAN

It was just announced that Ford UAW workers are going to receive a \$7,600 bonus. Congratulations, the bonus was well-earned. Of course, whenever you receive a bonus, the big question is what should you do with the money?

Most people will be thinking about whether they should buy a new phone or a big-screen television. Although there is nothing wrong with rewarding yourself for a job well done, as adults we need to be smart with our money. I would suggest that, before rushing out to buy a new phone or big-screen television, you take a hard look at your personal finances to determine if you shouldn't do something smarter with your bonus. The money should be used to improve the quality of your life and, by being in better shape financially, it will enhance your life in many different wavs.

Here are a few ideas that you should consider with your bonus money. The first is for those who have charge card debt. If you carry a balance on your charge card, you should consider using the bonus to pay down your debt. The average American pays more than 18.5 percent interest on their charge card. That interest is not tax-deductible, so when you use your bonus to pay down charge card debt, you are getting a guaranteed 18.5 percent on your money. I assure you there is no investment out there that will pay a guaranteed 18.5 percent. Paying down charge card debt is a great financial move.

There is another benefit to paying down debt, particularly charge card debt, and that is to your health. There is no doubt that when people are in debt, it causes anxiety and other health issues. Paying down debt is liberating and it's something you should consider doing

#### with your bonus.

We have all heard about the problems that government employees have had as a result of missing a paycheck. If you don't want to be in that situation if something unfortunate happens to you, you need to make sure you have an emergency fund. I would suggest that if you don't have an emergency fund - at least three to six months of living expenses — a great use of your bonus is to establish one. If the government employees who have missed a paycheck had an emergency fund, they would be in much better shape.

Remember, your emergency fund shouldn't be invested in stocks or other long-term investments, but kept in the bank so you can tap into it in case of emergencies. Liquidity is the key for emergency money.

For those who have an emergency fund and are not in debt, one thing you may wish to consider is investing the money in something like a Roth IRA. A Roth IRA is a great vehicle, in the fact that you can let the money grow taxfree for as long as you choose. I have always been a believer that you cannot save too much for retirement and investing your bonus in a retirement saving vehicle will bring you benefits well into the future.

Receiving a bonus is great, but what's even greater is when you use that money wisely. If you receive a bonus, before you rush out and spend it, take some time to look at your personal finances to see if the money can be better spent. Of course, you are entitled to reward yourself, but I think you'll find being in better shape financially is a great reward.

Good luck!

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

#### Woodward elected chairman of county board

The incoming members of the 2019-20 Oakland County Board of Commissioners were sworn in recently during the first full board meeting of the new term. David T. Woodward was elected chairman and Marcia Gershenson was elected vice chairwoman. This term marks the first time Democrats will be in the majority on the county commission in more than 40 years.

"It's a new day for Oakland County!" Woodward said. "Together we're ready to build an economy that works for everyone, not just a few. We're ready to break down walls to regional cooperation. And we will govern our county in a way that expands opportunity and equality for all."

In addition to electing leadership and establishing their new standing committees, the board welcomed six new members: Thomas Kuhn, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller, Kristen Nelson and Angela Powell. The other 15 members of the county commission are returning incumbents.

The board was reorganized to better

#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

#### **Praise for retiring reporter**

When we recently learned of the early retirement of Mr. Brad Emons from your organization, we understood the reasons for the pending decision of your organization. Technological diversity and an ever increasing demand for expeditious information drives much decision making with regard to informational outlets.

This being the case, I did not want to allow the early retirement of Mr. Emons to go without notice or mention. Brad Emons has been both an icon and wealth of information concerning local area sports in the State of Michigan. His historical perspective and athletic pedigree are second to none in our area and for that matter, much of the Midwest. His longevity is unrivaled and I have never met an individual in all my years in athletics who has a greater recall than Mr. Emons. His unbiased and precise reporting is something which should be envied by all journalists. I have no idea how he spends as much times as he does advance county priorities in the coming term and improve efficiency. In addition, the board made numerous appointments to boards, committees and commissions.

Woodward signaled that the board is ready to embark on bold new initiatives in the coming term.

"We have a strong tradition on the board where Democrats and Republicans work together to get things done," he said. "Washington can learn a thing or two from us. If it's a good idea, if it improves peoples' lives, if it's the right thing to do, then we're going to get it done - regardless of whose idea it is."

Chief Circuit Judge Shalina Kumar delivered the invocation, Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard led the Pledge of Allegiance and Clerk/Register of Deeds Lisa Brown gave the oath of office. The Oakland County Sheriff honor guard also participated in the ceremony. The national anthem was performed by Megan Herbst, a sophomore at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

For more information, go to www.oakgov.com/boc or call 248-858-0100.

#### with all of the schools and individuals he is responsible for, however, he somehow finds a way. You do not replace a man like Mr. Brad Emons, you simply forward and manage the best way you can.

On behalf of many of the local coaches, athletic directors, and parents in our area, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Brad Emons for a distinguished journalistic career in athletics which is second to none. He leaves behind a legacy of knowledge and integrity which will never be forgotten, nor ever be replaced. You do not replace a Brad Emons, you simply move forward and attempt to fill the cavernous void the best you can. Thank you Mr. Brad Emons for all you did and for all you have accomplished within the athletic arena. More importantly, we thank you for your selfless promotion of educational athletics, your unwavering support of every level of athletics and lastly, for never forgetting which word comes first in the phrase "student athlete."

Marc G. Hage, C.M.A.A. Livonia Churchill athletics K.L.A.A. athletic president



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#### **AREA EVENTS**

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com. Items must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

#### **Little Free Pantry**

First Presbyterian Church, 205 E. Lake Street, in South Lyon has started the Little Free Pantry, a small pantry located on the back side of the church against the building stocked with a few items that a person or family who is hungry or in a crisis situation can benefit from. Our motto is "take what you need ... leave what you can."

#### **Northville Marketplace**

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is accepting registrations for the annual Northville Marketplace event, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. The Marketplace will feature interactive exhibits from retail, service and nonprofit businesses. The early bird registration fee of \$75 (chamber members' discount) includes booth space, table, chairs, setup assistance and four tickets to the event.

Business participants are encouraged to provide promotional giveaway items, along with their company literature. Event attendees vote on awards for the Best Restaurant/Caterer and Best Business Theme Display.

The Northville Marketplace application form is available at www.northville.org or call 248-349-7640.

#### New VFAA exhibit

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, exhibits members' artwork in the library Community Room. "Art: A Family Affair" runs until the beginning of March and features the works of Gerry, Lori and Olivia Pas.

This free exhibit will be displayed during regular library hours — 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday — unless the room is hosting another event. For more information, go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

#### Northville Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will present Natural Forms: Figurative and Landscape Works by Ann Kelly, Nora Venturelli and Fran Wolok, scheduled for Feb. 1-23. This exhibition features figurative and landscape drawings and paintings inspired by human dynamics, animal forms and natural scenery.

The exhibit will open with a free public reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. It runs during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org.

#### Speghetti dinner

The Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic Street, will host its next spaghetti dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. Menu include homemade meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$7 and proceeds benefit the Milford Senior Center.

For more information, call Nancy Hinzmann, Milford Senior Center director, at 248-685-9008. To register or to get more information, call 833-262-2200 or email wellnessprograms@aaalb.com.

#### **100 Women Who Cara**

The next meeting of the Northville chapter of the group 100 Women Who Care is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at Genetti's Hole in Wall Theater, 108 E. Main Street. The meetings are approximately 40 minutes long. Each quarter, the group gathers to network, share stories and, most importantly, invest \$10,000 in a charity that is selected. The nominations that did not get selected go back in the pot for the next quarterly meeting.

For more information, call 248-722-7354 or go to http://100womenwhocarenorthville.weebly.com/.

#### 'Actor's Nightmare' at Novi H.S.

The Theater Department at Novi High School will present the one-act play "The Actor's Nightmare" at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 5-6, at the high school, 24062 Taft Road. This is the show that is submitted to the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association's One Act Festival and Competition.

The show runs for approximately 45 minutes. For more information, email heather.mckaig@novik12.org.

#### K. of C. free throw contest

The Knights of Columbus Father Edmund Battersby Council No. 7586 will host a free-throw shooting contest at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at St. Joseph Church, 830 S. Lafayette Street, in South Lyon. The contest is open to boys and girls ages 9-14. For more information, call 313-550-1990.

#### **AAUW history presentation**

The American Association of University Women – Northville Novi invites the public to a presentation by Mike Smith on The Battle of the Overpass in May 1937, set for 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile Road.

A catered lunch is \$20 per person. Make reservations at www.aauwnn.org. You can pay via PayPal or by check payable to AAUWNN and mailed to AAUWNN, ATTN: Rhonda York, P.O. Box 511, Northville MI 48167.

#### 'Journey of Friendship' premiere

The Lyon Theater, 126 E. Lake Street, in South Lyon will hold the world premiere screening of "A Journey of Friendship" at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. The movie, directed by Steve Moyer, is a two-hour documentary on a group of 23 friends who have been together for 50-plus years as of 2019.

For more information, call 248-231-4733.

#### **Art Crush at Village Workshop**

The Village Workshop, 455 E. Cady Street, in Northville will host Art Crush, in support of the Northville Art House, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. The event will include appetizers and wine and a silent auction of gift baskets and art work donated by event sponsors and local Art House artists.

Tickets \$60 on sale through Feb. 4 at www. northvillearthouse.org or at the Northville Art House.

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Light refreshments will be provided. Advance tickets (\$8) are required. Call the park office at 810-227-8910 to order.

#### **SAGA display**

The Smocking Arts Guild of America Great Lakes Chapter will be displaying smocked items at The Lace Museum, 133 W. Main Street, Suite 160, in Northville during the month of February. There will be smocking demonstrations from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18.

There is no charge for admission to the museum. The Lace Museum is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 7-9 p.m. the third Friday of each month. For more information, call 734-414-8297.

#### **SLA Historical Society**

The South Lyon Area Historical Society will present "92 Years and Still Going Strong — Michigan Seamless Tube" at its next meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the Village Freight House, 300 Dorothy Street, in South Lyon. Larry Ledbetter, a retired employee and member of the society, will lead the program with pictures, stories and a video of the Tube Mill's beginning and growth, into the largest and oldest manufacturing business in South Lyon.

#### **Outdoor hockey classic**

GLP & Associates has partnered with Detroit Sports Media to present the inaugural Jamie Daniels Outdoor Hockey Classic, set for Saturday, Feb. 23, at On the Dunes, 2055 Haggerty Road, in Commerce. The event, which will feature the Detroit Red Wings alumni team, benefits the Jamie Daniels Foundation, which provides education, resources and guidance to individuals battling drug addiction.

There are special events and games scheduled beginning at 9 a.m. until the featured game at 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at https://www.facebook.com/ events/1936508089731394/. For more information, go to https://jamiedanielsfoundation.org/.

#### A Growing Place open house

A Growing Place Preschool, 40700 W. 10 Mile Road, in Novi will host an open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 23. The open house will include free activities, crafts and snacks. It will give prospective parents an opportunity to visit the school, meet the staff and learn about the classes and programs offered.

For more information, call 248-471-2333.

#### **'Last Five Years' at Tipping Point**

Jason Robert Brown's raw musical creation, "The Last Five Years," will be performed through March 3 at Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, with special performances scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday.

For more ticketing information, go to www.TippingPointTheatre.com or call the box office at 248-347-0003.

#### **Capernaum Health Clinic**

#### **American Square Dance**

The South Lyon VFW Hall, 125 E. McHattie Street, will host a traditional American Square Dance 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. The dance is open to the public, no experience necessary. Couples, singles or families (ages 9 and up with parents).

All dances will be taught first. Dress is casual. Entry is \$5 per person donation to VFW. For more information, go to squaredancemichigan.tripod.com/southlyon.html.

#### **Family Fun Night benefit**

The third annual Family Fun Night to benefit Five Points of Hope is set for 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at The Edge Training Center, 3285 Martin Road, in Commerce. This event is open to ages 4 and older.

Sign up at https://app.thestudiodirector.com/, emai office@AmericanAllstarsKids.com or call 248-668-9805. For more information about Five Points of Hope, go to www.fivepointsofhope.com.

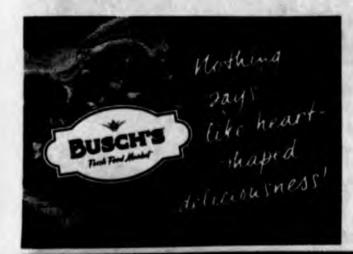
#### Sierra Club Kensington Metropark hike

The Sierra Club will host its next hike at Kensington Matropark at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3. Enter the park off Kensington Road, just north of I-96; meet at the Nature Center.

The hike is free, but requires a Metroparks entry fee. Choose either a five-mile or two-mile hike around Wildwing Lake and through the wooded nature trails. For more information, go to www.sierraclub.org/michigan/ crossroads.

#### **Area Agency on Aging class**

Aging Matters, an educational service of AAA 1-B, is kicking off 2019 with a free six-week class titled Powerful Tools for Caregivers, scheduled for 1-3:30 p.m. each Monday beginning Feb. 4 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.



#### Northville Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, Feb. 11, at the Cady Inn, 215 Griswold Street. There will be a light lunch ,followed by the club meeting and program. "In the Garden: Stories of Monet/Giverney" will be presented by Northville resident Debra Marcon of the DIA. Guests are always welcome. For more information, call

#### Family Valentine's Day party

Suemarie Klimek at 734-459-8327.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street, is hosting a Valentine's Day-themed evening of food, fun and fellowship Wednesday, Feb. 13. There will have "kid-friendly" food, music and dancing, games, and Valentine cards to make, plus a free dinner and activities for all ages.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., dinner served at 6 p.m., depart at 7:45 p.m. For more information, call 248-349-0911.

#### Indivisible Huron Valley

The group Indivisible Huron Valley will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the SHAC, 125 S. Main Street, in Milford. The group will celebrate its second anniversary, introduce its newest steering committee members and discuss future plans.

#### Valentine's tribute concert

(Northville, MI) Northville's The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Man Street, in Northville will present a Valentine's tribute concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, starring Matt King as Elvis Presley and Gary Sacco as Frank Sinatra. Tickets are \$25. For more information,248-349-8110 or go to www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

#### Soles4Souls shop collection

New Hope Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 57885 Grand River Avenue, in New Hudson is collecting shoes for Soles4Souls during the month of February. Soles4Souls is a nonprofit social organization which distributes shoes around the world to those in need. New to well-worn shoes are acceptable.

You may drop off donations to church members from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, or place them in the box provided by the front door of New Hope.

#### **Barn dance at Kensington**

The Kensington Metropark Farm Center, 4570 Huron River Parkway, will host a pair of barn dances Saturday, Feb. 16. There are two sessions to choose from: 6-8 p.m. (daddy-daughter, mother-son, parent-child) and 8-10 p.m. (adult couples, singles and families with older chilThe Capernaum Health Clinic, which provides free health care through a coalition of South Lyon-area churches for those without adequate insurance, is scheduled for Monday through Friday, March 4-8, at First United Methodist Church, 640, S. Lafayette Street, in South Lyon. Services that may be available include medical, dental, vision, audiology, podiatry and mammograms.

Appointments are necessary for most services. Call 248-225-4581 or email capernaumhealth clinic@gmail.com for appointments and information.

#### Adopt-A-Reader

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

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

#### **Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts**

The Living and Learning Center, 315 Griswold, in Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

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

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.livingandlearningcenter.org.

#### Youth Alpha film series

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



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#### **BOYS HOCKEY**

# **Stevenson beats Hartland in D-2 showdown**

Adamic's goal with 12:36 left downs No. 1 Eagles

#### Bill Khan Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

**PREP WRESTLING** 

The battle for supremacy in Michigan's Division 2 high school boys hockey ranks just got much more interesting.

Any notions that Hartland would continue steamrolling through its competition all the way to another state championship celebration were dispelled Jan. 25 by Livonia Stevenson.

Senior defenseman Austin Adamic's goal with 12:36 left in the third period gave third-ranked Stevenson a 3-2 victory over top-ranked Hartland at Hartland Sports Center.

The loss ended Hartland's 21-game winning streak against Michigan schools. The Eagles were 15-1 this season, 21-1 in their previous 22 games, since losing 8-0 to Detroit Catholic Central in the regular-season finale last season. Hartland's only loss this season was to Cleveland St. Ignatius, 2-1, on Dec. 7.

"They can be a blessing, if you let them be," Hartland coach Rick Gadwa said. "It's all what we do with it. We learn from this stuff, yes. I called out a lot of people, including myself as a coach. We've got to prepare better. That's good. You look for these kinds of things in seasons. You want to win every game, but reality is you're probably not going to. You can learn a lot more from a loss than you can from a win."

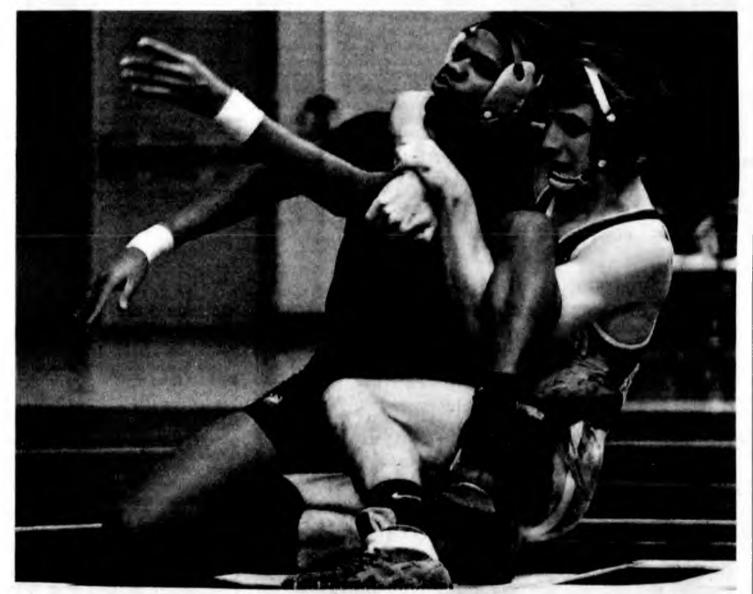
Stevenson is one of the hottest teams in the state, going 14-O-1 since a 4-O season-opening loss to fourth-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice. The victory was further validation that the Spartans will be very much a factor when the state tournament begins Feb. 25.

"Every game is the same," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We approach it the same way, but we know what Hartland has, we know what Hartland's done. They're just so explosive and dynamic and so well-coached and such a great program. We have the utmost respect for them. It wasn't anything we emphasized, but we knew what the task at hand was going to be to

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Hartland's Joey Larson and Livonia Stevenson's Adam Hillebrand battle for control of the puck during the Spartans' 3-2 victory. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

# John Glenn rules Observerland Invite



BOYS BASKETBALL CC holds off Wisconsin commit Bowman, St. Mary's

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It's like playing Russian roulette trying to stop a player like University of Wisconsin commit Lorne Bowman II on the final possession and with the game on the line.

But somehow, someway, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's defense held

John Glenn's Brenton Polk (right) won the 152-pound final over Mumford's Izell Sanders. SCOTT CONFER

# State-ranked Rockets boast six individual champions in first return since '15 season

#### **Brad Emons**

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Back after a four-year tournament absence, Westland John Glenn sits atop the Observerland Invitational wrestling

#### throne once again.

The state-ranked Rockets (No. 6 in Division 1) captured individual titles in six of the 14 weight classes Saturday to earn a first-place total of 268 points, while tourney newcomer Rochester was runner-up with 198.5. Tournament host Livonia Churchill (148) placed third, with Novi Detroit Catholic Central White (125) and Livonia Franklin (83.5) rounding out the top five in the 19-school field.

Among Glenn's individual champions were Ty Cowen (112), Caleb Meekins (125), Kyle Borthwell (135), Shawn Brown (140), Brenton Polk (152) and Graden Bowen (160).

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tough and was able to force overtime at 45-45 Friday before going on to beat Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Bowman, who finished with a game-high 31 points, in a 54-50 Catholic League Central Division basketball victory.

With the win, Catholic Central improved to 10-3 overall and 5-2 in the division, while St. Mary's falls to 8-5 and 3-3. It was CC's second win over the Eaglets this season.

"It feels great, they're a really good team and, obviously, we're not looking forward to playing them again," said CC 6-foot-7 senior forward Davis Lu-

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Catholic Central's David Lukomski goes up for the shot against St. Mary's Anthony Enechukwu. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

# **McLaughlin spurs Northville to win vs. Brighton**

Mustangs jump out early en route to 60-45 triumph over Bulldogs

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Daniel McLaughlin is quickly becoming Northville's version of a Swiss Army knife.

The 6-foot-3 senior forward, a threesport athlete, can play four of the team's five positions and usually guards the opponent's top scorer. He can also put points on the board if needed.

And that was the case Jan. 22 as McLaughlin connected on 8-of-11 shots



from the floor while making both free throws en route to 18 points as the host Mustangs turned back Brighton in a KLAA West Division boys basketball clash, 60-45.

McLaughlin

Steven Morrissey, a 6-4 senior forward, paced Northville with a game-high 20 points, including 12 in the opening half. He has now scored in double figures seven straight games and it was his fourth outing of 20 or better for the season as Northville improved to 9-2 overall and

5-3 in the division. "We came out with a lot of energy. I thought it was good team win," McLaughlin said. "We got up-tempo right from the beginning and we didn't take our foot off the gas pedal, so I thought we had a really good tempo to the game."

Ryan Pumper, a 6-4 senior, chipped in 12 points as Northville built a 14-6 first-quarter lead and never looked back.

After Brighton (6-5, 3-4) cut it to five at halftime, 24-19, the Bulldogs were outscored 36-26 in the second half. On three different occasions, Northville led by as many as 15 points.

"We had six turnovers in the first quarter," Brighton coach Mike Griest said. "We knew they were going to trap and we were prepared for it, but it's tough to prepare for their size that they have, plus the quickness that they have. We made a couple of adjustments and handled it a little bit better, but then you're always fighting uphill and I think it took a lot out of us emotionally."

Northville shot 50 percent from the oor, making 24-of-48 shots. "We just wanted to keep the tempo up and the faster that we played it would

be better for us, so get the ball moving up the court, try and get every loose ball and play with a lot of energy," McLaughlin said.

During the off-season, McLaughlin said he worked on his outside shooting and it paid off as he became a full-time starter. He scored a career-high 23 points in the opening round win of the Northville Holiday Tournament and put up 19 against Dearborn in the second game of the year.

"In the off-season ... just the jump shot, the same as everybody," said McLaughlin, who also plays football and runs track. "Just working on the confidence, just believing the thing is going in. Last year, I wasn't very offensive and this year I think I'm looking to score more. But as a team. I think our team chemistry is a little bit better than it was last year. I think we're playing as a more cohesive unit."

Brighton got a team-high 11 points off the bench from senior forward Shane Armstrong while sophomore forward Owen Ehman contributed eight.

we knew we'd be in for a war from the opening tip," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "They defend with a lot of energy. They're tough, they're physical and I thought they had a good scheme on offense. (Keenan Stolz) hurt us early in the first half, I thought. And then they got hot and hit some open jumpers as we were changing defense."

The Bulldogs shot 17-of-42 from floor (40 percent) and just 5-of-10 from the foul line. Fourteen turnovers also didn't help their cause.

"It's tough to get a sustained run against a quality team," Griest said. "They're well-coached, they're skilled. They can handle it, they can shoot it. They're very unselfish and you've got to guard the whole floor. They're a very, very good team and we knew that. We can play a lot better and we expect to play them a lot better next time we play them.'

Meanwhile, Sander was pleased with his team's effort down the stretch.

"I was really proud how we h

fense that allowed us to get high-percentage shots and we shot the ball from the free-throw line (10-of-12) tonight, too."

And having versatility at nearly every position, the Mustangs hope to parlay that into the No. 2 slot in the KLAA West Division.

"That's kind of been the story of our season is, we've had great balance and we've had different guys stepping up at different points at each individual game," Sander said. "If you want to take Steven (Morrissey) away, we've got Ryan (Pumper), Daniel (McLaughlin) and Zach (Shoemaker) that can step up. If you want to take Ryan away inside, we can spread the floor and make some shots. I thought Zach had a really good second half after kind of sleep walking through the first half. He provided us good energy during our third-quarter run after halftime."

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Northville players (from left) Zach Shoemacher, Ryan Pumper and Steven Morrissey get inside position for the rebound over Brighton's Owen Ehman. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

down at the end of the game," he said. "Brighton plays extremely hard and "We were really a lot more patient on of-

### Shamrocks

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komski, who scored a team-high 21 points, "but having two wins under our belt against a really, really good team is an eye-opener for a lot of people outside of Catholic Central."

After a Lukomski basket tied the game at 45-45 with 1:27 remaining in regulation, the Eaglets called a timeout with 41 seconds to go to set up a final shot.

Bowman, the 6-foot-2 guard, took the ball at the left wing and made his move to the rim in the waning seconds, only to be swarmed by three CC defenders in the lane who stand 6-5 or better.

We knew what he was going to do and we knew where help side was going to be," CC coach Brandon Sinawi said. "And we talked about that earlier in the timeout, if they (isolated) him, what we were going to do. So our guys were prepared and we jumped straight up and he didn't get the call."

During the four-minute extra session, Bowman came out and hit a triple, but CC answered with 7-0 mini-run with 6-8 senior Justin Rukat (15 points) making 4-of-5 free throws during the final 50 seconds to secure the win.

The Shamrocks also got a big rebound from Mike Harding off a missed free throw by Lukomski to keep possession and the lead for good in OT.

Catholic Central jumped out to a 17-11 first-quarter advantage before St. Mary's fought back to take a 28-23 halftime lead thanks to a circus-like layup from freshman guard Kareem Rozier (11 points) just before the buzzer.

The Eaglets went up by as many as nine in the third quarter and had a chance to go up 11 after they had held the ball for more than a minute trying to coax CC out of its zone defense, only to miss a back-door layup.

"I think after we got that stop we were able to get out and run," Lukomski



Brendan Downs (with ball) begins to put a shot up against Orchard Lake St. Mary's Peter Nwoke, who goes up for the block. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

said. "It led to a lot of easy baskets and got us back into the game.

The momentum swung back in CC's favor as the Shamrocks tied it at 37-37 going into the fourth thanks to a 3pointer off the bench from 6-2 junior Josiah Smith, who recently became eligible after transferring from Birmingham Roeper.

But baskets were hard to come by during the fourth quarter, as each team scored eight points.

"This was just kind of a muck-it-up type game that whoever wanted to scrap the hardest was going to end up winning," Sinawi said. "Fortunately, we were able to make some shots late and in the overtime and hit some free throws to seal it."

But the big shot came from Lukomski, who drove the lane and scored with 1:27 left in regulation to help sent it to OT.

"They have short, quicker guards and

we're more of a bigger team, so we had to take advantage of our size," Lukomski said. "I was able to get into the lane and elevate over people and my teammates put me in good position to score at the rim."

On the final possession in regulation. Bowman said the strategy coming out of the timeout was just "trying to get a good shot." But he was met with resistance and couldn't get his shot up at the rim.

"Fortunately got in the lane, got bumped, the call didn't go our way," said Bowman, who hit 11-of-25 shots from the floor, including four triples. "But you know stuff like that happens like that sometimes. Definitely some iffy calls here and there, some calls they got, some calls we didn't and some 50/50 balls that we didn't get on the rebounds and they were able to convert. They got a couple of their long guys that were able to get in there for layups, so we've got to do better job at boxing out."

Catholic Central had two fouls to give on the final play in regulation, but elected to play it out. After Bowman's attempt, the Eaglets retained possession of the ball when Rukat, trying to grab the rebound, hit the floor and was called for traveling with L1 seconds to go.

St. Mary's tried to inbound the ball to Bowman, but it was deflected out of his hands as time expired, forcing the OT, where the Shamrocks won the battle, 9-5.

"We actually wanted to foul him a little sooner when he got to the hoop," Sinawi said. "I was hoping that we didn't foul him. He went hard to the hoop. We had three guys in place. The travel call (with 1.1 seconds) gave them the extra opportunity ... of course, it's a scary situation. You've got a Big Ten player and you're a little anxious and there's only so much you can do. Credit our kids. They fought through it. He had 31 tonight, but we'll take the win."

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# Homrock gets tough win, Brighton beats Glenn

#### Bill Khan

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It seems like Eddie Homrock never gets an easy night.

He wouldn't want it any other way. While Homrock and his Brighton wrestling teammates are plowing through teams by lopsided scores, he has found himself matched up with a tough opponent more often than not.

The latest challenge for Homrock was once-beaten Westland John Glenn senior Kyle Borthwell, the fourthranked wrestler in Division 1 at 135 pounds. Homrock is ranked first in Division 1, but two weight classes lighter at 125 after being second at 130 most of the season.

Homrock fell behind 2-0, then came back to take a 6-4 decision Jan. 24 in a 135-pound match that got heated after the two wrestlers went crashing into the chairs on the John Glenn sideline.

It was the final match in secondranked Brighton's 58-8 victory over sixth-ranked John Glenn in a crossover between the KLAA division winners. The KLAA's individual tournament Feb. 2 at Howell is the final component in determining the overall league champion.

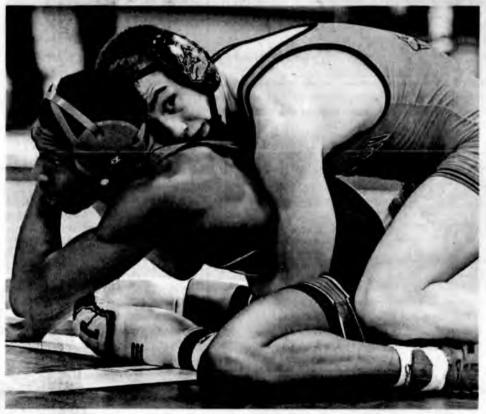
Before losing to Homrock, Borthwell's only loss was Jan. 5 to Brighton's Zach Johnson in the semifinals of the Detroit Catholic Central Invitational. Borthwell is 31-2, while Homrock improved to 34-2.

"He's ranked pretty high a couple weights above me," Homrock said. "I knew I could handle him. It ended up being a little closer than I would have liked. A couple stupid mistakes, but stuff we can fix."

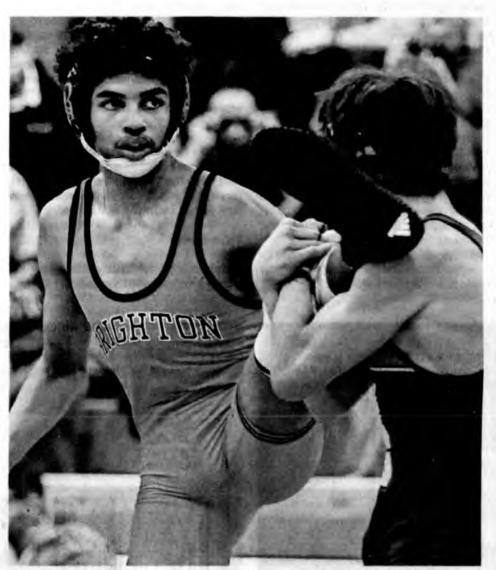
Homrock has beaten seven wrestlers who are ranked in the top four in their weight classes, going undefeated against Michigan competition. His two losses are a 3-2 decision to Drake Campbell of Brownsburg (Ind.) and an 8-6 overtime loss to Dylan Shawver of Elyria (Ohio).

"I've had a pretty tough schedule the entire season," Homrock said. "I've wrestled probably 10-plus top five kids. It's not really unusual; just go out there and wrestle."

Brighton coach Tony Greathouse



Brighton's Eddie Homrock (top) beat Westland John Glenn's Kyle Borthwell, 6-4, in a battle of state-ranked wrestlers. TIMOTHY ARRICK | FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY



#### RUNNING

# Road Runner Classic sets new June date for '19

#### Brad Emons hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

If you're planning your running calendar for the 2019 season, it's time to take a few notes.

That's because the 14th annual Northville Road Runners Classic, an area favorite normally scheduled during the early evening the fourth Saturday of July, has been moved up to Saturday, June 29, at historic Maybury State Park.

The 5- and 8-kilometer races begin at 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m., respectively, with the 1-mile fun run/walk starting at 5 p.m.

The 5K remains a half-trail, halfpavement course, while the 8K is all pavement and stroller-friendly.

All the usual amenities will accompany the race, with proceeds going to the Friends of Maybury to enhance the park and host social programs.

Gary Haf, director of the Northville Roadrunner Classic, said this race has a little bit of something for everyone.

"We have a fun run for families, a challenging 8K for hard core runners and a race-friendly 5K," Haf said. "And we moved up our evening race to the end of June. Hopefully, the temperature will be more suitable for a great race. Our mantra is come for the run, stay for the fun."

After the race, refreshments will include pizza, Grizzly Peak craft beer, home-baked goods and fruit. All participants will receive a finisher medal, along with a tech T-shirt. Awards will go to the top male and female overall and masters (ages 40 and over) finishers and will go three-deep in 10-year age categories for both genders.

Registration is available online at www.runsignup.com. You can also go to www.northvilleroadrunners.org; www.runmichigan.com; or www.facebook.com/roadrunnerclassic.

If registered by June 1, race fees are \$15 (1-mile fun run) and \$32 (5K and 8K). Race fees increase to \$20 (1-mile) and \$36 (5K and 8K) through June 20. Race day (June 29), registration costs are \$23 and \$40, respectively.

To enter Maybury, enter the Eight

hopes that the gauntlet Homrock has gone through will prepare him to move up from fourth to first on the state tournament podium March 2 at Ford Field.

"We try to get him the toughest guy every match," Greathouse said. "He likes to be challenged. I want him to get challenged. It's good for him to get in those matches, because those are the matches he's got to win to win a state title."

Host Brighton improved to 24-0 in dual meets, beating John Glenn in the first-place crossover for the second straight year. The Bulldogs won last year's match-up, 38-25.

The Bulldogs won the first nine matches, taking a 46-0 lead. In the last five matches, the Rockets got victories from Ty Cowan at 112 and Caleb Meekins at 125 and lost two close decisions.

"That's all I can ask from my team," John Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "Don't worry about the team score; just go out and wrestle hard. Worry about yourself individually. We know how good they are. That's one of the best teams I've seen in the past 20 years. They're pretty darn good. That's pretty impressive."

Rhett Newton, one of three all-staters who transferred to Brighton this season, made his debut for the Bulldogs with a 25-second pin against Livonia Stevenson and a 12-5 decision over John Glenn's Shawn Brown at 145. Newton was third in the state at 112 for Detroit

Brighton's Rhett Newton (left) beat Westland John Glenn's Shawn Brown, 12-5. TIMOTHY ARRICK | FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

Catholic Central two years ago.

"It's just another added layer of flexibility where we can move guys around, especially as you get to the end of the year," Greathouse said. "It's always nice to have options where we can make different match-ups happen. We're going to need every help we can get. C.C. is obviously a very formidable opponent. Davison, it was really a close match the last time and they've got guys coming back."

Although John Glenn lost to Brighton, the Rockets may have improved their seeding should they reach the state quarterfinals by beating fourthranked Hartland, 33-30.

Hartland (20-3) led 24-14 with six matches remaining, but lost two matches by pins and one in overtime while going 2-4 in those bouts.

"We've got to do a better job with our team points, knowing how to get a major decision, knowing we can't get pinned; things like that," Hartland coach Todd Cheney said. "That can't happen in big duals. We just dropped a big dual. It's going to hurt us come seeding time."

Hartland senior Kyle Kantola improved to 27-0 with 24 pins by pinning his opponents in 15 and 53 seconds.

Brighton and Hartland both beat Livonia Stevenson by the maximum score of 84-0. Only two of Stevenson's 28 matches made it past the first period, as the Spartans brought primarily junior varsity wrestlers to battle two state powerhouses. Only two wrestlers who helped Stevenson finish second in the KLAA East competed. Mile Road entrance, located one mile west of Beck Road. (Annual recreation passport is required and available at the park on race day for \$16 or through the Secretary of State.)

Among this year's race sponsors are: C. Harold Bloom Insurance, Jack Demmer Ford, REI Co-Op; ATI Physical Therapy, Gerou Chiropractic, Associates in Podiatry of Michigan, Cassel's Restaurant, Gazelle Sports, Running Fit, William E. Moran Investment Consulting, Inc., Motor City Electric Co., Tuscan Cafe, Allegra Printing and National Realty Centers.

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The 8K runners get off to a fast start during the 2018 Northville Road Runners Classic at Maybury State Park. E. MARIA FOX

### Stevenson

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come into this place and compete with them."

Adding intrigue to the Division 2 hockey picture is the fact Stevenson and Hartland will travel to Trenton to take on the second-ranked Trojans in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase this weekend. Hartland plays Trenton at 8 p.m. Friday, while Stevenson takes on the Trojans at 7:10 p.m. Saturday.

Stevenson, which has won its last two meetings with Hartland, will return to Hartland for the KLAA championship game at 7 p.m. Feb. 16. The Spartans lead the KLAA East Division at 8-0, while Hartland leads the West at 7-1. Stevenson holds the tiebreaker over Plymouth (7-2) to represent the East in the title game, while Hartland clinched the West when Brighton (3-4) lost to Novi, 3-2.

The teams couldn't meet in the postseason until at least the state semifinals at USA Hockey Arena.

"They outworked us all game," Gadwa said. "It's clear as day to me and my coaching staff. When you get outworked, you lose hockey games. That's what happened today. We lost a lot of battles. We even read, 'Is Hartland unbeatable?' No, not even close, because we just got our butts beat. It's a one-goal

game, but we got beat in other ways tonight."

Hartland scored first when John Druskinis tipped in a shot from the point by Grant Briggs on the power play with 8:12 left in the second period. Stevenson took the lead with goals by Seth Lause and Ian Kimble in a 2:03 span late in the second.

Shortly after Hartland failed to generate a scoring chance during a long five-on-three power play, Gabe Anderson tied the game, 2-2, with 13:18 remaining in the third period.

Just as the Eagles were feeling better about themselves, Adamic put Stevenson back on top to stay just 42 seconds later. Hartland's Kieran Carlle passed the puck from his own blue line back toward the front of the Eagles' net, where Adamic got to it first, wheeling and firing it home in one motion.

"It came right to me and I just let it go," Adamic said. "I knew I was the only one on my team in the zone, so I just decided to just let one go at the net."

Hartland pulled goalie Brett Tome with 55 seconds left but, as was the case during the five-on-three power play, the Eagles couldn't muster a threat.

"They're a good defensive team," Anderson said. "They blocked everything going to the net, even the passes. Credit to them for that. Hopefully, we can see them again and learn from our game tonight and take it into the next one."

### **Rockets**

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"We always want more, we always want to be better," Glenn coach Bill Polk said of his team's performance. "I think half of the team wrestled well and half of them didn't, so we still need to keep improving."

Glenn last captured the Observerland crown in 2015, but had elected to compete in other tournaments during the past four years.

"We brought our 'A' and then we brought 10 'B' team kids, so a good portion of our lineup," Polk said. "We've got about 50 kids on our team, so probably half of them were here. One of the reasons we came here was because our seniors have never been here. The last team we had here was our senior class, who were freshmen that year."

The Rockets also got one runner-up finish, three third places and a pair of fourths.

"My 215-pounder did a nice job making it to the finals," Polk said of junior Hayden Rhoades, who was pinned in the third period of the finals by Grosse Pointe South's Miles Dearing. "He was an eighth seed and beat the No. 1, so that's always nice. There were a couple of other kids who over-performed their seed. We're always happy when that happens."

#### Lower weights MVP

Meekins, who was a state placer (fourth) last year in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals, capped a solid day by pinning Detroit Mumford's Kobey Caldwell during the 125-pound final.

"Actually, I had a lot of fun today with all my teammates," said Meekins, who was voted by tourney coaches as the lower weights MVP. "I'm just getting better, working, getting in the weight room, not worrying about a situation before it happens ... the pairing, but not over-thinking."

Meekins helped Glenn recently win the dual meet portion of the KLAA East **Division schedule.** 

"We're actually doing great," he said. "We had a bumpy start, but all the things are starting to come together. We just knocked off Hartland (33-30) the other day."



Stevenson's Tony Ukkaj (front) raised his record to 36-5 with a pin against John Glenn's Anthony Hudson during the 145-pound final. SCOTT CONFER



Farmington's Donovan King (top) takes control against Brother Rice's Daniel Jordan during the 285-pound final. SCOTT CONFER

#### Upper weights MVP

Nobody had a more impressive day than Farmington senior heavyweight Donovan King, who posted quick falls against his three opponents, including a 44-second pin in the final against Birmingham Brother Rice senior Daniel Jordan.

King, dealing with his second torn ACL in as many years, is an impressive 36-1 overall this season, with his only loss coming in extra time. Despite missing his entire junior year, he is 114-9 overall for his career.

King had surgery prior to the 2017-18 season after tearing his ACL and re-injured it again during the fifth game of Farmington's 2018 football season. The defensive end and left tackle had to sit out the Falcons' final six football games, including two in the playoffs.

King wears a brace on his left knee as a preventative measure and it doesn't seem to bother him at all.

"I'm definitely having fun with it, but I don't think I'm all the way back yet," said King, who hopes to wrestle at Michigan State next year. "I'm just trying to keep positive and stay forward. It was a good day. I've got nothing wrong with today. Everything was good, everything went all right."

#### **Host Chargers third**

Churchill made a strong showing, getting second-place finishes from Ben Lingemann (112) and Aidan Haupt (119) en roue to a third-place team finish.

The Chargers also placed third in four other weight classes to go along with a pair of fifths.

"No champs, but third place as a team is great," Churchill coach Jake Meadows said. "We had a freshman in the finals, sophomore in the finals ... so we're building, so that's what you want to hear. We lost a lot of matches in the semis, but all close matches, all within shooting distance, so you can get those ones back and it's that time of a season."

Meanwhile, Churchill's next goal is to win the Division 1 team district Thursday, Feb. 7, at Franklin.

We line up well against Stevenson and they beat Franklin the other day, so it could go either way," Meadows said. "We have the bye and we're going to let them fight it out and, hopefully, we can come in and win the team title.

#### Take a bow

Other individual Observerland champions included Kavan Troy (Roch-

ester), 103; Jager Kwiatkowski (Franklin), 119; Camden Trupp (Detroit CC), 130; Tony Ujkaj (Stevenson), 145; Mikey Nicaj (Ortonville-Brandon), 171; Grant Imus (Waterford Mott), 189; and Dearing (Grosse Pointe South), 215.

"I think the tournament is starting to build back up," Meadows said. "That's my goal ... to make this as tough as possible every year. So the more new teams we can get and the better teams, that's my goal. It's good to see Rochester come in and good to have Glenn come back with their full team, so hopefully we can get better and better teams."

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#### 28th OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNEY

Jan. 26 at Churchill TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westland John Glenn, 268 points; 2. Rochester, 198.5; 3. Livonia Churchill, 148; 4. Detroit Catholic Central (White), 125; 5. Livonia Franklin, 83.5; 6. Ortonville-Brandoni, 77; 7. (tie) Farmington and Detroit Mumford, 74 each; 9. Grosse Pointe South, 72; 10.: Birmingham Brother Rice, 71,5; 12. Waterford Mott, 66; 13. Berkley, 60; 14. John Glenn (B), 59; 15. North Farmington, 55.5; 15. Northville, 52; 17. Garden City, 47; 18. Wayne Memorial, 25 INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

103 peends: Keva Troy (Rochester) won by major decision over Brandon Liu (N'ville), Ti-3; third place: Josh Mars (Glenn) pinned Craig Woodward (Stevenson), 1:43; fifth place: Will Burns (Berkley) p. Nick D'Angelo (Rice), 0:37 T2: Ty Cowen (Glenn) p. Ben Lingemann (Churchill), 3:35; third: Ryan Armstrong (N. Farmington) dec. Valentino Scicluna (Detroit C1), a.4. Stehe Dominer, Moodanoff (Glenn) p. Gerardo Sierra

Dominic Megdanoff (Glenn) p. Gerardo Sierra CC), 9-4; fifth: (Rochester) 118

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 130: Camden Trupp (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Luke Borman (Berkley), 13-2; third: Garrett Englehart (Churchill) dec.

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#### PREP ATHLETICS

# **Novi principal Carter** to serve on MHSAA **Representative Council**

#### **Brad Emons**

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Novi High School Principal Nicole Carter was recently appointed to the 19person Michigan High School Athletic Association Representative Council, starting a two-year term.

Carter was appointed Nov. 30 at the MHSAA's fall meeting in East Lansing. She fills the position formerly held by Pat Watson, principal of West Bloomfield High School, whose term ended.

"As a strong proponent of educational athletics, I am excited for this oppor-



tunity to serve the MHSAA," Carter said. "Playing sports in high school and working for the athletic department as a Spartan aide at Michigan State University made a tremendous

impact on my leadership

skill development."

Carter, who also serves as president of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, began her teaching career in Novi in 1999.

Carter taught civics/economics and AP U.S. government and politics for eight years prior to transitioning into administration.

She has also served as dean of students and assistant principal at Novi High .

Carter earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in secondary education, majoring in political science with a minor in English. She also earned a master's degree from MSU in curriculum and instruction and holds an education specialist degree from Oakland University.

"Having Nicole Carter on the rep council for the MHSAA is great for kids and great for programs here in Michigan and school districts," said Novi athletics director Brian Gordon, who was recently

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"Playing sports in high school and working for the athletic department as a Spartan aide at Michigan State University made a tremendous impact on my leadership skill development."

**Nicole Carter** Novi High School principa

awarded Oakland County Athletic Director of the Year by the Oakland County Athletic Directors Association. "It's a feather in the cap of our community, because she'll be representing Novi, she'll be representing the KLAA, our conference, in being a rep member, along with (athletic director) John Thompson at Brighton.

Carter was named a Diversity Champion and earned the Michigan Lottery African American Educator of the Year in 2016. She was also nominated by the MASC/MAHS Michigan Student Leadership for its Principal of the Year award. Under her leadership, Novi High has been consistently listed on state and national lists of best high schools.

"Nicole is a tremendous decisionmaker," Gordon said. "She truly cares about kids, puts kids first. She understands what educational athletics can do for the culture of a building, what it can do for the culture of a community and what it does for kids and families. We're extremely excited that Nicole is going to have this opportunity to lead and to lead the MHSAA and educational athletics across the state of Michigan."

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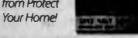


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# Obituaries

**Patricia A. Tornow** 

**SOUTHLYON - Patricia** A. Tornow was a blessing to her family and friends for almost 100 years. She was born in Canada, Oct. 12, 1919. She went home to be with her Lord, January 17, 2019. Her parents were David and Marie (Ashby) LaFond. She had 5 brothers & 2 sisters and was married to Ernest W.

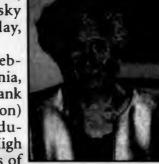
Schultz and Carl A. Tornow, all deceased. Her beloved son, Michael (Darlene) Schultz preceded her in death in 2010. She is survived by her daughter, Donna (Jim) Curvin, 4 grandkids - Dawn (Jim) Richardson, Lisa (John) Martino, Erich (Lahni) Schultz and Melissa (Dan) Schultz; 11 great-grandkids, Brett, Hannah, Destiny, Roman, Dominick, Corrine, Fenix, Makayla, Gracie, Averi, Darius, and many nieces and nephews. She loved music, cooking, sewing, bird watching, hot tea and chocolate. She was a precious gift from God. A special thank you to Shannon Jones and the loving caregivers at New Hudson Manor. There will be no service at this time. Instead of flowers, donations to Active Faith, South Lyon, MI would be appreciated. The bible says: "...everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (NLT) Only the way of the cross leads home. Jesus Christ is Lord. Please share a memory of Mrs. Tornow with her family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome. com

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#### Violet "Clara" Farmer

SANDUSKY Violet "Clara" Farmer, age 98, of Sandusky passed away Monday, January 21, 2019.

Clara was born February 6, 1920 in Sarnia, Ontario to the late Frank and Charlotte (Johnston) Robinson. She graduated from Redford High School with the class of



1938. Clara married Weaver Jackson "Jack" Farmer in 1950 in Angola, Indiana. He preceded her in death in May of 1997. Clara was the owner of the

#### Frank Whitmyer

- - Frank Whitmyer, born April 1, 1923 passed away January 22, 2019. Frank is survived by his wife (Ruth) of 75 years, sister Ann Carey, children Alan (Ann) Whitmyer, Joan (Jim) Darnell and Jan (Chris) Otto, 5 grandchildren and 5 greatgrandchildren. Frank retired from Hydra-Matic division of GM in 1985 as Director of Engineering after a 37-year career. After retirement, he and Ruth traveled extensively in the U.S. and Canada in their Airstream trailer. During World War 2 he served in the Pacific as a Navy submarine radio man. Frank lived in Northville, MI from 1961 until 2015 when he moved with his wife to stay with his daughter Jan and son-in-law Chris in the Grand Rapids area. He loved living in Northville and was very fond of the Northville Historical Society and Mill Race Village. Burial will be held a later date; donations can be made to http://www.millrace northville.org/

#### LeeRoy Richard Ceresa

FOUNTAIN HILLS, AZ - May 4, 1930-January 25, 2019. Passed away peacefully in Fountain Hills, AZ. He is survived by his wife, Patricia and sons Chris (Sylvia and sons Blake and Beau), Bill, Steve

#### **BOYS HOCKEY**



Livonia Stevenson forward Josh Suzio moves the puck up ice against Salem during a KLAA game. The Spartans will participate in the upcoming MIHL Showcase. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# **Annual Prep** Showcase on tap

#### **Brad Emons** hometownlife.com

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It's going to be a high school boys hockey extravaganza like no other.

For the 19th year, the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Prep Showcase, partnering with the city of Trenton and the Trenton Public Schools district, has scheduled a total of 42 high school games featuring teams from Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio during three-day period from Thursday, Jan. 31, through Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Kennedy Recreation Center.

"The main goal of the MIHL is to promote quality high school hockey, strong competition and sportsmanship," MIHL president and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook coach Andy Weidenbach said. "The Showcase complements that mission. The first 18 Showcases were tremendous successes and we are very optimistic about this year's event. High school hockey in Michigan has experienced tremendous growth; accordingly, the Showcase has expanded from 12 to 42 teams so that we can continue our mission of providing exposure of the best in high school hockey." A majority of the top 10 teams, according to the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association rankings, will be participating, including six from Division 1, seven from Division 2 and nine from Division 3. Defending state champions Brighton (Division 1) and Hartland (Division 2) will return, along with five state finalists and nine semifinalists who played in the 2018 Showcase. Teams from the Upper Peninsula will be making the trek along with out-state teams Green Bay (Wis.) Notre Dame Academy and Cleveland (Ohio) St. Ignatius.

"Eighteen years ago, the MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase was a very modest event and we are very proud of how it has developed," Weidenbach said. "The MIHL met its goals as a league and as a co-sponsor of the event. All teams, players and coaches of high school hockey in Michigan have benefited. The Showcase is one of the results of our stated league mission.

Here is the schedule for the Showcase:

Thursday, Jan. 31 (at McInerney Arena): Allen Park vs. Howell, 6 p.m.; Brownstown Woodhaven vs. Salem, 8 p.m.; (at Practice Rink): Utica Eisenhower vs. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 5:40 p.m.; Grosse Pointe North vs. Wyandotte, 7:40 p.m. (at Teifer Rink): Port Huron Northern vs. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 5:20 p.m.; Saline vs. Macomb Dakota, 7:20 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1 (at McInerney Arena): Flint Powers vs. Alpena, 9:30 a.m.; Grosse Pointe South vs. Brighton, 11:30 a.m.; Plymouth vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit, 1:30 p.m.; Cranbrook vs. Houghton, 4 p.m.; Novi Detroit Catholic Central vs. St. Ignatius, 6 p.m.; Trenton vs. Hartland, 8 p.m.; (at Practice Rink): Livonia Churchill vs. Traverse City Bay Reps, 10:10 a.m.; Hancock vs. Grand Rapids Christian, 12:10 p.m.; Porth Huron Northern vs. Wyandotte, 2:10 p.m.; Midland Dow vs. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 4:40 p.m.; University-Liggett vs. Traverse City West, 6:40 p.m.; Riverview Gabriel Richard vs. Grand **Rapids Forest Hills Northern-Eastern**, 8:40 p.m.; (at Teifer Rink): Howell vs. Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 9:50 a.m.; Warren DeLaSalle vs. Country Day, 11:50 a.m.; Orchard Lake St. Mary's vs. Notre Dame Academy, 1:50 p.m. Livonia Stevenson vs. Calumet, 4:20 p.m.; Birmingham Brother Rice vs. Saginaw Heritage, 6:20 p.m. East Grand Rapids vs. Allen Park, 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 (at McInerney Arena): DeLaSalle vs. Houghton, 8:40 a.m.; Alpena vs. Grand Rapids CC, 10:40 a.m.; U-D Jesuit vs. St. Ignatius, 12:40 p.m.; Cranbrook vs. Brighton, 3:10 p.m.; Salem vs. Grosse Pointe South, 5:10 p.m.; Stevenson vs. Trenton, 7:10 p.m.; (at Practice Rink): Churchill vs. Hancock, 8 a.m.; Grosse Pointe North vs. Traverse City West, 10 a.m.; Grand Rapids Christian vs. Flint Powers, noon; Bay Reps vs. Eisenhower, 2:30 p.m.; Forest Hills Northern-Eastern vs. Dow, 4:30 p.m.; Dakota vs. East Grand Rapids, 6:30 p.m.; (at Teifer Rink): Hartland vs. Calumet, 8:20 a.m.; Detroit CC vs. Notre Dame Academy, 10:20 a.m.; Brother Rice vs. Country Day, 12:20 p.m. St. Mary's vs. Heritage, 2:50 p.m.; Plymouth vs. Forest Hills Central, 4:50 p.m.; Woodhaven vs. Saline, 6:50 p.m. Tickets are available for \$6 (per day) or \$10 (three-day pass). Seniors and students tickets are \$5 (per day) or \$8 (three-day pass). Active duty military personnel and their families will receive free admission with uniform or military I.D. On-site parking is \$3 or \$8 (unlimited). Free shuttle service is also available



'Little People Shoppe" for more than 40 years. She enjoyed spending time with her dog Spike and her family.

Clara is survived by her brother, Fred "Buddy" Robinson; several nieces and nephews, Patsy (Rick) David, Michelle (Ray) Wildey, Bruce (Gilbert) Varella-Irland, Marlene (Rich) Kayfez, Jerry (Ellen) Irland, Dean (Nancy) Robinson, Cheryl, Roger and Troy Bidwell; her special birthday twin, Marin Hann; and her beloved dog, Spike.

A Graveside Service will be held in Weaverville, NC.

Friends may share an online condolence at www. marshfuneral.com.

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#### **Helen McGee**

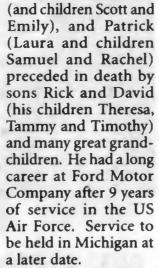
MILFORD - Helen Mc-Gee, a long time resident of Milford and devoted member of the Milford United Methodist Church died at her home at Village Manor in Hartland on January 27, 2019. She was 101 years old.

Helen worked with Porter's Drug Store and Dr. Bradley's office in

Milford and later founded McGee Maytag on Main Street with her husband. Her son Harry continued to operate the family business as Service Appliance for many years.

Helen was preceded in death by Robert H. Mc-Gee, her husband of over sixty-two years in 2000, and is survived by her daughter, Linda (Jack) Benson; her son, Harry (Judy) McGee; grandchildren, Laura Kitzman (Chris), Mark Benson, Teresa Gores (Joe Dominski), and Jim McGee; great grandchildren, Daniel Kitzman, Gabriel and Isabelle Gores, Braylon Dominski, and many extended family members and dear friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Milford United Methodist Church with interment at Milford Memorial Cemetery in the Spring. Memorials may be made in her name to the Milford United Methodist Church, 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, Michigan 48381. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, at 248-684-6645.



Meanwhile, several teams will be returning to the Showcase after an absence for a few years, including defending Division 3 state champion Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

"Detroit Country Day is really excited and honored to be back in the Showcase," coach Frank Novock said. "Having been involved in many facets, including playing, recruiting and now coaching in the MIHL Showcase, I have seen first-hand the tremendous opportunity these teams are presented. From the junior, college and NHL scouts that attend this awesome event, it gives these high school teams a chance to really show how good Michigan high school hockey continues to be and improve their on-ice product. I also can't fail to mention the amount of professionalism, organization and hard work that so many people put into this event to make it such a first-class stage to play on.'

The MIHL Showcase also gives players exposure to Junior A and college scouts over the three-day period, which includes six games Thursday and 18 each on three different rinks Friday and Saturday at the Kennedy Rec Center.

At last year's Showcase, scouts representing every U.S. Hockey League and North American Hockey League team were on hand, as well as several NCAA Division III teams. Many of the leading NCAA Division I programs had one or two representatives in attendance and there were six NHL teams represented.

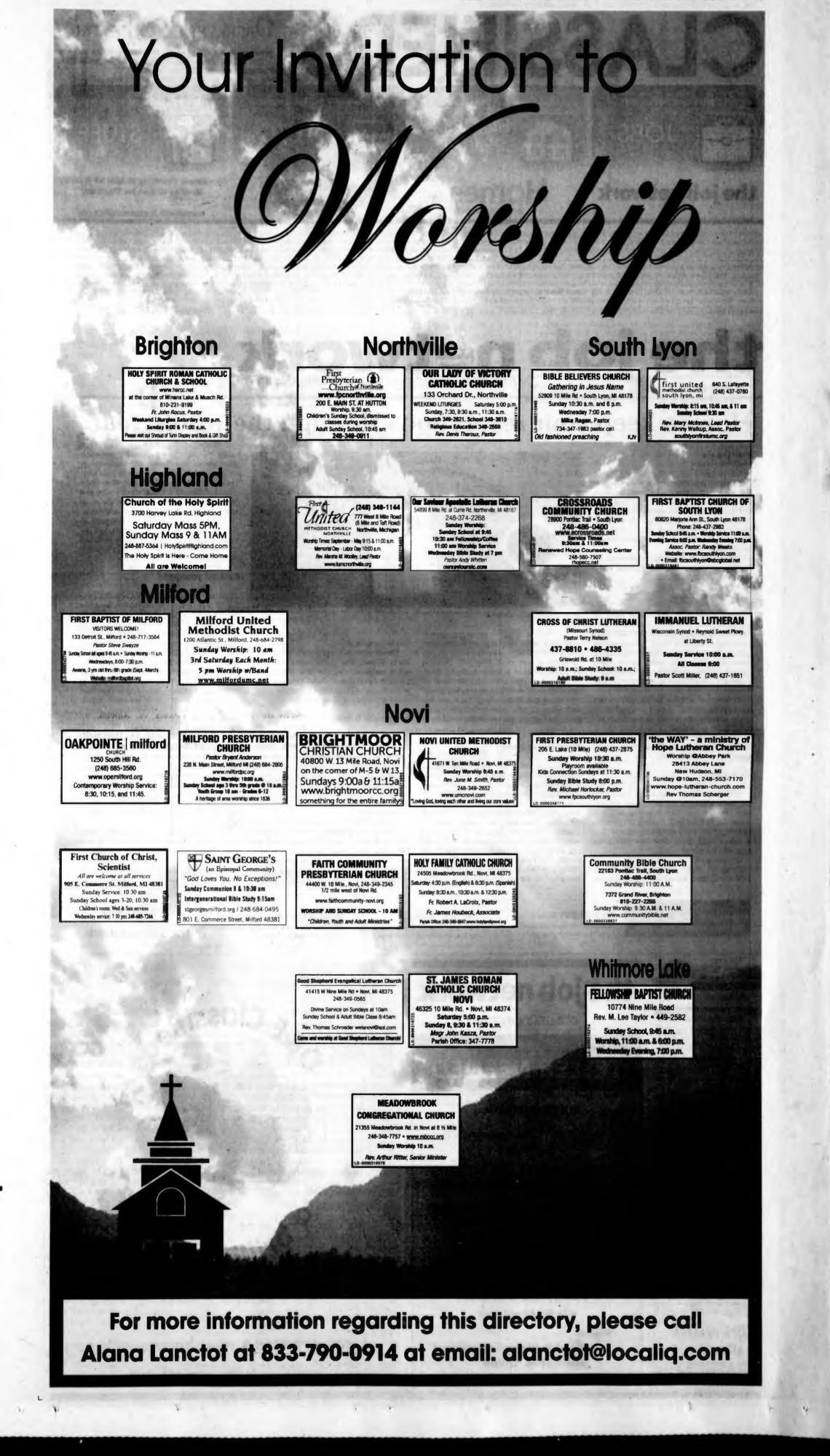
More than 100 volunteers will help stage the three-day Showcase.

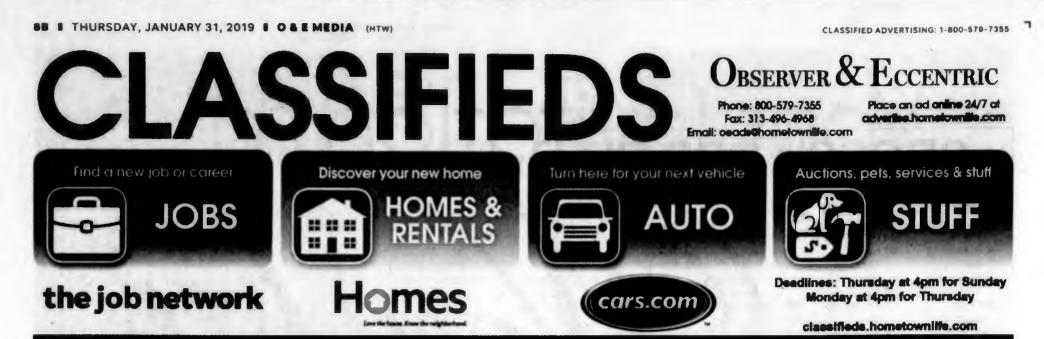
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# How to keep your resolutions through the whole year

### Kate Lopaze

Making resolutions each January is the easy part. Sticking to them beyond, say, February, that's the tricky part. It's not necessarily the goals themselves that are failing you, though—it could be the way you're setting them, and the way you're setting yourself up to implement them.

Let's look at some key strategies for crafting and keeping resolutions for a happy and productive 2019.

#### Write them down

Your goals and resolutions may be top of mind for you, and you may understand intuitively what they are and how you want to achieve them. But no matter how well you think you'll be able to keep them in mind, write them down—on a Post-It, in your phone, in a spreadsheet; it doesn't matter how or where. Just put it in writing.

The act of writing helps make your resolutions official. And if you put them somewhere you're likely to see them often (like at your desk or on your fridge), you're less likely to lose track of your intentions when you're back to the daily grind after the holidays.



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achieve it with the time and resources you'll realistically have available to you throughout the year. Maybe15 pounds by September is a more realistic goal. Perhaps you can take on one hour of French practice with an app every week. The more you think about your real life and what it will take to achieve your goal, the better your resolution will be at the outset.

#### Break them down

If you break your resolutions down

you complete it.

Small wins add up to big wins. And even if you don't ultimately hit your main resolution by the end of the year, you can look back at these smaller tasks you completed and feel accomplished at what you did and how you did it.

#### Set a time frame

I've got all year, so I'll deal with this later. That's a fatal mindset for any resolution, but especially professional ones. If you've already got a job or you're caught up in daily routines, it can be harder and harder to push out of that comfort zone and do the things you need to do to maintain action toward your resolution. build your professional network throughout the year. Set milestones each month: add two people to your LinkedIn connections; set a coffee date with a different former work colleague each month; post a new update each week about your professional activities. Or if you're looking for an upgrade at work (new job or a promotion), set interim milestones like having an updated resume by March, doing comprehensive salary research by April, etc.

#### **Reward yourself**

Achieving your goals is a reward unto itself, sure. But y'know what's also a reward? Treating yourself for hitting those milestones. Think ahead of time what would be an incentive for you to make progress on your resolution. Spa day? An afternoon off and tickets to see your favorite sports team play? It doesn't have to be huge or expensive, just a gift to yourself for the work you've done throughout the year. Anything that helps you keep your interest when things get busy or frustrating, that's what you want to use as the carrot in front of you.

New year's resolutions can be a great way to reset your thinking and refresh your goals. However, if you're not approaching them in a way that will help you keep your focus and your interest, what's the point? The more effort you put into setting yourself up now, the more likely you are to stick to your resolutions and grow as much as you can in 2019.

#### Be realistic

This is probably the most important part of creating actionable and achievable resolutions. Think better self, not necessarily best self. Losing 20 pounds or being fluent in a new language within a year sound great. But how likely are those to happen?

If your goal is vague and lofty, be specific about what you want to achieve and think hard about whether you can into pieces throughout the year, it gives you a series of smaller goals that you can accomplish—making it easier to stay on track for the big goals. For example, if your main resolution is to get a new job this year, consider the components of that. You'll need to update your resume, start looking for job openings, apply for job openings, upgrade your interview outfit, etc. Each of those steps is something you can do in the meantime, and feel good about checking each one off as

Setting specific due dates for yourself creates accountability, even if you're the only one who knows they exist. And like breaking your goals down into manageable chunks, timing helps make your goals more achievable on a daily, weekly, and monthly level. Say your goal is to

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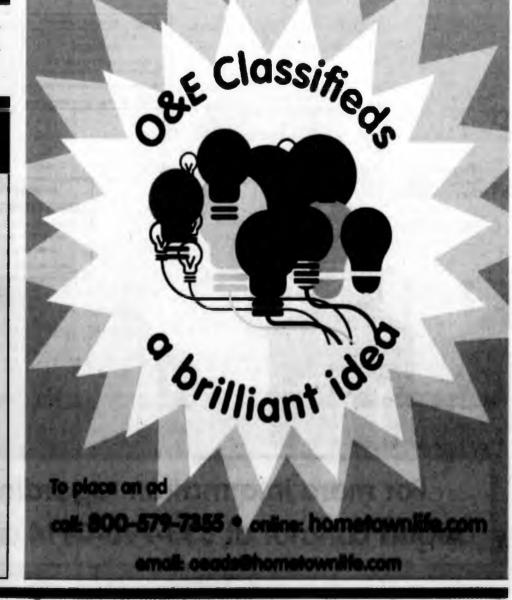
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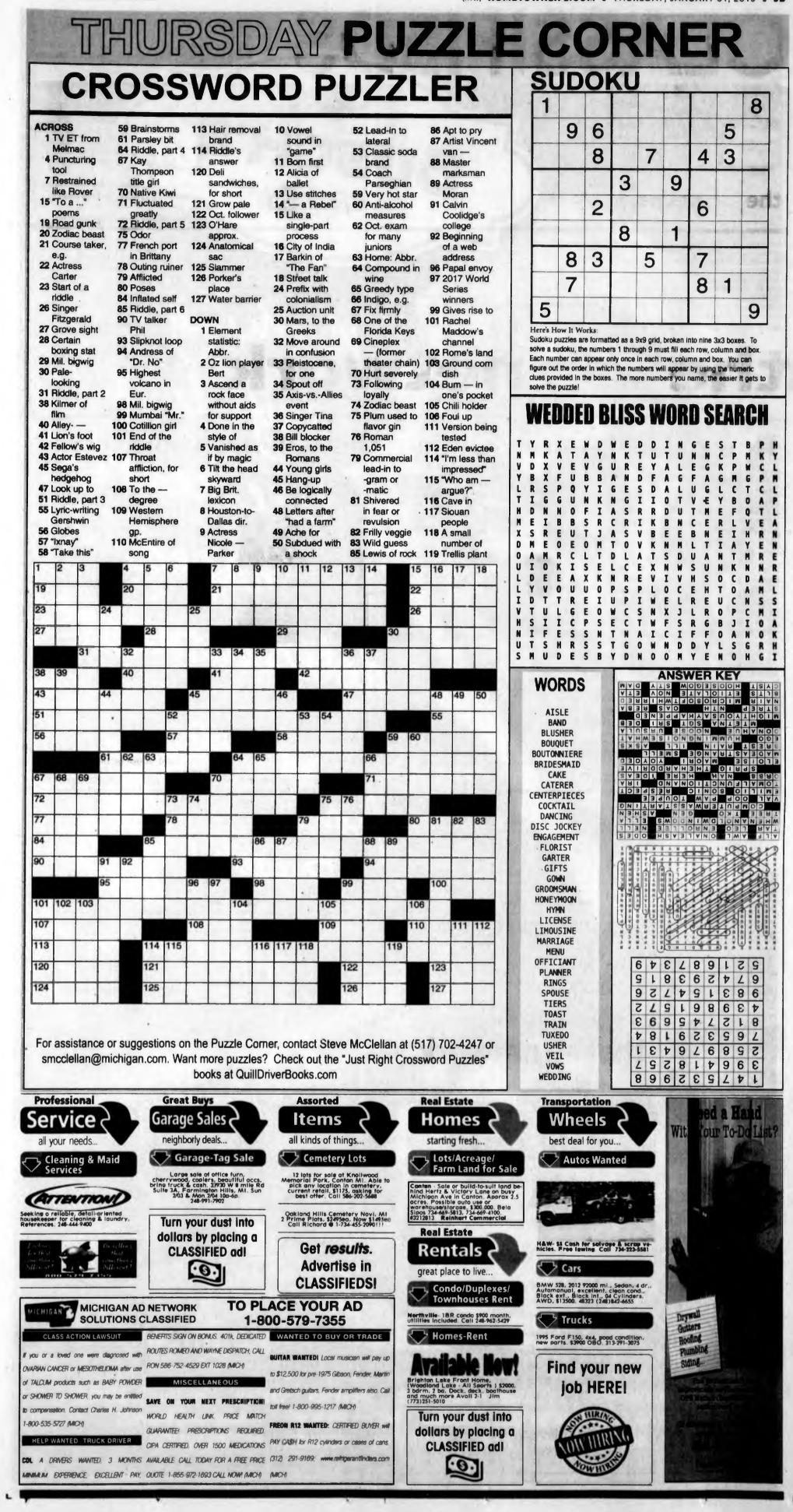






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