

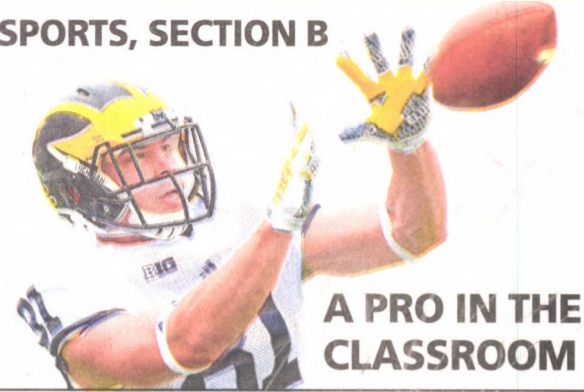
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Bright (House) ideas

There's less than one month left for students to enter Bright House Networks Bright Ideas STEM from Today's Youth. The competition is open to all high school students at least 14 years old as of the date of entry and who attend a public, private or parochial school or are home-schooled within a Bright House Networks service area.

Students can compete as individuals or as part of a team of two. Six finalists will be chosen, one from each of Bright House Networks service areas. These students will travel to Orlando, Fla., where they will compete head-to-head on TV, in front of a studio audience and a panel of experts. A grand prize winner will be selected and will have the opportunity to work with a leading innovation firm to build a virtual prototype and a business plan.

Entry deadline is Jan. 4 via www.bright-house.com/brightideas.

Novi High to limit building entry during school hours

Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Security is already a priority for staff throughout the Novi Community School District.

When students and staff return from the holiday break, there's another security measure administrators are placing at Novi High School — so students better not be tardy.

The building already is locked during school hours (7:15 a.m. to 1:39 p.m.). But there are still several exterior doors to the sprawling building. Starting Jan. 4, all students, parents and guests will be required to enter the building via its east atrium entrance during school hours.

The school has a pair of parking lots accessed via Taft Road. One is shared with the Novi

Public Library and is designated for staff. The second lot is close to the athletic facilities, a popular parking location for students, particularly those involved in extracurricular activities. For people parking in those lots, the west entrance is a more convenient option to get into school. Students arriving a bit late would have to walk all the way around the building to get

to the east doors.

"Obviously, the most convenient thing (for students) is to get there on time, park where they prefer and get inside," Assistant Principal Charles LaClear said.

And for parents who need to make a quick stop at school to drop off something or

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THE GREATEST GENERATION

Military service helped Bernstein mature

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

Many people consider World War II to have ended with Victory in Europe Day and the dropping of atomic bombs in Japan, events that shook the globe in 1945.

However, the official end of U.S. involvement was not declared until Dec. 31, 1946, in a proclamation by President Harry S. Truman, making Fred Bernstein among the youngest World War II veterans.

Bernstein, who served on the border of Italy and the former Yugoslavia in the U.S. Army, was also part of the Allied force that tried to maintain a fragile peace after most battles had ended.

"I was in the occupation of Italy and at that time, unbeknownst to many, war started again between Italy and Yugoslavia," Bernstein said. "They were fighting over land where the border should be and we were sent to prevent the war from restarting."

Born and raised in Detroit, Bernstein graduated from Detroit Central High School in January 1946 and wanted to join the military immediately, but the 17-year-old was persuaded by his parents to try a semester of college first. He enrolled at Wayne State University, but he calls the detour "a waste of time." He had no interest in college then and was soon in basic training and growing up fast.

"They should take crazy teens off the streets and put them in service," said Bernstein, now 87. "I learned discipline right away. I mouthed off to a sergeant and he said, 'You will never leave this camp on a pass.' I was on kitchen duty every weekend, cleaning out garbage. It was 'Yes, sir. No, sir' after that."

Big brother

By fall 1946, Bernstein was a private on the Italy-Yugoslavia border with the 88th Infantry Division.

"We were showing our strength and we would always be training and parading we were like the big guy between these two small



SUSAN BROMLEY

Fred Bernstein flips through a scrapbook at his Fox Run home in Novi with his wife Sandra sitting nearby.

Number of WWII veterans dwindling daily

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

We're used to seeing them at our Fourth of July parades and Memorial Day celebrations, cheered for their contributions serving their country during World War II and beyond.

But if we want to continue to see them and honor them, we're going to have to do it quickly, because the numbers of veterans in the group journalist Tom Brokaw called the "Greatest Generation" are dwindling.

The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Weeklies* recently interviewed World War II veterans and their families and offer a few of their stories.

According to figures put together by the U.S. Veterans Administration, some 855,000 of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II are still alive. Of those numbers — about 26,000 are in Michigan — some 492 are dying every day, according to the VA statistics.

That makes honoring those men and women of utmost

importance, according to the president and CEO of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

"There's no time to lose," Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller said. "We want to ... thank (them) for their sacrifice and service to the nation and to show the world what they mean to the principle of freedom."

The dwindling number of World War II veterans is contributing to lower membership numbers in groups like the

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to pick up their child, it's common for them to park in the fire lane, take care of whatever is needed, then run back out to their car.

"That's obviously not our preference," La-Clear said.

The 10 Mile lot, accessed near the electronic sign, has 10 dedicated visitor parking spots. Parents picking up a student during the school day should do so from the 10 Mile entrance, because students will exit from that side of the building, as well, he added.

The east and west entrances will remain open, per usual, before and after school.

The changes were implemented as an enhancement to security measures already in place. Using a single entry point came at the

recommendation of security staff and law enforcement agencies assessing potential risks.

LaClear said when the change was first announced, "within minutes I had my (email) inbox with parents with questions. People ask what happened," he said. "Nothing happened. There was no security issue. We're constantly looking and assessing our security practices."

Signage on the exterior doors will remind students, staff and families of the changes.

"We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we take recommended steps to increase building security to provide a safe learning environment for our students, faculty and staff," an email sent to families stated.

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Novi vet was at Battle of Bulge

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

Frank Buffone wears his World War II veteran hat proudly and, when asked about his service, announces he served with Gen. George S. Patton and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

"We had 60 some trucks in our company," Buffone said. "Patton was the type, he always wanted to be a hero. We were in a convoy with the trucks and some went to deliver gasoline and some to deliver ammunition. Patton, of all the trucks in the convoy, he stopped in front of mine. He said, 'Soldier?' I said, 'Yes, sir.' He said he had to free the people that were trapped in the bulge. ... He wanted to get rid of all the trailers, we were moving too damn slow."

Buffone, born and raised in Pennsylvania, was drafted into the Army in 1943, before he finished high school. His English teacher assured him he would graduate. After basic training, his cousin was sent to Japan, while Buffone headed to Europe and arrived after D-Day. His uncle, Alfred Sdao, also known as Mex, was wounded in action in France less than a month later and discharged.

Saving history

The Western Union telegram notifying Alfred's mother, as well as several uniform patches, newspaper articles regarding the war and even letters and cards sent from Buffone to his mother and to his sister Rosie, is part of a scrapbook that Cassie Bunker has been working on since this summer.

Just a week after Buffone recounted tales with Patton, Cassie sits with her mother, Janice Bunker, at the Bunkers' kitchen table in Troy and they page through the



SUSAN BROMLEY
Frank Buffone of Novi shows off some of his World War II medals.

morning when I'm around, we're going to beat them to it, we're going to move right now.' And on Easter Sunday, we invaded the Rhine River."

War is over

He smiles, however, as he recalls a happier memory from a few months after the Rhine-River crossing in 1945. He was driving a truck with a buddy when they became lost in Czechoslovakia while delivering gas and ammunition. They came to a town where there was an obvious celebration taking place.

"I didn't know which way to go and said to this guy, 'Where the hell are we? What the hell are they celebrating? What's that big party?'" Buffone said. "And this guy, he says, 'Your truck was lost? You're bound to be lost, because the war is over!'"

After leaving the military, Buffone came to Michigan and began working for Ford Motor Co., where his father was employed.

Buffone proudly displays a picture of his wife Carmella, who went by the name of "Babe" and with whom he had three children, John, Theresa and Joanne. Frank and Babe were married for 60 years before her death in 2010.

His daughter Joanne shows framed ribbons and medals her father received and he takes the frame and touches his World War II hat as he relaxes in a chair.

He wears the hat regularly and strangers show gratitude for his service, thanking him and occasionally picking up his bill at restaurants or even buying his groceries. He is grateful for the recognition.

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new scrapbook with memorabilia. Rosie died in 2004 and her original scrapbook, which lays next to the new one, was passed on to Janice, her daughter and Frank's niece. The book also contains memorabilia from her Uncle Jenner's wartime service.

"It's very important to preserve this," Cassie Bunker said. "I wish there was more detail. I've learned a lot through research about the battles and what the ribbons mean. I've looked things up on the Internet, but it's not the same as a personal story."

Buffone sent correspondence home during the war — including cards from France for Christmas 1944 in which he simply signs, "Loving son, Frankie" and "To brothers and sisters, from loving brother, Frankie" and a Valentine's Day card to his

mother in 1945 that reads "Dear Mom, The ocean between us may seem awful wide, but I send my love on each rising tide; No, please do not worry, O, mother of mine. Cause look what I've sent you ... A French Valentine!"

"I felt sorry for my mother, she worried about me quite a bit," Buffone said.

A little more than a month after sending the Valentine, he would cross the Rhine River with Patton on March 22, 1945.

"Every time we put a bridge up, they would blow it up," Buffone said. "Patton didn't know what the hell to do. He called a meeting and said, 'We're crossing that river tomorrow, one truck at a time.' Patton heard the English army was going to invade first, before the Americans got there. He said, 'You know what, they aren't going to invade at three in the

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County plans added safety measures for intersection

Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Jim French spends a lot of time on the road in west Oakland County as a parts courier. There are a few intersections he tries to avoid. The one at 10 Mile Road and Napier along the Novi-Lyon border is among them.

"I've seen too many near misses," he said. "It's just not a good intersection."

Residents know that. Local officials know that. And staff with the Road Commission for Oakland County know that.

But it will be more than a year before the intersection

will be reconstructed. It's part of the county's 2017 construction schedule. While there's been several accidents and countless near-misses, officials said that timetable won't be advanced.

The \$4 million planned reconstruction project calls for adding a full-functioning traffic light at the intersection, purchasing road right of ways to increase the size of the intersection, cutting down the hill west on 10 Mile Road to improve sight distances and adding left-turn lanes at the intersection. The project also calls for paving Napier Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile

roads, relocating utilities and mitigating wetlands.

"Simply installing a traffic signal without cutting the hill and expanding the intersection would create problems," RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar stated in a release. East-bound traffic, he said, may not see cars stopped at the intersection until after they crest the hill, which could increase the number of crashes there.

The road commission stated that intersection ranks 116th in crash rates among all intersections in the county's jurisdiction. The RCOC stated there have been no fatalities there in

recent years, according to crash records.

That said, RCOC spokesman Craig Bryson said the county has already taken a few steps to increase safety along the east-west corridor, including adding two blinking lights at the intersection to warn drivers that it exists, plus reflective strips were added to the stop signs on Napier Road.

In addition, Bryson said the county plans to add additional signs along 10 Mile warning of the upcoming intersection. In addition, the paved Napier Road approach to the 10 Mile intersection just south of 10 Mile will be swept on a routine

basis in an effort to provide better traction for motorists.

"We have many intersections in need of improvement across the county. We are fortunate that funding could be secured to make this a 2017 project," Kolar stated. "The latest road-funding bill passed in Lansing does not provide any new funding for RCOC until 2017 and full funding does not occur until 2021. In the meantime, we will continue to closely monitor this intersection and work with the local communities on interim solutions."

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BERNSTEIN

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countries trying to fight and they couldn't with us in the middle," he said. "They were like two little kids fighting and we were like the big brother saying you aren't going to do anything. This is the way the border is going to be."

Bernstein lived in a bombed out hospital with no heat or plumbing in Grado, a town in the province of Gorizia, Italy. He and his fellow soldiers were surrounded by destruction from the bombings that had taken place during the war, but Bernstein said the Italians loved the Americans, part of the Allied forces that began invading their country in 1943, freeing them from Benito Mussolini's fascist regime and liberating Rome from the Nazis in 1944. The Italians were finally freed from the Axis of Evil on May 2, 1945, when German forces in Italy surrendered two days after the collapse of Berlin.

Bernstein was promoted to corporal in April 1947 and, by the end of the year, was back in the U.S. He finished his military service in 1948, having matured from a boy to a man and with a solid plan for what he wanted to do with his life.

Bernstein returned to college, pursuing pre-



A photo of Fred Bernstein while serving in Italy during World War II.

medicine at Michigan State University, then transferring to the University of Detroit, before finally being accepted to Temple University in Philadelphia, where he made the decision to pursue a career as a podiatrist instead of a dentist. It was at Temple that he also met his wife Sandra; they were married in September 1954. They moved back to Michigan and Bernstein opened a podiatry practice in Berkley, where he

treated patients for 35 years before retiring. He and Sandra, who recently celebrated 61 years of marriage, have two children, Michael and Amy, as well as five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Military reunion

The Bernsteins traveled extensively over the years, including a trip to Italy in the early 1980s in which they returned to where Fred had served. A beautiful hospital had replaced the bombed out one where he had stayed and Bernstein showed a picture he had taken in 1946 of eight Italians that had worked in the building to a local police officer, who recognized two men — Gino and Dino, who was now mayor of the city. They found Gino, who remembered Bernstein, and the two had a happy reunion.

The Bernsteins are now done traveling and are enjoying life in the Fox Run community in

Novi.

He notes that the enemy the military fights today is much different than those of World War II.

"Back then, it was country fighting against country — we were fighting against Germany, against Japan," Bernstein said. "We were fighting against specific armies, specific people. Now you don't know who you're fighting, it's crazy. ISIS is fanatical, they have no belief in life or anything. Death means nothing to them, giving up their own life means nothing to them. That's why it's such a difficult situation."

"Thank God our country is still doing a great job," he added. "Whenever I hear people complain, I just think they have no idea how good we have it. We are blessed."

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Storytime days are over



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Longtime Novi librarian Margi Karp-Opperer will be retiring from her book and children's storytime duties at the end of this month after 23 years at the city's two libraries. Karp-Opperer will still keep in touch with her Novi fans and isn't going too far. But she has pledged to never set her alarm before 10 a.m. the rest of her days.



BRAD KADRICH

World War II veteran Joseph Girolamo, 94, with some of the "memories" of his service.

VETERANS

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American Legion and other veterans' groups, many of which march in those same parades.

One of the ways to boost those numbers — and enhance the pride shown in those veterans — is to make sure young people who've never really known a war are educated about what American veterans go through.

That's why veterans like 94-year-old Joseph Girolamo make public appearances at schools and other places where young people can learn. He wants kids to know about the Greatest Generation, while there are still members of it around.

"I go out and talk to high school kids, give them a class," said Girolamo, who served from November 1942 to January 1946. "Some of their teachers are too young even to know. Many people don't even know there was a war. For the longest time, no one ever spoke about it. Now we're all dying away."

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Speech contest to raise money for THAW fund

Aileen Wingblad
 Staff Writer

A Farmington Hills teen and his friend from Troy are offering an opportunity for students to try out their public speaking skills while raising money to help the needy stay warm this winter.

Chintan Maheshwari, a Farmington Hills resident and sophomore at Novi's Catholic Central High School, is partnering with Esha Ghosalkar, a sophomore at Troy High School, to present "Speech Competition by Key2Finesse" Jan. 9. Contestants will be given a topic and then about 30 minutes to prepare before demonstrating their

oratorical skills. Speeches will run two to three minutes.

The \$15 entry fee will cover expenses for the competition, with the remainder donated to The Heat And Warmth fund.

"THAW is the easiest and most effective way to help those who can't pay for heat," Esha said. "It's the best way to give back to the community."

The competition is open to middle school and high school students and will feature categories for the different grade levels. A panel of judges will determine winners in each category and award trophies.

Chintan and Esha have been involved in public

speaking for about six years and run free workshops for students – so they understand how it can cause apprehension, anxiety, nervousness and fear. But that's precisely the reason to push yourself into public speaking, they said.

"Many kids aren't exposed to public speaking or they don't try because they aren't familiar with it and don't think they will do so well," Chintan said. "But this (contest) will give students a platform and show it's not as scary as they think it is."

Public speaking skills and the confidence that builds from them are "something that you will

use in your career and for the rest of your life," he added.

Speech Competition by Key2Finesse can accommodate about 75 contestants.

"Come to the competition. Help others and help yourself," Chintan said.

Added Esha: "Don't be afraid to try something new. When an opportunity like this comes your way, try it."

The competition will be held at the Detroit Indian Center, 24555 Novi Road, in Novi.

To sign up or for more information, email Esha at eshkrish@gmail.com or Chintan at chintanm2018@gmail.com.



AILEEN WINGBLAD
 Esha Ghosalkar and Chintan Maheshwari have teamed up to present a public speaking fundraising event for students.

Novi debate teams bring home awards

The Novi High School debate team hosted the Wayne/Oakland Debate League final meet Dec. 14.

Kristin Franchi and Lizz Szkrybalo, the Novi debate team's coaching staff, said that in the novice division, Novi had eight finalists out of 15 and they brought home the highly coveted team award. The finalists were: Zoe Ling, Aakash Jajoo, Suhas Navada, Lahari Vavilala, Jagjeet Wani, Anjali Singh (fourth overall speaker), Neha Surapaneni (third overall speaker) and Nishika Uppula (first overall speaker). The top Presiding Officer award went to Prani Panguru.



Novi debate team members celebrate a successful day.

In the varsity division, Novi represented five out of the 15 finalists and that team also brought

home the team award in the varsity division. The finalists were: Tiffany Liu, Alex Gamm, Alexa

Rathi, Abhi Samantapudi (fourth overall speaker) and Megana Deme (first overall speaker).

Clark inducted into OCCRA Educator Hall of Fame

Bill Clark recently was inducted to the Educator Hall of Fame by the Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association for the 2015 season.

Clark has been with the Walled Lake robotics team since 2005. As the team's lead mentor, he has dedicated countless hours teaching and guiding its students throughout the rigors of build season.

Clark has also volunteered his time to teaching at Walled Lake Western alongside Mr. Wellman and Mrs.

Harpe. In addition to all of this, Clark helped to create Team 803, Walled Lake Western's OCCRA robotics team. He has mentored this team through the season while continuing to mentor Team 308, the general Walled Lake team.

"On behalf of Teams 308 and 803, Monsters and More Monsters, congratulations to Mr. Bill Clark for this well-deserved recognition," said Jack Wellman, Walled Lake Western High School teacher.



Bill Clark was recently inducted to the Educator Hall of Fame by the Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association.

Teacher nominated for a LifeChanger award



Ryan

Jennifer Ryan, speech pathologist at Hickory Woods Elementary in Novi, has been nominated for the 2015-16 national LifeChanger of the Year award.

Hickory Woods is part of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District.

Nominated by Patricia Chinn, Hickory Woods

Elementary principal, the LifeChanger program recognizes the very best K-12 public school educators who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership.

"Through the school's Student Intervention Program, Ryan ensures that students who have communication disorders

still have a voice, whether it is through writing or assistive technologies," Chinn said. "One student in the SXI program who cannot speak is now equipped with an iPad to give him/her a voice. The student can use the iPad to talk with peers, teachers and family. The lives of students and their families have been changed forever as a result of her efforts."

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PRESENT:

- Agenda:**
 - Development Proposal Presentation** – Presented and Discussed
- Brief Public Comments:** None
- ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at – 6:50 p.m.
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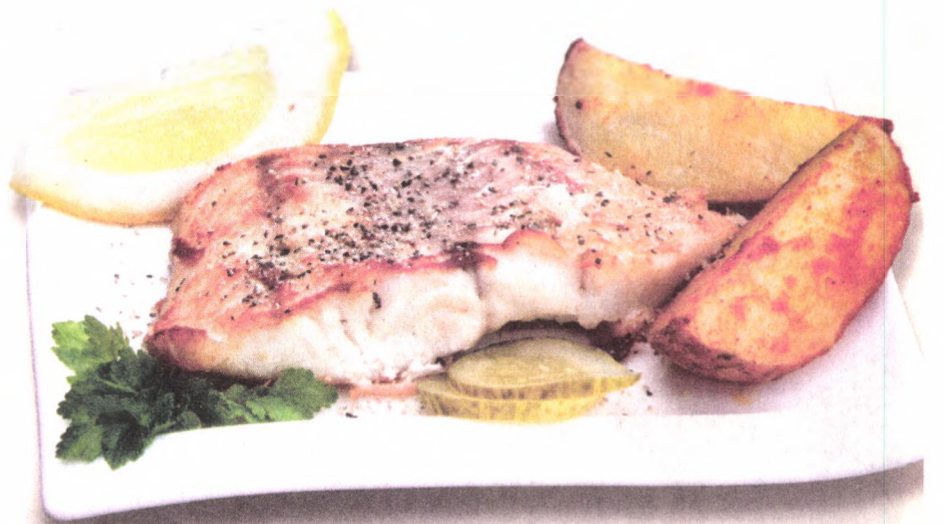


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Visit Varsity Lincoln for the 2-day event during the following dates and times:

- » 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31
- » 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4

Right now, Varsity Lincoln is also offering a Complimentary Maintenance Plan for Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles. This includes an oil change, tire rotation and multi-point inspection every 7,500 miles for 1 year/15,000 miles.[^]

In addition to service specials, more than 100 Certified Pre-Owned vehicles are on-site and ready to go. Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles are available for as little as \$7,995.*

Varsity Lincoln is number one in pre-owned sales globally. Come find out why. An astounding 540 Certified Pre-Owned vehicles were delivered in 2014 at Varsity Lincoln.

The dealership has held the honor of highest volume sales dealer globally since 1997.** Varsity offers a newly remodeled showroom, indoor delivery area and service reception aisle. Varsity Lincoln works to make their customers feel number one.

Varsity Lincoln recently celebrated their 20th anniversary and won six prestigious automotive awards. They encompass the Triple Crown Award, Lincoln Leaders of Excellence, President's Award, Ford One Hundred Club, CPO Sales Leadership and Premier Club.

"Certified Pre-Owned has a wonderful warranty...it goes up to 100,000 miles on the warranty," said long-time Varsity customer John Kilby.

Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles come with many benefits including:

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Owned that comes with warranty, definitely get quality checked, that's important, especially with two girls in college," said five-time customer Julie Wilk.

"There are numerous benefits of purchasing a Certified Pre-Owned, including the outstanding warranty that comes with the vehicles," said Jere Law, Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager and Pre-Owned Director. "The 100,000-mile free bumper to bumper warranty that comes alongside all Certified Pre-Owned purchases is better than a new car warranty! Additionally, any time the vehicle is in for a service visit, you can receive

a loaner for no cost exclusively at Varsity Lincoln!"

"The warranty is key. With Certified Pre-Owned, you get the best from Varsity Lincoln," Law said. Certified Pre-Owned financing is available for as low as 0.9% APR.***

"Leasing or buying from the number one dealer in the country gives you the best selection, price and service," Law said. "Our dealership is ready to assist customers with anything, whether it is special financing or a specific request. We can handle every unique situation."

"Loaded with features, a Lincoln will satisfy any customer," Law explained. "Certi-

fied Pre-Owned vehicles not only provide peace of mind on the road, but also provide a combination of sportiness and luxury," Law said. "Drivers will also enjoy peace of mind from knowing that Lincoln vehicles will hold their value," Law said. "Any depreciation has already been taken on by the previous owner. Plus, advanced styling and dependability add to a Lincoln vehicle's value."

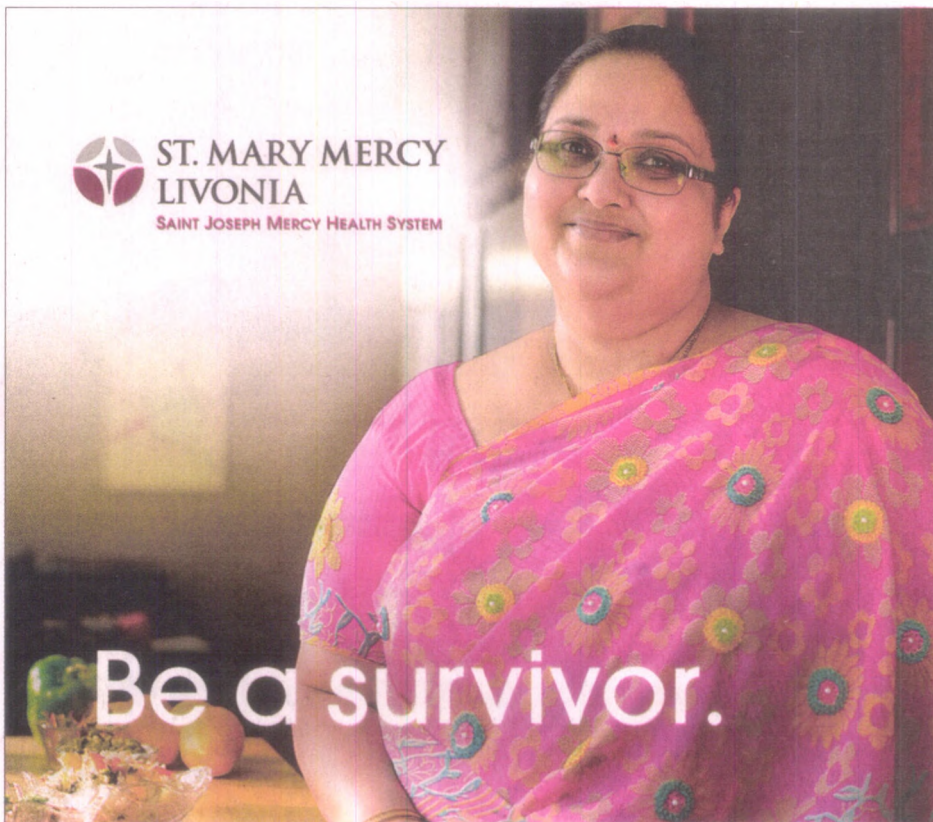
This dealership provides The Varsity Lincoln Advantage. Varsity Lincoln team members are selected based upon their unwavering focus on customer care and satisfaction.

"Our customers speak for themselves and how their experience is. When you read the reviews our customers write online, you can see how happy they are, before, during and after the sale," Law concluded.

* Subject to availability. See Varsity Lincoln for details.

**Based on 11/2015 Total Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln Sales Report.

***As low as 0.9% APR for up to 36 months on select vehicles for qualified customers with Tier 0-1 approval through preferred finance source. Offer subject to change at any time. See Varsity Lincoln for details.



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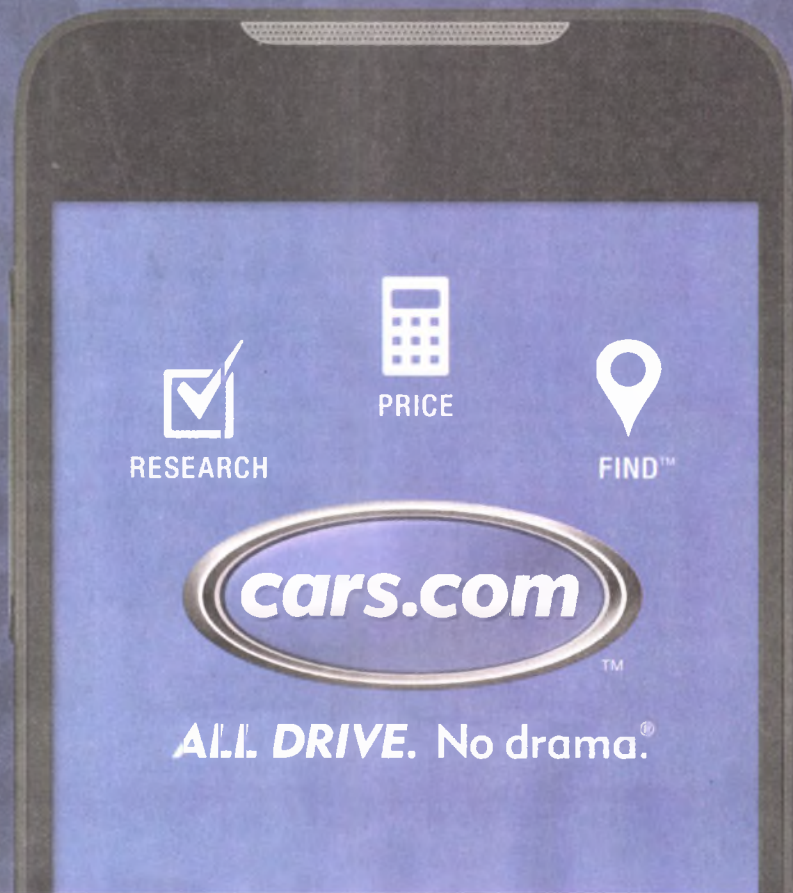
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Dog released from prison finds a home

Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

A pit bull named Penelope Louise was rescued from the streets of Detroit, went to prison for rehabilitation and ended up living with a South Lyon family.

Along the way, Penny became somewhat of a celebrity on YouTube and was named Monday Miracle for *Dogster Magazine* this month.

No one really knows what the first year of her life was like, but judging by the way she was found in 2012 when she was less than a year old, it likely wasn't good. She had scars on her face, infected skin and was in such poor shape rescue workers said she was on the brink of death.

Penny became the subject of three documentary shorts available on YouTube. A World

Animal Awareness Society filmed Penny as the American Strays Canine Census moved through a Detroit neighborhood and found her wandering. Each milestone in Penelope's amazing rescue story was captured on camera in WA2S' American Strays series.

A forever home

Refurbished Pets of Southern Michigan placed Penelope in its Correctional Companion Program at Coldwater Prison Complex, then in a foster home and finally in South Lyon with Sheri Prielipp-Falzone, her husband, Vince, and their two teenage sons.

While Penny was in prison, inmates took care of her every need: feeding, grooming, providing potty breaks and, most importantly, building her confidence.

When the Falzone

family, who had recently lost their dog to cancer, decided to adopt Penny, they knew they wanted to take a second dog to keep her company and to provide her with a playmate. So they also took home Barkley, a terrier and shepherd mix.

During the first year, Prielipp-Falzone sent letters to the prisoners who cared for Penny to let them know their work and compassion was well-spent and that Penny was in a safe home where she played in the backyard and had a dog friend in the house.

Prielipp-Falzone, an RPSM volunteer, wants to encourage other people to adopt rescue dogs, but she also wants to make sure they understand it's a 13- to 15-year commitment. She encourages people who can't have a pet — or might not be up to a 15-year prom-

ise to care for a dog — to consider volunteering at RPSM or other animal rescue, donate money or foster a dog before it is adopted.

"It's a big commitment and it's a matter of making sure you are open to what each dog brings," Vince Falzone said. "They come with their own personalities. Find the joy in what they bring to the household."

When Prielipp-Falzone isn't saving dogs, she's volunteering at her church, St. Paul Lutheran in Hamburg, or through her personal initiative, The Watering Can, helping "all God's creatures — animals, children or the elderly — thrive."

Learn more about Refurbished Pets of Southern Michigan at rpsm.org.

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Sheri Prielipp-Falzone at her South Lyon home with her two rescue dogs, Barkley (left) and Penny. Both are pit-bull mixes and have been lovingly taken care of by Sheri and her husband Vincent in their home.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Send Novi calendar items to pallmen@hometownlife.com and Northville calendar items to jmaliszews@hometownlife.com by 9 a.m. Monday for consideration for the Thursday edition.

New Year's Eve for youth

Time/Date: 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, to Friday, Jan. 1.

Details: The LockerRoom at Orchard Grove Community Church hosting the youth event "Rockin' Around the Clock." \$35 per person and tickets can be purchased at the door. The event will feature inflatables, games, karaoke and prize giveaways.

For questions about the event, contact Orchard Grove communications director Shawna Schwaninger at shawna.schwaninger@orchardgrove.org. Orchard Grove Community Church is located at 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake. Check the website www.orchardgrove.org for more information.

Novi Choralaires

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5 and 12

Details: Do you love to sing? Would you like to meet new people and take part in sharing the joy of music within the community? Join the Novi Choralaires, a community chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding area. Rehearsals at Novi Middle School choir classroom, 49000 W. 11 Mile, in Novi.

The Choralaires will present a joint concert with the Novi Band at 3 p.m. March 6; a "Sneak Peek Concert" at the Novi Public Library at 7 p.m. April 5; and the spring show "Songs of Nature" at 7:30 p.m. May 7. For more information about the Choralaires, go to novichoralaires.org or www.facebook.com/novichoralaire.

Compassionate Care Hospice

Time/Date: Jan. 12 volunteer orientation

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentially, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer.

Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator with questions or to apply for a brief interview 888-983-9050.

Widowed Friends

Time/Date: 9 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-0399.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. on the first and third Monday of the month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connors Restaurant on Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat contact Carol at 313-562-3080.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting Co-Ed Breakfast at Richards Restaurant on Plymouth Road at Eckles Road. Contact Jerry at 734-455-2651.

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Judy Klein smiles as she briefly pauses from her volunteer efforts at the Polar Express holiday luncheon.

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Friends Catherine Johns (left) and Terry Burgoyne enjoy a smile together Dec. 10 during the Polar Express holiday luncheon at the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons. Friends gathered for a noon-time lunch, door prizes, conversation and live music and caroling.



David's Giving Tree offers a forum for donations

Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

David Deaton has endured more than any 14-year-old should, but instead of feeling sorry for himself he reaches out to help others.

The hearing-impaired middle school student from Howell has undergone five surgeries to address a hole in his ear and to repair his cleft lip and palate. He will continue to have more surgeries as he grows.

David knows what it's like to be on the receiving side of the giving process, but he likes it better when he's the giver.

His mom Heather recently learned about a Facebook page, called the Giving Tree, which has local sites across the state and country for people to list their needs and others to donate. Heather said she knew this was something David would like to support.

So she launched David's Giving Tree-Oakland, as well as similar ones in Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

"Imagine the difference we can each make in our own community, simply by working together," reads the David's Giving Tree mission statement. "If a neighbor has a need or a hardship that they are going through, it could be as simple as referring them to a local agency, providing a meal after surgery, providing shoes to a neighbor in need or sim-



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Active Faith executive director Maryann Mihalic accepts donated gifts for clients from David Deaton, 14.

ply praying with them." Never be ashamed to ask for help, Heather said. "You don't need to have money to give someone advice. The biggest message is a person should never be judged if they are asking for help. We don't know their situation."

One recent post on the Oakland site lists adult coats the donor wants to give away. "I would like them to go to someone in need," the writer said. Find the page at www.facebook.com/groups/davidshelpingtree.

Another effort

David had his first surgery when he was three months old and another one last August that involved a bone graft

using his skull to patch a hole in his ear. Heather said she always called her son a warrior, because of all the surgeries he's undergone.

Even though he only has a barely visible scar on his lip, David has felt ostracized at school and even bullied, because he's different. So he wanted to make friends with other kids around the world who had cleft lips and palates, Heather said. They started an organization he named Cleft Warriors.

The day after the Cleft Warriors was posted on Facebook, he received a \$25 gift card from an "anonymous angel," Heather said.

It came at a perfect time, Heather said, because David's appoint-

ment was coming up at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and "it would free up some gas funds. He insisted on donating it to another cleft child in need."

"He wants every child to know that no matter what hardships you have in your life, you stand tall and be proud of who you are," Heather said. "I want David to be used as an example around the world that no matter what your personal struggle is you can always find ways to help others."

David sends Cleft Warrior packages filled with gift cards, stuffed animals, puzzles and a certificate declaring the receivers as cleft warriors.

Earlier this month, David delivered money cards and gifts to Active Faith, a South Lyon outreach center that provides food and clothing to people in the South Lyon school district who are in need.

"I think it's really nice to see kids who are happy," said David, who hopes to be a police officer or firefighter someday. He also loves fencing and competing in Yu-Gi-Oh.

The Deaton family also has a website, www.davidssmile.net, that asks for donations to cover medical and other expenses.

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Age 87, of Northville, passed away December 22, 2015. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

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Pastor gears up for radio program launch

Equipping believers to live the Christian life in a rapidly changing culture is the focus of Moody Radio's newest national weekday program, *Equipped with Chris Brooks*, which launches Jan. 4.

The live, one-hour program will be hosted by Chris Brooks, a Walled Lake resident who has served as campus dean of Moody Theological Seminary in Michigan since 2013. Brooks

is also the senior pastor of Evangel Ministries in Detroit, a thriving 1,600-member church in the heart of Detroit.

"Chris's humble, pastoral tone and depth of biblical knowledge and practical advice will serve our listeners well, and we are excited for what the Lord will do through this new program," said Collin Lambert, vice president of Moody Radio. Featuring caller

interaction, special guests and social media interaction, Equipped will tackle issues including marriage, family, vocation, evangelism and other areas of the Christian life.

"Many Christians are disoriented, lost and confused in this hour, wondering what it means to be a Christian in a world that is changing so rapidly and where there is a lot of hostility," said Brooks, who also

serves on the executive team of Everyone a Chance to Hear (E.A.C.H.), an outreach program involving more than 500 churches in southeastern Michigan. "I also find a lot of Christians who feel defeated. My burden for Christians is simple, that they would have confidence in the gospel and clarity in their calling in Christ."

Moody Radio will air the

live, call-in program across its owned-and-operated radio stations and their online streams from 11 a.m. to noon. The program will additionally be heard via the network stream and iPhone and Android apps as well. The program is being made available to Moody Radio's more than 700 affiliate stations.

For more information visit www.equippedradio.org.

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OUR VIEW

Staffer hopes for '16 run gamut, show caring

Staffers of this newspaper put in long hours in the communities and have great insight on what goes on. Here's a few thoughts their hopes for the communities, as well as our region, for 2016.

Farmington-Farmington Hills:

That Farmington Public Schools officials continue their focus on fiscal responsibility and increases in student achievement.

South Lyon:

We need more businesses to fill vacant, or soon to be vacant, storefronts in downtown South Lyon.

To see the vision of the recently-elected city council begin to come to fruition.

That relatively low crime rates continue in the community.

Lyon Township:

Lyon Township needs to start recording its meetings and make available online. It's the fastest growing community in Oakland County and it needs to step into the 21st century in an effort to be transparent.

As the fastest growing community, elected officials and its appointed ones need to listen to the residents clamoring for adherence to the master plan in developing vacant land in the township. They must find a balance between what is best for the township and its current residents with the rights in owning property in the community.

Huron Valley:

That the vacant storefronts get filled and local businesses continue to reinvent themselves as shopping needs change. And that we all redouble our efforts to patronize those businesses in our communi-

ties. Vibrant downtowns create a central point for our communities and it's locally-owned businesses that make that happen. Those are the same businesses that support our schools, our Scouts, our nonprofits to help our communities thrive.

To see Milford's Central Park become even more of a draw for residents and visitors alike for fun and entertainment.

The Huron Valley Schools finds a lucrative, tangible offer for its vacant land at M-59 and John Street in Highland, one that brings new tax revenue to the community and pads the district coffers with the purchase offer.

Livonia:

The pool reopening at Clements Circle Park. Livonia's population seeing an estimated increase, compared to the recent years of population loss.

Northville:

Continued success in Northville's downtown and commercial and business centers in the city and township.

A viable plan for road improvements with support of the city of Northville residents.

Novi:

To see the city continue building a sense of community for those who live, work and play here.

The city must think long and hard before deciding if a universal trash hauler is in the best interests of its residents. Refuse issues are a hot topic in communities where residents have the freedom to contract services on their own instead of having government make that decision for them.

Bloomfield Township:

Wouldn't it be nice if the supervisor and treasurer found a way to work out their differences and focus on running the government? We think so.

Ahead in 2016

Other staff hopes are more regional: People taking the time to really become informed about the presidential candidates before casting their votes in the primary and general elections.

That we have meaningful local races for leaders of our township, school, county and state governments. While most of the attention will be placed on the U.S. presidential election, it's the decisions made at the local level that have the greatest impact on the taxes we pay and our property values. Qualified candidates means that those seeking office have to address the issues we face, as well how they plan to address the issues facing us on the local level. And hopefully the candidates will focus on real solutions instead of sound-bites focused on generic talking points.

That our legislators in Lansing will begin to focus less on the 'R' or 'D' next to someone's name and focus solely on issues that make the lives of Michigan residents better. Gone are the days when members of different political parties work together to craft compromises so everyone can benefit from decisions. That cooperation has given way to absolutism, which simply disenfranchises citizens.

That bullies in school are truly held accountable. A greater respect for people dealing with mental illness, as well as physical and cognitive challenges. Hope for those who've lost hope.

Regionally, we need our roads repaired ASAP. Continued and growing support of local media.

LETTERS

Technology combats hunger

Worldwide hunger is likely to be the pre-eminent issue of our time. The world's population is growing exponentially and that means more mouths to feed. Yet, as we are building shelter for our new inhabitants, we are simultaneously destroying our natural resources. Additionally, entire harvests are lost because bacteria and viruses have found new ways to overcome the natural defenses of many crops. Modern technology allows us to combat this adversity, using genetic engineering and bio-technology to create Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). This innovation will benefit not only farmers, but communities worldwide by increasing the amount of food produced for consumption.

Since ancient times, mankind has attempted its own style of genetic modification using selective breeding. For example, if a farmer was trying to yield more crops, they would breed

the seeds that were most resistant to disease and pests. That is no longer necessary as genetic engineering has led to much faster production of more resistant and sturdy varieties of plants and livestock.

GMOs are created when DNA strands (genes), are inserted into cells of other organisms. This results in new characteristics developing in that organism that aid its survival. GMOs were invented in the 1980s, and the first FDA approved GMO food to reach store shelves was the Flavr Savr tomato in 1994. In our society, about 80% of the conventional grocery store foods that we eat contain GMOs.

A question on many people's minds is "Are GMO foods safe for con-

sumption?" In fact they are. GMO foods in the international market have passed the safety standards, and have not proven to be injurious to human health. We can ensure this continues by advocating for safe GMO production.

In summary, GMOs are advantageous because they create additional defenses for plants, allow produce to last longer on shelves, help with shipping and storage of produce, create foods with better texture, flavor, and nutritional value, and most importantly help to alleviate world hunger by increasing the yield of crops.

Sincerely,
Prateek Bhola
Novi

Protect water

The oceans are slowly dying; many animals are going extinct because of water pollution. Due to water pollution many people have had many issues with the water. Some people have had to stop drinking water, using their showers as well. Another problem has been happening. The animals have been caught or have been eating the things that have been thrown in the lake or rivers which flows to the oceans. Some of these animals are not always easy to save because they are either to sick or the object that they have been captured in might have hurt them

very badly.

In the 1980s, the ocean was slowly beginning to become more and more polluted because of the careless people. This was due to many people throwing trash and other things into the street which was washed away by the rain. This was becoming a very serious problem for people and the oceans. Soon after the government started to realize how big of a problem that this was so they enacted the Clean Water Act of 1977. This helped a lot but the water pollution has still continued around the world and not just in America.

I think we can change the future for everyone and the animals if we try

to clean up the our act about life and the world around us while we still have the time. Instead of waiting for a change in the future we can start right now to make the world better. We could try recycling more and use our time to pick up the trash and maybe help people in other countries that need clean water. Will you come with me on this journey of change? If we don't take care of this problem soon, The water may be too contaminated to clean.

Sincerely,
Dana Harris
Novi

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CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Construction Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **January 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

PCB15-0009 Legacy Church 45301 11 Mile Road

The applicant is requesting variances from the 2012 Michigan Building Code 3408 to allow a change of occupancy of an existing structure to church sanctuary use with alternative measures to comply with the area limitations of Table 503.0 and Automatic Sprinkler system requirements of 903.2.1.2 or appeal of the Building Officials determination that the proposed changes constitute a change in occupancy from that for which the building was originally constructed.

PCB15-0010 48928 Barola Ct.

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 11-216 (e) (8), to allow construction of an existing driveway slope of approximately 10.4 % at north and 12.2% at south.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Design and Construction Standards, Chapter 11, Section 11-216 (e) (8) requires the grade of residential and utility structure driveway approaches and driveways shall not exceed ten (10) percent.

The applicant's petition and all supporting materials are available for your review in the Community Development Department. Written comments regarding this case may be mailed or sent by fax to: (248) 735-5600 by **January 20, 2016**. Unsigned or anonymous comments WILL NOT be considered.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to update the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance:

- Section 15.01: Proposed language basing maximum building height in the R-1A and R-1B, First Density Residential Districts on the size (area) of the lot.
- Section 18.20: Proposed language clarifying where the maximum height of a foundation wall is measured from.
- Section 18.21: The intent of the proposed language is to ensure compatibility of new residential buildings in existing neighborhoods by limiting proposed slopes around new homes and limiting the height of first floor elevations compared to adjacent residences. A proposed certificate of grading or grading plan requirement has also been added.
- Article 26: Changes are proposed to definitions of "basement," "story," "building height," "grade plane," and "mezzanine," and new definitions for "grade," "existing grade" and "finished grade" have been added.

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on January 19, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Lower Level Meeting Room, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments may be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to Services/Building Department/Planning Commission). Written comments will also be received at the above address.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that add definitions of Required and Non-Required Yard to Section 26.02, in association with amendments to Section 18.04 allowing Arbors, Pergolas or Trellises, within certain size limitations, in a required front yard as long as they do not interfere with visibility from a driveway or intersection.

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SYNOPSIS December 17, 2015 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, December 17, 2015
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marv Gans, Trustee
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:**
 - Approve the Consent Agenda items and amend the Regular Agenda to include item 2.I. - Approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - Service Awards 2015 - Presented
 - Board of Review Re-appointments for Brad Barton, Buolus Ghraib, Walter Pytlak, Michael Williamson, Douglas Wesley, Joyce Whelan and Joseph LoPiccolo with new terms to expire 12/31/2017. - Approved
 - Re-appoint Brian Doren to the Zoning Board of Appeals - Approved
 - Re-appoint Paul Slatin to the Zoning Board of Appeals - Approved
 - Re-appoint Richard Allen to the Planning Commission - Approved
 - Re-appoint Libby Smith to Northville Youth Assistance - Approved
 - Appoint William Buffe to the Ethics Board - Approved
 - Appoint Joseph Vig to the Building Authority - Approved
 - Appoint Lauren Romeo to the Northville Youth Assistance - Approved
- Public Hearing:** None
- Brief Public Comments:** None
- New Business:**
 - Professional Services for SAW Grant Program - Approved
 - Amendments to Solid Waste Collection & Disposal Agreement - Approved
 - CityWorks Asset Management Software - Approved
 - Final Budget Amendments - Approved

Unfinished Business: None
Ordinances:

- Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Articles 3 & 41 and Chapter 77 - Approved

- Check Registry:**
 - In the amount of \$ 4,896,492.19 - Approved
- Board Communication & Reports:**
 - Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
- ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at - 8:03 p.m.

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

A draft of the minutes will be available December 30, 2015

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Veterans groups battle declining membership

James Mitchell
Correspondent

Membership in veterans organizations has declined in recent years and generations, although the needs and services remain as pressing as ever. Those who'd served during times of peak defense numbers – World War II and Vietnam – make for an aging membership with a high mortality rate.

"As a whole, the general population hasn't served as much as they used to," said Cmdr. Rich Cherf of Milford's American Legion Post 216. "It's not what it used to be. Our average age is 72."

Cherf said the post has more than 400 members, along with about 200 in the Legion's companion groups, the Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. A far cry from peak times for the Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other groups.

At 54, Cherf reflects a typical story of Legion participation. He'd stepped away from military life after 20 years in the U.S. Air Force and retiring

as a master sergeant. It was watching the Milford Memorial Day parade eight years ago that sparked his interest in the group's efforts. He first joined the 'cycle-centric Legion Riders before taking a leadership position.

"I was so impressed," Cherf said, having since learned of the Legion's various causes, including Boys and Girls State. "I've been involved ever since."

Cherf also represents a fading breed. Veterans groups struggle against declining eligibility that began with the switch to an all-volunteer military at the end of the Vietnam War. Eligibility for the Legion requires service during a period of conflict and welcomes veterans, supporters and relatives from all branches and eras to its Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion.

Still, the numbers don't add up to increased participation. "It'll be challenging in years to come," Cherf said. "The key is trying to welcome a younger generation."

That generation has given

new names to the same struggles and issues that veterans have always dealt with, yet those who have recently been discharged from the military are less inclined to seek out groups to join – or services they may need.

"We understand what they're going through," Sr. Vice Cmdr. Anthony Mallia of Farmington's American Legion Post 346 said of the younger veterans. "We accept them and will assist them, no matter what."

Mallia, 65, said that recently-discharged veterans have families to raise and careers to forge or may simply be trying to forget the military. Many suffer from the same post-traumatic issues that Mallia had dealt with after a three-year tour in Vietnam that began in 1970.

"It's like a repeat; we're seeing the same issues from Iraq veterans," Mallia said. "We've been through Korea and Vietnam and they're going through the same thing."

Membership in the Legion has declined during Mallia's 10 years with the organization,

from about 400 to just more than 300 current members. Older members from World War II are fading and Vietnam veterans – thanks in no small part to elevated dangers, including Agent Orange – are dying in greater number.

"We're losing more than normal," Mallia said. "We lost 14 members since July. That's a lot."

He has himself struggled with "trying to forget the war. I didn't want to get involved with veterans." That had been a mistake, he said, which motivates him to reach out to those who need it most. While the nation has in recent years shown greater appreciation and support for the men and women veterans of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, true understanding of their struggles likely lies with those who can better relate to their experiences.

"You need your comrades who understand and can guide you to the right location," Mallia said. Organizations such as AmVets and Disabled American Veterans can provide assistance with benefit appli-

cations, medical coverage and even funeral arrangements.

"If you're a veteran, you may feel less of your age, you may feel you don't qualify for benefits," said Joe Neussendorfer, a 13-year American Legion member and officer with the Livonia Branch of Disabled American Veterans. "But you may very well. If you don't apply, you don't know if you're eligible."

Neussendorfer had served in the air force for four years in the early 1960s and said he was surprised to learn he'd qualified for benefits as a Cold War-era veteran. Like many, Mallia had kept the military at a distance after discharge, but has gained in the years since an understanding of his relationship with an extended family of veterans.

"Several years ago, I just stopped in as a curiosity," he said of an impromptu visit to a Disabled American Veterans office he'd discovered in his Livonia neighborhood. "I'm a veteran and just wanted to know what they were all about. Everyone was real friendly and I just joined."

Milford veteran, 91, recalls 'hot-rodged' Sherman tank

Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Lewis Bradbury remembers the day his draft card arrived in the mail.

Now a 91-year-old Milford resident, Bradbury recalls he had spent two consecutive shifts loading semi trucks in upstate New York. He was exhausted, but at quitting time, his boss told him to keep working.

"I told him, 'I can't. My back hurts, my feet are sore, I'm going home,'" said Bradbury, who has no trouble remembering names of comrades and details of World War II and no trouble jumping from the chair in his living room to fetch a box of war mementos. "When I got home, there was my draft card."

Bradbury, who'd left home at 15 to make his own way in the world, had turned 18 the



Milford resident Lewis Bradbury, 91, served 22 months with the Army.

previous August. He knew it was only a matter of time before he'd be called up.

On March 5, 1943, he entered the U.S. Army, where he served 22 months with the 1st Armored Division in North

Africa, Cassino, Anzio and Germany.

After basic training in Fort Knox, Bradbury headed to sea; 23 days later, he arrived in Oran, Africa.

"It was hot," he said. "It was so hot that if you moved your foot, you could hear squish, squish inside your boot."

Frog

Bradbury was ultimately promoted to tech sergeant and drove a Sherman tank during the war, which he code-named Frog, the nickname of a comrade – Fred Engstrum from Snake River Falls, Idaho – and drove it proudly. And with fervor.

"I hot-rodged the damn thing," he said, eyes again gleaming as he held his hand about three feet off the ground. "I left ruts about this deep."

Once, after "hot-rodging" on maneuvers, the company com-

mander pulled him into the office.

"He said, 'I was watching you today.' Boy, did I think I was in trouble. But he said, 'I want you to drive my tank.' That's how I got my third stripe."

'It hurt'

Other memories are more difficult.

Bradbury was awarded a Purple Heart after a mortar shell explosion sent shrapnel flying into his right hand and left leg.

"Another guy who was farther away than me was peppered with it," Bradbury said. "His name was Big Wooten. He was just a little guy from Cincinnati, Ohio. I carried him for a mile."

Bradbury can recite the names of dozens of other soldiers. For a while, he kept a list. Pages and pages of names.

"I got rid of it. I didn't want to see it anymore. It hurt. It hurt right here," he said, pointing to his chest.

In January 1946, Bradbury shipped out of La Havre, France. Seven days and 10 hours later, he and 3,500 soldiers aboard the Victory ship arrived in Boston.

In 1956, Bradbury moved to Michigan, where he worked as a service rep for Chrysler. He and his wife Judith were married in 1958 and today have two daughters and several grandchildren.

During last year's Milford Memorial Day Parade, Bradbury – who keeps busy tending his large garden or, as was the case last week, baking bread from scratch – walked the parade route hand-in-hand with his great-grandchildren.

"There aren't many of us left," he said. "But I like to stay active."

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By Brad Kachick

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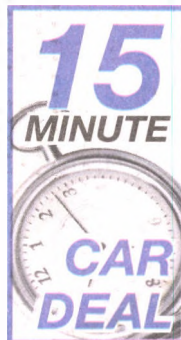
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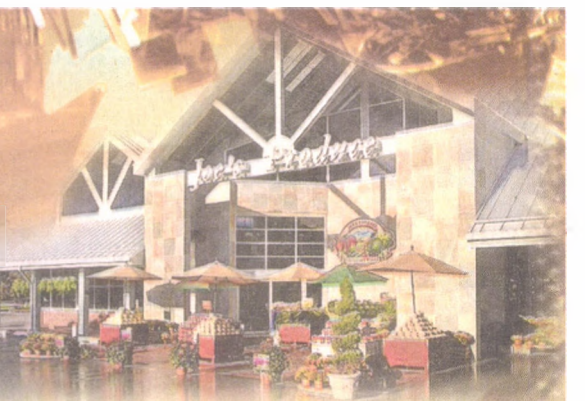
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COLLEGE SPORTS

U-M's Jocz a pro in classroom

Novi walk-on eyes Citrus Bowl career finale

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

"Most college athletes go pro in something other than sports" has been a popular theme for the Enterprise Rent-A-Car TV commercials.

And that certainly has resonated with University of Michigan senior walk-on tight end Mike Jocz, a Novi High grad who will make his final appearance for the Maize and Blue football team Jan. 1 at the Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

Jocz, who is majoring in mechanical engineering, was the recipient earlier this month of the Dr. Arthur

D. Robinson Scholarship after boasting the top cumulative grade-point average (3.97) on the Wolverines roster.

And while Jocz has appeared in only six games during his U-M career, he savored his experience while giving a stirring speech earlier this month during the Michigan Football Bust held at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"I thanked God for getting me through the last four years," Jocz said. "I don't know how I did it with football and classes. I thanked my parents and my sisters for always

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Novi's Michael Jocz, a senior tight end at Michigan, will play in his final game Jan. 1 at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wilds saves the day for Mustangs in holiday opener



DAVE DONOHER

Northville's Jake Justice sent the game into overtime on this layup with only 15.5 seconds left in regulation against Walled Lake Northern.

Unbeaten Northville stops Walled Lake Northern, 51-48

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

They don't call them *free* throws for nothing.

Northville's Nick Wilds found the charity line to his liking Sunday night as the 6-foot-3 senior forward connected on 15-of-18 foul shots en route to a game-high 22 points as the host Mustangs survived in overtime against

Walled Lake Northern, 51-48, during the opening round of the Northville Holiday Basketball Tournament.

"It's good to get to the line and knock down some free throws, so it worked out," Wilds said. "It didn't think about them much, just kind of got into a rhythm and knocked them down."

Northville is also in an early season rhythm as well, taking its 5-0 record against Bloomfield Hills into the cham-

pionship game, which has been postponed (due to weather) at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

In the four-minute OT session, Northville was able to outscore the Knights 8-5 as Wilds connected on 5-of-6 free throws to help seal the victory.

"I don't know my percentage, but I'm pretty good," Wilds said. "I mean, I have a lot of confidence when I shoot, so that always helps when I get

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Junior Moorman shrugs off fouls as Northville gores Oxford

Mustangs roll to 62-28
Holiday tourney victory

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

After playing spectator for much of the first half, Jessica Moorman came out in the second half determined to make up for lost time.

And the 6-foot junior forward, saddled with three first-half fouls while scoring just one point, got hot with 13 third-quarter points to spark a 23-8 run as the host Mustangs rolled past Oxford, 62-28, in the opening round Sunday of the Northville Holiday Basketball Tournament.

"I think in the first half, I came out pretty slow," said Moorman, who led all scorers with 17 points. "Fouling a lot is never good, but second half it was pretty fun and I was just able to play."

Moorman scored the first point of the game on a free throw, but only took one first-half shot from the floor.

"I was getting pretty down on myself, but coming out at halftime, I was just ready to play and switch my mindset, so it was good," said the Mustangs' top scorer, who nailed three second-half triples to help the Mustangs improve to 5-0.

With the win, Northville earned a spot in the championship game against Dexter (4-1), which survived a 39-37 tussle in the other semifinal against previously unbeaten and de-

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Northville's Jessica Moorman (left) goes in for two points against Oxford defender Grace Cleland.

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PREP BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Novi falls in OT at Roundball Classic

Undefeated Blue Devils prevail over 'Cats, 77-74

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Brennan Buszka pumped in a game-high 22 points, including 8-of-10 from the foul line, to propel unbeaten Grosse Pointe South to a 77-74 overtime boys basketball victory Sunday over Novi in the 19th annual Motor City Roundball Classic at Harper Woods.

Senior guard Kam Hankerson scored 18 points to lead Novi, which slipped to 3-2. Sophomore guard Traveon Maddox added 15 points, while senior center Naji Ozeir chipped in 14 for the Wildcats, who trailed 36-33 at halftime, but took a 52-51 lead heading into the final quarter. Hankerson split a pair of free throws to put Novi up 66-63 late in the fourth, but the Wildcats couldn't seal the victory after missing a pair of late free throws. The Blue Devils tied it at 66-66 getting a 3-pointer from Noah Davey

at the end of regulation following two consecutive misses from beyond the arc followed by offensive rebounds. Grosse Pointe South (4-0) then won the four-minute OT session, 11-8, as Jack Mahon and Zane Draper added 18 and 16 points, respectively, on the afternoon. "We were up the whole fourth quarter and it's a tough way to lose when you score 73 points," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "And we just didn't execute enough in the overtime."

FRANKLIN ROAD 72, OUR LADY OF LAKES 65

(BOYS): Senior guard Gavin Harris and Austin Hearn scored 16 and 14 points, respectively, leading Novi Franklin Road Christian (4-2) to a non-conference win Dec. 23 over Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (4-2). Senior Joshua Bause, a 6-foot-7 senior center, added 10 points and 18 rebounds. Junior forward Raheem Scruggs also added 10 points as the Warriors led 40-29 at halftime and 60-48 after three quarters. The Lakers got a game-high 29 points from Andrew Kline, while Devin Senarius added 13. Franklin Road made 13-of-21 free throws (61.9 percent), while Lakes hit 9-of-10 (90 percent). **FRANKLIN ROAD 41, HENRY FORD 40 (GIRLS):** Hannah Rayburn scored a game-high 18 points, including the tying and game-winning free throw with only six seconds remaining to give Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-5) the non-league victory Dec. 21 at home over Dearborn Henry Ford Academy (3-1). Danielle Fusco added 12 points for the Warriors, who trailed 22-18 at halftime before pulling to within one after three quarters, 34-33. Gabrielle Ferrell paced the Navigators with 12 points. Franklin Road connected on 12-of-21 foul shots (57.1 percent), while Henry Ford Academy made only 4-of-12 (33.3 percent).

BOYS BASKETBALL

Warzecha's triples propel Mavericks by South Lyon

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Just like a phone carrier, Milford's offense was good from any distance as they flexed their range from the outside en route to a 49-36 boys basketball victory Dec. 22 over South Lyon.

While it might take a few possessions for a team to get into the proverbial rhythm, the host Mavericks gained access to a strong connection right away, thanks to a three-pointer by sophomore guard Aiden Warzecha to open the game.

He then added two more before the first quarter had ended sparking his team to a 17-6 advantage.

This was merely a foreshadowing of events to come by Warzecha, who finished with a game-high 23 points, while nailing 5-of-6 three-pointers.

"Aiden's a scorer," said Milford coach David Gilbert, whose team improved to 2-3 overall while winning back-to-back games in the Huron Valley-South Lyon Challenge. "He's a sophomore, but he's a scorer and people have already recognized that. He was a freshman up on varsity last year and whenever you're a freshman on varsity, people are going to peg you for being a pretty good basketball player. It won't be his last high-scoring night. He's got a long, good career ahead of him, and so we expect it from him."

South Lyon junior guard Carlo Zoratti sank a pair of free throws to open the second quarter, only for Milford to

continue their assault from the outside, courtesy of a Warzecha three-pointer on the ensuing possession.

To the Lions' credit, they were able to find themselves an offensive threat in big man Josh Remstad, who scored seven of his team-high 17 points in the period.

Down via 36-15 margin at halftime, South Lyon was able to narrowly outscore the Mavericks 9-6 and 11-8 over the next quarters, but it turned all for naught as Milford continued to keep their lead in double digits throughout the rest of the contest.

"We passed the ball really well as a team and we started to get our chemistry that we had at the end of last year," said Warzecha, who also shot 4-of-6 from the free throw line and pulled down six rebounds. "We're starting to get on an offensive roll and our defensive has been great all year, so far."

Junior guard Dominic Dawson chipped in seven points and five assists the Mavericks.

Aside from Remstad, who was 7-of-10 from the foul stripe, the Lions' next top two scorers were Spencer Deline and Noah Grimes with only four points apiece.

"We learned that Milford played a lot harder than us tonight," said South Lyon coach Doug Host, whose team slipped to 1-5 overall.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Eagles cruise to victory over East

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

White Lake Lakeland's penchant for scoring on day two of the Huron Valley-South Lyon Challenge was akin to that of the Energizer bunny - it just kept going and going.

And when an offense like the Eagles' starts to heat up, it becomes very difficult to stop, as evidenced by a 63-29 boys basketball victory Dec. 22 over winless South Lyon East.

The Eagles (5-0) put that talent to use in the second quarter, outscoring the opposition 23-10, which included an 8-0 run for nearly a two-minute stretch.

Add into the equation a 3-pointer at the buzzer by junior guard Justin Knox to make it 27-17 at halftime and it was apparent that Lakeland was clearly up to something good.

That success translated into the second half as well, with the Eagles scoring 17 unanswered points before the Cougars were able to break their scoring drought with 1:23 left in the third.

During Lakeland's scoring run, a series of offensive contributions came courtesy of senior forward Martin Sinishtaj, who added seven of his 12 points in the third quarter alone.

"Our halftime talk wasn't delightful, but it wasn't anything miraculous," Lakeland coach Bob Brugger said. "It was just, 'Let's play harder, let's get after it and get some energy.' Up until the first half, we were not playing how we are capable of playing. You can only control yourself and we talked about that. We got Martin going to the basket, being more aggressive and that kind of changed the game once he stepped up."

With their backup players in for the majority of the fourth quarter, the Eagles continued to keep their foot on the gas pedal to piece together an 18-9 performance in a foul-filled ending sequence that saw both squads end up in the bonus.

"We got a lot of our bench players some minutes and they showed that they can do a lot of things for our team coming into division play," Sinishtaj said.



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Lakeland's Cass Phillips (left) wrestles a rebound away from South Lyon East's Sarkis Dagley.

htaj said. "It means a lot to have bench players who are really good and can help us offensively and defensively."

Sophomore center Cass Phillips had a game-high 13 points to go along with seven rebounds for Lakeland, complemented by senior point guard Travis Seka's effort of nine points, six assists and six steals.

East (0-5), which had two players with four fouls apiece before halftime, struggled to keep pace with the Eagles due to a short bench.

"It's been pretty much the same story for all five of our games this year - we're in the game at halftime and we're down eight to 10 points and then we run out of steam," Cougars coach Ron Levin said. "We have a lot of guys playing a ton of minutes and we only have nine bodies to begin with. Guys are getting worn down and we're not handling the pressure the same way in the second half as we do in the first half."

Senior guard Sarkis Dagley was the top scorer for East with eight points, while center Michael Mojica and guard Anthony Salter each added six.

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them." Wilds' two free throws with only 3:08 left in regulation gave Northville its biggest lead of the night, 41-36.

But the Knights (2-3) responded with a 7-0 mini-run and eventually took a 43-41 lead with 1:28 remaining on a layup by freshman center Spencer Brown.

After missing a chance to tie it, Northville had five fouls to give and eventually sent freshman guard Troy Lattimore to the stripe with only 25.1 seconds left.

Lattimore missed the front end of the one-and-one, Northville snatched the rebound and junior guard Jake Justice answered with a layup to knot the count at 43-43 with 15.5 seconds left.

After Northern missed on a go-ahead attempt, Northville senior guard Justin Zimbo heaved a shot just inside half court that glanced off the rim, which led to the OT.

In overtime, Northville went to work as Zimbo, who had missed his first 11 shots without a make, scored off a Knights turnover to put the Mustangs ahead 46-43 with 2:01 remaining.

"Zimbo was off, but I thought we could have done a better job trying to get him some shots," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "But it was fantastic that guys had to step up and make plays and tonight it was Nick."

Justin Gibbons, a 6-4 junior forward, added 18 points, while Justice contributed six.

But it was the relentless play inside by Wilds, along with his clutch free-throw shooting, that may have tipped the scales in Northville's favor.

"Nick likes to be at the line," Sander said. "He never shies away from a tough situation. He wants the ball and wants to be at the line in those tough spots. He was very active tonight."

It was 20-20 at halftime and 33-33 at the end of three quarters. Both teams scored 10 points in the final quarter.

"First half, we got outrebounded badly, then the second half I thought we fought back well as a team," Wilds said. "We boxed out, did our jobs. I thought we finished strong."

Sander tried mixing up his defenses to keep the Knights, led by the talented guard duo of sophomore guard Andy Millikan (18 points) and Lattimore (15 points), off-balance.

"We changed how we guarded a little bit in our man, but we wanted to be the guys initiating the action," Sander said. "I thought coach (Ron) Thompson did a great job. They came in with a great game plan. They're certainly have some skilled young players."

Northern made 20-of-53 shots from



DAVE DONOHER
Northville's Justin Gibbons (middle) goes in for two of his 18 points in against Walled Lake Northern.

the floor (37.7 percent), but sank only 2-of-6 free throws.

Meanwhile, Northville hit only 15-of-49 field-goal attempts (30.6 percent), but 17-of-22 from the foul line (led by Wilds' 15-of-18).

"(Wilds) was getting to the hole and he was getting inside and, yeah, he knocked down some shots," Thompson said.

In OT, Northern wouldn't go away as Lattimore scored on a conventional three-point play with 9.4 seconds left to pull his team to within three, 51-48.

After Wilds missed only his third free throw of the night with eight seconds to play, Northern had a pair of 3-point attempts to tie in the waning seconds, but couldn't convert.

"We have a shot to win it at the buzzer (in regulation) and a shot to tie it in overtime ... we drew up a play and got a wide-open, uncontested three from one of our better shooters, so we couldn't ask for a better shot there at the end of overtime," Thompson said. "We could be looking at a double overtime if (Bob) Iaquaniello) knocks it down."

Despite the setback, Thompson was encouraged by his young team's performance.

"We played two freshmen, two sophomores a lot of minutes tonight," he said. "They played great. They still have to learn how to 'D-up' throughout the whole game. It's just not the young guys. It's our older guys, too. We're coming together as a team and there are a lot of positives from this one."

Northville got the victory despite getting the flu bug, which kept junior starting guard Kevin Morrissey out of the lineup.

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fending tourney champ Warren Cousino.

"That's the first game where that's happened, where she's gotten into foul trouble," Northville coach Todd Gudith said of Moorman. "We've had to deal with foul trouble in the past. Our kids who stepped up responded. Jessica came back in the third quarter and knocked down some big shots and we really shot the ball well as a team tonight."

The 22-14 halftime lead Northville enjoyed suddenly mushroomed to 45-22 after three quarters.

"Our pressure early was pretty good, but we picked up too many fouls," Gudith said. "After that, we played really solid man defense and our kids really did a good job of keeping the ball in front of them."

Junior forward Brook Adams added 12 points, while Brianna Drummond and Kendall Dillon contributed nine and eight, respectively.

Northville shot 21-of-52 from the floor (40.3 percent) and committed only 10 turnovers, with six of those coming in the final quarter, when the outcome was already decided.

"I thought it was just a good, all-around performance by everybody," Gudith said. "Everybody who played all stepped up. Kids got quality minutes tonight, which is something we haven't been able to do because we've had a lot of close games. But the 12 we had tonight all played big."

Senior guard Abigail Butkiewicz scored 13 points for the Wildcats (1-4), who shot only 9-of-29 from the floor (31 percent), and committed a total of 29 turnovers.

"Northville is a very good squad and we knew that coming in and that's



DAVE DONOHER
Northville freshman guard Jenna Lauderback (left) looks for a passing lane against an Oxford defender.

why I wanted to come to this tournament," Oxford coach Steve Emert said. "They jumped us up to the (OAA) Red Division with this inexperience that I have, so this is a good place for us to come and play. They got size and they're very physical and we're not very physical yet. Our goal every day is to get better than the day before. That's been my process during my career. Get better than what you were the day before."

In the other match-up, Anna Love scored 15 points to lift the Dreadnaughts past Cousino (4-1), which got a game-high 17 from all-state junior guard Kiera Fletcher.

"We knew whoever we played in the next one, whether Cousino or Dexter, we were really going to have our hands full," Gudith said. "Dexter is really good. Five senior starters that are all experienced that can all play. We've got to have complete game tomorrow."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 5
 Roeper at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
 Loyola at Franklin Road, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 8
 South Lyon at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.
 Detroit CC at DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m.
 Liggett at Franklin Road, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 5
 Franklin Rd. at Oak Christ, 5:30 p.m.
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 Liggett at Franklin Road, 6 p.m.
 Northville at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
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BOYS HOCKEY
Thursday, Jan. 7
 Northville vs. Salem
 at Novi Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 8
 Novi at Calumet, 7 p.m.
 Detroit CC vs. U-D Jesuit
 at Hazel Park Arena, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 9
 Novi at Hancock, 1 p.m.
 Northville vs. Stevenson
 at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m.
 Detroit CC vs. Cranbrook
 at USA Hockey Arena, 7 p.m.
GIRLS HOCKEY
Thursday, Jan. 7
 Northville vs. Country Day
 at Edgar Arena, 4 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Jan. 2
 Detroit CC Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Northville, South Lyon East
 at Roch. Adams Inv., 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 6
 Northville Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 Novi Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 Davison at Detroit CC, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 9
 Novi at B.C. Western Inv., 8:30 a.m.
 N'ville at A.A. Huron Inv., 9 a.m.
 Detroit CC Super Duals, 9:30 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Saturday, Jan. 2
 CC at Cranbrook Inv., TBA.
Tuesday, Jan. 5
 Novi at Hartland, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 9
 Novi at W. Bloomfield, 7:30 a.m.
 Northville Quad, noon.
 Detroit CC at Salem Inv., TBA.
PREP GYMNASTICS
Thursday, Jan. 7
 Northville at Brighton, 6:30 p.m.
PREP BOWLING
Sunday, Jan. 3
 CC at Ovosso Tourney, 9 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 4
 (at Canton's Super Bowl)
 Northville vs. Salem, 3:30 p.m.
 Novi vs. Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 5
 (at Novi Bowl)
 Northville vs. Novi, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 7
 Detroit CC vs. U-D Jesuit
 at Bowl One, 3:30 p.m.
COMPETITIVE CHEER
Wednesday, Jan. 6
 N'ville at Plymouth Quad, 6 p.m.
 Novi at Canton Quad, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 9
 Novi Invitational, TBA.
TBA - time to be announced.

Mustangs triumph



ERIN MCCALLUM

The Northville gymnastics team scored 136.15 points to earn a tri-meet win Dec. 17 over Salem (129.05) and Waterford United in a meet at Plymouth High School. Outstanding performers for the Mustangs included sophomore Erin McCallum, floor exercise, 8.9; freshman Maddie Lewis, uneven parallel bars, 8.6; sophomore Maddie Dragon (pictured), balance beam, 8.575; and sophomore Grace Jankowski, vault, 8.45. The Mustangs (2-1) return to action at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, against Brighton-Howell at High Flyers Gym.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Palushaj earns NAIA All-America

Concordia University sophomore Julia Palushaj (South Lyon East) recently became the first women's soccer player in school history to earn NAIA All-America accolades. Palushaj, an honorable mention choice, played an instrumental role in another successful season for the Cardinals, leading the team to an overall record of 10-8-1 and 6-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. After a record-breaking freshman campaign, the Northville resident continued to set the bar



Palushaj

higher for herself and the team when she broke her own school record with 17 goals this season after scoring 14 in 2014. In WHAC play, Palushaj scored 10 goals and remained among the conference leaders in nearly every offensive statistical category, tied for second in total goals, third in points (35) and fourth in shots (76). Palushaj was also the WHAC Offensive Player of the Week (Oct. 26) after scoring four goals in

two games. And for the second consecutive season, she earned first team all-conference honors. **Fiscus saluted** Michigan State University men's soccer led the way with 19 academic all-Big Ten selections, including sophomore Jimmy Fiscus (Novi/Northville H.S.), who is majoring in supply chain management. Fiscus, a defender, appeared in all 19 MSU games, scoring a goal and leading the team in corner kicks (22) as the Spartans finished 8-9-2 overall and 2-4-2 in the Big Ten.

BOYS SWIMMING

South Lyon Unified rules Wildcat Relays

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The South Lyon Unified boys swim team dominated from start to finish Dec. 19, capturing first in six of 10 events to win the Wildcat Relays at Plymouth. South Lyon led the seven-school field with 63 points, followed by the host Wildcats (39), Livonia Churchill (12), Belleville (10), Dearborn Edsel Ford (8), Walled Lake Western (6) and Dearborn (4). "This meet was a fun, relaxed, way to kick off our winter break training," South Lyon coach John Burch said. "The boys had a lot of fun and swam well. We look forward to training a lot over break and being ready to really compete at a high level in January." The team of Max Kempisty, Zach Denny, Oliver Joy and Christian Etnyre wound up first for South Lyon in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a Division 3 state cut time of 3:30.75. In the 400 medley relay - consisting of all four strokes - the Lions prevailed as Logan Boals, Brandon Bell, Kempisty and John Perry hit the wall first in 3:57.92. Meanwhile, the 400 medley relay team of Etnyre, Denny, Kempisty and Boals each swam a 100 IM leg while also

placing first in 4:05.93. Not to be outdone was the 200 backstroke relay team of Riley Vaughn, Joy, Denny and Boals, who clocked a first-place time of 1:50.03. The 500 freestyle relay featured a touch pad finish between South Lyon (4:40.55) and runner-up Plymouth (4:40.68). The victorious South Lyon foursome included Nick Appicelli, James Perry, Joy and Etnyre. Yet another South Lyon triumph came in the 200 medley relay, as Boals, Bell, Etnyre and Perry were clocked in 1:49.85, while earning a Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association Meet qualifying standard. South Lyon's 200 freestyle relay team of Kempisty, Appicelli, Joy and Bell also made a MISCA cut with a second-place clocking of 1:36.40. Another second-place showing came for South Lyon in the 200 breaststroke relay, as the team of Bell, John Perry, Denny and Jake Helton clocked 2:13.57. Meanwhile, the 200 butterfly relay quartet of James and John Perry, along with Vaughn and Lucas Campbell, was second in 1:59.16. The diving team of Matt Meadows and Helton finished third with 172.30 points.

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JOSEPH LEAHY

South Lyon Unified's Jake Helton swims a leg on the runner-up 200-yard breaststroke relay at the Wildcat Relays.

BOYS HOCKEY

Cyr's hat trick lifts Novi to 3-2 win

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Senior forward Jake Cyr scored all three goals as Novi skated to a 3-2 non-conference boys hockey victory Dec. 23 over Berkley Unified at the Novi Ice Arena. The Wildcats, unbeat-

en in their last four games, improved to 4-5-1. Ryan Rabinowitz assisted on Cyr's first-period goal as the Wildcats led 1-0 after one and 2-0 after two before Berkley (6-3) pulled to within one, 2-1, with 5:44 left in the final period.

But Cyr's empty-netter with only 16 seconds remaining gave Novi a two-goal cushion. Berkley then scored with in the final second against Novi goaltender Manny Legace, who made nine saves on the night. Ryan Austin and Ja-

cob Tomlinson each had a goal and assist, while Zach Leonard assisted on both Berkley goals. Berkley goalie Michael Schwanke made 17 saves.

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BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Stellar third period spurs Lakeland triumph over Pinckney

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White Lake Lakeland came on strong during the third period to erase a 2-1 deficit and earn a 5-3 Lakes Conference crossover boys hockey victory Dec. 21 over Pinckney at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

The Eagles (5-3-2, 3-1 KLAA North) led 1-0 after one period on Matt Enoch's goal at 2:06, assisted by Brendan Lemp and Brendan Ramboer. But Pinckney (2-7, 1-5 KLAA West) scored twice in the second period, on unassisted goals by Mitch Olsen at

12:28 and Connor Smith at 13:30, to take a one-goal advantage. Spencer Sienkiwicz's goal at 2:06 of the final period started the comeback as he evened the score at 2-2 on assists from Dakota Racine and Nick Langley. Lemp then notched what proved to be the

game-winner from Ramboer and Nelson Turnage at 8:52. Just 50 seconds later, Enoch got his second of the night to make it 4-2 from Ramboer and Turnage. Langley added a power-play goal with 4:51 remaining in the game, assisted by Austin Bucknell and Ricky Rayner, to

cap the scoring as Lakeland outshot the Pirates in the final period, 25-7. Pinckney goalie Matt Pankow was heroic in defeat, stopping 47-of-52 Lakeland shots, while Eagle goaltender Austin Gogola made 18 saves.

assist, while Zack Chumley contributed a goal and three assists as the host Wildcats (5-2-1, 3-2-1 KLAA South) routed South Lyon Unified (5-7, 1-6 KLAA) in a Kentsington Conference crossover Dec. 23 at Arctic Edge in Canton. Other offensive contributors for Plymouth were Derek Szepepanik, James Sylvester and James Baldwin, one goal and two assists each; Zack Weiner, one goal and one assist; Josh Weber and Nick Yankee, one goal apiece; and C.J. Mullenax, two assists. Goalie Brendan Olepa made nine saves to notch the shutout.

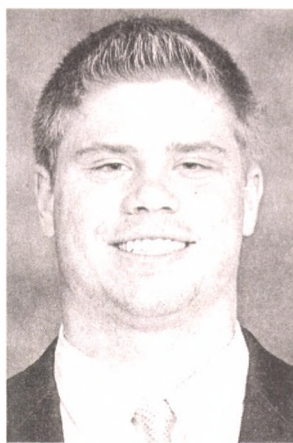
PLYMOUTH 9, SOUTH LYON 0: Ricky Covault had two goals and one

JOCZ

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being there. "I talked to the underclassmen a little bit. I thanked coach (Jim) Harbaugh and (tight ends) coach Jay (Harbaugh) for letting me continue football here at Michigan when they came over as coaches and allowing me to be late to Tuesday and Thursday practices in the spring because of class." Jocz was named academic all-Big Ten in 2014. He also has collected U-M's Academic Athletic Achievement Award twice (2013 and 2014) and will more than likely to earn both honors again in 2015. Jocz also expressed words of wisdom to U-M's underclassmen while giving thanks to many of his teammates and housemates, including fellow walk-ons Greg Froelich, Ben Pliska and A.J. Pearson, along with Ben Braden and Blake Bars. "I told them I hope this award would encourage them to pursue a degree that interests them and not just one that you can do with football," he said. "To

achieve this, surround yourselves with other Michigan men that have the same values. By deciding themselves to be Michigan men, they can push through the difficult times and grind through it." Jocz was an all-conference wide receiver who also lettered in basketball and track at Novi. After graduating from high school in 2012, there was never a doubt where he was going to attend college. "I was going to come to the University of Michigan regardless of football," Jocz said. "I'm fifth-generation U-M. Both my parents and my grandparents attended the university and graduated. My older sister got her undergrad and is working on her Ph.D. in chemical engineering, so growing up I always had a passion for the university and grew up just watching Michigan football Saturdays, so that's where I always wanted to go since I was little." Jocz entertained continuing his football career, but wasn't sure it would happen at U-M. "Once I finally got (admitted), my defensive coordinator my senior year in high school at the time, Chris Hare, ran into coach (Al) Borges,



Jocz

the offensive coordinator at U-M, at a camp in Columbus (Ohio) and knew I possibly wanted to walk on," Jocz recalled. "So that's when the whole walk-on thing became a reality for me. "I always wanted to play here. All through high school, it became more and more of a dream, but the reality is only a small group of players come to play at the Division I level." Jocz red-shirted his freshman year and appeared in one game during his sophomore season (2013). As a junior (2014), Jocz earned his letter as he started four games on special teams, averaging in the range of 10 snaps per game.

But after a 5-7 season, head coach Brady Hoke was let go and Jocz had to prove himself all over again when the Harbaugh regime arrived. "In spring ball, all the coaches were coming in with fresh eyes," the 6-foot-4, 231-pound tight end said. "They had no preconceived notions of who was going to play or what everybody was, so everyone was on a level playing field. They just had to go out there and prove themselves, give a great first impression to the coaches and I think a lot of guys took advantage of that and worked their butts off. There was a lot of competition going on. I think it made everyone better as a result." Michigan finished the regular season at 9-3 as Jocz made his first appearance Sept. 26 against BYU. For the season, he participated in total of six snaps. With only one game remaining in his college football career, Jocz wants to go out a winner. "Florida is a great team," Jocz said of U-M's upcoming bowl opponent. "They're very talented and athletic players who will play hard, so we know it's going to be tough and (we'll have to) bring our best football. I

think we'll be prepared and we've really been working hard getting through all these finals (exams), but also studying plays and getting after it at practice. I think we've got bunch of competitive guys who are ready to go down there and get the 10th win that we've been wanting for so long." Jocz is on track to graduate this spring and plans to apply for grad school, where he'll continue in the field of mechanical engineering. "I'm going to try and do an accelerated program," he said. "Instead of two years, it's called a flex program, which I can finish in one year. That's my goal right now. Once I graduate with my master's, I don't know what I want to do yet. Good thing about mechanical engineering is you can go to a lot of different industries and fields with it. There's always demand for it, but I really haven't found what uniquely interests me yet. It will depend in the next couple of years to find something I'm really interested in, or also where I want to end up living. If it's around here, it will probably be something automotive or, if I go anywhere else, I'll have my own area of

expertise." Looking back on his three-and-a-half years of juggling football and studies, Jocz feels fulfilled and grateful on many fronts. "It's a challenge either way at this level," he said. "Everything is so competitive at a great university like this. Obviously, Big Ten football is up there, too. Both are demanding physically and mentally and just being able to get through it ... there are times where I said, 'I don't know, how am I going to get through the week and get everything done?' "But somehow, God got me through it. Guys around me got me through it. It always seemed to come together. There's a lot of guys on the team that excel with it very well, like Dan Liesman, Joe Kerridge, Desmond Morgan - all those guys do a great job balancing it. It's not easy and it's not for everybody, too. If everyone can balance both, there would be more than 100 guys on the football team." And Jocz could easily be that spokesman being that college athlete who is going pro in something other than sports.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Local Spartans arrived playoff-tested

Reschke, McDowell lead Michigan State's rugged defense against Alabama in NCAA semifinal contest

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Jon Reschke and Malik McDowell are used to playoff football.

Reschke was a member of two straight Division 2 state championship teams while playing prep football for Al Fracassa at Brother Rice. McDowell played in the 2012 Division 7 state title game for Detroit Loyola, then was a playoff participant the following season at Southfield under head coach Tim Conley.

Now key defenders at Michigan State University, Reschke and McDowell will help lead the Spartans into the NCAA Division I College Football Playoff for the first time.

No. 3-ranked Michigan State will battle No. 2 Alabama in the Cotton Bowl at 8 p.m. Dec. 31 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington in one semifinal. Top-ranked Clemson tackles No. 4 Oklahoma at 4 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Orange Bowl in the other semifinal.

The winners play for the national championship Jan. 11 in Glendale, Ariz.

The Spartans relish the chance to play highly-regarded Alabama (12-1), led by former MSU head coach Nick Saban and sparked by Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry. Alabama defeated MSU in the 2011 Capital Bowl in the only previous meeting between the schools.

"It's an incredible opportunity. It's always been our goal to be where we're at right now," said Reschke, who successfully made the transition from middle to outside linebacker during preseason training camp following an injury to senior Ed Davis. "We're working and we're working hard. This is an opportunity of a lifetime and we're going to give it everything we've got."

"It's awesome to be playing against the Heisman Trophy winner. Hopefully, our defense can step up to the challenge of taking on a guy like him. But we're on a big stage and we're going to play our hearts out. I know we will."

"We can't wait. We accept these kinds of challenges every week," he added. "It's a great opportunity for our defense, because they are a smash-mouth football team and they like to run the ball and I think we match up great against a running team like Alabama."

Bowl-bound focus

McDowell, a sophomore defensive lineman, played in all 13 games last year as a true freshman and started all



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Southfield graduate Malik McDowell (left) already has made an impact as a defensive lineman at MSU in just his second year of college football.

13 games this season. He owns 54 career tackles and six sacks, one interception and one forced fumble.

The 6-6, 275-pound Detroit resident was named all-Big Ten second team by both the coaches and media. He was named Spartans Defensive Player of the Week in the season-opening win over Western Michigan.

McDowell hopes to earn similar accolades against the Crimson Tide.

"I'm really looking forward to this game," McDowell said. "It's going to be fun. We have played really well all year and we have to keep on working. It's pretty exciting to still be playing."

"I love everything that's going on with Michigan State and my life," he added. "I don't mind playing anywhere. I know I can do a lot more for this team."

Reschke, who graduated from Brother Rice in 2013 and was red-shirted his freshman year, earned his first letter at MSU after playing in eight games last year. The 6-foot-2, 228-pound Sterling Heights native earned the starting job this season and has gained the confidence of head coach Mark Dantonio.

In 13 games, Reschke has been part of 74 tackles (31 unassisted, 43 assisted) with a pair of forced fumbles and a pair of sacks. In MSU's three final

regular-season games — against Ohio State, Penn State and Iowa in the Big Ten championship game — Reschke accounted for 13 tackles, one sack and two quarterback hurries.

Reschke finished this season as an honorable mention all-Big Ten choice by both the coaches and the media and feels honored to have made an impact with the Spartans.

"Last year, my season came to an end with a shoulder injury and, this year, I've been blessed to stay healthy," Reschke said. "It's a blessing to have the opportunity I have right now. An opportunity I came up in fall camp and I took advantage of it. All the hard work has paid off."

"It's been a great season so far and I'm excited for these postseason games," he added.

Brother Rice ties

Reschke is grateful for the time he spent at Brother Rice, learning how to play the game under Fracassa, who played quarterback at MSU in the early '50s and was a member of MSU's 1952 national championship team.

"Al Fracassa did a great job with me while I was at Rice," said Reschke, who has two more years of eligibility remaining. "He prepared me for everything I would face at Michigan State. He always knew that I was going to be a Spartan right when they of-

fered me.

"The Brother Rice tradition prepared me for everything I have right now," he added. "He taught me everything about attitude and a lot of his sayings, like, 'The difference between good and great is a little extra effort,' have always stuck with me."

Michigan State enters the Cotton Bowl with a 12-1 record, its only loss at Nebraska. Despite the Nov. 7 setback in Lincoln, the Spartans remained focused and now find themselves as one of just four teams left with a chance to win the national championship.

"We've done what we've needed to do to get a win when we've need it," Reschke said. "It's been a long season and it's been an incredible ride. We've had our ups and downs, but after that Nebraska loss, we've been playing our best ball."

"It's kind of a thing that we came together as a team and said our goals are still in front of us," he added. "That loss to Nebraska was our wake-up call. It completely changed around our season. The dream is still alive. One game at a time. Alabama and, hopefully, we go to Phoenix."

Jamal Lyles, a junior tight who graduated from Southfield-Lathrup, is another local product headed to Texas for the New Year's Eve showdown. He has 18 catches for 265 yards in 40 career games, including six starts, for the Spartans.



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'Hardcore Pawn' reality star breaking out on her own

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Ashley Gold of *Hardcore Pawn* fame is branching out on her own.

The Bloomfield Township resident, who spent nine seasons on the popular reality TV show, is now hawking jewelry through her own website at www.pawnchickshopping.com, which she describes as an online shopping destination for men and women.

And, yes, she's ready to make a deal.

"It's true, I left the pawn shop," Gold said in a phone interview Wednesday. "This is my thing now — I'm the pawn chick. I was born and raised in a pawn shop, (but) I know how to buy jewelry and I know how to pair jewelry. Everyone has always seen the rough and tumble side of me, but now people will see a new side of me."

She currently has an online collection of 300 pieces of jewelry from 12 different designers, with prices ranging from \$20 to \$3,000. Gold said the new venture will allow her to spend more time with her husband and their two young children.

"This gives me freedom to be with them and do what I love, which is still to be in the jewelry industry," she said.

Hardcore Pawn ran five years and produced 150 episodes that focused on the Gold family and their pawn shop off Eight Mile Road in Detroit. At the moment, Gold said she doesn't know if the show is being renewed for another season.

Contrary to what some viewers might think, Gold said the situations and customers on the show were real and not scripted.

"These were real people who were down and out on their luck, in most cases," she said. "We met a lot of interesting people and enjoyed a lot of adventures ... the shop itself became a tourist destination. But those situations were real."

Gold, who grew up in the area, is a 1996 Andover High School graduate. She graduated from Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business and also has her certification in diamonds from the Gem-



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ological Institute of America.

"There's not a lot of women in the pawn shop industry, so I'm sure I always stood out in that sense," she said. "But people always turn to me for style and fashion advice. I know what I'm doing — I can dress anyone in basically under two minutes."

She handles her own social media and blogs about fashion on her own website at www.pawnchickradio.com. She still reaches out to her fans and is grateful for how the show opened doors for her, such as guest appearances on *Good Morning America*, where she talked about the art of buying and selling.

One of her favorite moments at the store was when Hollywood star Aaron Paul walked through the door. Paul played a meth dealer by the name of Jesse Pink-

man on the hit series *Breaking Bad*. More than anything, he was known for his colorful vernacular and trademark slogans.

"He came into the shop one day and said he wanted a gold bar that said, 'Yeah, Bitch!' I'm able to accommodate a lot of people at the shop, but that one didn't happen," she said.

As for the wheeling and dealing that goes hand-in-hand with working at a pawn shop, Gold said she's more than willing to bargain with her online customers.

"I run deals all the time," she said. "People are afraid to ask for a deal ... you can't ever be bashful about asking for a deal. I'm always open to a little negotiating."

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Tough choice: Retirement or child's college education?

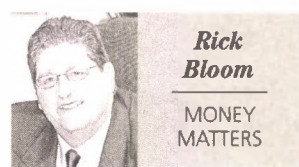
I hope you and yours celebrated a very merry Christmas.

Despite the holidays, the world continues and, in that regard, I saw a new report that is disturbing. I've written in the past about student loans and how they can be a financial drag on students when they graduate. What this new report didn't deal with is the amount of student debt that parents are incurring and how it affects them.

According to a new report, more than three million parents have more than \$70 billion in outstanding loans for their children's college education. A little more than half of these loans are in deferment, meaning no payments are currently due but interest continues to accrue. In fact, on many of these loans, interest is accruing at nearly 8 percent.

Unfortunately, the amount of student debt incurred by parents continues to grow and many parents, in an effort to help their children, are creating for themselves a severe economic problem. Too many of these parents are either going into default on their loans or — as many pay off the debt — they're doing so at the cost of their retirement.

One of the hardest questions I deal with in counseling people deals with the balance between retirement and a child's or grandchild's college educa-



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tion. For many, they have to make some very tough decisions. Do they help finance their child's college education or do they protect their retirement?

It is always difficult when you have to make a financial decision between two worthy causes. In those situations, I generally tell parents that their retirement comes first. Obviously, it's not that I think a child's college education is not important, because I think it is; I just believe when it comes to financing your retirement, there are a lot fewer options than there are in funding a child's college education.

When it comes to your retirement, if you don't have the resources, your options are somewhat limited. If you have a house, you may be able to do a reverse mortgage or maybe you can continue to work. On the other hand, when it comes to financing a college education, loans for the student are more available and there are other ways for them to reduce the cost of college, such as going to a community college for the first couple of years or even going to a college closer to home so you don't have additional room and board. The bottom line, you can be creative when it comes to financing a college education; unfortunately, you don't have the same options when it comes to retirement.

I know for many parents this has got to be a heart-wrenching decision. I recognize that, but you need to understand that you will need significant resources in retirement and if you don't have them, it can cause problems for you and your family. For those parents who do have to make this decision, I recommend you have an adult conversation as soon as possible with your child to discuss the problem.

I wish I had a perfect solution to this problem, but I don't. This is one of those times you have to think primarily of yourself. You should also keep in mind the problems that it will cause the family if you do not have the resources to retire.

Student debt across the country is now more than a trillion dollars and growing. It is important that if you have outstanding debt on behalf of a student, you look for ways to reduce the debt. After all, for those of you with interest accruing at nearly 8 percent, the longer you wait, the tougher it will be.

My last piece of advice for those of you who have children in college or who are getting ready to go to college and who are going to need assistance: The sooner you start looking for creative options, the better things will be for you and your child's future.

Good luck!

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Delta Air Lines supports military hospitality efforts at airport

Delta Air Lines announced Dec. 16 its continued support for members of the military and their families traveling through Detroit Metropolitan Airport. For the second consecutive year, Delta will be the presenting sponsor of the "Holiday Military Salute" at the Freedom Center Military Lounge.

Delta's support of the Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center, Inc. makes possible a month-long Holiday Military Salute program at Freedom Center Military Lounge, located adjacent to Gate A-43 in the McNamara Terminal. As presenting sponsor, Delta is ensuring that military members and their families enjoy the comforts of a world-class military lounge, including complimentary soft drinks, coffee, juices, bottled water, snacks and sandwiches during their holiday travels.

"Delta Air Lines has been a wonderful supporter of Freedom Center since we opened our doors in November of 2011," said Ken Pratt, president of Michigan Armed Forces Hospital-

ity Center, Inc. "Our lounge is greatly appreciated by the many military members and families every day of the year and especially during this holiday season."

Since its opening, the Freedom Center military lounges have hosted more than 200,000 military, family members and veterans. The Holiday Military Salute program, which runs through Jan. 15, coincides with the busiest time of the year for Freedom Center.

"We are proud to continue supporting the Freedom Center with our Holiday Military Salute this holiday season," said Andrea Newman, senior vice president of Government Affairs for Delta Air Lines. "This world-class facility is a great respite every day of the year for members of our military and their family members, but especially during the holidays. Lounge staff and volunteers assisted nearly 6,000 members of our military and their family members last holiday season, alone."

Freedom Center volunteers staff the lounge

beginning at 6 a.m. until flight operations are completed for the day.

Delta Air Lines has been designated the official airline of the Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center, Inc. In addition to the McNamara Terminal lounge, the nonprofit group also operates lounges in Troy and Lansing for the benefit of new recruits and their family members and is opening a fourth lounge in the North Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

As a Michigan nonprofit, MAFHC is dedicated to providing a world-class reception and hospitality station that meets the needs of in-transit military service members. Staffed by volunteers and supported by various organizations, organizers also welcome retired members of the military and veterans. In addition, they welcome members of the military from allied nations. The Freedom Center is dedicated to "Serving Those Who Serve Us." More information is available at: MIFreedomCenter.org.

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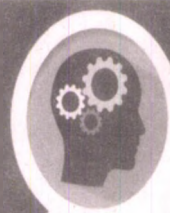
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Juggling 2 jobs takes balance and planning

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If you're one of the millions of Americans who works a side job in addition to a full-time job, you probably also struggle to find the time or energy to do anything outside of work.

But carving out time for yourself on even the busiest of days is not only doable, it's essential. Just as it did to Jack Torrance in "The Shining," an "all work and no play" mentality has the potential to make you lose your mind a little bit.

Get tips from career experts and those who have been in your shoes about how to successfully juggle two jobs and a personal life — all while maintaining your sanity.

Identify your goals and priorities.

"When people are balancing multiple commitments, it is important to identify their main goals," says Marie Levey-Pabst, a life-balance consultant. She recommends setting goals and priorities not just for your professional life, but for your personal life as well. This may entail seeing friends twice a week or having a date night with your partner.

Having specific objectives allows you to focus your energy where it's most important, use your time efficiently and



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avoid burnout, she says.

Forget work-life balance; think work-life separation.

Trying to hold down two jobs is stressful enough. Adding a work-life balance expectation "seems like another demand that adds to our stress," says Dave Pople, a corporate psychologist and president of Psynet Group. Instead of striving for work-life balance, he suggests starting small with work-life separation. To do this, he advises setting aside five 25-minute sessions each day to focus solely on

work. This means avoiding distractions such as email and silencing your phone. "When you master the ability to be fully focused on your work, you will accomplish more," Pople says. "It will also teach you how to be fully focused on your family, friends, hobbies, etc., when you are not working."

Be realistic.

"Often, we allow others to create unrealistic deadlines or expect more from ourselves than we are capable," says Melissa Heisler, author of "From Type A to Type Me: How

to Stop 'Doing' Life and Start Living It." But this mentality of trying to be everything to everyone at all times is not only unrealistic, it's unnecessarily stressful. Instead, manage expectations early on with clients in terms of timelines, availability and scheduling conflicts, Heisler says.

Be proactive.

"Burnout hits us when we spend our days in reactionary mode," Heisler says. "When we are overloaded by the responsibilities of multiple jobs, we can feel constantly behind, making us react unconsciously

ly to every emergency." Take a moment to analyze your to-do list and prioritize each task before jumping in. Then, instead of trying to tackle a week's worth of goals in a day, take it one step at a time. "Create reasonable daily and weekly goals based on company needs and your abilities in the circumstances."

Take care of yourself.

"Maintaining your energy level is crucial if you are going to have two jobs," says Melissa Jirovec, an Ontario-based health and happiness coach. Take care of your physical needs by eating well, exercising and getting enough sleep. Unfortunately, when schedules get hectic, those things are usually the first to go. Keep them front of mind by carving out time for them in your schedule — even if it's only 10 minutes — and stick to it. "Ignoring these needs will only drain you and make it harder for you to get through your days," Jirovec says. "Always make sure you are taking care of you, so you can go out there and kick butt."

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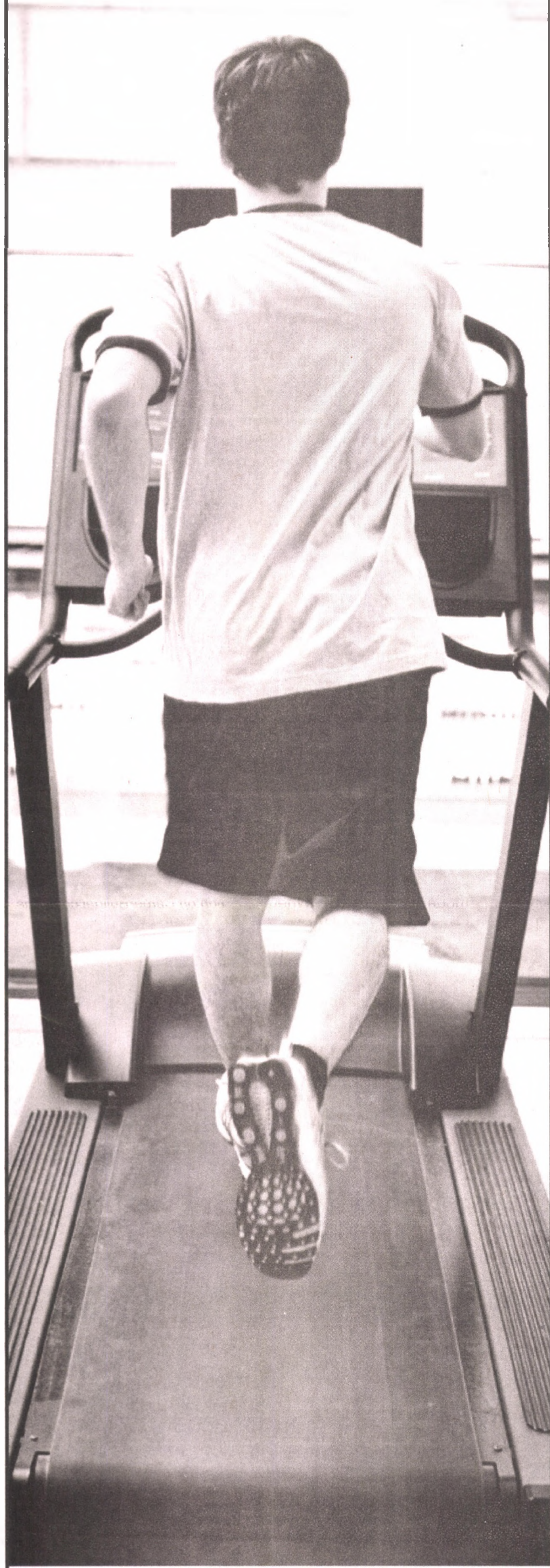
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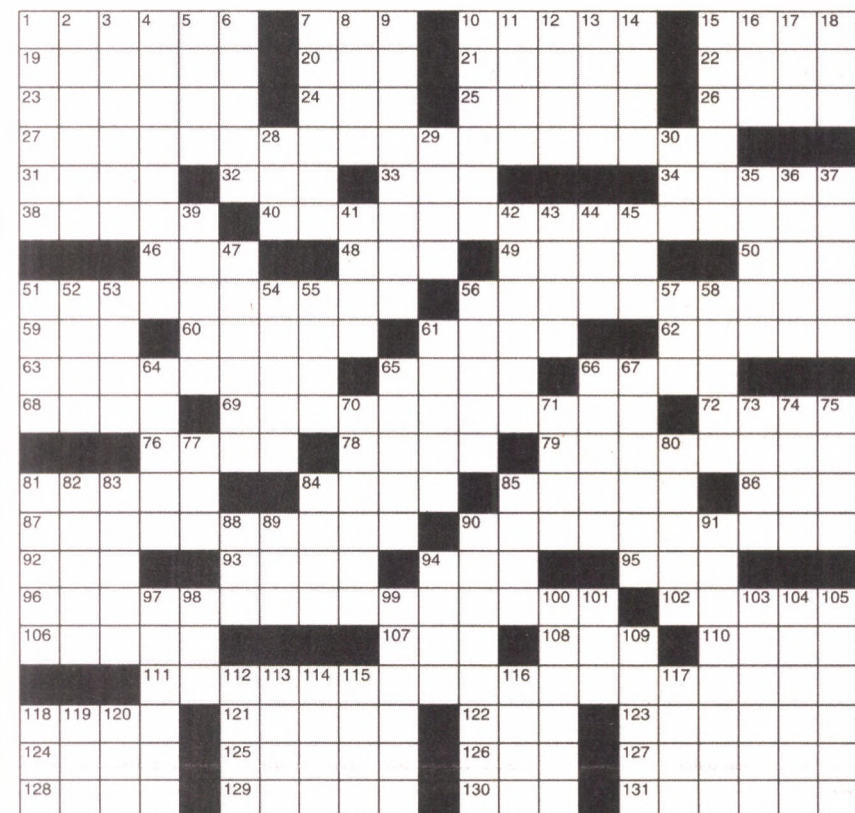
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| ACROSS | 51 *At a short distance | 94 Suffix with 114-Down | DOWN | 43 Big name in Art Deco | 83 Burlesque dancer Lili |
| 1 — law (computer industry rule) | 56 *Metro section manager | 95 Chargers — linebacker Manti — | 1 Fox or ox | 44 "We did it!" | 84 Llana locale |
| 7 WWII prez | 59 Deadeye's skill | 96 *Yale, e.g. cap | 3 Derivation | 45 "See you" | 85 2004 Chevy debut |
| 10 Argus-eyed | 60 TCBY treats | 102 Tips, as a cap | 4 Teaches new skills | 47 Wild horse | 88 Mudbath site |
| 15 Turn sharply | 61 Bloom holder | 106 Chilling | 5 Biblical twin formal | 51 Cartoonist Al Kedrova | 89 "It" game |
| 19 Haul in | 62 PC pictures | 107 Golfer Trevino | 6 Rigidly | 52 Oscar winner "Funny Girl" | 90 Feeling bliss |
| 20 Mendacity | 63 Fetus feeder | 108 Batter | 9 Practice | 53 Sharif of "Thar's what — service!" | 91 Vane locales |
| 21 Nerve | 65 Kotter of TV waste | 110 Taxi readout | 7 Thin-screen boob tube | 54 No voters | 94 Freezes |
| 22 Caucus state | 66 Juan's "this" | 111 What the double-digit Roman numerals at the starts of the answers to the starred clues add up to | 8 Plate | 55 On or about | 97 Church chant |
| 23 Luau libation | 68 Henry VIII's third Catherine | | 9 Practice | 56 Coup group | 98 "lcky!" |
| 24 Hearth | 69 *Tool whose teeth rotate | | 10 Giant in train travel | 57 Thor's "E" | 99 Full of melting snow |
| 25 Slight residue | 72 Costello and Holtz | | 11 Petty of film | 58 Try to hit, as a fly | 100 Fiat |
| 26 Again | 76 Baseballer Slaughter | 118 Mud in a cup | 12 Quiz's kin | 59 Col. in Lower Manhattan | 101 Spanish plural article |
| 27 *Ad Council bloodhound | 78 Brogan part | | 13 Paella base | 60 Sup at home | 103 — Islands (Danish chain) |
| 31 Et — (plus more) | 79 Sloping | 121 Haikus, e.g. | 14 Ticked (off) | 61 One paid to park cars | 104 Least limited |
| 32 Roly-poly | 81 Bacon piece | 122 22nd letter | 15 Pfizer drug | 62 Sweet filling | 105 Has a feeling |
| 33 "I knew it!" | 84 Gone | 123 Goopy camp treats | 16 Many eras | 63 Event invitee | 109 Botch |
| 34 Good tidbit | 85 Antsy feeling | 124 All tied up | 17 She bleats | 64 Sup at home | 112 Goes (for) |
| 38 Colleague of Trotsky | 86 Color tone | 125 Shul scroll | 18 Bitingly cold | 65 Try to hit, as a fly | 113 Blow a horn |
| 40 *They don't have qwerty layouts | 87 *It may show acidity | 126 Be off | 28 In thing | 66 Sup at home | 114 Saving sort |
| 46 Pen's tip | 90 *Divorcée in 1991 news | 127 Unseat | 29 Chin-wag | 67 Try to hit, as a fly | 115 Arab nation |
| 48 String after O | 92 Min. segment | 128 Like paraffin | 30 Native Nebraskan | 68 Sup at home | 116 Drusilla |
| 49 Have — of hope | 93 Segment | 129 Lacking pity | 35 Sister of Clio | 69 Col. in Lower Manhattan | 117 Marvel mutants |
| 50 Gp. for fillers and drillers | | 130 Negatives | 36 Rider, e.g. | 70 Snow-pure | 118 Shul-goer |
| | | 131 First phases | 37 Old rulers | 71 Epic story | 119 Gather of |
| | | | 39 Jenna Bush, to Jeb | 72 Aloha | 120 Nettle |
| | | | 41 NBA and NRA, e.g. | 73 Stadium site | |
| | | | 42 Crusty roll | 74 "One," on a U.S. coin | |
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Car Report

Cadillac Boosts Escalade with New Campaign As It Extends 'Dare Greatly'



By Dale Buss

Cadillac is gearing up for the most exciting product news it's had in a long time, as it prepares to launch its all-new sedan with all-new nomenclature, the CT6, early in 2016.

But in the meantime, the GM luxury brand is backing its best-selling vehicle, the Escalade SUV, with a new TV advertising campaign that broke over the holidays. It features 30-second commercial, titled "The Herd," that finally places Cadillac's huge-selling SUV in the context of the brand's "Dare Greatly" brand repositioning which began earlier this year in an effort to get luxury buyers to think differently about the traditional premium automotive brand.

The Escalade ad puts the vehicle on the same New York City streets that have served as the backdrop for the other elements in the brand's Dare Greatly campaign, while at the same time referencing the flashy exterior design and lush interior amenities that have kept it growing as a robust sub-brand even though sales of Cadillac sedans have fallen off over the past couple of years.

Cadillac famously, of course, moved its sales and marketing headquarters to Manhattan this

year from Detroit.

"The current Escalade has a beautifully crafted style that lends it a great deal of substance and embodies all our core values as well," Cadillac CMO Uwe Ellinghaus told me. "It is bold; it is an optimistic statement; and it is sophisticated inside and out."

This is the first broad campaign for Escalade since the latest version was introduced about 18 months ago. The third-generation Escalade has continued to sell out at Cadillac dealers, assisted by falling gasoline prices, though supplies have slackened a bit lately.

I spoke with Ellinghaus about the new Escalade campaign, the progress of "Dare Greatly," and upcoming launches of the CT6 and the new XT5 utility vehicle.

What's your take on how Dare Greatly is working out at this point, qualitatively and quantitatively?

Uwe Ellinghaus: We're pleased, mostly because Dare Greatly expresses Cadillac's core values as a brand for those who are not afraid to challenge the status quo. This is a point of view which did not exist for the brand prior to Dare Greatly. It has given consumers permission to rethink what might have been false perceptions of what Cadillac represents.

Dare Greatly gives us the platform to communicate in a more cohesive and consistent manner the world over. We've seen a good response from consumers new to the brand—either people entering



luxury for the first time, or younger buyers or owners of competitive brands who now maybe are more intrigued by the new things Cadillac is doing.

An important data point is that in the US, our average transaction price—literally the value consumers place on our products—is above \$52,000, a jump of more than \$5,000. This is proof that our brand is elevating in consumers' minds, thanks to our remarkably improving product substance.

Are consumers responding as you expected, or are you having to tweak your approach?

Ellinghaus: That is difficult to say. If there is any surprise, it's been how passionate our owners and followers really are—so there is no shortage of opinions. And we welcome that honest dialogue. It's superb. Also it's been good to see that there is receptivity among

consumers who maybe have not previously shown a lot of interest in Cadillac.

In terms of tweaking ... we are marketers after all! But with Dare Greatly, we have full commitment to be consistent and continue down this road strongly. We have to be confident enough to allow this theme to mature and resonate. After all, we are merely one year into this new approach. Dare Greatly is who we are and that will continue. You will see us introduce new executions, new aspects and ideas—but always centered upon this core idea.

How are you blending Escalade with the Dare Greatly brand language even though its name, function and legacy don't fit very well with your new direction?

Ellinghaus: I do not agree with the idea that Escalade does not fit with our direction. Yes, it's a

unique vehicle in a very specific segment at an extreme end of the market. This is true. But luxury brands should have special vehicles that address distinctive parts of the market.

Branding is about differentiation, even more so in luxury. Escalade has a style and position in the marketplace that many luxury competitors simply cannot duplicate. It's authentic, certainly "daring." So while the product has aspects that are inherently unique, this is a very good thing and something we showcase in the new advertising execution.

If there's a balance, it's that we want to ensure the new direction of the brand is captured within a product like Escalade that does have a legacy. But it's a terrific legacy from a marketing standpoint.

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A Warm and Inviting Home!!

- Four bedrooms, two and half bath located in a family neighborhood.
- Granite countertops, main floor laundry
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- Beautiful garden with large deck

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Ranch Style Condo

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- Lots of storage
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Custom Built Home in Lake Neighborhood!

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End Unit with First Floor Master!

- Two bedroom, two baths
- Granite countertops
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- Easy walkout access to patio

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Charming Three Bedroom!

- Three bedrooms, one bathroom
- Open floor plan
- Large wooded lot with covered front porch
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Charming Home in Desirable Dunham Lake

- Four bedroom, two bathroom
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Four Bedroom Home in Desirable Indian Woods

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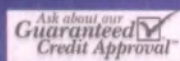
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