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Coca-Cola Scholar

Walled Lake Central High School senior Matthew Tarry was recently named a 2017 Coca-Cola Scholar semifinalist. Only 1,914 semifinalists were chosen among nearly 86,000 applicants this year because of their outstanding leadership, academic achievements and dedication to their community.

Tarry will be submitting his semifinalist applications to be reviewed by the Program Reading Committee in January. After this review, 250 semifinalists will advance as regional finalists, with 150 becoming Coca-Cola Scholars.

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Tarry

ITC of Novi big on donations

Novi-based ITC Michigan and its 543 employees donated more than \$624,000 to 38 charitable organizations around the state during 2016.

ITC, the nation's largest independent electricity transmission company, provides donations to nonprofits that align with ITC's charitable interests

and strengthen communities.

Highlighting ITC's donations in west Michigan was Grand Rapids-based Kids' Food Basket, which serves nearly 7,500 kids each weekday with sack suppers – well-rounded, nutritious evening meals – to attack childhood hunger to help young people learn and live well. ITC awarded

a charitable grant to Kids' Food Basket and company employees donated food, decorated sack supper bags and helped pack the bags.

"The support of this initiative is critical," said Bridget Clark Whitney, executive director of Kids' Food Basket. "We know that when kids have access to

food, their minds and bodies grow strong and they do better in school. With the support of amazing community partners such as ITC, we can provide a child daily access to nutritious sack suppers that contain the brain food, healthy habits and a

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ONE NATION



I am an American We Are One Nation

Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. In the first installment, read about Meg Heubeck, who teaches kids how to settle differences through civil discourse, **Page A10**



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Image No. 4 in Bill Bresler's "Americans in Our Communities" gallery shows Tajmann Kaur, 6, at the Gurdwara Sahib-Hidden Falls in Plymouth Township in August 2012. The occasion was a memorial vigil for victims of the Oak Creek Gurdwara shooting in Wisconsin. View the gallery at www.hometownlife.com.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S GALLERY SHOWS EVERYONE'S AN AMERICAN

Brad Kadrich
hometownlife.com

As Bill Bresler watched the 2016 presidential campaign turned nasty and divisive, he couldn't help but notice Americans are "a divided people."

But Bresler also believes this reality: The U.S. is a big country, with widely divergent ideas.

"This has always been true," said Bresler, a longtime photographer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. "Even the founding fathers who wrote the Constitution were a mix of contradictions."

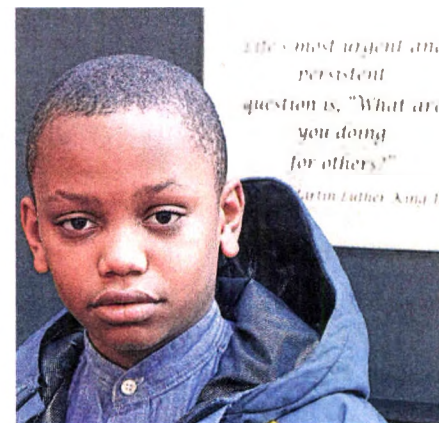
In a time of heightened anger and division, Bresler turned to what he knows best — photography — to show that everyone, despite their point of view, is an American.

"We are all Americans," he said. "Whether you're a politician running for president or a



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Image No. 10 shows an unidentified woman gathering flags at the conclusion of a Canton community celebration for Canton's Olympic athletes in late August 2016.



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Image No. 8 shows Trevor Peterson at an MLK Day celebration at the Westland Friendship Center.

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touch of love from the community's involvement and dedication to help local kids thrive."

Among southeast Michigan organizations receiving support from ITC, Detroit-based Focus: HOPE Village Freedom School received a company grant as the final funding necessary to launch the HOPE Village Freedom School in June. Conducted in partnership with the Children's Defense Fund, the school is based on a national model of classroom programs to promote literacy and academic success.

"We are honored to have received such generous donations from ITC that allowed us to pilot our inaugural HOPE Village Freedom School, in partnership of the Children's Defense Fund," said Jason Lee, chief executive officer of



ITC's Karyn Boyd helps prepare nutritious sack suppers at Kids' Food Basket in Grand Rapids. The organization serves nearly 7,500 kids each weekday with sack suppers - well-rounded, nutritious evening meals - to attack childhood hunger to help young people learn and live well.

Focus: HOPE. "The program combats summer learning loss for children from low-income households and promotes the development of strong, literate and empowered young people with the theme 'I can make a difference.'"

In addition, several local charities were among those to which ITC presented grants through the company's Charitable Giving Program, one of a number of ITC's charitable activities, including:

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- » ArtPrize, Grand Rapids
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» Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision, Detroit

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"ITC is committed to giving back to the communities we serve at every level, whether that is through company grants or through the generosity of our individual employees," said Simon Whitelocke, president of ITC Michigan. "As a member of these communities, it is our responsibility to be a positive influence and support the programs that are important to our neighbors."

ITC has donated more than \$5.2 million to deservng nonprofits throughout its footprint since 2010, including organizations in Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Oklahoma and Kansas.

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prisoner in custody, you're an American."

Bresler began compiling a gallery of photographs for his "Americans in Our Community" project. Many of the people in the gallery were photographed while Bresler was on assignment for the O&E; others are from his personal work or even photos taken on vacation. View the ongoing gallery at www.hometownlife.com.

"When I'm on assignment, I'm obviously looking for photos to tell the story, but I'm also looking for other interesting photos that may have nothing to do with the assignment," he said.

One of his favorites: A very quiet photograph of a friend of Bresler's on a dock with his 3-year-old



Image No. 33 shows Hurricane Katrina survivor Penny Klei, who built a new life in Michigan.

granddaughter. The photo was taken in the early morning and there is mist rising from the water. They are feeding bread to the fish. He's holding a cup of morning coffee.

"It's about time well-spent with family and the link between different generations," Bresler said. "It's about love. To me, that photo is universal."

The people in this series are, Bresler notes, a diverse group. Not just their ethnic background, but politics, religion and even worldview. But, he insists, they are all Americans.

"I hope that people who look at these photos stop and think when they see someone who is different from them," Bresler said. "I hope that they consider what we all have in common."

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Dogs, owners bond during rescue training

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Julie Grinnell of Milford plays with her dog, talks to her dog and, on occasion, has climbed down a bridge on a rope with her dog Ava, a German shepherd.

For Kathryn Gordon of Farmington Hills, a day out with her border collie Gus might include coaching him over a pile of rubble.

And when Beverly Moody of Redford trains her Labrador retriever puppy Graziano, the session is likely to involve a toy, a mozzarella treat and buried human remains.

"I put out some placenta that someone gave me for Grazi. And I had a little blood in a Ziploc bag that I hid under landscaping under a tree, 10 inches off the ground," Moody said, recalling a recent training session. "I ask, is he ready to sniff? I say where is it? I let go of him and he took off like a rocket."

Welcome to the world of search and rescue training, where canine-handler teams practice finding missing persons or human remains.

The three women and their dogs are members of Michigan Search & Rescue, an all-volunteer nonprofit Michigan-based missing persons response team that serves the Great Lakes area and works side by side with law enforcement agencies. The group, including certified teams and trainees, practices once or twice weekly through all kinds of weather in a variety of environments, including buildings, forests and on water. Beginner training lasts one to three years and culminates in a certification test.

Some canine members, usually bloodhounds, specialize in following a specific person's scent. Others, like Grinnell's dog Ava, are air scent or wilderness specialists that sniff for any human scent, from living persons or the recently deceased. Graziano and Gus are training their noses to detect human remains on land, in the water or underground.

Ava and Grinnell took their two-hour certification exam earlier this year. It included a search for living persons, human remains and a T-shirt on a 160-acre site marked by ravines, rivers and a marsh.

"These are our pets. They play at home and sleep in our beds. They also have specialized training and a very serious job to do and, when the call comes and that search collar is put on them, they know what is expected of them," Grinnell said.

When Ava finds her target, she rushes back to Grinnell and jumps on her, a signal for "follow me," and then leads the way back to her discovery.

Like all Michigan Search & Rescue volunteers, Grinnell also trained as a field support specialist to accompany other dog and handler teams on missions. She learned how to use a map, compass, GPS and was schooled in lost person behavior, estimating distance and understanding how terrain and weather affect a search.

"When people think search and rescue, I don't think they realize how much the person has to learn. It's not all about the dog. You need to know how to put the dog into position to pick up a scent," said Grinnell, who became "hooked" on search and rescue after attending some training sessions.

Nose work

Handlers create search strategies for



Beverly Moody treats Graziano with mozzarella cheese for a good job.

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their dogs in the field and must be aware of scent — where it moves, what it clings to, how it reacts in rain, snow and

sun. Moody got a head start in scent education by enrolling her older Lab, Guiseppi, in Gordon's nose class a few

years ago at Wolverine Dog Training Club in Farmington Hills.

"I got bit by the bug. I love training in nose

work," said Moody, who teaches obedience classes at the club. "Everything I learned in nose work can be applied to

human remains work."

Gordon invited Moody to search and rescue training sessions with her dogs: Hexi, who is certified and has been on two searches for human remains, and Gus, who is close to being certified.

"Guiseppi did so well in nose work in competition, I thought if I could do something that would make a difference in the world, that was right up my alley," Moody said, explaining her interest in human remains detection.

But Guiseppi, 9, was too old to start training, so Moody began teaching her new puppy in his place.

Finding remains

Graziano became accustomed to the scent of human remains through positive association. For several weeks, he ate his meal alongside smelly socks, bones and teeth.

Moody said handlers save blood on gauze, order bones through online sites and sometimes ask doctors or dentists for tissue, teeth or blood that can be used for training sessions. New moms sometimes donate placenta.

"The word spreads around," she said. "I thought dealing with human remains would bother me more than it does. I got the placenta last weekend and I was nervous about it, but I did fine."

Karen Wroblewski a veterinarian at Allen Animal Hospital in Liv-

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New museum director: 'I love Michigan history'

Kathleen Lavey
Lansing State Journal

Buses of school children are on the way, but in this quiet moment before the doors open, Suzanne Fischer has the exhibits at the Michigan History Museum almost to herself as she leads a couple of visitors through the museum.

In front of a floor-to-ceiling, hand-painted mural depicting scenes from Great Lakes Native American life, she slides open a door at child level to reveal artifacts depicted in the picture.

From the third-floor overlook, she stands next to a gigantic faceted Fresnel lens, used in lighthouses.

Standing inside the museum's realistic mock-up of an Upper Peninsula copper mine, Fischer wants to make sure a photo of her doesn't include a large hand-painted "keep out" sign near the mine's entrance.

"We don't want to keep people out," she says. "We want to bring people in."

That's a key part of Fischer's mission as the director of the Michigan History Museum System. Hired in early December, she oversees exhibits and programming at the state's flagship museum in Lansing and 10 regional museums across the state, including the lumber camp at Hartwick



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Suzanne Fischer, shown at a 1930s state history exhibit at the Michigan History Museum, is the new state museum director.

Pines near Grayling, Fort Wilkins and the Fayette Town site in the Upper Peninsula, the Civilian Conservation Corps Museum near Higgins Lake and the Walker Tavern Historic Site in Brooklyn.

"I love Michigan history," she said. "There are a lot of stories with national and international importance that started right here in Michigan."

Fischer, 36, was one of 100 candidates for the job, said Mark Harvey, state archivist, who interviewed candidates along with History Center director Sandra Clark.

"Her energy and her drive are something we were absolutely looking for to complement the existing management here," Harvey said of Fischer. "She has extremely strong credentials in the field and an award-winning track record of exhibitions."

Fischer grew up in suburban Detroit, earned a degree in history at Oberlin College in Ohio and completed a doctorate in the history of science and technology at the University of Minnesota. She has worked at the Henry Ford in Dearborn and came back to Michigan from a post as curator at the Oakland Museum of California.

Fischer already seems completely at home in the state museum. Maybe that's because museums

have always been a familiar and comfortable place for her.

"I definitely spent my childhood going to museums," she said.

And she enjoys the opportunity to foster a love of history in others using actual artifacts.

Her goal for the state's museums is to make them more inclusive of all of Michigan's people.

"One of the really interesting things happening in museums across the country right now is the ways we are figuring out how to invite more people in and how to make sure more people are represented," she said.

In Oakland, for example, the museum owned a donated collection of items from communities of Pacific Islanders. Curators were stymied as to the best way to present them — or whether they even belonged in a California history museum.

"We got together a community advisory group and asked them, 'What do these objects mean to you today?'" she said. The result? An exhibit that included artifacts from painted bark cloths to a 27-foot canoe from Papua New Guinea.

Fischer tweets (follow her @publichistorian) and blogs (read her notes on books and more at tiny letter.com/suzannefischer).

TRAINING

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nia, is giving Graziano free medical care. She has sponsored other working dogs in the past.

"Dogs contribute to the community in a lot of ways that people don't even recognize," Wroblewski said. "Dogs prefer to go out and about and do different things.

A lot of adult dogs get into misbehaving because they have a lot of smarts and it's not channeled in a constructive way."

Moody said hours spent training and then volunteering in human remains searches come with a "great payoff."

"You get to have an amazing bond with your dog, you get to do something for other people and you get to train in

something you like," she said.

Gordon has been on 15 searches, mostly as a field specialist before Hexi was certified. They've worked two cases together, one still unconfirmed and the other solved.

"It was a drowning. We went out the night of the disappearance and, where she indicated, they sent a diver down and found the body,"

Gordon said.

Grinnell and Ava have responded to large and small searches, both local and a few hours away. Recently, they were called to search an abandoned building in Detroit.

"We've gotten to know families well that we've worked with on cold cases. If just one time I can hand a mother her child, it makes it all worthwhile," she said. "The ideal situation is to find a person alive, but even if the person is deceased, we've given them closure."

Grinnell has started a GoFundMe.com campaign to raise \$3,000 for GPS dog collars that will sync and send data to the handler's hand-held unit. Go to <https://www.gofundme.com/search-rescue-k9-gps-collar-fund>.


Michigan Search & Rescue also is selling 2017 calendars that feature some of its dogs, including Graziano. Cost is \$10. Find a link at the organization's Facebook page. Go to its website at michigansar.org.

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Kathryn Gordon takes Hexi from her crate and she's ready to work.



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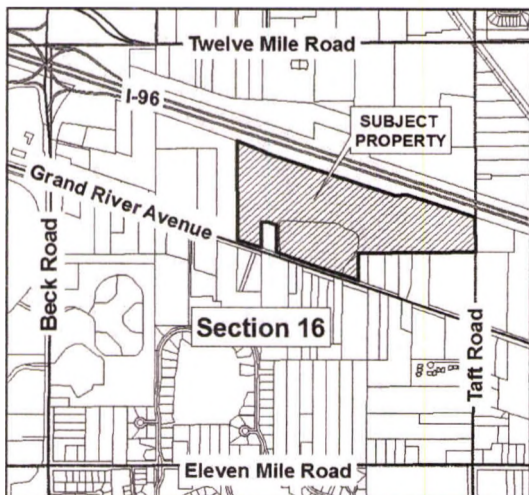
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Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

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Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Man is latest accused of trespassing at old hospital

Ann Zaniewski
Detroit Free Press

Urban explorers, beware: A trip to the old Northville Psychiatric Hospital — especially if it's documented on social media — could land you in legal hot water.



Kelley

About 300 people found that out last year, including Shane Kelley, a 28-year-old New Balti-

more man who was charged with trespassing last week after a picture surfaced on social media of him on the roof of a building at the site.

The sprawling, run-down psychiatric hospital on Seven Mile Road was open from 1952 until 2003. In the years since it closed, it has become somewhat of a mecca for urban adventurers and ghost hunters.

Northville Township owns the property.

"We've come across people from as far away



A view of the back of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital in Northville Township, which has been closed since 2003.

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as Grand Rapids or Ohio going on the property," Northville Township Police Lt. Paul Tennes

said. Because of the hospital's popularity, police regularly monitor social

media sites for postings about it.

The picture of Kelley on a building roof in

October — which appears to be a selfie — surfaced on Facebook, according to police. The

picture was captioned "On the roof of Northville."

Authorities issued a warrant for Kelley's arrest. He turned himself in to Northville Township police and was arraigned in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Trespassing is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Kelley could not immediately be reached for comment.

Tennes said Kelley is among about 300 people who were arrested in 2016 on charges of trespassing on the property.

The police department has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to trespassers because the site can be dangerous, Tennes said.

"Safety is our primary focus," he said. "Due to the buildings deteriorating in their current condition, it's not an area where people should be traveling or exploring. We're concerned about people's safety. There's also concerns about asbestos in those buildings."

Ex-'Survivor' contestant gets prison for child porn

Ex-"Survivor" TV contestant Michael Skupin was sentenced Dec. 27 to one to four years in prison after he was convicted in November on four counts of possessing child pornography.

Skupin, 54, of Farmington Hills and formerly of White Lake Township, was sentenced before Oakland County 6th Circuit Judge Wendy Potts, according to a news release from Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's office. Skupin was also ordered to pay \$31,800 in restitution and serve probation for financial crimes relating to a Ponzi scheme investigation that then snared him on the child pornography charges.

Once out of prison, he will be required to register as a sex offender and he'll be restricted from using a computer outside of work purposes, according to the release.

Skupin, appeared during the 2001 season of "Survivor II: The Australian Outback" and also "Survivor: Philippines."

"Today's sentencing is a strong message to those who prey on children: no matter who you are or what you do, we will find

you," Schuette said in the release. "The act of downloading and viewing images of children in sexually abusive situations is reprehensible, this behavior re-victimizes the child victims over and over."

Skupin was initially charged by Schuette in February with counts of financial crimes of larceny by conversion and racketeering as well as the child pornography charges.

An investigation began into Skupin after victims from his alleged Ponzi scheme contacted a local news reporter. According to the attorney general's office, Skupin recruited investors and friends to take part in his "gifting scheme" called Pay It Forward.

Victims made cash investments in the scheme and their money would then cycle through a chart in which participants were eventually paid out of other new investors' money.

According to the attorney general's office, the scheme was discov-



Skupin

ered when there were no new investors signing up and most people in the scheme lost all of their money.

Skupin's laptop was searched in connection with the Ponzi scheme and investigators discovered images of underage children in sexual situations.

Skupin is best known for his appearance in the 2001 "Survivor: The Australian Outback," season where he stumbled, fell into a fire and was evacuated from the show.

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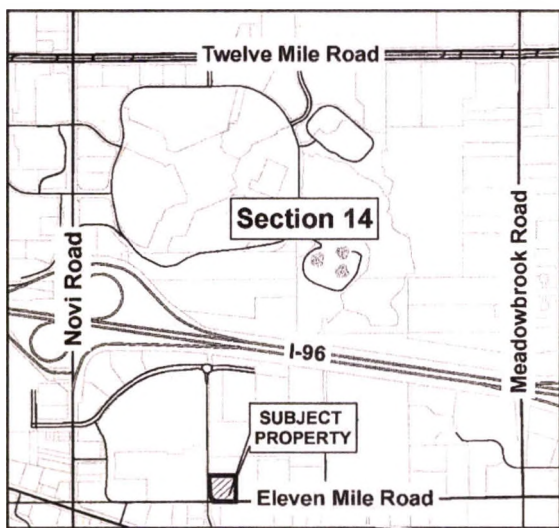
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **LEARNING EXPERIENCE JSP16-19, FOR SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 14, AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ELEVEN MILE ROAD AND TOWN CENTER DRIVE AND IS ZONED OSC (OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL).** The applicant is proposing to construct a daycare facility in a 10,000 square foot free-standing building to serve 150 children and 24 staff members with associated site improvements.

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



Subject Property Parcel ID: 50-22-14-376-017

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 25, 2017.

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Novi Planning Commission
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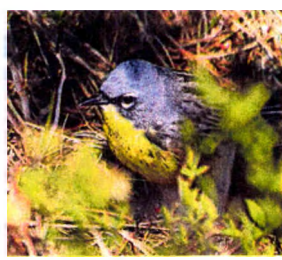
Jennifer Dixon
Detroit Free Press

More than a decade ago, 100 researchers fanned out across Michigan to count the number of injured and dead songbirds at the base of 24 communications towers during the peak of the birds' spring and fall migrations.

They concluded that the towers with steady, burning lights were more deadly to the birds than towers with flashing lights — and that by simply turning off the steady lights, they could reduce deadly bird-tower collisions by 70 percent. An estimated 7 million birds are killed annually in tower collisions in the U.S. — and most are songbirds that migrate at night.

It took years, plus the coordination of three federal agencies, to respond to the research coordinated by the East Lansing field office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. But now, the Federal Aviation Administration has changed its lighting standards for new communication towers, while the Fish and Wildlife Service recently began working to persuade owners and operators of existing towers across Michigan to turn off the burning lights or switch to flashing lights.

The lights are meant



U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
A Kirtland's warbler.

to protect aircraft of all kinds from striking these towers.

There are thousands of towers across the country, used by broadcasters and communications and telecommunications providers. Only newly built towers are affected; replacing or turning off the burning lights is voluntary for existing tower owners. Owners of towers that have both steady and sufficient flashing lights can simply extinguish the steady lights. Experts say that could save owners money on maintenance and power costs.

Audubon Great Lakes, the Chicago-based office of the National Audubon Society that manages conservation work throughout the region to protect and improve habitat critical for birds during migration and nesting cycles, said it's also willing to use its chapter network across the Great Lakes to reach out to tower owners and operators about switch-

ing or turning off lights. Work could begin in 2017.

"We're really proud of the work of the office, done in collaboration with the state of Michigan and the Federal Communications Commission. We're really pleased we had an opportunity to do something that has nationwide implications for migratory birds," said Jack Dingleline, deputy field supervisor at the wildlife service's East Lansing field office.

It all started in 1998, when the Fish and Wildlife Service learned Michigan had plans to build a telecommunications network of 179 towers.

"We had some concerns about the potential impact of those towers on migratory birds, including the endangered Kirtland's warbler," which nests almost exclusively in northern Michigan, Dingleline said.

The agency approached the state, asking for access to the base of the towers so that researchers could measure the number of dead birds as they migrated between Michigan and the southern U.S., Central America and South America in the fall and spring.

The state also provided more than \$100,000 in funding for the research.

Led by Joelle Gehring,

who was working on a post-doctorate at Central Michigan University at the time, researchers did their pilot work at six towers in fall 2003. In fall and spring of 2004 and 2005, for three weeks at a time, they counted dead birds at 24 towers from southwest Michigan to the Upper Peninsula.

And they found that towers that had flashing and non-flashing lights were significantly more dangerous than those with only flashing lights.

Gehring and two colleagues published their study in a scientific journal in 2009, then the Federal Aviation Administration, which regulates tower lighting, did its own research to ensure aircraft would still be safe if the non-flashing lights were turned off or replaced.

» In December 2015, the FAA changed its standards to eliminate the steady lights on new towers. Now, Dingleline says his office is working with existing tower owners across Michigan to persuade them to update their lighting.

He said the changes can actually save tower owners money, with reduced power and maintenance costs.

» While the Federal Communications Commission licenses communications towers, it requires owners and opera-

tors to comply with standards set by the FAA.

Dingleline said there is some evidence the birds may be attracted to lights on the tower, especially in foggy weather, and then they collide with the tower or the wires that support the structure.

"The light can confuse them when they migrate," he said.

» But scientists aren't exactly sure why the steady lights are more dangerous than blinking lights.

Protecting these migrating songbirds is important because "birds are a harbinger of the health of your ecosystem. They are some of the most diverse species on earth, occur in every region of the planet and a good, healthy bird population means you have a good, healthy natural environment," Dingleline said.

» Caleb Putnam, Michigan bird conservation coordinator for Audubon Great Lakes and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, said the Michigan research is "one of the most important bird-mortality-reducing research done in recent memory."

He said bird experts have tried for years to address the issue, and Gehring was able to "make a difference over thousands of towers. It's

such a common sense solution to a huge problem."

» Putnam was one of the technicians who got up at dawn for three weeks straight to count dead birds at the base of a 1,100-foot-tall communications tower in southwest Michigan. The workers had to get to the site before day break, so they could find the birds before the raccoons and other scavengers got them.

"We found birds alive, with their beaks broken off," Putnam said. On some days, he'd find 10-20 dead or injured warblers. But if the birds hadn't migrated the night before, he wouldn't find any. And it wasn't easy spotting them in the tall grass that surrounded much of the tower.

» Saving those birds from tower collisions is part of the effort to "prevent future extinctions," Putnam said. "The challenge is that most of our songbird populations are in decline. Many of these species are lacking habitat in breeding areas, and as they get into the tropics, there is deforestation, coffee plantations, climate issues, all these other pressures on them."

"To not allow these species to migrate successfully twice a year, especially with this level of mortality, it starts to become a population-changing pressure."

Civics: State lawmakers want high school graduates to learn more

Lori Higgins
Detroit Free Press

Quick, name one of the writers of the Federalist Papers. If James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay or their pseudonym Publius was one of your answers, congratulations! You're on your way to knowing as much about civics as an immigrant taking the U.S. Naturalization Test.

But if you can't name the authors and you have to fire up Google to figure out what the heck the Federalist Papers are, you're the reason Michigan lawmakers are trying to make sure students graduate high school with a working knowledge of civics.

The Federalist Papers, for the record, is a collection of writings that promoted the ratification

of the U.S. Constitution.

The Michigan Legislature last week gave final approval to a bill that will require the state's social studies standards to cover the same material that those wanting to be U.S. citizens must know to pass the civics portion of the citizenship exam, plus the state high school exam also must test students on this material. The standards must be updated by May 1, 2018.

The legislation now awaits an OK from Gov. Rick Snyder.

"This is to heighten the senses as well as the understanding of why soldiers go to war, as to why we go and vote, as to why we live in a world of democracy," said Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township, the primary sponsor of the legislation.

The rules go beyond

what the state now requires. Michigan's graduation requirements mandate students pass a one-semester civics course. But the law isn't very specific, simply requiring the course to include "the form and functions of the federal, state and local governments and shall stress the rights and responsibilities of citizens."

The new rules essentially mean students will need to understand the same material that's covered in the 100 questions that are part of the civics portion of the U.S. citizenship exam. Questions on the test run the gamut, from American government to American history.

They include questions such as: "What is one reason colonists came to America?"

"What is one responsibility that is only for U.S. citizens?" "What is one power of the states?" "Who was president during World War I?" and "What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?"

The real exam is given orally and applicants for citizenship are asked 10 of the 100 questions. They must answer six out of the 10 correctly to pass, according to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the federal agency that oversees legal immigration into the U.S.

Late-night talk-show hosts often illustrate the lack of civics knowledge by randomly questioning people on the street about things such as the name of the vice president or the name of the

president. But advocates for students taking the citizenship exam are far more concerned about test data showing students nationwide are struggling with basic civics awareness.

On the most recent National Assessment of Educational Progress exam, just 23 percent of eighth-graders were proficient in civics, 18 percent were proficient in U.S. history and 27 percent were proficient in geography.

A 2014 survey of 1,416 adults, by the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, found a similar lack of knowledge:

» Just 36 percent could name all three branches of the U.S. government, while 35 percent couldn't name any branch.

» 27 percent didn't know it takes a two-thirds vote of Congress to override a presidential veto.

» 21 percent incorrectly believed a 5-4 decision of the U.S. Supreme Court is sent back to Congress for reconsideration.

» More than half of those surveyed didn't know which political party controlled the U.S. House and Senate at the time.

Lucido's bill, in its original form, would have required that, in order to graduate, students would have to pass an exam that includes questions similar to all or some of the questions on the citizenship exam.

It passed the Michigan House on a bipartisan basis on a 82-27 vote in May.

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There is no doubt how hard it is to change these patterns of behavior! Much harder, though, is to live a life that does not look like anything we wanted because of our habits.

Habits are learned; we are not born with them. And when something is learned, it can be unlearned. Denial, resistance and rationalization are natural parts of the process, as long as we are not stuck in it forever. We have countless examples and inspiring stories of people making radical changes in their lives. They change the way they view themselves, they change the direction of their lives, they go back to school to finish their education, they leave that job that was sucking the life out of them, they leave that toxic relationship, they kick the worst of addictions and much more.

We all have that fire inside of us waiting to be lit. Once we discover that fire, it is no longer possible to live any other way.

Changes that stick are the ones made from deep within. Habit patterns are a symptom of our deeply held beliefs about ourselves, about life, about relationships, about health, about money and other things that affect the quality of our life. We know that in order to eradicate the symptoms completely, we must treat the root cause of those symptoms. Until we dive deep and change our beliefs, any change we make on the surface level will only be temporary. Our beliefs are a result of our past experiences, conditioning and old structures



Meena Puri
GUEST COLUMNIST

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(that we once had to establish because they served a purpose then). Once they served their purpose and no longer represent us now, they are no longer needed. However, they become part of our conditioning and will continue to control our behavior unless we evaluate them from time to time and discard them once they have served their purpose and are no longer needed.

In that sense, habits by themselves are not good or bad, they merely feed the belief patterns that we are holding in the subconscious. The subconscious does not judge the habits, it simply does what it needs to do to maintain the status quo — the belief. A habit is a good habit if it is taking us in the direction we want; if it isn't, then it simply is a distraction away from our goals. It is up to us to decide our direction and evaluate whether a habit/choice/action is taking us in that direction.

Before doing the deep inner work that is necessary to make long lasting changes, it is important to establish a mental frame of mind that can serve as a foundation to make these changes.

Self-discovery

The No. 1 thing to realize is that changing habits is not about self-improvement, rather it is about self-discovery. It is a much kinder and encouraging way of thinking and it actually is the truth. It feels

exhausting to think that we continuously have to improve regardless of where we are in our journey. It can feel like chasing our tails at times. The question to ask is: "Is this habit a true representation of me?" Anything that is not a true representation of who we are will naturally fall off as we move more and more toward who we truly are.

Replace an old habit

Replacing an old habit with a new one works much better for our psyche than getting rid of the habit. Taking away something creates a vacuum and the subconscious will fill it with something else unless we consciously fill it with what we want. A common example of that is weight gain after someone quits smoking. As life changes, what we need also changes. Therefore, it is good to review our habits from time to time to see which ones are no longer in alignment with our growth and our goals and replace them with the ones that are.

Refrain from negative self-judgment

Habits are not a moral compass to judge ourselves or others by — bad habits don't mean that you are a bad person. It just means that we have been there done that and it no longer holds our interest. Ultimately, we are not our habits. An over-identification with our habits is a mental trap that keeps us stuck in the same pattern. The negative self-judgment makes us feel the familiar bad inner feeling that acts as a magnet for the same old habit that we are trying to change. So, putting a positive spin on this, even on temporary basis, and believing that we can change the habits works to our advantage and becomes a catalyst in doing the deeper work to make the changes stick.

Remember your potential

Our potential is always greater than what we have accomplished today. Just because we

can't do something today does not mean we can't do it tomorrow. Self identification is important for us to find our purpose in life but the negative self identification can be detrimental. "I am just a lazy person," "exercise is not my thing," and "I have anxiety or another disorder," are sure ways to remain stuck.

We only know what we know. We never really know our potential until we put ourselves in the challenging or unfamiliar situations and realize we can do far more than we thought. Then we begin to see ourselves differently and more than what we once thought of ourselves. Attaching negative labels and adjectives to ourselves only undermines our potential as human beings and becomes a major mental block in uncovering that potential and really serves no purpose.

We are all a certain way until we are not! We can break free of these mental limitations and labels that we impose on ourselves. Because self identification is important, find the one that is going to uplift you, make you more of who you truly are and take you in the direction of your goals.

The whole of life is a learning process. Just because you don't know something today does not mean you won't tomorrow. Actually, you can and you will.

Meena Puri, certified yoga and meditation teacher and registered ayurvedic practitioner, is founder of The Yoga School of Milford and Ayurvedic Healing Center. For more information, go to www.TheYogaSchool.com or www.AyurvedicHealingCenter.com or call 248-685-3489

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Joins as senior counsel

Nakisha N. Chaney has joined Salvatore Prescott & Porter, PLLC, as senior counsel.

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Chaney

trafficking survivors in civil litigation, Chaney's practice focuses on empowering individuals who desire to know, secure and enforce their legal rights. Her clients range from highly compensated professionals who want to negotiate an employment or separation agreement to vulnerable low-wage earners who seek recourse for labor exploitation and other workplace harms.

Chaney has represented clients in actions involving sex harassment and discrimination; race, age and disability discrimination; retaliation and whistle blowing; prison abuse; contract and non-compete negotiation and litigation; and human trafficking. Chaney also counsels and represents college students, professors and employees in disciplinary proceedings.

Chaney is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and Oberlin College. She has clerked on the Michigan Supreme Court and worked as a commercial litigator at Dickinson Wright and as an employment law attorney at NachtLaw.

Chaney's cases have been featured in statewide and regional media coverage, including through outlets in Atlanta, South Bend, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids and Benton Harbor. In 2016, Chaney was featured in Michigan Lawyers Weekly's verdicts and settlements. She has been a featured

speaker on issues of employment litigation, sexual harassment and human trafficking for groups at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Oberlin College, as well as for numerous organizations in Michigan, Ohio and New York.

Chaney is a member of the National Black Lawyers-Top 100, and she currently serves on the State Bar of Michigan's District Character and Fitness Committee.

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25345 Taft Road
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ATTN: Mr. Steve Barr, Asst Superintendent of Business & Operations

Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the Board's designee. An abstract of the amounts of the base bid and major alternates may be made available, at the discretion of the Owner, to bidders after opening of bids.

The Project consists of Single Ply Roof Replacement work as shown and/or specified in the Procurement Documents.

The Consultant is: StructureTec Corporation, 34119 W. Twelve Mile Road, Suite 270, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 The Project Manual and bidding documents will be available for viewing and download from StructureTec eProcurement website at the following address, www.ebidexchange.com/structuretec. Documents will be available by Monday, January 3, 2017.

Bid security in the amount of five percent of the base bid must accompany each bid in accordance with AIA Document A701-1997, "Instructions to Bidders".

All bids should be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship (or lack of a relationship) that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the Novi Community School District or Superintendent of the School District. The District shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

All bids should be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement confirming compliance with the Iranian Economic Sanctions Act (P.A. 517 of 2012). The District shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

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Happy New Year! First, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year. I hope that 2017 is the year when all your dreams come true.

The beginning of a new year is a great time to recommit to keeping your financial affairs in order. When it comes to personal finance, there are five main areas you need to focus on: estate planning, investments, taxes, risk management and debt. It is important to make sure that all five areas are taken care of. If one of these areas is deficient, it can cause all sorts of problems. As



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Getting and keeping your financial house in order is not easy, but it must be done. We live in a time where everything changes ... and we have to be able to respond accordingly.

difficult as it may be, it is important to consider all five areas.

In estate planning, it's important to review all your documents, including your will, trust and power of attorney. You need to make sure they are accurate and up to date. If you do not have any of these documents, now is the time to do them. Remember, estate planning is not just planning for your death; it's also planning for family emergencies. The more you keep judges, courts and lawyers out of family affairs, the easier life is. Having up-to-date estate planning documents can make handling a family crisis easier on your loved ones.

From an investment standpoint, it is always important to make sure your current investments match your individual goals and objectives and risk tolerance level. Investors who do not have a game plan are gambling and we know what happens to most gamblers — they lose. Now is the time

to review your portfolio to make sure it reflects your current goals and objectives.

When it comes to taxes, always remember your goal is not to lower your taxes, but to be smart with them. That means different things for different people. For example, for many it may mean converting traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. For those with children, it may mean taking advantage of the Michigan Education Savings Plan. Remember, taxes are more than filing your tax returns; it's making sure you handle transactions properly and take advantage of opportunities such as retirement saving accounts or even available flexible spending plans.

When it comes to risk management, the important thing is to identify risks and decide if it is a risk you can assume or need to deal with. Insurance is one way of covering risk, but not all risks need to be insured.

Furthermore, when it comes to risk management, for those of you with homes and cars, it's important to review your coverage to make sure it still fits your needs; shop your coverages around. Remember, when reviewing your coverages, don't forget about your deductible. Raising your deductible is a great way to lower your premium.

In addition, when reviewing your risk management needs, don't forget about life insurance. Not everyone needs life insurance and there are many people who continue to pay on policies they do not need. The question is not whether or not we are going to die, because we all know that answer. The question is will anyone lose financially if you die? If the answer is no, you don't need insurance.

Lastly, it is always important to review your debt situation. Not all debt is the same. For example, some debt is tax-deductible while some is not. The key is to

review your debt situation and make sure you're being efficient with it. Even though everyone's debt situation is different, one thing I can tell you is if you have charge card debt, it is a type of debt that needs to be extinguished as soon as you can.

Getting and keeping your financial house in order is not easy, but it must be done. We live in a time where everything changes at a rapid pace and we have to be able to respond accordingly. The consequences of not keeping your financial house in order can be severe, not only to you, but also to your family. Therefore, as we start the new year, spending time and getting your personal financial affairs in order will help make 2017 a good year for you.

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

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CLARICE L. "BABE" Age 92, passed away December 27, 2016. She was born October 9, 1924 in Virginia, Minnesota, daughter of the late Ole and Clara Krog. Clarice was known for her strong, abiding faith. She was a practicing, heart and soul Christian and was an active and longtime member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. She worked for 18 years as a remedial readers aide at Sayre Elementary. Clarice will always be remembered as a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her children, Charles Jr., Gary (Kathleen), Susan (Gary) Patera, Jill, and Lynn (Chris) Kluck. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles in 1997 and two brothers; and two sisters. A memorial service was held on Friday, December 30 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Active Faith Community Services.
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DARWIN W. Age 76, of Holly, Michigan, passed away December 28, 2016 following a brief battle with cancer. He was born September 6, 1940 in Nankin Twp., Michigan, loving son of the late Robert and Adeline Prieskorn. He is survived by his brothers, Dallas (Eleanor) Prieskorn of Clinton, Missouri, and Dwight (Doris) Prieskorn of Gregory, MI; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Pamela K. (Cuttler) Prieskorn of 40 years. Darwin was a hole-in-one golfer, he loved nature and was a longtime employee of South Lyon Lumber. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, January 5 at 11:00 a.m. with the family receiving friends beginning at 9:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Darwin will be laid to rest in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.
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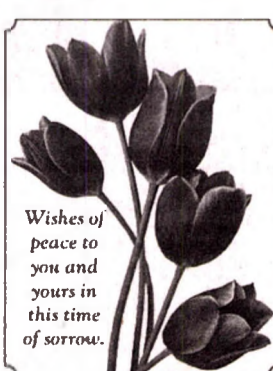
ELIZABETH Age 93, passed away December 27, 2016, formerly of Oscoda. She was born on April 25, 1923, in Detroit, to the late Arthur and Gertrude (Olette) Jones. Elizabeth is survived by her children, Arthur "Skip" (Sandra) Thornton, Janice (Ron) Luttman, Elaine (Ron) Wittbrodt, Patricia (the late Michael Reffett) Thornton, Kathy Marshall, and Kelly (Mark) Kriebel; 16 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George in 2004; her son, George; and daughter, Phyllis Webb. A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 6, at 11:00 a.m. with visiting starting at 10:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Livingston County, 2464 Door Road, Howell, MI 48843.
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JANICE age 72, passed away December 31, 2016. She is survived by her daughters Kimberly (Pete Taddeo) Wisner of Mt. Holly, New Jersey and Deborah (David) Slevin of South Lyon; two grandchildren and her siblings: Darlene (Stephen) Merselis, Richard (Ann) Melford and Florence Pharris. Janice is preceded in death by her parents Anthony and Josephine Melford and her brother Donald Melford. A visitation will be held on Friday, January 6, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. with the funeral service on Saturday, January 7, at 10:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the National Alliance of Mentally Ill.
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ZEUNER

EVELYN MAE Age 89, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away December 30, 2016. She was born October 31, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of Wesley and Anne (nee Webb) Gerrins. Evelyn was raised in Detroit and graduated from Mackenzie High School, Class of 1945. During her high school years Evelyn worked at Sanders in Detroit; this is where she developed a love of chocolate. One day while traveling from Chicago on a train, her favorite way to travel, she met a young man in the Navy named George Zeuner. They were united in marriage on August 28, 1948; spending over 40 devoted years together before his death on October 20, 1988. She was secretary of Moraine Elementary School from 1966 until Moraine closed as an elementary school in 1985, and stayed on to transition Moraine to the Moraine Early Childhood Development Center (the precursor to today's Early Childhood Program) through her retirement in June, 1991. She was affectionately known as "Lieutenant Zeuner" to the many young teachers and Early Childhood staff that she mentored over the course of her tenure with Northville Public Schools, and her compassion, humor and positive spirit touched the lives of hundreds of Moraine children, families and staff. She was a proud member of the Salvation Army and was a very caring and generous friend. Evelyn enjoyed traveling throughout the US, especially out west and Hawaii. In every state she and her family visited, it was her mission to find the Liberty Bell in the states capital. She also enjoyed a monthly lunch group where her and her friends would play various games. Evelyn adored being with her family even with all the chaos a full house brings. She was a funny, feisty, and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Evelyn is survived by her daughter Carol and her husband Paul Bottrell; her granddaughter Jamie and her husband Luke Wilcox; her grandson Major Jeffrey and his wife Sara Bottrell; and her great-grandchildren, Reese and Trey Wilcox and Gwen, Kenzie, Addy, and Jolee Bottrell. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son Kenneth Zeuner, and her sisters Shirley Glover and Joyce Wratten. A celebration of Evelyn's life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, Michigan 48075. Please share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com



Suburban Collection expands with Farmington Hills Toyota purchase

The Suburban Collection has expanded its well-established presence in Farmington Hills with the acquisition of a Toyota dealership on Grand River Avenue.

"We are delighted to add to our commitment to this great community with the addition of Suburban Toyota of Farmington Hills," said David T. Fischer, chairman and CEO of The Suburban Collection. "We will provide our Toyota owners and customers with the same excellent sales and service experience that's been the hallmark of all our dealerships."

Based in Troy, The Suburban Collection sells and services 35 automotive brands at 48 locations, primarily in southeast Michigan.

It began operations in 1948 and currently employs more than 2,500 people. The Farmington Hills and Novi-area franchises include Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Nissan, Volkswagen,



Kessler

Mazda, Honda, Acura, Porsche, Audi and Infiniti.

The Suburban Collection is the largest Toyota dealer in Michigan. Suburban Toyota of Troy has been a three-time winner of Toyota's President's Award for outstanding leadership in sales, service and customer satisfaction.

Jeff Kessler has

been appointed general manager of Suburban Toyota of Farmington Hills. He started in the car business in 1994. "I was lucky enough to reunite with the Suburban Collection three years ago where I worked as the retail operations manager for Suburban Toyota in Troy. I am very proud that we have led Metro-Detroit in sales for the last two years," Kessler said. "I look forward to achieving the same things in our new Farmington Hills location."

Kessler and his wife Nicole and two sons live in Beverly Hills. The dealership is at 35200 Grand River Ave., near Drake Road. It was acquired from Serra Automotive, Grand Blanc. The purchase price was not disclosed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COLLEGE FUNDING WORKSHOP

Date/Time: Thursday, Jan. 12, 7-8:30 p.m.
Details: A free workshop on funding your child's college education will be hosted at Livonia Stevenson High School. The speaker will be Robert Hoger, certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding LLC. He will be discussing such topics as how to increase your eligibility for aid and how to find scholarships and grants you've never even heard of. Additional topics to be included:
» How to help your student decide on which colleges to apply to
» How to pick the colleges that may give you the most amount of money
» How to help maximize your students potential to receive scholarships and grants
» What to do right now if your child is in high school
Admission is free, but seating is limited by the size of the room, so call 248-662-1300 to reserve your seat.

MLK EVENT

Date/Time: Monday, Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Details: The Walled Lake Consolidated School District hosts the 18th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration at Walled Lake Northern High School (6000 Bogie Lake Road) in Commerce. The evening's events will include a multicultural dinner 5-6 p.m. complete with ethnic food from around the world prepared by 12 different local restaurants and an exhibition of student work 5-6:30 p.m.
The program will feature keynote speaker Irene Miller, who is a Holocaust survivor and author of the book "Into No Man's Land: A Historical Memoir." Miller will speak on the evening's theme, "Be an Upstander, Not a Bystander: Be an Advocate for Social Justice."
For more information, call Alec Bender, principal at Wixom Elementary, at 248-956-3432 or contact Judy Evola, director of community relations, at judyevola@wlcisd.org.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

Winter Storytimes

Time/Date: Varied
Details: For details about Winter Storytimes, go to www.northvillelibrary.org or call 248-349-3020.

Tween Event: Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum Fossil Record

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10
Details: Just for ages 9-12. Take a look at actual fossils and find clues hidden within. Limit 30 attendees. Online registration begins Jan. 3.

Writing Your Memoir: Two-Part Workshop

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10 and Jan. 17
Details: Write your memoirs for family and friends. This two-part workshop will get you

started, along with other tips with Kathleen Ripley Leo, creative writing instructor. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

Little Me Storytime for Babies & Little Ones

Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13
Details: Little ones, 10 months to two years, along with parents and caregivers, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime with Miss Dorie. Infants and older children also welcome to attend. Just drop in.

Student Stressbuster

Time/Date: Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14
Details: Teens studying for finals can take a break from stressing over finals and unwind in the library's meeting room. Hot chocolate, games, coloring pages,

viral videos and even a visit from local therapy dogs.

Mad Science Presents Spin, Pop, Boom!

Time/Date: 4:15-5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18
Details: Amazing gravity defying chemistry experiments, didgeridoo tubes, foaming hands and steaming chemical reactions. All ages. A hundred free tickets are available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to the program. Due to space limitations, no special groups.

Kidz Time for grades 1-3

Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19
Details: Fun after-school program featuring stories, games and crafts. Register for this program about Chinese New Year.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold St., north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events
» The office and the archives will be closed for the holidays through Monday, Jan. 9.

» **Lecture Series:** "When Amelia Came to Michigan," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

» **Clara Ford Tea:** 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18.

General info
Website: www.millracenorthville.org
Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas and is in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with fundraising teas. Students can have volunteer hours verified.

Rentals: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or Church for a wedding or party.

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

Archives: The archives are open Monday and Tuesday.

Office: The office is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millracenorthville.org

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Study abroad

Several Northville and Novi students at Miami University spent the summer 2016 semester studying abroad, including Anastasia Darragh of Northville, who studied in South Africa; Kelsey Dietrich of Novi, who studied in Italy; John Evans of Northville, who studied in Cuba.

Honors

Leah Bruce, Meg Bruce and Marisa Maino of Novi achieved the dean's list at Belmont University for the fall 2016 semester. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade-point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Graduates

Bo Cheng of Novi graduated with a doctorate from the University of Alabama at the winter commencement.

Michigan students will learn to save lives with CPR

Lori Higgins
Detroit Free Press

Cindy Kuhn's son is alive because his best friend learned how to perform CPR during health classes at Novi High School. Now all Michigan students will receive instruction in cardiopul-

monary resuscitation — thanks to legislation approved in December. "You just never know when you're going to need it," said Kuhn, a fifth-grade teacher at Novi Meadows Upper Elementary. About 357,000 Americans each year suffer cardiac arrest outside of

a hospital, and only about 8 percent of them survive, according to the American Heart Association. In 2010, Kuhn's son Brett went into cardiac arrest while a freshman at Central Michigan University. He was 18 and received life-saving CPR from best friend Chris

Slack, a freshman at Western Michigan University who was visiting the CMU campus. Both graduated from Novi High where freshmen learn CPR during health classes, Kuhn said. Few Michigan schools require such training, but it will become the norm beginning in the

2017-18 school year. The new Michigan rules mandate that the health classes required for graduation be altered to include instruction in CPR and automated external defibrillators. Michigan will become the 36th state to require such instruction. In Michigan, students

will be required to only learn hands-only training, meaning they would learn to do chest compressions but wouldn't be required to learn things such as mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. They would only need to receive the 30-minute instruction once between grades 7-12.

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TEACHING CIVIL DISCOURSE TO OUR KIDS

A small effort that could help heal an election-fractured nation radiates from a center in Virginia

GABE CAVALLARO
USA TODAY NETWORK

As Americans, we are a diverse population. Historically, we have embraced that diversity as what brings us together and truly makes us one nation encouraging all to seek life, liberty and happiness. By sharing our individual differences and finding commonalities, we can work to unify the nation. One thing unites us: We are all Americans. Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who is making a difference to unite, rather than divide, our communities.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - On the campus of Thomas Jefferson's university and in the shadow of his home, Monticello, former social studies teacher Meg Heubeck channels the founding father who sought to unify a nation after a nasty, corrosive election in 1800.

Heubeck wants to resurrect civil discourse. She and her small project aim for a more cooperative America by focusing on those who have yet to vote.

Heubeck, 48, represents the many quiet leaders that the USA TODAY Network will profile throughout 2017 in the wake of the divisive presidential election. She's an American taking real strides to make civic conversation comfortable again.

"We're Americans — that's the thing that holds us together," she says. "Politics shouldn't be something you lose friends and family over."

She has connected with 70,000 teachers across the country as director of instruction for the Youth Leadership Initiative at the University of Virginia Center for Politics, giving them full lesson plans. In one, students play a board game that forces them to understand the compromises it took to write the Constitution. Another uses a mock election and e-Congress simulations to model what actually happens in Congress.

It's meant to prepare students to be lifelong citizens and constructive participants in American democracy. "Discussion, debate and compromise — everything we do has an element of that," Heubeck says.

She learned that lesson as a social



JARRAD HENDERSON / USA TODAY

Meg Heubeck is director of instruction for the Center for Politics' Youth Leadership Initiative at University of Virginia. She works with teachers nationally to help students respectfully deal with the divides of our society through civil discourse, debate and compromise.

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studies teacher for 12 years in low-income areas of Baltimore and again in travels to post-civil war Sri Lanka in 2009 and to Afghanistan in 2011.

She says that sense of "them" and "us" — tribalism really — that she so often hears was a key determiner in 2016's schismatic course.

"You have to make a choice whether to engage or isolate, and I've made a choice to engage, to inspire other people because I see what it's done for me," says Heubeck, who grew up in Jarrettsville, Maryland, with a father who taught at-risk students.

She's also teaching her 10-year-old son, Remmer, to understand different points of view.

The earlier educators can teach children about the American political and civic system and help them understand the election process, the more likely they are to participate later, says Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Politics.

The Youth Leadership materials are available for children as young as kindergarten age. Elementary school teachers can register online and access all the materials for free.

Heubeck's election resources have been used by Julie Strong, a social studies teacher at Albemarle High School in Virginia.

Seniors in Strong's AP Government class developed a better understanding of the political processes before casting their first ballots as new adults.

"We try to put everything in one spot so teachers can find it," says Heubeck, who joined the program in 2004. The program is operated by a mish-mosh of state funds, donations, partnerships, word-of-mouth and unpaid interns.

The next step for concerned citizens, Heubeck says, is to get involved: "We can't cry and hide in the basement. We've got to do something and have that faith in one another."

Q&A WITH MEG HEUBECK

What it means to be an American

Meg Heubeck of Waynesboro, Virginia, leads instruction projects for the Youth Leadership Initiative at the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. The daughter of a teacher and a social worker, she grew up in the suburbs of Baltimore and later spent 12 years as a teacher herself.

What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means that you have the ability to change things. It means that you have the power to make the country what you want it to be. It means the freedom to vote without worrying about going to jail. It means being able to discuss the challenges we face without fearing legal repercussions.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

The exact moment was when I heard one of my colleagues saying their family wasn't talking to each other at Thanksgiving because of the election. I had been working on this topic since the summer, but that's the instant I realized I had to do something. It's going to be really serious business. I want to start rebuilding those relationships. Let's start now.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

We've been through this before in American history. We've had elections that have been tumultuous. We've had candidates who have been unusual, like Andrew Jackson. The way our government is set up protects us from the volatility of strong personalities. We will be OK. But one thing that gives me concern is the sectionalism between the regions of America that don't talk and don't share experiences. It could cause a rift if we don't do something about it.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope to bring back a spirit of discourse, debate and compromise that I think is missing. We can do that through civic education and working with students. I think that makes our democracy a lot stronger. ... These are required skills for the 21st century. I want them to internalize that they can make a difference. We need an increase in voter turnout among young people. That would be fabulous. And more young people running for office!

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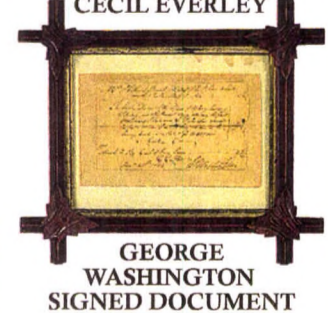
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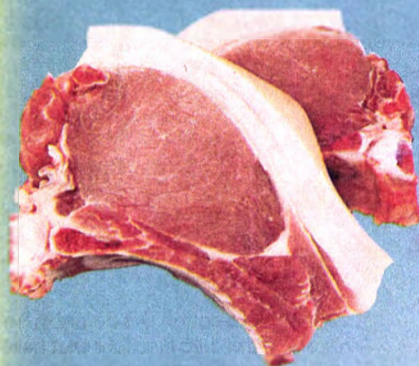
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

NORTHVILLE GETS PAST DEFENDING STATE CHAMPS



The Northville girls basketball team won its own holiday tourney after upending Class A defending state champion Warren Cousino.

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Mustangs defeat Warren Cousino in rematch of last year's quarterfinal contest, 62-51

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The Northville girls basketball team may not have been on Santa's radar screen during Christmas, but it is now.

The Mustangs pulled off a stocking stuffer Dec. 28 by stunning defending Class A champion Warren Cousino, 62-51, in the finals of the Northville Holiday Tournament.



Dillon

Northville (6-1) put a dragnet around Georgia Tech signee and Miss Basketball favorite Kierra Fletcher, limiting the senior guard to 10 points on 4-of-13 shooting while avenging last year's 41-29 state quarterfinal

loss to the Patriots (5-2). The Mustangs overcame an early 8-1 deficit and led wire-to-wire in the final three quarter, thanks to

sterling efforts from a host of players, led by 6-foot senior forward-guard Jessica Moorman, who scored a game-high 19 points.

"Our defense was really strong tonight," said Moorman, who was all over the floor. "After the loss last year, we wanted to get back this year and I think our defense tied everything together."

Although Cousino got 18 points from sophomore guard Kate McArthur and 13 from sophomore guard Mackenzie Cook, the Mustangs made sure Fletcher was contained.

"We were just trying to keep a kid in front of her, get her to give the ball up and make sure she didn't get the ball back," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "When she did, we wanted to have two or three kids running at her to keep her from getting to the rim. She's not an outside shooter, she's a slasher and attacker at the rim. We wanted to keep her as far away from the rim as possible."

After taking a 14-12 lead after one quarter on a

basket by Brianna Drummond, Northville increased its edge to 32-23 at halftime thanks to a long 3-point-er at the buzzer by junior point guard Kendall Dillon, who finished with 13 points.

Cousino cut the deficit to 45-40 after three quarters, but the Mustangs didn't flinch even when Dillon was carried off the floor after her ankle buckled on a drive to the basket.

Drummond, who added seven points off the bench, came on to make two free throws and the Patriots never got closer than five points the rest of the way.

"Kendall was having a really good game, so it was a bit scary for a couple of seconds," said Moorman, who went 8-of-11 from the field. "But then we composed ourselves and decided to finish out that quarter for Kendall. It ended up pretty well."

Northville also got contributions offensively

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Justice reigns supreme

Northville wins championship of its own holiday tournament

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Northville's Jake Justice is listed as a guard, but he plays like a power forward.

The 6-foot-1 senior might as well be 6-foot-11, because he continued to making his living in the paint Dec. 28, scoring a game-high 23 points as the host Mustangs captured their own holiday tournament title with a convincing 67-50 win over cold-shooting Howell.

Justice, posting up a majority of the time, went 10-of-13 from the field and 3-of-4 from the foul line as the Mustangs improved to 4-3 overall.

"Jake's like a bull down there. But he's unselfish, too, so when he does get double- or triple-teamed down there, he'll find open players," Northville coach Todd Sander said.

Justice scored 11 of his 23 points in the opening quarter as the Mustangs led, 23-18. After picking up his second foul, he went to the bench and did not score until the third quarter, when he rang up 10 more as Northville built a 55-39 advantage.

"He's a special player and he's really effective around the rim," Sander said. "Actually, it may have benefited us. He had to sit a lot in the first half with foul trouble, which kept him fresh, and he was able to come out and play the entire second half."

Justice not only likes to post up, a la



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Northville's Jake Justice (right) twists and shoots over Howell's Dan Zolinski.

Adrian Dantley, but can also make mid-range shots and drive to the basket from his guard position.

"I just always had it," Justice said. "I never really worked on it, but one day coach just told me I'm playing the 'four,' so I just started going down with the bigs down at the post section and just kept working on it and that's about it. Coach tells me just try and post up

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PREP FOOTBALL

CC's top quarterback Brown transferring to home district

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Austin Brown, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's starting quarterback both as a freshman and sophomore, is transferring back to his home school district.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound sophomore, who broke his leg in the Shamrocks' MHSAA Division 1 state semifinal victory over Romeo, will enroll the next semester at Madison Heights Madison High School, where his father Jimmy Brown has been athletic director the past eight years.

Brown guided CC to a 13-0 record this season, completing 61.5 percent of his passes (72-of-117) with 14 touchdowns and only two interceptions before going down during the first half while trying to run for a touchdown near the goal line in a 17-0 win over Romeo.

Brown, who was replaced in that semifinal game by sophomore Marco Genrich, underwent surgery prior to CC's 49-20 state championship loss against Detroit Cass Tech at Ford Field, where senior Dillon Dejong got the start.

"Obviously, it wasn't football-related," Jimmy Brown said. "They went 13-0 and made the finals, so it really didn't have anything to do with that. I mean, you can't get any better than Division 1 and 13 wins in a row, so it really didn't come down to that."

Jimmy Brown said his son's transfer was based on staying closer to home



SCOTT CONFER

Quarterback Austin Brown led the Shamrocks to 13 straight wins before going down in the state semifinals with a broken leg.

and reconnecting with his family. The two schools are 25 miles apart. CC has an enrollment of 1,069 boys, while Madison has a total of 367 (boys and girls).

"He's got some younger siblings that are pretty close to him. One of them is going to be going to high school next year and he kind of wanted to be a little bit closer to home and be a little more

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Catholic Central earns 71-70 victory at Roundball Classic

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Senior guard Gio Genrich made a pair of free throws with only four seconds left as Novi Detroit Catholic Central held off a late Southfield A&T rally for a 71-70 boys basketball win Friday at the Motor City Roundball Classic at Detroit Renaissance.

Senior forward C.J. Baird had 20 points, five rebounds and three assists to lead the Shamrocks (4-1), who led 39-23 at halftime and 51-41 after three quarters.

Brandon Recto and Davis Lukomski chipped in 16 and 10 points, respectively, for CC, which made 26-of-54 from the field (48.1 percent) and 46.2 percent from the foul line.

Western Michigan signee Michael Flowers led South-

field A&T (1-4) and all scorers with 29 points, including 11-of-15 from the field. His basket with 10 seconds left cut the deficit to 69-67 before Genrich answered with a pair of free throws.

Flowers, who went 4-of-5 from 3-point range, hit a triple at the buzzer to make it a one-point differential. The Warriors outscored CC in the final quarter, 29-20.

Reme Tolbert and Cameron McEvans added 17 and nine points, respectively, for the Warriors, who went 27-of-54 from the field (50 percent) and 10-of-13 from the foul line (76.9 percent).

NORTHVILLE 66, LINCOLN PARK 23: Time after time it was steal and layup, steal and layup. And it all added up to a resounding win Dec. 27 for the host Mustangs (3-3) against the Railsplitters (1-4) during the opening round of their own holiday tournament.

Senior guard Jake Justice, who led all scorers,

scored all 17 of his game-high points in the opening half as the Mustangs jumped out to a commanding 52-8 lead and broke a three-game losing skid.

Also getting into the act for the Mustangs during the lopsided first half was 6-foot-5 Swedish exchange student Gustaf Tjernberg (11 points), senior guard Kevin Morrissey (nine) and senior guard Colin Latta (eight).

Northville, which shot 22-of-38 from the field during the first half (57.8 percent), took advantage of 14 Lincoln Park turnovers, converting several steals into layups.

With a 44-point lead at intermission, the second half went by quickly thanks to a running clock.

Lincoln Park, which shot only 9-of-38 from the floor (23.6 percent), got 11 points from senior forward Nijuan Jefferson.

TOLEDO ST. JOHN'S 67, NOVI 39: Four players scored in double figures Dec. 28 as Toledo St. John's (6-2) used a big third quarter to take down the Wildcats (3-4) in the Motor City Roundball Classic at Detroit Renaissance.

Vincent William Jr. and Joey Fretti both scored 14 points for the Titans, who exploded in the third quarter with six 3-pointers. Houston King and Harrison Riggs added 12 and 10, respectively. Sophomore guard Giovanni Miles scored 11 points and had seven rebounds, four steals and a block, while junior guard Traveon Maddox Jr. added 10 points, six rebounds, three assists and three blocks for Novi.

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USA HOCKEY



U.S. goalie Dylan St. Cyr of Northville gets some defensive support from Grant Mismash, blocking a shot taken by Trinity's Liam Feeney during Friday's matinee.

RENA LAVERTY

U18 squad rallies in third for 6-3 triumph

St. Cyr makes 21 saves to lead U.S. past Trinity

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The first shot of Friday's matinee hockey game eluded goaltender Dylan St. Cyr to put the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team into a quick hole.

Although the U.S. team quickly responded to go up 2-1, Trinity College did not quit — scoring twice within 42 seconds late in the second period to go up 3-2 entering the third.

But grinding to overcome adversity is something the 5-foot-8 St. Cyr and teammates have been able to do quite well in recent weeks.

Such was the case in the holiday week match-up against the Bantams, with the U.S. twice rallying from deficits to post a 6-3 win.

"It's about being able to bounce back from goals," St. Cyr, of Northville, said about the way the team persevered Friday. "It's being able to pick each other up when others aren't playing so well — as myself on the first goal. I think I could have had that one back."

"But my team was there to bail me out and get six goals tonight, which was huge."

The U.S. scored four times in the third period to erase the 3-2 deficit and post a fifth consecutive win. Tying the game just seven seconds into a power play was forward Michael Pastujov (Michigan), who tipped in a blue line blast by defenseman Quinn Hughes at 1:01.

"The power play's got to be a catalyst for our team, especially in a game that can go either way," U.S. head coach John Wroblewski said. "It's a confidence-builder."

After St. Cyr made a couple of timely stops on an ensuing Trinity power play, the U.S. took the lead for good at 7:30 on a one-timer from the left circle by Grant Mismash, wiring a centering pass from linemate Brady Tkachuk.

Scoring later in the period were forwards Sean Dhooghe and Randy Hernandez. Making Dhooghe's insurance goal happen was assistant captain Scott Reedy, who won a puck battle near the Trinity blue line and threaded a nice pass.

Dhooghe's shot from below the left circle sailed over Trinity goalie Alex Morin's trapper.

"(Reedy) does a lot of good things for us," said forward Josh Norris, who scored his team's first-period goal and finished with four points. "He does a lot of little things not everyone recognizes. He's huge for our team."

Group effort

Norris concurred with St. Cyr about the never-say-die makeup of the team, evident throughout the winning streak.

"Over the past five games we've won, we've come together better, we've trusted each other," said Norris, a Michigan commit from Oxford. "When you're able to work as a group of five, it makes it a lot easier on everyone on the ice. It's more fun to play like that, too."

For Wroblewski and his squad, the first home game in three weeks provided an opportunity to show home fans the kind of product on display during the recent hot streak — including 5-2 and 7-5 United States Hockey League wins Dec. 16-17 at Madison.

And St. Cyr (21 saves), in goal for three of those four victories, showed the moxie that has helped him lower his goals-against average to less than 3.00 entering the Trinity game.

With about four minutes remaining in the first, he held firm to turn aside a backhand taken from the right circle by Ryan Cole and stopped the final nine shots he saw in the opening period.

In the second period, St. Cyr did not see much rubber as his teammates turned up the offensive heat, peppering Morin and finally breaking the deadlock with 9:28 remaining. Norris sent a crisp cross-ice pass to linemate Graham Slaggert, who slid the puck past Morin (31 saves).

The U.S. enjoyed a 17-7 edge in shots in the period.

But the Bantams tied and went ahead 3-2 on back-to-back goals a half-minute apart. The equalizer, with 3:18 to go, was an unassisted goal by Charlie Zuccarini. He cut in from the left half-wall, deked St. Cyr and flipped the puck high into the net.

Firing back

At 17:14, Trinity — a team in the New England Small College Athletic Conference — took advantage of an odd-man rush and a carom off the back boards, with Ethan Holdaway cashing in.

That seemingly lit a fire under the U.S., which came out shooting and scoring early in the final period, with the Bantams unable to respond.

"It's definitely a good characteristic to have," Wroblewski said about his team's ability to turn the page. "The resiliency and wherewithal to know you can persevere through a tough game. It's hockey, it's tough to predict what's going to happen."

Getting the Bantams off to a promising start in their first-ever game against the NTDP was Connor Hegarty, who ripped a shot from the right point past St. Cyr less than a minute into the contest.

The U.S. needed only two minutes to respond, as Norris set up shop in front of Morin and found the mark with 17:05 to go in the first. Drawing assists were defenseman Tommy Miller (West Bloomfield/MSU) and Pastujov.

The U18 squad is now 13-5-0 since Nov. 1 and is back in action Friday at the University of Maine and Saturday at the University of New England.

The team returns to USA Hockey Arena for games at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 13-14, against USHL opponent Green Bay.

STOEVER SUITS UP: Another goalie from Northville, Christian Stoever, was St. Cyr's backup against Trinity, with Adam Scheel temporarily with the U.S. NTDP Under-17 team.

BACK HOME: Meanwhile the U17s play home games for the first time in a month, facing Chicago (7 p.m. Friday) and Youngstown (7 p.m. Saturday).

The U17 team, coached by Danton Cole, plays an additional four home games before the end of January, beginning with a 2 p.m. tilt on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, Jan. 16) against Muskegon.

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from senior center Brook Adams (12 points) and junior guard Roan Haines (nine). Haines moved into the backcourt with Moorman after Dillon went down.

"Obviously, that's a big blow to lose your point guard," Gudith said. "She's the one who handles the ball the most. And with seven minutes left, there's still a lot of time for them to come back and it was still a really tight ballgame. I think our kids were a little shell-shocked first couple of possessions, but then we settled down and, basically, brought the ball up as a group collectively and did nice job handling the pressure."

Northville was 11-of-24 (45.8 percent) from the free-throw line and 24-of-48 from (50 percent) from the field.

Although the Mustangs committed five early turnovers, they had 14 for the game.

"The biggest thing is trying to break their pressure," Gudith said of the Patriots. "They try and speed you up and have a lot of athletic kids. First couple of trips, we fumbled the ball a little bit, but once we broke their pressure, we got some easy attempts at the

basket and the kids did a nice job finishing at the rim."

For the Patriots, who return four starters, there may be some state championship hang-over. It was the second time this season Cousino had been beaten by double digits, with the other loss coming against Birmingham Marian (56-42).

"We beat them in the quarterfinals and that's why they were tough tonight ... they wanted that one," Cousino coach Mike Lee said of the Mustangs. "As much as a regular season game can give you, they had a chip on their shoulder. And obviously, we know there's a reason why we wear a target on our back because, if you're the state champions, teams are going to come for you. And they played great today. Hats off to them."

Both Fletcher and McArthur fouled out in the final minute. The Patriots were 20-of-56 (35.7 percent) from the field and committed 14 turnovers.

"Tonight, we were a little sluggish on defense," Lee said. "We like to press. I don't know if it's back-to-back games, but we didn't have the legs. We had to get out of our press early. It wasn't about offense. If we score 50-some, we should win most of the games we play."

Although Northville earned its biggest win to date, the Mustangs hope Dillon can

make a speedy recovery.

"It's just a high ankle sprain but, thankfully, we don't play until (Jan. 10). So we got almost two weeks and she's going to need all that time probably to heal and, hopefully, she'll be ready when we play (at) Salem," Gudith said. "She took her player off the dribble a lot and took it to the rim. She produced and also was able to feed her teammates. She's a big part of the offense. She runs everything."

First-round win

Adams paced a balanced scoring attack with 14 points as the Mustangs held up their end of the bargain in the opening round Dec. 27 with a 63-30 win over Oxford.

Northville led 33-14 at halftime and 47-21 after three quarters against the Wildcats (1-4).

Other top scorers for the Mustangs included Jasmin Prince, nine points; Moorman and Haines, eight each; and Ellie Thallman, six.

Oxford's Madelyn Morris scored 15 points to lead all scorers.

Northville had a total of 26 field goals, including one 3-pointer, to go along with a 10-of-12 effort from the free-throw line.

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and try and get it and that's what I do."

The Mustangs, who shot 52 percent from the field (26-of-50), also got 11 points from 6-foot-5 Swedish exchange student Gustaf Tjernberg and 11 points off the bench from sophomore guard Robert Johnson III.

Senior guard Colin Latta scored eight points.

Northville, which came into the two-day holiday tournament with a three-game losing streak, regrouped to outscore its two opponents, 133-73.

"Offensively, I think we did fine," Justice said. "We have to work more on our defense. I think everyone is smart enough to know where help is, how you're getting there. We just have to talk and communicate more and just get into a rhythm on how we play defense."

And it appeared the Mustangs did that, limiting the Highlanders (4-3) to 23.4 percent shooting from the field (15-of-64).

"I thought we did a nice job of covering their shooters and I was impressed with the game plan that coach (Sean) Turner and coach (Ed) Kritch came up with," Sander said. "The big thing is that we didn't have a lot of time with zero practice in between, so we had a little bit of time today to prep for Howell. It makes it difficult, but our team really bought in and did a nice job executing what we asked them to do."

Howell's lone player in double figures was junior guard Johnny Shields with 13 points, while senior Dan Zolinski and sophomore Josh Palo added eight apiece.

The Highlanders struggled from the 3-point line.

"We were 3-of-30," Howell coach Nick Simon. "For our team, I'd say, that's probably a strength offensively, so that's a big shock. Yesterday we shot 11-of-22, so it was just one of those nights. All shots I liked. They just didn't go in and



Northville's Kevin Morrissey (right) launches a jumper over Howell's Johnny Shields.

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they're a good team and good offensively. If our shots aren't falling and theirs are, that's how you get a score like it was."

Howell also had problems defending the undersized but strong Justice in the post.

"He's really efficient, for sure," Simon said. "He's a great player. He played great (the previous day). He was tough to stop, for sure."

Northville doesn't return to action until Tuesday, Jan. 10, when it hosts Salem in a KLAA Central Division clash.

"We've had a rough couple of weeks and we've had different lineups and different combinations," Sander said. "Some games guys play a lot, sometimes they don't, but the guys

have hung together. It's been great and it will be nice to get a few days off after two wins."

Justice was Northville's valuable sixth man a year ago, when the Mustangs finished 21-2.

"The thing with our team is that we're always trying our hardest," he said. "We got to get back in the flow of things because, when division play comes up, we're trying to be perfect. So we work every day and we just try and get perfect after the three losses we had, trying to get back in our rhythm. Because last year, we did pretty good. We've got to live up to that expectation."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Darkangelo brought all the intangibles for FSU

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Anthony Darkangelo's worth to the Ferris State football program during the past four years went well beyond the statistics and accolades.

The 6-foot, 232-pound linebacker led the NCAA Division II playoff semifinalists in tackles this season with 62 solo, including 11 for loss and one sack, to go along with 81 assists and one forced fumble.

The 2013 Novi Detroit Catholic Central High grad also made all-Great Lakes Athletic Conference three consecutive years.

But that's only a part of his story.

"He was the guy, without question, our leader," Ferris State coach Tony Annese said. "He made simple decisions from what uniforms we wore on the road, to home, and to how guys conduct themselves and represented the team, both on campus and in the community. And obviously, he led our defense in a multitude of ways. He was, for sure, 'the' guy, absolutely 100 percent, 'the' guy we relied on to really be the driving force and help us having the success we had."

And when it comes to No. 38, it really boiled down to all of his intangibles.

High character

"The strength training, the commitment to excellence ... all of those things are things he brought to the table," Annese said. "And there's certainly going to be a void there. Without Darkangelo, there's certainly a lot to overcome from a guy that commands a lot of respect. He was almost like an assistant coach, truthfully, a guy that had that respect from everyone."

Darkangelo was one of the big reasons why the Bulldogs (12-3) made a run all the way to the national semifinals before falling to eventual champion Northwest Missouri State, 35-20.

During a second-round 38-17 win over Colorado Mines, Darkangelo matched his regular season high with 14 tackles. The following week, the Bull-



Catholic Central grad Anthony Darkangelo recently capped a brilliant four-year career at Ferris State.

dogs avenged a regular season loss by knocking off previously unbeaten and GLIAC champion Grand Valley State on the road, 47-32.

"The only thing better you can ask for is the win and go to the national championship, right?" said Darkangelo, who helped FSU to an eight-game winning streak. "There were ups and downs. At the beginning of the year, we kind of had to find who we were as a team, I'd say, and everybody said it was going to be kind of a down year for us because (of) losing such big-name people like (Justin) Zimmer, Jason (Vander Laan) and people like them. But I think after we found out what kind of team we were and who we wanted to be and how good we could be, it showed the team we were. We made a run to the semifinals and it's the second time Ferris had ever done that."

Shamrock days

During his days at CC, Darkangelo helped the Shamrocks to two straight MHSAA Division 1 state finals. He was a two-time all-state player and rushed for a total of 2,574 yards and 34 touchdowns during his prep career.

The Brighton native was part of Annese's second recruiting class.

"When I went to Ferris, they weren't very good, maybe a little above .500," Darkangelo said. "And obviously, with coach Annese in there and feeding us a mission of 'this team is going to be great if you just buy in to what's going on.' My freshman year (2013), I got to play a little bit. We went to North Dakota State (56-10 loss in the opener) and we were a good team, but we still needed to get some missing parts. And then my sophomore, junior and senior year — each year — we just got better because we had four-year guys that were under coach Annese that were just buying in. Every year has been better for us."

During the 2014 season, Darkangelo emerged to become an impact player for the Bulldogs' defense and evolved into a force. He was the team's second-leading tackler.

"He's got a great nose for the football, he's a great tackler (with) great tackling skills, great balance, great block destruction," Annese said. "It doesn't matter who's out there trying to block him. If he's got an offensive lineman, he'll take

him on and make the tackle at the point of attack. He's got the entire package when it comes to all those things."

Doing his part

As a junior, Darkangelo took on added responsibilities both on and off the field.

"I've always tried to be a leader and I was captain last year," he said, "and I helped to lead as much as I can and learn from those guys, I guess. This year, I was the only returning captain. A captain isn't everything but, obviously, it is because people look to you as a leader and the coaches think you can lead the team."

Darkangelo also had a great support system from his teammates, including four with Catholic Central ties.

Among those also contributing to the Bulldogs' success this season were junior defensive end Dylan Roney, a transfer from Navy who had 44 tackles (including 6.5 sacks); junior defensive lineman Chris Okoye (23 tackles, including five for loss); sophomore defensive back and special teams standout Danny Collins (10 tackles and one fumble recovery); and freshman red-shirt defensive back Alex Bock.

"Dylan is my best friend; he's been my best friend since high school," Darkangelo said. "He went to Navy and, as soon as I heard he was trying to get out of Navy, because it wasn't a fit for him, I got on the phone and told him he didn't have a choice of where he was going. We got him at Ferris and he's obviously a good player. It's good to him have."

"And Danny (Collins) and (Chris) Okoye ... I'm friends and I went to (high) school with them and they're both really good football players, too. Danny is good, hopefully he'll get more playing time this year and start for the team, and Okoye has been rotating and starting. It's good to have guys around and guys that care. All of them are traveling and playing. It's almost like I opened the pipeline for CC to Ferris, kind of in a way. It's awesome."

Pro aspirations

Darkangelo's next move is to get a tryout with an NFL team. Currently working out at Phoenix Athletics in Howell, the linebacker is in the process

of finding an agent with the aim of getting a look at a combine or pro day.

Former FSU standouts Jake Lampman and Justin Zimmer just finished stints with the New Orleans Saints, while Jason Vander Laan was signed late in the season by the New York Jets.

"It's been one of my dreams since I was a little kid," Darkangelo said. "I've had the dream of NFL since I can remember. It's exciting to be done, but it's sad at the same time because, obviously, you don't want to be done with college. But at the same time now, I'm excited to pursue something because it had to end at one point, right? It was going to come to an end regardless and now it's an exciting time to move forward and do something I've dreamed of since I was a little kid. I have the mentality that if I work as hard as I can, I think it's going to turn out right for me."

And one person who thinks Darkangelo can fulfill his NFL aspirations is Annese.

"I would never doubt him," he said. "If there's a guy that can do it, it's him. I would never doubt Anthony and his determination to make something happen. He certainly is a linebacker with a lot of passion. He'll run around and hit you and make plays. His work ethic and determination is something I would never doubt."

Although the Bulldogs fell one victory shy of playing for an NCAA Division II title, it was a highly productive and satisfying four years in Big Rapids. Ferris went 42-8 during that period, including 25 straight regular season victories, a pair of GLIAC titles and three straight NCAA playoff bids.

"If you ask anybody, you'd obviously want to win the national championship," said Darkangelo, who majored in integrative studies and business. "I think it's been one heck of a ride for me. It's a bitter-sweet ending a little bit. We went on this sweet ride, but it's like, 'Wow, my Ferris State career is over.' But you're also happy for what you accomplished as a team and as an individual."

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PREP WRESTLING

CC places second at Medina Invitational

Shamrocks finish only two points behind top school

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central took runner-up honors as only four points separated the top three teams in last week's Medina (Ohio) Invitational wrestling tournament.

Wadsworth (Ohio) took the team title, edging the Shamrocks, 213-211, while Massillon (Ohio) Perry was a close third with 209. Ohio schools Oak Harbor and Genoa rounded out the top five in the 44-school field with 156 and 133, respectively.

Catholic Central got individual titles from Kevin Davenport (132 pounds) and Nick Jenkins (285), as both wrestlers went 6-0 during the two-day tournament Dec. 27-28.

Davenport ran his record to 18-0 with a 10-1 major decision over Wadsworth's Luke Baughman in the finals, while Jenkins improved to 18-1 with a 1-0 decision against Moe Debyan of Hilliard (Ohio) Darby.

The Shamrocks' Ben Kamali reached the finals at 120 pounds before falling to Graham Shore of Casstown (Ohio) Miami East, 10-4. Kamali is 14-2 overall.

Among CC's third-place finishers were Cameron

Amine (145) and Jackson Ross (220).

Amine, 17-3 on the year, lost his semifinal match to Massillon Perry's Gary Define, 4-3, in overtime, before bouncing back to win by major decision over Dylan Mansour of Oak Harbor, 9-0.

Ross, 10-3 overall, fell in the consolation final to Richmond's Tyler Marino, 4-3.

Other top finishers for CC included Aiden Wagh, fourth (152); Rhett Newton, seventh (113); and Dane Flynn (195), eighth.

The Shamrocks will host the CC Invitational beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7.

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BROWN

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able to be a little more supportive and spend more time with his younger siblings," Jimmy Brown said. "I think it was just being away from home. He was literally there from six in the morning until eight at night and really wasn't spending a lot of time around here. With breaking his leg, I think it just kind of all hit him all at once and put him through another mindset mentally."

Jimmy Brown said he tried to convince his son to remain at CC.

"I wanted him to kind of think about it before he did it, because I really didn't want him to go, to be honest with you, because I thought he was in a great position," Jimmy Brown said. "You got to appreciate the fact that he was looking out for his younger siblings, so it's kind of bittersweet, the whole thing, because CC was good to him, good to our family. I really don't have one bad thing to say about the whole thing. It was top-notch, the administration, coaches — everybody was great, including (basketball) coach (Bill) Dyer."

Brown also played significant varsity minutes during his freshman year as a point guard on CC's basketball team.

"This is the first time he's ever had to sit out a sport since he was probably 6 years old and not being able to roll into basketball with coach Dyer and everybody else, I think that kind of crushed him," Jimmy Brown said. "It was a pretty big setback."

Jimmy Brown said his son's recovery time remains uncertain.

"He had the surgery and the plate put in," Jimmy Brown said. "It's healing up nicely, but he'll still be in a boot for a couple of weeks, then he has to go through therapy and, obviously, you don't know how that's all going to pan out."

Once Brown is able to return, he'll be going to a Division 7 school that finished 6-4 and made the state playoffs under first-year coach James Rogers, a former cornerback at the

University of Michigan. Madison lost its pre-district playoff opener to eventual state runner-up Detroit Loyola, 45-12.

As a ninth-grader for CC, Brown earned his first start in the third game of the 2015 season, eventually leading the Shamrocks to a 9-3 record, a co-share of the Catholic League's Central Division title and district championship. CC's playoff run was ended in the regional final by Division 1 state champ Romeo, 40-29. (Theo Day, who eventually transferred to Dearborn Divine Child and led the Falcons to a Division 3 state semifinal berth this season, was CC's starter for the first two games of the 2015 season before being replaced by Brown.)

CC coach Tom Mach, who just completed his 41st season, could not be reached for comment, but CC athletic director Aaron Babicz wrote in an email last week: "Austin Brown has decided to transfer to the school where his father works. His younger brother will be a freshman there in the fall as well. We are disappointed that he is leaving, but wish him the best."

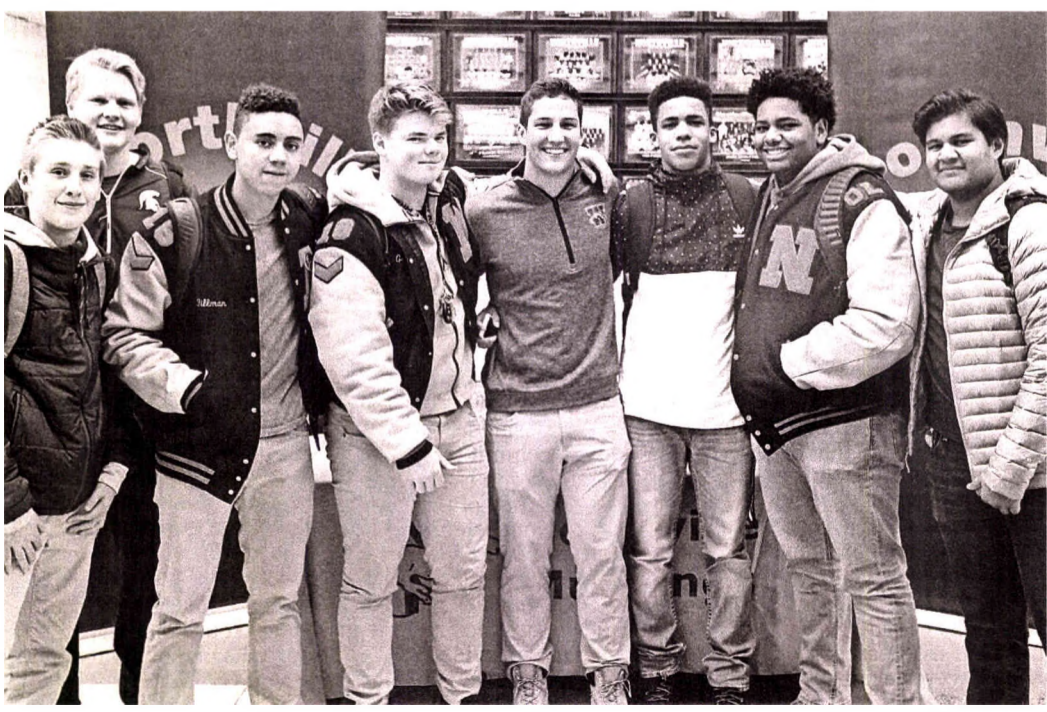
Jimmy Brown said the decision to transfer was difficult on many fronts.

"It was hard for him because of his relationship with Mr. Babicz," Jimmy Brown said. "He felt like he was letting coach (Tom) Mach down. He and coach Mach talked it out. He's leaving on good terms and I'm happy about that. It's not like there was any animosity between him or anybody on that side of town because, as far as I know, the past two years I haven't heard of any kind of rift from any kind of coaches or anything like that, any players or any dissension."

"I know everybody's kind of upset, but honestly everybody we talked to — the A.D., coach Mach, the players — everybody kind of understands Austin's loyalty to his family. It came down to a personal thing with him and that was pretty much it. We wanted to make sure we did it respectfully, not leave and not say anything."

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Guthrie ready to 'Row the Boat'



MATT LADACH

Northville High senior outside linebacker Trenton Guthrie (fifth from left), a Detroit News honorable mention all-state selection bound for Western Michigan University, attended his final day of class Friday, Dec. 23. Guthrie, who also earned second team Detroit Free Press all-state, News all-Metro West and all-Kensington Lakes Activities Association honors, will be an early enrollee for the Broncos and will sign his NCAA letter of intent Feb. 1. On hand for his high school send-off were teammates (from left) Alec Woodman, Bryce Marmaduke, Andrew Fillman, Jordan Grewe, Trenton Guthrie, A.J. Abbott, Chase Cozey and Nick Khatiwala.

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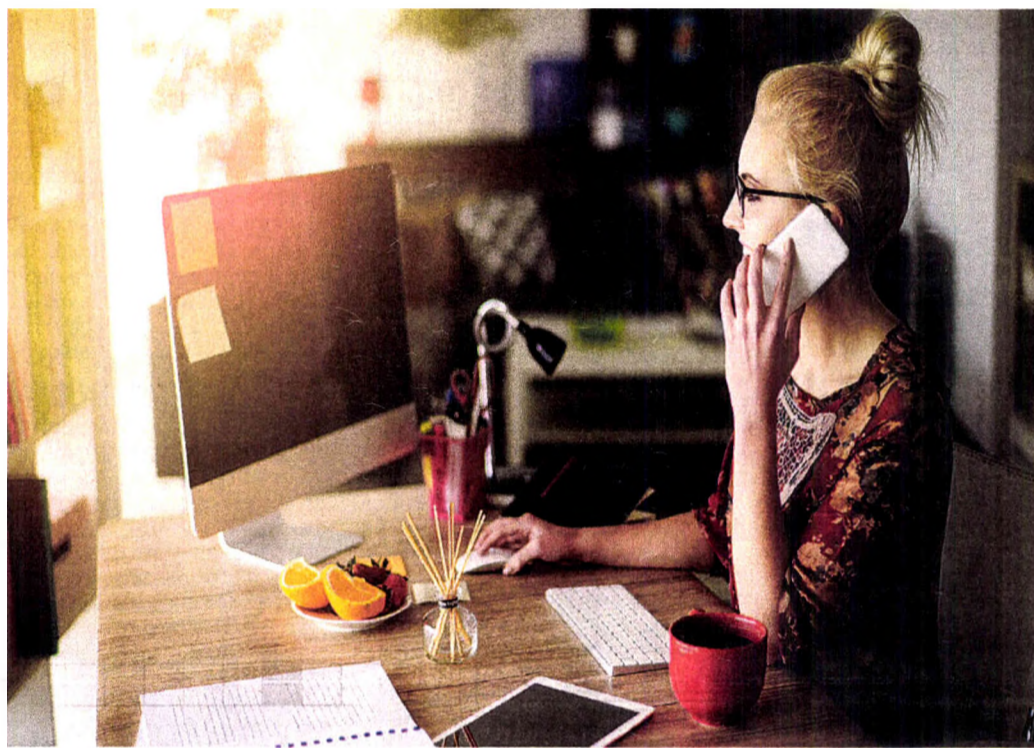
Push your productivity when working remotely

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It can be difficult to concentrate in an office setting, but being a virtual worker can pose its own set of challenges, as you can be more prone to distractions and interruptions. Keep these simple, practical tips in mind when you work remotely to increase your productivity.

1. Have a dedicated workspace. "You have to put yourself in the mind frame to work, and your environment is a powerful tool to help you do that," says Michele Mavi, director of internal recruiting and content development at Atrium Staffing. "Having a specific workspace allows you to leave things in place so you can pick up right where you left off in the morning. No scrambling to find your notes from the day before or wasting time getting set up and settled in."

Jenna Luchau, director of project management at Scorpion, an internet marketing company, has a dedicated office space free of TV and other distractions. "When I enter my office in the morning, I am 100 percent dedicated to the workday and what I need to accomplish, just as I would be if I worked in the corporate office," she says.



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2. Set regular office hours and have a daily routine. Megan Shroy, president and founder of Approach Marketing, a virtual public-relations and marketing agency, says setting a schedule for yourself can help pace the day.

"It's easy to see 5:30 p.m. come and go or work right through lunch when you're in the comfort of your own home," she says. "Try to set a regular schedule, including what time you will start and end your day, and build in a regular lunch break where you leave your office space."

Getting into a daily routine is also important. "I always start

my morning by reading my emails while I eat breakfast, followed by a 15-minute session where I outline my tasks for the day," says Kristopher Johnson, a digital marketing strategist for The Gantry Restaurant & Bar in Sydney. "Doing this daily has created a habit that allows for a seamless transition into my workday."

One routine that Gene Caballero, co-founder of the online lawn-care booking service GreenPal, has established is getting dressed every morning as though he's going into an office. "By doing this, I stay in a routine, and it allows me to get in the mind-set that my

workday is about to get started," he says.

3. Limit distractions. Social media can be a big distraction to remote workers. That's why Beth Adan, senior publicist and graphic designer at public-relations and social-media management agency Three Girls Media, shuts the door and logs out of her personal social-media accounts when working from home.

Maura Thomas, a speaker, trainer and author who founded RegainYourTime.com, recommends that remote workers turn off push notifications on social media. If you're using it as a break during the day, she

suggests setting a timer to know when it's time to log off and get back to work.

4. Pinpoint quantifiable objectives. "When working remotely, or in any autonomous job, it's important to have clear and quantifiable results," says Michael Decatur, who works remotely for Truxx, a crowd-sourced ride-sharing platform. "There can be lots of distractions when working remotely, and it's nice to have the flexibility to work where and when you need to, but in my experience, it's really important to have quantifiable goals to the best of your ability."

5. Stay connected. In addition to using technology, Shroy suggests striving for some face time with co-workers, even if it's on a quarterly basis. "It's easy to feel disconnected while working remotely, and it's important to maintain relationships," she says. "I believe that in our virtual world, connecting face-to-face and developing work relationships is still important."

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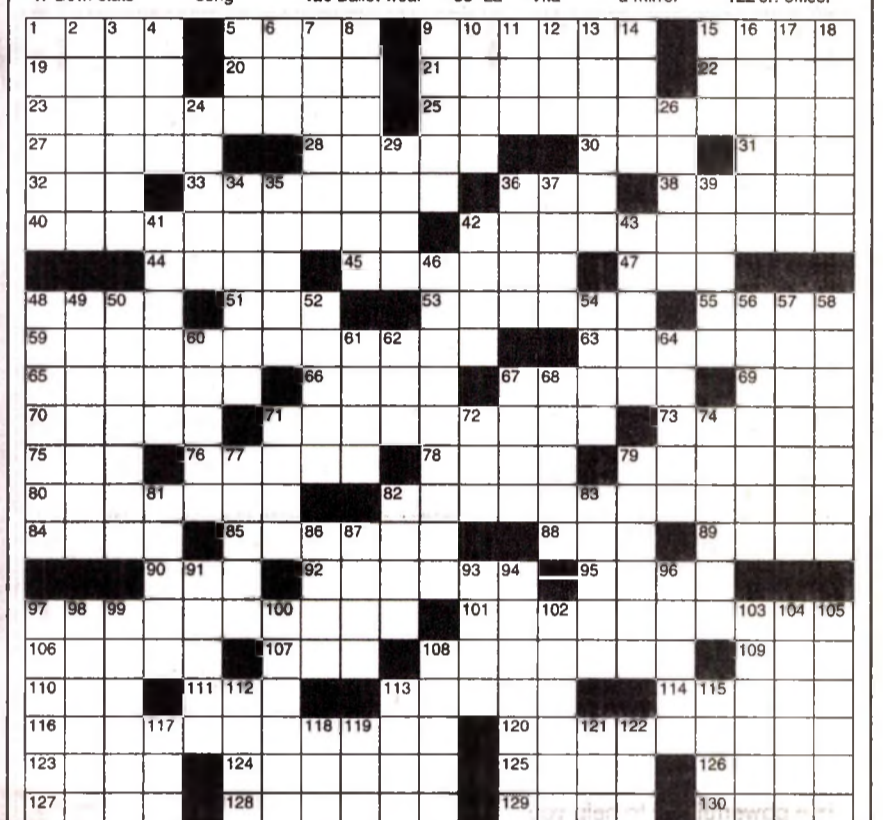
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- * Great private yard

MLS 216071707 248.684.1065 \$299,900



Cute Colonial!

- * Four bedroom, two and half bathrooms
- * Large foyer with hardwood flooring, formal dining room
- * Master bedroom with walk in closet, private ceramic bath
- * First floor laundry

MLS 216111444 248.684.1065 \$300,000



Exquisite Custom Built Brick Home!

- * Four bedrooms, four and half bathrooms on 2.4 acres
- * Wrap around cedar deck overlooking Proud Lake
- * Fully finished walk out basement
- * Two story barn with three horse stalls

MLS 216108469 248.684.1065 \$539,995



Highlands Best Kept Secret!

- * Four bedrooms, three and half bathrooms on 10.55 acres, that allows horses
- * Picture yourself in this stunning well maintained gorgeous Colonial
- * Enjoy swimming or boating on all sports private lake
- * Lower level is great for entertaining, including a full kitchen

MLS 216099425 248.684.1065 \$749,000



Great Location!

- * Four bedrooms, one and half bathrooms, Cape Cod
- * Original cove ceiling and hardwood floors throughout
- * Tremendous curb appeal
- * Great room with installed bow windows

MLS 216101543 248.684.1065 \$279,900



Beautiful House, Perfect Setting!

- * Four bedrooms, one and half bathrooms, on 2.5 acres
- * Great home with lots of updates and charm
- * Master bedroom with walk in closet, and large pantry
- * Three car garage with loaded storage racks

MLS 216114009 248.684.1065 \$299,900



Corner Lot Colonial!

- * Four bedrooms, three and a half bathrooms, charming Colonial
- * Stone fireplace, custom cabinets
- * Professionally finished basement with full bath
- * Deck overlooking play area and lake privileges on Lake Chemung

MLS 216104747 248.684.1065 \$289,900

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Car Report

A TRUMP BUMP, AND HIGHER GASOLINE PRICES, COULD EASE THE PAIN OF GENERAL MOTORS' JANUARY PRODUCTION CUTS



By Dale Buss

General Motors got caught with its guard down in the form of ballooning inventories of small and mid-size cars, so the company will have to pare production at a few plants in January to get stocks back under control.

But GM could be spared greater harm for its apparent sloppiness by two looming factors: a Trump Bump that may be building in the U.S. economy, and gasoline prices that are creeping up and could make fuel economy a more important consideration for American car buyers sooner rather than later.

No doubt GM let optimism about sales — company-wide, they were up 10 percent in the U.S. in November over a year earlier, and GM's market share reached its highest level for the month in seven years — color its approach to controlling inventories in a market where automakers basically haven't had to worry about overstocking dealers since 2009. It's also done a good job of boosting average transaction prices even as the U.S. car sales boom began leveling off this year.

GM's inventory as of December 1, at 873,200 vehicles, was the highest for any month since February 2008, according to Autodata. It had ballooned by 28 percent since August 1 to the highest level in nine years. GM's inventories were up more than 182,000 vehicles over a year earlier.

By comparison, Ford's U.S. inventories stood at nearly 650,000 units, about 10,000 vehicles fewer than a year earlier, while Fiat Chrysler's inventories were nearly 597,000 units, down by more than 62,000 vehicles from November 2015.

Both analysts and competitors warned that something would have to give, especially with GM's car lines, because stocks of many of its hot-selling trucks and SUVs are below par. Inventories of the Chevrolet Cruze compact reached a 121-days supply at the beginning of this month; Chevrolet Camaro, 177 days. The industry likes to work with a 60-day supply typically.

Seeming to recognize the implications, GM's incentive spending in November increased by an average of about \$1,300 per vehicle over a year earlier, according to the J.D. Power Information Network.

Still, in its most recent sales release, GM cited positives such as "the industry's best average transaction prices" and its being

"ahead of plan selling down our 2016 model year inventory." The company also sees itself in a "position of strength with the planned launch of key new products, like the all-new Chevrolet Equinox, into the heart of the market," said Kurt McNeil, GM's vice president of U.S. sales operations.

GM and the rest of the auto industry also might start benefiting from tailwinds that seem to be building behind the U.S. economy. In early December, in GM's sales press release, Mustafa Mohatarem, the company's chief economist, said, "All economic indicators show significantly improved optimism about the U.S. economy including consumer and business sentiment, which continue to drive a very healthy U.S. auto industry. We believe the U.S. auto industry is well positioned for sales to continue at or near record levels into 2017."

Mohatarem's comments came even before a new spate of positive economic indicators which seemed to point to growing financial optimism as the inauguration of Donald Trump as president nears.

These included an upbeat Gallup report on Americans' confidence in the economy, pushing its index into positive territory for the first time since March 2015. It reflected "a stark change in Americans' confidence in



The 2017 Chevrolet Cruze, here in its new hatchback version.

the U.S. economy from the negative views they expressed in most weeks over the past nine years," said the venerable research organization.

A Trump Bump indeed could help the U.S. auto industry keep sales growth afloat not only for 2016 but also for 2017, giving it a chance to extend the recovery into a ninth year — something that few foresaw as a possibility as recently as a few months ago.

Another developing factor could specifically help reduce GM's excess of sedans: higher demand specifically for high-mileage cars after three years in which \$2-gallon-and-up gasoline pushed fuel economy down as a purchase consideration on most consumers' lists.

The reason this could develop

is that gasoline prices are on the rise again in some parts of the country in the wake of multiple deals by countries around the globe to cut oil production in the coming months, giving them the prospect of eliminating a worldwide glut and forcing oil prices higher again.

While it's unusual for gasoline prices to rise during the low-demand winter months, some analysts believe the new output-cutting deals within OPEC and between non-OPEC countries, including Russia, could cause pump prices to approach \$3 a gallon in parts of the country in early 2017.

In GM's view, there could be no better vehicle than one of its overstocked, high-mileage Cruze models to help customers cope with rising gasoline prices.

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