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Northville High School's holiday concerts, "The Gift of Song," will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 19-21 in the school's auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and go on sale Dec. 5. Contact prycema@northvilleschools.org. NHS Music Boosters raffle tickets (\$50) are available via karenjo@aol.com. Raffle winners will be announced at the final concert.

School officials troubled by concealed weapon package

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With apologies to Elizabeth Barrett Browning and in reaction to the Michigan Senate's passing of legislation allowing concealed weapons in schools, school officials like Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Monica Merritt are saying, "How do I not love thee, let me count the ways."

The bills they don't love were approved earlier this month by the state Senate, allowing the concealed carry of handguns in places that have traditionally been off-limits to guns, such as schools, churches, day care centers, bars

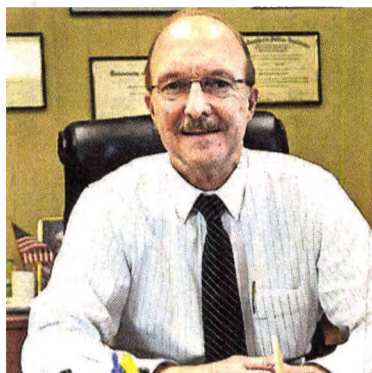
and stadiums.

The three-bill package, which now moves to the state House, passed the Senate in 25-12 votes, over strong objections from Democrats, one day after it cleared a Senate committee.

And school officials aren't happy about it. Merritt believes the legislation is wrong-minded in a variety of ways and her district's board of education feels strongly enough that it unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday urging the state Legislature to kill the bills.

"Safety and security is our No. 1 priority. ... Anytime you're in-

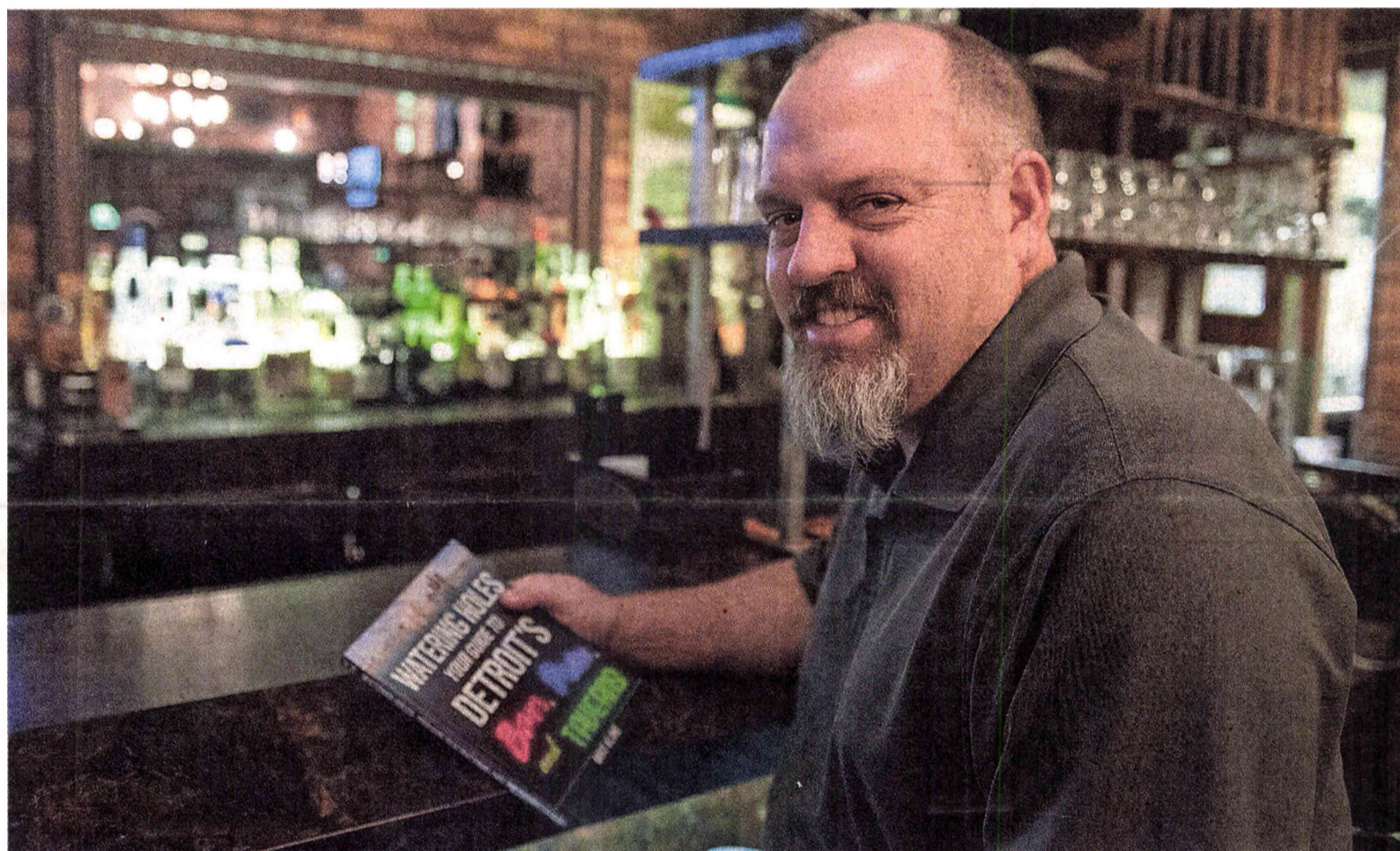
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South Lyon Police Chief Lloyd Collins said he supports the three-bill package, although he believes the bills, as written, "still need some help, certainly." FILE PHOTO



Milford Police Chief Tom Lindberg doesn't support legislation passed earlier this month by the state Senate that would make it easier to carry concealed weapons in schools. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Canton author Mike Kline visited 157 Detroit bars to pen his new guide, "Watering Holes: Your Guide To Detroit's Bars, Pubs and Taverns." BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

HE WENT TO HOW MANY BARS?

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Mike Kline belled up to 157 Detroit bars, all in the name of research.

He made the rounds from dingy dive bars to craft cocktail clubs as he raised a glass to Detroit and its "amazing" comeback.

With his liver still intact, the 48-year-old

Canton man writes new book centering on Detroit's bar scene

Canton author has penned a new book, "Watering Holes: Your Guide To Detroit's Bars, Pubs and Taverns." It's a labor of love, with a few burps thrown in, to help readers maneuver Detroit's bustling bar scene.

"It was a blast doing it," he said during an

interview at Green Dot Stables on West Lafayette.

Kline's 170-page guide breaks down Detroit's bars by neighborhoods, such as Corktown, Midtown, Eastern Market and downtown, among others. It's a perfect resource for Detroit bar lovers like Will Albers of Belleville, who belongs to a small Detroit bar-hop-

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Caleb White of Northville at the Nickelodeon HALO awards. JOJO WHILDEN

Nickelodeon honors teen helping the homeless

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Caleb White of Northville, whose work on behalf of Detroit's homeless population has drawn national attention, can add another to his list of honors: A HALO award from the 'tween-oriented cable channel Nickelodeon.

The 15-year-old, a sophomore at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi, recently traveled to New York City to join other recipients for the recording of Nickelodeon's 2017 HALO (Helping And Leading Others) awards concert, which aired Sunday. Hosted by actor and rapper Nick Cannon, the show's performers included the bands Hey Violet and Why Don't We,

the dancers Ayo & Teo and singer-songwriter Kelly Clarkson, winner of a HALO Hall of Fame award this year.

Caleb, who had been keeping Nickelodeon updated on his work for a couple of years, said the HALO nevertheless came as a surprise. He pronounced the awards show and the New York

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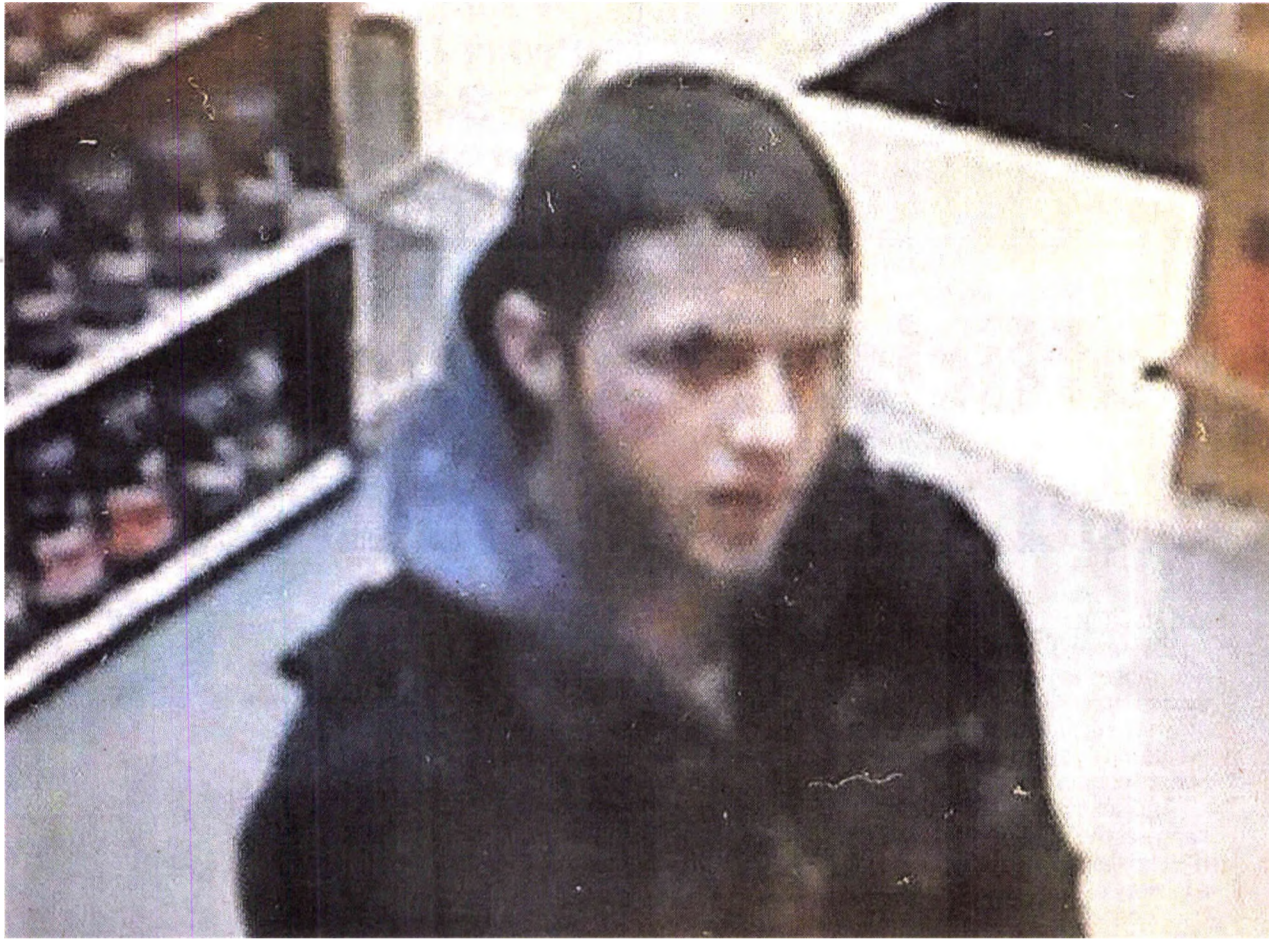


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Police: Armed robber holds up GNC store



Novi Police say this man is a suspect in a robbery at the GNC store on Grand River. Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to contact police at 248-348-7100. NOVI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Novi police report an armed robbery that occurred Nov. 21 at the GNC store at 47780 Grand River Avenue.

Novi Police Detective Sgt. Scott Baetens said a man armed with a semi-automatic black handgun entered the business and demanded money from the store clerk. Baetens said the suspect brandished the handgun, but never pointed it at anyone during the robbery.

Officers determined the suspect visited the store prior to the robbery and were able to obtain his photograph from the store's

surveillance camera.

Police describe the suspect as a white male, 20-30 years old, approximately 5 feet, 9 inches, average build, with short patchy facial hair, blue eyes and brown hair. He was last seen wearing baggy camouflage pants, a hooded sweatshirt and black gloves.

Baetens said his department is working with other jurisdictions to determine if the suspect was involved in other robberies reported in the area. Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to contact Baetens at 248-348-7100 or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 800-SPEAKUP.

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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Shoplifter: I was getting presents for grandkids

A 58-year-old Detroit man, arrested Nov. 13 in Northville Township on a shoplifting charge, admitted to the theft, apologized and said he had been picking up presents for his grandchildren, police said.

The incident occurred about 5 p.m. at the Meijer on Haggerty, according to a Northville Township Police Department report. A store security worker who witnessed a man trying to take store merchandise off of lock-

ing pegs began following him and saw him take several items, including video-gaming controllers and a miniature drone, without paying, the police report said. She confronted him and police were called; the items he had tried to take totaled \$329.96.

Police said the suspect had an arrest record, including for burglary and larceny, dating back to 1980. He was later given a court date and released on a \$300 bond, but turned over to police in Novi, where he had been wanted on a larceny charge.

Fraud reports

» A Farmington Hills woman reported a fraudulent attempt to use a credit card of hers at the Bed, Bath & Beyond store in Northville Township earlier this month. The card was declined for the Nov. 18 attempted purchase totaling more than \$1,800, a police report said.

The woman told police she her wallet, with seven credit cards in it, had been stolen Nov. 17 in Farmington. The credit cards were canceled.

» A Northville Township woman was the vic-

tim of an apparent identity theft when someone used her name recently to apply for unemployment benefits, police said.

The woman, however, is still employed and it was her employer who informed her of the phony application, police said. The woman told police she had been a victim of the recent security breach at Equifax, the credit reporting agency.

— By Matt Jachman

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Novi hires Herczeg to head Department of Public Services

The city of Novi has hired Jeffrey Herczeg to serve as the Department of Public Services director.

Herczeg comes to Novi after a 12-year career in Auburn Hills, where he worked as the deputy director of public works for the last five



Herczeg

years. He started in Auburn Hills in 2005 working general maintenance before being promoted to operations supervisor and then manager of

public utilities before taking on his current role.

"I'm really excited about joining the Novi family in one of Michigan's premier municipalities," Herczeg said. "I look forward to leading the dynamic and progressive team at the Depart-

ment of Public Services and will continually strive to provide the highest level of service to the community and its residents."

Herczeg will head a productive department and oversee four functional divisions - field operations, fleet asset,

water and sewer and engineering. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University and has completed the Michigan Public Service Institute. He holds an S-2 Water Distribution license and has served on the board of the American Public Works Association-Michi-

gan Chapter.

Assistant City Manager Victor Cardenas has served as the interim director of the Department of Public Services for nearly a year as the city searched for a new department head. Herczeg started in his position Nov. 27.

CALEB

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trip "the coolest thing I've ever done."

"It was amazing that I got to see all the people that I got to watch on TV for all these years and, like, being with them was mind-blowing," he said recently by phone.

Called to the stage by Cannon during the show, Caleb got to make a few remarks and introduce the pop band Hey Violet. He was one of four young people to win a HALO this year.

Caleb is the founder of the Caleb White Project, a charitable organization with a twofold mission: to help people who are down on their luck and to develop leadership skills among youths so that they will be better able to serve their communities. His projects - including distributing care packages every year at Christmastime, running game nights at a shelter for homeless women and children, organizing an annual holiday party for homeless veterans and putting together a yearly back-to-school carnival for Detroit children that offers them new backpacks and school supplies - involve many fellow Shamrocks and other young people, as well as his parents, Me-

lissa Kennedy and Bryan White, other relatives and a number of corporate donors.

"Each project, I think, grew a lot," in the past few months, said Caleb, who was profiled in The Northville Record in March. "We get a lot more people who want to do game nights now, so we do it more frequently."

A recent Caleb White Project effort involved rehabbing a duplex, owned by the Detroit Rescue Mission, in Detroit.

"They were basically run down and completely destroyed," Caleb said of the two homes. "We worked the whole summer to, like, fix them up." The homes were turned over by DRM to formerly homeless families.

Caleb got to spend several days in New York, along with his parents and younger brother, around the time of the Nov. 4 recording of the HALO awards show. They got to see the national 9/11 memorial, view the Manhattan skyline from a water taxi, visit Times Square and eat food, like empanadas and New York-style pizza, that Caleb hadn't tried before.

The food was a highlight of the trip, second only to the awards show itself. "The food was just really good overall,"



Rapper and actor Nick Cannon (left) and Caleb White of Northville on stage at the Nickelodeon HALO awards at Pier 36 on Nov. 4 in New York City. ANDREW TOTH | GETTY IMAGES FOR NICKELODEON

Caleb said.

Caleb also got to spend time with the three other young HALO awardees: Raegan Junge of Keystone, Iowa, whose Raegan's Relief Efforts helps people affected by natural disasters; Zoe Terry of Miami, who combats bullying and works to empower girls; and Andrew Dunn of Louisville, Ky., who founded RAK (for Random Acts of Kindness) Louisville, which organizes community events and helps students find service opportunities.

"They were really cool. ... We're all from different places and had different projects, which I thought was really cool. They were all really nice," Caleb said.

Caleb is also winner of a Prudential Spirit of Community Award, the Governor's Youth Volunteer of the Year Award and the National Catholic Educational Association's Virtues, Vision and Valor Award.

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Rapper and actor Nick Cannon (center) poses with Nickelodeon HALO honorees (from left) Caleb White, Zoe Terry, Raegan Junge and Andrew Dunn at the HALO awards at Pier 36 in New York City on Nov. 4. BRYAN BEDDER | GETTY IMAGES FOR NICKELODEON

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Parade kicks off Milford's holiday season



The annual Christmas parade winds its way through the streets of Milford. KELLY DOBSON PHOTOGRAPHY



Jenna Fronck and 2-year-old daughter Madelyn warm themselves by the fire pit and take a quick selfie. KELLY DOBSON PHOTOGRAPHY

Gordon Muir shared the stage Saturday with Santa Claus as Milford kicked off the holiday season with the annual Milford Christmas Parade.

Muir, the Milford community's Citizen of the Year, served as the parade's grand marshal.

Muir was looking forward to the experience, even though he has done it all before.

"I was in that parade a few years back. That year, we were in a convertible," said Muir, 84. "It's exciting. I love it. They get the greatest crowds in Milford for the parade."

Muir's four sons, Richard, James, Robert and Steve, and their wives will attend the chamber holiday gala Dec. 2 at Baker's of Milford to watch him accept the Citizen of the Year award.



Dancers strutted their stuff during Saturday's parade. KELLY DOBSON PHOTOGRAPHY



Parade walkers included this "candy cane." KELLY DOBSON PHOTOGRAPHY

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Movie about rare facial syndrome a hit with Novi boy

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 Detroit Free Press
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The movie "Wonder" hit the big screen last week, starring Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson.

It's about August (Auggie) Pullman, a fifth-grader living in North River Heights in upper Manhattan with an extremely rare medical facial difference, referred to as mandibulofacial dysostosis, or Treacher Collins syndrome (cleft plate).

The movie hits home with Melissa and Anthony Geers of Novi and their son, 6-year-old Wyatt, who has the same issue.

"I have a 6-year-old who is a local 'Wonder,'" said Melissa Geers. "He is my 'Wonder' Wyatt. Our family is so excited about the movie as it will give some national attention to craniofacial anomalies. Until six years ago, I never understood."

Wyatt was born at 35 weeks with a rare craniofacial syndrome. The family didn't know during the pregnancy.

"It was a surprise," Melissa said. "He came out and we noticed first his ears and ear tags, as well as an absent jaw or rescinded jaw. He was not able to eat. We tried special bottles, but ultimately had to feed him by a tube."

Wyatt would stop breathing and turn blue, which is when the family discovered the narrow airway, and he had his first surgery at three weeks old to open it.

Wyatt has a bilateral case of hemifacial microsomia. He has moderate hearing loss in both ears and wears a bone-conducting hearing aid on one ear and wears a normal hearing aid on the other.

He was born without the jawbone on the left side and a malformed jaw on the right side. This caused a critical airway and the inability to eat at a young age. He also has a difficult time speaking. Wyatt has had 14 surgeries, opening his airway, ears, eyes and a jaw distraction.

The family traveled to Cincinnati for six weeks as he wore a halo that needed to be screwed in each night to extend out his jaw.

The Geers have worked with the Children's Craniofacial Association to create awareness about social acceptance of children and adults with facial differences.

Melissa Geers has used her platform to speak to fifth-graders at Novi Meadows the last four years.

"We believe that in order for the general public to accept facial, physical, and other differences, they must see and understand them," said Melissa Geers.

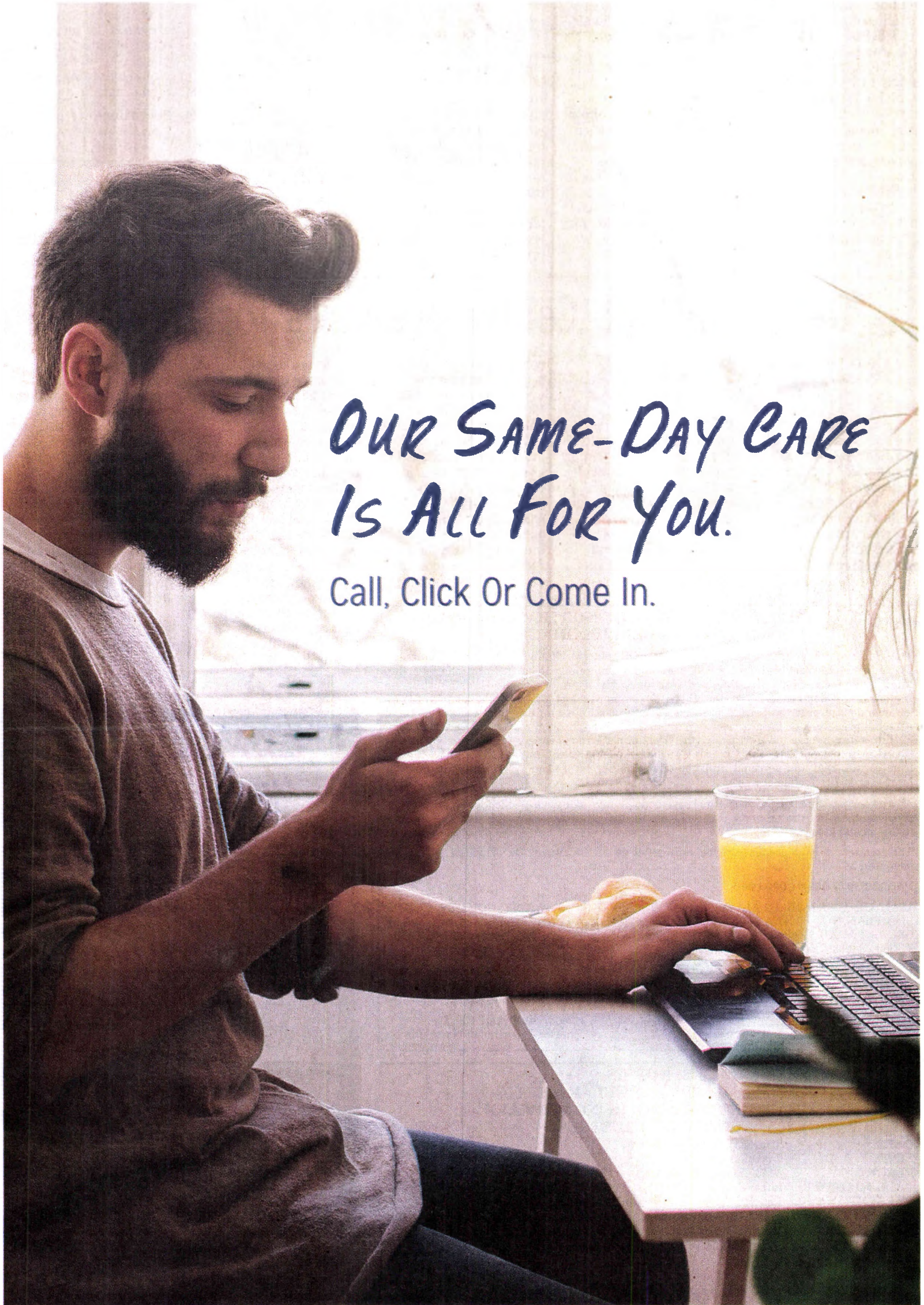
Wyatt is one of five boys in the Geers family.



Wyatt Geers and his family are excited about going to see the movie "Wonder" Saturday at the AMC Livonia. FAMILY PHOTO



A total of 50 family and friends went with Wyatt Geers and his family to see "Wonder." FAMILY PHOTO



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Melissa Geers calls Wyatt her "Wonder." FAMILY PHOTO

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Automotive heritage projects honored

The MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership honored the best in automotive heritage projects Nov. 1 at the fourth annual Michigan Auto Heritage Day.

The heritage area, a nonprofit affiliate of the U.S. National Park Service dedicated to the historic preservation of the automotive industry and labor movement, honored Charles Blackman with the 2017 Milestone Award.

Blackman, professor emeritus at Michigan State University, was a founding signer of the articles of incorporation in 1998 that established the MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership. Since then, he has remained steadfastly involved with the Lansing Stewardship Community, an advisory component of the heritage area.

"This is a fitting tribute to the quiet, kind, intelligent, knowledgeable, determined and steady presence that



"Uncle Jessie White — Portrait of a Delta Blues Man in Detroit," a film by the Detroit Blues Society that chronicles the life of Detroit blues musician Jessie White, was honored.

Charles has been across all years with MotorCities and across all levels of involvement," said John Beck, convener of the Lansing Stewardship Community.

"Charles is a legend among enthusiasts of old cars and his enthusiasm has never waned," said Steve Purdy of Auto Channel and Shunpiker's Journal Radio.

After 50 years of researching his passion for the Packard Automotive Co., Blackman can ac-

count for almost 97 percent of all Packard cars ever produced.

"We're privileged to honor Charles as an exemplary founder of the MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership with the 2017 Milestone Award, to recognize his outstanding support and vision," said Shawn Pomaville-Size, executive director.

MotorCities also annually bestows Awards of Excellence in its three programmatic categories:

auto preservation, auto heritage tourism and auto heritage education/interpretation. Three finalists for each category were tallied and selected by a committee of industry experts. The finalists are:

Preservation

» The Fruehauf Trailer Historical Society for a museum exhibition in collaboration with the Detroit Historical Society, "Fruehauf, The First Name in Transportation," for invention of the semi-trailer

» Yankee Air Museum — Save the Willow Run Bomber Plant for its efforts to save the Willow Run Bomber Plant and preserve an integral historic structure that tells the story of the region's automotive and labor heritage, as well as its role in the Arsenal of Democracy

» Dana DeCoster, publisher and founder of Cruis'n news publication that changes the way so many automobile enthu-

siasts obtain the latest information

Tourism

» Don Nicholson, founder of Cruis'n Hines, an event that has grown to one of the leading auto events in the state with attendance of more than 500,000 from 14 states and three Canadian provinces

» Don Sommer, for his service to and preservation of Meadow Brook Hall during the time it hosted the Concours d'Elegance

» Haven Hill/Marge Sawruk, for keeping alive the preservation efforts at the former estate of automotive pioneer Edsel B. Ford, including the Wayside Sign program

Education/interpretation

» Kettering University Archives, for relocating the archival collection of William Durant to its original home in the newly refurbished Durant-Dort Carriage Co. Factory One in Flint

» "Uncle Jessie White — Portrait of a Delta Blues Man in Detroit," a film by the Detroit Blues Society that chronicles the life of Detroit blues musician Jessie White (1920-2008) who came up from the south during the Great Migration to work in the auto plants

» Secret Experimental Room Exhibit, for re-creating the small room at the Ford Piquette Avenue plant where a team of young men created the Model T, the car touted as the most influential of the 20th century

The MotorCities National Heritage Area is one of 48 National Heritage Areas in the U.S. and the only one in Michigan. Through programming and outreach, the MotorCities preserves, interprets and promotes the region's rich automotive and labor story.

For more on the Awards of Excellence and Michigan Auto Heritage Day, go to www.motorcities.org.

Detroit's Cobo Center prepares for annual auto show

Eric D. Lawrence
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

On an open stretch of floor at Cobo Center, an escalator lies waiting to be installed, wooden crates marked "Ford" stand like sentries, semi-trailers are unloaded, and workers install the trusses that will eventually transform the lighting of the large hall into a

sensory overload.

The 2018 North American International Auto Show is about two months away, but the construction needed to create one of the premier auto shows in the world at Detroit's downtown convention space is happening now.

The crescendo of construction activity will build until moments before the doors open, ac-

ording to Max Muncey, a spokesman for the event which started in 1907 and has had an international focus since 1989.

About 1,500 union laborers and perhaps just as many working in other capacities will turn approximately 700,000 square feet of mostly open, unfinished space into an ultimate showroom for more than 750 vehicles from automak-

ers across the globe. The rest of the center, including its meeting rooms, also will be fully occupied.

"I love when it looks like this. It looks so big and then when the show comes together it looks so small," Muncey said, describing how the giant undifferentiated room will eventually become a much more intimate and glitzy showcase for individual automakers.

Earlier this month, Muncey led a reporter and photographer on a tour of the main show

hall. Workers moved about on the floor and overhead. Survey crews had already begun placing what looked like white stamps on the floor to mark specific exhibit spaces.

Although automakers compete to outdo each other's displays, Muncey noted that the teams responsible for the exhibits do speak with each other to ensure the exhibits line up properly.

Over the coming weeks, 1,800 semis will be bringing in and later removing the materials

for the show. What takes about 12 weeks to install will only take about two weeks to dismantle after the show ends.

The building will really begin to ramp up in early December after the Los Angeles Auto Show wraps up and exhibit teams' focus shifts completely to Detroit.

Muncey said work will continue almost until the moment the media preview opens Jan. 14, 2018. The show will be open to the public Jan. 20-28. Several other events will make up the total show, including The Gallery for ultra luxury brands, many of which will not have vehicles on display for the general public, a return of the AutoMobi-D technology showcase and the annual Charity Preview, one of the largest single night charity fund-raisers in the world.

Tickets for all events are already on sale at <https://naias.com/>. Exactly which companies will be at the 2018 show has not yet been released. Muncey did, however, say that China's GAC Group, which had three worldwide debuts at the 2017 show, will return with a bigger display than last year.

The upcoming show will also have seven new exhibit builds, eight exhibit location changes, \$60 million in new investment and more than 7,500 overhead lights installed. The show is estimated to have an economic impact of about \$450 million. Last year, more than 806,000 people attended the public show, almost 40,000 automotive executives, engineers and analysts attended the Industry Preview and more than 5,100 journalists were on hand for the Media Preview.

Archie Bane, 57, of Clarkston, has been working auto shows since 1978. The forklift foreman is working this year on the Mercedes-Benz exhibit, but previously worked on the Toyota exhibit. Monday was his first day on the job for the upcoming show.

Bane has seen the show change over the years, becoming bigger and more glamorous, and he's thankful to the organizers for making the show what it is now.

"It's like the cream of horse races," he said, mentioning the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes. "It's pretty amazing down here. ... (The displays) get more and more elaborate."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Northville Township Board of Trustees will hold two Public Hearings on Thursday, December 14, the first beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room at Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, to consider (1) establishing an Industrial Development District (the "District") pursuant to Act No. 198 of Public Acts of 1974, as amended, in order to permit local industries to obtain exemption from certain real and personal property tax, for a period of years; and (2) an application received for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate (the "Certificate") from Tenneco Automotive Operating Company Inc. (collectively the "Company") in order to permit the Company to obtain exemption from certain real and personal property tax, for a period of years. The subject property is located at 15701 Technology Drive.

Any owner, resident, taxpayer or legislative body of any taxing unit, which levies ad valorem property taxes on the property in which this facility is located, may appear at said public hearings and give testimony.

The location of said premises to be considered as an Industrial Development District is described as:

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A copy of the applications for the District and the Certificate are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

Published: November 30, 2017

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SYNOPSIS

November 16, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, November 16, 2017
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Richard Allen, Trustee
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:
 - Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items – Approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
 - Public Safety Presentation – Presentation will be held in December
 - Reappoint Chip Snider to Building Authority – Approved
 - Reappoint Tom Casari to Building Authority – Approved
 - Appoint Jayne Watson to Planning Commission – Approved
 - Senior Living Northville Park Place Presentation – Presented
- Public Hearing:
 - Brownfield Amendment (former Scott Prison Site) – Opened and Conducted
- Brief Public Comments: None
- New Business:
 - Brownfield Amendment (former Scott Prison Site) – Approved
 - Highland Lakes Street Lighting Agreement Termination – Approved
 - Budget Amendment #2017-8 – Approved
 - Solid Waste/Recycling Roll-Out Carts – Approved
 - Replacement of F.D. Thermal Imager Cameras – Approved
 - Northville Tech Park Unit 5 – Storm Water Maintenance – Approved
 - Northville Tech Park Unit 6 – Storm Water Maintenance – Approved
 - Village at Northville Phase I – Storm Water Maintenance – Approved
 - Mill Ridge – Storm Water Maintenance Permit – Approved
- Unfinished Business: None
- Ordinances: None
- Check Registry:
 - In the amount of \$ 2,168,322.52 for the period of 10/7/17 to 11/3/17 – Approved
- Board Communication & Reports:
 - Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None
- ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available November 30, 2017.

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

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Glass artist blows studio open to visitors

Diane K. Bert

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April Wagner is a well-known and well-respected glass artist who opened her Pontiac Epiphany Glass Studio to visitors from the Village Club.

Some 20 women had the opportunity to observe the artist in action and see beautiful blown glass artifacts.

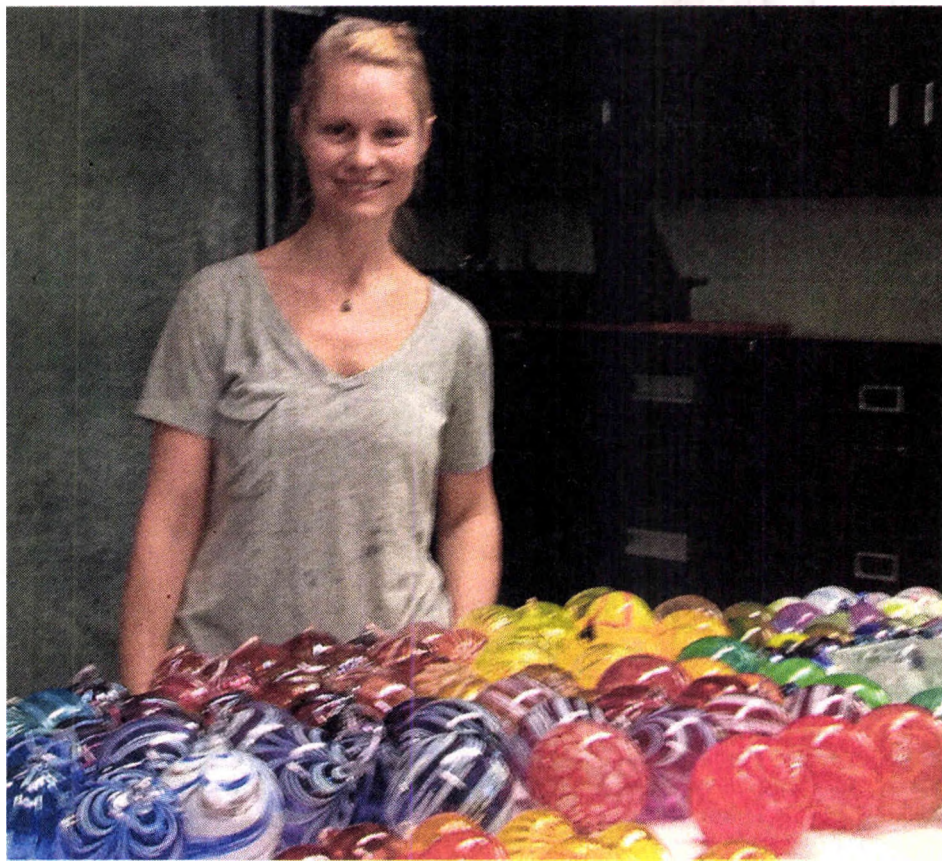
Wagner's glass sculptures are in many corporate locations and public buildings, as well as private collections. Her beautiful, large sculpture titled "Solstice" depicts waves in a water scene with the sun and birds above and can be found outside the Ambassador Ballroom in Detroit's Cobo Center.

Her creations vary from small globe-shaped ornaments to large constructions made of hundreds of ribbon-shaped glass pieces. A garden in Bloomfield Township is graced with many of her glass flowers and a large sculpture made of ribbons of yellow glass.

The pieces on display at the studio included Christmas ornaments, drinking glasses, ring holders, paper weights, vases, bowls, flowers and decanters.

Wagner, a graduate of the College for Creative Studies, opened the Pontiac studio in 1997. It is the largest privately owned studio in the Midwest, at 4,000 square feet. The oven was roaring in the background as Wagner proceeded with her project and described her actions.

As "gaffer," Wagner worked with the molten glass as her assistant



Glass artist April Wagner stands with a beautiful array of blown glass ornaments. DIANE K. BERT

Rebecca Silverman anticipated her every step and assisted in creating a smooth progression of moves. Wagner dipped her blowpipe into the molten glass in a furnace and then rolled it on a stainless steel surface.

Next, Wagner moved to an area where she rolled it on a wooden half-circle shaped mold. She returned to the 2,400°F furnace and moved it in a circular motion, then returned to roll it more and blow it into a circular shape. She cut away part of the glass and began pulling the still malleable glass into two long strips.

Another trip to the furnace heated the glass, enabling Wagner to spin it and pull it into two long strips, which she shaped

into graceful curves. As she was satisfied with the shape, she placed it into an annealing oven, which was 900°F. This gradual cooling avoided having the glass shatter. Silverman aided Wagner at many steps along the procedure, holding the furnace doors open wider to accept the large creation.

Wagner, with her pleasing manner, described her actions during the process.

"This is the best job in the cold wintertime, but is not so great in the summertime," she said. "It takes strong upper body muscles to be a glass blower."

Said Silverman: "Everything takes a couple of people to accomplish." Visitors paid rapt

attention at each step of the process. Louise Juntunen said, "I just loved the demonstration. Everything is beautiful. I purchased many pieces for hostess gifts."

"I am speechless, I had no idea how intricate the art of glass blowing is or the amount of touch to create a beautiful piece. I'll look at glass in a whole new way now. Something created by hand is so special," Laurie Haroutunian said.

"At Epiphany, it is a pleasure to witness April's unique talents and to learn about glass blowing," Sue Prychodko said.

Guests enjoyed browsing around the shelves of beautiful glassware and selecting items. One said, "I am buying some for gifts, but I like them so



With the glass oven glowing nearby, April Wagner spins the hot glass to lengthen the ribbon, which will be turned into a graceful curve. DIANE K. BERT



April Wagner of Epiphany Glass made this sculpture of curved glass ribbons for a garden in Bloomfield Township. It glistens in the sunlight. DIANE K. BERT

much I may end up keeping them for myself!"

The public will have an opportunity to visit the Epiphany studio, observe glass blowing and purchase items at the holiday show scheduled for 4-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, and noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-3. The studio is in a green building at 770 Orchard Lake Road, a quarter-mile east of Telegraph.

Another location for

shopping for Epiphany glass art is the Promenade level of the Guardian Building in downtown Detroit. "We are trying a pop-up store there this season," Wagner said.

Diane K. Bert is a Bloomfield Hills resident with a Ph.D. in educational psychology from Wayne State University. She's a regular contributor to the Birmingham Eccentric. She can be reached at dkbert617@gmail.com.

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Check out the coolest aquarium shop in Michigan

David Bloom

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It is hard to characterize what's hidden behind a non-descript home on Inkster Road in Romulus, but it's one of the coolest places in metro Detroit.

Is it a business, an over-the-top hobby cave, a nursery or a farm? It's all of these things and it's a six-decade realization of a young airman's dream to bring back a piece of Okinawa's underwater paradise to Michigan.

Customers park on a gravel driveway and follow the posted signs around to a small, windowless side door at Tropicorium. An eerie dark blue light illuminating a tank of multi-colored stony corals greets guests upon entering. A blast of supercharged humid air immediately follows, taking one by surprise.

Inside, narrow concrete passageways lined with tanks of colorful, tropical salt water fish lead to two adjacent greenhouses, each filled with large, chest-high tanks where hard and soft corals, iridescent clams and tons of live rock are being cultivated amidst the sounds of rushing and bubbling water.

Another tank is filled with several shark species that are hand-fed with whole squid. A large freshwater tank holds small koi and a much larger sturgeon. Out back are four large ponds, surrounded by Japanese lanterns, that contain bigger koi.

Dick Perrin, the 84-year-old founder of Tropicorium, was hooked for life after discovering the wonders of Okinawa's rich marine life in 1953 while serving in the U.S. Air Force on the Japanese island during the Korean War.

"The coral there came right up to the shore," he said.

As there was no practical way to keep saltwater fish in Michigan, Perrin started out with freshwater ones in 1959, when he opened at his first location in Woodhaven. In the early 1970s, he began keeping saltwater fish, shipping them in from the Florida Keys.

Perrin realized this was going to be an expensive hobby, so he became



Dick Perrin (right) and his son Ray run the Tropicorium in Romulus. DAVID BLOOM



A worker at Tropicorium feeds squid to the sharks. DAVID BLOOM

a residential builder and a draftsman, designing and building his own houses, with the goal of making enough money to afford the investment. He succeeded.

"Because of this, profit is not a main driver for me anymore. This is all a gigantic hobby for me that has grown disastrously overboard!" said Perrin, who runs Tropicorium with his son Ray and two full-time employees.

Today, Tropicorium's tanks hold 55,000 gallons of salt water, which, according to Perrin, might be more than all other aquarium shops in Michigan combined. To raise healthy animals, Perrin says he needs "high-quality food, lots of room and no overcrowding."

"Tropicorium carries the broadest selection of clownfish anywhere in the world," he said, including designer clown-

fish with color schemes that don't exist in the wild. His also claims to have the only shop around that breeds sharks. About 150-200 are born there each year and, if a customer's shark outgrows its tank, Tropicorium will exchange it for a smaller one.

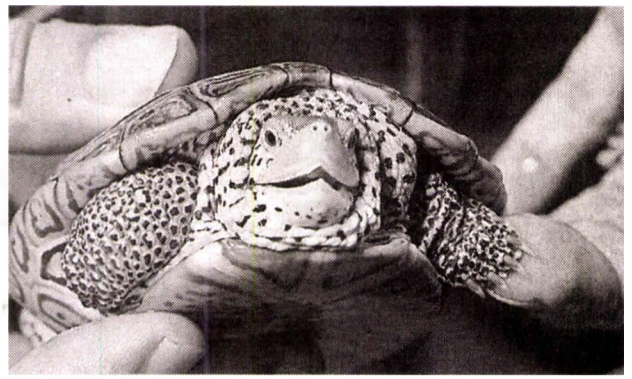
It took Perrin 30 years of trial-and-error experimentation to succeed in growing coral and cultivating live rock, which contains a range of beneficial bacteria, algae and invertebrates. The rock starts out as quarried, fossilized coral and it takes eight months to a year to transform it into a must-have item for anyone desiring to build a healthy and self-sustaining saltwater aquarium system.

Coral can only grow where there is a current and Perrin improved on the process for indoor aquariums by inventing

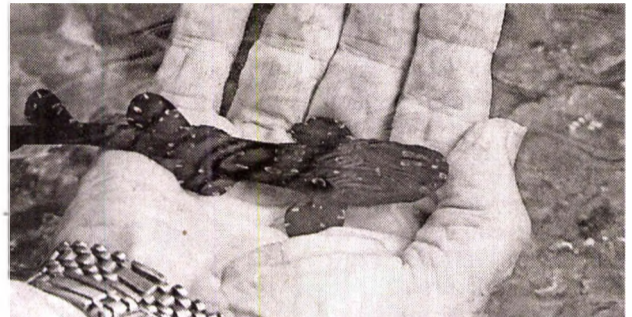
rollover tanks. Air streams are injected halfway down the 33-inch-high tanks, forcing the deeper water back up to the top through plastic tubing and creating a circulating current, which allows the corals to flourish.

"I've been doing this longer than anyone in the world," Perrin said. He also spent 35 years perfecting his own fish food, which he says stops and reverses head and lateral line disease. His customers swear by it.

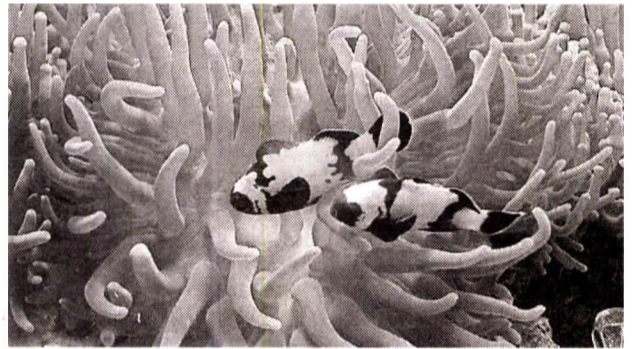
Perrin has moved beyond just growing corals. Now he designs the invertebrates through selective breeding, bringing out fantastic color schemes that look like they belong in psychedelic works of art.



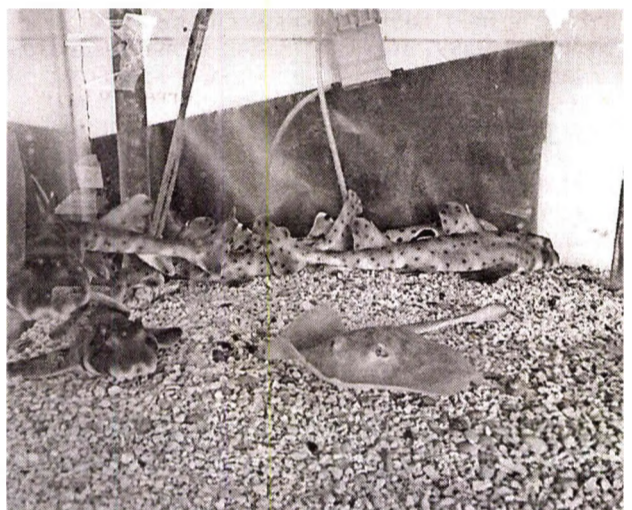
A diamondback terrapin turtle at the Tropicorium in Romulus. DAVID BLOOM



A week old baby white-spotted bamboo shark. DAVID BLOOM



The Tropicorium carries one of the largest assortments of clownfish in the U.S. DAVID BLOOM



Horn sharks and a Cortez sea ray. DAVID BLOOM

his son to find a suitable, non-grain plant that could be used to make bio-fuel.

"Eleven Ph.D.s couldn't make any progress," he said. It took three years of work exploring the Atlantic and Gulf coasts from Virginia to the Florida Panhandle to find salicornia, also known as pickle weed, which can be grown and harvested in desert climates using salt water.

"We figured out everything except the refining process," he said. When oil prices dropped, funding for the project discontinued.

After Perrin retires, his son Ray will take over. Until then, he's happy to roam among the sharks and clownfish.

"You couldn't find a luckier guy than me to get into all this cool-ass stuff," he said with a big grin on his face.

Three festive events to check out this weekend

David Veselenak

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It's (almost) December and 2017 is almost over. Where has the time gone?

But even as activities will soon wrap up for the year, there's still plenty to check out this weekend in the Hometown Life area, especially if you're getting into the holiday spirit.

Here are three events happening in our towns this weekend.

New holiday parade in Livonia

Returning after more than a decade is a holiday parade in Livonia, which takes place at 4 p.m. Sunday in the center of the city.

The new Merry and Bright: Livonia's Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting will begin at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark, and head north on Stark before turning east onto Lyndon. It will then travel to Farmington Road, head north to Civic Center Drive and end at Livonia City Hall. City officials are expecting a big turnout: about 60 groups and 1,600 people are expected to participate in the parade.



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus after the Livonia tree lighting in 2015. This year, Santa will have a full-fledged parade in Livonia to take part in. FILE PHOTO

The event will combine the new parade with the city's tree lighting, which will take place after the parade on the steps of city hall. After the city tree is lit by Mayor Dennis Wright and the winners of the "December is Special to Me ..." photo contest, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, who will still arrive on a Livonia fire engine, will

be available to hear from children in the Robert and Janet Bennett Library. Cookies and other refreshments will also be served in the library.

Holly Days in downtown Farmington

If you're looking for an old-timey feel to a holiday celebration, look no further than Saturday afternoon in downtown Farmington.

The annual Holly Days celebration, put on by the Greater Farmington



Girl Scout Troop 75240 members march as snow women in the Cool Yule parade through South Lyon in 2015. FILE PHOTO

Area Chamber of Commerce, will return from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the city's downtown district at Grand River and Farmington roads.

Several local businesses will host Christmas-themed events, including cookie decorating at Fresh Thyme Farmers Market, visits with Santa Claus at Great Lakes Ace Hardware and free Christmas movies (with the donation of a non-perishable food item) at the Farmington Civic Theatre.

The annual illuminated parade will begin at 6

p.m. and run from School Street to the Warner Mansion. After that, the annual tree lighting will take place in front of the Warner Mansion.

Cool Yule in South Lyon

If you're further west Saturday, South Lyon will hold its annual Cool Yule event in the city all day.

Plenty of activities will take place across town beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, including a craft show at South Lyon High School, the return of the Festival of Trees at the Play Ground and an



Holly Days comes back to downtown Farmington this Saturday. FILE PHOTO

open house at the South Lyon Historical Society.

The Cool Yule Fun Run will kick off the annual parade along Pontiac Trail, with runners adorned in lights and festive outfits. The parade ends with "The Big Guy" lighting the Christmas tree at the Witches Hat Depot school house.

A list of activities and more information can be found by visiting the event's Facebook page, facebook.com/coolyle.

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Some things to consider with a Roth IRA conversion

Q: I was at a library talk you gave a few weeks ago and one of the items you talked about was that people should look at potentially converting some of their traditional IRAs into a Roth IRA. I sat down with my accountant and had him compute the numbers. He told me that, because of my income, I could only convert about \$10,000 in order to stay in the same bracket. With Michigan taxes and federal taxes, it'll cost me about \$3,500 in taxes. My question is, where best to get this money? The two options I have are to either take a little larger IRA distribution and use



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

the extra money to pay the tax or take the money from my personal checking account. My question to you is, which option do you think I should take? I want to do another Roth conversion next year. It is best to wait until the end of the year or should I do it at the beginning of the year?

A: First, I think it is great that you're doing a Roth IRA conversion. I think it is an excellent strategy and something more people should take

advantage of. After all, if you can turn tax-deferred money into tax-free money, why not?

With regards to paying the taxes, there's no doubt in my mind that you should take it from your checking account. The reasoning is quite simple — if you take additional amount of money from a traditional IRA and use that to pay your taxes, you are taxed on the distribution. If you take the money from your checking account, there would be no additional tax liability.

What many people forget about is, when you do a Roth conversion, there is a tax liability. That's why I always tell people that one of my

rules of converting is that you must have the money available to pay the taxes without touching any of the money that you are converting. In addition, if you did withdraw extra money from an IRA for the conversion and you are under 59½, in addition to the tax on that money, you would also have to pay a penalty. To make things easier, you should always plan to pay your tax liability if you do a Roth conversion with non-IRA money.

With regards to timing of a Roth conversion, do it sooner than later. My reasoning is simple: the sooner you convert, the more time your money has to grow tax-free vs. tax-deferred. If all things

are equal, I would do my Roth conversion at the beginning of the year rather than at the end.

If you do decide to do a Roth IRA conversion at the beginning of the year, make sure that if you need to make an estimated payment for your tax liability, you do so. So many people are under the mistaken belief that they can wait until the following April to pay the tax, but that is not the case. As I've mentioned many times in the past, taxes are due on a quarterly basis, so if you do a Roth conversion in the first quarter of 2018, it is important to look at your income tax situation to make sure you don't have to make an estimated

payment.

There is still time before the end of the year to do a Roth conversion, but the clock is ticking. Remember, the Roth IRA conversion must be completed before the end of the year and there are no extensions. If you are thinking about doing a Roth conversion, you should contact your IRA custodian as soon as possible so the transaction can be completed in plenty of time.

Good luck!

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.

Century mark: State's oldest Mayflower descendant is 100

When Betty Ann Dryer joined the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan in 1989, she had no idea she would be celebrated as the organization's most senior member nearly 30 years later.

Born Nov. 18, 1917, in Coldwater, Dryer spent her formative years in that city before moving to the Wayne area, where she has spent the past 50 years.

She attended Cleary College in Ypsilanti and later worked as a bookkeeper in her husband's medical practice.

She married Dr. C. Kenneth Dryer, M.D., in September 1939 and together they raised three children, Kendra Dryer Ross of Naperville, Ill., a nursing instructor; Rich-

ard D. Dryer, M.D., of Pinckney, who is affiliated with the Henry Ford Medical System; and Diana Dryer Stadtmiller of Northville, a high school English and middle school ESL teacher.

Ken and Betty were married for nearly 72 years before his death in 2011. She has been very active in Wayne, volunteering at the Annapolis Hospital Auxiliary, the First Congregational Church and serving as a Cub Scout troop leader.

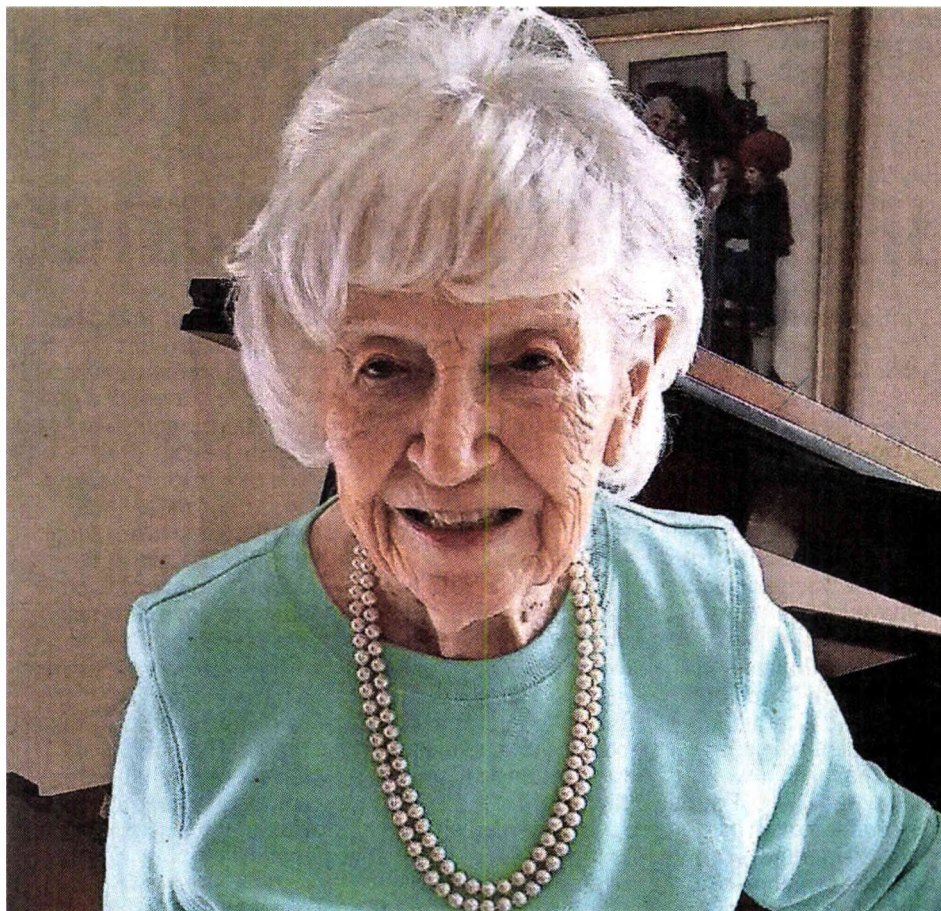
Dryer currently lives in Canton, near her family.

Directly descended from Stephen Hopkins, a pilgrim who arrived in the New World on a small sailing ship called the Mayflower in 1620, Dryer proved her ancestry in

1989 before the benefits of computers and the Internet, building on the research done by other family members.

Her ancestor was from Hampshire, England, and was one of the few pilgrims who had visited the New World before joining the separatists who left England for religious freedom in 1620. He had visited both Barbados and Jamestown by 1609. As an experienced traveler, Hopkins was invaluable to the Pilgrims in their relationships with the Native Americans.

Mayflower descendants across the globe will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower arrival at Cape Cod and what is now Plymouth, Mass., in 2020.



Betty Ann Dryer is the state's oldest Mayflower descendant.

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Off to international tap dancing competition are (from left) Alisa Zhavoronkova (left) of Northville, South Lyon resident Caroline Julian and Alison Wright of Durand.

Madonna launches fast-track nursing program

The nationwide nursing shortage is expected to hit critical levels over the next decade and southeast Michigan is no exception. If the number of registered nurse graduates remains constant, Michigan's nursing shortage will reach 5,296 by 2018, according to Michigan Health Council 2016 data. That's why Madonna University and Ascension's St. John Providence are teaming up to offer a new, accelerated path to nursing.

Madonna University's College of Nursing and Health is pleased to announce the launch of its Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Qualified students can transfer their college credit or non-nursing degrees to earn a BSN in 16 months through a combination of online coursework, on-site lab experience and clinical placements through St. John Providence, the ABSN program's academic practice partner.

"As the need for nurses increases, it is important for us to help meet the demand through more quality educational options," said Catherine Griffin, Ph.D., RN, interim dean of Madonna University's College of Nursing and Health. "Our new ABSN program provides the opportunity for more students to earn a BSN degree, so they can begin their careers of service in the community as soon as possible."

Metro Detroit's health care sector is a prime destination for registered nurses because of the rapidly aging baby boomer population and retirement wave of registered nurses; 43 percent of the RNs in southeast Michigan plan to retire within 10 years, according to 2016 data from the Michigan Center for Nursing. "Developing qualified, career-ready nurses through an accelerated nursing program like this is essential for our community," said Gay Landstrom, St. John Providence chief nursing officer.

Madonna University's ABSN program has spots available now for qualified students.

The ABSN program will offer three start dates each year, fall, winter and summer. MU is accepting applications now for the first start Aug. 27, 2018.

To learn more, go to absn.madonna.edu or call 844-319-2107.

Local teens selected for international dance competition

LeAnne Rogers
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Two local girls are heading to Germany to show off their tap dancing skills at an international competition — the first time Michigan dancers have been on the team.

Caroline Julian, a junior at South Lyon High School, and Northville High School freshman Alisa Zhavoronkova, along with Alison Wright of Durand, will be competing as members of the United States Tap Team for the World Championships in Germany. All

three are members of the Detroit Tap Repertory.

"I didn't think I'd be accepted — it's a company of the best of the best across the country. I thought it was a long shot," said Julian, who like Zhavoronkova auditioned via video.

Both have been dancers most of their lives — Julian since she was 2 years old, Zhavoronkova since she was 3. Likewise, they began training in ballet, jazz dancing and tap deciding to focus on tap.

"I joined an all-tap company. I like being able to create my own rhythms through tap. I couldn't play an instru-

ment," Julian said. "Taps are like a drum."

Zhavoronkova agreed. "Your feet are like a musical instrument — you can make music when you tap. It sounds really good," she said.

While tap is an older, traditional form of dance, Julian said she likes to dance to current music. "Tap is really old, so it brings tap into society as a more modern dance," said Julian, who dances three or four hours six days a week. "With the company, I perform in a group. I'm a soloist in the studio."

The three young dancers were headed first to Boston, where they will

rehearse and perform with the U.S. team, before heading off to Riesa, Germany, for the World Tap Dance Championships, which began Tuesday and run through Dec. 2.

The U.S. Team is composed of dancers from 12 states. In preparation for the competition, the dancers were required to travel to Boston for five weekends for intense training sessions of up to 16 hours.

The U.S. team will be competing against tap dance teams from 32 countries — a total of 1,300 dancers from around the world. The Olympic-style competition awards gold,

silver and bronze medals.

"The girls are incredibly honored to be representing the United States and the state of Michigan and hope to bring back the gold medal," said Christine Julian, Caroline's mother. "As members of the Detroit Tap Repertory, the girls study not only the steps, but the history of this great American art form and are proud to carry on the legacy."

The competition can be viewed via livestream. Go to www.ido-dance.com for more information.

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Galloway takes plea deal in sexual assault case

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The man accused of attempting to sexually assault a runner in Hines Park last summer reversed course Tuesday, opting to take a plea deal he previously rejected.

Floyd Galloway, 30, of Berkley appeared Nov. 21 before Wayne County Circuit Judge Mark Slavens in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice to accept a plea deal in the case out of Livonia from September 2016.

In the plea, Galloway pleaded guilty to kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct-assault with intent to commit sexual penetration and assault with intent to great bodily harm less than murder by strangulation. As a result of the plea, a fourth charge, assault with intent to murder, was dropped.

With the deal, Galloway will serve 16-35 years in prison, one year more than the original deal offered by prosecutors Oct. 27. The original deal expired Nov. 10, the day Galloway opted to turn it down and head to trial.

That trial was expected to last three weeks and was scheduled to begin Dec. 4.

"This was his decision that he thought about for a long time," John Dakmak, Galloway's attorney, said after the hearing. "It's the rest of his life, possibly."



Floyd Galloway accepted a plea deal Nov. 21 in his sexual assault case. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Galloway will also be required to pay fines and costs, register as a sex offender for life and receive counseling while in prison. He appeared in court Nov. 21 in a Wayne County Jail jumpsuit and handcuffed.

He testified that he did, in fact, attack the runner in Hines Park back on Sept. 4, 2016, and assaulted her with the intent of raping her.

"I did all this in order to have sex with her," he said.

Sentencing for the case will take place at 9 p.m. Dec. 8 before Slavens in the downtown Detroit courthouse. He will remain locked up in the Wayne County Jail until then, as Slavens changed his bond and remanded him to the jail.

"We are very pleased

that the defendant chose to accept responsibility for the crimes that he committed," Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said in a statement.

Stislicki connection

In attendance for the sentencing were family members of Danielle Stislicki, a Farmington Hills resident who went missing nearly a year ago from her workplace in Southfield. Galloway's name has been connected to her disappearance, though he has not been charged with anything in her disappearance.

Ann Stislicki, Danielle Stislicki's mother, said she appeared Nov. 21 to make sure Galloway knew her and her family were still keeping an eye on the proceedings,



Ann Stislicki, Danielle Stislicki's mother, said she was in court Nov. 21 to make sure Galloway knew she and her family were still keeping an eye on the proceedings, knowing his connection to their daughter. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

knowing his connection to their daughter.

She said she was happy to know the victim in the Hines Park case would not need to testify during a lengthy trial.

"We are grateful for the results of today's court hearing," she said after court.

Galloway was arrested earlier this summer after evidence collected linked him to the assault in Hines Park last year.

Dakmak said he was unaware of the status of the investigation in Farmington Hills, but said he has not had much discussion with Farmington Hills police or the Oakland County Prosecu-

tor's Office. "I don't know what the progress of that case is," he said.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Charles Nebus wouldn't comment on the effect Galloway's plea in the Livonia case would affect the Stislicki investigation — "We can't predict the future," he said — but pointed out that case "remains active."

"We have now executed over 70 search warrants, followed up hundreds of leads, collected numerous pieces of evidence and we continue to believe the case will eventually be solved," Nebus said. "Our focus

at this time is to locate Danielle's remains to expedite our investigative time line."

With the anniversary of her daughter's disappearance coming up Dec. 2, Ann Stislicki said it would be a time for her family to get together and find ways to keep her daughter's name in the public eye until she is found.

"It's been a rollercoaster," she said. "We are not going to stop until justice is served."

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Tailwaggers seeks homes for refugee cats

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It was a fast 72 hours recently for Laura Zain and several members of Tailwaggers 1990.

The Livonia resident and CEO of the pet nonprofit at 28422 Five Mile made a split-second decision to help find homes for several cats and dogs that had been housed in shelters after Hurricane Maria rocked Puerto Rico earlier this fall.

She returned earlier this month with nearly two dozen animals and hopes several members of the community can help by adopting or fostering some of them.

"We need to move them out of here fast, because we're not a holding facility," Zain said. "We had some foster people lined up, but they have fallen through."

"We urgently want to find them homes."

Zain met with one of her rescue colleagues she met when they went to Texas this fall to help with Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. They went to Florida and met at an airport to meet a private plane coming in from San Juan.

"This was the ninth flight coming in from Puerto Rico bringing animals," she said. "It's the plane with just one passenger and then crates (of animals)."

The group from Livonia brought back 18 cats and seven dogs, all from Puerto Rico, an island that continues to recover from the devastating hurricane that struck in late September. The hurricane left at least 55 dead on the island and more than 120 dead across several Caribbean islands.

The clinic began vaccinating the animals, mostly cats, this past week and hopes there are



Bridgette and Jason Desira recently adopted Delta, a dog rescued from Puerto Rico. Tailwaggers 1990 recently brought more than 20 animals recovered from the island back to Livonia. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



One of the 18 cats brought back to Livonia by Tailwaggers 1990. This cat, along with the others, was rescued from Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

members of the community that can adopt or take them in for a short time while permanent homes are found. Some dogs were handed off to a shelter in Grand Rapids, but Tailwaggers was a makeshift, emergency shelter for more than a dozen cats this past week.

Zain said there wasn't a lot of documentation that came with the animals and what little did come was in Spanish. No records came with the cats that arrived.

"They were either owned and surrendered or they were already street dogs," Zain said. "Or there were lost and not identified. The owners had just kind of given up."

Anyone interested in adopting or fostering a cat or dog can do so by contacting Tailwaggers via email at tailwag-

gers.1990@yahoo.com or by calling 734-560-4660.

Several animals had already been adopted, including Delta, who was adopted by Redford residents Jason and Bridgette Desira.

The couple has several pets already, but saw Delta when they came to Tailwaggers — Bridgette Desira works at the nonprofit — and decided she needed to become part of the family.

After bringing another dog they currently own to see if they would get along, the couple knew it would be a great match.

"We brought our other dog and it was like they were old friends," Jason Desira said. "She worked out to be perfect."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PROPOSES TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15701 TECHNOLOGY TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Township of Northville (the "Board") will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. during the regular meeting of Board held at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 to consider the request by Tenneco Automotive Operating Company, Inc. (collectively the "Company") to establish an industrial development district (the "District") for property commonly referred to as 15701 Technology Drive, Northville, Michigan, and immediately following consider the request of the Company to approve an industrial facilities exemption certificate (the "Certificate"). The Board of Trustees will also vote on whether to approve the Company's request to establish the District and the Certificate subsequent to this public hearing, pursuant to and in accordance with 1974 P.A. 198, MCL, Section 207.551, et seq.

A copy of the applications for the District and Certificate are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

All aspects of the Amendment are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the Board of Trustees shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the consideration of the establishment of the District and Certificate.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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INVITATION TO BID
OLD VILLAGE SCHOOL REMODELING
ELEVATOR Re-BID
NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the Elevator work at the Northville Public Schools listed above.

Plans and specifications may be downloaded electronically and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341 248.334.2000, on or after **November 13, 2017**. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings and pertinent trade specifications. Contact Scott Oswald or Shawn Debo for download instructions.

Your proposal will be accepted **NO LATER THAN 11:00AM, TUESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2017 TO: NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION-ROOM 307, 501 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167**. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:00 A.M., December 5, 2017 at the Northville Board of Education-Room 302, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid meeting and walk through is scheduled for Tuesday November 21, 2017 beginning at 9:00 am beginning at Northville Public Schools Old Village **SOUTH** Entrance, 405 West Main Street, Northville MI.48167. A site visit may be scheduled by appointment. **Parking is in rear of building off Cady Street.** This meeting is not mandatory however bidders are encouraged to visit the site, familiarity is presumed as a condition of the bid.

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

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

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

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$23,881 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

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

Roland Hwang, Secretary
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

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Bark Nation serves shelter dogs dinner in a KONG

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Floyd stretched out on the floor of his kennel in Dearborn last week and wrestled with his holiday lunch.

The 1-year-old gnawed at the frozen turkey-bean-potato-pumpkin mixture that was stuffed inside a rubber KONG and held the toy between his paws, rolling it on the floor

and fetching it from under his bed whenever it slipped from his grasp.

A bowl or plate would have cut mealtime in half. The chew toy kept the brown and white mixed breed busy until it was licked clean.

"What's great about this is it works their brain," said Reagan Gilshire, a Royal Oak resident and a volunteer for Bark Nation, a nonprofit organization that provides toys, love and enrichment activities to shelter dogs. "It's not just a treat. It makes them figure out how to get the food out of there. It helps keep their mind active in these kennels."

Floyd was among 1,100 lucky dogs to receive dinner packaged in a toy from Bark Nation during its fourth annual #KONGsgiving event. Bark Nation's volunteer teams handed out food-filled KONGS to shelter dogs in Detroit, Macomb County, Dearborn, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Livingston County and other locations around the state. At Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit, where Floyd lives while awaiting adoption, they also treated shelter staff to pizza.

"We love enrichment. We're big enrichment



Hank loves his Thanksgiving dinner-filled KONG toy provided by Bark Nation volunteer. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Mehi

Heather Mehi, shelter director at Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit, submitted an application to participate in #KONGsgiving after reading about it on Facebook. She said the shelter offers enrichment activities every day to the 30-40 dogs in its charge.

"Their second feeding of the day is enrichment, whether it is bottles filled with food, KONGs or dog food in paper base they have to tear open. If dogs don't get enrichment throughout the day, they can get depressed and shut down," Mehi said.

Peter Poulos, director of marketing and development at the shelter, hopes Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit and Bark Nation will find more opportunities for collaboration.

"We're all working for that same goal," he said. "This is so simple, it's brilliant. It spurs other ideas. Anyone can do it. Anyone can do this and make an impact."

Natalie and Jeff Lachapell of Battle Creek have volunteered with Bark Nation for a year and are so committed to the organization's mission they are considering a move closer to metro Detroit.

"I'm so glad to be a part of this. We have the same vision," said Natalie Lachapell, who distributed KONGs at Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit. "I want every dog to know it's respected, loved and that it matters."

A variety of roles are available for Bark Nation volunteers, including fundraising, working with dogs, stuffing KONGs and assisting with the spay and neuter clinics. Email kelly@barknation.org for more information.

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Regan Gilshire, a Birmingham Realtor, volunteers with Bark Nation delivering Thanksgiving dinner-filled KONG toys to metro Detroit kennels. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

behavior nerds," said Kelly McLaughlin, a Farmington Hills resident and Bark Nation president. "I think it's a feel-good initiative for the shelter staff and for our supporters. The dogs don't know it's Thanksgiving. We know that, but they get a good meal like the rest of us and it's kind of fun. The idea is they clean out the KONG. It can take them some time to get it out of there and then you've got a tired, emotionally exhausted, satisfied dog."

#KONGsgiving is a coordinated, large-scale version of what Bark Nation does on an ongoing basis at local shelters, including at Detroit Animal Care and Control, where McLaughlin serves as interim director.

Enrichment can take many forms, including playing music for dogs, offering scents that help to combat boredom or simply one-on-one time with a Bark Nation volunteer. The organization tailors its ongoing efforts



Kerry McLaughlin of Farmington Hills, vice president of Bark Nation, holds a Thanksgiving dinner-filled KONG toy for Hank at the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit kennel. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

to each shelter's needs.

Mission

Bark Nation, founded in 2014, has a three-part mission. In addition to providing enrichment activities to shelter dogs, the organization partners with Dog Aide in offering free spay and neuter services twice a month in Detroit. It also works with dog-fighting survivors to make them adoptable.

McLaughlin, who is certified in dog training and behavior, has served as a consultant on canine

behavior and body language for a handful of shelters and a rescue organization. She hopes to expand that effort next year by offering seminars and training classes through Bark Nation.

"We hold our team to a high standard at Bark Nation and we invest in our team members when it comes to dog behavior, because I believe everything we do stems from that," she said.

Events like #KONGsgiving help Bark Nation build relationships with shelter leaders and gain their trust. Getting a foot in the door at some shelters was a challenge at first.

"The public likes to vilify shelters. Very few people want to offer solutions. I understand why shelter leaders are reluctant," McLaughlin said. "We see far less reluctance now and, as it grows, we have more people who reach out to us. I think that has come with Bark Nation's proven track record."

Working together

All-natural toy store opens in downtown Plymouth

Maria Taylor

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When Judy Alexander had her first son, she realized she had a problem. It was the very early years of the eco-friendly movement and, for people who valued organic food and clothing and furniture, there wasn't much out there.

So she set to work to fix that.

Today, what started as a side hustle has turned into a full-time business: Palumba, an all-natural toy store dedicated to quality workmanship and simple, beautiful materials. This fall, Alexander relocated her store to Plymouth after 10 years in Ann Arbor. The new storefront is at 502 Farmer St., an industrial building by the railroad tracks.

Palumba's mission is "inspired natural living."

Inside, you can find natural wooden toys, Waldorf dolls made of soft fabric, musical instruments, art supplies, organic clothing and hardwood furniture.

"I primarily only had organic food and it made sense that I wanted a mattress for my child that's not full of chemicals. I didn't want to have clothing full of chemicals. So I started importing and then selling organic baby cloth-

ing," Alexander said. "It's healthier for babies, healthier for kids and healthier for the environment."

Alexander joined forces with a local artisan who did woodworking and ended up buying him out seven years ago. Camden Rose is the manufacturing side of the business and produces more than 200 types of wood products, including rattles, teething blocks and puzzles.

All Palumba/Camden Rose products are made in the U.S. from either wood, wool, silk or cotton: no plastics, no electronics. That's a big part of what makes her toys different, Alexander said.

"Wood is warm to the touch, almost like a person," she said. "Plastic can get really cold, really hot."

Palumba products are fashioned after a Waldorf education, which is all about open-ended, authentic play — like the cherry wood rattle, one of the first toys to be sold. It's a doughnut-

shaped circle with a bar through the center and a wooden bead on the bar. Like all Camden Rose products, it's made by hand.

"When a baby shakes it, they see what makes the noise," Alexander said. "They see cause and effect. With most rattles, the noisemaker is hidden."

Topping the sales charts is the simple hearth kitchen. It's a play kitchen with a stove, an oven and a sink. It's made of solid cherry hardwood and sells for \$379.99. Alexander calls it heirloom quality. "After you're done playing with it for seven, eight years, you can sand it, refinish it and it's like new," she said. "It's ecological, too."

Orders for Palumba/Camden Rose come from all across the United States, primarily online.

"It started as a small market, but it's growing," Alexander said. Many customers are people with allergies or food sensitivities or can only handle natural products.

For those who visit the new Plymouth location, there's a special feature: a 1,000-square-foot "natural playroom," kind of like a mock house, where you can see Palumba products in a lifestyle setting. Admission to the room is \$8 and kids and families can hang out, play and test the products. It's a big upgrade from the last location, where the showroom was less than a quarter of the current size.

"People used to look in there and say, 'wow!' When it's all natural products in a room, it's a totally different feeling," Alexander said. "They're beautiful — soft, inviting. Even if they're left out, not put away, they look artful."

Simple play, she said, allows a child to be creative and fosters their development. With something as basic as simple wooden blocks, you can make a fort, an animal, a house.

In today's high-tech, high-speed world, couldn't we all use a bit more of that?

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #11-06-17Z

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 11-06-17Z for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The text amendments to Article 20 Planned Unit Development clarify and simplify the procedures an applicant needs to follow if they are requesting approval of a Planned Unit Development.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on November 6, 2017, and was adopted by the City Council on November 20, 2017. The ordinance shall become effective on December 8, 2017. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The City of Northville Historic District Commission (HDC) will hold a public hearing to receive public input on the proposed demolition of the existing building located at 341 E. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48 001 04 0718 015. The property owner is seeking HDC approval for demolition of the existing building on site, to allow redevelopment of the site and construction of a new building. Section 42-27 of the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance and the Guidelines for the Consideration of Applications for the Demolition or Moving of Structures within the Northville Historic District call for holding a public hearing that permits members of the public to make comments before considering demolition of a resource in the district.

The public hearing will be held on December 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the demolition request. The application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the request will also be received at the above address.

JAMES C. ALLEN, CHAIRPERSON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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Laura Darrow tags little flatbed trucks. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education passed a resolution opposing legislation that would make it easier to carry guns in places like schools and churches. MICHIGAN.COM

WEAPONS

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roducing guns into our buildings, you potentially compromise the safety of our students and staff," Merritt said. "We have very good response time with our local police and we have school resource officers in our buildings."

And that's not her only problem. "The biggest piece is we have a board of education and they are our governing body," Merritt said. "They should have the authority to determine whether we're a gun-free zone."

Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof, R-West Olive, and other proponents said the recent mass shooting at a Texas church made the legislation more timely than ever, on the theory that having responsible armed gun owners in churches or schools could deter, stop or minimize such attacks.

Meekhof said the vast majority of mass killings occur in gun-free zones and "citizens have the right to be safe and secure and defend themselves and their loved ones."

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, supported the bills.

"Many proponents of the Second Amendment, myself included, have seen how so-called 'pistol-free zones' should really be viewed as 'criminal empowerment zones' where people with evil in their hearts will go to try to find victims that they believe will be unarmed," Colbeck said. "These bills still respect private property rights and won't allow people to carry concealed on private property where they are not allowed. It will, however, make sure that our Second Amendment rights and the ability of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves won't artificially end in our public spaces due to arbitrary governmental laws."

South Lyon Police Chief Lloyd Collins said he supports the three-bill package, although he believes the bills, as written, "still need some help, certainly."

"The bill makes it too easy to get an exemption," Collins said. "There are technical issues with the current law and those bills are supposed to clean that up. I'm a supporter of the Second Amendment and people having the right to carry weapons. But there are still issues (with

the bills)."

Milford Police Chief Tom Lindberg doesn't think it's "necessarily" a Second Amendment issue and knows there are some districts where the bills will "be embraced."

Lindberg, who said the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police "lobbied very hard to get pistol-free zones," said he does not support the changes.

"It should be a jurisdictional decision and the school district, based on what their culture is, should really have the ability to make that decision," Lindberg said. "When somebody makes the argument it's better to have someone carrying a gun in case a bad guy comes in, that is as silly as the opposite end of the spectrum, when people say nobody should ever be able to carry a gun at all. You can never predict every single scenario. There's a happy median in there."

Democrats ridiculed the legislation as "reckless," "tone deaf" and another attack on local control. Novi Community Schools District Superintendent Steve Matthews is opposed to the legislation for a very simple reason, in his mind: Guns do not belong in schools.

He said his district, like many others, takes several precautions to keep buildings safe — locking exterior doors, using a buzzer system to control entrances, using security cameras and a school resource officer from the Novi Police Department.

"We don't need guns to be in buildings," Matthews said. "Why should a teacher or administrator in a high-stress, highly emotional meeting have to worry about whether the parent has a concealed gun? Why should we have to worry if, in a crowded auditorium or gymnasium, that there might be concealed weapons?"

"What happens if a parent or resident discharges a weapon and injures bystanders?" he added. "This legislation does not increase safety in our schools. I would, in fact, argue it creates more uncertainty and potentially creates the possibility of more harm."

The House was expected to take up the issue after the Thanksgiving break.

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BOOK

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ping group dubbed The League.

"We get together, go to dive bars and learn about the neighborhoods and history," Albers said. "Now, with this book, we have a checklist that gives us a little bit of insight about where we're going."

The League hopes to visit all 157 bars listed in the guide. Kline makes it easy to keep track with a "been there" box they can check for each bar.

"It's almost like a scavenger hunt," Albers said.

"Watering Holes" has a one-page entry for each bar Kline visited and provides a succinct synopsis, including what kind of food is served. It has maps, parking advice and details about which establishments provide shuttles to sports games and other downtown events.

Kline, a professional, independent photographer, took pictures of every bar. It's a guide, not a book of reviews, but he revealed some of his favorite spots during the interview.

Old Miami and PJ's Lager House are high on his list. He spoke favorably of The Keep, a subterranean bar with a brick interior and no windows in the Bricktown neighborhood.

"You're in a basement and you know you're in a basement," Kline said.

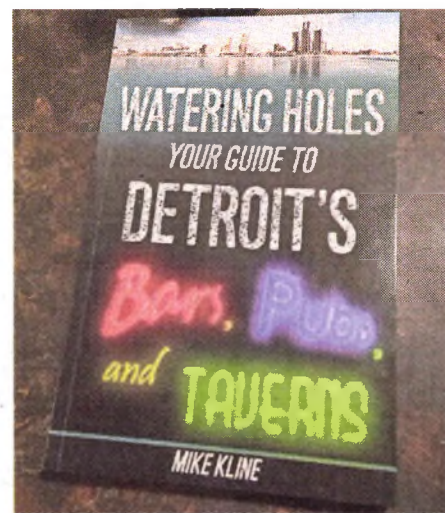
On the food front, Cutter's in Eastern Market has one of his favorite burgers, stuffed with feta cheese and red onions, while Sweetwater Tavern in Bricktown and PizzaPapalis Taverna in Greektown make some of the best chicken wings. Motor City Brewing Works in Midtown gets high marks for pizza.

Go to Bricktown for onion rings: "Checker's Bar has the best onion rings I've ever had," Kline said.

Kline's bar travels took him to old neighborhood bars like Nancy Whiskey, which dates back to 1902 in the Corktown neighborhood and claims to be Detroit's oldest bar. Bonus: The jukebox is free to operate each Wednesday.

He also drank at newer bars like the Apparatus Room in the Foundation Hotel, formerly the Detroit Fire Department headquarters. Kline described it as "hipster and elegant" with craft cocktails.

Kline started his research early this year, talking to bartenders, managers and owners and getting history lessons as he drank. Jumbo's Bar in the Mid-



Lost in the Detroit bar scene? Mike Kline's new book is here to help. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

town/Cass Corridor area has been owned by three generations of the same family since 1940, while PJ's Lager House is among the bars where the Prohibition-era Purple Gang used to hang out as members dealt in illegal alcohol sales.

The bars where Kline raised a toast to Detroit are bounded geographically by Warren, the Detroit River, Interstate 96 and Joseph Campau Avenue. He got the idea for his book because friends knew he worked in photography in Detroit and often asked him where to go.

"My friends wanted to know where the best dive bars are," he said. "They're not looking to spend a lot of money. They're looking for a place where they can spend the least and still have fun."

Kline's book comes as Detroit's bar scene, like the city itself, is witnessing a resurgence.

"This book is my way of raising a glass to toast this awesome city," he said.

What makes a good bar?

"Cold beer, decent food and friendliness," Kline said. "I want to feel welcome. They don't have to yell 'Norm' (like on the TV show 'Cheers') when I walk in the door, but I want it to be friendly."

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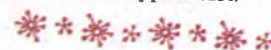


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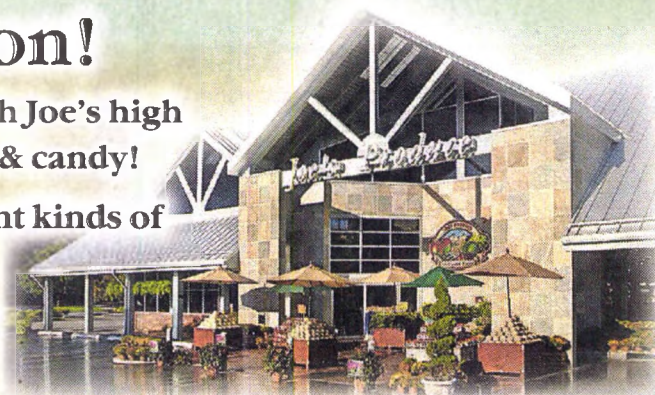
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PREP FOOTBALL

Muskegon QB too much for Harrison in title game

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Farmington Harrison entered Saturday's state championship game with a record 13 titles.

It's going to stay that way. Top-ranked Muskegon, led by its elusive Division-I bound quarterback La'Darius Jefferson, who scored four touchdowns, powered past Harrison, 28-10, to claim the Division 3 state championship at Ford Field. It was the first meeting between the perennial state powers.

The victory lifted Muskegon, the state's winningest high school football program, to its sixth state championship. The

Hawks will remain the Michigan High School Athletic Association's state record holder with 13 under the state's winningest head coach in John Herrington.

"Overall, I was pretty happy with the way we played," said Herrington, whose team finished with a 10-4 record. "There was nothing to be disappointed about. We had a good year and all that stuff — all the things coaches say when they lose. Really, it was a good year.

"It was one of our best, considering we didn't think we would make the playoffs at one time," he added. "To get here was great. To make it this far was fantastic. I don't think (the players) should feel bad about this at all."

Harrison held high-scoring Muskegon to its lowest offensive output of the playoffs with just four touchdowns. Muskegon head coach Shane Fairfield didn't expect anything less from a Herrington-coached team.

"They play championship football, they were 10-3 and they play in a good conference," said Fairfield, whose highly-regarded squad completed an undefeated season at 14-0. "We knew they were going to have some spunk. We knew they were going to fight."

Following are five takeaways:



Muskegon QB La'Darius Jefferson scores a TD during the second quarter of the Division 3 state championship game. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Triple crown: Novi sweeps past Marian for Class A title



Novi senior Abryanna Cannon (back) powers one of her 18 kill shots off the fingertips of Marian's Caitlin Marsh. TOM LANG

Miss Volleyball O'Leary earns third crown for Wildcats

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Nothing came easy for defending Class A volleyball champion Novi in the opening set Nov. 18 of the championship match against Bloomfield Hills Marian at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

The pressure mounted with every early Marian point. But there was no way the championship-proven Wildcats were going to let some early turbulence stop them from claiming their third consecutive title.

Novi eked out a 25-23 win in

the opener and went on to post 25-9 and 25-23 victories in the subsequent sets, triumphantly closing out the dominant era of Miss Volleyball setter Erin O'Leary and eight other seniors with a 56-3 record.

"(Marian) was a team playing with no pressure, you know, nothing to lose and let's just see what we got," Novi head coach Jennifer Cottrill said. "For the first time in our postseason, that was us out there with pressure, playing with pressure and playing tight, playing tense.

"Getting out of that and winning, I think you could see

us relax in the second set and start to get into our rhythm. Honestly, I think that was probably the match almost right there, winning that first set and being able to settle in in the second."

Emptying the tank

The Mustangs put up a valiant effort, exemplified by 5-foot-11 Maggie DePorre's handful of blocks against Novi's lethal front line — including 6-1 senior Abryanna Cannon and 6-1 senior Kathryn Ellison, who had 18 and 12 kills, respectively.

"Those girls are going to

play D-I; it kind of motivates me a lot," said DePorre, joined at the post-game podium by senior teammates Lauren Wenzel and Maddie Kizy. "I like the challenge and I've been working so hard. At the end of the day, it doesn't matter if the other girl is 6-3, I'm not going to let that stop me. I just want to show everyone what I can do."

Had the first set gone to Marian, the rest of the match could have been very interesting. But Marian (45-12-1), guided by first-year head coach Lauren Duquette, didn't have O'Leary in their lineup.

O'Leary did it all, with 33

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PREP FOOTBALL

Pilots buzz by Franklin to capture D-2 crown

De La Salle dominates first half en route to 41-6 win over Patriots

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Livonia Franklin's first trip to the state football finals in 42 years didn't turn out quite as well as the previous one.

The 2017 Patriots were unable to duplicate the feat of their 1975 Class A championship team as Warren De La Salle pounced on a series of Franklin first-half mistakes to secure its second state title in school history with a convincing 41-6 win in the MHSAA Division 2 final Friday at Detroit's Ford Field.

Nothing went according to plan for the Patriots (11-3), who got off on the wrong foot on the game's first play from scrimmage, when a high snap from center sailed over the head of sophomore quarterback Jacob Kelbert.

De La Salle's Brendan Madigan gobbled up the loose ball at the 13 and ran it into the end zone for a touchdown just 16 seconds in to give the Pilots a 7-0 lead.

"It was high, went over his head," Franklin coach Chris

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Livonia Franklin's Issac Moore (right) drags De La Salle's Tanner Myers during a first-half run at Ford Field. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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D-2 FOOTBALL FINALS

Franklin fans pack Ford Field, but championship party fizzles

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The buzz and buildup for Livonia Franklin's first state championship game in 42 years was electric Friday at Ford Field in Detroit.

It only took 16 seconds to pull the plug, as a series of early misplays led to an insurmountable 38-0 half-time deficit.

Warren De La Salle went on to grab the Division 2 football championship, 41-6.

Before the opening kickoff, however, Patriots Nation was standing proud and loud.

"It's super-cool," said Shelby Mitchell, a 2012 Franklin grad. "I feel like it's an awesome opportunity for the football players to get to perform on the Lions field. I'm excited to be here with my dad and my sister."

Frank Laiaco, who graduated from Franklin in 1992, and recent grad Mia Laiaco both wore a big smile as opening kickoff drew closer and closer.

Current student Kyle Liberati was with them: "I think it's sweet."

Also pumped up for the game to begin were Anne Dempsey of Westland and family members.

On hand with her were 1994 Franklin grad Jessica Strasser and 2003 Franklin grad Katie Diegel (there with 6-year-old daughter Grace).

They not only were at Ford Field to cheer on the Patriots, they were there to honor the memory of Dempsey's son Andrew.

"This is a real emotional thing for me because of my son," Dempsey said. "He's passed since he was involved with the school."

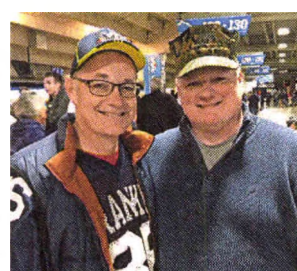
"This is a big, emotional event for me, as it is for his sister and his cousins."

Just like 1975?

Standing in the course were Donna and Craig Nehasil and her



Eagerly anticipating the opening kickoff Friday at Ford Field are (from left) Donna Nehasil, Craig Nehasil and Elsie Lee, Donna's mom. Lee, celebrating her 91st birthday, was at the 1975 championship game. TIM SMITH



Brothers Patrick and Michael McDonald played football at Livonia Franklin during the 1970s. They thought the Patriots suffered from the jitters against Warren De La Salle. TIM SMITH

"It's just not their day," Dan West, of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said during the opening 24 minutes.

In a nutshell

By halftime, the Pilots enjoyed a 38-point lead and the outcome was inevitable as spectators stretched their legs.

Among those disappointed fans were Patrick and Michael McDonald, brothers who graduated from Franklin in 1978 and 1979, respectively.

Both also played football; Patrick was a call-up away from being part of the 1975 champs. He was on that year's junior varsity.

"They've got a really good team, but unfortunately, they're not executing like they need to," Patrick McDonald said. "It looked like when they came out originally they were really nervous. And it's just unfortunate."

"I was really hopeful that they would come and have a really good showing."

Michael McDonald emphasized that the blow-out loss would not be the 2017 team's legacy.

"They're going to be remembered for being here (D-2 finals)," he said. "They got here. How many teams didn't make it?"

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mom, Elsie Lee — celebrating her 91st birthday Friday and clutching a Franklin varsity jacket from 1975, the last time the Patriots were in the state finals.

By the way, she was in attendance 42 years ago to watch Franklin win it all.

"Oh it's so cool ... I'm so happy," Lee said.

She thrust a fist into the air as she compared what it was like to be at the 1975 and 2017 championship games.

"It's still the same, Franklin has always been ... 'Go!' I wish them all the luck in the world," she said.

Craig Nehasil chimed in that the Patriots were "coming together as a team and they've played well."

And then came the actual game.

A high snap over quarterback Jacob Kelbert's head was recovered by Warren De La Salle's Brandon Madigan, who then raced and tumbled into the end zone.

Another pass was picked off to set up a Pilots TD.

Even when the Franklin defense made a good play (breaking up a third-down pass), the ball was caught by a Pilot who happened to be in the right place at the right time.



Livonia Franklin players run onto field before the start of the Division 2 state championship game at Ford Field. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Franklin turnovers resulting in TDs, but they were precision-like in the passing game, with quarterback Luke Pfromm making play after play.

The 6-foot-6, 225-pound senior basketball player, who hadn't played football since his freshman year, connected with Jacob Badalamenti on a 60-yard TD pass. He ran in for 2 yards for another score after a Josh DeBerry interception and then hit Sergio Gasperoni on a 5-yard TD loss out of the backfield following another Franklin fumble.

That made it 28-0, but the Pilots weren't done, getting a 2-yard TD run by Cordell Tannyhill III and a 19-yard field goal from Riley Garrison as time expired to put them comfortably ahead at the half, 38-0.

In the first half alone, Pfromm was 7-of-9 passing for 182 yards, while Badalamenti had three catches for 140 yards.

"(Pfromm) wasn't more of an out-of-pocket quarterback compared to the other ones from Flushing and Churchill," said Franklin senior line-

backer Marcus Martin, who finished with a team-best seven tackles. "We weren't really worried about him and, when we weren't worried about him, that's when he showed up."

De La Salle riddled Franklin's defense, coming off a 20-0 state semifinal shutout of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, for 223 yards first-half yards.

Meanwhile, the Patriots managed just 71 yards total offense, with 62 coming from senior running back Isaac Moore on 15 carries.

"We knew coming in that we couldn't give them extra opportunities and that's kind of what we did there in that first half," Chris Kelbert said. "Just momentum never got on our side and that's one of the things we had to do to win and beat a team that good ... it didn't work out for us."

Because of a 35-plus point halftime differential, it was running clock to start the second half and the only thing yet to be decided was the final score.

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assists, 11 kills and nine digs. Time and again, O'Leary would look one way and tap the ball in a different direction to throw off the Mustangs.

"You really can't ask for a better setter. I never in my life have played with someone that can move the ball around like Erin," Cannon said. "Playing with her, it's so much easier to get these kills, because she can do anything with the ball."

"Everything I've accomplished is basically kind of trickling down from what Erin can do on the court."

Although Novi cruised to win the second set, the Mustangs regrouped enough to make a serious bid at extending the match to a fourth.

Unforgettable

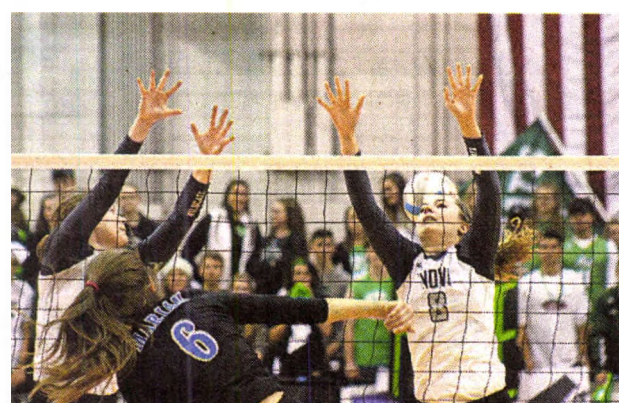
Separation between the teams during the clinching set rarely was more than a point, with players from both teams diving and sliding and extending rallies — to the delight of the enthusiastic crowd at Kellogg Arena.

Duquette talked at length about how the team bought in to her program during the season, about a "transformation" of sorts.

"The amount of change they have had to make in three months is incredible," Duquette said. "I understand we weren't able to win this game. But this team deserves a documentary written about them."

Meanwhile, the other team in the Class A final just completed an unforgettable four-year highlight reel (Novi lost in the finals in 2014), with O'Leary in the starring role.

"I honestly don't know if myself or our team really understands the gravity of what they have just accomplished," Cottrill



Marian's Lauren Wenzel (left) gets a shot past the outstretched arms of Novi's Savannah Frick during the Class A state final. TOM LANG

said. "It's mind-blowing and amazing and I think it's rewarding, because they are really good student-athletes and young women and they work hard and they deserve it. "As a coach, your good kids don't always get what they deserve."

Here several other takeaways:

WHAT PRESSURE?

Although the Mustangs gave Novi all it could handle, Wildcats players such as Ellison relished the challenge.

"In our gym, we always say pressure is a privilege," Ellison said. "And I really think throughout the post-season, especially, we've really taken into that role."

"We know we have a huge target on our back. Everyone's looking to take down the back-to-back state champions. But we've been focusing on what we've been doing all year long."

TEAM UNITY

Novi and Marian players talked about the long tourney push being fueled by strong team chemistry.

"We're such a close unit," O'Leary said. "It takes the pressure off when you know everyone's supporting you."

Marian's Wenzel said she is "close with all my teammates. I love them like sisters. I know that sounds so cliché, but it's true."

"Our chemistry ... I thought last season's chemistry was amazing, we lost in the quarterfi-

nals. And we were so upset. But it does not compare to this year. Our chemistry is unmatched."

CLOSURE

Cottrill said this year's championship is much more emotional than those won in 2015 and 2016, simply because so many players are graduating.

"This is different, just because when we won in 2015, we were really young," Cottrill said. "We knew we had more and were looking forward to more."

"This senior class started in 2014 and they're ending now. I feel like it's kind of the end of an era a little bit, with nine seniors graduating and handing over the reins to a younger group."

Leaving the Novi program are O'Leary, Ellison, Cannon, libero Claire Pinkerton (16 digs against Marian), middle blocker Savannah Frick, defensive specialists Julia Lalain and Mackenzie Kwasniewicz, outside hitter Madison Scott and middle blocker Lauren Murphy.

THEY'LL BE BACK

Among those looking to keep the championship roll going in 2018 will be juniors Jaeda Porter, Megan Harding, Alivia Hart and Kaylee Peterson; sophomore Shannon Jennings; and freshmen Rachel Jennings and Gaby Cummings.

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Kelbert said. "It was probably jitters, the center (Jack Yardley) all jacked up and ready to go."

For Madigan, it was his third TD for the year and it was the first defensive score for the Patriots during their 5-0 post-season run.

"It felt great to get that," the 6-foot-1, 190-pound senior linebacker said. "When I saw the ball come out, I was a little surprised, but you've got to take advantage of those situations quick. I ran, scooped the ball up and got into the end zone. It was great to start the game out with points."

It was Murphy's Law the remainder of the first half for the Patriots, who were unable to punch in a score on their next possession after a 19-play, 74-yard drive stalled at the De La Salle 7, when Matt Elrod wasn't able to hang onto Kelbert's pass just over the goal line.

Instead of trying a field goal to cut the deficit to 7-3, the Patriots decided to go for broke after converting a pair of fourth-down plays during the drive.

"Field goals weren't going to beat that team," Chris Kelbert said. "We knew that going in. We had an opportunity to score a touchdown and that's been our best play all year."

And from that point on it was all Patriots, who dominated the remainder of the first half.

The Patriots were not only opportunistic, taking advantage of three



Livonia Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert receives a sideline warning after he argues a non-call during the first half of the Division 2 state championship game against Warren De La Salle. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"We just executed, we got some guys that can make plays," said De La Salle coach Mike Gianone, who won back-to-back Division 1 titles with Macomb Dakota in 2005-06. "We got guys who believe in what we're doing. And they can execute. Players make plays, coaches call plays, but they don't always work. But they find a way to make us look good."

Here are five other takeaways:

SECOND HALF

Riley Garrison converted his second field goal, a 30-yarder 58 seconds into the final quarter, to put the Pilots up 41-0.

Franklin finally got on the board on Moore's 5-yard TD run with 9:25 remaining after the 6-foot, 210-pound senior broke loose for a 72-yard gain.

"Our offense never gives up; we just keep going," said Moore, who finished with a game-best 160 yards on 23 carries.

NEARLY PERFECT

Pfromm, who starred in De La Salle's 35-14 win over Detroit Catholic

Central in the A-B Division championship six weeks earlier when he threw for 241 yards, had another strong game at Ford Field.

The Pilots' signal caller was 10-of-12 passing for 207 yards.

"He converted when they had to convert," Chris Kelbert said. "Their run game is so powerful that you have to do something to try slow down their run game. And what you give up and what you gain in stopping the run, you give up in the pass. And they were able to execute. He was almost close to perfect in getting those passing and converting on those. Kudos to him."

KEY NUMBERS

De La Salle had 313 yards total offense while limiting the Patriots to 196.

"The game plan was to nullify their outside run with (Julius Simmons); he runs the jet sweep," Giannone said. "(Moore) is a powerful runner. Our defensive coaches did an outstanding job breaking down film. First and foremost, we had to tackle. We ask our linebackers to do a lot. They did a nice job. And our defensive line, they put pressure on them."

The Pilots also won the turnover battle, 3-0.

"Their strength is what we were most worried about, their physical strength up front," Chris Kelbert said of the Pilots. "I thought we did a good job of moving the football when we weren't committing turnovers, for the most part."

CROWD SUPPORT

The Patriots brought a huge contingent of fans, both students and alumni,

to Ford Field.

"This is definitely a learning experience, for one," Jacob Kelbert said. "Being this young and having the whole school behind you ... I played freshman football last year and we got lucky to have more than 100 kids at a game. And just to have a whole school behind you, the whole entire fan base, your whole entire city ... I had kids from other school districts called me to support me. And to have that many fans and to play in front of that many people was unbelievable."

QUITE A RIDE

Franklin had its nine-game winning streak snapped by the Pilots, who won their second state championship in school history.

De La Salle's other state title came under Paul Verska in 2014, when the Pilots routed Muskegon Mona Shores, 44-8.

Meanwhile, Franklin will have to wait another year in its quest for a second state football title.

"To be able to experience with these guys was a treat," Chris Kelbert said. "The outcome wasn't what we were hoping, but they can't take away what we accomplished and what these kids accomplished this year. It's tough. It's going to be their last memory that they think of, but they've got to think of all the great ones before it. We just didn't execute the way we needed to execute. Our kids ... they battled all year long, super-proud of them."

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FIGURE SKATING

Olympic year has Chock and Bates peaking at right time

Silver medal showings at Grand Prix are encouraging sign for local duo heading into Grand Prix Final, U.S. Championships

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The goal is not to peak too early, but in an all important Olympic year, ice dancers Madison Chock and Evan Bates appear headed in the right trajectory.

Chock and Bates, fresh from their silver medal performance Nov. 18 at the Internationaux de France Grand Prix event, displayed both confidence and maturity during a round of media interviews and photo opportunities.

And by virtue of their runner-up finish in Grenoble after a silver medal showing at the Cup of China Grand Prix earlier in the month in Beijing, they will compete next in the International Skating Union's Grand Prix Final — one of only six teams to qualify — Dec. 7-10 in Nagoya, Japan.

But the two biggest events are for the eighth-place 2014 Sochi Olympians are yet to come.

It starts Jan. 4-7 at the Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the SAP Center in San Jose, Calif., where they must finish in the top three to qualify for the 2018 Olympic Games, Feb. 9-23, in Pyeong-Chang, South Korea.

"I think we're really in a good place for this time of the year and this time of the season," said the 25-year-old Chock, a 2010 Novi High grad who was born in California. "We've competed twice so far and both events we've debuted our programs pretty strong, in my opinion. We definitely still have a lot of room to grow in both programs and we have the time to do that. We still have the Grand Prix final, the national championships and then, if all goes well February, the Olympic Games. So I think we're on a really good track right now."

The other four teams introduced to the media



It's an Olympic year for Novi's Madison Chock and Northville's Evan Bates. BRAD EMONS



Five dance and pairs skating teams with Winter Olympic hopes train at the Novi Ice Arena. BRAD EMONS

Nov. 22 that train out of Novi include Yura Min and Alexander Gamelin, South Korea; Penny Coomes and Nicholas Buckland, England; Cortney Mansour and Michal Ceska, Czech Republic; and Oleksandra Nazarova and Maxim Nikitin, Ukraine.

"I would say it's just a different year in general, because it's an Olympic year," Chock said. "So everyone is a little more excited, a little bit more on edge. And there's just a lot more skating talk in the air, which is really exciting for us and all our training mates, so I

would say everyone is excited for the Games."

For the 28-year-old Bates, an Ann Arbor native who graduated from the University of Michigan, training intensified over the summer, but in reality his sport is year-round.

"Even in non-Olympic years, it's always the most intense," Bates said. "This is our job. I mean, we're professional athletes and we're always kind of trying to find the right recipe to become the best we can be. In the Olympic year, like Maddie mentioned, there's kind of more buzz

and more of a spotlight on us. And we certainly don't have media days like this in non-Olympic years. But I think it just kind of adds to the excitement and, when we're on the ice, it kind of excites us to have more attention."

Bates, who resides in Northville, and Chock get to train practically in their own living room.

"We've got a great training environment and training facility here at Novi," Bates said. "It's a group effort and a year-round effort. I think you can see by the number of teams who we have qual-

ify for the Olympic Games that we've got a really elite program running here in Michigan and we're really proud to be a part of it."

Chock and Bates have added new theme music to their skating routines. John Lennon's "Imagine" is featured for the free dance program.

"It's actually a re-Imagine version of that, because we worked with a music specialist," Chock said. "Her name is Sonia Lee and she's very talented and her and her team of musicians have created this wonderful piece for us. It's just so meaningful, given the times and the current state of the world right now. We just wanted to use the Olympics as a platform to say something and to have a more meaningful message with our free program, so I think we've really done that by picking 'Imagine' by John Lennon, because it's a very hopeful song. It's about peace and love."

Added Bates: "It's a lot of the same values and ideals for the Olympics and what the Olympic Games stand for, so to us it made a lot of sense."

Meanwhile, the short dance features a Latin-flavor medley of salsa, rumba and samba performed by well-known song artist Marc Anthony.

"The short dance — they chose a rhythm that we have to adhere and this year it's Latin," Bates said. "So we wanted something that's going to be kind of authentic and fun and Marc Anthony is an amazing singer. He's got a lot of hits, so I think it's fun for the audience to hear something they can get into, clap along to, just smile and enjoy a performance with a lot of energy and a lot of character."

The medley contains "Aguanile" (salsa), "Que Lio" (rumba) and "Vivir Mi Vida" (samba). "And for us, the pieces that we selected from Marc Anthony had lots of flavor and feeling," Chock said. "And we wanted to do something that was a bit more authentic as far as the Latin rhythm, so I think we stayed more on the traditional route."

In Grenoble, site of the 1968 Winter Games, Chock and Bates were in

second after the short dance with a score of 73.55. The duo then scored a 108.30 for their free dance for a total of 181.85 to place second.

France's Gabriella Papadakis and Guillaume Cizeron, the 2015 and 2016 World Champions, took the gold while breaking their own world records for free dance (120.58) and total score (201.98). Russia's Alexandra Stepanova and Ivan Bukin took the bronze (177.24).

"It's not necessarily peaking, but it's kind of like a stepping stone on the way to the Olympics," said Igor Shpilband, the world-renowned coach who came to Novi in June 2012 and who guides Chock and Bates. "You need to establish yourself as international judges and competing in the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Final is the best tool to do that. It's also should give them a lot of confidence going into U.S. Nationals."

In their season debut at the Cup of China, Chock and Bates turned in a near flawless performance.

"I think they've really matured throughout the year in the way they're pushing and the way they've been skating," Shpilband said. "I see a lot of progress this year and the programs they have this year are a good vehicle for success in the Olympic season."

Chock and Bates placed seventh at the 2017 World Championships and have taken second at the U.S. Nationals four of the last five years, winning it in 2015. This marks their four straight Grand Prix Final appearance after they won a silver medal in 2014 and 2015, while taking sixth last year.

But this season, expectations are high, with the end goal of earning a gold medal in San Jose as they'll try to fend off challenges from the duos of Maia and Alex Shibutani and Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue.

"I think they have a very good chance to, but I think the goal is not just to qualify to the Olympics, but win the U.S. Nationals," Shpilband said of his pair.

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HARRISON

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GRABBING THE QUICK LEAD

Harrison opened the game in the best possible way, a sensational 91-yard kickoff return by junior Ben Williams. Dave Hiser booted the extra point for a quick 7-0 lead.

The Big Reds came right back down the field and scored, but Harrison responded again with a 26-yard field goal at the end of the first quarter for a 10-7 lead. The Hawks were just the third team all season to have a lead on Muskegon.

"Ben has great speed and when he broke that one, it really was a great start for us," Herrington said. "We just needed to capitalize a little more."

The opening kickoff return for a touchdown by Williams was just the second time that occurred in MHSAA state championship game history.

The only other one was in the 2009 Division 5 state title game between Jackson Lumen Christi and Clare. Lumen Christi's Rafe Bellers returned the opening kick 90 yards to pay dirt,

propelling the Titans to a lopsided 42-7 triumph.

JEFFERSON THE DIFFERENCE

Jefferson was the player Harrison was most worried about and he proved to be the field marksman that he was all season.

Jefferson came into the game leading the Big Reds in rushing yards (1,678) and touchdowns (25). He added to that total significantly against the Hawks, running behind a line that averages a little over 300 pounds and has at least two D-I players in tackles A.J. Reed (6-6, 315) and Anthony Bradford (6-5, 330).

Jefferson, who has decommitted from Central Florida and is now looking at Michigan State, among other schools, scored on runs of 8, 14, 1 and 3 yards. The 6-foot-2, 215-pound senior finished with a game-high 245 yards rushing.

"Their quarterback is just hard to tackle and they have 350-pound blockers up in front of him and that's hard to stop," Herrington said. "We thought we would stop him a little better than that, but he kept slipping outside and we had trouble tackling him.



Harrison players Chris Rexroth (left) and Rapana Filemu console each other after the Division 3 championship game at Ford Field. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"He's a big kid and he's pretty good. He looked good on film and he looked good here," he added. "Nobody's stopped him all year and I guess we didn't either."

CONTRASTING OFFENSES

Harrison finished with just 114 yards total offense (61 rushing and 53 passing), easily its worst output of the playoffs.

Junior tailback Roderick Heard, who rushed for more than 100 yards in each of Harrison's first four playoff games, was held to 49 yards on nine carries. Four other players combined for 36 yards.

Senior quarterback Noah Hendricks, who was under tremendous pressure every time he went back to pass, completed 9-of-14 passes for 53 yards. Senior fullback Divine Filemu caught three passes for 23 yards and senior receiver Ovie Oghoufo caught two passes for a team-high 29 yards.

"It was tough for (Heard) tonight. We couldn't get him into the second level," Herrington said. "And they are so fast, if we did, their defensive backs we're up there making the tackle. And then we went away from the run. We weren't making the first downs."

By contrast, Muskegon finished with a whopping 363 yards total offense, all on the ground. After Jefferson, Muskegon's next highest rusher was Davion McCall with 53 yards.

Muskegon finished with more first downs (18-8), ran more plays (50-37), enjoyed more possession time (26:45 to 21:09) and posted more third-down conversions (five to three) than Harrison.

"I thought our defense played well overall. We got wore down at the end on offense," Herrington said. "We really needed to move the ball to keep it away from them. But passing is not our thing and they stopped the run pretty well and they got a good pass rush on us. We just couldn't get anything going on offense."

MONKEY OFF THEIR BACKS

Muskegon had been a state runner-up in four of the past five seasons.

Last year, the Big Reds lost the state championship to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the game's final moments. They also lost to St. Mary's in the 2014 title game and suffered back-to-back losses to Birmingham Brother Rice in 2013 and 2012.

Muskegon's last state title was in 2008, when it defeated Warren De La Salle.

"This feels great," said Fairfield, in his eighth year as head coach. "I got that off my back and I got the chance to continue to move forward next year. I'm going to enjoy this for two weeks and we'll get back to testing and we'll send our seniors out with a bang and start all over again."

TACKLING THE BIG REDS

Harrison, whose players mostly went both ways, certainly had its hands full with Muskegon, which fielded two different units and was much more rested as the game wore on.

Defensively, Harrison's top tackler was Filemu with five solos and six assists for 11 total tackles. Senior back Moet Andrews (nine), senior back Joe Stevens (seven) and junior lineman Maverick Hansen (seven) also had strong games.

Senior defensive end Eli Jackson, senior defensive back Willie Shanks and senior linebacker Te'Andre Evans led Muskegon with six tackles each.

BOYS HOCKEY

Detroit CC blanks Grosse Pointe South, 8-0

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Mitch Morris's short-handed goal in the opening period Nov. 25 catapulted Novi Detroit Catholic Central to an 8-0 Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League cross-over victory over Grosse Pointe South at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The Shamrocks, who won their second straight, improved to 2-2 overall and 2-0 in the

MIHL North Division as Brendan Hill had two goals and one assist. Other multiple point producers for CC were Kyle Gaffney (two goals), Ryan Marra (one goal, two assists) and Brendan West (one goal, one assist).

Jared Lee also scored for the Shamrocks, who led 2-0 after one period and 6-0 after two.

Goalie Zach Allen made nine saves to post CC's first shutout of the year.

Will Strickler made 17 saves for South (0-2, 0-2

MIHL South).

CULVER (IND.) 4, DETROIT CC 2: Dylan Pitera and Jackson Pierson both scored a pair of goals as the nation's No. 1-ranked team, Culver Academies Prep (9-0), downed visiting Novi Detroit Catholic Central on Nov. 18 at Henderson Ice Arena.

The Eagles trailed 1-0 after one period as CC's Joe Borwick tallied a power-play goal from Jared Lee and Carter Korpi just 1:32 in.

Culver took a 2-1 lead, getting second-period goals from Pitera at 4:44 and Pierson at 17:28.

Pierson's power-play goal just 28 seconds into the final period made it 3-1, but CC fought back just 1:31 later on Patrick Brandemihl's goal from Greg McQuade.

Pitera's empty netter with 22 seconds left sealed the win for the host Eagles.

Goalie Steven Sleva made 22 saves in the loss as the Shamrocks, ranked No. 1 in Division 1 preseason, fell to 0-2.

NOVI 6, REETHS-PUFFER 4: Evan Chippa scored a pair of goals Nov. 18 as the Wildcats (2-1) downed host Muskegon

Reeths-Puffer (0-2) in a sloppy and penalty-filled game at L.C. Walker Arena.

Alex Scarozza added a goal and assist, while Alex Giragoshian, Mike Small and Ryan Pinho also scored for Novi. Chris Martin chipped in two assists and Evan Budd was the winning goalie.

Quinn Fowler had a goal and assist for the Rockets, who also got goals from Nolan Convertini, Alexander Hoffman and Riley Trautner.

NORTHVILLE 6, MONA SHORES 0: Jack Sargent had two goals and one assist while Nick Bogenhagen also scored twice as the Mustangs (2-0) completed their west coast trip Nov. 18 by blanking host Muskegon Mona Shores (1-2) at Lakeshore Arena.

Nick Williams added a goal and assist, while Noah Eckerle also scored for Northville, which led 2-0 after one period and 4-0 after two. Other assists went to Jimmy Dales (two) and Brett Dann.

Goalie Nate Williams made 10 saves to earn the shutout as the Mustangs held a 35-10 shot advantage.

NOVI 5, MONA SHORES 0: On Nov. 17, Alex Scarozza had one goal and four assists, while goalie Ethan Huntsinger

recorded the shutout as the Wildcats (1-1) defeated host Muskegon Mona Shores (1-1) at Lakeshore Arena.

Evan Chippa and Maanas Sharma both added a goal and assist, while other Novi goal scorers were Nathan Graff and Logan Londo. Other assists went to Joe Casselton, Mike Beas and Alec Giragoshian.

"It was a overall team win and a total team effort," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said.

NORTHVILLE 9, REETHS-PUFFER 1: Jack Sargent and Sanuda Gunaratne both scored a pair of goals as the Mustangs (1-0) skated past host Muskegon Reeths-Puffer (0-1) in a non-conference game Nov. 17 at L.C. Walker Arena.

Jimmy Dales, Nick Bogenhagen, Brendan Lovette Alex Garback and Tyler Balok each added a goal and assist for the Northville, which outshot the Rockets, 43-16. Both Garback and Balok scored their first varsity goals.

Cole Smith also added three assists, while goalie Owen Moruzi made 15 saves.

Matt Heriman scored in the second period for the Reeths-Puffer.

CULVER 5, DETROIT CC 2: Culver Academies Prep (8-0) converted five power

play goals en route to a triumph over Novi Detroit Catholic Central (0-1) Nov. 17 at Henderson Ice Arena.

Dylan Pitera led the host Eagles with a pair of goals, while Connor Caponi and Nick Stapleton each added a goal and assist. James Shea had the other goal for Culver, which broke a 2-2 first period tie with two goals in the second and one more in the third.

After falling behind 2-0, CC's Carter Korpi scored from Greg McQuade and Jared Lee with 5:21 left in the first followed by Dylan Montie's goal from Rylan Clemons and Joe Borwick with 0:56 remaining in the same period.

CC outshot the Eagles 7-6 in the second period, but fell behind 4-2.

Culver goalie Zach Adams made 18 saves, while CC's Zach Allen had 21 saves.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Area teams ready to tip it off for upcoming season

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The football lights are finally turned off for this season, so now attention turns to the basketball courts around Observ-erland.

High school girls basketball teams tip off the 2017-18 season this week and there are plenty of story lines to keep an eye on as the year progresses.

Following is the first part of our girls basketball preview coverage:



Competing during a 2016-17 game is Plymouth's Elle McCaslin (left). MICHAEL VASILNEK



Shooting guard Sarah Tanderys will look to build off a record-breaking 2016-17 season at Livonia Stevenson. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Livonia Stevenson

Second-year head coach Karen Anger is looking for the Spartans to improve upon last year's 10-11 record and climb the KLAA division standings in the process.

Co-captains are seniors Sarah Tanderys and Payton Byron, who are slated for shooting and point guard, respectively.

"Sarah Tanderys will be our go-to shooter, but with Payton Byron this year at point, we have more threats than just Sarah," Anger said. "Payton is so versatile and loves the contact and drives the lane and can shoot the three. She is going to help free up Sarah. Sarah also knows team will be looking to stop the three ball from her and she has really developed a driving game this off-season."

Other key players will be junior forwards Kimmy Freed and Elisa Lebron and newcomers Meredith Hage (sophomore guard) and Josie Piergentili (sophomore).

"I have only two seniors this year ... so I see a lot of growth and maturity on the court happening throughout," Anger said. "We have a hard league this year with the addition of playing Hartland, Howell and Brighton and

those will be big tests for my young squad as they are good, competitive teams, along with the usuals from the KLAA.

"We are also not big in size when it comes to height from what I see on others rosters, but that isn't really an issue to me as we are very fast. We focused a lot on off-season in conditioning and my girls are fast and ready to play whole games."

Salem

Also entering the second year at the helm of an area program is Salem head coach Dan Young. The Rocks went 5-16 in 2016-17, but gained valuable experience.

This winter, the hope is for things to begin turning around.

"We are starting our second year together," Young said. "This is a great group. Very hard-working, positive toward each other and selfless. We will get better as the season goes on because of their great attitudes everyday. The goal is to be at our best come play-off time."

Like Stevenson, the Rocks only have two seniors on the roster: forwards Madalyn Simko and Maddie Kernahan. Returning juniors are

center Kyle Jullian, forwards Jenna Sydlowski, Laniah Wilson, Jaclyn Deprez, Grace Gruenberg and Hannah Koster and guard Emma Strieter.

Young cited a trio of newcomers as ready to contribute. Freshmen guards Mattison Joyner and Laila Newton and freshman forward Makayla Harris "will add athleticism, defense and positive attitude."

Livonia Churchill

Following a 7-14 season, Churchill said so long to excellent seniors Annie Yost, Ronnie Severin and Shae Smith.

But third-year head coach K'len Morris is enthusiastic about what the future might hold in store for his young squad.

"We're young and inexperienced, only returning four players with true varsity experience," Morris said. "I really like the chemistry of this team in terms of how they jell and how coachable they are. Since we are young and inexperienced, we are going to have to pride ourselves in doing the little things like winning the rebounding margins, winning loose balls and playing hard every single play,

no matter what the situation is."

The veterans are senior guard Macey Reese, junior guard Maria Targosz and junior forward Mary-Claire Yost. Sophomore point guard Kayla Osen is essential to the mix and Nasya Thomas is a promising freshman forward.

"Leading the way for us is our lone senior guard, Macey Reese, who I expect to have a good year this year," Morris said. "She is a competitive kid who has done a great job helping mentor some of our new girls this year through her work ethic and by the way she practices every day."

"(Targosz) is poised to have a breakout year. Maria has put a lot of time in the gym this off-season and has really improved her all-around game. She's a good player on the offensive side of the ball, but she also makes a lot of plays for us on the defensive end as well."

"Our anchor in the post will be another three-year varsity player in Mary-Claire Yost. Mary is another player who had a good off-season for us and is really one of our more versatile players. She is a kid that can guard all five spots on the floor."

"Kayla (Osen) is an athletic point guard who does a good job attacking the middle and creating plays for her teammates. We are looking for her to take a big step this year in running our offense and controlling the game."

Plymouth

Third-year head coach Ryan Ballard brings back seven players from the 2016-17 roster that went 9-12. Team leaders for the Wildcats are senior captains Gabby Chouinard and Chantal LeDoux

(14 points per game), who play forward and point guard, respectively.

"Chantal has taken her game to the next level," Ballard said. "I love how competitive she has been in practice. She refuses to lose in any drill she competes in."

Sophomore guards Sydney McCaig and Elle McCaslin were excellent as freshmen and are ready to take the next step. Both can dish and drive, crashing the glass whenever they can.

Junior forward Becca Przybylo is another player with a nose for the basket.

"Becca is so instinctual and physical," Ballard said. "She just understands how to play the game the right way."

Also back are sophomore guards Angela Schmidt and Audrey Kananen.

Promising newcomers for Plymouth include freshmen guards Ella Riley and Kyra Brandom.

"We are still a very young basketball team, so consistency is going to be the key for our group," Ballard said. "If we consistently work hard in practice and have the right attitude, this team could have a lot of success."

"Well-done is better than well-said, so when the season ends, we will see what kind of work our group has put in on the practice floor, weight room and film sessions."

Livonia Franklin

Another new name on the girls basketball coaching scene is Livonia Franklin's John Santi, who inherits a team that finished 1-20 last year.

Seniors Sydney Strasser (forward, co-captain), Holli Reynolds (guard, co-captain), juniors Olivia Napier (guard), Adriana Ufferman (guard), Hannah Strasser (forward, co-

captain) and sophomore Aleaha DeFraim (forward) will be called upon to keep the Patriots competitive.

Freshman guard Hunter Conway heads a group of first-year players who are looking for minutes. Also in the mix will be sophomore guards Ashley Deguise, Emily Esker, sophomore forward Kelly Peyton, junior forwards Miranda McIntosh, Morgan Meyers and Alana Robinson.

"We are going to be young - 4 sophomores and 1 freshman should be in the rotation," Santi said. "In order to be successful, we are going to have to take care of the ball, defend our end, and rebound. I like the effort I have seen up to this point, but there is a lot of work to be done."

Clarenceville

The Trojans welcome Raymon Moore to the varsity head coaching job, but he is no stranger to Clarenceville (having coached the JV boys basketball team last year).

After a tough season (1-18), the Trojans will look to begin making positive steps in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division.

Moore will lean on top returnees Myla Hoskins (junior point guard) and Alyssa Craigie (senior shooting guard) to keep the Trojans in ballgames.

Freshman forward Alexis Robinson is one of the newcomers who could make an impact.

"This will be a year of rebuilding," Moore said. "We have a young team again who put in work during the off-season and have continued to showcase their strength and determination through the beginning of the season."

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COLLEGE RECRUITING

Hard work pays off with D-I chance for Plymouth's Crump

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The dream of playing Division I basketball came with a reality check for Plymouth point guard Anthony Crump.

In order to get a scholarship with a D-I men's program, Crump had to get stronger and quicker.

Enter Jake's House of Iron in Canton, where the 6-7 player put in countless hours hitting the weights and literally jumping through all the hoops to improve his ability to go from Point A to Point B on the basketball court.



Crump

All of that effort, along with his off-the-charts basketball ability and IQ, were enough for Crump to earn a scholarship at the University of North Carolina-Asheville. He'll become the first Plymouth alum to play D-I men's basketball.

"I go to a strength and conditioning place, Jake's House of Iron, they helped me out a lot," Crump said. "They helped me get some meat on my bones, so when I go up there, I'm not too little. And put some speed on me, so I can keep up with the pace."

Crump, whose parents are Jessica and Vernon (Canton High School athletic director), took part in an early signing ceremony Nov. 15 along with five other classmates.

"I just feel really

blessed," Crump said. "I know I put a lot of work to get here and all my hard work has paid off. It's a big moment for me and I'm proud to say I'm a Division I player."

Asked to describe his strength as a player, Crump said it's driving and dishing, making things happen for his teammates.

"When I drive, I feel like more people (defenders) get attached to me," Crump said. "And that allows me to dish it out to my teammates and get them some points on the board."

He said there were some other D-I universities taking a look at him, including Wayne State University and the University of Detroit Mercy, but UNC-Asheville proved to

be the right fit for him.

"The academics are great and I feel like I can play with the team," Crump said, adding that he really enjoyed his campus visit in September.

Double bonus

Plymouth head boys basketball coach Mike Soukup was on hand for the momentous occasion.

"It's great to have a soon-to-be alumni who is going to be a D-I athlete," Soukup said, "someone who, as younger players come into our program, you can point to and say, 'Hey, he learned the lessons, went through the building blocks and the process of our program and was better because of it.'"

"Obviously, he has a lot of God-given talent, but

we were a little piece, hopefully, of molding that and helping him reach his goals. One of his goals was to play Division I basketball. Great feather in the cap for him, but also as an added bonus, it's a good feather in our program's cap as well."

Soukup said Crump has the size and the inner motor to make the transition from high school to big-time college basketball.

"You look at him, his size is D-I size, for a guard, especially," Soukup said. "He's a very long young man, but he's developed physically so much. I'd say the mental piece has been great for him."

"Anthony has come into the gym this year with a fantastic work ethic. He's done a great job of helping

lead our team. UNC-Asheville's getting, not only a really good basketball player, but a wonderful young man."

According to Crump, another key to his development since coming over from Westland John Glenn before his sophomore season was just working, working and working some more on fundamentals.

"The last few years, just working on the smaller stuff, just my ball-handling and my shooting," Crump said. "Getting up a lot of shots every day. I shoot before school, after school, after practice. I get a lot of reps in."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Detroit CC ices rival Rice on Thanksgiving Eve

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A Thanksgiving Eve win over your arch rival certainly makes the turkey day dinner taste that much better.

That was the case for host Novi Detroit Catholic Central, which overcame an early 1-0 deficit to carve up Birmingham Brother Rice, 4-1, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The Shamrocks (1-2, 1-0 Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League) were led by veteran senior forward Brendan West, who scored a goal and had two assists against the defending Division 2 state champions.

"Obviously, we were playing our top rival and the game is always intense," West said. "They scored first, but getting our first goal really helped us and build confidence throughout that period."

Rice (1-2, 1-1) got on the board at 4:24 of the opening period on Dominick DiPonio's wrist shot on a power-play effort from Garrett Moore and Luke Kafati.

But CC answered on Jared Lee's goal at 11:13, off an assist from West.

The Shamrocks went ahead for keeps, 2-1, at 14:13 of the same period as Brendan Hill buried shot on a rebound after a spin-a-rama backhand by West, who got credit for an assist along with Lee.

"I don't know if it was nerves," third-year CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "We were just out of sync early, then we got a little bit in penalty trouble and I think it threw us off for a long stretch there in the first. We weren't sharp in a lot of areas and we were trying to do too much. Individually in the first, we were trying to do too much and that got us into trouble. In the second and third, we got better at that. I think we started looking better as the game went on."

After the Shamrocks had a goal waved off in the first minute of the second period, West scored from the blue line, going top-shelf with Brendan Miles and Lee assisting at the four-minute mark to make it 3-1.

Brother Rice's Will McLellan then hauled down CC's Rylan Clemons on a breakaway attempt as he was called for hooking. But Warriors goalie Pierce Cadioux (26 saves) made the blocker stop at 13:01 of the second to keep it a two-goal deficit.

Clemons got redemption scoring at 6:28 of the third from Dylan Montie and Mitch Morris, giving CC a 4-1 advantage as the Shamrocks never looked back.

"The coach said, 'Play



CC's Rylan Clemons (right) was awarded a penalty shot as Brother Rice defenseman Will McLellan takes him down from behind. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

our game," West said. "I think maybe the first 10 minutes of the first period, we weren't playing our game. I think we stepped it up at the end. We weren't our best today, but we have to be our best going forward."

CC carried the play over the final two periods, out-shooting the Warriors, 26-6.

"Not acceptable, but our problem was on the other end of the ice than in the offensive zone to be honest," said Rice coach Ken Chaput, whose team was outshot 11-1 in the third. "(Cadioux) kept the score respectable because how we were outplayed in our end it wasn't a 4-1 difference. It was a lot worse than that."

CC was able to avenge last year's Thanksgiving Eve loss to the Warriors.

"Last year it was tough," West said. "We had firepower today ... from last Thanksgiving."

Here are four other takeaways:

RICE REBUILDING

The Warriors return just six players off last year's state championship team, while CC welcomed back a slew of veterans that reached the Division 1 state final before losing to Brighton, 5-2.

"It's sort of a reverse of what we had last year," Chaput said. "We were very heavy in seniors last year. And the experience and the maturity, it's a huge advantage. I don't know if enough people realize what an advantage that is. We're trying to break in a larger number of guys, some younger guys, so it's going to take time and we'll get there. But today wasn't that great of an effort, that's for sure."

After routing Grosse Pointe North in its season opener, the Warriors fell 6-4 to Division 2 power Livonia Stevenson.

"The Stevenson game was totally different," Chaput said. "The Stevenson game, we had a period of time where we really got outplayed in our end, but around that we had some very good times. We played well at

different points of that game. Here, we really didn't play well in any aspect."

BUILDING MOMENTUM

The Shamrocks, despite getting off to a slow start, played efficient defense for the most part as junior goalie Steven Sleva had to make just 11 saves.

"I think there's a lot of areas that we need to sharpen up on, but it's a rivalry game and the emotions are high," Kaleniecki said. "So to come out and get a win at home the night before Thanksgiving, it's obviously a good thing for the kids because it points them in the right direction."

CULVER EXPERIENCE

The Shamrocks opened their season Nov. 17-18 in Indiana against the No. 1-ranked team in the country in Culver Academies Prep, losing 5-2 and 4-2.

Catholic Central led after one period in both games before the Eagles rallied to win.

"We learned how hard you have to compete," Kaleniecki said. "We learned there are some areas where we got to keep improving on. I also think when we went down there we learned we have a pretty good group of guys as well. We went down there and competed with them. Went toe-to-toe with them, which we haven't been able to do a lot."

Culver scored all five goals on the power play to win the first game and needed an empty-netter in the third period of the second game to improve to 9-0.

"Every year we go down there, there are some years better than others, but in both games we were right with them in the third," Kaleniecki said. "We were staying with them and that was a big difference in the group and I think we realized we can be a pretty good hockey team if we put it all together. But it necessarily doesn't pan out that way if we're not doing the right things."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Dales scores four to lift Northville against Novi

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Whether he's on the links or at the rink, Northville's Jimmy Dales has proven he can swing a mean stick.

The senior forward, headed to the University of Wyoming on a golf scholarship, had the Midas Touch Nov. 21, leading the Mustangs to an 8-0 boys hockey win over rival Novi at the Novi Ice Arena.

"I've got a couple of hat tricks, but never four," said Dales, who scored twice in the first period and two more times in the second. "I've never done four goals before, so it feels pretty good. But a 68, there's nothing quite like that either."

State-ranked Northville, which won its KLAAs Gold Division opener, improved to 3-0 overall.

"All year, we've been committed going hard to the net," Northville

coach Clint Robert said. "I think we continued to do that, get pucks to the net, bodies to the net. Jimmy Dales kind of exemplifies that, big body going to the net. That's kind of what our goal has been and we've done a pretty nice job with that this year."

Tyler Balok got things going for the Mustangs when his shot from just inside center ice took a bad hop and eluded Novi goalie Ethan Huntsinger just 2:02 into the game. Senior defenseman Jack Sargent collected the assist.

Dales then scored a power-play goal at 9:56 from Sargent and Noah Eckerle after Novi took a five-minute checking from behind penalty.

Northville closed out the period by scoring two more goals during the final minute as Joe Tobon scored from Eckerle and 6-foot-7 defenseman Cole Smith, followed by Dales's goal from Eckerle.

"I think we got unlucky in the first," said Novi coach Mark Vellucci, whose team fell to 2-2 overall and 0-1 in the KLAAs Gold. "The first goal was a bad bounce on Ethan (Huntsinger), but I don't think it really shook him. But we came back. We had a breakaway with (Alex) Scarozza. If he scores it there, it's a 1-1 game, a different game. When we took the five-minute boarding penalty they scored late, but we killed it off for the most part, for I think, four minutes worth."

Northville increased its lead to 6-0 after two periods as Dales scored from Ryan Siegert at 7:32, followed by Dales's fifth of the season from Tobon and Cameron Oglesby.

"I worked really hard today. I was really motivated by my coaches," Dales said. "I played an all-around good game tonight and they got me opportunities to score all those goals."

Dales has been a three-year varsity hockey player and varsity golfer for the Mustangs.

As a freshman, Dales placed 10th in the MHSAA Division 1 golf state finals and also went to the state tourney as a sophomore. In 2016, he qualified for the U.S. Junior Amateur and, this past summer, took third with rounds of 70-69 at the Michigan Junior Am.

He was one of four players signed recently by Wyoming, which is located in Laramie.

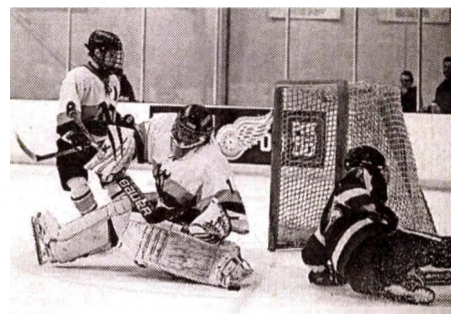
"It's going to be a great experience," Dales said. "It was a matter of just getting my name out there for golf and eventually it got down to Wyoming and it was a beautiful opportunity."

Here are four other takeaways:

DOWN AND DIRTY

Late in the second period, Northville senior defenseman Anthony Salamone helped preserve the first shutout for junior goalie Owen Moruzi, who notched his second win of the season with 10 saves.

"We had one shift out there where (Salamone) blocked about four shots in 30 seconds right at the end of the second period," Robert said. "That's huge



Northville goalie Owen Moruzi makes a pad save on Novi's Evan Budd (right), while Noah Eckerle also converges on the net. MARK HICKS

for us. We weren't real happy with the last three-and-a-half minutes with that period. (Salamone) was kind of the bright spot those last three-and-a-half minutes there with those blocked shots. I'm happy with that, the defensive game and guys going hard to the net."

Salamone, who is also a member of Northville's lacrosse team, has proven to be a catalyst on the blue line.

"I think we came out strong," he said. "We worked really well as a team, communicated really well. And blocking shots was just part of the routine ... that's what we're taught to do and that's what we need to do in order to win. You just can't think about it, you just got to be strong out there, keep your head up and keep your body turned."

CAPPING IT OFF

The Mustangs added two more goals in the final period to put it away while ending the game on the eight-goal mercy as Brendan Lovett scored from Alex Garbacik and Nick Bogenhagen at 1:43, followed by Bogenhagen's fourth of the year at 10:43 with Brett Dann and Smith drawing assists.

"I think we have a bunch of hard-working guys," Dales said. "We get along really well and, as long as we want to, we can take it as far as we can."

Salamone, who was a member of the Mustangs' JV team, also likes what he sees so far.

"It's been a lot of fun," he said. "We're working real hard just trying to do our best, go undefeated and be state champs."

PAST AND FUTURE

Between the second and third periods, the Mustangs raised their 2016-17 MHSAA Division 1 state semifinal banner.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs have a tough test coming up Friday, Dec. 1, at Novi Ice Arena against one of the state's top Division 2 teams in Livonia Stevenson, which is coming off a 6-4 win over highly regarded Birmingham Brother Rice.

"I still think we've got to get better on the back-check," Robert said.

"We've got to get better in the defensive zone, getting pucks out and no turnovers at the blue line. There's a lot of things we've got to clean up still. Obviously, Novi is a tough team and we've got a real tough schedule. We're happy with the win, of course, but we know there's work to do."

WILDCATS REGROUP

The two teams meet again at 6:15 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at Novi Ice Arena and Vellucci hopes the Wildcats can learn from the lopsided loss.

Northville outshot Novi, 30-12.

"The two goals late in the first period were just were just a lack of execution, lack of effort, quite honestly," Vellucci said. "I think the biggest thing was the overall effort from our guys. We have 11 new players this year for this game and I think it was a little deer in the headlights. But Northville is a good team. Clint (Robert) and those guys do a great coaching. They were ready to go. I wouldn't say we weren't ready, but they got the bounces. They earned the bounces and we didn't capitalize on our chances."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Lakeland takes Barber's Cup against Milford, 7-1

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White Lake Lakeland proved to be a cut above winning the Barber's Cup on Nov. 22 against rival Milford, 7-1, at a packed Hartland Sports Center.

The Eagles (2-1, 1-0) came out of the dressing room hitting on all cylinders, jumping out to a 5-1 first-period lead and

never looking back in the Lakes Valley Conference boys hockey victory over the Mavericks (0-4, 0-2).

Blake Jackson keyed the Lakeland triumph with a hat trick, while Alex Libby added two goals. Other goals came from Justin Smith and Jake Lesnew.

Max Cohen finished with three assists, while Ben Getzen, Ryan Stichler, Nick Hrobosky,

Steven Sierota and Jacob Brown each added one.

"We started real fast, just played a smart game, didn't let up," Lakeland coach Tim Ronayne said. "The line of Cohen, Jackson and Getzen got us started. They played really hard, really well."

Lakeland goalie Jason Loo made 17 saves.

"We played a good game," Ronayne said. "For a rivalry game, you

never know what's going to happen. We just started fast and just kind put pedal to the floor and went from there."

After the Eagles jumped out to an early 3-0 advantage, Milford got a short-handed goal from Brent Anderson, assisted by Sam Hewitt, to trim the deficit to two.

But Lakeland scored four unanswered goals, two more in the first and

one each in the second and third periods to put the game out of reach.

Hunter Bartholomew, who got the start in net for Milford, stopped made 26 saves before Chase Tabor came on for the final eight minutes, making three saves.

The Mavericks started the season with three one-goal losses, but couldn't keep up with Lakeland.

"We definitely have a lot of work to do," Milford coach Dennis Gagnon. "But hats off to Lakeland. Coach Ronayne had his team ready to play, while we unfortunately didn't."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Novi makes coaching change entering KLAA Gold

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In his 14 seasons as the Novi High girls basketball head coach, Bill Kelp built himself quite a resume.

But with an itch to get into the collegiate ranks, the 50-year-old Kelp decided just two weeks prior the Wildcats' Wednesday home opener against Ann Arbor Skyline that he had an offer he couldn't refuse.

Kelp informed his team that he had accepted an assistant coaching job at Hope College.

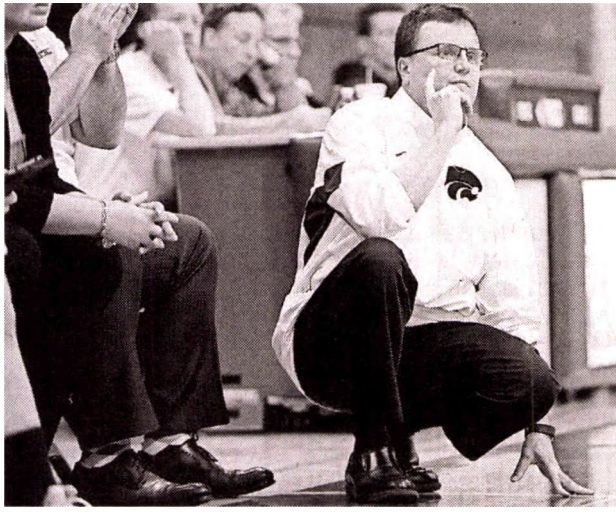
After sporting an overall record of 226-76 with two Class A district, one Kensington Valley Conference and one KLAA Central Division title to his credit, will be replaced by six-year varsity assistant C.J. Aro.

Kelp, along with assistant Casey Lowney, will help in the transition at Novi while continuing his teaching duties at Novi.

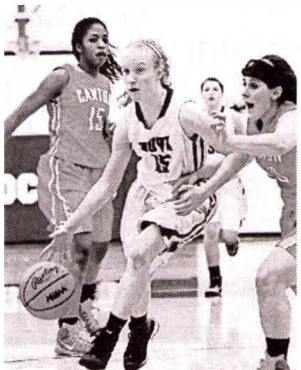
"It was my life, it was my kids before I had a wife and kids ... the program was everything," Kelp said of Novi. "So I don't think there was ever going to be an easy time. And what made it difficult, of course, was five seniors and having the conversation with them. I sat them down first and told them. It was a very difficult thing and very emotional for everybody. It's tough."

Kelp will commute back and forth to Hope under the direction of head coach Brian Morehouse, who is 532-83 in his 22 years with the Flying Dutchwomen. Morehouse has guided Hope to an NCAA Division III title (2006) and made two semifinal appearances. Hope has qualified 16 times for the NCAA tournament, along with winning 13 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association crowns.

"The goal, No. 1, is to see if I like it," Kelp said. "And if I find out I don't, that's fine. And goal No. 2 is parlay it into a job that someday would supplement my retirement from teaching and doing something that I love. To



Bill Kelp has stepped down after 14 seasons at Novi to take an assistant coaching position at Hope College. FILE PHOTO



Novi's Ellie Mackay, a prolific scorer and free-throw shooter, is headed to Michigan Tech. FILE PHOTO



Northville senior point guard Kendall Dillon returns for her fourth varsity season. FILE PHOTO

get asked by Hope, I was flattered. And as I told the kids, it speaks volumes about them. The only reason this happened is because of the kids that played here and the reputation that we have from somebody two hours away to invite me to be a part of his staff."

Kelp entertained the idea of juggling two coaching jobs, both college and high school, but in the end it wouldn't quite work out.

"So the debate was maybe I should do both," Kelp said, "but then I have a 5-year-old and a 6-year-old and just doing a high school season is tough enough, let alone traveling on my off-nights and the weekend. And my wife (Lisa) got promoted in her job and she has to travel more. All these things kind of came together to help me make the decision."

Aro, who played basketball at Milford High School and graduated from Michigan State, is

in good hands, led by the return of five seniors, including two-time honorable mention all-state guard Ellie Mackay.

The 5-foot-7 senior, who recently signed with NCAA Division II power Michigan Tech, holds the school record for most points in a game (40 vs. Canton) and became the second player in school history to score more than 1,000 career points.

Mackay is also second in the MHSAA record books for most free throws made in a game (22) and is fifth in consecutive free throws made in a single game (17).

She also helped Novi (17-7) earn its first district title in 10 years and will be joined this season by senior holdovers Julia Lalain, Ally Pringle, Ireland Whalen and Mikayla Lynch as the Wildcats jump into the tough KLAA Gold Division, which will also include Hartland, Howell and Brighton, along with

Livonia Stevenson and Grand Blanc.

Northville

Coach Todd Gudith, entering his 10th season, lost several key players off last year's KLAA Central Division championship team to graduation, including guard-forward Jessica Moorman, who is playing at Hope College.

The Mustangs (17-4) have four senior holdovers in point guard Kendall Dillon, guard-forward Roan Haines, forward Jasmin Prince and guard Ella Duckworth.

Both Dillon and Haines are fourth-year varsity players who contributed to Northville's run to the Class A quarterfinals in 2015-16 while finishing with a 20-3 record.

Northville doesn't open its season until 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Saline.

"Playing in the newly formed Gold Division will put us to the test," Gudith said. "This division is stacked from top to bottom. I compare our division to the NBA Western Conference. It's so much deeper and the bulk of the top tier teams are on our side. The Black Division is a little more like the Eastern Conference. There won't be a game in our division where a team can have a bad game and still squeak out a win. This division will make us a stronger team come state playoff time, where we think we can challenge for the district and make a run in the playoffs."

Franklin Road Christian

The Warriors (15-6) lost three key players to graduation, including Reagan Mumford, Daria Boboc and Danielle Fusco.

Coach Tiffany Butler, entering her fifth season, will rely on three holdovers, including 6-0 junior center Rachel Bause, 5-8 junior guard Chanelle Lochrie and 5-9 senior forward Haley Thrift.

Among the promising newcomers are 5-3 freshman guard Alexis Butler

TEAM CAPSULES

NOVI

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

League: Kensington Lakes Activities Association (Gold Division).

Last year's record: 17-7.

Titles won last year: Class A district.

Notable losses to graduation: Cara Ninkovich, Bailey Baumbick.

Leading returnees: Ellie Mackay, 5-7 Sr. G; Julia Lalain, 5-9 Sr. F; Anna Biberstein, 5-11 Jr. F-C; Ally Pringle, Sr. F; Julia Lalain, Sr. F; Ireland Whalen, Sr. G; Mikayla Lynch, Sr. G.

Promising newcomers: Jenna Daschke, 5-6 Soph. G.

Aro's outlook: "We return a list of great contributors from our district championship team. We will lean on our five seniors — Ellie Mackay, Ally Pringle, Julia Lalain, Ireland Whalen and Mikayla Lynch — for leadership. We expect a very tough schedule in the new KLAA and look to continue the tradition of past teams by playing tough defense and scoring on the run."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Todd Gudith, 10th season.

League: Kensington Lakes Activities Association (Gold Division).

Last year's record: 17-4.

Titles won last year: KLAA Central Division.

Notable losses to graduation: Jessica Moorman, Brook Adams, Bryce Quick, Brianna Drummond, Lauren Lambert, Sam Cantie.

Leading returnees: Roan Haines, Sr. G-F; Kendall Dillon, Sr. G; Sarah Toth, Sr. F; Jasmin Prince, Sr. G; Ella Duckworth, Sr. G; Ellie Thallman, Soph. G; Tara Beason, Soph. G.

Promising newcomers: Morgan Thompson, 6-2 Soph. C; Charlotte Bacci, Sr. G (exchange student from France); Jenna Lauderback, Jr. G; Nicole Martin, Jr. F; Julia Straky, Jr. F.

Gudith's outlook: "This is a season of transition for us and the league. We graduated one of our best classes ever and lost a lot of size in the process. With the loss of most of our size, we have to rely on the quickness of our guards. The lack of size is not a bad thing, we just have to adjust our style of play and be scrappy. Having seven returning players who all saw major court time last season is a big reason we will feel that we can compete against anyone on our schedule. Our five seniors all have three or four years of varsity experience. We are counting on that experience to help us get through some of those difficult games."

NOVI FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Tiffany Butler, fifth season.

League: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).

Last year's record: 15-6.

Notable losses to graduation: Reagan Mumford, Daria Boboc, Danielle Fusco.

Leading returnees: Rachel Bause, 6-0 Jr. C; Chanelle Lochrie, 5-8 Jr. G; Haley Thrift, 5-9 Sr. F.

Promising newcomers: Alexis Butler, 5-3 Fr. G; Molly Jebson, 5-6 Soph. G.

Butler's outlook: "Coming off a very successful season going 15-6, we are a young team this season with the loss of our three seniors. However, we are returning our 6-foot center, Rachel Bause, who was first team all-MIAC and was selected to the Dream Team. We also return junior small forward Chanelle Lochrie, who will be able to play her true position this year with our freshman Alexis Butler taking over the point guard position. Sophomore Molly Jebson will play big minutes for us this year."

and 5-6 sophomore guard Molly Jebson.

The Warriors opened their season Tuesday against Detroit Public Safety Academy.

Here is a capsule outlook of area teams.

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Northville earns top 10 finish at Division 1 state meet

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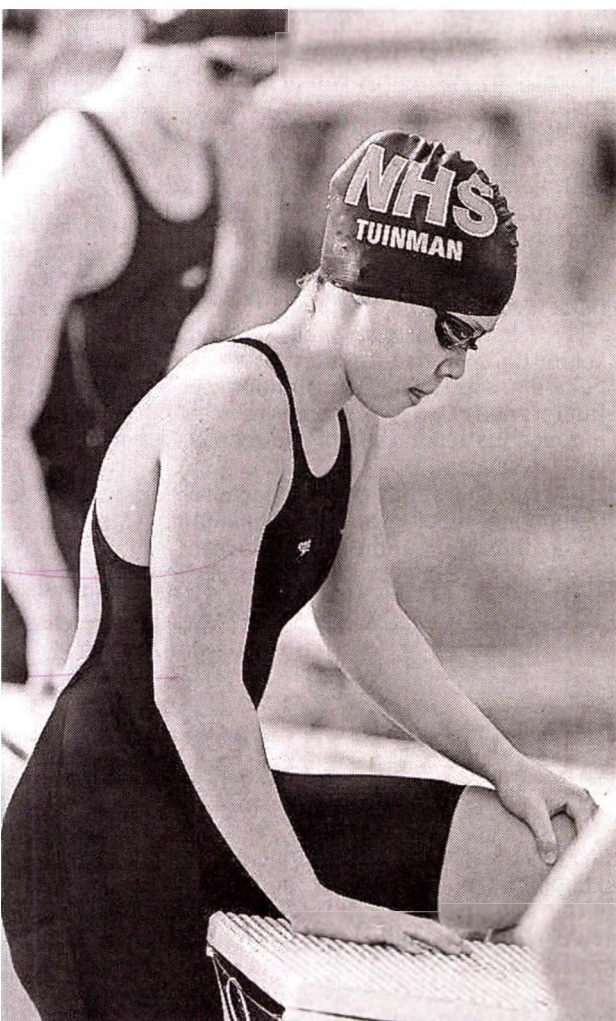
Bolstered by seven all-state performances, Northville earned its fourth straight top 10 finish at the MHSAA Division 1 girls swimming and diving finals held Nov. 17-18 at Oakland University.

The Mustangs, who took fifth a year ago, placed seventh overall with 128 points.

After finishing runner-up a year ago, Farmington Hills Mercy scored 277 points to capture its seventh title in school history and its first in Division 1 since 2013. Saline and Harrison-Farmington placed second and third with 248 and 192, respectively.

"I was very pleased with all of our performances this weekend," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "Seventh place is a great spot and, while we would always like to be higher, there were just better performances from other teams."

Northville's individual all-state performers (top eight) included sophomore Sophia Tuinman, who placed third in the 100 backstroke (55.37)



Northville's Sophia Tuinman was top eight in four events at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals. XIN WAN

and sixth in the 200 individual medley (2:05.82); junior Katelyn McCullough, fifth, 100 freestyle

(51.45), sixth, 100 backstroke (56.71); and sophomore Lauren Heaven, sixth, 100 butterfly



Northville's Katelyn McCullough was Division 1 all-state in two individual events and two relays. XIN WAN

(56.85).

"Katelyn, Sophia and Lauren are some of the fastest swimmers I have ever coached and they always seem to swim the fastest on the biggest stage," McNeff said. "Getting seven all-state swims is a big accomplishment as well. Those are the girls that we have been relying on all season to swim fast and help us achieve our goals and the state meet was no different."

Northville's 200 medley relay team of Tuinman, Emma Phillips, Heaven and McCullough took sixth (1:46.52), as did the 400 freestyle relay team of Tuinman, Heaven, Lulu Mans and McCullough (3:30.93).

Northville's 200 freestyle relay team of Heaven, Meghna Ancha, Phil-

lips and Mans took 14th (1:38.55).

"The relays have been great all season as well," McNeff said. "The 400 free relay had not lost since this weekend, so that was a pretty talented group all season. To come back in the medley relay and be all-state after losing three of the four girls from last year's relay was pretty special also. The 200 freestyle relay was all sophomores, so that will be an impressive relay in the years to come."

Mans, meanwhile, placed sixth in the 500 freestyle (5:11.45).

"Everyone that swam this weekend did a great job," McNeff said. "Lulu scoring in the 500 was a big step up for her from last year. The swimmers that didn't score all gained some valuable experience and, hopefully, will make the leap and score next year."

Novi, which placed 29th overall with nine points, had two scorers in 1-meter diving as Lorna Dunn (366.25 points) and McKaela Hill (362.55) placed 12th and 13th, respectively.

MHSAA DIVISION 1 GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING FINALS
Nov. 17-18 at Oakland University
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington

Hills Mercy, 277 points; 2. Saline, 248; 3. Harrison-Farmington, 192; 4. Ann Arbor Skyline, 191; 5. Rockford, 156; 6. Brighton, 154; 7. Northville, 128; 8. Holland West Ottawa, 127; 9. Hudsonville, 123; 10. South Lyon Unified, 79; 29. Novi, 9.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS includes area finishers

200 medley relay: 1. Saline (Lizzy Spears, Emma Loveland, Emily Klempner, Johanna Jorgenson), 1:43.6; 6. Northville (Sophia Tuinman, Emma Phillips, Lauren Heaven, Katelyn McCullough), 1:46.52; 24. Novi (Annick Gardon, Hanna Dong, Elise Fonda, Julia Katulski), 1:52.60.

200 freestyle: 1. Maddie Luther (Saline), 1:47.69; 22. Lulu Mans (Novi), 1:56.75.

200 individual medley: 1. Kathryn Ackerman (Grand Haven), 1:57.92 (meet record); 6. Tuinman (Novi), 2:05.82; 26. Phillips (Novi), 2:12.49; 42. Danielle Gardon (Novi), 2:16.60.

50 freestyle: 1. Ashley Turak (Harrison-Farm.), 22.38 (meet record); 19. Julia Katulski (Novi), 24.56.

1-meter diving: 1. Zain Smith (Skyline), 446.90 points; 12. Lorna Dunn (Novi), 266.25; 13. McKaela Hill (Novi), 362.55.

100 butterfly: 1. Morgan Kraus (Rockford), 53.73 (meet record); 6. Heaven (Novi), 56.85.

100 freestyle: 1. Turak (Harrison-Farm.), 49.79; 5. McCullough (Novi), 51.45; 25. Katulski (Novi), 53.96.

500 freestyle: 1. Lola Mull (Grand Ledge), 4:47.32; 16. Mans (Novi), 5:11.45.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Harrison-Farmington (Turak, Emma Inch, Hailey Stewart, Madeline Greaves), 1:34.67; 14. Northville (Heaven, Meghna Ancha, Phillips, Mans), 1:38.55; 34. Novi (Dong, D. Gardon, Olivia Mayoras, Kyla Matthews), 1:43.43.

100 backstroke: 1. Casey Chung (Skyline), 53.92; 3. Tuinman (Novi), 55.37; 6. McCullough (Novi), 56.71; 28. Malayna Mancinelli (Novi), 1:00.39.

100 breaststroke: 1. Claire Tuttle (Hudsonville), 1:01.32; 23. Phillips (Novi), 1:07.80; 31. (tie) Jennifer Ostrowski (Novi), 1:08.67; 40. Kathleen Wasinski (Novi), 1:10.04.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Harrison-Farmington (Lia Munson, Inch, Greaves, Turak), 3:26.35; 6. Northville (Tuinman, Heaven, Mans, McCullough), 3:30.93; 21. Novi (D. Gardon, Fonda, A. Gardon, Katulski), 3:41.73.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lakes Valley Conference ready for debut season

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South Lyon East might have the youngest girls basketball team in the new Lakes Valley Conference, but nobody should underestimate the Cougars heading into the 2017-18 season.

Coming off a 7-14 season, 10th-year coach Rob Leadley started talented two freshmen in the backcourt last year, Lucy Cronin and Rachel Waranauckas. They are joined by returning senior guard Mackenzie Mallory, which should make East no pushover in the new nine-school LVC.

The Lakes Valley favorites will be definitely Walled Lake Western and Waterford Kettering, which shared the North Division title in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

But with newcomers Brook Willenborg, a junior guard, and Nina Perl, a freshman guard, adding depth to an already loaded backcourt, East should be formidable.

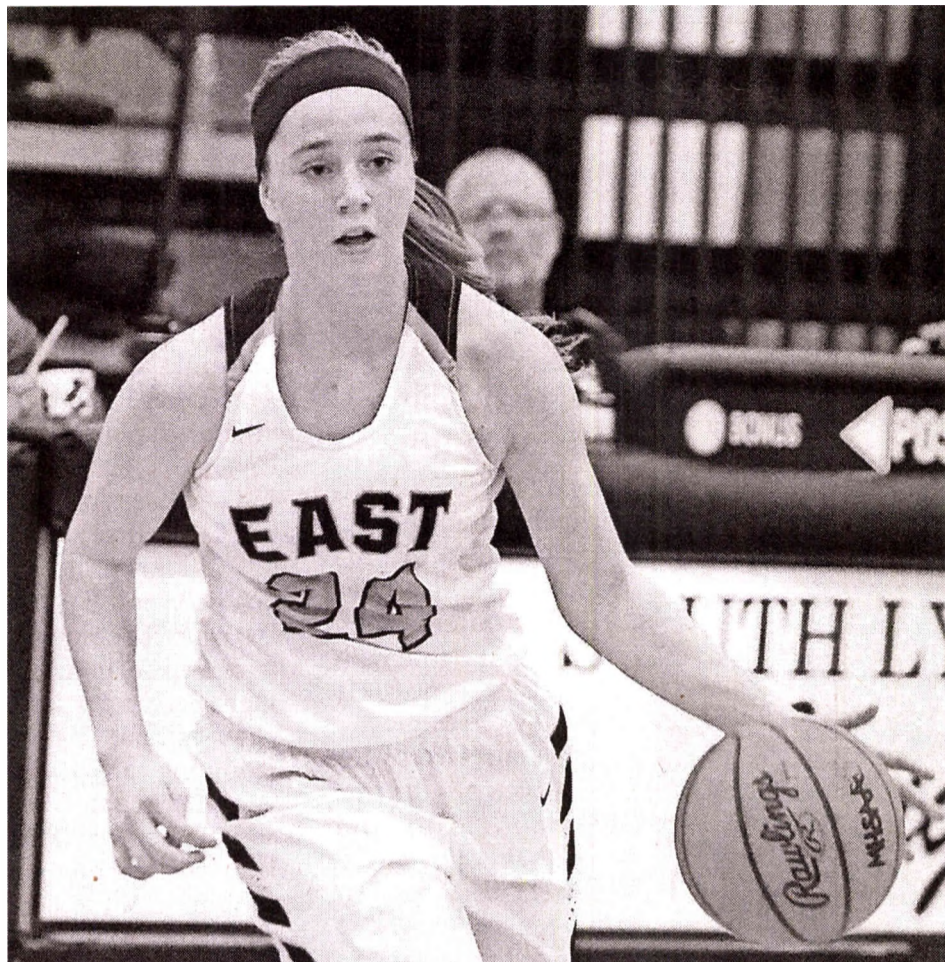
"The new players show promise and we are looking for them to contribute in so many ways," Leadley said. "The great characteristics of this team are that they enjoy the game and they want to learn and improve. They have been great to work with and we are looking forward to some exciting basketball in the new league."

South Lyon

The Lions (8-13) lost all five starters from a year ago to graduation, including their top four scorers, but fourth-year coach John Mackson is optimistic.

Chloe Grimes, a 6-3 junior who saw valuable time on the varsity last year, and 5-10 senior forward-guard Morgan Booth give South Lyon a veteran presence on the front line.

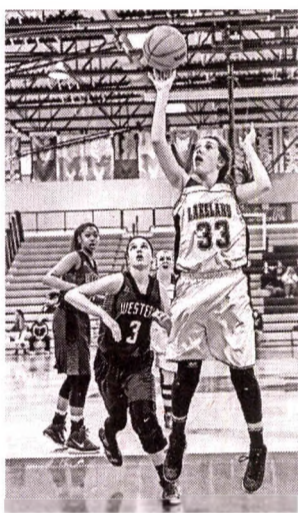
Senior guard Megan Jawor and senior forward-center Sarah Ash also should contribute,



South Lyon East sophomore guard Lucy Cronin returns for the Cougars.



Milford's Megan Wallace (left) and South Lyon's Chloe Grimes both return this season. JERRY REA



Lakeland returns senior Skylar Baer, the team's leading scorer and rebounder. JERRY REA

along with two newcomers at guard, junior Paulina Swain and sophomore Taylor Plummer.

"I am excited to coach this team," Mackson said. "They are an interesting group. We don't have much experience, but this may be the most athletically talented group that we have had in my four years at South

Lyon. I expect that we will be pretty tough on the defensive end of the floor. We are long and quick. Taking care of the ball and using our defense to create easy offensive opportunities will be vital for us if we are going to meet our team goals."

Highland-Milford

The biggest question surrounding the Mavericks (7-14) is who is going to make up for the loss of four-year varsity starter Mallory Barrett (Michigan), a versatile guard who racked up 753 career points.

Barrett also led Milford last season in rebounding, assists and steals.

Milford coach Dave Browne, entering his fourth season, returns eight seniors, led by forward Megan Wallace, center Olivia Seestadt and point guard Sydney Stankovich, who missed most of last season with an injury.

Junior forward Allison Smith and junior point guard Abby Knapp also add valuable depth and experience to the lineup.

"The new league is very tight," Browne said. "I think that there will be a lot of close games, but we found ourselves in a lot of close games over the summer and we handled that well. I think the

TEAM CAPSULES

SOUTH LYON EAST

Head coach: Rob Leadley, 10th season.
League: Lakes Valley Conference.
Last year's record: 7-14.
Notable losses to graduation: Abby Jones, Katherine Crapps.
Leading returnees: Mackenzie Mallory, 5-7 Sr. G; Lucy Cronin, 5-8 Soph. G; Rachel Waranauckas, 5-6 Soph. G.
Promising newcomers: Brook Willenborg, 5-8 Jr. G; Nina Perl, 5-7 Fr. G.
Leadley's outlook: "We are a very young team this year, with half our current roster being freshmen and sophomores. Despite that, we return a strong group of perimeter players who were responsible for most of our scoring last year. Mackenzie Mallory had a great off-season and is a true leader for our team. The sophomore duo of Lucy Cronin and Rachel Waranauckas now have a year of varsity experience under their belts, so they should be able to build on their development over last year."

SOUTH LYON

Head coach: John Mackson, fourth season.
League: Lakes Valley Conference.
Last year's record: 8-13.
Notable losses to graduation: Arianna Camanese, Larissa Dean, Sam Swain, Sarah Stein.
Leading returnees: Chloe Grimes, 6-3 Jr. G-C; Danielle Booth, 5-9 Jr. G; Morgan Booth, 5-10 Sr. G-F; Megan Jawor, 5-6 Sr. G; Sarah Ash, 6-1 Sr. F-C; Fia Ripley, 5-3 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Paulina Swain, 5-7 Jr. G; Taylor Plummer, 5-8 Soph. G.
Mackson's outlook: "Chloe Grimes and Morgan Booth will be relied upon heavily to carry us on the offensive end especially early in the season. Grimes has the potential to be an all-league performer for us. She can play all five positions on the floor. The Booth sisters, Jawor and Ash, all played significant roles for us last year, but were able to do so for the most part coming off the bench. Swain and Plummer are both going to be very good offensive players at some point in their careers. If they develop quickly, we could be a pretty solid team."

MILFORD

Head coach: Dave Browne, fourth season.
League: Lakes Valley Conference.
Last year's record: 7-14.
Notable losses to graduation: Mallory Barrett, Natalie Killingbeck.
Leading returnees: Allison Smith, 5-9 Jr. F; Megan Wallace, 5-8 Sr. F; Olivia Seestadt, 6-1 Sr. C; Abby Knapp, 5-1 Jr. PG.
Promising newcomers: Sydney Stankovich, 5-10 Sr. PG.
Browne's outlook: "We think our returning starters of Knapp, Wallace, Seestadt and Smith are all ready to take the next step offensively and we think we can be very good defensively. Last season, Mallory Barrett led the charge for us on both sides, but we have become much more balanced over the summer."

WHITE LAKE LAKELAND

Head coach: Mike Head, 13th season.
League: Lakes Valley Conference.
Last year's record: 5-16.
Notable losses to graduation: Lauren Castellon, Kate Wirtner, Marissa Depolo, Dana Hahey.
Leading returnees: Skylar Baer, 5-10 Sr. F; Jordyn Murray, 5-6 Sr. G; Megan Depolo, 5-8 Sr. F; Nicole Ford, 5-5 Sr. G; Kara Kulis, 5-10 Jr. F; Julia Lock, 5-8 Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Nicole Magretta, 5-3 Jr. G; Megan Reiter, 5-7 Soph. G; Becca Michela, 5-10 Soph. F.
Head's outlook: "Ultimately, our success during the season will depend upon the contributions of some returning seniors and the emergence of a new wave of developing talent, especially at the guard positions. The players in this group have shown some flashes of basketball skill, so it will just take some time for the chemistry to develop. Our non-league schedule features some very strong teams, so we'll have the opportunity to grow through some on-the-court challenges."

league front-runners are Walled Lake Western and Waterford Kettering, but any team can bump any team and we're hoping to be in the mix when the dust settles. We have eight returning seniors this year and we are leaning on them to help through the tight matchups. They are a very close-knit team, probably as close as any team I've ever coached."

White Lake Lakeland

Coach Mike Head must replace four starters to graduation, but returns leading scorer and rebounder Skylar Baer, a 5-10 senior forward who made all-KLAA last season.

"She will be the focus of the team's performance during the season," Head said.

The Eagles will also rely on seniors Jordyn Murray (guard), Megan Depolo (forward), Nicole Ford (guard) and Julia Lock (forward), while junior forward Kara Kulis also returns.

"In our new league, there are a number of teams with which we are familiar, so it will be everything new is old again," Head said.

"Walled Lake Western will be strong again, while Waterford Kettering and Walled Lake Northern have talented and experienced players that will make them title contenders. I think the other six teams in the league will have some competitive battles throughout the season."

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GIRLS SWIMMING

South Lyon Unified cracks top 10 at Division 1 meet

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South Lyon Unified made its last meet of the season count by earning its first top 10 finish since 2013 at the MHSAA Division 1 girls swimming and diving championships Nov. 17-18 at Oakland University.

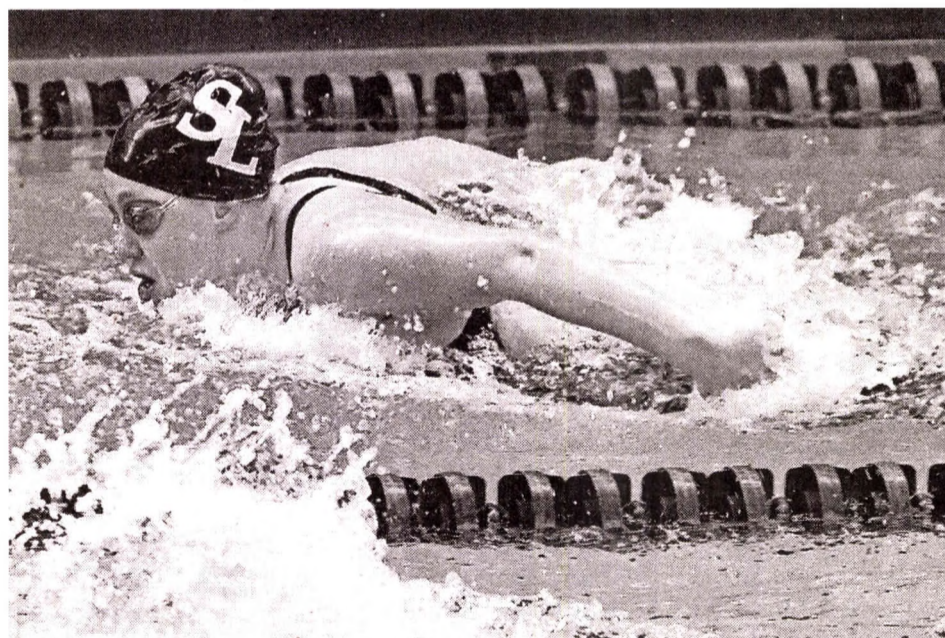
Coach John Burch's team, new Lakes Valley Conference champion, scored 79 points to place 10th overall.

Farmington Hills Mercy, last year's runner-up, captured its seventh state title in school history and first since 2013 with 277 points.

Rounding out the top five were Saline (248), Harrison-Farmington (192), Ann Arbor Skyline (191) and defending champion Rockford (156).

"Overall, it was great to finish in the top 10 again," Burch said. "This was our best team performance in the past four years and I am really proud of how we swam and dove this weekend. This team ended the season on a very strong note."

Senior Anna Smith led South Lyon as she captured individual all-state (top eight) honors in the 100-yard butterfly



South Lyon senior Anna Smith was all-state in the 100-yard butterfly with a seventh-place time of 57.26. SANDRA BOALS

(57.26). She also teamed with junior Avery Covert, sophomore Lindsay Boals and junior Emily Kurt for eighth in the 200 medley relay (1:46.61).

South Lyon's 200 freestyle relay team of Boals, Kurt, Smith and Emerson Ramey placed ninth (1:37.14), while the 400 freestyle relay quartet of Ramey, Taylor Sciborski, Lexi Abernethy and Kurt placed 11th (3:36.03).

"We had lots of time drops across the board," Burch said. "I was really impressed with our 200 medley relay that earned

All-American consideration and set a new varsity record. I was also thrilled with our 400 free relay. We were just hoping that that relay would make it to the second day. Instead, they exceeded all expectations and finished 11th. We had great swims from all the members of the relay, but to see Lexi Abernethy and Taylor Sciborski end their careers with their fastest swims ever is something very special."

Other scorers for South Lyon included

Covert, 10th, 100 breaststroke (1:06.12); Smith, 12th, 100 backstroke (57.38); Boals, 15th, 50 freestyle (24.33); and Kurt, 16th, 50 freestyle (24.54).

"Anna Smith had her best meet ever, capping her all-state career with her best ever finish in the 100 butterfly and scoring in the 100 backstroke for the first time in her career," Burch said. "For a senior to end their career with such a great meet is wonderful. I have never seen her happier than at the meet



Lakeland's Emma Hazel receives her MHSAA Division 1 medal at Oakland University. KELLY HAZEL

this weekend. Avery Covert had a great 100 breaststroke. She is less than 0.3 away from the varsity record."

Hazel leads Eagles

White Lake Lakeland senior Emma Hazel took home all-state honors with a pair of fourth-place finishes in the 100 butterfly (55.98) and 100 backstroke (55.57) as the Eagles took 15th out of 37 scoring teams with 51 points.

Sophomore Stella Fairbanks placed fifth in the 1-meter diving event with 392.15 to also make all-state.

The Eagles' other scorer was junior Kate Doyle, who swam a season-best 5:05.81 to take 10th in the 500 freestyle.

MHSAA DIVISION 1 GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING FINALS

Nov. 17-18 at Oakland University
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 277 points; 2. Saline, 248; 3. Harrison-Farmington, 192; 4. Ann Arbor Skyline, 191; 5. Rockford, 156; 6. Brighton, 154; 7. Northville, 128; 8. Holland West Ottawa, 127; 9. Hudsonville, 123; 10. South Lyon Unified, 79; 15. White Lake Lakeland, 51.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (includes area finishers)

200 medley relay: 1. Saline (Lizzy Spears, Emma Loveland, Emily Klemptner, Johanna Jorgenson), 1:43.6; 8. South Lyon (Anna Smith, Avery Covert, Lindsay Boals, Emily Kurt), 1:46.61.
200 freestyle: 1. Maddie Luther (Saline), 1:47.69; 19. Riley Faulkner (Lakeland), 1:55.95; 28. Kate Doyle (Lakeland), 1:58.68; 30. Taylor Sciborski (SLU), disqualified.
200 individual medley: 1. Kathryn Ackerman (Grand Haven), 1:57.92 (meet record); 19 (tie) Isabel Fairbanks (Lakeland), 2:11.02; 38. Sciborski (SLU), 2:15.05.
50 freestyle: 1. Ashley Turak (Harrison-Farm.), 22.38 (meet record); 15. Boals (SLU), 24.33; 16. Kurt (SLU), 24.54.
1-meter diving: 1. Zain Smith (Skyline), 446.90 points; 5. Stella Fairbanks (Lakeland), 392.15.
100 butterfly: 1. Morgan Kraus (Rockford), 53.73 (meet record); 4. Emma Hazel (Lakeland), 55.98; 7. Smith (SLU), 57.26.
100 freestyle: 1. Turak (Harrison-Farm.), 49.79; 17. Boals (SLU), 53.01; 23. Faulkner (Lakeland), 53.91; 33. Emerson Ramey (SLU), 54.60.
500 freestyle: 1. Lola Mull (Grand Ledge), 4:47.32; 10. Doyle (Lakeland), 5:05.81.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Harrison-Farmington (Turak, Emma Inch, Hailey Stewart, Madeline Greaves), 1:34.67; 9. South Lyon (Boals, Kurt, Smith, Ramey), 1:37.14; 19. Lakeland (Hazel, Doyle, I. Fairbanks, Faulkner), 1:40.50.
100 backstroke: 1. Casey Chung (Skyline), 53.92; 4. Hazel (Lakeland), 55.57; 12. Smith (SLU), 57.38.
100 breaststroke: 1. Claire Tuttle (Hudsonville), 1:01.32; 10. Covert (SLU), 1:06.12; 22. I. Fairbanks (Lakeland), 1:07.79; 34. Kendra Ebel (SLU), 1:08.81.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Harrison-Farmington (Lia Munson, Inch, Greaves, Turak), 3:26.35; 11. South Lyon (Ramey, Sciborski, Lexi Abernethy, Kurt), 3:36.03; 17. Lakeland (Hazel, Doyle, I. Fairbanks, Faulkner), 3:40.38.

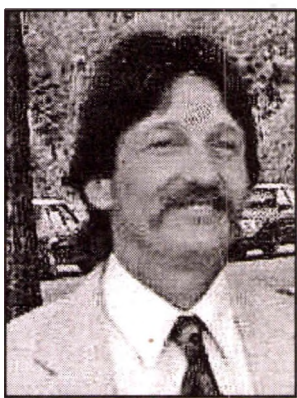
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Ronald Charles Cole

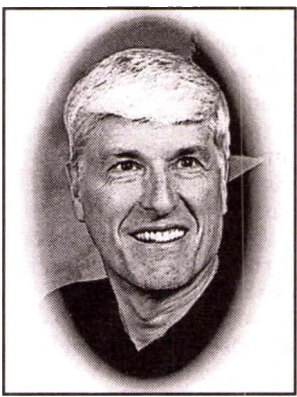
SENATOBIA, MS - 65, of Senatobia, MS, passed away on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at North Delta Hospice House in Southaven, MS. Mr. Cole was born on May 27, 1952 in Plymouth, Michigan to The Late Joann Hohli Cole and Mr. Charley J. Cole. He proudly served as a Vietnam veteran in the United States Army.



He was known by those around him as a neighborly person who was always willing to help anyone. During his career as an Industrial Insulator, he had the privilege of teaching his craft to many who would continue take the same pride in their work as he did for so many years. Mr. Cole leaves behind his loving family which includes his wife of 31 years, Carla Rhodes Cole of Senatobia, MS; his daughter, Angie Turner (Tony) of Howell, MI; his father, Charley J. Cole; two brothers, Mickey Cole (Karen) and Gary Cole (Pennie), all of South Lyon, MI; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother and one brother, Danny Cole. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123, or by visiting www.cancer.org. Ray-Nowell Funeral Home in Senatobia, Mississippi is in charge of arrangements. (662) 560-4430. www.raynowell-funeralhome.com

Ronald Dean Osborn

MILFORD - Passed away while in the loving care of his family on November 24th, 2017. He was 74 years old.



He is survived by his wife, Marsha Osborn of 45 years; Children, Heather (Andrew) Osborn-Heaford, Holly (Jason) Clauser, and Heidi (Ryan) Osborn; grandchildren, Oscar Heaford, Paige and Tyler Clauser; brothers, Robert and Raymond Osborn; nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews; also many extended family and dear friends.

Ronald is preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Wava Osborn; siblings, Roger and Richard Osborn.

A time for gathering will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home at 404 East Liberty St. Milford, MI, 48381 on Saturday, December 9th, from 1 PM to 5 PM.

For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Betty Ronayne

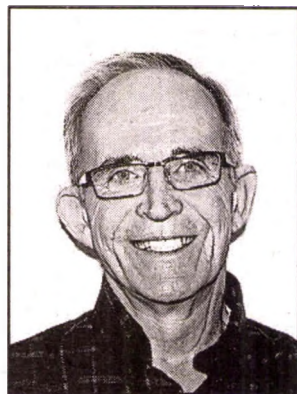
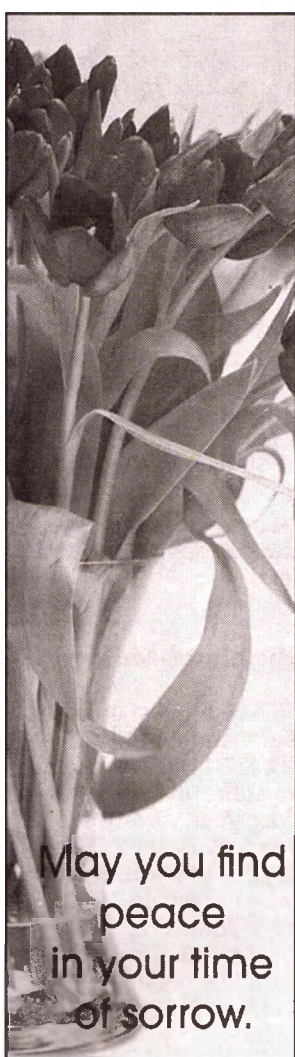
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Dorothy Lang

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LYON TOWNSHIP - January 15, 1950 - November 4, 2017 Expressions of sympathy may be made to obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



Jerry John Goodwin

MILFORD - Died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family on November 21, 2017 after a long and valiant battle with spinal cord cancer. He was 70 years old.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Regina; his sons, Scott and Mike (Tina); brothers, Mike (Martha) and David (Marge) as well as extended family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mabel "Bo" Goodwin.

Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford.

For further information phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com

Robert 'Bob' Gaitley

NEW HUDSON - Age 47, passed away November 26, 2017. He was born September 19, 1970 in Detroit. Bob was a proud police officer with the Northville Township Police Department and previous tenure with the Romulus Police Department prior to his retirement. He was a huge and loyal fan of the Miami Dolphins and a die hard KISS fan. He was known for his kind, loving and generous spirit and for his love of his family, friends and animals. Bob will always be remembered for his boisterous voice, his great sense of humor and his happy, thoughtful and compassionate nature. He is survived by his beloved wife, Teresa; his daughters, Cassandra (Carter) Bishop and Kallie Gibson; his father, Larry (Lorri) Gaitley; his sisters, Kristin (Joe) Willey and Cheryl Gaitley; his niece and nephew, Kyla and Connor; and his grandson, Emerson. Bob is also survived by his dogs, Bear and Maggie. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jeannette. Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 30 from 2:00PM-8:00PM and on Friday, December 1 from 10:00AM until the time of the funeral service at 3:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com.



C. Elaine Skarritt



MILFORD - A longtime resident of Milford and public servant to her community, died peacefully, surrounded by family on the Friday evening after Thanksgiving. She was 83 years old. Born on February 3, 1934 in Dawson Springs, Kentucky, she was the daughter of William and Marguerite Cavanaugh.

After her father's death in 1946, her mother remarried and came north for work settling in Milford. Elaine attended Milford High School and in 1950 she met Richard Skarritt from Commerce Twp. He left for service in the Korean War and the two corresponded for those years and when he returned their romance continued. They were married on June 20, 1953 in the Methodist Church and raised two sons and a daughter and for many years lived on Atlantic Street near the east entrance to the village and across from the church and the civic center which so defined her life. Family, faith and community were her passions. She worked at the Proving Grounds for then years and was elected in 1971 to serve as Milford Township Clerk, a post she held for twenty five years during which Milford Township and Village grew from a sleepy hamlet to a residential mecca. She worked with four supervisors - Bill Boyer, Jim Caswell, Bob Gharrity and Robert Foley -- each of whom relied on her civic pride and excellence in office. Elaine's responsibilities included oversight of the two local cemeteries and all of the local and national elections. She was also active in the Methodist church where she served for some time as Secretary-Treasurer and assisted with bake sales, blood drives, funeral luncheons and other forms of Christian outreach. In 1976 she served as Chairwoman for the local Bicentennial celebrations and

in 1982 organized the Sesquicentennial observances for Milford Township. Active in Oakland County Republican politics, she served as Chairwoman for the Board of Canvassers for seventeen years, during a time when good people of differing opinions could disagree without being disagreeable, as evidence of which she was named Citizen of the Year by the Milford Area Chamber of Commerce in the late 1970's and for the next thirty years, she chaired the committees that reviewed nominations and selected the recipients of that prestigious award.

Elaine saw herself as a child of God, a citizen of Milford and Michigan and the greatest nation on earth, and understood those roles came laden with great blessings and great responsibilities. She was a beloved wife, cherished mother and grand neighbor and civil servant who never lost her interest in the lives and well-being of others. For Elaine, not only were all politics local, but all locals were part of her community and she spent her life in service to them.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Richard Skarritt, and by her sons, Steven Lane of Texas, Kevin Lane (Francie) Skarritt of Grand Ledge and by her daughter, Kimberly Lynn Skarritt of Rapid City. Also surviving are Stacy Lynn Skarritt, Connor Nicholas Skarritt and Cameron Lane Skarritt.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, November 30, at 11 AM at Milford United Methodist Church on Atlantic Street. The Reverend Doug McMunn will officiate. Burial will follow in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends my visit on Wednesday from 2-8PM at Lynch & Sons, 404 E. Liberty, Milford.

Memorial Contributions to Silver Muzzle Cottage, (3785 Rice Road NW, Rapid City, MI 49676) a rescue and hospice facility for senior dogs founded and operated by Elaine's daughter, Kim, are greatly appreciated.

For further information phone Lynch & Sons, 248.684.6645.

Marguerite J. Ross

NORTHVILLE - June 10, 1935 - November 17, 2017 Marguerite, age 82, was born in Port Austin, Michigan, to the late Willard and Angela (Bruce) Walsh.



Marguerite was thoughtful, loving and a natural caregiver. She received her R.N. degree with magna cum laude honors in 1956 from

Mercy College of Detroit, retired with 30 years as an O.R. Nurse at St. Mary's Hospital of Livonia, and was known as the neighborhood nurse in her Northville and Fort Myers community.

Marguerite enjoyed hosting gatherings, travel, dance, music, golf, cards and daily exercise. She fought fiercely for seven years to maintain quality of life while battling brain cancer, finally succumbing to lung cancer.

Marguerite was a long-time parishioner of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville, MI, and served on the Ladies Guild. Her faith was very important to her.

Surviving Marguerite are her children, Brian (Kathy) Ross, Thomas Ross, Beth Ross, Mary Ross; grandchildren Kelly (Chris) Allen, Sean (Jillian) Ross; great grandchildren Henry and Harper Allen; siblings Ann Larabell, Irene (Pat) Flanagan, James (Joann) Walsh.

Marguerite is preceded in death by her parents, husband Edward Ross, sister Patricia (Walsh) Goretzki, and other dear family and friends.

A funeral mass will take place at 11 a.m., with visitation at 10 a.m., Friday, December 1, at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church located at 133 Orchard Drive, Northville, MI 48167. Memorial contributions will be directed to Angela Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Ronald V. Bennett, Jr.

NEW HUDSON - Age 57, of New Hudson, passed away on November 16, 2017 after a courageous battle against heart disease. He was born on June 22, 1960; son of Ronald and Eileen (nee LaByatt) Bennett. Ron proudly served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps from 1978 until 1984. He was united in marriage to Annette L. Atchison on October 7, 1989; they spent 28 years devoted to one another as husband and wife. Ron has lived in New Hudson for 26 years; he was a previous longtime resident of South Lyon. He worked as a Postal Clerk at the Brighton Post Office for 26 years; a job he loved because of the customers he assisted. He was an avid collector; among his collection were antique radios, engines, and tractors. Ron's love of history is what made him interested in collecting antiques. He also loved animals, especially his dogs Olivia and Sophia. He was a very thoughtful and caring husband, son, brother, and uncle. Ron is survived by his wife Annette and his siblings, Tom Bennett, Anne Hoffmeyer, and Colleen Coble. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Kathleen Link. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the ASPCA, 424 E. 92nd St, New York, NY 10128-6804.



AREA EVENTS

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Christmas for Kids

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 330 E. Liberty, in South Lyon will host a Christmas for Kids event from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 2. The event will include a Christmas story, crafts, games and a pizza lunch at noon. For more information, call the Rev. Scott Miller, church pastor, at 248-437-2289.

Northville Basketball Association tryouts

The Northville Basketball Association will be having travel basketball tryouts for eighth-graders living in Northville School District 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC). Tryouts for seventh-graders will be at the same times and place Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9-10. For details and tryout registration forms, go to https://m.facebook.com/NvilleBballAssoc/.

Meet the players

The Northville High School 2017-18 boys and girls basketball teams will host a Meet the Teams pancake breakfast 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in the high school cafeteria. Northville Parks and Recreation youth basketball games will be staged in the main gym throughout the morning.

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

NHS holiday concerts

Northville High School's holiday concerts, "The Gift of Song," will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 19-21 in the school's auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and go on sale Dec. 5. Contact prycema@northvilleschools.org. NHS Music Boosters raffle tickets (\$50) are available via karenjo@aol.com. Raffle winners will be announced at the final concert.

Toys for Tots campaign

The Tanglewood Homeowners Association will again be collecting toys for the Marines Toys For Tots campaign. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Tanglewood Golf Course pro shop, 22805 Country Club Dr., South Lyon, until Dec. 12. Please, no stuffed animals. For more information, call Gwen Dobson at 248-437-4649.

Lyon Township Community Chest

For 65 years, the Lyon Township Community Chest Christmas program has been helping families. The group will again be helping needy families in the South Lyon Community Schools district. If you would like to adopt a family to help, pack toys or deliver baskets, your help would be appreciated. The group is also accepting families that need assistance.

Toy packing will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the Lyon Township Fire Hall on Grand River in New Hudson. Deliveries will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, from the same location. Call Brenda at 248-437-6739 for more information.

Art House exhibition

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host a juried all-media exhibition titled Small Works. A First Friday reception is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. The exhibit continues through Dec. 16 during gallery hours of noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday (the gallery is closed Thanksgiving weekend). Admission is free.

For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org.

Runestad to host coffee hours

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, invites residents to join him for local coffee hours in White Lake, Highland and Milford on Friday, Dec. 8.

Coffee hours will take place at the following times and locations:

- » 8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, in White Lake
» 10 to 11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market, 468 S. Milford Road, in Highland
» Noon to 1 p.m. at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, in Milford
No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or via email at JimRunestad@house.mi.gov.

Huron Valley Community Chorus

The Huron Valley Community Chorus will perform its 40th annual Christmas concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Mill Creek Church, 1270 W. Commerce, Milford. The suggested donation is \$5 at the door. Children 12 and under free.

The chorus is under the direction of Jacqueline Rhodes and Debra Culver will be the accompanist. For more information, go to

www.hvcommchorus.com.

AARP TaxAide looking for volunteers

Every year, AARP provides free income tax preparation services for seniors and other moderate income families from February through April. AARP is looking for new volunteers to become tax counselors. You should know how to use a computer and the internet, and be experienced with income tax preparation.

Training will be provided to learn the tax software and tax law, to prepare you for certification. Training classes in early December and in mid-January are being scheduled now. Volunteers are expected to be active about one day per week during the tax season.

You can apply by completing an application online at aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call 888-227-7669.

Homeless vets clothing drive

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

The drive runs through Dec. 1. Donations may be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and each Sunday morning. For more information, call 248-684-0495.

Gifts of Art show

The Village Fine Arts Association invites the public to an artists' reception for the Gifts of Art show and sale 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Suzanne Haskew Art Center, 125 S. Main St., Suite 700, Milford. Finger food and refreshments are provided. Bring your friends and family to meet the artists and do some holiday shopping! The admission is free, but donations are welcomed.

You can also visit Gifts of Art through Dec. 26. The VFAA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that relies on the support of the community. Proceeds from the Gifts of Art show support not only the artists involved, but also the efforts of the VFAA to continue arts-focused activities in the Huron Valley area.

Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts

The Living and Learning Center in downtown Northville is a center that

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

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

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.livingandlearningllc@gmail.com.

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

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

Indivisible Huron Valley

Indivisible Huron Valley is a local non-partisan group committed to social and economic justice and the protection of our environment. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at 125 S. Main in downtown Milford. Public welcome.

Youth Alpha film series

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

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South Lyon Area Recreation Authority board meetings are held at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call the South Lyon Area Recreation office at 248-437-8105 for directions and confirmation of meeting location. To register for upcoming classes, call or go to www.slrec.net.

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What you need to know to be your own boss

BY KATE LOPAZE
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If you've ever had a job with a boss, you've probably had these thoughts, especially on frustrating days: "I could be the boss and do a better job," and "Why don't I do that?" There are different ways to "do that." One is to rise through the ranks. The other is to go into business for yourself. It's not the easiest path, but if it's your goal, here are some ways to get started:

Are you ready?

Being your own boss sounds great, but if you're not ready to handle the demands of running your own business, recognize that up front. Management consultant Steve Tobak recommends starting with an honest assessment of how you are as an employee to see how well you might function when you're depending on yourself to get everything done. People who focus on responsibilities over branding and who seek achievements over power will likely be more successful when it comes time to assume responsibility for a business.

Design a plan.

Your next step should be deciding explicitly what it is you'll be doing in your business. Branding is great, but it comes later. The core business has to come first, so a solid plan is essential. If you need help coming up with a business plan, there are a number of free and premium services online that can help you craft it, such as LivePlan or Microsoft's Dynamics 365.



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Do a test run.

Before you take the leap, think about doing a "soft launch" by creating your business as a side hustle or a part-time commitment. This is a way of figuring out if it is the right path for you before you've committed fully to the idea of ditching your current career path. Plus, it lets you start building a customer base and getting a real sense of what the market is like — information that will be invaluable.

Consider the money.

Before you do anything drastic like quitting your current job, do your homework on some baseline financial issues. Finances are an incredibly important consideration. You'll be the one writing the paychecks, so there's not much room for error. Gather your personal financial records and answer

these important questions: What are the startup costs? What are the week-to-week operating costs? If your business is slow to develop, how long can you go without a paycheck? Will you need to hire employees? If so, what can you afford to pay them?

It may be that after your financial analysis, you find you aren't quite ready to quit your job and go it alone. And that's okay — it gives you more time to plan, set goals and lay the groundwork for your business.

Decide who's on your team.

Your company may be just you at first, and that's a lot of pressure. What friends or family do you have to help provide a balance for that? Do you have people you trust who can listen to you and help talk through decisions and provide valuable feedback? You

should start building your network in general, both using online social networks like LinkedIn and joining professional associations in your field. There are also organizations that specifically support small business owners.

Build your brand.

Self-marketing is going to be one of the best tools you have at your disposal as you get started. Creating dedicated social media profiles is a no-brainer. You'll also need a website — ideally, one designed professionally. There are lots of hosting services that also help you build a sleek site. Once you have your own URL and platform, you can use a blog, photo gallery, portfolio and email to reach customers.

Prepare to make the transition.

Think about a careful transition from your current job to your entrepreneurship — especially if your new company will be in the same field. It's important to exit gracefully. That means figuring out a timetable for quitting (potentially more than the standard two weeks). During this transition period, you should also see if there's fine print in your employment contract about pursuing clients or competitive job opportunities. Some companies have a noncompete clause to limit what former employees can do in the same field.

Kate Lopaze is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com, where this article was originally published. She investigates and writes about current strategies, tips and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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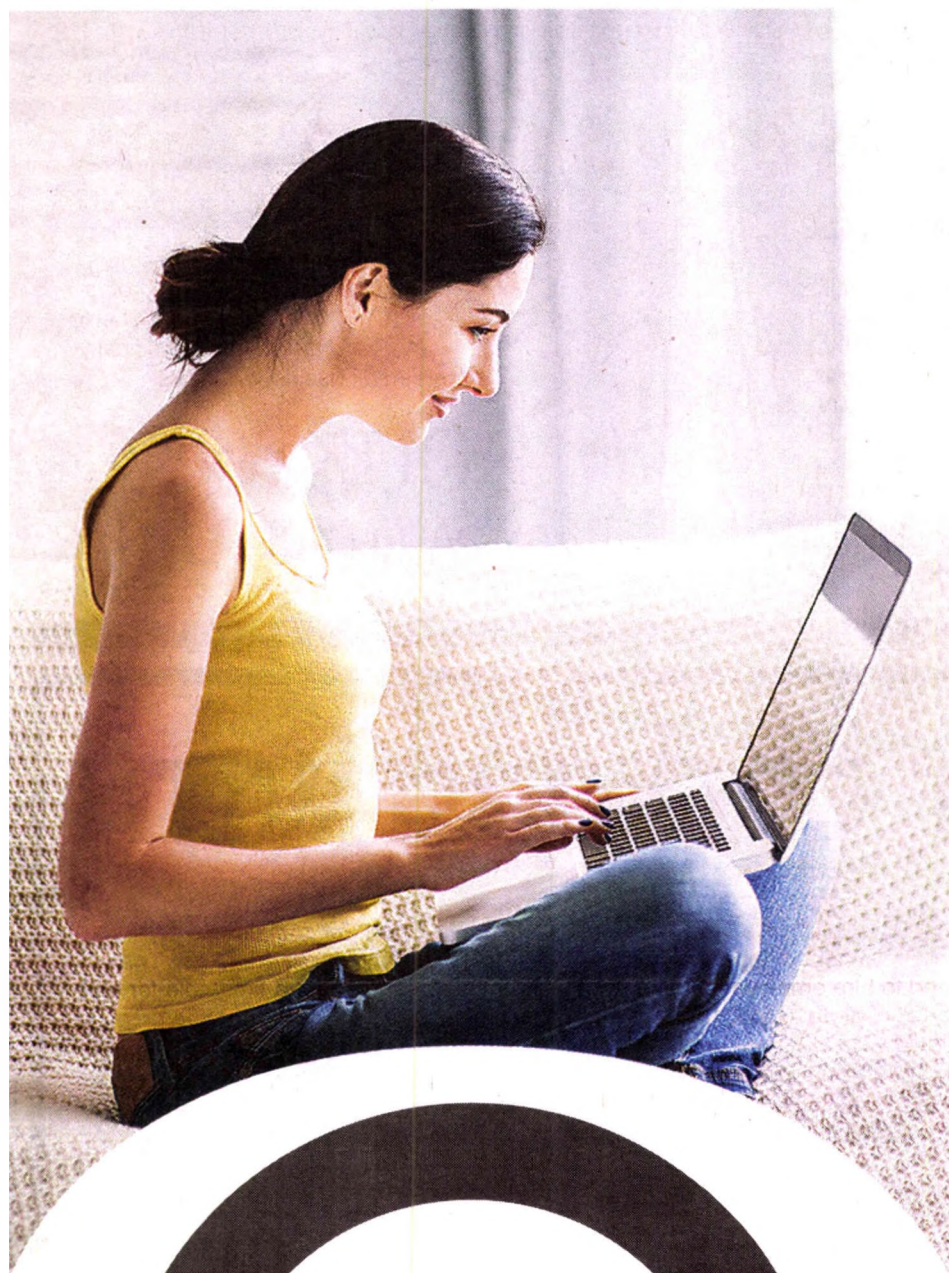
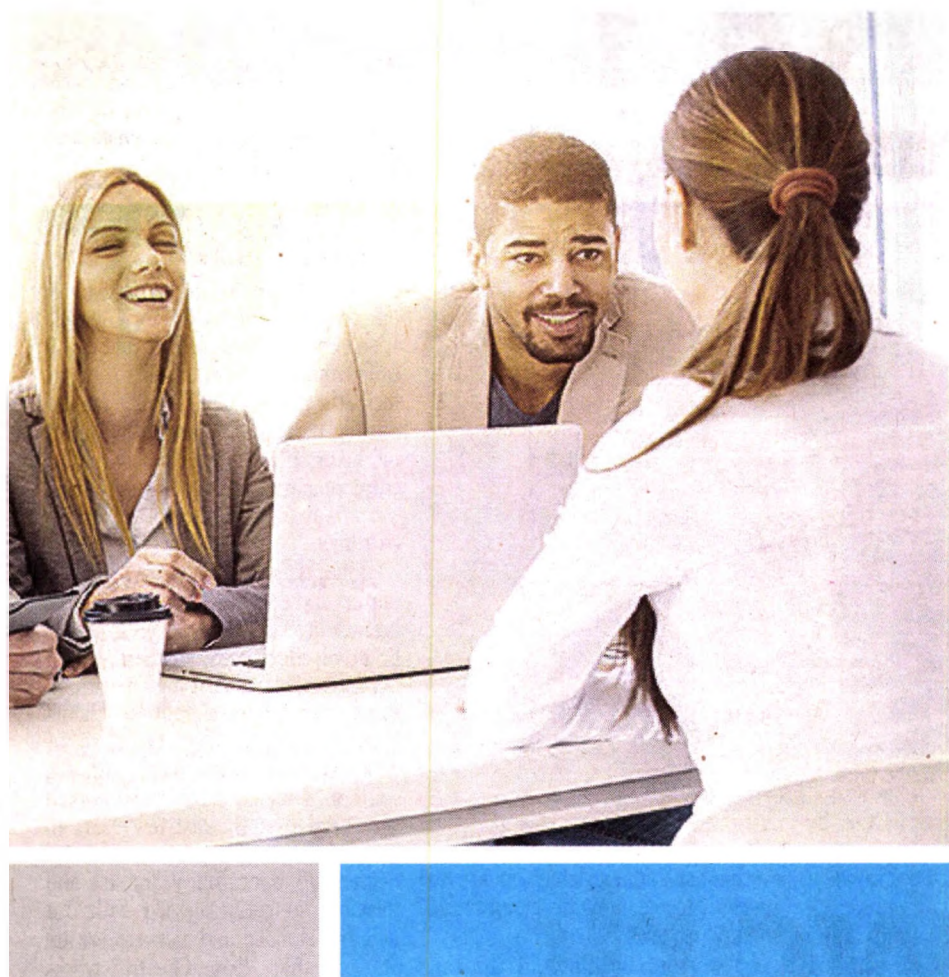
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- ACROSS**
- 1 After, in Paris
 - 6 Paparazzi target
 - 11 Speedy
 - 15 Close loudly
 - 19 Instant replay mode
 - 20 St. Teresa's town
 - 21 Guthrie of folk music
 - 22 Snow beast of legend
 - 23 Frenetic cartoon marsupial (#1)
 - 25 Banging, as a drum
 - 27 Bread type
 - 28 Caviar eggs
 - 29 It's not currently erupting [#2]
 - 31 — distance
 - 32 Capital of Kazakhstan
 - 36 Kia model
 - 37 Fragrant compound
 - 38 "Just name it and I'll do it" [#3]
 - 43 Zine staff
 - 44 Sarcastic laugh sound
 - 45 Dust bit
 - 46 Direction of sunup
 - 49 Real guy?
 - 52 House-building charity [#4]
 - 59 Shouts from cheerleaders
 - 60 Recording studio control
 - 61 Watch
 - 62 Concave tummy part
 - 63 Sauna spot
 - 64 — tai (mixed drink)
 - 65 Hive group
 - 66 "Sorority Row" actress
 - 67 Annual publication of Benjamin Franklin [#5]
 - 73 Jonathan Swift's genre
 - 75 Ark crafter
 - 76 Egg case
 - 77 Prefix with con
 - 80 Her "Hello" was a big hit
 - 81 Horror film helper
 - 82 Composer Franz
 - 85 Singer Baez
 - 86 What a green card grants an alien [#6]
 - 89 Dated yet trendy
 - 90 Be a vagrant
 - 91 "Othello" baddie
 - 92 "No kidding!"
 - 93 — jongg
 - 96 Available again because folks asked for it [#7]
 - 104 Not silently
 - 107 August sign
 - 108 Old office note-takers
 - 109 Ending with ethyl
 - 110 Classic song by Rodgers and Hart [#8]
 - 114 Platform that runs on Apple devices
 - 115 Audiophile's stack
 - 116 Certain shore area
 - 117 1988 film about an old baseball scandal (and what this puzzle has?)
 - 122 Bakery tool
 - 123 Brother of Cain
 - 124 Comic Anderson
 - 125 Passover dinner
 - 126 Cruel emperor
 - 127 Simple
 - 128 Bulges
 - 129 Not well-kept
- DOWN**
- 1 Wandering
 - 2 Seek the approval of
 - 3 Capital of Dominica
 - 4 Record label for Bowie
 - 5 Take off from a high nest, as an eagle
 - 6 Academy students
 - 7 Mother of Cain
 - 8 Ullmann or Tyler of film
 - 9 Yale athlete
 - 10 Dis-tressed?
 - 11 Cloth
 - 12 "Am not!" reply
 - 13 Serb, say
 - 14 Pooch in Oz, as files
 - 15 Matches up, as files
 - 16 Papal envoy
 - 17 Paid (for)
 - 18 Tweens, e.g.
 - 24 Army denial
 - 26 Sicily, e.g.
 - 30 Suffix with access
 - 33 Sportscaster — Rashad
 - 34 Weeper in myth
 - 35 Not lifeless
 - 39 Letters that follow pis
 - 40 Converged
 - 41 Tabby sound
 - 42 — es
 - 43 Salaam
 - 47 City in Iran
 - 48 Tennis top
 - 49 Wifely title
 - 50 Ceiling
 - 51 Book division
 - 52 Brow or lash
 - 53 Say for sure
 - 54 With
 - 56-Down, entwined like shellee ends
 - 55 Own (up)
 - 56 See
 - 54-Down
 - 57 With
 - 78-Down, tone deafness
 - 58 Pro's vote
 - 60 Cost to cab it
 - 64 Singer Rita
 - 65 Scornful cry
 - 66 Dark mark
 - 68 Gulf ship
 - 69 Playwright William
 - 70 Pigeon calls
 - 71 Spy Mata —
 - 72 Timber tool
 - 73 Syrup base
 - 74 Sugary drink
 - 78 See
 - 57-Down
 - 79 1969 Beatle bride
 - 81 — la Douce
 - 82 Lutzes, e.g.
 - 83 Bar of gold
 - 84 Range
 - 85 Taunt
 - 87 Eatery check
 - 88 Handy-Andy's inits.
 - 89 Evaluate anew
 - 92 Low spirits
 - 93 Remit, say
 - 94 — Lorraine
 - 95 Schnozz
 - 97 Maker of an exact copy
 - 98 Brewing pot
 - 99 "Sk8er" — (2002 hit)
 - 100 Merges
 - 101 Crack, as a cipher
 - 102 Provided, as with talent
 - 103 "— Rides Again" (old Western)
 - 105 In — (not yet born)
 - 106 "What's the —?"
 - 111 Trolley car
 - 112 Caftan, e.g.
 - 113 Jail division
 - 118 Debt doc
 - 119 Chewed stuff
 - 120 Not square
 - 121 Once named

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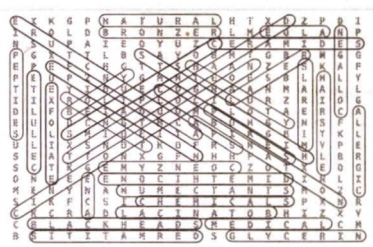
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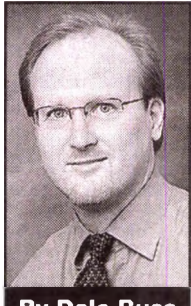
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Word Search Answers



Car Report

IN THE NEXT CHAPTER, CADILLAC EXPANDS ITS BOOK BY CADILLAC SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE TO 2 MORE CITIES – COULD DETROIT BE NEXT?



By Dale Buss

There are no plans to introduce BOOK by Cadillac in the brand's hometown of Detroit anytime soon and no indication whether the Motor City could be next.

Anges and Dallas. For a monthly fee of \$1,800 (after a \$500 initiation fee), customers can get access to a portfolio of fully loaded Cadillac vehicles. Other premium auto marques, including Porsche, are testing similar services.

With more than 7,000 subscribers in New York alone, the automaker has been pleased by the "overwhelming" demand since January's launch by customers requesting to join the service.

But Cadillac's subscription service has been such a big hit in Cadillac's adopted home town of New York City that GM's luxury car brand is now extending BOOK by Cadillac to Los

Los Angeles and Dallas is a natural evolution of the program."

"BOOK by Cadillac has introduced entirely new customers to the brand and has been fully embraced by younger audiences as an innovative service that meets their ever-changing needs," Melody Lee, newly appointed global director of the service, said in a press release. "Introducing the service in Los Angeles and Dallas is a natural evolution of the program."

Cadillac also is increasing the number of vehicles in its metro-New York fleet to keep up with demand. The brand also has launched BOOK by Cadillac as a pilot in Munich, Germany, with an eye to expanding it in other global markets.

Named Global Director, BOOK by Cadillac, last month, Lee is responsible for the successful growth of both BOOK as the luxury vehicle subscription offering it is today, as well as leading the Cadillac brand and executive team's charge into future innovation areas.

Prior to BOOK, as Director of Brand Marketing for Cadillac, she was responsible for building Cadillac's global brand identity and driving a clear and consistent strategy across all of its channels, products and markets.

I spoke with Lee for more insights into this new chapter for Cadillac—and how she intends to throw the BOOK at competitors.



Cadillac's XT5 crossover is one of the vehicles featured in BOOK

Why are you expanding BOOK by Cadillac now?

Even though we started out saying it was for New York City only, we received overwhelming demand from hand raisers all over the world. Recognizing the clear customer demand for the program, we made the decision to go to market, where we know there is an affluent luxury customer and where we see an opportunity for Cadillac to grow our market share. Also, with the LA market, you're tapping into the bi-coastal luxury-lifestyle traveler.

Are you refining BOOK by Cadillac as you expand?

It's very much a constant learning experience for us—we want to test and learn and flex and refine. Among the changes we've made are to increase the price to \$1,800 a month; clearly there was a willingness to pay \$1,500 a month, so we've raised the price as we expand. To more carefully manage vehicle lifecycles, we've instituted a mileage limit of 2,000 miles. That's plenty of mileage, the way that

customers have driven so far.

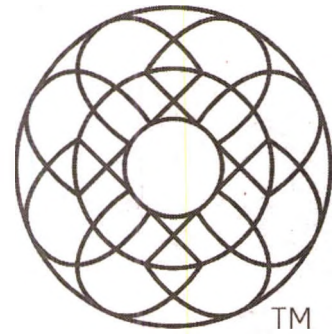
You've been a huge part of the brand overhaul at Cadillac, which could be a 10-year process. How far along would you say you're at?

We're about one-third of the way into our long-term strategic plan, and BOOK is a product of pushing

ourselves to live up to the tagline in our communications: "Dare Greatly." It's an effort to demonstrate that if you can't win the battle, you need to change the battleground. BOOK is a great and shining example of how a 115-year-old luxury brand can take risks and be entrepreneurial, and as a result bring a new way to access luxury vehicles to customers.

China is increasingly your biggest market and ever more important to the brand's growth. How do your overall branding efforts translate there?

Yes, we'd been using a similar strategy in China already, so there's been an effort to align the spirit of what we were doing there with the spirit of "Dare Greatly." We've worked very hard over the last few years to recognize that China is a massive market of opportunity for us and therefore to get it aligned with our U.S. and global brand message. We are ensuring that "Dare Greatly" works for us in that market and elevates the brand the same way it does in the U.S.



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