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Armed woman robs Canton Arby's

Police looking for suspect who brandished handgun during incident

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A woman brandishing a handgun jumped over the counter of a Canton restaurant and demanded that employees turn over money from a cash register and safe, police have confirmed.

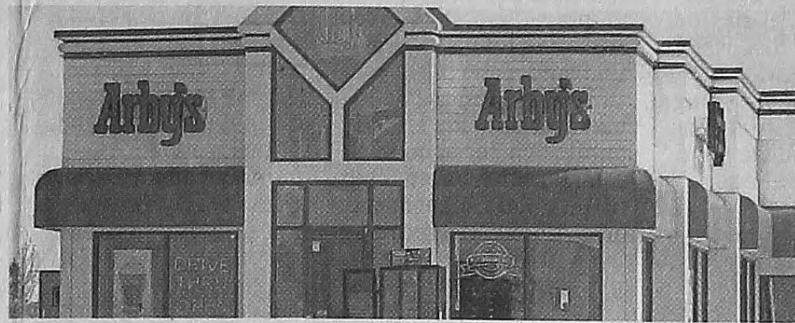
No shots were fired and no one was injured as the robbery unfolded about 10:30 a.m. Dec. 12, inside the Arby's restaurant on Michigan Avenue, near Beck, Detective Lt. Mike Steckel said. The suspect was described as a

white female, possibly with blonde hair and blue eyes, Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said. She was tall, thin and wore a black bomber-style jacket, a black bandana and a black stocking cap.

Steckel said the woman acted alone inside the restaurant.

"She jumped the counter, produced a handgun and asked for money out of the register and the safe," Steckel said.

The suspect then jumped back across the counter and ran outside to a car, described by witnesses as possibly a newer-model, white Chevrolet Impala, Steckel said.



Police say they are looking for a woman who allegedly stole money from the Canton Arby's last week. COLORADOAN FILE PHOTO.

The car fled west on Michigan Avenue, Traylor said.

Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to call the Canton

Police Department at 734-394-5400.

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Suzanne Zabowski is serious about Christmas decorating. Her Christmas village changes from year to year as she gets new ideas. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Canton woman's holiday hobby continues to grow

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When Suzanne Zabowski first started putting up the St. Nicholas Christmas village in the mid-1990s, it only took up space on a coffee table in the downstairs family room.

Twenty years later, she needs a lot more room for it.

With more than 1,000 pieces and 400 buildings the village, a labor of love for Zabowski, now takes up nearly an entire room on the main floor of her Canton home.

"It was so small the first five or six years, but then I had to move it, be-

cause it kept getting bigger and bigger," said Zabowski, who works full time as a territory sales rep for United Laboratories. "I am very meticulous about making it like a city really is. It's all about the details."

The village actually got its start in Zabowski's dreams when she was a kid. After visiting Christmas-centric places like Bronner's and seeing the elaborate villages set up in those stores, Zabowski thought, "I'm going to have one of

those when I get my own house."

So she started picking up the pieces, until she has the elaborate setting she uses now. There are more than 1,000 individual pieces, including more than 40 buildings. Some of the buildings are "tributes" to friends and family — her brother is a watch repairman, so there's a jewelry shop; her best friend is a hair stylist, so there's a beauty parlor.

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Honking horn at traffic light leads to gun being pointed at man

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A Canton driver who honked his horn to prod another motorist to pull off from a green light found himself in a frightening situation when a handgun was pointed at him, according to police.

No shots were fired as the road rage incident escalated about 8:15 p.m. Dec. 12, Detective Lt. Mike Steckel said.

The 32-year-old Canton man told police he honked his horn when the other driver failed to pull off when a traffic light turned from red to green on Warren Road, near Tonda Elementary School, Steckel said.

The driver told police the situation escalated when the two men stopped at the next traffic light at Warren and Canton Center, where he was threatened by a handgun brandished by the driver of a gold Ford Taurus.

He avoided any further confrontation by putting his car in reverse and driving away from the scene, Steckel said.

Police say the incident can serve as a reminder of road etiquette or the difference between a short, "polite honk" vs. a longer, "aggressive lay-on-horn" approach.

Steckel said the aggressive honk is more likely to anger the other driver and potentially lead to an escalated

road rage incident, possibly involving weapons.

Steckel said police believe they may have identified the handgun suspect, but the victim hasn't been cooperating to prosecute the case.

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Panel discusses public charters, school reform

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Advocates for public education left the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills on Dec. 11 with a simple but strong message: Get involved for the sake of every student.

"Until we look out for everyone, we're not going to be the state we need to be," said Rep. Christine Greig, D-Farmington Hills, as she closed a panel discussion on the privatization of public education. "Things are changing rapidly on every level and we have to be part of that equation."

Greig, who represents Farmington and Farmington Hills in the

Michigan House of Representatives, hosted the event in part to generate interest in the FACT Act, a package of nine House bills, introduced by Democrats, designed to increase accountability and transparency among public charter schools. More than 80 people attended, despite snowfall, including educators and parents.

The stage for the discussion was set with a screening of "Backpack Full of Cash," a documentary that looks at the changing public education landscape in several U.S. cities, and particularly at how the rise of public charter schools in some has disrupted traditional public schools and drained money from them. It was the first showing of the docu-

mentary in Michigan, Greig said.

Panelists included charter school critics, as well as a fan of charters who agreed there are shortcomings but said she wanted all schools improved.

"There are a lot of parallels to Michigan in the stories you saw in the film," said Cassandra Ulbrich, a state Board of Education member. While the state mandated more transparency for charters beginning in 2011, as the cap on the number of charters was lifted, "Michigan is among the least-regulated in the entire country," Ulbrich added.

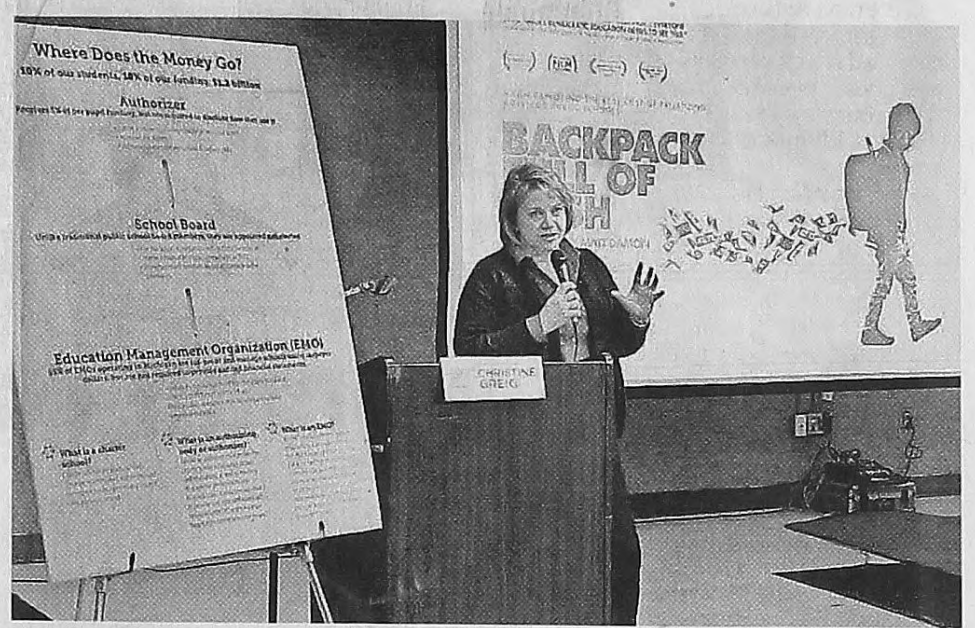
According to figures provided by Greig, there are 294 charter schools in the state, 252 of them run for profit, and the state spends \$1.2 billion a year on charters that serve about 150,000 students.

"Charter schools aren't necessarily bad," Ulbrich said. "They could be a great asset for a state that has a strategy. We have no strategy in Michigan."

State Rep. Darrin Camilleri, D-Brownstown Township, another panelist, said the profit motive should be taken out of the charter equation. Camilleri is a member of the House education reform committee.

"It can't just be about the bottom line, which seems to be the only strategy, if there is one," he said.

Camilleri is a former teacher at a nonprofit Detroit charter high school. He said he found himself named the social studies department chairman his first day on the job at age 22. There were no textbooks and no



State Rep. Christine Greig, D-Farmington Hills, moderated a panel discussion on public charter schools Dec. 11.



State Board of Education member Cassandra Ulbrich (left) speaks during a panel discussion Dec. 11 following a showing of "Backpack Full of Cash," a documentary about public education and how charter schools have affected it in some cities. Next to Ulbrich are panelists state Rep. Darrin Camilleri, R-Brownstown Township, Star Roland and Nate Walker. MATT JACHMAN

curriculum, he said.

"It was more about teaching to the test than it was about anything else," he said.

Star Roland, mother of a second-grader at Joy Preparatory Academy, a charter school in Detroit, defended charters. Roland is active at her daughter's school and in 482Forward, a Detroit

education advocacy group, and said she feels her voice is heard at Joy.

"I definitely believe that charter schools are not the problem," she said.

But Roland decried what she said is Joy's overemphasis on student testing and said the school has no music or art classes.

"We have tremendous potential, but it has to be utilized," she said.

A couple of parents also spoke during the discussion.

Mary Carleton of Farmington Hills, an educator with four teenage sons in local schools, said she had been against charters, but put one son in a charter school and found it better suited his needs. There is "a very short window" for educating teens and, at the end of the day, parents "just want to know that their kids are OK," Carleton said.

Greig said the nine FACT Act bills are in the House education reform committee and that sponsors are pushing for committee hearings. The committee is chaired by Rep. Tim Kelly, a Saginaw County Republican.

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Elks Lodge members give presents to area veterans

Veterans in three Michigan VA hospitals received wrapped Christmas presents again this year, courtesy the Elks Lodge of Plymouth-Ann Arbor.

On Saturday, Dec. 19, Elks wrapped some 880 gifts of 14 items each for veterans in VA Hospitals in Detroit, Ann Arbor and Battle Creek, along with homeless shelters in Detroit.

It's the continuation of a program the lodge has been doing for 39 years. For the last 16 years, club members have wrapped more than 700 gifts and that number has swelled to more than 850 the last 10 years.

"Donations came from many Elks and Elk widows," club member Stew Israel said. "The best part was the people showing their American spirit and sense of community."

The basic gifts included socks, shampoo, body powder, hand soap, deodorant, aftershave, toothbrush and holder, toothpaste, mouthwash, body lotion, tissue, breath mints and a deck of cards.

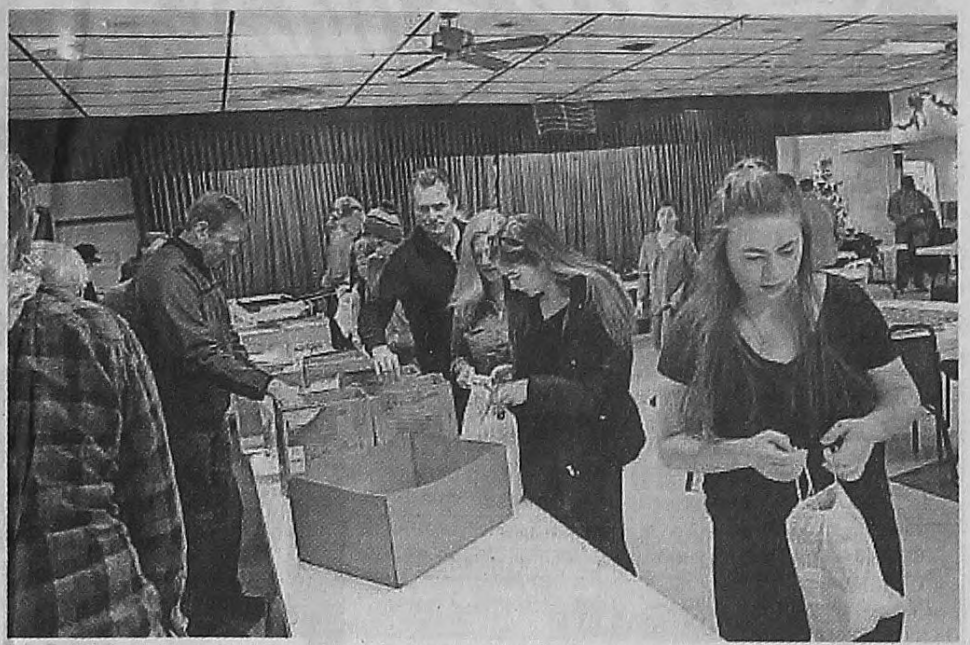
Israel said ladies donated lap robes/afghans, which he called a "labor of love" for them.

They will be distributed at the same time as the other gifts, with special attention to the vets who have lost limbs, dialysis patients and women veterans. Special gifts of fancy soap and lotion were purchased to give to women veterans, a group Israel called "often overlooked."

The 12,000 items that are put into these gifts are ordered from distributors, purchased from area stores and donated by patriotic citizens of the communi-



Elks lodge of Plymouth-Ann-Arbor wrapped 880 gifts of 14 items each to be given to veterans. PLYMOUTH-ANN ARBOR ELKS



Dozens of volunteers helped with this year's wrapping. PLYMOUTH-ANN ARBOR ELKS



The wrapped presents consisted of 14 items, including toothbrushes, tissue and other essentials. PLYMOUTH-ANN ARBOR ELKS



The Elks have been wrapping presents for veterans for 39 years. PLYMOUTH-ANN ARBOR ELKS

ty. Dr. Glenn Curtis, a Plymouth dentist, donated the 850 toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss. Dr. Leone, another local dentist, donated tooth-

paste and dental floss. Playing cards were from a veterans playing card program of the National Elks. The wrapping included more than

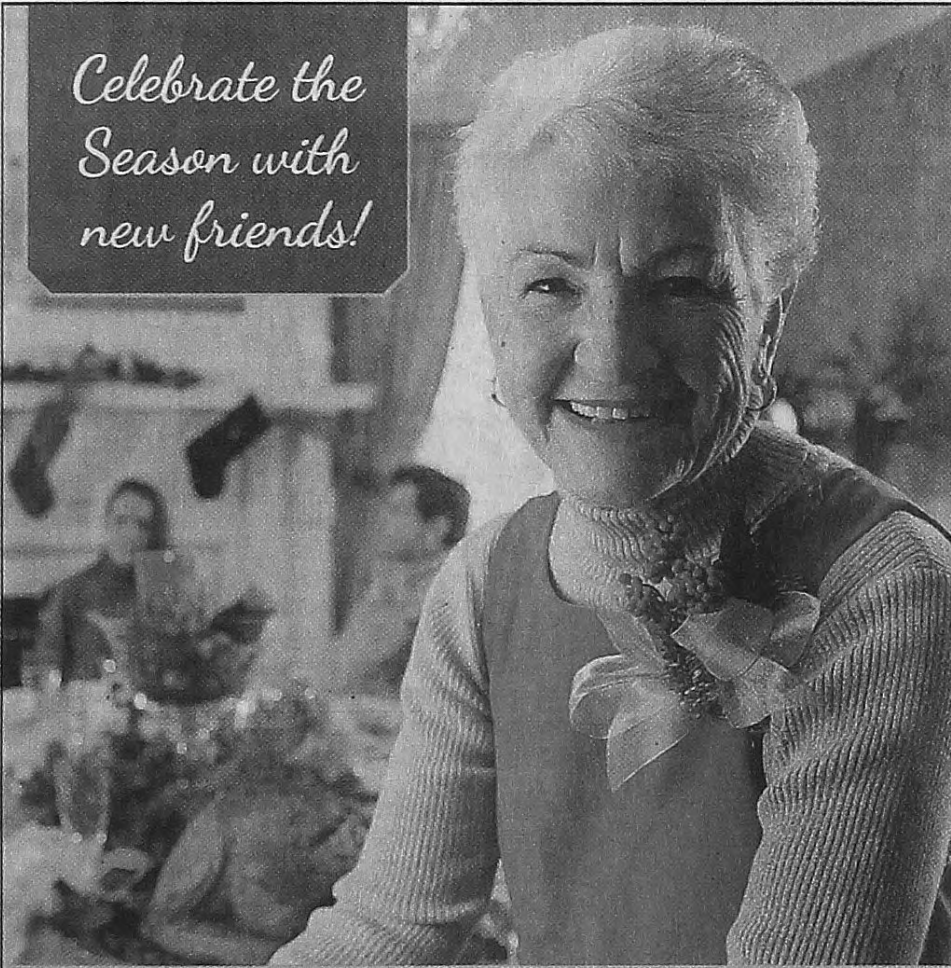
70 members of the Elks, Masons, American Legion, Knights of Columbus and Lions, plus family members in every age group, giving their time.

"All of this activity, with all the busyness of putting the packages together in an assembly line, tables busy with wrapping paper and tape make the holiday spirit

come alive," Israel said. "This is truly a project for God and country. To my Elk friends, it is a patriotic project, but I describe this to my church friends as my ministry. It's God's work, because it is for the hospitalized and homeless and patriotism because they are all veterans."

"These veterans are

all wounded in mind, body and spirit and we don't forget our wounded," Israel added. "This means so much to the vet in that it shows we remember, we care and we're doing something tangible to express our thankfulness in their time of need."



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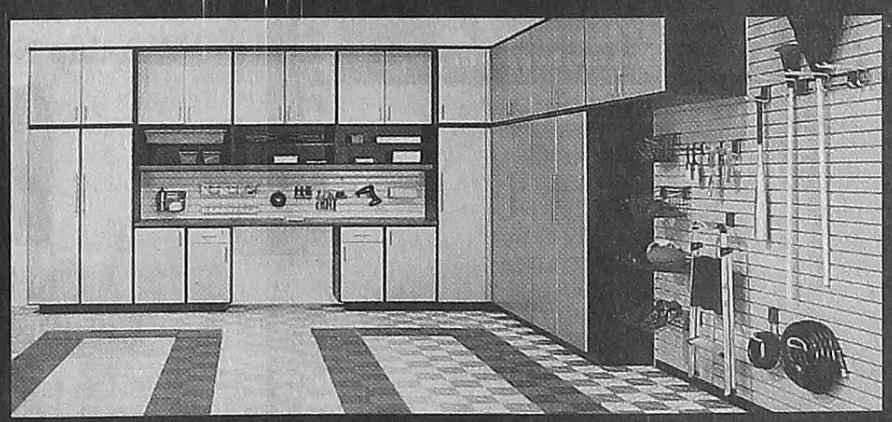
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CHRISTMAS EVE*
Carols, Candlelight Worship and Holy Communion

4:00pm Family Worship & Children's Pageant
(guest participants welcome-no rehearsal needed)

8:30pm Music of the Season
9:00pm Worship

10:30pm Music of the Season
11:00pm Worship

CHRISTMAS DAY*
10:00am Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31*
8 & 10am Lessons & Carols

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CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24:
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
4:30 PM CHILDREN'S PAGEANT
8:30 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

FRIDAY, DEC. 29:
5:30 PM COMMUNITY FREE DINNER

SUNDAY, DEC. 31:
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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Holy Name Catholic Church

Christmas Eve Masses
4:00 pm Children's Mass
Children's Choir Prelude - 3:15pm

Christmas Day
10:00 am
Choir and instruments

6:00 pm and 8:00 pm
Folk group with Brass

12:00 Noon
Chamber Choir and instruments

Midnight Mass
Choir prelude - 11:30 pm

New Year's Eve
4:00 pm

New Year's Day
10:00 am

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Sunday, December 24

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Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24th

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December 24th

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4th Sunday in Advent

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December 24, 2017

10:30 AM - Worship and Mission Service
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10:00 PM - Candlelight Communion Service
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December 24, at 6pm

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Sunday, December 24th

8:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service with Children's Paegant, Carols and Handbell Choir
10:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service with communion and choir

Monday, December 25th

10:00 am Christmas Day service with communion; no choir

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CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
4:00 PM CHILDREN'S MASS
6:00 PM MASS
11:30 PM CHOIR PRELUDE
12:00 AM MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
9:00 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
DECEMBER 31ST AT 6:00 PM
JANUARY 1ST AT 9:00 AM

These Masses are in addition to our regularly scheduled weekend Masses for the Fourth Sunday in Advent on Saturday, December 23 at 4:30 PM and Sunday, December 24 at 4:30 PM and Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM and the Feast of the Holy Family Saturday, December 30 at 4:30 PM and Sunday, December 31 at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

North Congregational Church
Sunday, December 24, 2017
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:30 P.M.

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4:30 PM Family Eve Service
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Read everything before you sign on the dotted line

A couple weeks ago, someone backed into my car. I took the car to the dealership for repairs and, at the same time, obtained a rental car. As the agent got me a car, he gave me a stack of papers and said sign here and initial it here and there. What shocked him was that I just didn't sign and initial — rather, I read the agreement. As I started reading the agreement, he told me it was all standard and there was no need to read everything. I ignored his comment and, much to his disdain, I continued to read the agreement.

It has become quite normal in our society for people to sign things that



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

they don't read and don't understand. In addition, what has become quite normal is that the people who ask you to sign various agreements get frustrated very quickly when you read an agreement and ask them questions about it. When you are signing a legal document, you ought to read it and ask questions. After all, you can be waiving your rights or committing yourself to something you are unaware of. Remember, there is a reason that they want you to

sign something and, I can assure you, it's not for your benefit.

I recognize that in many situations we, as the consumer, do not have a lot of rights and sometimes we have no alternative but to sign an agreement, but that is not always the case. In many situations, you may be surprised to know you have the power to change an agreement or modify it. The key is, you can't be intimidated or passive.

Another reason why you should read agreements before you sign them is that sometimes they contain clauses or provisions that are just wrong. A perfect example of this is someone

I recently met with, who is involved in a lawsuit with their mortgage company. They sued the mortgage company because the interest rate they were quoted was not the same rate that was on the mortgage document. Whether they will win or not, I have no idea, but what I do know is that their legal fees are expensive and they could have been avoided if they had read the document before they signed it.

It seems more and more in our society, we're asked to sign documents. When you go to the doctor's office, they make you sign documents saying that you've received and understand their privacy policy.

Once when I went to a doctor and they asked me to sign the document, I told them I hadn't received the privacy policy. Their answer to me was "that's OK; sign it anyway." When I balked at signing, you couldn't believe the commotion it caused. I stuck to my guns and wouldn't sign something that was not accurate.

The majority of times, it is relatively immaterial whether you sign something or not. In situations where things don't go according to plan, what you sign can come back to haunt you. Remember, companies aren't asking you to sign the document because it's good for you. The reason they're hav-

ing you sign a document is because it's to their benefit. My advice is to always read what you're signing and, if you have questions, ask. Don't assume that because it's on a printed document or from a large corporation that everything is on the up and up; it just doesn't work that way. You have to protect yourself at all times and you should never sign something until you read it and understand it.

Good luck!

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CANTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Hero Hangout: Comics Reading Group

When: 7-8 p.m. third Wednesday of each month

Details: Do you love reading comics or learning about super heroes? Join us for Hero Hangout, a comic book club is for ages 7-12, and you choose what to read. Every week we will be sharing, reading and making comics. Participants are encouraged to bring a comic to share with a group, but are not required.

On the Spot Tech Help

When: 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday and noon to 2 p.m. each Saturday

Details: A team of tech-savvy volunteers has been assembled at CPL to help you find the answers to those tech issues you can't quite figure out on your own. Whether you need help while working on a project at one of our computers, setting up an email address or downloading an app on your phone, we can help.

ELL Conversation Groups

When: 9:30-11 a.m. each Thursday and Friday

Details: Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Community Literacy Council volunteers. See the English Language Learner Program FAQ at www.cantonpl.org for more information.

Digital Drop-In Help

When: 10-11 a.m. each Friday

Details: Stop in to get one-on-one help with your e-readers from the friendly experts at the Information desk. Just bring your device and your desire to learn. Kindle users must bring Amazon log-in information as well.

Computer Skills Lab for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. second Saturday of each month

Details: If you are looking to build a foundation of strong computer skills, including Internet use and setting up an email account, stop in to CPL's Internet Lab. We will have guided activities for practice with mouse skills, copying/pasting and more, with trusted experts on hand to answer any questions you may have or connect you to additional resources.

Family Storytime

Details: Family Storytime provides an opportunity for caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. Together with a youth librarian, you can build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment through meaningful stories, songs and play. Encourage a love of language and reading while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Every Family Storytime is followed by a half-hour of ABC Activity Time. Go to www.cantonpl.org for a full December program schedule.

Preschool Storytime

Details: Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board

and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-55. These activities help develop pre-reading and school-readiness skills. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend, if needed, to help transition their child to this program, and all parents must remain in the children's department. Registration is required and you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Baby Storytime

Details: Baby Storytime is designed for babies 18 months and younger with an adult and features simple stories, songs and rhymes carefully chosen to build awareness of language and vocabulary, foster a love of books and provide a fun, interactive experience for babies and parents/caregivers. Registration is required. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Teen Boredom Busters

Details: Bored after school? Need a study break? No worries, we've got fun activities in our Teen Space that are just right for your busy schedule. Stop by for five or 50 minutes, whatever works for you. Learn something new, meet a new friend, or just relieve some stress. Drop in for Origami Lucky Stars 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Bilingual Storytime Series

When: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27

Details: Early child research shows that bilingual children have an edge in development. Speaking two languages benefits children's overall learning, marked by larger vocabularies, flexible problem-solving skills and higher-level cognitive abilities. Bilingual learning also supports a set of mental skills that allow children to thrive academically, regulate emotions, and grow into mentally healthier adults.

Join us as we share books, rhymes and songs that will help foster an appreciation of our wonderful multicultural community and language. Activities presented will be geared to children between the ages of 0-5 years old.

Teen Service Opportunity: Card Making

When: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28

Details: Looking for a way to give back to your community? Stop in and make greeting cards for our friends at Waltonwood Senior Living Cen-

ter. This opportunity is available to teens ages 13-18. Bring any paperwork to be signed with you to the event.

Winter Break Movie Madness

When: 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29

Details: Who's got

free movies showing during Winter Break? We do. Bring your own pillows and/or blankets to cozy-up with and your own snacks to munch on. We will provide the hottest titles on our big screen. This month we're showing "Jellyfish Eyes."

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SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Construction Bid Package #8, consisting of Site Upgrades at Salem High School, Plymouth High School, and Canton High School.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of Ms. Pamela Anstey, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until 11:00 A.M., local time on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at which time they will be opened, read publicly and tabulated.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work:

- 101: Sitework
- 102: Asphalt Paving and Site Concrete
- 143: Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 14, 2017 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of ½ size bidding documents beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 14, 2017, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 12:00 P.M. at the Administration Building at Plymouth Canton Community Schools, located at 454 South Harvey St. Plymouth, MI, 48170. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit. The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **January 9, 2018 at 7:00PM** in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ17-0042 (Anthony M. Virga) 1607 East Lake Drive, West of Novi Road and North of Thirteen Mile Road, Parcel #50-22-02-355-018. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.32.10, for the addition of a proposed 12 foot by 13 foot pergola to an existing 10 foot by 12 foot shed for a total of a 260 square foot structure, a maximum of 10 feet by 10 feet by 8 feet high allowed by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0060 (Ray Kurmas/Michigan Beer Company) 42875 Grand River Road, Suite104, East of Novi Road and South of Grand River Avenue, Parcel #50-22-23-176-011. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(1)(c)(d) for the proposed installation of an approved oversized 45.83 square foot wall sign facing the parking lot, and Section 28-5(1)(c)(2)(b) for design variance. This property is zoned Town Center-1 (TC-1).

PZ17-0061 (Euko Design Signs) 43825 West Oaks Drive, West of Novi Road and South of Twelve Mile Road, Parcel #50-22-15-200-101. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(b)(1)(a) and Section 28-5(a) for the proposed installation of 4 signs totaling 641.26 square feet, a maximum of 65 square foot allowed by code. This property is zoned Regional Center (RC).

PZ17-0062 (4 Tech Signs) 30700 Beck Road, East of Beck Road and South of West Pontiac Trail, Parcel #50-22-04-100-032. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Sections 28-5(a), for a 3 foot height variance for the proposed installation of a 9 foot high ground sign, 6 foot height allowed by code, Section 28-5B(2)A for a variance of 48.5 square feet for the proposed installation of a 90 square foot Internally LED lit sign, maximum calculated allowed is 41.5, Section 28-10(b)(3) for the proposed installation 510 linear feet of LED Strip lighting, Strip lighting is prohibited by code. This property is zoned General Business (B-3).

PZ17-0063 (Berkshire eSupply) West of Haggerty Road and South of Fourteen Mile Road, Parcels #50-22-01-200-027, 50-22-01-200-026, 50-22-01-200-018. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Sections 5.4.1 for the proposed location of a loading area in the side yard, in the interior side yard up to a total of ratio of 5 square feet per front foot of building to a total area of 360 square feet per building. Section 28.7 for the proposed installation of a forth flag pole, two additional flag poles allowed by code. This property is zoned Office Service Technology (OST).

VILLAGE

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There's also a pub, a barber shop, a hardware store, ski slopes, a train track and more. And it could be bigger.

"I have other stuff, but if it doesn't make it, it doesn't make it," said Zabowski, who said she hasn't bought new pieces in the last half-dozen years. "Every year, it's set up differently."

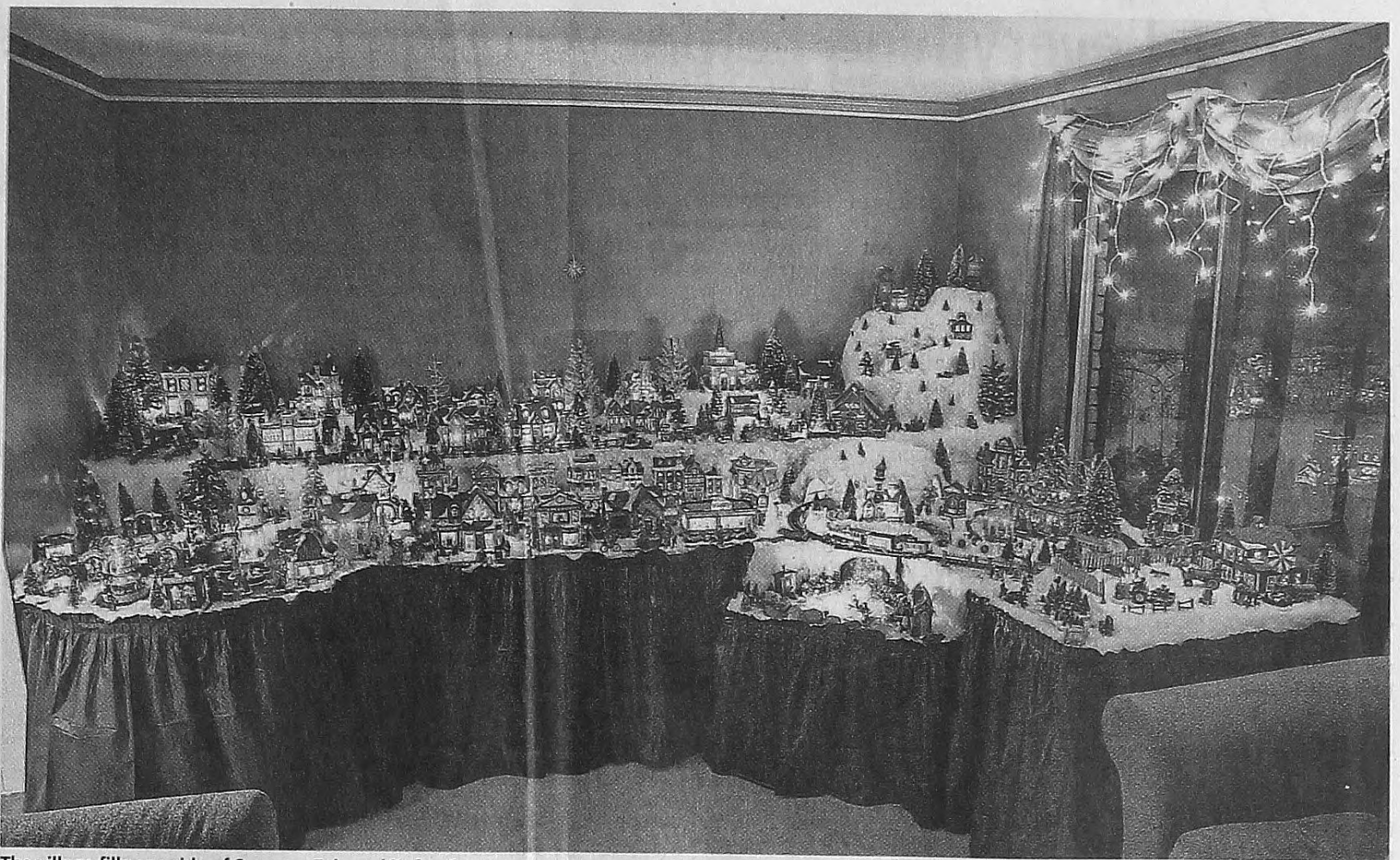
Daughters Kayla and Marina are now living out of state, so Zabowski put up the village early this year so it would be up when her daughters came home for Thanksgiving. The village, she said, has always been a tradition for the girls.

"Growing up, it was always a family event. Each year, she would get more pieces and, as it started to grow, she saw how happy it made us as small children and the other kids in our family," Kayla said. "After my sister and I left the house, she continues to build her Christmas village to not only keep our Zabowski family tradition alive, but to continue to bring joy to everyone around her during the holidays."

Suzanne does nearly all of the work. Bob, her husband of 30 years, calls himself a "laborer" in the project, noting it's entirely Suzanne's baby.

"My only job is to bring the tables in. I set them up and I turn around and walk out," Bob said. "I like that she does it. She enjoys it. I think she sets a standard in our family that no one will ever live up to."

Marina said the village "really defines who our mom is, because she puts that much love, effort and attention to detail into everything she does."



The village fills one side of Suzanne Zabowski's family room. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The farm scene. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Santa meets the girls and boys. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"What I love about it is the attention to detail ... if you look closely you will find beautiful and scenic

organization of the pieces that actually 'make sense' in terms of a real town," Marina said.

"It literally makes sense logistically, which is amazingly impressive and a reflection of how much detail my mom puts into this."

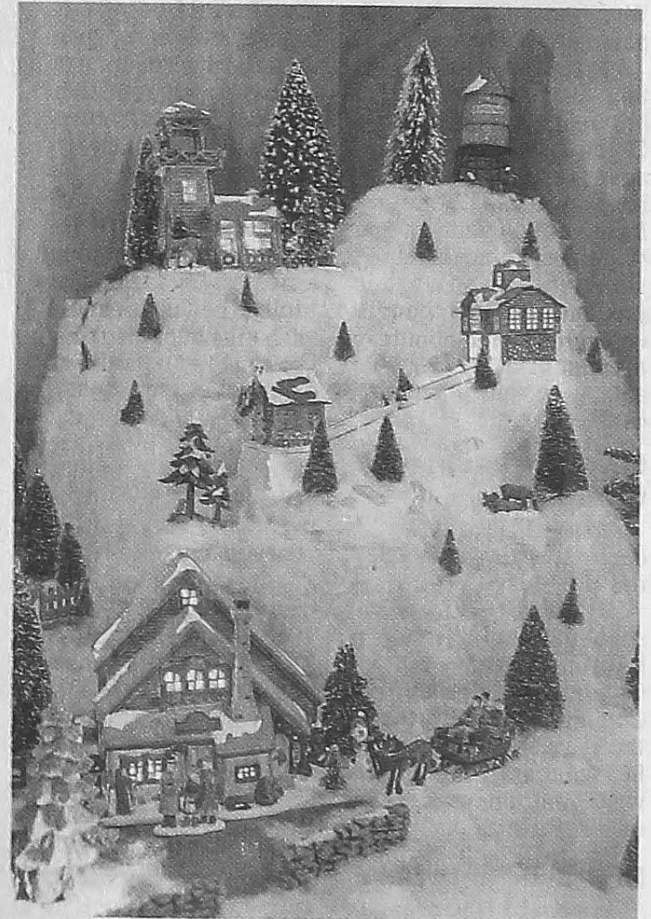
The village has now become a huge family tradition that has become a part of family lore.

"This village has witnessed so many family events, hilarious family conversations and overall good times spent with loved ones," Marina said. "It is a staple of our holiday and, while we like to tease our mom sometimes about the attention to detail she puts in, we love it as much as she does and are very lucky to have a mom that does these kind of things for the family."

For Kayla, the village signifies the importance of family traditions and "spending time with the ones you love."

"It inspires me to create my own traditions one day, because what you do as part of a family tradition is not as important as the people you share your time with and the memories you make," Kayla said.

Friends of the family come by just to see the village and Suzanne said she's got nieces and nephews now who see it



A ski hill. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

at eye level. "When you look at it through a child's eyes, it's really cool," she said.

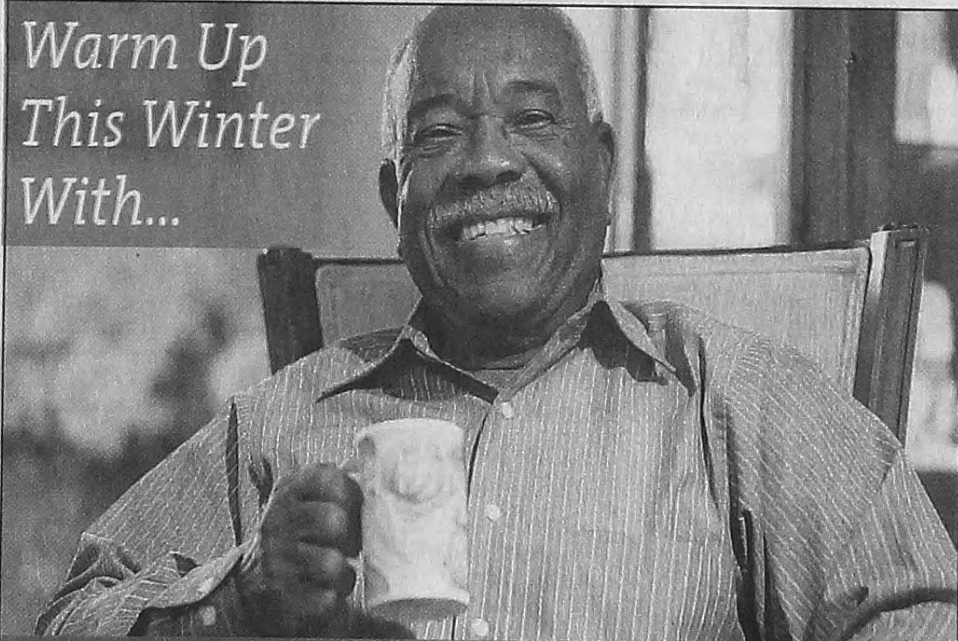
While Suzanne gets great enjoyment out of the village — she'll leave it up through the end of January — she really enjoys seeing other people get a kick out of it.

"The idea of the vil-

lage is to make people happy," Suzanne said. "I know how it makes me feel and, if it can make other people feel that, I have no problem with that. It's nice to see people enjoy it. That makes me feel good."

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The train travels around an oval. Below the bridge, fishermen try their luck in the pond. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Flashlight event lifts spirits in pediatric unit

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A new holiday tradition is taking shape every night this month at Beaumont Hospital's Royal Oak campus.

Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams is a little like a seasonal light show, but with a higher purpose — showing pediatric patients they're not alone.

"This time of year, everyone is busy with their families, doing all kinds of festive things to prepare to celebrate Christmas. These children are in the hospital, so we're here to show our support to them and their families," said the Rev. Jim Smalarz, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Beverly Hills. "It's a great community event and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church and School is happy to be a part of it."

Smalarz was one of approximately 150-200 well-wishers who braved harsh winter weather this week to attend one of the nightly Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams gatherings.

Well-wishers began arriving shortly after 7:30 p.m. at an outdoor plaza that's visible from the hospital's pediatric department. Some dressed in Santa hats or wore strings of colored lights over their scarves and parkas. Some mingled and chatted, while others huddled together for protection against the frigid wind. They counted down to an 8 p.m. signal, when pediatric patients waved lights from their hospital rooms. Members of the crowd, some shouting "Merry Christmas," waved back with their own flashlights and glow sticks.

The entire exchange of lights lasted about five minutes.

Big crowd

"We have close to 200 people every night. It's just beautiful," said Nancy Sovran, a member of the Pediatric Family Advisory Council which, along with the Child Life Services staff, created the nightly event.

The council consists of parents of children who have received services at Beaumont Children's Hospital. They offer

suggestions and advice about programs and practices to enhance the pediatric patients' stay in the hospital.

"We take on different initiatives and come together with staff to make things better in the pediatric center," said Sovran, whose daughter Hope was a longtime patient at Beaumont. "One of our members saw that they did this in Boston. She brought the idea to council."

Sovran, director of the nonprofit organization Wish Upon a Teen in Birmingham, invited 15 community members to the event Dec. 11. She registered Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and two Groves High School clubs to participate the following day and she'll return at least one or two times before the program ends Dec. 31.

Beaumont's online registration site filled up fast. According to the hospital's website, there's no need to sign up and anyone may attend any of the Moonbeams for Sweet Dreams events this month.

Birmingham schools

Jennifer Kondak, community service organizer for the Birmingham Public Schools district, attended the event with students from the Groves High School Interact Club. Norman Hurns Sr., also from Groves, participated with students from African Americans Changing Tomorrow.

"We encouraged our kids to come out tonight and picked a special night to be here. We thought it was really important," Kondak said. "We've been plugging it for about a month. We couldn't be more pleased to be here. I'm wearing my Groves green. Hopefully, they'll find me. I see kids keep drifting in, so I'm excited and encouraged."

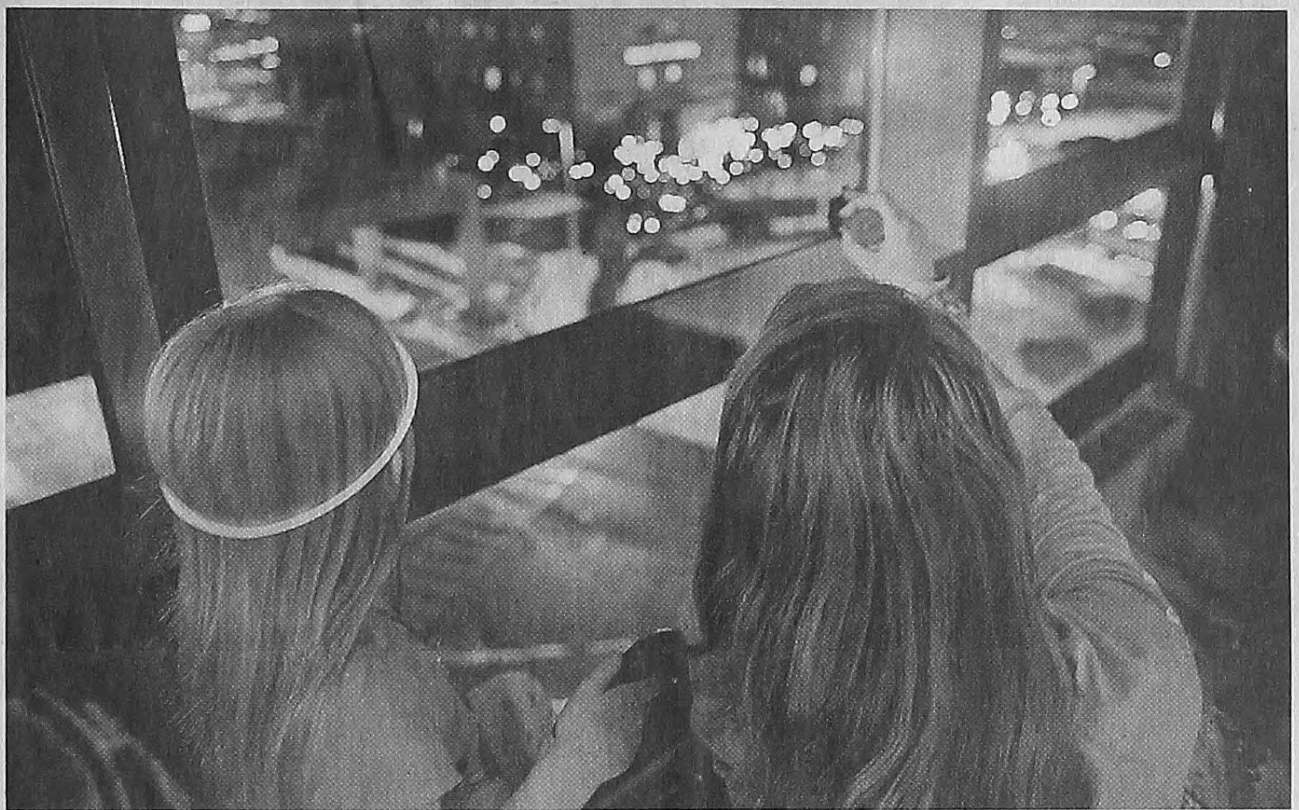
Barbara Crowley, a parent, encouraged parents, students and teachers from Covington School in Birmingham to participate in the event.

"Empathy is our character education theme this year," Crowley said. "So we really wanted to connect with how these kids are feeling."

Teacher Rick Joseph said he and Warner, who teach fifth and sixth



Crowds wave flashlights to the patients on the pediatric floor of Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Patients and family on the pediatric floor of Beaumont Hospital use flashlights to wave to the crowd outside. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

grades at the magnet school, heard about the program from Crowley.

"We jumped all over it and said we'd love to come," Joseph said.

To participate in Moonbeams for Sweet

Dreams, arrive by 7:40 p.m. and park in the surface lot just east of the medical building at the campus, located on 13 Mile, just west of Woodward Avenue. Bring a flashlight or glow stick.

Dress in warm clothing and feel free to add battery-operated lights, a glow necklace, Santa hat or other holiday attire.

"This is a great way for kids to know they are not forgotten," Smalarz

said. "It's a great witness to let the kids know we're thinking of them and praying for them."

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AREA EVENTS

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

Village Theater art exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will exhibit the collected works of the Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild in the Gallery@VT through Jan. 1. Works on display include a wide variety of fiber art, such as basketry, beading, bead embroidery, bead weaving, kumihimo, crochet, doll making, dyeing and painting, embroidery, felting, garment design and construction, handmade paper and book art, knitting, knotting, quilting, sewing, spinning, weaving and surface design.

The exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, during public performances at the theater and by appointment by calling 734-394-5300. The gallery is closed holidays.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. For more information, 734-394-5300 or go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Mitten Theater presents 'Knife Before Christmas'

The Mitten Theater will host the premiere of "The Knife Before Christmas," an original murder mystery production that runs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22. The Mitten Theater is located inside of PARC (Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex), 650 Church St.

Tickets are \$45 at theknifebeforechristmas.brownpapertickets.com, but early bird tickets are available for \$40 while supplies last. They will be \$50 at the door. Groups of 10 or more can contact Vince Sabatini at 609-233-0226 or vince@mittentheater.com.

Ticket price includes a strolling hot and cold hors d'oeuvre and dessert buffet. Food may be limited for non-reserved tickets; door ticket prices will be reduced to \$25 in this case. A \$50 prize will be given to the best detective of the night. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Show is rated PG-13. This production is not appropriate for children. Contains coarse language, sexual innuendo, mythical creatures, scenes of violence (including an extended death scene) and singing.

For more information, go to MittenTheater.com.

Living Nativity at Lake Pointe Bible Church

Lake Pointe Bible Church, 42150 Schoolcraft, in Plymouth invites the community to come to a live Nativity scene 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23. Included will be the babe in swaddling clothes in the manger, young shepherds watching over their flocks of sheep and goats and the wise men bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The hallelujah chorus will entertain visitors with song, while a roaring fire will keep them warm. Refreshments will be available during the free, interactive, family friendly event.

The living Nativity scene will take place in the field in front of the church and will proceed rain or shine. Visitors are advised to dress warmly. Parking is available in the rear lot. Overflow parking is available across the street at the Plymouth Senior Station, 42375 Schoolcraft Road.

Hats for the Homeless

Plymouth Community United Way is gearing up for the annual Hats for the Homeless drive, scheduled to run through Dec. 29 in an effort keep our homeless community warm during the winter months. New and handmade items can be dropped at the PCUW office from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday.

Should your company or group like to participate by hosting a drive on-site or like to sponsor items like coats or blankets, contact Randi at 734-453-6879, ext. 5. For more information, go to www.plymouthunitedway.org.

PARC community forum

The Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex will hold a community forum at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Ave., in Plymouth. PARC will update the community on its future plans to preserve and re-purpose the historic former Plymouth High/Central Middle School into an arts and recreation center and add a new Performing Arts Center as well as respond to questions.

Everyone is invited to witness the progress made since its inception and share in the vision for the future. Preliminary designs, site plans and renderings

of the facilities will be on display and available for public review.

PARC is a 501(c)3 public charity. For more information, contact Don Soenen at 734-516-4053 or dsoenen@gmail.com.

Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society continues its 13th season at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road.

Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers. Sign-up for open mic starts at 6:15 p.m. and ends at 6:40 p.m. Performances are the third Saturday of each month, September through May.

Music at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

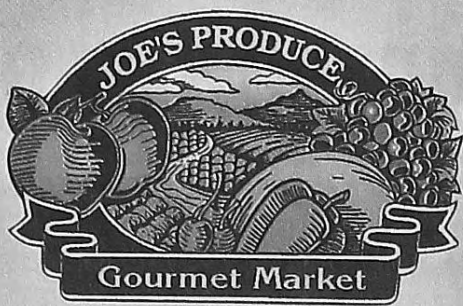
The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

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 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.



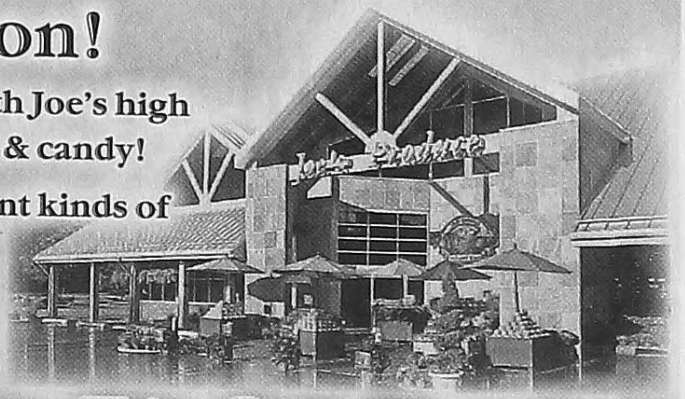
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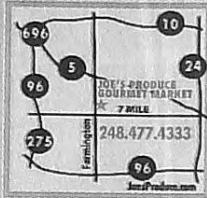
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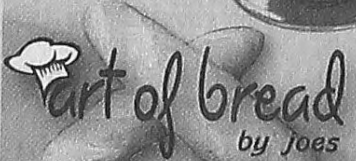
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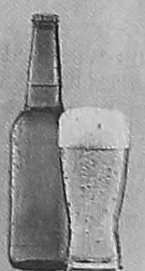


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GIRLS HOCKEY

Inspired Ladywood upends rival Mercy, 4-2

Senior captain Spiegel scores all four goals in emotional triumph

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There was a flood of emotions that spilled on to the Plymouth Cultural Center ice surface Saturday.

After learning earlier in the week that its school would be closing at the end of the 2017-18 term, Livonia Ladywood's team left it all out on ice with a

stirring 4-2 victory against arch-rival Farmington Hills Mercy, the defending Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League playoff champion.

Bolstered by a huge student cheering section, the Blazers were looking to avenge last year's heartbreaking 3-2 loss in the state final to Mercy.

"We were delivered a lot of big news this week, so it's been

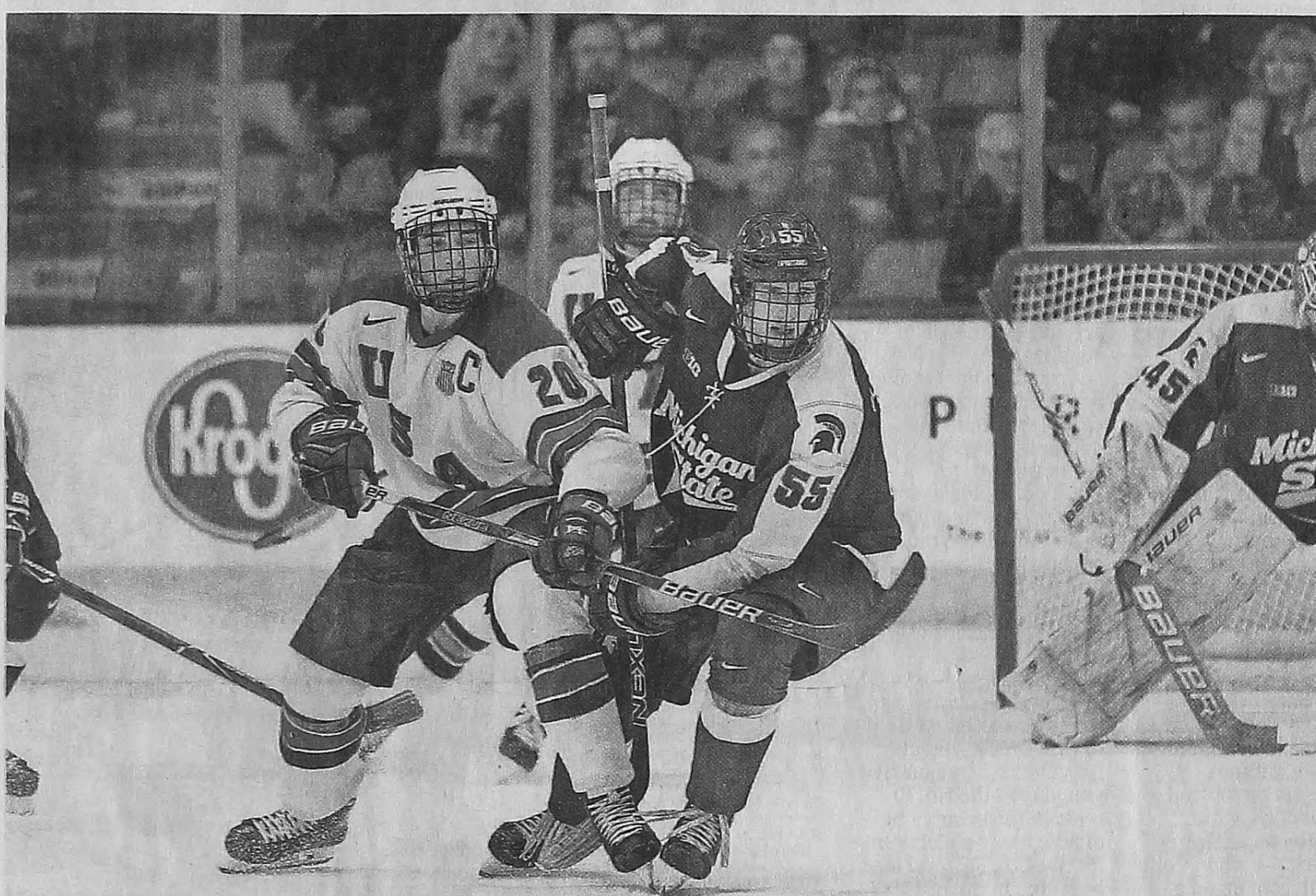
emotional, but we've had all the fans come out and support us," said Ladywood senior forward and captain Brooke Spiegel, who scored all four goals in the win. "We talked about leaving it all out there no matter what and just making up for last year and giving it our all for each other. The comments, the smack talk



See LADYWOOD, Page B3 Ladywood's Brooke Spiegel (left) takes a shot against Mercy. JUDY SPIEGEL

USA HOCKEY

WELCOMING PARTY



Michigan State's Patrick Khodorenko (right), who scored two goals Saturday, vies for skating room against Adam Samuelsson of the U.S. U-18 team. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

NTDP alums propel Michigan State to 3-0 victory

Tim Smith

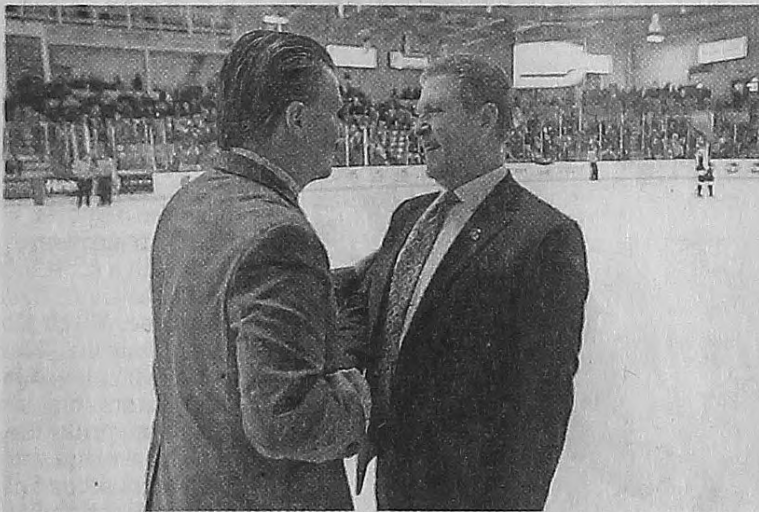
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Danton Cole now is men's hockey head coach at Michigan State University, but Saturday he paid a little extra attention to the players he used to coach for the U.S. National Team Development Program.

"I probably spent more time than usual watching the other team play," Cole said following his team's 3-0 victory over the U-18 team at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

But Cole also liked the way his team performed, including players with NTDP connections such as forward Patrick Khodorenko (two goals), defenseman Tommy Miller (West Bloomfield) and goaltender Ed Minney (20 saves for the shut-out).

"Patrick has been outstanding all year; he'll end up get-



Following Saturday's game at USA Hockey Arena, U.S. coach Seth Appert (left) congratulates MSU head coach Danton Cole, who coached the past seven years for the NTDP. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

ting drafted (by a NHL team) this year," Cole said. "Tommy Miller will get drafted as well. Ed's been working extremely

hard, John (Lethemon) has been kind of carrying the mail and has done a really good job. But (Minney) deserved to get

in there and it was really good."

Cole also kept mental notes on the opposing goalie — Fenton native Drew DeRidder, who made 19 saves (the third goal was scored into an empty net). DeRidder is a Michigan State commit.

"I thought he looked excellent," Cole said. "I've been seeing Drew for a long time. Pucks hit him, he's real athletic and he always seems to be real square to the puck and work hard. It was fun to watch him play."

According to Khodorenko, it was fun to play in front of a larger crowd (3,244) at USA Hockey Arena than he remembered in 2015-17 and also get two goals.

"A lot more people compared to when we were playing here," Khodorenko said. "It's cool to see a good crowd here tonight."

Khodorenko broke a score-

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COLLEGE RECRUITING

Franklin's Mettie takes aim at Madonna future

Patriots' scoring machine latest KLAA star to sign with Crusaders

Tim Smith

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Having a comfort zone is important to Mark Mettie, but don't misinterpret that to think he doesn't get after it.

Mettie, a 6-10 power forward for the Livonia Franklin boys basketball team, recently signed to play at Madonna University — a program already featuring several Kensington Lakes Activities Association alumni on the roster.

"That's a big part of it, obviously, playing against these guys who are there right now, like Ian (Knoph, a Livonia Stevenson grad) and (Plymouth alum) Josh Reynolds," Mettie said.

"Just knowing them and where they come from and just being around them, it's like a family-oriented culture. It was a very big contribution to the decision, just

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Livonia Franklin senior forward Mark Mettie (left) drives around a Dearborn Heights Robichaud player during the Patriots' season opener Dec. 5. Mettie won that game with a slam dunk in the closing seconds of regulation. TOM BEAUDOIN



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BOYS HOCKEY

Trenton's Welsch scores four to upend Rocks

Salem falls 6-4 despite two goals by Goleniak; Plymouth coach Vento wins 100th

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The action was fast and furious as Salem and Trenton battled during Saturday's inaugural MIHL-KLAA Showcase Challenge, held at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

Yet the Rocks could not slow down Trenton senior forward Drew Welsch, who scored four goals (including an empty-netter) as the Trojans rallied for a 6-4 varsity boys hockey victory.

Welsch broke a 4-4 tie with 2:03 remaining, weaving into the Salem zone and letting a shot go. The puck hit a leg and caromed back to Welsch, who tapped it past Rocks junior goalie Austin Goleniak.

The goalie had been whistled for a delay of game penalty, having dislodged the post with his skate as he pushed off the post to move across the crease.

"You got to do a better job in the (defensive) zone," Salem head coach Ryan Ossennmacher said. "If it's not him (Welsch), it's somebody else. A lot of that is us missing opportunities to get pucks out, missing checks, missing assignments."

"But we played a pretty good game. After the first period, the second and third periods I thought we played pretty well."

The Showcase pitted teams from the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League against Kensington Lakes Activities Association squads, considered two of the top high school leagues in Michigan. The MIHL finished the day with a 6-4 edge over the KLAA, taking home the new Showcase Challenge Trophy donated by Livonia Trophy.

He's 'opportunistic'

Salem junior forward Colin Goleniak scored two of the Rocks goals, with others by freshman forward Dante Doute and senior forward Tyler German.

"He's an opportunistic scorer," Ossennmacher said about Goleniak. "He finds seams here and there and he has a knack to score from bad angles."

Goleniak's first goal, just 6:44 into the game, was a high snapper from the right wing that beat Trenton goalie Joey Cormier.

It soon was 2-0 when Doute drilled a shot past Cormier, midway through the period.

Welsch started working his magic when he went top shelf with a backhand at 10:05. His linemates, Nolan Szczepaniak and Justin Litchard, assisted.

Just over a minute later, a centering pass by Szczepaniak was one-timed home by Welsch.

Before the end of the opening period, German wheeled and fired a shot past Cormier.

Striking twice

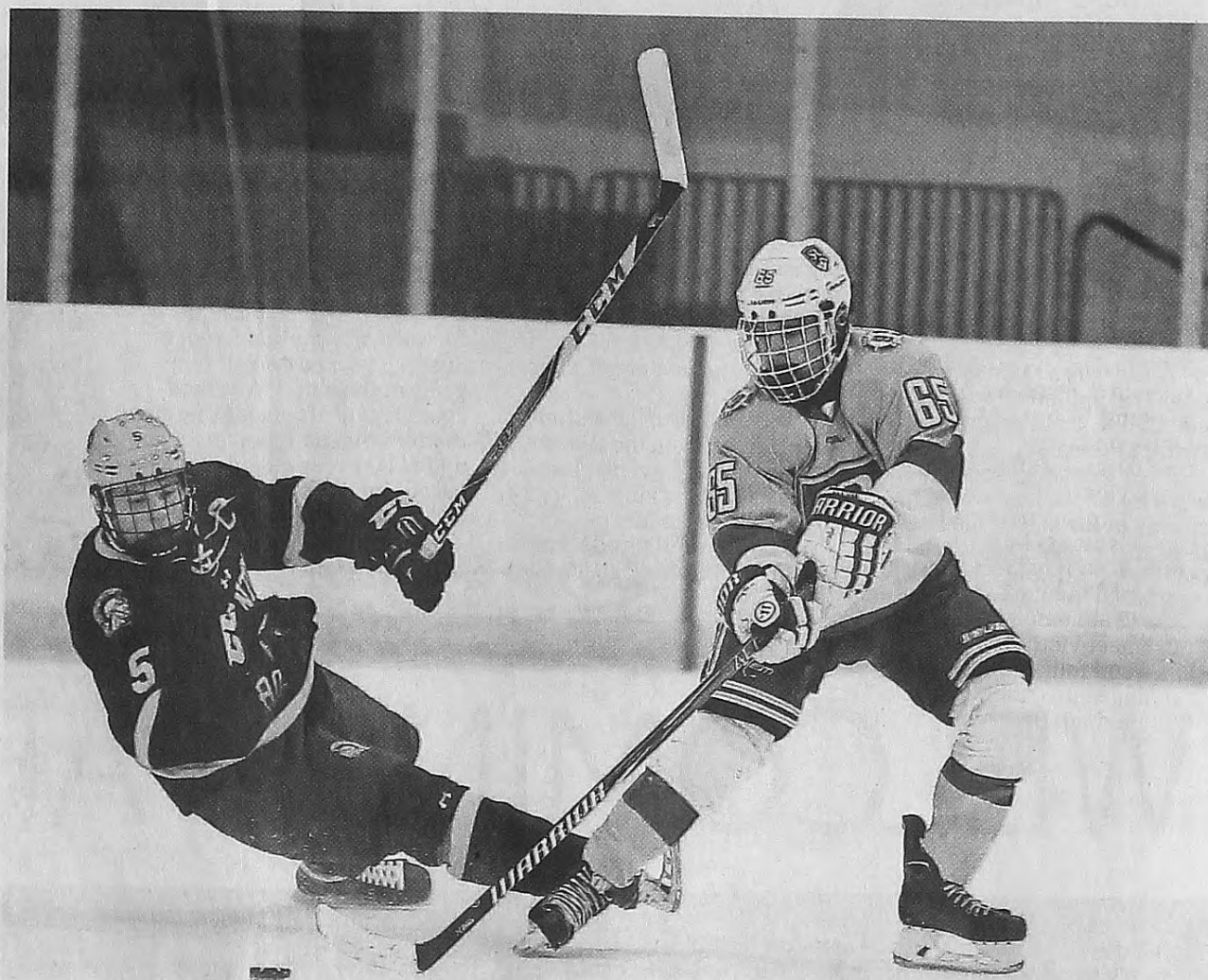
That 3-2 Salem lead held firm — with the Rocks playing an excellent second period — until the Trojans' Patrick Bazner and Devin Dunn scored twice within 15 seconds early in the third period.

"The first two minutes of the third period, we knew they were going to come. We talked about it and yet we still weren't able to do anything," Ossennmacher said. "They scored two goals and that's the difference in the game."

"It's about learning how to win and we're getting better. But you got to play for 51 minutes and, if you don't, it only takes two minutes for them to get on top and that's what they did."

The Rocks answered to make it 4-4 when Colin Goleniak converted a nice feed from sophomore forward Alex Schaumburger, with about four minutes to go.

Then came the Salem penalty and Welsch made the Rocks pay. He added



Salem's Devan Grayshaw (right) maintains puck possession while Trenton's Richard Boulware loses an edge Saturday at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

an empty-netter after Salem put on intense pressure in search of the equalizer.

Asked about winning a Showcase game, Welsch said "It's just another day, another game. You got to win it."

Salem still is looking to find ways to win close games against Grade A opponents. Ossennmacher said his team continues to learn and grow during the early season schedule.

"You lose by a goal to Trenton," Ossennmacher said. "You lose by a goal to Cranbrook, you play Brighton 2-2 five-on-five, you played the No. 10 team in the country in Shadyside (Academy in Pittsburgh, Pa.) and lose by a goal in the last 10 seconds."

"We just have to figure out how to flip the script."

PLYMOUTH 3, CRANBROOK 1: Plymouth skated on the older, B rink later

in the afternoon against Cranbrook Kingswood and the Wildcats earned a 3-1 victory.

Scoring for Plymouth were Tim Baldwin, Jack Chumley and Drew Garby while goalie Brendan Olepa made 33 stops for the victory.

The win was the 100th for coach Gerry Vento in his tenure with the Wildcats. "Several great players were responsible for those 100 wins and no way it happens without my staff of Tim Pilut, David Sniatacz, Dan West and Lonnie Middaugh," Vento said to the milestone.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5, GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 0: Five different players scored for the Chargers and senior goalie Chris Sergison stopped all 20 shots he faced in a MIHL-KLAA Showcase contest at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Lighting the lamp for Churchill were Jordan Venegoni, Zack Venditelli (one goal, one assist), Cameron Greener, Josh Friend and Seth Kucharzyk. Adding two assists was Keith Peterson.

CANTON 9, GROSSE POINTE NORTH 7: Canton's Sam Reinders scored three goals and Hugo Fonovic had a five-point game (one goal, four assists) to spark the Chiefs to this win at Saturday's MIHL-KLAA Showcase.

Also big for the Chiefs were Daniel Bourgeois (two goals, two assists), Jack Rumohr (two goals) and Addison Eilers (three assists).

Splitting goalkeeping duties for Canton were Michael Renzi and Jaxon Taylor.

OTHER FINALS: Novi blanked University of Detroit-Jesuit, 4-0; Livonia Stevenson dropped a tough 3-2 decision to Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

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Salem players celebrate one of three goals during the first period Saturday against Trenton. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

BOYS HOCKEY

CC blanks defending champ Brighton in Showcase

Montie scores twice in Shamrocks' 3-0 victory over Bulldogs

Bill Khan

Livingston Daily
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On paper, there hasn't been a consensus when choosing the top Division 1 boys hockey team in the state.

Detroit Catholic Central began the season ranked No. 1, only to be replaced by Brighton after losing its first two games.

With the clarity that comes from taking the match-up from paper to the ice, there is no doubt when assessing the perennial Division 1 powerhouses.

By beating top-ranked Brighton, 3-0, Saturday in the MIHL-KLAA Challenge Showcase at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena, second-ranked CC clearly established itself as the top team in Division 1.

At least for now. Since the Bulldogs and Shamrocks have met in four of the last five state championship games, there's a good possibility



Brighton's Adam Conquest (left) pushes the puck ahead, chased by Catholic Central's Jared Lee. TIMOTHY ARRICK | LIVINGSTON DAILY

that Brighton will get a shot at redemption the second weekend of March at USA Hockey Arena.

"Obviously, they're a really good team," Brighton coach Paul Moggach said. "They're probably the best team in the state; I don't think there's any denying that. We can play with them. We've just got to keep the game

simple and make good plays when we get chances in the offensive zone. You just can't give them easy ones off the rush. Then we made a couple bad plays. Mistakes happen at this age. Hopefully, we get another chance at them."

The loss snapped Brighton's 13-game unbeaten streak going back to last season. Brighton is

6-1-1 this season. Catholic Central improved to 8-2 with its eighth straight victory since opening the season with two losses at Culver (Ind.) Academy. The Shamrocks have five shutouts, including three in a row, during that winning streak.

"It's a good look for what's going to be coming in the playoffs," Brighton senior Adam

Conquest said. "It gives us motivation to be ready for the playoffs. At least it happened now instead of in the playoffs."

The teams were locked in a scoreless battle for more than half the game. Mitch Morris, one of only six Shamrocks who played in last year's state final loss to Brighton, broke the deadlock by scoring with 6:51 left in the second period. Carter Korpi and Dylan Bachalo assisted.

The crusher for Brighton came when Dylan Montie scored with one second left in the period on the power play, giving the Shamrocks a 2-0 cushion going into the third. Assists went to Joe Borthwick and Jared Lee.

CC sealed the victory when Montie scored into an empty net with 32.1 seconds left in the game from Brendan West and Ryan Hausman.

The Shamrocks got 17 saves from goalie Steven Sleva to post the shutout.

The Shamrocks have an 11-3 record in their rivalry with the Bulldogs, but Brighton won both meetings last season.

"Obviously, with the

recent history between the two teams playing in the final quite often, it certainly creates that rivalry feeling," CC coach Brandon Kale-niecki said. "That's great. It creates a great environment, as you saw today, like the state finals. It's always fun hockey."

"I thought we did a good job wearing them down, to be honest, toward the end of the game. They were gasping a little bit. Our depth proved to be the difference for us."

Conquest wouldn't dispute that assessment.

"We got over-ready and psyched up and burned ourselves out in the first five minutes," Conquest said. "That really affected us toward the third and we couldn't get anything on them. They're a really good team and they really played well."

CC victory in the final game of the showcase gave the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League a 6-4 advantage over the Kensington Lakes Activities Association in the inaugural event.

BOYS SWIMMING

Northville upstages four-time D1 champion Rice

No. 5-ranked Mustangs make splash in season opening victory

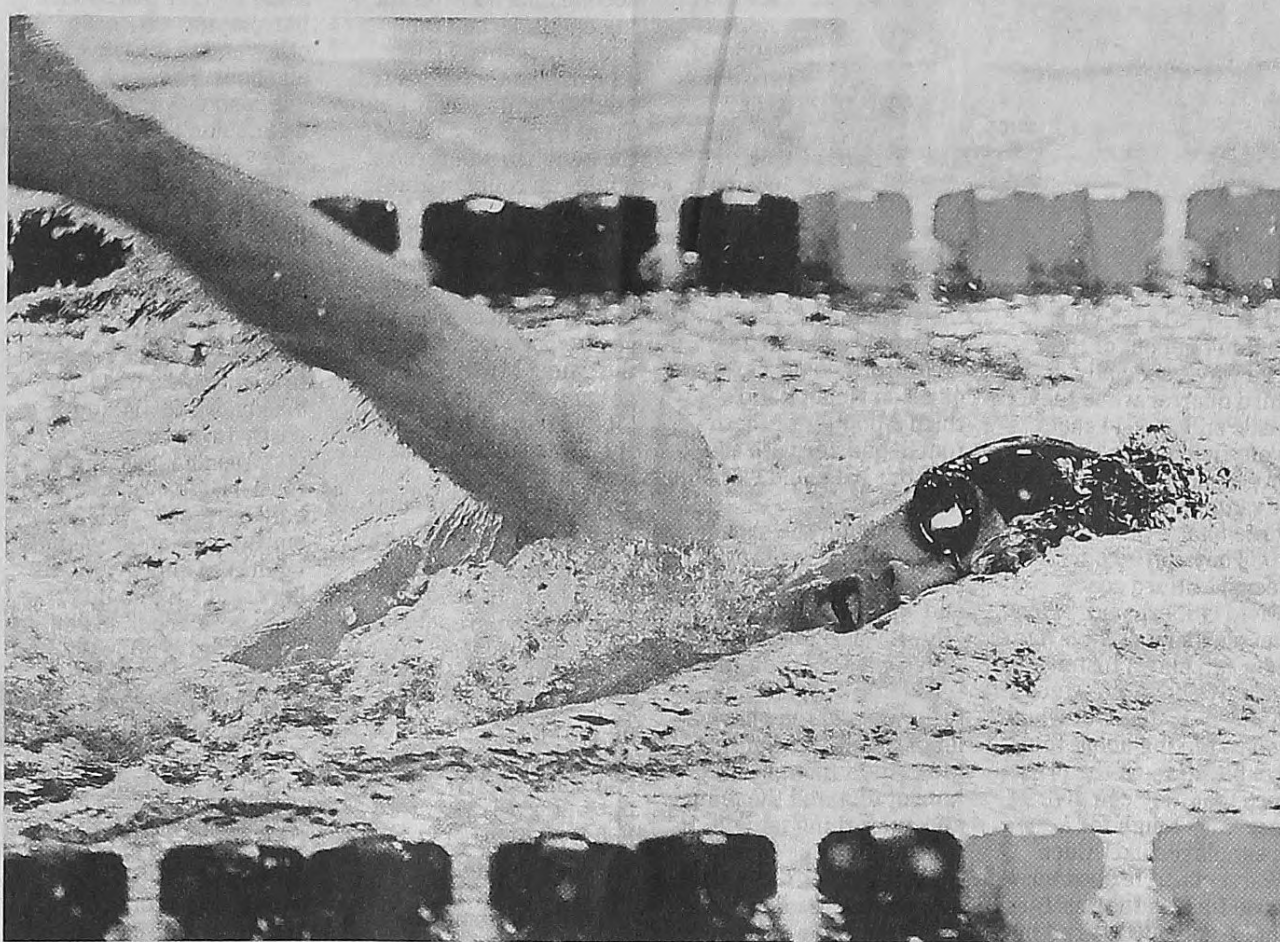
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The Northville boys swimming and diving team proved it could take a punch and still be standing.

Trevor Degroot swept the 200- and 500-yard freestyles in 1:48.49 and 4:59.34, respectively, as the Mustangs (1-0), ranked No. 5 in Division 1, opened their season Dec. 12 at home with a dual meet victory over No. 3 and four-time defending state champion Birmingham Brother Rice.

"Just a classic heavy-weight fight tonight," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "Lots of areas to improve from both teams, but the fight that all of boys showed tonight on both teams shows what these team are all about."

Other first-place finishers for the Mustangs were Travis Nitkiewicz, 200 individual medley (1:57.56); Pranav Katari,



Northville's Trevor Degroot won the 200- and 500-yard freestyles during a 94-91 dual win over Brother Rice.

1-meter diving (184.25 points); Kirk Maibach, 100 freestyle (49.15); and Arthur Greenlee, 100 backstroke (55.82).

The Mustangs' 200 freestyle relay team of Travis Nitkiewicz, Cam-

eron Heaven, Jason Nitkiewicz and Kirk Maibach also claimed first (1:31.04).

"We just kept fighting," Bennetts said. "They are so good, so well-coached, it is just

really hard to beat them. They have been the best team in the entire state of Michigan for the last three to four years and, most of the time, it isn't even close."

Alex Margherio paced

Rice with wins in the 50 freestyle (22.19) and 100 butterfly (53.91). He also teamed with Timmy Page, Jonah Venos and Jake Farr for a victory in the 200 medley relay (1:37.90).

Venos also captured the 100 breaststroke (59.05) and teamed with Farr, Margherio and Page for first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:22.97).

The key moment of the night for Northville occurred during the final event, when Degroot, Jason Nitkiewicz, Jacob Grimmer and Greenlee took not only second in the 400 freestyle relay (3:23.47), but Northville also took the all-important third place as well, led by Nicholas Mouai-ikel, Andrew Lane, Ali Pazoiki and anchor Craig Maibach (3:36.18).

"I know both myself and coach (Mike) Venos will tell you that we both left some points out there that we feel we could have gotten," Bennetts said. "At the end of the night, we had one more swim than they did and that was Craig Maibach in the last leg of our 'B' relay. What a swim. Our divers helped out tonight and it was just a great night to be a Mustang."

"The only thing I told our boys was that this better not end up being the highlight of our season," Bennetts said. "It's a nice start, but it is just that, a start."

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LADYWOOD

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every day ... we just left it all on the ice. And instead of retaliating, we got it on the scoreboard instead."

With the win, first-place Ladywood improved to 6-2 overall and 5-0 in the Michigan Metro.

"We just needed the win, I think, for the girls and the school to really come together," first-year Ladywood coach Maria Rotondo said. "So it was a big deal for our school to beat Mercy. It's already a rivalry, but with the week that everyone had, I think it lifted up their spirits even more."

The all-girls Catholic high school, founded in 1950, will be shut down at the end of the school year because of declining enrollment after a decision was made Dec. 11 by the Felician Sisters of North America.

The school has enjoyed immense success in athletics during its 67-year history, winning a total of five Michigan High School Athletic Association team state championships: two in basketball, two in volleyball and one in softball.



Ladywood had a loud and enthusiastic cheering section at the Plymouth Cultural Center. JUDY SPIEGEL

And although girls hockey is not an MHSAA sport, it remains one of the most popular at Ladywood.

"They have a very good squad again this year and a tremendous cheering section," second-year Mercy coach Dave Roegner said. "So some of our girls are going to make some announcements at school and say, 'Hey, we got out-cheered, we didn't get outplayed.' There's a lot of emotion there, but I thought it was a very physical game, but very clean. They have a very good squad, very good coaching staff."

Spiegel scored her first goal at 4:44 of the opening period from Maelyn Thayer, but Mercy's Makena Duval tied it at 5:27 off an assist from Grace Reeber.

In the second period, Ladywood went up 3-1 as Spiegel scored at 6:16 from Bridget Folk, followed by her third of the night at 12:32 from Sydney Pilut and Folk.

The Blazers increased their lead to 4-1 at 1:55 of the third on Spiegel's 17th of the year, from Victoria Pilut.

Mercy (3-3, 3-2) then got an unassisted short-handed goal from Libby Bartels at 9:10 to cut the

deficit to two, but Ladywood goalie Isabella Lorelli (15 saves) slammed the door the rest of the way.

"We've always had a really good bond, but with this the girls have come together tremendously," said Rotondo, a Ladywood grad herself. "I've never seen this before in all my years of coaching."

The Ladywood coach called her team's performance "amazing."

"We played as a team and everybody played their positionings, probably one of the best games we've played this year so far," Rotondo



Ladywood's Katie Christiansen (front) carries the puck during a 4-2 win over Mercy. JUDY SPIEGEL

said. The two teams will face off again at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at Livonia's Edgar Arena, Mercy's home rink.

"That's the first time we've played them and now we see what they've got," Roegner said, "and we will do our best from a coaching standpoint and a playing standpoint to make the next game even closer and maybe come out on top. We'll see."

Two of Spiegel's four goals came on break-aways against Mercy goaltender Zabrina Le-Vasseur.

"I didn't think we did very well in the transition game at the offensive blue line," Roegner said. "When they blocked a shot and they had two girls going, our defense-

men were caught flat-footed and so we weren't really able to pursue ... those are some things we'll work on with our (defense) as well."

The Blazers won't return to action until Wednesday, Jan. 10, when they face host Ann Arbor Pioneer, currently in second place, at Veterans Arena.

"I think we can make it all the way to states and make it all the way to the end, without a doubt," Spiegel said. "That's our goal. We have one goal this year - support each other and leave it all out there."

And the Blazers did just that Saturday.

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MSU

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less tie at 7:23 of the second period, when he banged in feed from Taro Hirose on the power play. DeRidder had no chance on the back-door tap-in.

U.S. head coach Seth Appert said his team played well, but could not cash in on some early chances. And then Minney and the MSU defense got stronger as the game progressed.

"Credit to State, they played hard," Appert said. "They played hard. It'd be easy for their players to be on Christmas break in their mind. It's an exhibition game for them and they won, they played their tails off."

"You can see why they're having success. You can see why they beat Michigan last week. Danton's a great coach and they played really hard tonight."

Here are several takeaways:

MATCH GAME

Two Spartans who formerly played for the U.S., Khodorenko and Minney, knew the U-18 team would come out all fired up - especially with a big crowd.

"We knew we had to come play our game," Khodorenko said. "They're going to be a fast, skilled team and we just got to play our game."

Minney said matching the intensity of the younger team was essential for the Spartans to nab the two points.

"It's kind of the same way every year," Minney said. "You have some young guys that are super-skilled and they get up to play these games. They love playing these games."

"I was there, so I know how it is. ... So the key was to come out and be just as desperate as they were to win this game."



Diving to make a stop Saturday is MSU senior goalie Ed Minney, who played for the U.S. National Team Development Program when it was based at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

GLAD TO SEE YOU, PART 1

During a timeout during the first period, Miller was given a warm ovation after it was announced to the crowd that he was a member of last year's U-18 gold medal winning team at the IIHF World Junior Championships.

GLAD TO SEE YOU, PART 2

Also back in Plymouth

were other Spartans with ties to the NTDP: Cole, associate coach Chris Luongo (Novi resident) and goaltender coach Joe Exter.

In addition to Miller, other Spartans players returning to face their former team were Khodorenko and goalie Minney (who played for the NTDP when it was based in Ann Arbor).

UNABLE TO CASH IN

Early in the second period with the game scoreless, the U.S. enjoyed a lengthy five-on-three power play. But the team could not beat Minney on several close-in scoring tries. Moments later, a penalty was called against the U.S. and Michigan State's Khodorenko one-timed a shot past DeRidder.

STARTING A TREND

Both Cole and Appert said it makes sense for USA Hockey Arena to regularly host college teams in coming seasons.

"I think we should collectively try and get five or six schools every year to come down here," Cole said. "This is a big market and there's a lot of kids here that have a lot of options. If they can see how good college hockey is and how much fun it is in a building like this then, hopefully, they'll stay and play college hockey."

Appert, in his first season with the NTDP,

said games such as those against MSU and Michigan (played Dec. 2) present a win-win situation. College teams augment relatively light schedules, while USA Hockey gets to build its brand.

"It's one thing for us to go in their buildings," Appert said. "But to build our brand and let the people in this area know what this is all about, it's really appreciated that Michigan, Michigan State came into our building this year."

Concurring was U.S. defenseman Bode Wilde of Birmingham.

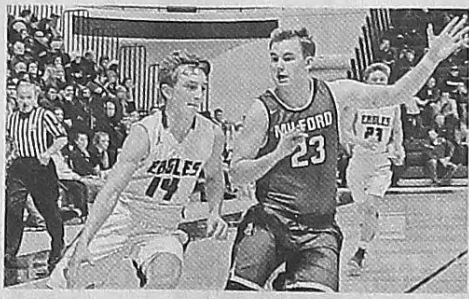
"I hope they continue to play Michigan and Michigan State as the seasons go on," Wilde said. "They're the local schools, and they draw good crowds. It's good publicity for this program (NTDP) and it's always fun because there's always a couple guys committed there."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Lakeland turns in lunch pail effort to beat rival Milford, 59-42

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Lakeland's Patrick McDonald (left) drives against Milford's Kyle Soderberg. JERRY REA

It was reminiscent of the vintage "Going to Work" Pistons teams.

The White Lake Lakeland boys basketball team proved to be scrappy — and then some — during Friday's convincing 59-42 triumph at home against rival Milford in the Lakes Valley Conference opener for both teams.

The Eagles, off to a 3-0 start under first-year coach Ron Thompson, were all over the court creating havoc on both ends.

"All season, coach Thompson has us going fast-pace, full-court defense and that was our plan from the get-go," said Lakeland junior forward Patrick McDonald, who led the Eagles with 15 points. "We executed very well, obviously, and it went good for us."

Lakeland spread the wealth against the Maver-

icks (1-1, 0-1), who just couldn't get out of their own way, especially in the third quarter when they made only 1-of-14 shots from field as the Eagles increased a 30-25 halftime advantage to 46-28 after three quarters.

"They can go nine, 10 deep," Milford coach David Gilbert said. "They can play a lot of guys and they can play a faster pace. We have a few guys that can do that, but when you're talking about foul trouble and just the pressure that they can give 94 feet ... it's tough for a great player like Aiden (Warzecha). He showed those flashes first half, but he got a little tired in

the second half, as well as our whole entire team."

Milford got as close as 48-39 on Nolan Rand's third 3-pointer of the fourth quarter with 4:21 left, but Lakeland was able to close it out.

"I thought the shot at the end of the half was pretty telling, it was in and out," Gilbert said. "But it was a tough game. I give a lot of credit to Lakeland. They're a class program and they have a lot of tough, hard-nosed kids. And I thought they kind of dictated the tempo and everything tonight. It was a rough one for us."

Milford's 6-foot-8 senior center Cass Phillips, who sat out the entire

second quarter after picking up his second foul, added 12 points. Senior guard Sean Cullen contributed 10, while junior guard Trent Farquhar came off the bench to nail three triples en route to nine points.

"One through 14 — I'm confident in my teammates," McDonald said. "They can all come in and really make an impact on the game. My teammates got me some good passes. (Joe) Rzeppa hit me on the fly. I was feeling good tonight."

Here are four other takeaways:

BLUE COLLAR

The Eagles held Milford to 30.6-percent shooting from the field (15-of-49), while hitting 45.6 percent themselves (21-of-46).

"I don't know how the stat sheet looked tonight, but so far this year we've had five guys between eight and 12 points consistently," Thompson said. "And it was about the

same tonight. These kids like playing with each other and that's what it's all about. There's a lot of chemistry. When I show up and don't have to coach effort, that's a good thing. All I'm coaching is X's and O's and they're bringing the effort. I'm just real proud of this team right now."

MURPHY'S LAW

The Mavericks seemed to encounter a lid on the basket, while making 15 costly turnovers.

"Wasn't a good night for us. Didn't move the ball extremely well and our defense and rebounding has to improve," Gilbert said. "We couldn't even get the ball inside when Cass (Phillips) was out. I thought he played very well the second half. I thought they played great game. Give all the credit to Lakeland."

MORE MILFORD

Rand, a 6-0 junior guard, came off the bench to score 12 points (all on triples), while 6-7 junior

Gunnar Gustafson and Warzecha, the team's top returning scorer from a year ago, added 11 and 10, respectively.

Lakeland transfer Kyle Soderberg, a 6-5 senior forward, struggled offensively, going 1-of-11 from floor against his former teammates.

"We did a real nice job on Warzecha, he's a heck of a player," Thompson said. "And the guys that were rotating in on him did a nice job of containing him and controlling him."

BRAGGING RIGHTS

The two teams will meet again Friday, Feb. 9, at Milford in the rematch, but for now the Eagles have temporary bragging rights.

"Very pumped," McDonald said. "They've got a lot of good players. My buddy Aiden (Warzecha) is a heck of a player. But this is a good win and a big win for us, so I'm excited."

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Westland John Glenn first, Salem fifth at county wrestling tournament

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Everyone in the high school wrestling world knows Westland John Glenn is a definite top contender for a Division 1 state championship.

The Rockets again showed their skills by finishing first Saturday at the highly competitive Wayne County Tourna-

ment at Wyandotte Roosevelt.

John Glenn tallied 256 points to edge the host Warriors (231.5) for the championship. Spearheading the Rockets were five individual champions: Mikey Mars (7-0 at 130), Caleb Meekins (6-1 at 119), Kyle Borthwell (6-1 at 125), Isaac Lefler (6-1 at 135) and Anthony Gibson (6-1 at 145). Also 6-1 but finishing second was Brent



Henderson

Polk (152). But Salem could be an upstart team with eyes on the podium come state tournament time. The Rocks finished fifth out of 22 teams with 129 points. In sixth with 125.5 points was Livonia Franklin.

"I thought we could of took third, we were that

close and there were definitely some matches that did not go our way," Salem head coach Jeremy Henderson said, referring to third-place Dearborn Fordson (155). "We are very close from turning a corner and becoming a very dangerous team."

Heavyweight Jake Giorgi went 3-1 on the day to finish in second for the Rocks.

"(Giorgi) had to beat a

kid that is ranked ninth in the state to get there," Henderson said. "And lost a tough match in the finals. He really is becoming a good wrestler and is getting better every week."

Salem's Max Hirvela (130), Ali Kobeissi (135) and JaQuan Baker (171) each went 4-1 to finish in fifth place in their weight classes. Chipping in a 3-2 mark at 125 was DaQuan Baker (sixth place).

Livonia Franklin's Russell Rusnell was individual champion at 112, posting a 6-1 record. Also going 6-1 for the Patriots were Johnny DiPonio (second at 140) and Jacob Johnson at 145.

Plymouth's Andrew Atallah enjoyed a 5-1 showing at 189.

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Girls basketball

CANTON 49, JOHN GLENN 25: A 15-2 first quarter propelled Canton to this Dec. 15 victory.

Carli Vaughan (14 points), Alaina Heitmeier (10 points), Ashley Criscenti (seven points) and Lauren Grendysa (six points, five rebounds) sparked the Chiefs. Scoring 11 points for Westland John Glenn was Sharon Woodard.

BRIGHTON 38, PLYMOUTH 24: The host Wildcats lost their first game of the season on Dec. 15.

Chantal LeDoux and Kyra Brandon each scored six points for Plymouth (3-1).

HOWELL 69, NOVI 41: Alexis Miller scored 25 points to go along with five rebounds and five assists leading the state-ranked Highlanders (5-0, 1-0) to a KLAAs Gold Division win Dec. 15 over the visiting Wildcats (3-2, 0-1).

Leah Weslock added 20 points and seven boards as Howell led 27-10 after one quarter.

Senior guard Ellie Mackay led Novi with 16 points, four rebounds and two assists. Jenna Daschke and Anna Biberstein each added seven points.

NORTHVILLE 57, STEVENSON 28: In the KLAAs Gold Division opener Dec. 15, sophomore Tara Beason led the way with 16 points as the host Mustangs (4-0, 1-0) rolled to a victory over Livonia Stevenson (2-2, 0-1).

Seniors Kendall Dillon and Roan Haines each added nine points, while senior Jasmin Prince contributed seven. The Mustangs were 7-of-16 from the foul line.

Elisa LeBron scored eight for the Spartans, who trailed 27-9 at halftime. Stevenson was 6-of-10 from the foul line.

CANTON 61, NOVI 57: Senior guard Ellie Mackay poured in a game-high 37 points to go along on Dec. 11, but the host Chiefs (1-2, 1-0 KLAAs Black) led from start-to-finish to beat the Wildcats (3-1, 0-1 KLAAs Gold) in a crossover matchup.

Carli Vaughn led Canton with 21 points, while Ashley Criscenti added 20 points and seven rebounds as the Chiefs led 18-6 after one quarter, 28-15 at halftime and 45-41 after three quarters.

Mackay, bound for Michigan Tech, also added four assists and four rebounds. She had 40 points last season in a KLAAs playoff win over Canton.

NORTHVILLE 33, DEARBORN 20: On Dec. 12, senior guard Kendall Dillon scored 12 points and junior Nicole Martin added six as the host Mustangs (3-0) defeated the Pioneers (2-1) in a non-conference game.

Northville led 18-12 at halftime and 24-17 after three quarters before outscoring Dearborn 9-3 in the fourth. The Mustangs made 6-of-10 free throws.

Mya Makled, Sarah Campbell, Mahajer Beydoun each scored five points for Dearborn.

STEVENSON 47, FRANKLIN 36: On Dec. 12 at Livonia Franklin, the Spartans parlayed strong defense and rebounding into a KLAAs victory.

"Good defense and solid passing got us the win," said Livonia Stevenson head coach Karen Anger, whose team tallied 30 rebounds and 14 steals.

Sophomore Meredith Hage (12 points), senior Sarah Tanderys (11 points, seven rebounds) and freshman Adriana Mroz (10 points) led the Spartans, now 2-1 overall.

For the Patriots (3-1), freshman Hunter Conway scored 17 points.

Boys basketball

PLYMOUTH 59, PCA 57: On Dec. 15 at Plymouth, the Class A Wildcats held off a spirited effort by Class D Plymouth Christian Academy.

Plymouth broke out to a 43-26 halftime lead, but coach Mike Soukup said his squad "struggled in both ends of the floor" after the intermission, yet managed to prevail.

The Eagles had a last-second chance to win the game when Matt Malcolm launched a bid for a trey. But the shot rimmed out.

Plymouth's Justin Reynolds led all scorers with 21 points with A.J. Neal (14 points) and Anthony Crump (13 points) helping the cause.

For PCA, Malcolm and Max Okolo scored 16 and 13 points, respectively. Okolo also had 15 rebounds and six blocks while shutting down Division I recruit Crump in the second half (four points).

"Overall, proud of the guys efforts in the

second half," PCA head coach Matt Windle said. "That's the type of basketball we are capable of playing. Playing this tough schedule early on is preparing us for the goals we have set out as a team."

CANTON 61, JOHN GLENN 51: The visiting Chiefs improved to 3-0 with this Dec. 15 win at Westland John Glenn.

Canton was led by B. Artis White, who tallied 21 points. He was 9-of-10 from the free-throw line. Other Canton contributors included Eian Barker and Vinson Sigmon, with 14 and 10 points, respectively.

For the Rockets, scoring in double digits were Joe Moon (15 points), Franklin Braxton (11 points) and Donovan Long-Johnson (10 points).

WAYNE 63, CHURCHILL 59: Wayne Memorial's fast start Dec. 15 (21-12 lead after one quarter, 36-20 at halftime) helped the Zebras edge Livonia Churchill.

Leading both teams with 19 points was Wayne's Isiah Lewis, with Terrance Williams (18 points) and Va' Shawn Ward (14 points) helping the Zebras (1-1).

For the Chargers (2-2), a balanced attack featured 16 points from Taji Hall and Joel Forgacs with Martel Dooley adding 15. Contributing 10 points and seven rebounds was Luke Jaroszewicz.

"We ran into a very athletic and aggressive team tonight," Churchill head coach James McCulloh said. "They jumped on us early and we just weren't able to recover."

STEVENSON 60, NORTHVILLE 42: Parker Graham (20 points, five rebounds), George Ferguson (14 points, five rebounds) and Chris Fazica (13 points) spearheaded Livonia Stevenson's victory on Dec. 15.

For the Mustangs (0-2), top performers were Mark Grimes and Steven Morrissey, with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

"Tonight's game was much slower paced than our opener against Franklin," said Stevenson assistant coach Chris Haldane, whose team improved to 2-0. "Northville played really good team defense against us in the first half and stayed in the game by slowing down our fast break."

Northville made just six of 15 free-throw attempts, while the Spartans were 10-of-15 from the charity stripe.

FRANKLIN 63, SALEM 54: On Dec. 15 at Livonia Franklin, the Patriots (2-1) got out to a 34-23 halftime lead and defeated the Rocks.

Franklin was paced by Mark Mettie, who registered 34 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks. Dalton Gaisor helped the cause with seven points, six assists and five rebounds. Salem senior guard Shawn Srivastava led

the Rocks (1-2) with 13 points, while senior guard Jordan Ingram tallied seven points and six assists for Salem.

The Patriots enjoyed a 35-25 edge in rebounding.

NORTHVILLE 68, DEARBORN 53: Paul Kearis went 6-of-8 from the foul line on his way to a team-high 13 points as the Mustangs (2-1) won their second straight Dec. 12 against the host Pioneers (2-1).

Steven Morrissey added 11 points for Northville, which led 36-21 at the half and by as many as 22. The Mustangs made 15-of-23 free throws.

Ben Clark scored 16 for the Pioneers. "I thought we took another step forward tonight," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "We had tremendous energy from the start and really set the tone in the first quarter. This was really a team victory and it was great to see everyone get in on the action."

TROY 81, NOVI 74: Jason Dietz tallied a game-high 32 points, including six 3-pointers, to power the Colots (2-0) to the non-conference win Dec. 12 over the host Wildcats (0-2).

Clay Sebastian added 15 points for Troy, which had five players score in double figures. The Colts went 17-of-24 from the foul line.

Junior guard Giovanni Miles led Novi with 25 points, while Traveon Maddox, Jr. and Nik Williams added 19 and 14, respectively. The Wildcats went 11-of-19 from the free throw stripe.

CHURCHILL 62, EDELS FORD 50: Livonia Churchill's 1-2 punch of Luke Jaroszewicz and Martel Dooley (20 points each) sparked the Chargers (2-1) to this win Dec. 12 over Dearborn Edsel Ford (1-2).

Jaroszewicz (seven rebounds) and Dooley (five steals, six boards) helped the Churchill cause beyond scoring. Chipping in with nine points, seven steals and six rebounds was Taji Hall while Joel Forgacs helped the cause with nine points, eight boards and four steals.

Jalal Baydoun scored 17 for the Thunderbirds.

Boys hockey

NOVI 4, U-D JESUIT 0: Alex Scarozza scored a power play and short-handed goal as the Wildcats (4-6) got the shutout from goalie Ethan Hunsinger in a KLAAs-MIHL Showcase win over University of Detroit Jesuit (5-3) on Dec. 16 at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Alec Giragosian assisted on three goals,

while Joe Casselton and Michael Smalls also tallied goals for Novi, which outscored the Cubs 3-0 in the final period.

DeLaSALLE 4, NORTHVILLE 2: Jordan Kovacs had a goal and two assists to lead Warren DeLaSalle (4-5) to the KLAAs-MIHL Showcase victory Dec. 16 over the Mustangs (5-3) at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Vince Torres chipped in with a goal and assist, while Jeremy Coppola and Josh Gliniski also tallied goals for the victorious Pilots.

Jimmy Dales and Jack Sargent scored goals for Northville, while Owen Finkbeiner and Nick Williams drew assists. Northville goalie Owen Moruzi made 12 saves.

GRANDVILLE 4, NORTHVILLE 1: Shane Haggerty and Cooper Pratt each tallied a goal and assists to propel the Bulldogs (6-0) past the Mustangs (5-2) in a battle of Division 1 state-ranked teams Dec. 15 at Novi Ice Arena.

Erik Sitar and Patrick Underwood also tallied goals for Grandville, which scored three unanswered goals after being tied 1-1 after the first period.

Noah Eckerle scored Northville's lone goal from Jimmy Dales and Joe Tobon.

Northville goalie Nate Williams made 20 saves.

CHURCHILL 5, NOVI 4: Jordan Venegoni had two goals and one assist as Livonia Churchill (4-3, 2-2 KLAAs Black) scored three unanswered goals in the second period to beat the host Wildcats (3-6, 1-5) in a crossover Dec. 12 at Novi Ice Arena.

Carter Swider had a goal and assist, while Conor Burnette added two assists for the victorious Chargers, who also got goals from Josh Friend and Zach Flynn. Other assists went to Donovan Young, Matt Gibboney and Keith Peterson.

Nathan Graff and Alec Giragosian each scored power play goals for Novi. Evan Chippa added an empty-netter and assist, while Maanas Sharma had the other goal. Other assists went to Alex Scarozza (two), Chris Martin, Jon Changes and Logan Londo.

Wrestling

REDFORD UNION DUALS: Northville improved to 9-3 overall after sweeping the field on Dec. 16 with a 5-0 record to win the title including wins over Garden City (66-15), Livonia Clarenceville (63-18), Lutheran High Westland (57-15), Southgate Anderson (52-24) and the host Panthers (42-32).

Among those sporting 5-0 records on the day for the Mustangs included sophomore Brandon Liu (103 pounds), sophomore Grant Gattoni (103), senior Adam Lewis (119), sophomore Nick Gattoni (140) and sophomore Demir Tagani (285), the latter whom sealed the championship with a win against RU.

Meanwhile, senior Joey Nagy (140) added a 4-1 record as he stepped up in a higher weight class along with teammates Parker Dietrich, Michael Merritt, Adam Zakaria and Frank Cocco.

Boys swimming

NOVI 105, CRANBROOK 80: Max Robbins figured in three first-place finishes leading the Wildcats (3-0) to a dual meet triumph Dec. 12 over defending Division 3 state champion Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Robbins swept the 200- and 500-yard freestyles in 1:50.63 and 5:02.88, respectively. Other Novi firsts came from Jack McClure in 1-meter diving (161.50 points) and Maxwell Williams in the 100 backstroke (57.80). Novi's 200 freestyle relay team of Adam Carozza, Williams, Minjae Kim and Alexander Yuan also placed first (1:33.62).

Lucas Misra and Kevin Hao each figured in four firsts for the Granes.

Misra captured the 50- and 100 freestyles in 22.39 and 49.04, respectively, while Hao took the 200 individual medley (1:57.30) and 100 breaststroke (58.73).

Misra, Hao, Josh Zexter and Nicholas Ludwig won the 200 medley relay (1:41.08), while the foursome of Misra, Zexter, Hao and Gabe Cohen captured the 400 freestyle relay (3:20.53).

Gymnastics

CANTON 136.525, LIVONIA RED 129.525: On Dec. 12, the Chiefs prevailed in a KLAAs meet at Livonia Churchill.

Canton (1-1) was led by Zoe Graves, who took firsts on uneven parallel bars (9.275) and floor exercise (8.725). Other wins were tallied by Katherine Najduk (vault, 8.8) and Rachel Socha (balance beam, 9.0).

Chiefs head coach John Cunningham said Socha had the strongest all-around performance, adding scores of 8.525 on vault (third), 8.55 on bars (second) and 8.425 on floor (fourth).

Also solid for Canton were Becca Byers, Nehal Harish and Bree Kalinski.

METTIE

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knowing who they are and feeling comfortable around them."

Other ex-KLAAs players with the Crusaders this season are Canton (and Schoolcraft College) alum Davon Taylor and Salem alums Chris Dierker and Jon Swift.

Mettie also has a connection with Madonna's coaching staff, led by Noel Emehiser, and is geared up for the chance to play a similar style of basketball now in vogue at Franklin (with new coach T.J. Hurley).

"I've been building a relationship with Madonna since my sophomore year of high school," Mettie said. "So these last couple years have been building a strong relationship and I feel like that was probably the main deciding factor. They wanted me to several years."

Getting the opportunity to run the floor and make decisions on the fly also appealed to Mettie. He is now playing a think-on-your-feet style of game with the Patriots and Madonna employs the same type of scheme.

"I think it's great," Mettie said, discussing the new system at Franklin. "It gives everyone

kind of a freedom to what they can do, it's a lot better than just being robots going to the same place every time."

"We can move without the ball and it gives us a lot more spacing on the floor as well."

Student of the game

According to Hurley, the new system he is bringing to the Patriots is something players like Mettie gravitate toward.

"It's more of a read and react offense, allowing players to have more freedom of movement based on the way they can read the defensive player," Hurley said.

"Mark does it pretty well right now; after a year moving forward, he'll be tough to guard."

"We are trying to get our players to learn how to read the game and think (the) game, versus just telling them what to do. Because when a game is on the line, the players who can think the best are going to be the players that do the best."

According to Mettie, he likes that style of basketball and has played it on Amateur Athletic Union teams. Over the summer, he played 30-40 games (mostly in tournaments) with the Detroit Spartans.

"Yeah, they explained to me everything before

I committed," Mettie said. "This year is really their (Crusaders') first year of getting to a five-out type of offense. I've done that in the past with AAU teams."

Mettie said another reason he opted to sign with Madonna (instead of waiting for a Division I or Division II opportunity to emerge) was the immediate chance to see playing time and not be red-shirted as a freshman.

But Mettie understands he'll have to work to get minutes his first season with the Crusaders, a team in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics conference.

The skills are there, too. Mettie routinely hit double digits in points and rebounds last year, and already has some 30-point games under his belt this season. On Dec. 5, he slammed home a basket in the closing seconds to give the Patriots a victory against Dearborn Heights Robichaud. He tallied 34 points and 12 boards in a Dec. 15 win against Salem.

"It's a great opportunity for him and something that's well-deserved," Hurley said. "Mark puts in a lot of work in the off-season. He's always working on his skills."

"He spent just about

all of July gone with his AAU team, the second he gets back he's willing to get in the gym either with me ... or Reggie Butler, who is a great 'big' coach for inside moves."

"And it shows. His offensive game is well-rounded at every point. He's getting something that he worked for and it's really well-deserved. More importantly, Madonna's getting a steal."

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THE METTIE FILE

Who: Mark Mettie, 6-10 senior forward at Livonia Franklin.

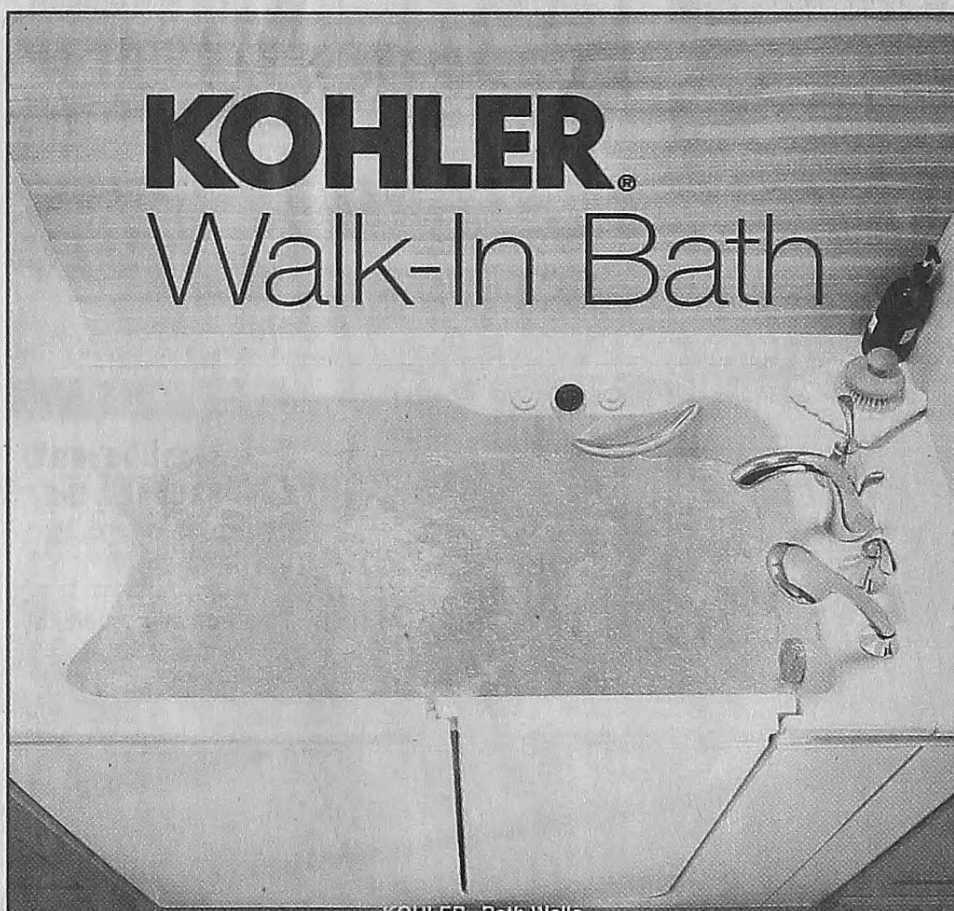
What: He recently signed to play college basketball for Madonna University, an NAIA team in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Bonus points: Mettie, 17, said he'll live on Madonna's Livonia campus, but he will only be a five-minute drive from home. His parents are Julie and Troy Mettie of Livonia.

Stats: Mettie was an all-KLAAs team member in 2016-17 after averaging 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Patriots.

Growth spurt: Now in his fourth varsity season, Mettie has grown from 6-4 as a ninth-grader to 6-10 this year. "I guess it's just genetics."

Miscellaneous: Owner of a 3.4 grade-point average, Mettie plans to study sports management at Madonna.



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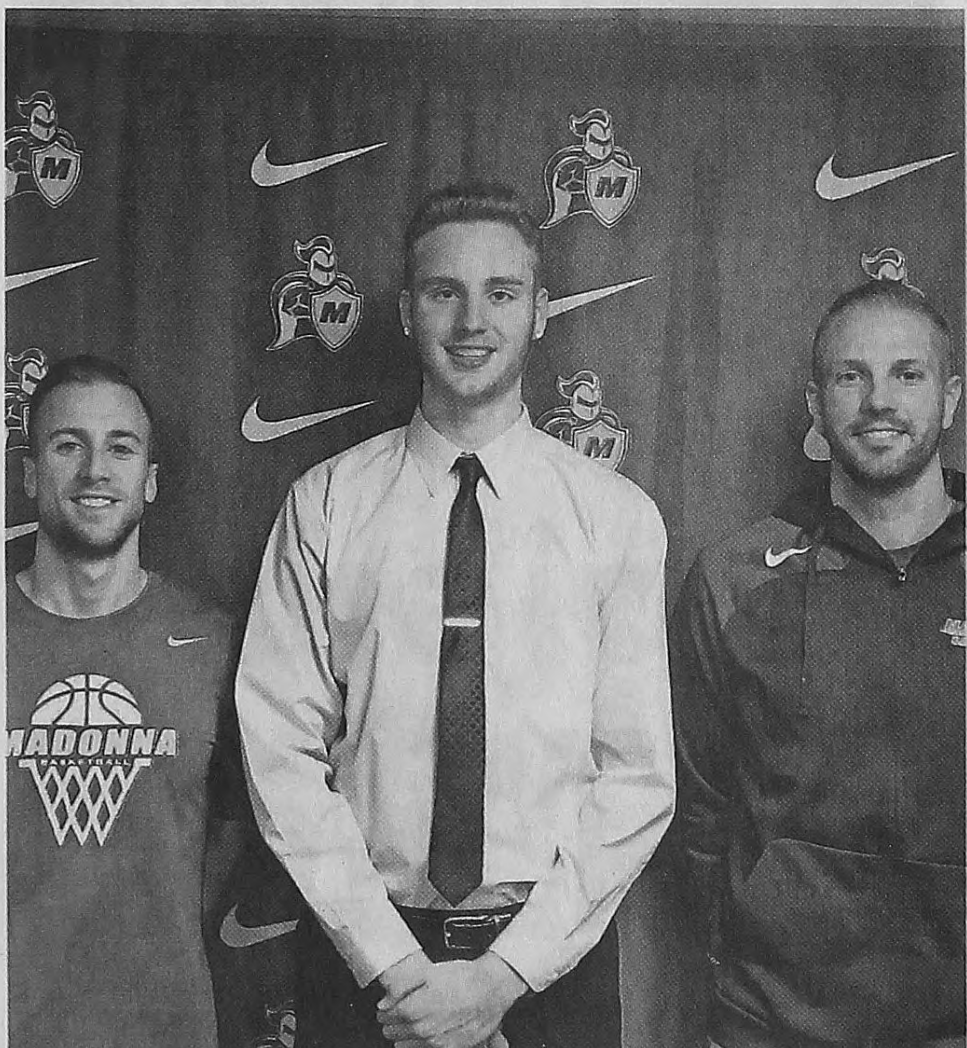
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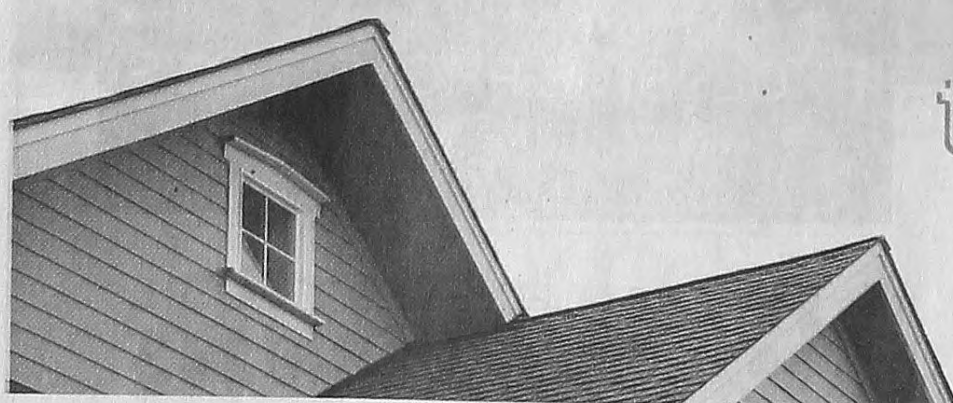
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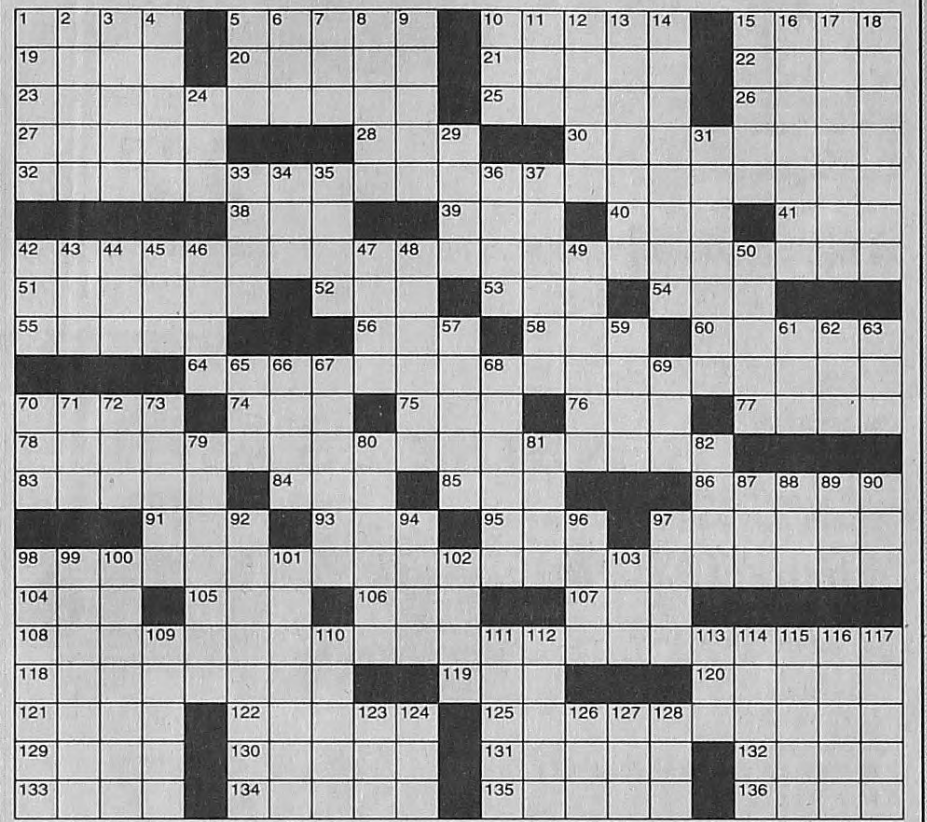
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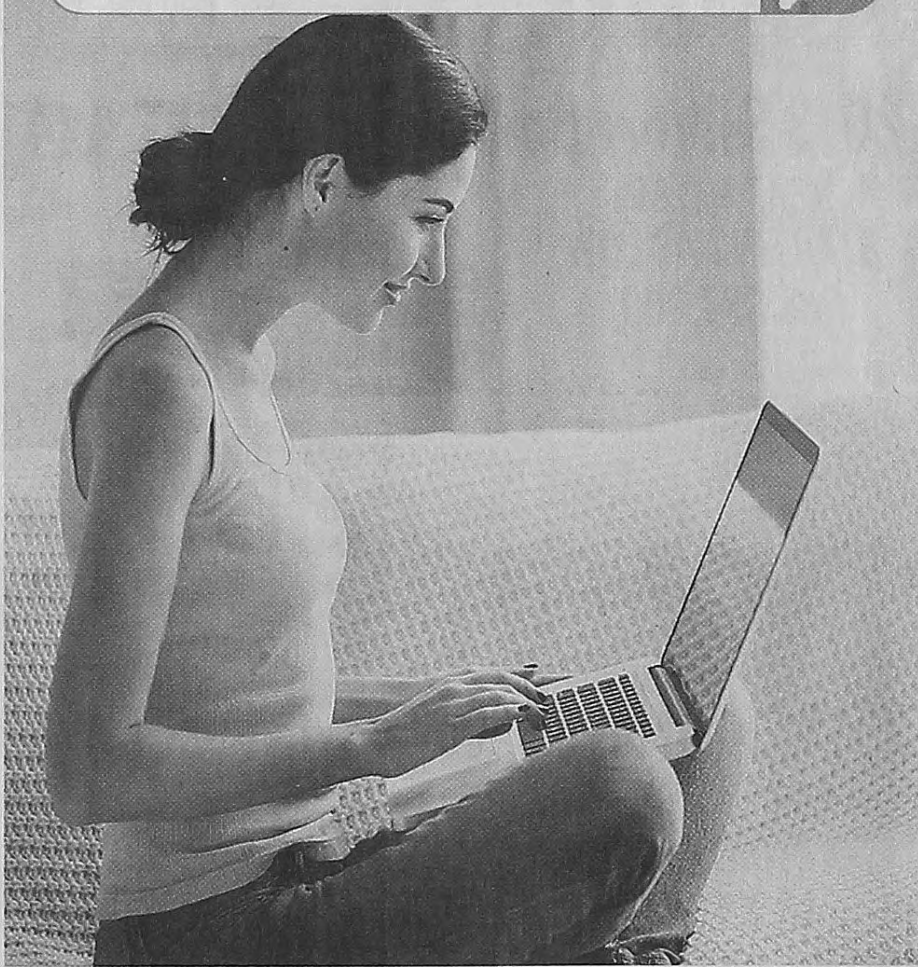
- ACROSS**
- 1 Santa — (desert winds)
 - 5 Heroic tales
 - 10 "iZombie" network
 - 15 Marathoner's statistic
 - 19 Promote
 - 20 Horror, e.g.
 - 21 Prefix with gram or liter
 - 22 Strong — ox
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 "That is to say ..."
 - 26 Piper's garb
 - 27 AWOL part
 - 28 Pat lightly
 - 30 Short literary sketch
 - 32 Riddle, part 2
 - 38 Jailbird
 - 39 Poet's "always"
 - 40 German's "one"
 - 41 Suffix with sur- or lact-
 - 42 Riddle, part 3
 - 51 Starting point
 - 52 ke's inits.
 - 53 Cell stuff
 - 54 Government loan agcy.
 - 55 Runway user
 - 56 Clumsy sort
 - 58 Dollar pts.
 - 60 He beat Romney
 - 64 Riddle, part 4
 - 70 "Look, I did it!"
 - 74 Ostrich kin
 - 75 Bohea, e.g.
 - 76 That, in Chile
 - 77 Oil gp.
 - 78 Riddle, part 5
 - 83 '90s-'00s boy band
 - 84 Thrice-spun-off TV show
 - 85 Wimbledon unit
 - 86 Swimming (in)
 - 91 Sue Grafton's "—" for Evidence"
 - 93 Mind-reading ability
 - 95 Lilted syllable
 - 97 "Hagar the Horrible" creator Dik
 - 98 Riddle, part 6
 - 104 Pitching whiz
 - 105 Ballpark fig.
 - 106 Prefix meaning "equal"
 - 107 Syllable after "Mao"
 - 108 End of the riddle
 - 118 Merit the best score, maybe
 - 119 Half of hexa-
 - 120 See 45-Down
 - 121 Lacking width and depth, for short
 - 122 Els of golf
 - 125 Riddle's answer
 - 129 Baseball team count
 - 130 Actress Tierney
 - 131 Plants used in first aid
 - 132 Borscht vegetable
 - 133 Anti-DUI org.
 - 134 More sneaky
 - 135 Flirty laugh
 - 136 Probability
 - 11 That bloke
 - 12 School pupil, in France
 - 13 Actresses Bloom and Danes
 - 14 Fancy shoes
 - 15 George of "Star Trek"
 - 16 "... true statement, correct?"
 - 17 Dog or cat breed
 - 18 Went inside
 - 24 Ida. borderer
 - 29 British TV network, with "the"
 - 31 Tiny self-propelled machine
 - 33 Clicked-on graphic
 - 34 Bart Simpson, to Marge
 - 35 With a sharp image, briefly
 - 36 — -do-well
 - 37 Long ditch
 - 42 Other, in Simpson, to Bart
 - 43 — Magnon
 - 44 Prefix with day or week
 - 45 With 120-Across, 65 and older, e.g.
 - 46 Sledding site
 - 47 Work like —
 - 48 Cherished by
 - 49 Ramble on
 - 50 Verbotten act
 - 57 Feudal lands
 - 59 Cubs hero
 - 61 Galaxy buy
 - 62 Pal of Larry and Curly
 - 63 Jets' gp.
 - 65 Conifer with toxic seeds
 - 66 Apple choice
 - 67 Sipped on
 - 68 Sex cell
 - 69 Down vote
 - 70 Earthy color
 - 71 Muscles below pecs
 - 72 Handyman's initialism
 - 73 Nixon's veep
 - 79 Actress Annabella
 - 80 Not make the event in time, say
 - 81 Other, in Chile
 - 82 Delhi wear
 - 87 Concave pan
 - 88 Stupefy
 - 89 NBC skit show since '75
 - 90 Kin of "Psst!"
 - 92 Secondary details
 - 94 Elegant
 - 96 Voting
 - 69-Down
 - 97 Chicken — (chicken dish)
 - 98 Particles composed of quarks
 - 99 South Pacific region
 - 100 Soho locale
 - 101 Left-leaning
 - 102 Ring around a castle
 - 103 Pa. hours
 - 109 Surrendered feeling
 - 110 Listless
 - 111 Yummy morsel
 - 112 Edge shyly
 - 113 Abbr. at LAX
 - 114 1990s fitness fad
 - 115 "— a drink!"
 - 116 Looked at provocatively
 - 117 Swift homes
 - 123 Wrath
 - 124 Acoustic organ
 - 126 "So fancy!"
 - 127 Peace gesture
 - 128 Nationality suffix



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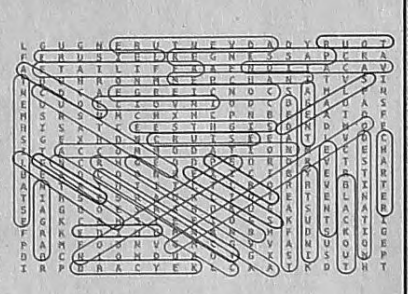
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- ADVENTURE
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- AGENT
- AGGREGATOR
- BARGAIN
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- BLACKOUT
- BOOKING
- CHARTER
- COMMISSION
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- HOTEL
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- VACATION

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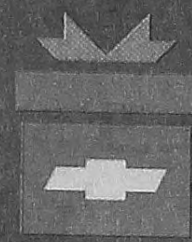
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