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Old motel site gets a new look

Michigan Avenue location welcomes development

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A once-deteriorating site along the Michigan Avenue corridor in Canton is getting a makeover.

The old, now-demolished Garland Place motel and the site of the former Livonia Magnetics are targeted for redevelopment along the stretch of Michi-

gan Avenue between Sheldon and Morton Taylor.

Officials say a Tractor Supply Co. is expected to occupy the former Livonia Magnetics building. And a new personal storage business is slated near it.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said the redevelopment plan is an improvement over what had become

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Tractor Supply Co. is expected to occupy the former Livonia Magnetics building on Michigan Avenue in Canton. An old motel also has been demolished to make room for other development. PHILLIP BOCK | USA TODAY NETWORK — WISCONSIN



Carver Clinton Rich sends up a cloud of ice chips while working on a sculpture of an eagle. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Ice festival offers up weekend of frozen fun

For Gerneil Franklin, the cold temperatures Saturday morning were "almost perfect."

The coach of the Oakland Community College ice sculpting team was out in Plymouth's Kellogg Park in below-freezing temperatures as his five-member team carved ice blocks as part of an ice carving competition at the 2018 Plymouth Ice Festival.

"And we're probably the only people that beg and pray for cold weather," Franklin said.

The low was 11 degrees Saturday morning at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, said Jordan Dale, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in White Lake.

Many of the ice sculptures Franklin's team worked on included different kinds of wildlife: a dog, salmon, a scorpion and turtles.

The most difficult part of the process, Franklin said, was "fusing" or cut-

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John Brennan hoists his son Jay, 7, so mom Stephanie can take a picture. Three-year-old Grace will be next. They are from Ypsilanti and are regulars at the ice fest. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Eight local Taco Bell locations in wage theft lawsuit

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Employees from eight hometownlife.com area Taco Bell locations have opted into a lawsuit alleging the Brighton-based franchise owner used various policies to avoid paying wages for time worked.

A complaint filed in October 2016 in U.S. District Court in Detroit claims Sundance, Inc., which owns more than 170 Taco Bell locations in Michigan and five other states, willfully violated the Fair Labor Standards Act with regard to misclassification, overtime and wage theft.

Attorney Megan Bonanni, co-counsel in the case, said letters were sent to all employees eligible for the opt-in, anyone who worked at a Sundance Taco Bell in the three years preceding the filing.

In the local area, employees came forward from Taco Bell locations at:

- 44570 Michigan Ave, Canton
- 499 N. Main, Plymouth
- 201 S. Merriman, Westland
- 32940 Michigan Ave., Wayne
- 33203 Eight Mile Road, Livonia
- 2645 Plymouth Road, Redford
- 525 General Motors Road, Milford
- 22315 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon

Across all six states, Bonanni said, about 520 current and former employees opted into the lawsuit during the notice period, which is now closed. Em-

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Employees of several Taco Bell locations in Michigan are suing Sundance Inc., which owns more than 170 Taco Bell locations in the state and five other states. FILE PHOTO

Lawsuit

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employees from four stores in Livingston County, as well as stores in Ann Arbor, Brighton, in and around Lansing, Detroit, Southfield, Macomb and numerous other communities, have also opted into the suit.

The lawsuit was originally brought by four employees who worked at various metro Detroit Taco Bell locations.

Court documents state Sundance did not pay employees for all hours worked, misclassified employees as exempt — making them ineligible for overtime pay; and did not pay hourly employees overtime when weekly totals exceeded 40 hours.

The lawsuit is currently in the discovery phase and will likely go to trial in late

2019.

When the lawsuit was announced earlier this year, Bonanni said numerous other lawsuits, citing similar violations of federal standards, have been filed against Taco Bell franchises throughout the country going back 15 years or more.

In a court filing, Sundance denied any wrongdoing and stated the company does not believe any employees are entitled to recover any relief under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Among the allegations:

■ Managerial employees were classified as exempt, but did not have managerial authority — such as hiring, firing or disciplining other employees — but often worked 60-80 hours per week, spending the majority of working hours performing the same duties as other crew members.

■ Because of the exempt status and excessive hours, those with manager titles often received an effective hourly rate lower than a regular crew member.

■ Some managers reportedly slept at the restaurant after it closed at 3 a.m., as they were required to be on-site when the business reopened at 6 a.m.

■ Employees were at times required to clock out, but continue working.

“The plaintiffs reported that they and other hourly workers at these Taco Bell outlets were regularly instructed by managers to clock out and continue working,” said Jennifer MacManus, co-counsel for the workers. “Each restaurant has a labor budget and managers are under a lot of pressure to limit the number of hours paid, no matter how much time employees actually work.”

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a community eyesore, before the old motel was torn down a few months ago.

“It was a dilapidated structure,” Goulet said, but will “end up with good redevelopment.”

A developer has received a first-round vote of support for a rezoning

New tax law might help seniors come out ahead



Money Matters

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Michigan

The holidays are behind us and by now most of us have forgotten about our new rear's resolutions — I know I have. Therefore, it's time to get back to the normal craziness of our lives. As most of you know, we have a new tax law that will have some impact on the great majority of us. The tax law is very comprehensive and it will take a while for even people like me, who follow tax laws, to understand it and to be able to work with it. That being said, there is one change in the tax law that I do want to discuss.

One of the major changes in the tax law deals with the standard deduction. The standard deduction has been raised to \$24,000 for a married couple and \$12,000 for a single person. The effect of this is that more people will find that taking the standard deduction as opposed to itemizing their deductions is a much better strategy.

I bring this up because many seniors will soon be taking the required minimum distribution from their retirement accounts. Because of the new higher standard deduction, some seniors who deducted their charitable contributions in the past will no longer itemize their deductions, so they will not be able to deduct their charitable contributions. For those who will now

be taking the standard deduction and who still plan to make charitable contributions, a strategy they should consider is to make their charitable contributions directly from their minimum required distribution. By doing a qualified charitable distribution, many seniors will find that they receive a significant tax savings.

When you take a MRD, the money you receive is subject to income taxes. If you donate your MRD by doing a QCD, you are not taxed on that money. By avoiding the tax on the distribution and by receiving the new higher standard deduction, seniors can be one of the big winners in the new tax law. In addition, there can be other benefits to seniors, such as potentially keeping your income below the threshold for being subject to the high-income surtax on Medicare.

The key to donating your MRD is that the money must be issued directly from your IRA custodian to the charity. If you take your MRD and have the money sent directly to you, you cannot take advantage of this strategy.

There will be winners and losers in the new tax law. If you look at taking advantage of opportunities created by the new tax law, you may find that you are one of the winners.

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that is expected to receive final approval from the Canton Township Board of Trustees in late January. The change is needed to accommodate the new proposal.

The rezoning allows for a mixed use including regional commercial and light industrial. Goulet said the personal storage facility also needs a special land use approval.

Clerk Michael Siegrist said it's good to see new plans for the Michigan Avenue site.

“It's great to see the market supporting the development plans for that area,” he said. “It fits in with the way we want to see the area developed.”

Michigan Avenue has lagged behind some areas of Canton in redevelopment, Siegrist said.

He called the latest plan “encouraging” and said, “I'm excited about it.”

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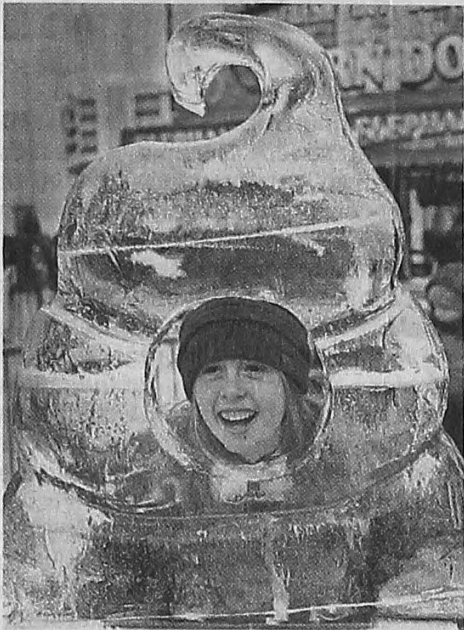
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Ashley Rathbun peeks through an ice sculpture. She is from Monroe. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Friday night crowds braved wind chills of minus-10 degrees at the ice festival. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Festival

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ting ice outside the ice block and connecting it to another piece, which earns more points. He said his team is at the festival every year.

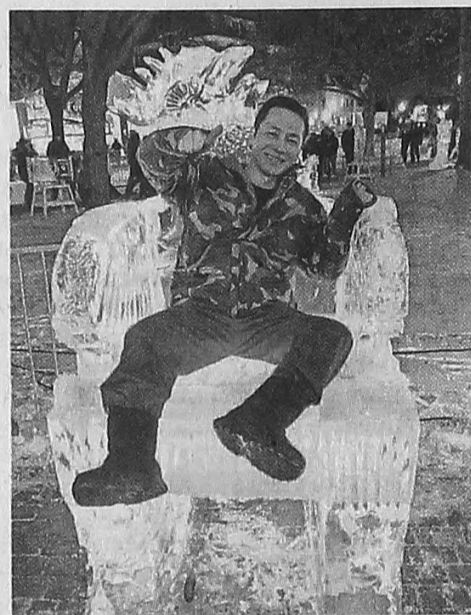
"The favorite part is actually watching these kids get surgical with it," Franklin said. "Taking that chainsaw, just going to work. ... I get the biggest joy out of that."

John Wrobel, 69, of Canton said he comes to the festival every year and enjoys photographing the sculptures.

"I love to come here and get different angled shots, like the sun through the back of it and whatnot," Wrobel said. "And it's just a great event. It's a little cold but, you know, the sun's out — and so what?"

Attendance was down that day compared to past Saturday mornings, but as temperatures warmed in the afternoon it "seems to have picked back up to a little bit above normal," festival director James Gietzen said. He didn't have a specific number for attendance.


Weather permitting, the sculptures will be available for viewing 24 hours a day after the event, according to the festival's website.



Ken Yamamoto tries the ice throne Friday. He is in Michigan for training, but lives in Japan. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Tiffany Zabinski and Luna brave the cold to see the ice carvings at night. Tiffany and Luna are from Canton. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Dr. John P. Jacobi, OD, FCOVD

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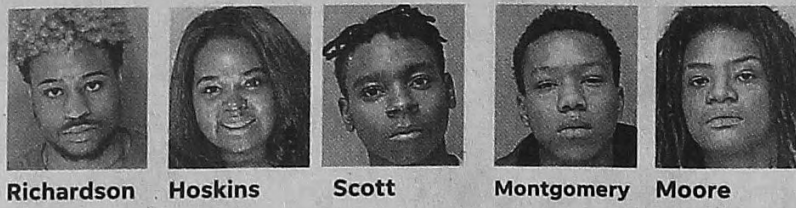
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A 19-year-old suspect who had been on the loose since October for her alleged role in a theft ring involving stolen cars and credit cards has been captured and formally charged.

Destiny Capri Moore of Wayne, who had a warrant for her arrest, is now facing a Jan. 26 preliminary hearing in 35th District Court after she was arrested in Washtenaw County and turned over to Canton police.

Moore's capture came after three other defendants have accepted plea deals while a fifth suspect is facing trial.

Moore had eluded police since police began making arrests in late October in what they called a theft ring involving stolen cars, credit cards and guns. Now she is facing a preliminary hearing on charges of unlawful driving away of a stolen car, receiving and concealing a motor vehicle, identity theft, receiving and concealing stolen property worth



Richardson Hoskins Scott Montgomery Moore

less than \$20,000 and three counts of identity theft.

Canton Detective Lt. Mike Steckel has said the charges stem from a crime spree over a two-week period in October, resulting in police executing search warrants in Ypsilanti and Detroit.

One defendant, 19-year-old defendant Saviontray Antonio Scott of Ypsilanti, is facing trial Feb. 15 in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges of counterfeiting, receiving and concealing stolen weapons, larceny of weapons, stealing a car, receiving and concealing a stolen car and felony firearm, court records show.

As the case unfolded, police executed search warrants in Detroit and Ypsilanti

and seized five guns, 17 stolen credit cards and, from a house in Detroit, counterfeit

money and a printing press that led to charges against Scott.

Three defendants already accepted plea deals in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Earlier court records revealed that 19-year-old Kobie Tyree Richardson of Ypsilanti pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle, stealing a financial transaction device, or credit card and breaking and entering a vehicle causing damage.

Records also had shown that 17-year-old Elliott Deshawn Montgomery of Ypsilanti pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle, stealing credit cards and larceny from a motor vehicle.

And a court clerk has said 19-year-old Carolyn Danielle Hoskins of Ypsilanti pleaded guilty to one count of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle, fraudulent use of a credit card and breaking and entering a motor vehicle.

Wayne County authorities said they could not release sentencing details about Richardson, Montgomery and Hoskins, under the terms of their pleas.

The court clerk had said Hoskins, under her plea agreement, can keep the charges off her record. It couldn't immediately be confirmed if the same is true for Richardson and Montgomery.

Steckel has said authorities began rounding up the defendants after catching some of them breaking into garages Oct. 21 near Sheldon and Cherry Hill in Canton.

Police recovered a Cadillac Escalade stolen out of Canton and a Jeep Liberty stolen in Ann Arbor.

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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 com-

puters, 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. January schedule is 10-10:30 a.m. each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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. January schedule is 10-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 and 30.

NHS Tutoring

Details: NHS students from P-CCS's The Park are here to provide students in grades 3-12 free homework help. If you're interested in getting tutored, if you're under 12, your parent must remain in the library and you must bring the assignment and any other needed materials. Tutoring is available 6-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the Children's Library. There will be no tutoring during breaks or school closures/snow days. Those seeking tutoring will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. They will be allowed a 30-minute maximum if there is a line. Check www.cantonpl.org for ongoing schedule.

STEM Curiosity

Details: Children ages 7-10 interested in science, technology, engineering and math will learn something new each month in a STEM topic. Get introduced to concepts through presentations, active exploration, and creative projects. Registration required. Upcoming schedule: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, TBD. Registration begins Jan. 23. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and more information.

Non-fiction Book Group

When: 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20
Details: Join the January Non-fiction Book Group at the Sweetwaters on Canton Center Road to discuss "Blink: The Power of Thinking without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell.

The Rhythms of Cuba With Tumbao Bravo

When: 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Immigration talks a charade

In a carefully choreographed, scripted and rehearsed infomercial, President Donald Trump met with select members of Congress to discuss immigration. This was simply a White House "Reality show" production to demonstrate Trump punctuality in an attempt to neutralize changes made in the recent book, "Fire and Fury" by Michael Wolf. Nothing can be accomplished in an opened recorded and televised meeting with some 30 people.

During this 55-minute White House production, Trump stated he would sign any bill presented to him by Congress which clearly demonstrated Trump is only interested in "victories" and not substantive legislation.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Red Box thanks

The Highland White Lake Business Association held its annual Red Box Food Drive in November and December. Once again Szott Automotive sponsored this community-wide event. The Highland and White Lake fire departments partnered with the HWLBA to pick up Red Boxes making participation easier and the event successful.

Donations of food, hygiene products, diapers, and first aid were given to the Highland Goodfellows and Open Door Outreach Center. Due to an overabundance of donations, the unused portion of food was re-distributed to Community Sharing to benefit the community.

The HWLBA would like to thank our members who participated in our Red Box Food Drive: Szott's M-59 Dodge in Highland, Highland Station Orthodontics,

Szott's Chrysler Jeep in White Lake



The community stepped up to help spread some holiday cheer through the annual Red Box campaign. HIGHLAND-WHITE LAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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Highland Township, Huron Valley State Bank - Highland and Milford, Freedom Works, Building Blocks Preschool, White Lake Township Library Kids in Motion, Highland Activity Center, Highland Township Library, Huron Valley Council of the Arts, LeVasseur Dental, Colasanti's, General RV, Huron Valley School Board Office, Jeni's Ugly Pies, Allstate - Shirl Crowe, Age with Grace and Apollo Center.

We are grateful for the willingness of our community to open up their arms and hearts to give during the holiday season and year-round. This is such a worthwhile program and makes such a difference in the lives of others.

Suzanne Gabli
HWLBA president

What are sanctions for?

A lot has been made on international sanctions and international pressure being brought on rogue nations in order to curtail what appears to be some very violent inclinations. For example, Iran has threatened to eliminate Israel which has caused worries about their nuclear program.

I don't need to add much about North Korea. They have an atom bomb, apparently, and they are trying to build missiles that can drop one of them anywhere in the United States.

Not very pleasant thoughts.

International cooperation has been offered to us in the news as the answer to this madness and to help us all feel safe even in the face of the fact that nine countries alone hold about 15,000 ready-to-use nuclear warheads. Creepy.

I was saddened the other day when I read about a maritime disaster off the Peoples Republic of China's coast. 31 sailors are missing. An oil tanker is burning.

Then I was shocked as I read that the oil tanker is owned and operated by a company in Iran that apparently is a government agency. The ship is registered in and flies the flag of Panama. The oil was bound for South Korea. The ship was well within the 200 mile limit of PROC. The ship that hit the tanker is a PROC freighter that was carrying grain from the United States. Some of the sailors on the ship were from Bangladesh.

A human tragedy. A gigantic oil spill. Confusion and chaos.

So what exactly are international sanctions?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

School board is appreciated

January is School Board Recognition Month - a time to formally honor the crucial role Northville Public Schools Board of Education members play in the lives of our children, our schools and our community. Public education is the backbone of American society and local school boards are rooted in this tradition. They ensure that decisions on school programming are made by people elected to represent our community's values, culture and circumstances. They are citizens whose decisions affect

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Library

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Details: Come in from the cold and warm up with Tumbao Bravo and the Rhythms of Cuba. The Canton Public Library is proud to welcome the award-winning Latin jazz combo from Ann Arbor. Winner of the 2005, 2007, and 2013 Detroit Music Awards for Best Jazz Recording and Best World Music Band, Tumbao Bravo has performed at all the major Michigan jazz/music festivals. Don't miss the chance to experience this band, turn up the heat and beat the winter blues.

Dungeons & Dragons Gaming Club

When: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22

Details: Roll up some fun with kid-friendly Dungeons & Dragons gaming. Have fun using your imagination and problem-solving skills while meeting and socializing with others who enjoy role-playing games. All playing materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own dice and/or D&D 5th Edition Character Sheet. This program is suggested for ages 9-12.

CPL Finals Study Hall

When: Noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 24-25

Details: Calling all high school students. Do you need a place to study for finals? Come to the library to study or work with a group. We will have tables set up in our meeting rooms for all your studying needs. Make sure to bring your own studying supplies.

Adult Writers' Group

Details: Interested in writing? Join other adults to share your work, get feedback and discuss the craft of writing. Upcoming schedule: 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27.

Special Needs Storytime

When: 4-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27

Details: Join us for Special Needs Storytime: Count Me In. This is a sensory-friendly storytime filled with stories, songs and sign language especially designed for young children with developmental delays and disabilities.

Meditation in Motion

When: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27

Details: Raja Yoga Meditation helps you reach a deeper understanding of yourself, your intrinsic positive qualities and your innate value. There is beauty in all of us and through meditation the inner beauty not only is revealed to the self, but also to the people around us. Join practitioners from the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organization to explore these universal concepts and encourage your inner spiritual development toward a fresh perspective on values such as justice, freedom, respect and love. This program is designed for ages 8 through adult.

Teen Boredom Busters

When: 3:30-5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29

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The Detroit auto show and other things to do this weekend

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The world's eyes turn toward Detroit this week. All the world, and especially those interested in cars, will head to Detroit this upcoming week. Lucky for us, we're close by, so there's plenty of options to head downtown to see the latest crazes in the auto world.

But if cars aren't your thing, there's still plenty to check out this weekend. Here are three things happening in the hometownlife.com communities and beyond for this weekend.

North American International Auto Show

The top automobile show in the world returns to Cobo Center in Detroit this week, with plenty to see and do when it opens to the public Saturday.

Patrons can begin checking out the latest models and technology from automakers such as Ford, Chrysler, GM, Toyota and many more. More than 750 vehicles will be on display.

The show runs through Jan. 28, with hours being 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Jan. 27 and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 28 at Cobo Center, 1 Washington Blvd., in Detroit.

Tickets for the show cost \$14 for adults, with children ages 6-14 at \$7. Senior tickets are \$7 and children under age 6 are free. For more information, go to naiaas.com.

Play performance with discussion in Northville

It's not often a play performance comes with an in-depth conversation afterward. But that's just what's taking place this weekend in Northville.

The Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St., will present "Every Brilliant Thing" this weekend, with a panel discussion on mental health taking place after the show at 8 p.m. Saturday. The show features a 7-year-old who makes a list of what's worth living for while dealing with his mother's depression.

After the Saturday performance, a panel of mental health experts from St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will take the stage to discuss issues surrounding mental health and depression.

"We are proud to partner with Tipping Point Theatre to highlight the importance of mental illness," Pamela McCullough, director of behavioral health services at the hospital, said in a statement. "Making behavioral health relatable through a compelling and humorous story can begin to eliminate the stigma of mental illness and bring about meaningful conversation within our community."

The show opens Saturday, though two preview performances will take place today and Friday. It runs through Feb. 25 with performances Thursday through Sunday and some Wednesdays. Tickets start at \$25 and are available at tippingpointtheatre.com, by visiting the Tipping Point Box office or by calling 248-347-



Luke Ehrich grooms Peter, his Shih-tzu, at the Michigan Dog Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.

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Winter dog show in Novi

If the cold temperatures have you longing for a day out with your pooch, look no further than Novi this weekend, where the Michigan Winter Dog Classic returns.

The show, taking place at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, runs all weekend and is billed as the state's largest dog show. More than 7,000 dogs and more than 160 breeds will be at the show. The show will feature demonstrations, breed seminars and other exhibitions.

The show runs through Sunday at the showplace, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$10, with children, active military and seniors costing \$8. Children under age 12 are free. A family plan, which costs \$35, covers admission for two adults and up to three children.

For more information, go to themichiganwinterdogclassic.com.

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James Bracken and Laura Parsons travel from New York City to see the auto show. They have no ties to the industry, they just like automobiles. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Letters

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our children and build our communities.

Our Board of Education establishes the district's vision, mission and goals and develops policies to achieve them; they encourage continuous improvement in student learning; and advocate at the local, state and national level in support of public education. This work includes an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals and other documents to read and study; and a never-ending commitment to thoughtful consideration of the issues, balancing perspectives, and making difficult decisions that are both fiscally responsible and focused on what is best for students.

As a community, we are fortunate to have an actively involved, deeply committed Board of Education dedicated to leading and supporting our ongoing quest to open a world of possibilities for and with our students that will prepare them for work and life in the 21st century. The seven members of the Northville Board of Education develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our school district. Together with district leaders, our educators and staff, they bear the responsibility and oversight for an annual general fund budget of approximately \$78 million, 7,470 students, 850 employees, and 11 buildings.

While we make a special effort in January to show appreciation to our school board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. With this in mind, we invite our community to join us in taking a moment to let our Board of Education trustees know that their hard work, dedication

and commitment of time on behalf of our community's children has been noticed, and is truly appreciated and valued.

We gratefully acknowledge the following individuals who voluntarily offer their time, energy, perspective and commitment to the work of the Board of Education, along with noting their length of service thus far: James Mazurek, seven years; Cynthia L. Jankowski, six years; Matthew Wilk, five-and-a-half years; Ann Kalass, four years; Roland Hwang, three years; Sarah Prescott, two years and four months; and Laurie Doner, one year.

Mary Kay Gallagher
Northville superintendent

Supports Whitmer

Though the elections are months away, I will focus on the Democratic primary. During her years in public

office, Gretchen Whitmer has fought for those at the bottom of the economic scale, the disadvantaged, the elderly and the working class. She has had no problem fighting against, and calling out, the chauvinists, the bigoted and the fools who bend over for the rich, many of who are still serving as lackeys in Lansing.

A millionaire, Shai Thanedar, has entered the primary opposing Gretchen Whitmer. This man has taken a page from Rick Snyder's playbook by buying ads during the Super Bowl. Lets remember Snyder's biggest accomplishment has been to make sure he gets richer when he leaves office. It is hard to believe that would be any different.

I have no comment on the Republican except to say that this new breed in Lansing and DC are to despicable to describe.

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Interfaith quilt at Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will feature an interfaith quilt, created by the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach group, on display at the Gallery@VT through Jan. 31.

More than 50 men and women, members of the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach group, spent the last year creating this interfaith quilt, which represents the tapestry of faiths celebrated throughout the Plymouth and Canton communities. These dedicated individuals lovingly worked together every weekend on this project to demonstrate their unity, friendship and commitment to the community.

Faiths represented in the quilt include B'hai, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Jain, Judaism, Native American, Sikhism and Zoroastrianism. Also included in the quilt are cultural symbols from Africa, India, North America, and the Middle East.

For more information about the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach group, email icocares@gmail.com or go to www.facebook.com/Interfaith-Community-Outreach-Plymouth-Canton-162142080495925/

This current display is available for viewing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. The Gallery@VT, located in The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, is closed each holiday. For more information about this latest exhibition, call 734-394-5300 or go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society continues 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.

The featured this month is legendary folk singer/storyteller Ron Coden, scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20.

'Old Friends' coming to Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton will present "Central Park Experience featuring Old Friends: A Simon and Garfunkel Tribute" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. The performance will re-create the sound, look, mood and magic of Simon and Garfunkel's most famous performance.

There will be street food available for purchase in the lobby. In addition, a park bench will be available in the lobby, where audience members can take photos with their companions to share on social on media.

Tickets can be purchased and printed at home or held in will call anytime online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org at no extra charge. The Village Theater box office is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets can also be ordered over the phone at 734-394-5300, ext. 3, with a Visa or MasterCard. If available, tickets can also be purchased one hour prior to the show.

Mario the Magician at Village Theater

Mario the Maker Magician is coming to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton for a performance at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. Tickets are \$15 to \$20 and can be purchased online at cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 734-394-5300, ext. 3.

Mario the Maker Magician is an award-winning performer known for his signature brand of DIY electronic and robotic magic. His show explores an inspiring maker/STEAM theme, presented in an upbeat, hi-



Mario the Maker Magician will perform Sunday, Jan. 21, at Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

larious, slapstick manner. It's ideal for ages 3-10 and their families. The show is approximately 60 minutes with no intermission.

For more info, go to mariothemagician.com.

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 Emma Aboukasm Quartet will perform Tuesday, Jan. 30. Joining Aboukasm on vocals will be Scott Gwinell on keyboard, Pete Siers on drums and Jordan Schug on bass. Go to www.emmalee-sings.com.

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.

Obituaries

Jane Buell (nee Eckenrode) Mills

TAMPA, FL - formerly of Birmingham, died peacefully in her sleep on October 4, 2017. She was born to the late John Eckenrode (Helen) and Theresa Harris, January 19, 1929 in Detroit, MI.

A resident of Birmingham for 70 plus years, she graduated from Michigan State University in 1950 making the dean's list as an all-A student in addition to being voted one of the "50" most outstanding graduates as only a two year student. She received her BA degree in education and would continue on as an elementary teacher in Bloomfield Hills and Royal Oak for the next six years.

During her years of raising children, she modeled and did commentary work for various stores. Also during this time, she began volunteer work at Children's Hospital of Michigan, thus beginning her love for helping kids in need. From then on, Jane worked tirelessly on charitable events raising millions of dollars not only for Children's Hospital, but also for Variety, The Children's Charity. She sat on countless Boards, i.e. as a Trustee for Children's Hospital for over 20 years, Gold Heart Ball Chairmen for Variety as well as Board of Director, Vice-President and first woman President of Variety in 1996, the first in their 65 year history. She served on various other Executive and Finance Committees as well.

In 1977, Jane entered the real estate business, and joined Weir, Manuel, Snyder and Ranke thus beginning her extensive and successful real estate career. Known as the "Hat Lady", she became a top selling realtor in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area and was named by her peers Realtor Associate of the Year in 1989. She had a strong passion for the industry as she felt she could really help people in the area or relocating to Michigan since she



had lived in Birmingham her entire life. She worked hard and many long hours during her career as well as serving on a number of Boards with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Board of Realtors and in 1977, she was the first recipient of the Community Service Award presented by the Birmingham, Bloomfield, Rochester, South Oakland County Associate of Realtors.

In 1958, Jane married Webster and together they raised six children. They enjoyed family time as well as time spent alone traveling, dancing, playing tennis or golf and attending charitable events.

In 1999, Jane became a widow and two years later met another wonderful man, Emmett Mills. They, too, would spend the next few years traveling and enjoying time with each other and their families. Upon Emmett's death in 2005, Jane would spend a few more years in the Birmingham area and then move to Tampa, FL to live out her remaining years. She leaves behind her children, Webster, Jr., Mardi, Mike, Robin Whaley (John), Scott (Cindy) and Beth Johnstone, as well as 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents and step-mother (Helen), brother Jack and his wife, Marilyn, daughters-in law Alice (Webb), Pam (Mike) and son-in-law Jeff (Beth Johnstone).

Jane was not only a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and friend, but she never took life for granted and felt it her calling to give back to those whose lives she could make a difference in. She felt very strongly about this quote "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say "I gave everything you gave me."

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Children's Hospital of Michigan or Variety, The Children's Charity.

A Celebration of Life will be held January 20, 2018 at 10:30 AM the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham.



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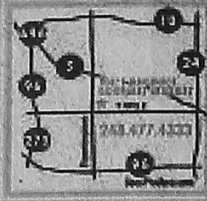
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For Olympian Wisniewski, it's icing on the cake

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With a new lease on his hockey life, James Wisniewski feels rejuvenated.

The 33-year-old Canton native and former Plymouth Whalers defenseman is among 15 former NHL players who will skate for 25-man U.S. squad next month in the 2018 Winter Olympic Games at PyeongChang, South Korea.

The door was opened last April, when NHL players and owners couldn't resolve scheduling issues, among others, during the 17-day February Winter Olympic break with the IOC and International Ice Hockey Federation. That ended a streak of participation by NHL players for five Winter Olympics.

But for players like Wisniewski, who is currently playing for the EC Kassel

Huskies of the Deutschland Elite League 2 in Germany, it's become the opportunity of a lifetime.

Wisniewski played a total of 552 NHL games, scoring 53 goals and totaling 274 points with stops along the way in Chicago, Anaheim, Columbus, Montreal, the New York Rangers and Carolina.

Career highlight

"It's got to be right up there with my first call-up to the NHL, my first game, my draft day, World Junior gold medal," Wisniewski said. "But I think it's even got a little bit more special aspect to it, because of what I have been through the past 2½ years of almost retiring a couple of times. Just having the perseverance, dedication and drive to keep on moving and keep on going ... so everything has happened for a reason and I couldn't be

happier and more blessed."

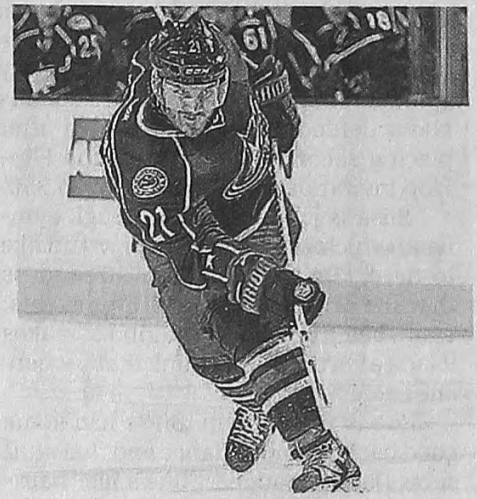
The official announcement for the U.S. team came Jan. 1, but Wisniewski was notified three days earlier.

"I actually missed the call from Jim Johannson (U.S. general manager) and I got a text and he said, 'Call me back, this could be a fun phone call,'" Wisniewski said. "I got the family together and told them that, called them. I got the news of a lifetime."

How Wisniewski made it all the way back to a spot on the Olympic team is nothing short of remarkable.

In the 2015-16 season opener with the Carolina Hurricanes, Wisniewski tore his anterior cruciate ligament, which scrapped him for the entire year. It was his fourth ACL surgery, but the first on his left knee.

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Canton High grad and former Plymouth Whalers defenseman James Wisniewski is headed to the Winter Games for the U.S. team in men's hockey. COLUMBUS BLUEJACKETS

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Three of the Mackay quadruplets (from left), Austin, Ellie and Brett, are members of the Novi varsity basketball teams. BRAD EMONS

Novi quadruplet Mackay born to be a hoops standout

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Novi's standout standout point guard Ellie Mackay calls being a quadruplet "a good conversation starter."

"I'd say it's definitely something special and something that's pretty rare and I really enjoy it, actually," said the 5-foot-6 senior, who last month passed current St. Louis University guard Kerri McMahan as the school's all-time leading scorer with a 37-point effort in a 61-57 loss to Canton.

When Mackay broke the mark of 1,069 career points held since 2014 by McMahan, Ellie's brother Austin — who along with fellow quad Brett is a member of the Novi boys basketball team — was not surprised.

"She's definitely tough," Austin Mackay said. "We go at it when we're in the driveway and she holds her own, for sure. She beats me a lot. It gets close, but I always admire her competitive spirit and how hard she is."

The other quad is Ellie's sister Kamryn, who is not a basketball player, but

"We were all involved in sports. We were in T-ball, soccer, basketball ... all of that. We all played together, whether it was football in the backyard or wrestling ... in the living room."

Ellie Mackay
Novi High School standout

plays adult recreational volleyball, along with tennis.

Ellie, who set the Novi single-game scoring record last year with 40 points in a KLAA playoff win over Canton, plays with a competitive edge that goes back to her infant stages.

Backyard games

"We were all involved in sports," said Ellie, who has accepted a basketball scholarship to Michigan Tech. "We were

in T-ball, soccer, basketball ... all of that. We all played together, whether it was football in the backyard or wrestling on the carpet in the living room. We were all into it. Very competitive, especially me and the boys. Sometimes they let us do our thing, but when it got too aggressive and competitive, they had to split it up at times."

Mackay was coached her first three seasons at Novi by Bill Kelp, who accepted a job this fall as an assistant coach at Hope College.

Novi coach C.J. Aro, who previously served as Kelp's assistant, has taken over the head coaching reins and marvels at Mackay's competitive drive that constantly flows.

"I think what makes her special first as a player is that she wants to win at everything," the first-year varsity coach said. "She wants the ball first when we go five-on-five half-court. She looks at me funny if the ball goes out of bounds and she thinks it was on the other team. She'll just bug me until

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Farmington United looking strong for 2018 season

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Jeff Dwyer likes what he sees so far from his Farmington United gymnastics squad.

Farmington United is undefeated after four dual meets and placed second in the Flip-Flop Invitational held Jan. 6 — its first invite of the season — to defending state champion Rockford. The host Rams won with 142.90 points, while Farmington was mere tenths of a point behind at 142.05.

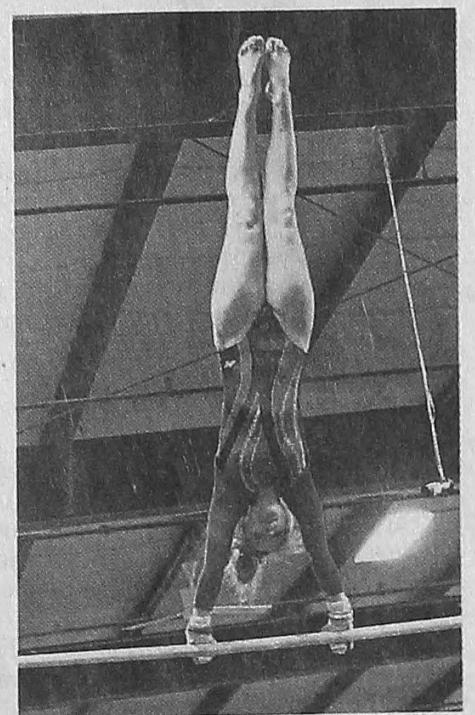
"I like where we are at. We haven't peaked yet, that's for sure, because there are a lot of things we are still working on," veteran Farmington United head coach Jeff Dwyer said. "And we have to wait on things, like, kids with injuries coming back and how our rookies can do.

"But you throw in all the experience we have and I like this team," he added. "It's exciting to know that you have a team (that can score 143 points) and, when you have that, anything can happen."

Captains lead talented roster

Dwyer's excitement centers around the 12 returning members from last

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Emily Stecevic is a four-year varsity veteran who earned Division 2 all-around all-state recognition last year. KATHY BURNS

Farmington

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year's squad, which posted a strong regular season, won its regional and had achieved a No. 1 state ranking. However, because of a couple of key late-season injuries, Farmington entered the state meet a bit shorthanded and settled for fourth place.

Dwyer's team is loaded with both talent and experience, beginning with senior all-state captains Elisa Bills and Emily Stecevic, plus junior captain Ava Farquhar.

Bills is the defending Division 2 all-around state champion (37.550), who captured the individual balance beam (9.40), vault (9.575) and floor exercise (9.525) events. The four-year varsity gymnast is again showing she's serious about defending her state crown after placing second all-around at the Flip-Flop Invitational with a score of 36.350.

"Elisa is just a talented, tough gymnast, which I think any team would like to have," Dwyer said. "Her strength is that she can hit a mid-9 on three events: vault, beam and floor. She kind of makes it look effortless and I think that's where she scores.

"She is really clean. She's had some good background in dance and that stuff shows up," he added. "She's just hard-working and she's a polished gymnast. She has that experience of taking one event at a time."

Stecevic earned her all-state designation by placing sixth in all-around (35.700) at last year's D-2 state meet. Her best individual events at state were the floor exercise and uneven bars, where she tied for seventh overall.

Stecevic, also a four-year varsity gymnast, was sixth all-around at the Flip-Flop invite.

"Emily is a gamer. She showed that last year," Dwyer said. "She has kind of a wild spirit when it comes to competition. She loves competing and she enjoys it, so I don't think there is a lot of pressure on her. She just comes through in big meets."

Farquhar, in her third varsity season, excels on the balance beam.

"Ava's probably one of the hardest workers on the team day in and day out



Farmington United placed second at the recent Flip-Flop invite at Rockford.

KATHY BURNS

and it's starting to show in her scores," Dwyer said. "She's becoming very dependable on vault and floor and beam has probably always been her best event. Her work ethic in the gym is unbelievable."

Depth is a team strength

Farmington United's talent does not end with its trio of captains.

Junior Kasey Noseworthy, who injured an ACL last season and did not compete in the state tourney, is back in the fold and expected to add depth. Dwyer believes Noseworthy has "not reached her potential yet" and she's expected to get stronger as the season progresses.

Junior Shelby Smith is known for peaking at the end of the season, when she's needed most. Smith is working hard on tougher tricks to add to her scoring repertoire.

Seniors Margaret Amshay and Abby

Coleman are both concluding their fourth year on varsity. Freshman twins Sydney and Allison Schultz are showing great scoring potential.

"What I like about this team is we have experience, with some juniors and seniors who have been around the block," Dwyer said. "I always like that, because they seem to handle the pressure situations a little better.

"And we have some rookies with potential and that helps create healthy competition in the gym for my top five spots and I love it," he added. "I think we have a good solid, group."

A tradition-rich program

Farmington has traditionally been a state power under Dwyer, who led the squad to three consecutive state championships from 2004-06. Since then, Farmington United has brought home a pair of state runners-up trophies and placed third on four other occasions.



Senior Elisa Bills enters the 2018 season as the defending Division 2 all-around state champion. KATHY BURNS

Dwyer is hoping for another big state meet showing this year in early March at Rockford.

"What's nice about having a strong tradition is the girls don't want to let the program down. They know what the girls have accomplished in the past and they work hard to reach that goal," Dwyer said. "Our kids know that we are usually among the top five, the top 10, in the state and they work hard to keep the program going.

"Every year (the state tournament is) kind of wide open, but we're scoring good right now. We had a good tournament at Rockford and that told me we're in that 143-144 scoring range and that's a pretty competitive team," he added. "I like that, but I don't know how far that will take us, because I just don't know about all the other teams across the state at this point of the season. I think we are in a good position."

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Wisniewski

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His contract was then bought out by Carolina and, after rehabbing and getting back into shape that summer, Wisniewski landed in Tampa Bay's training camp in fall 2016, only to be released.

Change of scenery

His NHL job search all but ended, but after four weeks off, he found himself in Russia with Admiral Vladivostok of the Kontinental Hockey League, where played in 16 games, scoring a goal and totaling 39 penalty minutes.

"Russia is different, it was good," Wisniewski said. "The language barrier is a little bit tougher there. English is not such a common language as you can call it. (Vladivostok) was actually right there where we're going to play in Pyeong-Chang. It was, like, a 2½-hour drive to North Korea. For me, it was just about really getting in shape and knowing that I could still play. So after missing a full year, I did my best, enjoyed the time and actually got to know the guys."

Just before Christmas 2016, Wisniewski decided to leave the KHL and then found his way to Switzerland.

"I was really having a good time (in Russia) and moved on to play in the Spengler Cup with HC Lugano, which was an unbelievable city," said Wisniewski, who is nicknamed "The Wiz." "We lost in the finals to Canada. I made the all-star team and after that came back home."

Job searching again, Wisniewski signed a minor league deal the Chicago Wolves of the American Hockey League, the NHL's St. Louis Blues affiliate team. He finished the 2016-17 season with the Wolves, posting 11 points in 21 games (along with five in the playoffs).

Bouncing around

"St. Louis, they kind of wanted their guys to play," Wisniewski said. "I had a great time there and the guys were unbelievable to me. But again, still it's a development league. I kind of got pushed around there."

Once his AHL season ended, Wisniewski rejoined his family in Columbus, contemplating his next move.

"After playing a year, maybe I can get a tryout with an NHL team," Wisniewski said he thought. "I'm waiting and waiting and I'm hearing about NHL and



Olympian James Wisniewski started in the Compuware youth program and played for the Plymouth Whalers. WALT DMOCH

Olympics and the guys not able to go. So got a call from Jim Johannson and Chris Chelios (assistant coach) telling me they want me to go over there (Germany) and play overseas.

"I told them I want to wait and make sure I exhausted every option of going to the NHL. After that didn't happen, I tried to get a job and it wasn't as easy as I thought it was going to be. So I waited around and, finally, Jim actually helped me get a job with Kassel Huskies of DEL2 League. The owner and GM Joe Gibbs treated me very well. I called them up and got this gig."

Wisniewski, who started the season in Kassel, thought he'd get an invite for the U.S. in the Deutschland Cup, the world's oldest international ice hockey tournament. Seven days prior to the Nov. 10-12 tourney in Augsburg, Germany, Wisniewski's name was nowhere to be found on the U.S. roster.

Crack in the door

"From what I heard, it was going to be hard to make the Olympic team if you're not on the Deutschland Cup team," he said. "They announced the team and I'm not on it, so I'm devastated. Beginning in November, I went back home to visit the family during the seven-day break.

"I was just thinking I got to know if I'm going to go back over. My wife (Nicole) convinced me, 'Hey, you don't want to leave any stone unturned, go back over, play your heart out.' I called

Jimmy and said, 'Is there any way possibly I can still make the team and get an evaluation?' He said, 'I already know you, so go back over, get in shape and see what happens.'"

The 5-foot-11, 203-pound defenseman returned to Kassel and made the most of it. He's scored eight goals and added 31 assists during his first 25 games (through Jan. 7). He was also selected the DEL2's Player of the Month in November.

"I just kept on grinding, kept on grinding," Wisniewski said. "And sure enough, I got a phone call around Dec. 29 that I made the team. Quite of a worldwind of an experience."

The U.S. roster, which also includes four current collegiate players, is a mixture of former NHL, minor league and European talent. Wisniewski, one of the team's elder statesmen, is one of three Michigan players on the roster, joining Jim Slater, who played a Michigan State, and Chad Billins, who played at Ferris State.

New itinerary

Wisniewski will leave Kassel on Feb. 7 and then take part in the Olympic Games opening ceremonies. The 12-team men's hockey tourney competition on Feb. 14, with the gold medal game set for Feb. 25.

The U.S., coached by Tony Granato, will play three preliminary-round games against Slovenia (Feb. 14), Slovakia (Feb. 16) and Russia (Feb. 17) before the quarterfinal elimination round starts (Feb. 21).

"They said make sure you play every game like it's the Olympics," Wisniewski said, "You're playing for the red, white and blue jersey and make sure you're ready to come, because I trust all you guys will be professionals and we'll be in contact with the type of style that we'll have and what not. It's a lot of pressure on us to make sure we're ready to go and ready to move on, because we only actually have three days of practice before the first game."

Gold medalist twice

After becoming the highest scoring defenseman in Whalers history with 187 points from 2000-04, Wisniewski was drafted in the fifth round by the Blackhawks in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft.

He won a gold medal at the 2002 IIHF Men's Under-18 World Championship and was part of the first-ever U.S. gold medal at the 2004 IIHF World Junior

Championship.

Wisniewski has appeared for the U.S. four times, including the 2008 IIHF Men's World Championship, appearing in six games with a goal and assist as the U.S. finished sixth.

Wisniewski will have a strong cheering section supporting him in Pyeong-Chang.

Along with his wife Nicole, daughters Jamie, who will be 5 next month, and Sadie, 3½, will be in attendance, as well as his mother Sharon and father Jim.

Wisniewski will stay and play in Kassel, a city located on the Fulda River in northern Hesse, Germany, until embarking on his first Olympics.

"The good thing is that I've been seeing the world," Wisniewski said. "Not many people can say they've been as many places as I have. It's been fantastic. The people over here have been unbelievable. The team and everybody on the coaching staff and in the locker room welcomed you with open arms. The organization has been absolutely fabulous. For me, it's been pretty easy of a turnaround and it's been real enjoyable because, actually, it's gotten me to enjoy hockey again because the last 2½ years has been really tough. I was ready to turn the page on my career and move on, but this year has actually lighted another spark. And I still feel I have a lot more hockey left to give."

Strong on links

This won't be the first time Wisniewski has been to South Korea.

A scratch golfer with a plus-two handicap, he won the club championship at Jack Nicklaus's Muirfield Village in 2012, which earned him a spot in the World Golf Club Championship.

"They take 24 of the top 100 private clubs in the world," Wisniewski said. "The winner of the club championship brings a partner, so I went to Seoul for three days, then played at Nine Bridges, where they had a PGA Tour stop, on Jeju Island."

Winning a gold medal for the U.S. in South Korea would certainly be frosting on the cake for Wisniewski, who feels he's been reborn as a hockey player.

"Honestly, every day at the rink I have fun," he said. "Next month is going to be one of the best birthdays of all time. I'll be 34 on Feb. 21 and, I'll tell you, I'll never forget that birthday in Pyeong-Chang and being an Olympian for the best country in the world."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Hankerson's return gives Novi shot in arm vs. Northville

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Trendon Hankerson's return to the lineup Jan. 9 was a sight for sore eyes as far as the Novi boys basketball program was concerned.

The 6-foot-4 senior point guard, who broke his foot the opening day of practice Nov. 13, made a triumphant return as he scored 16 points in a 61-50 KLAAs Gold Division win at home over Northville.

The two-year starter was surely missed by the Wildcats, a preseason top 20 team that had gotten off to a rough 1-5 start during a challenging early season non-conference and division schedule.

"My foot was fine," Hankerson said. "They said don't play until it feels like it's under you. My conditioning ... it's been OK, because I practiced the last couple of days and over the weekend. But it definitely has to get back where it used to be, so it can use some work."

But now that Hankerson is returned, some sense of order has been restored to Wildcats' lineup.

"He's our quarterback, a very important piece to what we're trying to put together," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi

said. "We had some hard times without him and I joke that it's a good thing to put his name on the board again knowing he was going to start today. He means so much to our team, not just for his skill, but his leadership, his commitment, his work ethic."

With Hankerson back in the fold and 6-foot-9 Plymouth transfer Tariq Woody set to become eligible next semester, Novi (2-5, 2-2) could resemble the team that reached last year's Class A regional final.

"Since he's been practicing, all of our practices have been much more competitive and harder," Sinawi said. "He does so much more than just putting the ball in the hoop. He controls the tempo of the game defensively. He's a real good defender and demands a lot of respect which opened up the gates for Traveon (Maddox Jr.) a little bit and Giovanni (Miles) a little bit. It worked in our favor tonight."

Maddox, a 6-3 senior guard headed to Oakland University, finished with a game-high 21 points, while the 6-3 Miles, a junior, added 15, including an eight-point spurt during the third quarter when Novi outscored Northville, 18-11, to take control of the game.



Hankerson

"My job, like always, is to distribute and then score buckets," Hankerson said. "It's not always to score a lot of buckets, that's not my job. I'm a willing scorer when I'm open. I thought we played well tonight. It was a good team win."

But just being back out on the floor was a victory in itself for the senior.

"It felt great, just the environment of the game," Hankerson said. "Practice is completely different than the game, because you have that nervous energy coming into the game. As far as playing well and going out there ... I just try and go out there and do what I normally do. It just felt great to be out there."

Here are some other takeaways:

MINUTES RESTRICTION

Hankerson had a bag of ice on his foot afterward and Sinawi wanted to limit his minutes to around 16, but he was forced to log more time after Northville made a game of it late.

Hankerson went 7-of-10 from the foul line during the final 4:10 to help seal the victory.

"He's a tough kid and we know he's going to have pain, so every game he's going to play, he's going to play through

some pain," Sinawi said.

MUSTANGS MISFIRE

Northville (6-3, 2-2) certainly had its chances, but wound up shooting only 32.6 percent from the floor (17-of-51) and 55 percent from the foul line (11-of-20), while committing 18 turnovers.

SCORING LEDGER

Senior Niko Barach paced Northville with 12 points, while juniors Steven Morrissey and Ryan Pumper both added 11.

Junior Paul Kearis chipped in nine, while senior Brandon Stevens also came off the bench to contribute nine.

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

Trailing 40-29 after three quarters, the Mustangs came out with pressure down the stretch and cut the deficit to 55-48 on a basket by Pumper with 2:22 remaining.

But Miles answered for Novi on the next possession with a triple to make it a 10-point bulge.

Novi shot 18-of-39 from the floor (47.7 percent), but also struggled at the foul line, going 18-of-28 (64.2 percent).

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... she's the ultra-competitor. She wants to win at everything she does."

A season ago, Mackay led the Wildcats by averaging 19.9 points per game. Her season total (461 points) established a single-season school record in addition to her single-game mark of 40.

Premier scorer

"I love scoring," she said. "Definitely when you get in that mindset and that mentality, you're going to score and nobody is going to stop you. In those (37- and 40-point) games, I felt that. I wanted the ball and wanted to score. It's that mentality that nobody is going to stop me and it really set in."

Mackay also ranks among the top 10 in the Michigan High School Athletic Association record books as a prolific free-throw shooter.

She is second all time for most free throws made in a single game (22 in 2016 vs. Walled Lake Western) and is tied for fifth for consecutive foul shots made in a game (17-of-17 in 2016 vs. Livonia Stevenson).

"My dad (Tim) is a big stickler on the free throws," she said. "He always makes me practice my free throws ever since he was my coach in the third grade. I'd stay after practice and shoot my 20 free throws and I just kept that going the rest of my career."

Tim Mackay played high school basketball at Stevensville Lakeshore. He is a senior vice president of Level One Bank.

"With my dad, he's a very competitive person," Mackay said. "And I feel like that transfers to us as well."

Competitive gene

Tricia Mackay, Ellie's mom, said toughness is a family trait.

"It comes naturally being a Mackay. I think everybody on the Mackay side is competitive," Tricia said. "Anything in our home is competitive. I think that's why Ellie is so strong. You can push her, but she doesn't cry. She's been wrestling with her brothers forever."

Austin and Brett, both of whom stand three inches taller at 5-9, have also fueled Ellie's fire over the years.

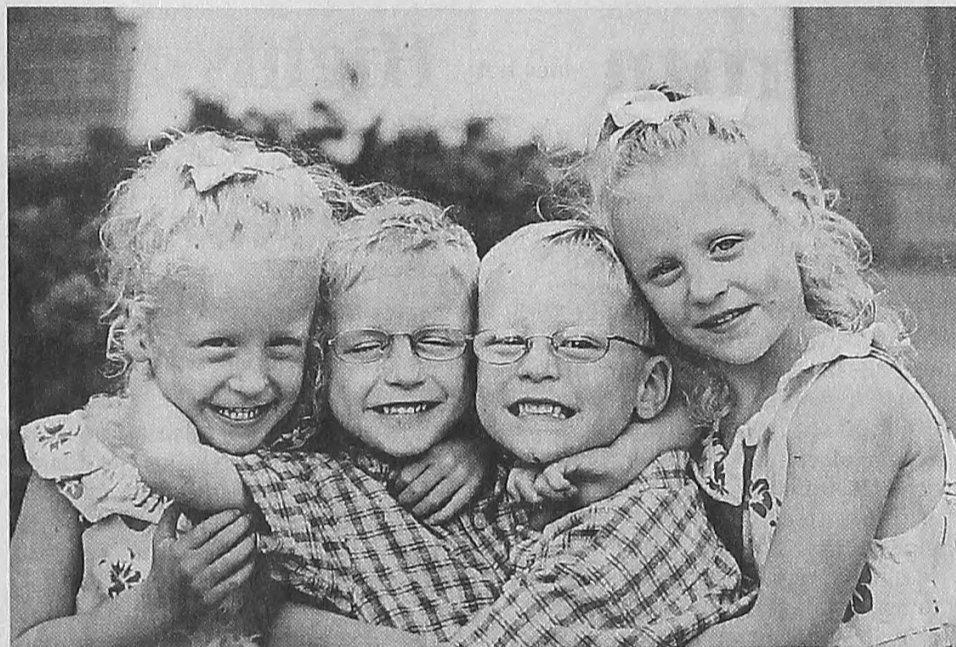
"I'll give them some credit, especially one-on-one in the driveway," Ellie said with a laugh. "That gets really competitive and they always want me to push my hardest. The worst thing is when one of them beats me. That just gets me going. They definitely pushed me and they give me advice here and there, even though I might not like it at times. They do."

Added Brett: "We play one-on-one a lot in the driveway, so depending who I go up against, they're both rivals."

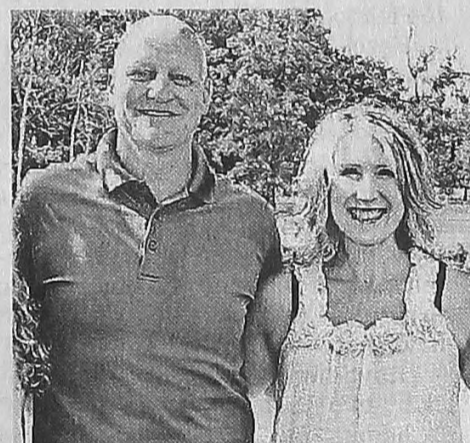
The Novi girls basketball team is 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAAs Gold Division as Mackay is off to another strong start.

Going forward

"What's driving me is that it's my last year to play high school basketball and not fully have I let that sink in yet, but definitely want to go out strong, definitely go out and do the best for my teammates, be the best that I can be and



The Mackay quadruplets from Novi were born prematurely at 27 weeks. MACKAY FAMILY PHOTO



Tim and Tricia Mackay are raising four teenage quadruplets. MACKAY FAMILY PHOTO

make coach Aro proud," she said.

But while Mackay may seem come across as a silent assassin on the basketball court, she has a giving side as well, both as a teammate and friend.

"I think the best example I can give is that we have a new kid (Amora Wilson) that moved in from Kalamazoo, doesn't know anybody, brand new to the school ... Ellie is her shooting partner," Aro said. "I didn't make her do it, she went over and said, 'You can be my partner' and took her. I think that's a big deal in high school. Not a lot of kids do that and that's a good example."

Brett and Austin, both reserve guards on the Novi boys team, have similar qualities.

"They're very appreciative, hard-working," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said of the Mackay boys. "They come to practice every day and will bust their butt. They understand their roles and their commitment has been unwavering for four years. They'll shake your hand and thank you. Just great kids and a great family."

Splitting time

The Novi boys and girls basketball teams play at opposite sites most nights. The parents have had to split allegiances, but it works out well.

"My husband is an angel. He takes all the away games and let's me go to all the home games," Tricia said.

The four Mackays were born prematurely at 27 weeks Nov. 1, 1999, in Grand Rapids. Tricia went into labor with the quads Oct. 31 and there were complications from the start.

"It was very scary, actually," Tricia said. "We didn't want their birthday to be Halloween. I said to the doctors, 'Is there any way you can push it back past midnight so they could have an All Saints Day birthday instead of a Halloween birthday?'"

"It was scary, because they were actually born at 27 weeks gestation, which is about three months early. The normal pregnancy is 40 weeks. Austin weighed 1 pound, 11 ounces. Brett weighed 2 pounds, 2 ounces. That day was very scary, because nobody cried. There were 20 extra people in the room to deliver the quads and it was silent. All you could hear were the machines getting ready to take care of them, but no baby cried. We didn't even know if they made it. They spent the next three months in the NICU."

Ellie, at birth, weighed 2 pounds, while Kamryn was 1 pound, 13 ounces.

Touch-and-go

"Both the boys had a difficult time," Tricia said. "The girls persevered pretty much the way you'd think born at 27 weeks would."

With the quads remaining in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit on Dec. 31, 1999, there were also concerns about computers shutting down amid concerns about the infamous Y2K at the DeVos Children's Hospital.

"Thankfully, nothing happened," Tricia said. "Ellie was the first one home at day 72; like a four-pound peanut, no equipment. She's kind of a fighter. Brett and Kamryn came home together at 81 (days), Austin 90 days. He came home with an oxygen tank and heart monitor."

"We were so fortunate. We were very careful with them. Austin had lingering lung issues, treatments. We took them to a developmental assessment clinic until they were 2 years old. We did occupational and physical therapy. We're really, really fortunate nobody has any lingering health issues, learning issues or anything like that."

Tricia, who was an elementary school teacher, got plenty help caring for the quads during those early months and years.

"We were so lucky," she said. "We lived in the Grand Rapids area and had a phenomenal church. Lovely women coordinated volunteers for us for about about nine months. We'd send a month-by-month calendar with the volunteers

who could come during the week days, two ladies from 9-11 and two ladies from 1-3. We'd man it on the weekend ourselves. They were phenomenal. They were lovely to us."

All grown up

Today, you'd never know the Mackay quads were born prematurely by 13 weeks. They're all healthy, happy and well-adjusted. The family lived in the Kalamazoo area before moving to Naples, Fla., where they spent seven years. They eventually landed in Novi when the quads were seventh-graders.

Tricia, who sometimes had to don a referee's shirt during the backyard games, said raising four teenagers is somewhat easier now than when they were raised as infants.

"It's difficult, in a different way," she said. "They're actually really good kids. We haven't had any problems as teenagers, no big bumps in the road, they're really good. Having them driving and having their independence is the biggest fear right now. It was much more difficult when they were younger."

Both Brett and Austin run track and cross country. Ellie was also on the track team last year. And when there's a family game in the backyard or driveway, Kamryn, who started in basketball as a youth with Ellie before going into volleyball, won't shy away.

"Whenever we play competitive games, she'll join in, too," Ellie said. "She's pretty competitive herself."

Separate paths

While Ellie will be heading next fall to play at Michigan Tech, Kamryn will be off to Ferris State. Brett has chosen MSU, while Austin will attend Grand Valley State.

"It's going to be different," Brett said. "A lot of times, I rely on them to talk about stuff. I'll have to call them instead of being face-to-face. I think to be cool to have more independence and have our own identities, because we're so much of a group right now. I think it will be really cool."

However, there are more advantages than disadvantages of being a quadruplet.

"It has its ups and downs, for sure," Austin said. "But it's always nice because you always have, like, a group of friends to hang out with. But spending all that time together ... that can definitely get on your nerves. But we're all definitely pretty close. We all pretty much do all the same things, so that definitely helps."

Not surprisingly, all four share similar SAT-ACT test scores and grade-point averages (ranging from 3.4 to 3.8).

"Straight out of the womb, we were all together," Ellie said. "We've always been together and this will be the first time going our separate ways, but it's probably what it's going to be like the rest of our lives. It's definitely going to be different, but I'm looking forward to it."

"We're all very close, which many siblings don't get to say. We all tell each other our secrets and stuff. The boys are very close, Kamryn and I are very close. It's one of those things where we all have that special bond."

And a good conversation starter, for sure.

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Livonia United wins one, loses one

Flu bug, lack of depth hurt in 5-1 loss to PCS Penguins

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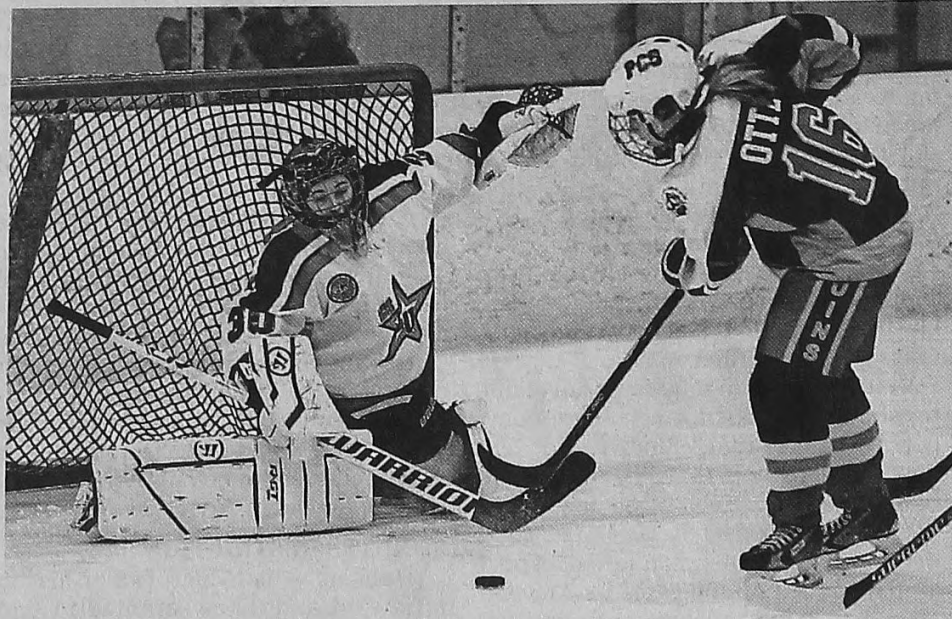
Things are starting to look up for Livonia United, the first-year high school girls hockey team.

Getting the 2018 portion of the schedule going on a positive note was a 5-1 victory Jan. 8 against Detroit Country Day.

But then came a Jan. 10 contest at Eddie Edgar Arena, when Livonia United battled but could not overcome the depth and talent of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins, losing 6-0.

"Due to the flu bug, we were missing two players and the (remaining) eight players skated hard and never gave up," said Janine Martinez, head coach of the Livonia squad. "Our goalie (Maddie Marciw) stood on her head."

PCS led 1-0 after one period and then broke open the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game with four goals in the middle period.



Livonia United goalie Maddie Marciw makes a stop against PCS player Anna Otte.
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"Took a timeout in middle of the second period to give the team a break and tell them hang in there and keep it up, never give up and they didn't," Martinez

said, noting that her team gave up just one goal the rest of the way.

Spearheading the Penguins (5-4-0 overall, 4-0-0 in the Michigan Metro)

were defensemen Morgan Gagnon (goal, two assists) and Grace Balch (goal, assist).

Also on the scoreboard were forwards Brooke Gauthier, Brooke Kalis, Jessica Carpenter and Marnie Waggoner (one goal each).

Contributing single assists for the Penguins were defensemen Amelia Christie, Grace Duerr and forward Piper Keranen. Posting the shutout win in goal was Savina Osann.

The loss dropped Livonia United's record to 2-7-0 overall and 0-6-0 in the league.

That second win was collected against Country Day.

It helped to get out to a 2-0 lead after one period and the Yellowjackets never were able to catch up.

The score was 3-1 after two periods, with a couple of insurance goals tacked on in the third.

"The girls passed well and gained a lot of confidence," Martinez said. "They're improving each game. It's exciting to see."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Novi gets lift from unexpected sources

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Conventional wisdom says when you stop Ellie Mackay, Novi's all-time career scoring leader, then the odds for victory are greatly enhanced.

But that wasn't the case Jan. 9 as Northville held the 5-foot-6 senior, a 1,000-point plus scorer, to 10 points, but still came up on the short end against the host Wildcats, 40-29.

"When is the last time she only scored one basket in a game?" Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "Go back to her four-year career. She's a heck of a player and we know she's their main offensive threat. You tell me we hold her to one basket and 10 points total and lose by 11 — I'd say you're out of your mind."

The Michigan Tech-bound Mackay, one of the MHSAA's all-time prolific free-throw shooters, still went 8-of-9 from the line and finished with a game-best 10 points in what turned out to be a defensive battle.

Sophomore guard Jenna Daschke, all of 5-4, chipped in an all-important eight points, while 5-11 junior Anna Bieberstein contributed six as Novi improved to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA Gold Division.

"That might be my high (game)," Daschke said. "I did surprise myself a little bit."

One person that wasn't completely surprised by Daschke's effort was first-year Novi coach C.J. Aro, who inserted the 10th-grader into the starting lineup.

"We've been pushing for Jenna to be more aggressive, be more aggressive," Aro said. "I will say for Ellie's case — she makes Jenna so much better in practice because Jenna gets to play against the best. So she's finally started to really pick it up. Over the (holiday) break, she was very aggressive on offense and she can guard a little on defense. She's a young kid, a sophomore, which is great and what we need."

Novi trailed 14-10 midway through the second quarter before going on a 9-0 run to end the half, capped by a pair of

free throws by Mackay with 38 seconds left to lead, 19-14.

The Wildcats kept Northville (6-3, 1-3) at arm's length after three quarters, 32-22, thanks to a pair of free throws by senior forward Julia Lalain with 0:00 on the clock.

Novi stretched its lead to 40-24 with 3:15 remaining in the fourth on two more free throws by Mackay to help seal the victory.

"Ellie is, obviously, one of our key offensive players and when she's struggling or getting guarded, as she will this season, everyone else has to step it up and I think we did really good job today," Daschke said. "Their defense — it was strong. It was definitely well-played by them and I think that we really moved the ball well and shared it like a team."

Northville made only 6-of-37 shots from the floor over the final three quarters and hit 11-of-18 free throws for the game.

"We're trying to attack the basket and Novi does a nice job of clogging things up," Gudith said. "I think our kids were looking more to drawing the contact and expecting a whistle than concentrating on just finishing. That's what we told them at halftime, but it still didn't work in the second half."

No Northville player reached double figures, with Jasmin Prince and Roan Haines both scoring seven.

"The biggest thing we knew is that we had to get under screens on most kids and over screens on (Kendall) Dillon," Aro said. "We couldn't let Dillon shoot threes and can open threes. And once the kids went over that, they understood what they were doing. I thought help-side was there. I thought they played well and helped each other again. The same way we beat Brighton. They help each other. We're not that good individually on defense, but when we play together, we're pretty damn good."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Highly-ranked Hazel Park dominates OAA Red foe North Farmington

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Hazel Park's undefeated boys basketball team is No. 2 in the Class A state rankings, trailing only fellow Oakland Activities Association Red Division member Clarkston. North Farmington found out why Jan 11.

Hazel Park led from start to finish and completely dominated visiting North Farmington, 67-34.

Hazel Park played without two injured starters in hiking its record to 8-0 overall, 2-0 in the Red. North Farmington fell to 4-3 and 0-2.

Hazel Park head coach Brendon Barrett, who returned all five starters, felt his team played a little out of sync with its shorthanded lineup.

"We didn't have two of our starters tonight, so that slowed us a little bit as far as our continuity and our chemistry with our regular style of play," Barrett said. "It was kind of a sloppy game to me and I kind of credit that to us not having our starters in."

"Anytime you bust up a unit, especially two starters out, that's heavy," he added. "But guys battled back and we got the win tonight, so I'm grateful for that."

Turnovers hurt young Raiders

North Farmington head coach Todd Negoshian said his young squad just didn't have enough experience to play with the Vikings, who caused numerous turnovers with their backcourt quickness. Hazel Park finished with 17 two-point field goals and seven treys.

"When you have kids who are athletic as Hazel Park and shoot it the way they shoot it and play as hard as they do, it's tough to defend," Negoshian said. "They apply pressure and we don't have guys that can handle it right now because we're so young."

"It's kind of going to be like that probably the whole year for us," with

our league," he added. "It's going to be a baptism by fire for us right now. Guys are going to have to grow up on the spot."

The hosts scored the game's first four points and eight of the first 10 for an early 8-2 lead. They went on to take a 20-6 advantage after the opening quarter.

North scored the first bucket on the second quarter to cut the lead to 12 points, but that's as close as the Raiders would get the rest of the game. Hazel Park held a 33-16 halftime lead and was up 53-26 after three quarters.

Hazel Park had three double-digit scorers: seniors Devin Pettus (19), Carl Bow (17) and David Hearn (13).

North Farmington's top scorer was senior center Donny Dreshaj, who earned a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Junior Yusuf Jahid finished with six points and six rebounds. Senior Kevin Edwards contributed four points and five rebounds.

"I learned that we're not real coachable yet and we need to get there," said Negoshian, whose team won three of its first four games. "For these kids to be successful, they have to be coachable. And if not, it's going to continue to be this type of year for us."

Barrett's team captured the OAA White Division title last year and believes his squad can be competitive in the Red Division.

"I thought we would be pretty good this year. We had a good summer and guys were in the gym and we played pretty good all summer," Barrett said. "I thought leading into the beginning of the season we would do OK."

"We had a very tough non-league schedule and I wanted that to test us out," he added. "I think we can compete in the OAA Red, but we just take one game at a time and we just come to play the game and what happens is what we take."

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BOYS SWIMMING

Northville splashes past Novi in state-ranked showdown

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The Northville swimming and diving team apparently hasn't seen the best yet from Travis Nitkiewicz.

But if his early season returns are any indication, the junior is going to loom prominently when the Division 1 state finals commence March 9-10 at EMU.

Nitkiewicz, a state placer last year in the 100-yard breaststroke (fifth) and 200 individual medley (10th), figured in four first-place finishes Jan. 11 as the Mustangs topped rival Novi in a KLAA

Gold Division dual meet, 106.5-79.5.

"I thought it was a very solid team performance," said Nitkiewicz, who broke his own pool record in the breaststroke (58.58). "We definitely had errors that we could still work on, but I think we really came together as a team and pulled through. Had some good and some bad swims, but we've working hard and it was nice to see us do well."

Fifth-ranked Northville improved to 8-0 overall and 3-0 in the division as Nitkiewicz also captured the 200 IM (1:56.72). He teamed with Arthur Greenlee, Kirk Maibach and Craig Maibach for a win as well in the 200 medley relay

(1:37.59).

"He's a talented kid, he really is," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "He works hard and stays humble. And if he stays on the trajectory he's going, he could be one of the best we've ever had."

Nitkiewicz also swam a 22.7 split in the 200 freestyle relay, combining with brother Jason Nitkiewicz, Cameron Heaven and Trevor DeGroot for a first-place time of 1:30.93.

"I was very happy with my times," Travis Nitkiewicz said. "Those are season bests in the individuals and leading off the relay, so I was very happy and I

hope to build on those."

Other individual double-winners for Northville included DeGroot, who swept the 200 and 500 freestyles in 1:47.25 and 4:53.34, respectively, and Kirk Maibach, who captured the 50 and 100 freestyles in 22.46 and 49.68, respectively.

Jason Nitkiewicz added a win in the 100 butterfly (53.62), while Greenlee took the 100 backstroke (55.95).

The foursome of DeGroot, Jason Nitkiewicz, Heaven and Kirk Maibach capped off the meet with a victory in the 400 freestyle relay (3:17.53).

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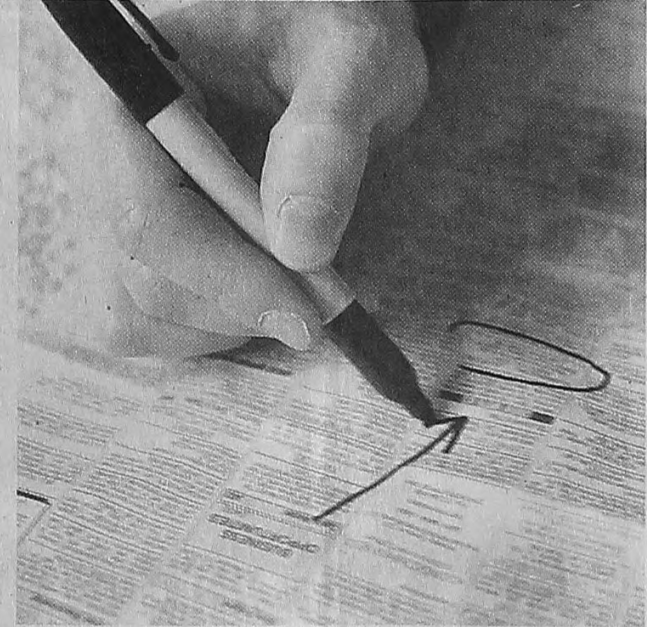
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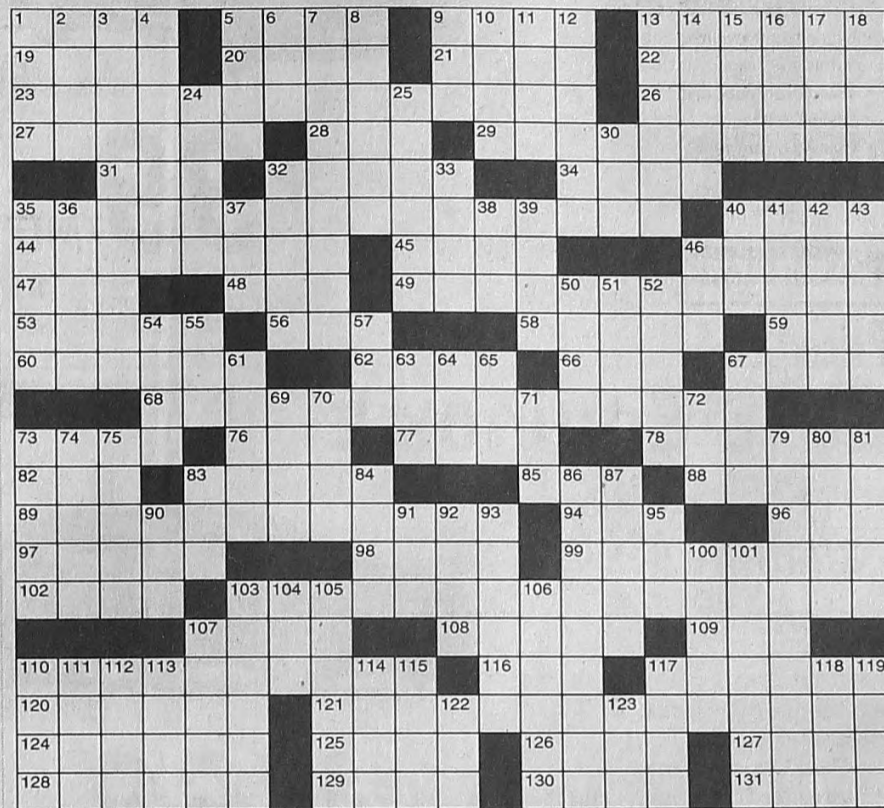
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- 1 Opera start
 - 5 "Yes, yes, Juan!"
 - 9 Take — (taste some)
 - 13 Cheeky type
 - 19 Road, in German
 - 20 Foretold
 - 21 Lovett of country
 - 22 No longer surprised by
 - 23 Ram forcefully?
 - 26 Frito Lay chip
 - 27 December mall hires
 - 28 Teeny
 - 29 Greeting sent by a cosmetics company?
 - 31 "Agnus —"
 - 32 Cache
 - 34 Southeast Kansas city
 - 35 Where lots of mail delivers scuba-dive?
 - 40 Not at all high
 - 44 Most robust
 - 45 Kazan of film directing
 - 46 Hello "hello"
 - 47 In days past
 - 48 "Lo-o-ovely!"
 - 49 Set crossword hints to music?
 - 53 Prefix with pathology
 - 56 The Big Apple, briefly
 - 58 Fissile rock
 - 59 Middy sleep
 - 60 Divide by type
 - 62 Contract out
 - 66 TV title alien
 - 67 Water whirl
 - 68 Required maintenance items?
 - 73 Face cover
 - 76 From — Z
 - 77 Big fair
 - 78 Character
 - 82 "Scat!"
 - 83 Prologue
 - 85 Upsilon's follower
 - 88 Odoaba treats
 - 89 inelegant five-member band?
 - 94 66-Across et al.
 - 96 Salt's "Help!"
 - 97 Muslim palace area
 - 98 Haul around
 - 99 Number of magazine subscribers, e.g.
 - 102 Writer Haley
 - 103 Long to look at a periodic table?
 - 107 Feng —
 - 108 Poetry Muse
 - 109 White-haired
 - 110 Library cubicle in which Chablis is served?
 - 116 Jackie O.'s "O"
 - 117 New York state prison
 - 120 Is wild for
 - 121 Writes hacky computer programs?
 - 124 Chemist's "I"
 - 125 Nursing school subj.
 - 126 Bit of help
 - 127 In awe
 - 128 Naval units
 - 129 Car-lot sticker abbr.
 - 130 Barley brews
 - 131 Guru's discipline
 - 3 Very loud
 - 4 Alternatively
 - 5 —chef
 - 6 Unruly kid
 - 7 Fit for sailing
 - 8 Ready to be driven
 - 9 Puglist
 - 9 Muhammad
 - 10 Harmony
 - 11 1942 role for Ingrid
 - 12 "The Dick Van Dyke Show" surname
 - 13 Ballet dancer Nureyev
 - 14 "Sitting on ..." ("Mrs. Robinson" lyric)
 - 15 Blood bank fluids
 - 16 Nero's 404
 - 17 Quintillionth: Prefix
 - 18 "Crazy" bird
 - 24 Aristide's land
 - 25 Eagles' nests
 - 30 Female deer
 - 32 Is sporting
 - 33 Hoagie shop
 - 35 Its capital is Accra
 - 36 Is very angry
 - 37 Co. kahuna
 - 38 — Tin Tin
 - 39 Tatty cloths
 - 40 Exclusively
 - 41 Ran across
 - 42 In the future
 - 43 Harsh-toned
 - 46 Top gun
 - 50 Spicy cuisine
 - 51 Stop moving
 - 52 Pixieish
 - 54 Stone
 - 55 — pro nobis
 - 57 Amigo of Fidel
 - 61 Sedative-drug, informally
 - 63 Berg stuff
 - 64 Stout of mysteries
 - 65 Seer's skill
 - 67 This, to Pedro
 - 69 Dying rebuke
 - 70 "Me neither"
 - 71 Sponge up
 - 72 Scarf down
 - 73 Coffee flavor
 - 74 Auditory
 - 75 Rubberneck
 - 79 West Coast coll. in La
 - 80 Hen's perch
 - 81 Swirly letters
 - 83 Suffix with 90-Down
 - 84 Being aired, in a way
 - 86 Like religious dissenters
 - 87 Writer
 - 90 Gender
 - 91 Tip of a sock
 - 92 Suffix with major
 - 93 Azadi Tower locale
 - 95 Holy Fr. woman
 - 100 Ham it up
 - 101 City-circling route
 - 103 Goes after
 - 104 1921 Karel Capek play
 - 105 Stability-improving auto part
 - 106 Vocalist Kitt
 - 107 Hound's trail
 - 110 Homeless kid
 - 111 Sacred cow
 - 112 Center point
 - 113 The "E" of HOMES
 - 114 Practically forever
 - 115 Jet name
 - 117 Gets the total
 - 118 Stop up
 - 119 Kelp, e.g.
 - 122 Brand of motor oil
 - 123 A single



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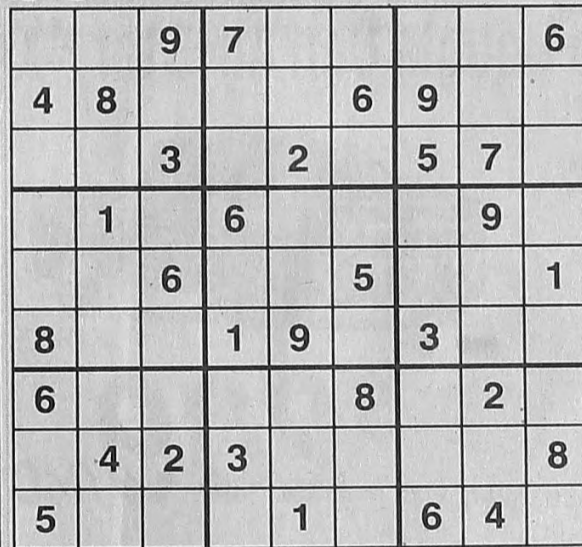
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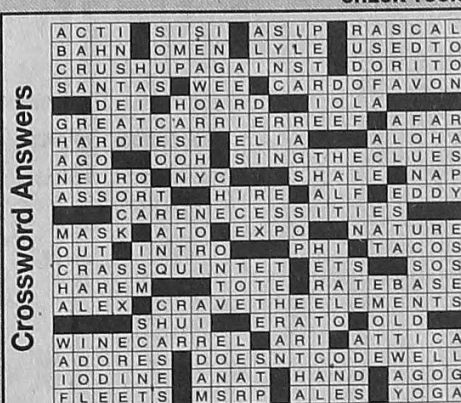
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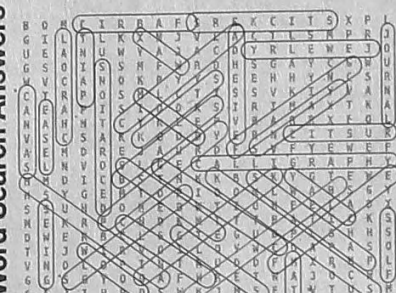
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