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Man dies after arrest by Westland police

35-year-old dies at hospital while in custody on drug charges

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Westland Police officials have asked the Michigan State Police to open an investigation into the death of a man who died while in the custody of Westland police.

Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik told the Westland Observer he'd asked the MSP to look into the incident after the prisoner, identified by Westland Police as William Marshall, 35, died after being transported Dec. 10 from

the police jail to an area hospital by Westland Fire Rescue. Marshall was arrested in the early morning hours and died within a few hours.

"While in custody, (Marshall) complained that he thought maybe he was having a medical problem. The fire department was called and checked him out," Jedrusik said. "The decision was made to monitor him. He got progressively worse."

Fire rescue responded a second time

and took Marshall to an area hospital, where he subsequently died. No cause of death is yet known for Marshall, who had been arrested for driving with a suspended license, marijuana and cocaine possession.

While he "will always be very confident in the ability of the Westland Police Department to conduct a transparent and thorough investigation," Jedrusik said in order to maintain community confidence and transparency he decided to ask the Michigan State Police to handle the investigation.

"We have one of the best police departments in the state. There is audio and video of the incident," he said. "This will be thoroughly and transpar-

ently investigated, then sent to the prosecutor."

After seeing family members on television making allegations about the man's care in custody, Jedrusik said he contacted them and met with them.

"The family said they just wanted answers. I sat down with them at the police station and explained what had occurred," he said. "I said we'd maintain open communication with them and be transparent."

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Jedrusik



Aidan Harris raised money to buy a bulletproof vest for Trexx, the Highland Park Police Department dog. He presented the vest to Trexx and her human partner, Officer Chris Zuellig, during an assembly at St. Michael's Catholic School. MATT JACHMAN

'He really cares about people'

Highland Park police dog safer thanks to Livonia boy's efforts

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Trexx is now safer while patrolling the streets of Highland Park, thanks to a student at St. Michael's Catholic School in Livonia.

The Highland Park Police Depart-

ment's trained police dog was working without a bulletproof vest until 12-year-old Aidan Harris gave him Dec. 8. The seventh-grader from Livonia was called upon during a school assembly to make the presentation to Trexx and his handler, Officer Chris Zuellig, while fellow students and school staffers applauded.

Thrust into the spotlight, Aidan said he didn't know what was going on until Zuellig said Trexx's name. "They looked familiar," he said.

Aidan had raised money for the vest last summer by selling Popsicles and ice cream bars during weekend youth baseball games at Heritage Park in Canton Township. He used his own money to buy the initial supply of treats, his parents said, then reinvested the proceeds to stock up for each suc-

cessive weekend's goodies.

Aidan and Mindy Harris, his mother, said the idea sprang from a conversation they had about donating to a good cause.

"He's special. He's very compassionate," she said. "He really cares about people."

Aidan, an animal-lover, said he's planning to undertake another fund-

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Homeless families to have a better Christmas thanks to church members

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For families not having a home, the Christmas holidays can only make the situation more stressful.

The families currently staying at the Samaritas Family Center in Westland received some extra holiday cheer. Residents of the center, located on Michigan Avenue at Henry Ruff, have

been adopted for the holidays by Woodside Bible Church.

"This is the first time we are partnering with Woodside Bible Church. They are providing dinner, gifts and a lot of fellowship," said Tamiaka Andrews, family center program manager. "There will be holiday decorations and gifts for everyone."

Woodside Bible Church has 14 locations in metro Detroit. This holiday season, the 300 members of the Ches-

terfield location adopted the 50 clients at the Samaritas Family Center.

In addition to fulfilling client wish lists, the church created a giving tree with more than 200 tags. Members of the congregation who did not adopt a client were purchasing toys, clothing, personal care items and basic necessities for the Family Center and its clients, including cleaning supplies, twin-size bed linens and mattress covers.

"We want to celebrate the season

with these families and show them love," said Kristin Legato, head of the women's ministry. Church members will be delivering the gifts to the center on the day of the party.

"We are grateful for the enthusiastic support and devoted partnership of the Woodside community," says Kelli Dobner, Samaritas chief advancement officer. "Partnerships like these are the

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DOG

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raising initiative. "Oh, yeah. Definitely," he said.

His mother backed him up on the vest project, making some calls after they learned that not all police departments have the funds for canine ballistic vests. A conversation with a friend at the Detroit Police Department led to Highland Park.

Mindy Harris and her husband Mark run the concession stand at Heritage Park during youth baseball games, but Aidan's ice cream and Popsicle sales were separate.

Between the hot weather and the number of young children attending the games, Mindy Harris said, he didn't have a lot of trouble selling the chilly snacks.

Aidan spent most weekends during May, June and July at his Popsicle stand. Including tips, that raised about \$600, and a GoFundMe page, which is still active, raised another \$900, his mother said. Zuellig and Trexx visited Aidan on one of those days.

Because Trexx, a female Dutch shepherd, is on the petite side, the vest had to be custom-made, Mark Harris said. It arrived just a few days ago.

Trexx attracted a lot of interest Friday at St. Michael's and students peppered Zuellig with questions about her after he talked about how she can sniff out illegal drugs — and people.

"This dog, you won't get away from her," Zuellig said after a student asked how fast Trexx can run.

Zuellig, a 10-year veteran of the Highland Park force, lost a police dog to bullets two years



Aidan Harris with Officer Chris Zuellig and Trexx, the Highland Park police dog. MATT JACHMAN

ago. Kilo, a male Dutch shepherd, escaped from Zuellig's yard in St. Clair County in August 2015 and was later found suffering from bullet wounds.

Zuellig said most police dogs wear bullet-proof vests on the job.

"They should," he said before Friday's presentation. "That's the only

protection they have. They're the closest thing between you and the bad guy."

Aidan's project raised more than was needed for the vest and Zuellig is working on putting the extra money toward a protective "bite suit" a trainer can wear when Trexx is being coached. St. Michael's Principal

Nancy Kuszczak told students that Aidan's project exemplified the kind of service to others that is part of the school's mission.

"We are so proud of Aidan," she said.

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Aidan Harris last summer at Heritage Park, where he sold Popsicles and ice cream to raise money for a bulletproof vest for the Highland Park police dog.

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Students present to lawmakers



Students from across the state were in Lansing to present technology demonstrations to lawmakers for the 17th annual AT&T/MACUL/MV Student Technology Showcase that took place Dec. 6 in the rotunda of the state Capitol Building. The showcase featured demonstrations from students representing 39 different schools, including (from left) Brodie McDowell, Anthony Alonzi, Brynn Wells and Frankie Darke from Grandview Elementary School in Livonia.

WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Vehicle window damaged

Westland police were called Dec. 6 to the 8500 block of Sanford on the report of some damage done to a vehicle.

The owner said he heard his car alarm go off early that morning. He said he then went outside and found the rear passenger side window broken out. Police saw a large wrench in the vehicle and believed that had been used to damage the window. No suspect information was available.

Fraud reported

A resident who lives in the 33000 block of Bordeaux Court filed a police report Dec. 5 to report some fraudulent activity found on her accounts.

The resident said she lost her wallet in 2015 or 2016 and canceled all her credit and debit cards as a result. When she recently attempted to obtain a line of credit, she was declined. That's when she found fraudulent Sprint and Comcast accounts that had been opened in her name. She came to the police station to file a fraud report to dispute the accounts.

— By David Veselenak

Pedestrian hit while crossing Grand River in Redford

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Redford police say a man crossing a major thoroughfare Sunday night was taken to a local hospital after being struck by a car.

Police say the man, who did not have any identification on him at the time, was crossing at about 7:40 p.m. Sunday on Grand River, near Fox, in Redford Township

when he was struck by a GMC Envoy driving westbound in the left lane of the road. The driver then turned around and came back to the scene.

Police say the pedestrian, who was crossing Grand River from the south to the north, was taken to the hospital with serious injuries. Police say he appeared to be between 35 and 45 years old and was wearing a black Carhartt-style coat, tan pants and black boots. Sgt. Duane Gregg of

the Redford Township Police Department said the incident remains under investigation.

No alcohol or drugs are believed to be a factor in the incident. Anyone with information regarding the incident is encouraged to call Redford police at 313-387-2551.

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Redford Union Schools Request for Proposal Technology Consultant Services

Redford Union Schools is seeking quotations from qualified persons or companies to assist the Redford Union School District (RUSD) in developing a Security Camera RFP to address cameras, servers and storage, and manage the installation/implementation process to completion. This would include working with the district's Security Project Committee to write the RFP, assist with the bidder evaluation process, ensuring standards and compliance requirements are met, oversee the removal of the existing security camera system throughout the district, vet warranty costs, recurring costs, software, hardware including servers, manage contractor, project costs, cabling, implementation, integration, configuration, testing equipment, coordination of E-Rate funding and will be responsible for final signoff on project before contractor is paid in full.

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RFPs are due by 2:00 pm EST on January 26, 2018 at Redford Union Schools in the Administrative Building, 17715 Brady, Redford MI, 48240. Bids will be publicly opened shortly thereafter. No Oral, telephonic, telegraphic, facsimile or late bids will be accepted or considered. Redford Union School District expressly reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein, and to award the contract to other than the low bidder. Each bidder shall be required and expected to meet the RFP requirements in its entirety.

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Panel discusses public charters, school reform

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

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

Greig, who represents Farmington and Farmington Hills in the Michigan House of Representatives, hosted the event in part to generate interest in the FACT Act, a package of nine House bills,



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

introduced by Democrats, designed to increase accountability and transparency among public charter schools. More than 80 people attended, despite snowfall, including educators and parents.

The stage for the discussion was set with a screening of "Backpack Full of Cash," a documentary that looks at the changing public education landscape in several U.S. cities, and particularly at how the rise of pub-

lic charter schools in some has disrupted traditional public schools and drained money from them. It was the first showing of the documentary in Michigan, Greig said.

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

"There are a lot of parallels to Michigan in the stories you saw in the

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

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

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

State Rep. Darrin Camilleri, D-Brownstown Township, another panelist, said the profit motive should be taken out of the charter equation. Camill-

eri is a member of the House education reform committee.

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

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

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

Star Roland, mother of a second-grader at Joy Preparatory Academy, a charter school in Detroit, defended charters. Roland is active at her daughter's school and in 482Forward, a Detroit education advocacy group, and said she feels her voice is heard at Joy.

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

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

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

A couple of parents also spoke during the discussion.

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

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WESTLAND LIBRARY EVENTS

Explore Art for Adults: Big Drama Kokedama

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3
Details: Basically, kokedama (translation "moss ball") is the practice of removing a root system from its container, surrounding it in a mud cake, then wrapping in moss before winding it in string.

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When: 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25, and 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 22 and 29
Details: Do you need help filing for unemployment, creating an email address or searching job boards and websites? We can help.

Friday Night Movie

When: 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5 and 19
Details: Join us for a Friday night movie. Snacks/refreshments are provided — donations accepted and appreciated.

Hot Reads for Cold Nights

When: Monday, Jan. 8, through Monday, Feb. 19
Details: Win a prize for what you're already doing

— reading. For the time period, fill out a raffle slip for each book, eBook or audiobook you read or listen to. Each week, you'll be entered to win a prize.

Intro to Excel

When: 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8
Details: It is required to know how to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

Intro to Microsoft PowerPoint

When: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9
Details: You may bring a flash drive to save your work, but it is not required. Registration encouraged

Hearing Loss Association of America Support Group

When: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10
Details: Join Tony Ferack, president of the Hearing Loss Association of America Western Wayne Chapter, each month as he discusses various topics related to the hearing loss community.

What's An App?

When: 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11
Details: Learn all about apps, what they're used for

and where to get them.

Meet artist Mike Wooley

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11
Details: Join Mike Wooley of A to Z comics as he describes his life as a working artist and comic book collector. His time collecting and drawing may inspire you. Wooley will bring comics for purchase.

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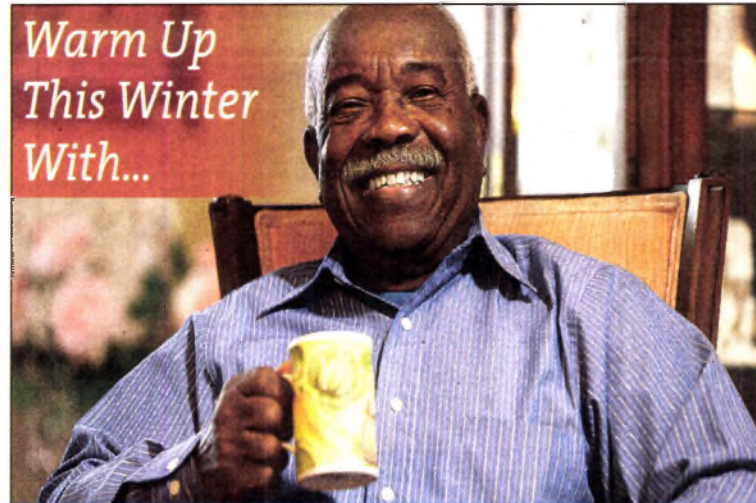
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When: 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16
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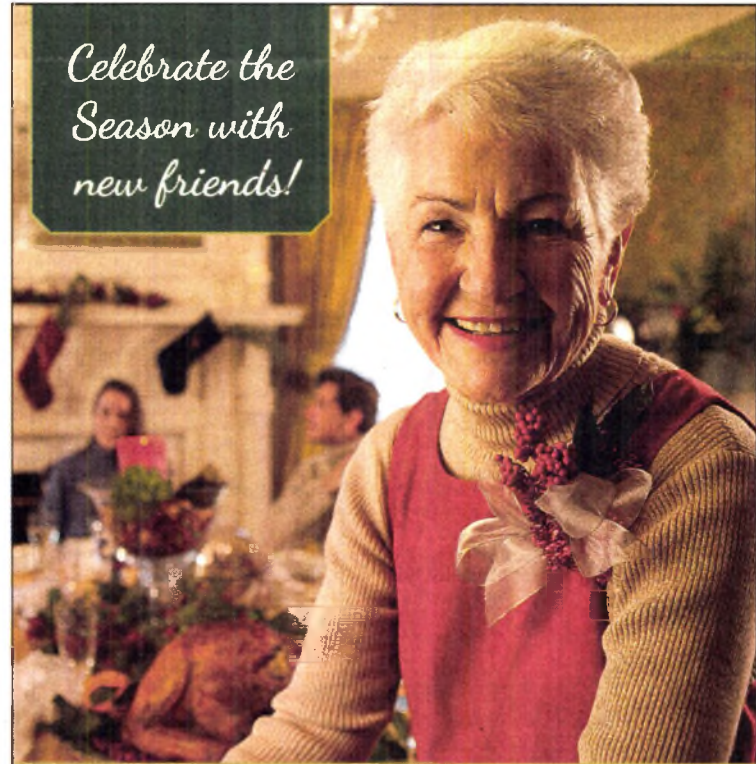
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Gifting craft beer? Seek advice from local experts

Dan Dean

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Are you having a hard time navigating the often-confusing world of beer as it is now? Can't discern between a stout, session, sour, pilsner or IPA? Have an uncle, nephew, niece, spouse or friend you want to give the gift of beer to and don't know where to start?

You are not alone.

Beer has certainly come a long way since the original Stroh's dominated these parts. But luckily, if you are reading this from the Mitten State of Michigan, you are most certainly as close to great beer as you are to a lake or stream. The new media company Thrillist recently announced Michigan as its fourth best state in the nation for quality and availability of craft beer.

When I have a beer question, my go-to answer man is Ryan Wiltse, owner of River's Edge Brewing Co. in Milford.

"If you (or they) have a local bottle shop they frequent, go in there and chat with the knowledgeable staff. They may even know your friend or family member and can help you pick something out. There are a lot of passionate, knowledgeable folks out there who are more than happy to help," he wrote in an email.

"In our area, Pine Ridge Market has a great selection and an amazing connoisseur of craft beer and liquor in Levi. He's a real gem and we're lucky to have someone like him in this area to steer folks towards some great stuff and hard to find selections," he wrote. Other options with great reputations include 8 Degrees Plato in Detroit and Ferndale, Beer Baron in Livonia, as well as Holiday Market in Royal Oak.

Founders CBS

It was a fluke that I arrived at the 8 Degrees Plato Ferndale location just before the 3 p.m. release of its supply of the much-heralded Canadian Breakfast Stout. The bourbon barrel-aged beer with hints of maple syrup from Founders Brewing Co. had not been released in bottles since 2011, said those standing outside this blustery and very cold Wednesday afternoon.

"It's always nice to get someone a hard-to-find or specialty bottle that might cost a little more," Wiltse said. And while many of the shivering masses in line said CBS would be the cat's meow of beer gifts, none I talked to had any intentions of gifting their prized \$25 bottles. Other great specialty options include anything from Speciation Artisan Ales, Wiltse said.

As the last of the die-hards purchased their prized bottles, I stood among the rows and rows of beer with Plato co-owner Tim Costello, who despite the mayhem of the special release, took time out to offer advice on buying the gift of beer.

"Beer is like pizza — there is no such thing as a bad slice," Costello said.

Determining the likes and preferences of the person you are purchasing a gift for helps. "They should be asking you a lot of questions," Costello said about store staff helping you find that perfect beer gift. "What kind of flavors do they like? What do you like in a wine? What do you like in a coffee? All those flavors translate into beer in one form or another."

Personalized six-pack

With the sounds of "Sleigh Ride" playing in the background, we proceeded through the rows, choosing all Michigan-made beers. Based on a



Justin Daymon prepackages bottles of Founders Canadian Breakfast Stout at 8 Degrees Plato in Ferndale. DAN DEAN |

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series of questions he asked, Costello chose New Holland Brewing Co.'s Extra Time, a session beer, to start things off building the six-pack from light to dark.

Along the way, I told him I was not big of an IPA fan, but that I had recently tried and really like the M-43 IPA from Old Nation Brewing Co. in Williamston. In response, a can of Nawl A Cawp, an East Coast IPA from Birmingham's Griffin

Claw Brewing Co., went into the pack. Others included Walter Gets Buzzed from Pigeon Hill Brewing Co. in Muskegon; Blood Orange Wheat from Farmington Brewing Co.; Coconut Brown from Blackrocks Brewery in Marquette; and finally a bottle of Distorter porter from Greenbush Brewing Co. in Sawyer, Mich.

The entire process took about two minutes and, in the end, I had a

perfect beer gift for myself.

If you are feeling down because you missed the release of the Founders CBS (I did not) or cannot find any of the new releases from Speciation, have no fear.

"Go to your (or their) local brewery, chat with the staff and ask their advice," Wiltse said. "Gift certificates are always great, as are mug club memberships." Many breweries also have

great merchandise, gift sets, bottles — River's Edge will release three barrel-aged bottles Dec. 9, including its 2018, a bourbon barrel-aged sparkling golden ale with grilled plums in a 750 ml champagne bottle. Growlers are available as well.

Dan Dean is managing editor of Hometown Life and a fan of brewed merchandise, especially coffee and craft beer with coffee.

AREA EVENTS

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

Totten to speak at luncheon

Jeff Totten will talk about his career, life and faith at the Compass Christian Business Alliance, Western Wayne, luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at Dave & Buster's, 19375 Victor Parkway, in Livonia. The fee for the lunch is \$20. Totten has a vast portfolio of experiences working with athletes, including serving as chaplain to athletes in Olympic Village at the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Born and raised in the Detroit area, Totten has worked with the Detroit Rockers and the Detroit Fury, as well as other professional and amateur athletes.

The public is invited to attend all Compass meetings. To sign up for luncheons, go to michigancompass.org/westernwayne. Visit the group on Facebook at compasswesternwayne.

Livonia's 100 Days to Health

Registration is underway for Livonia's 100 Days to Health 2018 at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The community-wide event, which benefits the entire family for the first 100 days of 2018, is presented by Mercy Elite and sponsored in part by Vibe Credit Union, Dick's Sporting Goods, Jimmy John's, Nestle Water,

Sport and Spine Performance Institute, Time to Savor and Oberweis Dairy.

The program offers the opportunity to participate in a range of activities, including exercise classes for all ages, nutrition and wellness seminars, rock climbing, free Friday workouts, open swim and more. Additionally, adults can take part in the 100 Day Weight Loss Fitness Challenge. Register for the challenge and be eligible for monthly prizes. Last year's participants lost a total of 578 pounds, with the winner losing 67 pounds.

The kickoff event will take place at 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. The event will feature keynote speakers, raffle prizes, refreshments and free workout and open swim for the day. For more information, call 734-466-2912 or go to www.livoniaparks.org.

Livonia Town Hall speakers

The Livonia Town Hall announces the speakers for its 54th season:

Jan. 17. Chuck Underwood is one of the researchers who did a comprehensive study in the field of generational dynamics and strategies. He is the creator and host of the National television PBS series which presents life stories of the Silent Boomer, Gen X, and Millennial generations from each era and what the future holds in store for them.

March 21. Elliot Engel, an American author, writer, scholar, lecturer,

and playwright will narrate the stories of Cornelius Vanderbilt family from the 18th century to Gloria Vanderbilt and her designer jeans.

Tickets are \$150 for the season which includes lunch and lecture or \$180 for priority seating. Single seats are available for \$55. Programs are held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center 18100 Merriam Road, Livonia. Call 734-751-1898 for tickets between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

St. Mary Mercy weight management classes

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled Weigh Your Options. Classes are scheduled for 2:30-4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, and 6:30-8 p.m. both Thursday, March 22, and Thursday, May 24.

Registered dietitians will provide attendees with information to help individuals begin a weight loss program. Attendees will learn about successful weight management programs, where to find reliable resources and healthy activities in the community and what is needed to create a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn how to read food labels, write SMART goals and how to determine their healthiest weight.

The class will take place in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 10, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, accessed from the South

Entrance. There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required. Register online at www.stmarymercy.org and click on "Classes and Events."

Wayne Memorial parents night

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an eighth-grade parents night at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth Street.

This evening is for current eighth-grade students and their families or families interested in getting more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2018-19 school year. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to participate in this event.

Topics covered will include scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extracurricular activities and much more. All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For questions, contact the Wayne Memorial counseling department at 734-419-2215.

Livonia Towne Club meetings

Livonia Towne Club, a nonprofit women's organization that brings together women for so-

cial interaction, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December, when it's the second Thursday).

The club meets for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. The program could be an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music entertainment and more, plus an occasional local day trip.

AARP TaxAide looking for volunteers

Every year, AARP provides free income tax preparation services for seniors and other moderate income families from February through April. AARP is looking for new volunteers to become tax counselors. You should know how to use a computer and the internet, and be experienced with income tax preparation.

Training will be provided to learn the tax software and tax law, to prepare you for certification. Training classes in mid-January are being scheduled now. Volunteers are expected to be active about one day per week during the tax season.

You can apply by completing an application online at aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call 888-227-7669.

Savior Christian neighborhood program

Savior Christian Church of Redford, a

mobile ministry, has started a program called "Redford Neighbors Helping Neighbors." It is offering assistance to the elderly and disabled in the community who may need help with taking out their trash and recycling bins. This will not cost any money nor will any donations be accepted.

Elderly Redford neighbors ages 65 and older who are unable to take their new bins to the road or the disabled of any age living in Redford may call 734-469-7910 and ask for Stacey, Savior Christian Church's service minister, to schedule a trash take out. It can also be reached by email at SaviorChristianChurch@yahoo.com.

Savior Christian Church would love to have volunteers, as well. Residents that are willing to donate one evening a week, for an hour or so, contact Savior Christian Church to sign up to lend a hand.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club, is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. Special activity groups meet year-round.

For more information, go to <http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com>.



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GIRLS HOCKEY

Inspired Ladywood upends rival Mercy, 4-2

Senior captain Spiegel scores all four goals in emotional triumph

Brad Emons
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

USA HOCKEY

WELCOMING PARTY



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

NTDP alums propel Michigan State to 3-0 victory

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

in there and it was really good."

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

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

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

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

Khodorenko broke a score-

See MSU, Page B3

COLLEGE RECRUITING

Franklin's Mettie takes aim at Madonna future

Patriots' scoring machine latest KLAAs star to sign with Crusaders

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

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

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

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

See METTIE, Page B5



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



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BOYS HOCKEY

Trenton's Welsch scores four to upend Rocks

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

Tim Smith

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He's 'opportunistic'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Striking twice

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

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

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

The Rocks answered to make it 4-4 when Colin Goleniak converted a nice feed from sophomore forward Alex Schaumburger, with about four minutes to go. Then came the Salem penalty and Welsch made the Rocks pay. He added



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The win was the 100th for coach Gerry Vento in his tenure with the Wildcats.

"Several great players were responsible for those 100 wins and no way it happens without my staff of Tim Pilot, David Smiatacz, Dan West and Lonnie Middaugh," texted Vento about the milestone.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOYS HOCKEY

CC blanks defending champ Brighton in Showcase

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

Bill Khan

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Obviously, with the

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

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

Conquest wouldn't dispute that assessment.

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

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

BOYS SWIMMING

Northville upstages four-time D1 champion Rice

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

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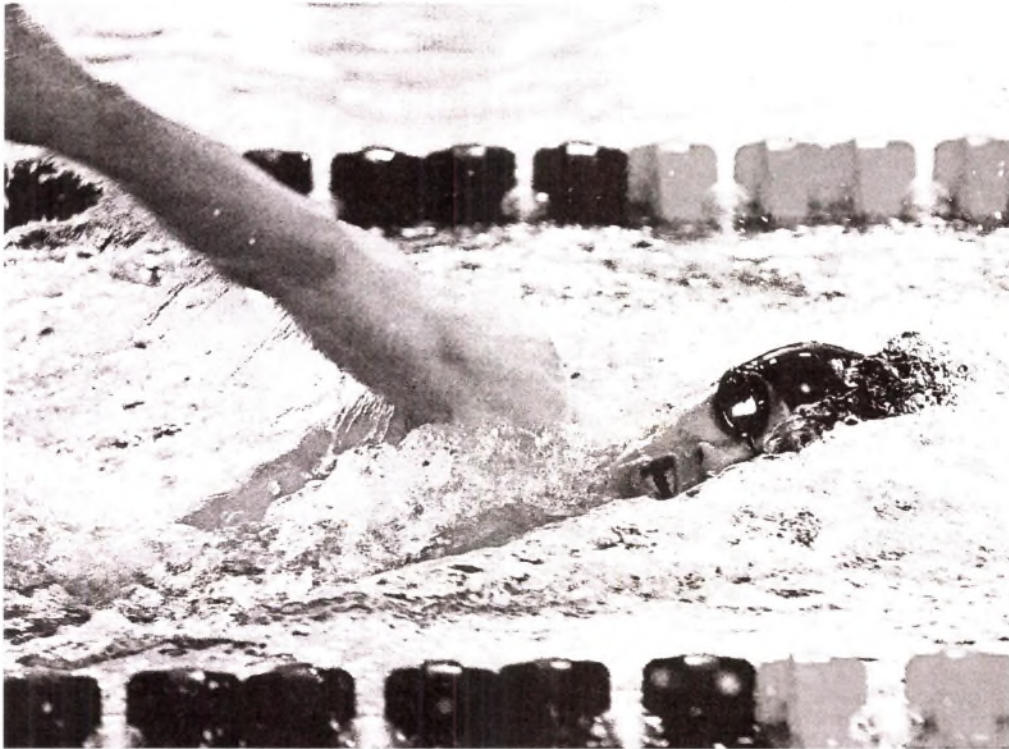
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The Northville boys swimming and diving team proved it could take a punch and still be standing.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Alex Margherio paced

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

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

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

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

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

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LADYWOOD

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And the Blazers did just that Saturday.

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MSU

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

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

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

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

Here are several takeaways:

MATCH GAME

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

"We knew we had to come play our game," Khodorenko said.

"They're going to be a fast, skilled team and we just got to play our game."

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

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

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



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

GLAD TO SEE YOU, PART 1

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

GLAD TO SEE YOU, PART 2

Also back in Plymouth

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

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

UNABLE TO CASH IN

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

STARTING A TREND

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

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

Appert, in his first season with the NTDP,

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

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

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

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

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BOYS BASKETBALL

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lakeland spread the wealth against the Maver-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here are four other takeaways:

BLUE COLLAR

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

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

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

MURPHY'S LAW

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

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

MORE MILFORD

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

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

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

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

BRAGGING RIGHTS

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

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

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Westland John Glenn first, Salem fifth at county wrestling tournament

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

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

ment at Wyandotte Roosevelt.

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

Polk (152).

But Salem could be an upstart team with eyes on the podium

come state tournament time. The Rocks finished fifth out of 22 teams with 129 points. In sixth with 125.5 points was Livonia Franklin.

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

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

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

"(Giorgi) had to beat a

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

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

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

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

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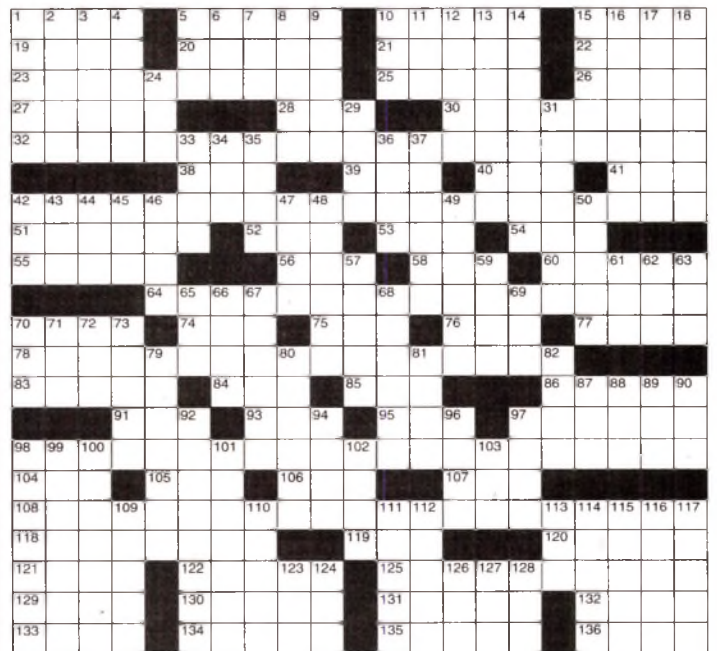
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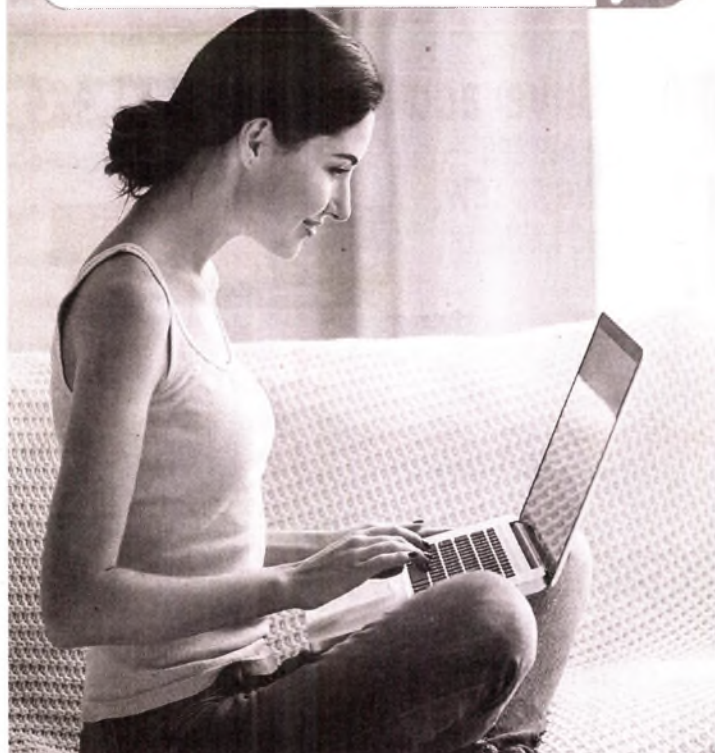
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 - 78 Riddle, part 5
 - 83 '90s-'00s boy band
 - 84 Thrice-spun-off TV show
 - 85 Wimbledon unit
 - 86 Swimming (in)
 - 91 Sue
 - 92 Riddle, part 2
 - 93 "Evidence"
 - 93 Mind-reading ability
 - 95 Lilted syllable
 - 97 "Hagar the Horrible" creator
 - 98 Riddle, part 6
 - 104 Pitching whiz
 - 105 Ballpark fig.
 - 106 Prefix meaning "equal"
 - 107 Syllable after "Mao"
 - 108 End of the riddle
 - 118 Merit the best score, maybe
 - 119 Half of hexa-
 - 120 See 45-Down
 - 121 Lacking width and depth for short
 - 122 Els of golf
 - 125 Riddle's answer
 - 129 Baseball team count
 - 130 Actress
 - 131 Plants used in first aid
 - 132 Borscht (in)
 - 133 Anti-DUI org.
 - 134 More sneaky
 - 135 Flirty laugh
 - 136 Probability
- DOWN**
- 1 Slanting
 - 2 Like free banking
 - 3 Acoustic
 - 4 Rock's Perry
 - 5 "I" problem
 - 6 Chapel seat
 - 7 Hotel's kin
 - 8 Set of beliefs
 - 9 Roomy car
 - 10 "No need to share all that," in texts
 - 11 That bloke
 - 12 School pupil, in France
 - 13 Actresses
 - 14 Bloom and Danes
 - 15 Fancy shoes
 - 16 "... true statement, correct?"
 - 17 Dog or cat breed
 - 18 Went inside
 - 24 Ida, borderer
 - 29 British TV network with "the"
 - 31 Tiny self-propelled machine
 - 33 Clicked-on graphic
 - 34 Bart Simpson, to Marge
 - 35 With a sharp image, briefly
 - 36 — do-well
 - 37 Long ditch
 - 42 Riddle, part 3
 - 43 — Magnon
 - 44 Prefix with day or week
 - 45 With 120-Across, 65 and older, e.g.
 - 46 Sledding site
 - 47 Work like —
 - 48 Cherished by
 - 49 Ramble on
 - 50 Verboten act
 - 57 Feudal lands
 - 59 Cubs hero
 - 61 Galaxy buy
 - 62 Pal of Larry and Curly
 - 63 Jets' gp.
 - 65 Conifer with toxic seeds
 - 66 Apple choice
 - 67 Sipped on
 - 68 Sex cell
 - 69 Down vote
 - 70 Earthly color
 - 71 Muscles below paces
 - 72 Handyman's initialism
 - 73 Nixon's veep
 - 79 Actress
 - 80 Not make the event in time, say
 - 81 Other, in Chile
 - 82 Delhi wear
 - 87 Conceal
 - 88 Stupefy
 - 89 NBC skit show since '75
 - 90 Kin of "Psst!"
 - 92 Secondary details
 - 94 Elegant
 - 96 Voting
 - 99-Down
 - 97 Cordon — (chicken dish)
 - 98 Particles composed of quarks
 - 99 South Pacific region
 - 100 Soho locale
 - 101 Left-leaning
 - 102 Ring around a castle
 - 103 Pa. hours
 - 109 Surrendered
 - 110 Listless
 - 111 Yummy
 - 112 Edge shyly
 - 113 Abbr. at LAX
 - 114 1990s fitness fad
 - 115 — a drink!
 - 116 Looked at provocatively
 - 117 Swift homes
 - 123 Wraith
 - 124 Acoustic organ
 - 126 "So fancy!"
 - 127 Peace gesture
 - 128 Nationality suffix



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9			1			4		
4	1		8					9
	5			3		7		
		6			1		5	
		2		8		6		1
1	8		7					3
5					4	2		

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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5	3	6	9	2	7	4	8	1
1	4	9	5	8	6	2	3	7
2	5	8	1	7	4	9	6	3
4	1	7	6	3	9	8	5	2
6	9	3	2	8	9	7	1	4
3	7	4	4	8	1	5	2	6
9	6	5	3	4	2	1	7	8
8	2	7	1	2	6	5	3	4

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WORDS

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- ADD-ON
- ADVENTURE
- AFFILIATE
- AGENT
- AGGREGATOR
- BARGAIN
- BED AND BREAKFAST
- BLACKOUT
- BOOKING
- CHARTER
- COMMISSION
- CONCIERGE
- CRUISE
- CURRENCY
- CUSTOMER
- DEALS
- DESTINATION
- ESTABLISHMENT
- EVENTS
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- HOSTEL
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- INVOICE
- KEYCARD
- LEISURE
- MERCHANT
- OVERBOOKING
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