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# Man dead after New Year's Day shooting

David Veselenak hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Redford police say a New Year's Day shooting at a recording studio has left one person dead.

The Redford Township Police De-

partment was dispatched Monday to a multi-unit recording studio located at 19300 Olympia, located south of Grand River and two blocks east of Beech Daly, near the Redford Oaks shopping center. There, police found a 27-yearold man who had suffered a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to a local hospital, though he died after arriving.

Police said in a Facebook post the suspect and the victim knew each other. A message seeking more information was left with police Tuesday morning. Anyone with information regarding the shooting is encouraged to call Redford police at 313-387-2551 or submit a tip to Crime Stoppers of Michigan at 800-SPEAK-UP.

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# Michigan drinkers: Here's your chair

"I thought it would go viral in Michigan," Garden City's Matt Thompson said. "I didn't realize worldwide it would go crazy."

#### Elisha Anderson Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Ridiculous. Over the top. Practical yet goofy.

That is how Matt Thompson describes his creation: an Adirondack chair in the shape of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, an attached Upper Peninsula-shaped cooler and a chute that delivers drinks between the two.

Just goofy enough and practical enough to go viral.

Thompson posted a video of his woodworking project on Facebook and it has generated nearly 9.9 million views and nearly 200,000 shares in four months. He estimated about 40 million more views came from other places.

"I had a feeling that it was going to go viral," he said. "I thought it would go viral in Michigan. I didn't realize worldwide it would go crazy."

Thompson, 48, of Garden City spent more than 100 hours on the creation dubbed the "Michigan beer/pop chair." He said the inspiration came from a similar Labatt Blue chair, but he came up with his own mechanism for the creation.

Thompson, a woodworker for nearly three decades, used pine to tinker and perfect the chair, then built the final version out of cedar.

"It was a lot of fun to make it," he



said. "And I thought people would be entertained by it."

The comments on the Facebook post, many from across the globe written in other languages, show he was right.

"I need a chair like this," John Lappin wrote.

"This one has Michigan written all over it!" Yvonne Wiegand posted.

Feedback, Thompson said, has been about 98 percent positive, but not everybody gets it, some pointing out it would be easier to just use a cooler.

"The whole thing is ridiculous," he said. "It's meant to be funny."

He posted the video Aug. 24 and it quickly circulated around the country. It's still getting watched around the world.

"It seems to explode in one area," Thompson said. "Then a few weeks later, it will explode in a different country."

Matt Thompson, creator of the Michigan Beer/Pop Chair, poses with his handmade design. RACHEL WOOLF/SPECIAL TO THE FREE PRESS

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### Wrong-way driver was not drinking in fatal crash on Interstate 275

#### Darrell Clem

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- A wrong-way driver involved in a head-on crash that killed two people in Canton hadn't been drinking alcohol at the time, police say, even though open alcohol was found in his vehicle.
- "Having an open bottle of alcohol in the car doesn't necessarily mean he
- was drinking that day," Michigan State Police Lt. Mike Shaw said.
- With possible charges pending, authorities are awaiting toxicology re-

sults to determine whether the driver may have been under the influence of drugs, Shaw said. The investigation is continuing.

The crash killed Nicholas Pare, 33, of Wayne and Shannon McIntyre, 32, of Woodhaven. They were engaged to marry and left behind three children, ages 7, 13 and 15.

Shaw said the wrong-way driver's blood alcohol level was 0.00 percent when the crash occurred about 10:40 a.m. Dec. 12 on Interstate 275, near Palmer Road, based on some results authorities have received. Shaw said Dec. 28 it wasn't known when the investigation might be concluded. Possible charges will be up to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

After the crash, the victims' family set up a GoFundMe account to help cover funeral expenses and for the three children.

Police have declined to identify the suspect, who was injured in the crash, but media outlets reported that Wolverine Lake Village Councilman Michael Stack was involved.

Council President John Magee addressed the incident at a council meeting, saying local officials had received "credible information that Wolverine Lake resident and council member Mike Stack was involved in an accident on I-275 in Canton Township on Tuesday, Dec. 12 and was treated for injuries."

Authorities have only said that the driver was a 59-year-old man from Wolverine Lake who was taken to a local hospital.

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#### LOCAL NEWS

# January is busiest month for divorce filings



Q: I have read that January is the busiest month for new divorces being filed. Is this true? A: You are raising a

good issue. Studies have shown that January is the

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#### busiest month for new divorces being filed. Following are some of my thoughts on this issue.

» Think of that Currier and Ives scene, with one big happy family congregating together to celebrate the Christmas and/or Chanukah holiday season. Reality is often far from the ideal. Coming together for the holidays is often fraught with tension and conflict.

» Therapists are very busy during the holidays because people are so unhappy in their marriages. Therapy can result in someone becoming more resolved to move forward and file for a divorce after the holidays.

» I have had marriages break up over one drink too many at an office Christmas party. Often alcoholism will rear its ugly head during the holidays, when people tend to let loose. » An indiscretion can

happen at the office party, where someone is acting inappropriately with someone who is not his or her spouse. » People are often very disappointed with the holidays because of unrealistic expectations of family and holiday traditions.

» Issues that have been festering for months or years can be exacerbated over the holidays.

» I see many people toward the end of the year who are considering a divorce, but want to wait until after the holidays so as not to spoil the holidays for their children or other family members.

» People will make resolutions during the holidays to make sure that this is the last one to spend with a spouse.

» A common new year's resolution will be to get rid of a spouse and not spend another year in an unhappy marriage. I have had a wife resolve to lose 200 pounds of ugly fat – her husband!

» You may hate your in-laws or other relatives and decide that enough is enough. Dealing with them during the holidays can be daunting.

» Sometimes the holidays will escalate an abusive situation. Alcohol, drugs and abuse often go hand in hand. There is often a lot of domestic abuse during the holidays.

» The year end is a time for reckoning and taking account of your personal life, as well as your career. People often decide to change jobs as well as spouses.

» There may be a bonus that does not come through or is too small, with the result that this can bring more tension to your marriage.

» People often act more rashly during the holidays. The result can be a divorce being filed in January.

» Holidays are during the dark, cold, winter months, when people are often more depressed than during the spring and summer. This can lead to action and a divorce as well.

» Disappointment in life, unreasonable expectations, a failure to communicate. These are all issues that people will look at and take stock of as the end the old year and bring in the new year.

» This could mean that change is necessary, including a divorce. » To recap: Drinking, alcohol, drugs, infidelity, money issues, lack of communication and growing apart are just some of the many examples that lead to divorces being filed at a higher rate in January than any other month.

» Last but not least, we have the rise of Facebook and other social media, which means that everything is being shared. We are losing our privacy, which contributes to more divorces being filed after the new year as well.

These are some of my thoughts. Please share yours.

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**PETITION 2017-09-01-05** submitted by the City Planning Commission, to rezone the City-owned property located on the west side of Farmington Road between the CSX Railroad right-of-way and Schoolcraft Road (13335 Farmington Road) in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing) to PL (Public Land).

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Hundreds of people have expressed interest in buying a duplicate of the handcrafted piece, but he said it's not practical to sell them, pointing out he spent about \$400 to \$500 for the cedar wood alone.

Thompson, who works fire protection maintenance at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor and runs Thompson Woodworks in his spare time, has just made one so far.

But he plans to make two more this winter to be used as fundraisers, one for Life Remodeled, a Detroit-based nonprofit that invests in neighborhoods, and a second for World Vision, to help raise money for clean water in communities in Africa.

Meanwhile, he's working on a new creation: a wine chair with pulleys and springs. He hasn't publicly revealed many of the details yet but offers some clues. There are moving parts, he hopes to have it done by spring and the theme is designing something complex to do something simple.

"The most important thing is something you wouldn't expect," he said. "And I can't give that away because if you see it coming it won't be that exciting."

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# Three events worthy of checking out this weekend

#### **David Veselenak**

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The lights are put away, the tree is out on the curb and the tinsel is ... in a box somewhere. Christmas is over, but there's plenty of fun to be had in the month of January.

Take a look at these three events taking place in the hometownlife.com area this weekend if you're looking to get out of the house.

#### **Bridal show in Novi**

If that special someone popped the question over the holidays, it's definitely time to start planning that dream wedding. Luckily, there's a bridal show taking place the first weekend of the year in Novi.

The Novi Bridal Expo takes place from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River. There, brides-to-be can check out the latest wedding trends when it comes to things like the dress, food, music and much more.

Come try food samples and talk to vendors. Tickets for the event are \$10 and can be purchased at the door, though those who preregister are eligible to win prizes in a special drawing to take place over the weekend.

For more information on the show, go to novibridalexpo.com.

#### Hundred Days to Health in Livonia

Did you eat too many Christmas cookies this holiday season? (We sure did). Then pop in at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center in Livonia



100 Days to Health, a program that begins in January, provides families, residents and others a chance to enjoy the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at Five Mile and Hubbard, at a reduced cost. FILE PHOTO

this weekend to move forward on those fitness goals for 2018.

The center's annual 100 Days to Health event kicks off at 9 a.m. Sunday at the rec center, 15100 Hubbard, and will feature keynote speakers, refreshments and activities at the center. The several-months event will feature a wide-range of classes on topics such as fitness, healthy eating and more.

A weight loss challenge over the 100 days will take place, with prizes being awarded. A total of 578 pounds were lost by participants last year, with the top finisher losing 67 pounds. More information on the program can be

More information on the program can be found at livoniaparks.org

Learn about chocolate in Bloomfield Hills



The kickoff for the 100 Days to Health is Sunday morning at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center in Livonia. FILE PHOTO



Matt Matteson, 25, of White Lake and Kasey Buchholz, 23, of Lake Orion look at bridal gowns at the Novi Bridal Expo in this 2016 photo. FILE PHOTO

To completely negate the previous event listing, let's take a trip to Bloomfield Hills to learn more about everybody's favorite delicacy: chocolate.

This weekend is the final weekend for a special exhibit on chocolate at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward. Learn about the ways chocolate began, as a spicy drink in the rain forests consumed by the Mayans, all the way to how it's become a \$13 billion commodity across the globe. The exhibit runs

through Sunday at the center and is a separate admission charge from the rest of the museum. For more information, go to science.cranbrook.edu.

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# Sweepstakes discovery reveals dad's dementia



The man on the other end of the line told dad that he was a government official and wanted to release dad's sweepstakes winnings. He just needed dad to send him \$2,000 to pay a fee.

I listened over dad's shoulder for a couple of minutes. The man was agitated that dad did not show up at the drug store as instructed with the money. Time was running out and, if dad wanted his winnings, he need to act fast.

I could not stand it any longer. I took the phone from my dad and asked the scammer how he slept at night, preying on the elderly. How he lived with himself preying on hardworking individuals who have saved their entire lives building a nest egg, only to have scum like him try to steal it

My chance to talk directly to a scammer came as my mom had called me, concerned that dad was going to go meet a man in person at the local drug store to

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give him money. I saw this as my

chance. It was fall 2015 and we were about to learn that dad's shortterm memory loss was far more than a result of normal aging. I drove quickly to the parking lot where the scammer was to meet dad. Armed with my camera I was ready — but, of course, he never arrived.

#### Talking to a scammer

I went back to my parent's house, where I had instructed dad to stay. As I arrived, the phone rang.

As I unleashed my furry over the phone, he played it cool. And for a short time, had me going as well — he was good, there is no doubting that — but I finally came back to my senses. And this time, Mr. Cool scammer lost his cool. With threats of "I know where you live and I will come over and kick your ass" I smiled, because I knew he realized he had failed, again.

Looking back, it was dad's interest in sweepstakes mailings that became the first clue he was dealing with something beyond normal aging memory loss.

Dad loved to invest. I think it was an extension





Sweepstakes mailings from late 2015 that help reveal that Dan Dean's dad was dealing with more than normal aging memory loss. DAN DEAN

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ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL Preschool through 8th Grade It made our discovery of the sweepstakes mailings that much more eye opening — and sad. It was not long after the phone incident that I remember going downstairs at my parents' home and finding a stack of sweepstakes mailings on dad's desk. Envelopes screaming "Rush, Rush, Rush" with wording like "immediate action required," "do not destroy,"

of his engineer-trained

mind. He probably could

not stand the thought of

interest working against

him, so he always had it

working for him. When he retired, investing

became his main hobby.

dealing with finances and

very protective of every

He was shrewd when

dime.

"certified & recorded" all meant to separate dad from his money — were piled high.

If that was not maddening enough, dad had written notes asking for clarification on delivery of "his" money addressed to the sweepstakes companies. I also found a dozen or so \$20 checks my dad had written, ready to mail.

When I confronted dad about the checks, he responded that they were not sweepstakes, but his investments. That was the "Oh. boy" moment. Technically, I guess most of these sweepstakes mailings are legal. But they certainly should not be. It was no coincidence that, as dad responded by mail, scammers then started to pounce by phone. Dad had a couple of angels looking out for him before we fully realized just how bad it had gotten. The scammers were constantly calling him, trying to get him to send them money. There was the drug

store clerk who stopped dad from mailing a Green Dot card, as well as a post office clerk and her manager who stopped dad from sending a large check through the mail. When a scammer told my dad he was going to deliver his new Mercedes to the house, the local police also stepped in.

These ruthless individuals harassed my parents constantly and dad was a willing, unknowing participant, as every time he answered the phone, he thought he was dealing with legiti-

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it appeared an angel looking out for dad had stopped an attempt to withdraw money from his bank account. They called his bank armed with dad's account numthe care for loved ones with dementia is constantly changing.

I appreciate all those who have shared their stories in dealing with dementia.

One thing is certain: my outlook on his disease has evolved from a lot of frustration to one of compassion. Thank you to all who have reached out since my first column to help me better understand.

My oldest sister, who recently retired, has taken dad to doctor and dentist appointments and given mom breaks three to four days a week by taking dad home with her. My other sister pays their bills and, for the most part, we are managing care for our parents far better than even a couple of months ago. Next up: Local filmmaker Keith Famie is on the front lines of dementia and Alzheimer's.



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#### **Never stops**

We switched my parents' phone number, paid to have it unlisted and the calls would stop, but only temporarily. We then started forwarding all his mail to a P.O. box so we could monitor it. But if one or two slipped through, the phone calls would start again. Sadly, despite our

efforts, the scammers finally hit pay dirt this past October. Once again, ber and Social Security number, but the alert teller suspected something was not right.

Investigators from state of Michigan and local police were notified and it appeared the attempts were thwarted, but in the end we discovered a large sum had been removed from his account.

Today, amazingly, when asked, dad recognizes that it was all a scam. But we move on to other areas of concern as Dan Dean is managing editor of hometownlife.com and writes occasionally about dealing with dad and dementia.



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# Human trafficking, opioid case ends in prison

#### **Darrell Clem** hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK -MICHIGAN

Four defendants, including a 27-year-old Canton woman, have landed in prison after authorities busted a human trafficking and opioid drug ring that spanned two counties in southeast Michigan.

Authorities have said the investigation revealed how organizers of human trafficking schemes can prey on victims of opioid drug addiction to make money. The scheme unraveled after the FBI and Oakland County Gang and Violent Crimes Task



McGinnis

#### Force acted on a tip of a drug and prostitution operation in Madison Heights.

**Jasmin Christine** McGinnis of Canton is facing one to 20 years in prison after she pleaded guilty to one count of human trafficking involving allegations she provided forced labor for commercial sex and one count of possession of 50 grams of cocaine with intent to deliver, Oakland County online court rec-



ords show.

Other counts against McGinnis, including prostitution/accepting earnings, were dismissed during her sentencing Dec. 19 by Oakland County Circuit Judge Wendy Potts.

Three other defendants were sentenced the same day.

Melvin Dwight Niblett, a 38-year-old Southfield man who authorities portrayed as the ringleader, was sentenced to 61/2-20 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to three counts of human trafficking involving threats of physical harm and one count of conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance, court records show. Several other charges were dismissed. Corey Michael Cooper,

45, whose place of residence wasn't known, has been sentenced to 51/2-20 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance.

Niblett and Cooper could have faced life in prison if they had had been convicted of a wide range of other, now-dismissed charges including conducting a criminal

enterprise.

Maurice Rushton, 57, whose residence wasn't known, has been sentenced to 19 months to 10 years behind bars for his plea to one count of human trafficking involving injury or sexual assault, according to court records.

Charges against the four defendants were announced in mid-August by Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's office, culminating an investigation that lasted a year. Schuette issued a statement condemning human traffickers for holding victims "hostage in their dark world."

After the investigation began, authorities said

they received information that Niblett was using rooms at an unnamed Southfield hotel to conduct a drug and human trafficking operation. Officials say it involved dozens of people and led to a flurry of felony charges against Niblett and the other three defendants.

FBI Special Agent David P. Gelios has said drug and human trafficking continue to plague area communities. He has urged anyone who has information about such crimes to contact authorities.

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### Downtown Plymouth's Box Bar now closed, complete makeover begins

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USA TODAY NETWORK -MICHIGAN

The new owners of the now-closed Box Bar in downtown Plymouth are hopeful that a new Italian restaurant, Bigalora Wood-Fired Cucinca, can open in its place by early May.

Plans to open an Arbor Brewing Co. on the same site are, for now, less certain because the company hasn't yet received a liquor license for the brewing operation. Building co-owner

Ron Cook said the building sale was completed Dec. 22, one day after the Box Bar officially closed after a 75-year run. Owners scrapped plans to keep the bar open through the Plymouth Ice Festival, Jan. 12-14.



New owners are moving ahead with a sweeping makeover of the now-closed Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"We wanted to get started on the renovations," Cook said, adding

that residents are curious about the upcoming plans. "I can't walk down

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> > SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

the street without people stopping me and asking me what's going on." Co-owner Paul Sal-

loum said it was easier to move forward with renovation plans than for the new owners to try to step in and temporarily keep the Box Bar open.

'We would like to have kept it open for two more weeks, but there were a lot of moving parts," Salloum said. "We're decided to move forward with all the improvements instead of staying open two more weeks.

"It's definitely exciting," he added. "I think it's going to be a big deal for the city.

Although Bigalora is expected to take over the Box Bar's liquor license, a separate license currently is needed for the brewing operation — and the city's limit of 25 li-

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quor licenses, including 14 in downtown, has been met for places that sell alcohol by the glass.

The new owners are hopeful the situation can be remedied as the Plymouth Liquor License **Review Committee re**views the rules to determine if they need amending and, if so, how.

Colleen Pobur, who chairs the LLRC, said the longstanding discussion is not specific to the Arbor Brewing Co. situation, but centers on what is best for the entire downtown area.

Pobur said officials found flaws and inconsistencies within the ordinance that may need changing.

We're trying to clean up the ordinance," she said

Whether that means easing the liquor license

cap or changing the way licenses are defined isn't yet known. The discussion is expected to resume in January.

Salloum said he is hopeful the issue can be resolved so that Arbor Brewing Co. can come to town. He has said Bigalora and Arbor Brewing would have separate entrances, but share what has long been one building for the Box Bar.

Salloum has contended that since the two businesses share a building, they should only need one liquor license.

Bigalora already has six locations in southeast Michigan. Arbor Brewing has a microbrewery in Ypsilanti and a brewpub in Ann Arbor.

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#### CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

> PETITION 2017-10-01-07 submitted by Feldman Automotive, Inc., to rezone the rear portion of the property located on the north side of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Stark Roads (33850 Plymouth Road) in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing) to C-2 (General Business).

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#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

#### Livonia Administration Building - Data Center Relocation

The Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools is accepting firm prime contractor bids for all labor, material, equipment and all other services to complete the work at Livonia Public Schools - Livonia Administration Building - Data Center Relocation.

Plans and specifications may be obtained electronically via Pipeline Suites through George W. Auch Co. and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341, 248-334-2000, on or after **January 4<sup>th</sup>**, **2018**. The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications as prepared by French Associates. Complete sets of printed documents may be purchased from ARC Document Solutions, 1009 W. Maple St., Clawson, Michigan 248-288-5600 or email michigan.troy@e-arc.com.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify your company and the proposal being bid and addressed to the attention of Mr. Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Administrative Offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Bids must be delivered no later than 12:00 noon, January 19th, 2018 to Livonia Administrative Offices (address above), Attn: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the construction manager and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays. No bids will be received at the George W. Auch Company Office; all bids must be sent to the Livonia Administrative Offices.

A Bid bond executed by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the owner, or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Livonia Public Schools shall be submitted with each proposal in excess of \$23,881.00. All proposals shall be firm for a period of ninety (90) days. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

Contractors will be required to meet the Prevailing Wage requirements which are provided with the project manual

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Monday, January 15th, 2018 at 9:00am at Livonia Administration Building (15125 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154). This walk through is not mandatory, but highly recommended. Please meet in the main entrance/lobby.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at a meeting convened at the Livonia . Administrative Offices Lower Board Room starting at 2:00 pm on January 19th, 2018. Postbid interviews will be held on January 22nd – February 2nd at the office of the George W. Auch Company OR Livonia Administration Office; the low responsive bidder must be prepared to meet on these days.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board or Superintendent of the Livonia Public Schools. All bids must be accompanied by a signed and notarized statement to comply with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012 and the Equal Opportunity Form.

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

**Phillip Francis Director of Operations** Published: January 4, 2018

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#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

#### **Building Renovations - Summer 2018 Projects**

The Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools is accepting firm prime contractor bids for all labor, material, equipment and all other services to complete the work at Livonia Public Schools - Webster Elementary School, Buchanan Elementary School, Jackson Early Childhood Center, Career Technological Center, and various building entry elements.

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A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Thursday, January 11th, 2018 at 2:30pm starting at Livonia Career Technological Center (8985 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150). This walk through is not mandatory, but highly recommended. Please meet in the main entrance/ lobby

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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 Wavne, 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.

#### **MLK** peace event

The Citizens for Peace present "MLK and RFK: Calling to Conscience" with Rev. Rich Peacock at their first meeting of 2018. The program begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road.

The public is welcome to join the Rev. Rich Peacock as he speaks on the historic calls to conscience from Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy that form our strategies for overcoming "the giant triplets of racism, materialism (income inequality), and militarism. Peacock is a retired United Methodist pastor, co-chair of Peace Action of Michigan, and convener of the Detroit Area Peace with Justice Network. He chairs the annual MLK Celebration for Detroit area United Methodists.

For more information call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com.

#### **11th District Debate**

The Michigan Conservative Coalition and Lakes Area Tea Party will the open 11th District Congressional seat, event coordinator Maria Sheridan said. "Clearly we are excited to work with Lakes Area Tea Party to host such an important event for both the candidates and the voters."

For more information, contact Sheridan at 248-225-1846 or email info@michiganconservativecoalition.com. Event details on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ groups/222510174539264/

#### Introduction to **Biblical Greek class**

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile, in Livonia will host a class on the basics of the ancient Greek Language from 10:30 a.m. to noon each Saturday, Jan. 13 to March 24.

The class will cover the basics of the ancient Greek language used in the Septuagint and New Testament, including the Greek alphabet, pronunciation, accents, nouns, definite articles, pronouns, present tense verbs, adjectives and prepositional phrases. Cost is \$24 for the textbook "A Primer of Biblical Greek" by N. Clayton Croy. Students must preregister to ensure the correct number of textbooks are ordered.

Contact the Rev. Joseph Marquis at 734-522-3166 for more information and to register.

#### **Classes at St. Michael the** Archangel

St. Michael's, 11441 Hubbard, in Livonia presents the following classes. For more information. contact the parish office at 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to www.livoniastmichael.org.

» "Calling Them Home," for all parents, grandparents, siblings and others who are interested in helping loved ones find their way home to the Church in which they were raised. Fourweek series meeting each Wednesday, Jan. 10-31, in the cafeteria.

» Praise, Prayer, and Worship services are held 7 p.m. the second Friday of each month. The next PPW will be held Jan. 12 and will include Eucharistic Adoration, confidential prayer teams and communal intercessory prayer. » Revelation Bible Study continues 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the school cafeteria. The series is taught by Michigan Catholic columnist Gary Michuta.

#### AREA EVENTS

#### **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. This month's speaker

is retired Sgt. Robert Haig of the Detroit Police Department, who discuss real life police procedures based on his many years of experience. The event will take place at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road.

For more information, go to http://livonia neighborsandfriends. tripod.com.

#### Livonia's 100 Days to Health

Registration in underway for Livonia's 100 Days to Health 2018 at the **Kirksey Recreation Cen**ter, 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.livonia

#### **Livonia Town Hall** speakers

parks.org.

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 Merriman Road, Livonia. Call 734-751-1898 for tickets between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

#### St. Mary 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 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 social 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.

#### **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 SaviorChristian-Church@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.

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Passages

host a debate for Republican candidates to succeed Rep. David Trott, R-Birmingham, and to represent Michigan's 11th **Congressional District at** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Emagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi (Twelve Mile Cross-

ing at Fountain Walk). This forum will be the first opportunity for voters to compare the candidates running for

State sending \$554M

in school refund

checks this month

Holiday deadlines are subject to change

Obituaries, Memories & Rememberances

#### TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

Name \*Halliday, June K.

**Death Date Arrangements** Age Town, State 90 Williamsburg 28-Dec Reynold Jonkhoff Funeral & Cremation Services \* Additional information in display obituaries Obituaries appear in print and online at www.legacy.com/obituaries/HometownLife



June K. Halliday

Paul Egan and Kathleen Gray **Detroit Free Press** USA TODAY NETWORK

The state of Michigan is planning to send \$554 million in refund checks for school employees Jan. 22, an official said.

The money, which pays back 3-percent deductions that were taken from the checks of school employees between 2010 and 2013, will be sent to school districts on that date, said Kurt Weiss, a spokesman for the Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

Those school districts will then make payments to individual school employees and former school employees eligible for the refunds, Weiss said.

In a long-awaited move, the Michigan Supreme Court ordered the money to be returned last month, ending years of court battles in which judges at all levels of Michigan systems sided with unions representing the school employees.

The money was in-tended to help pay for retiree health care, but the courts ruled the 2010 law that provided for the mandatory deductions was unconstitutional.

The Legislature passed a replacement law in 2012, which gives school employees an opt-out provision.

The state also posted on its website a series of answers to commonly asked questions about the deductions and refunds.

WILLIAMSBURG -December 28, 2017. Age 90. Beloved wife of the late William Hal-liday. Loving mother of daughter, Sherry L. Granader; son, David (Karen) Halliday; grandson Christopher (Renee) Halliday; great granddaughters, Emery and Evelyn. A memorial service will be held at Franklin Community Church in Franklin, MI, on January 5, 2018 at 11 am. Please share memories with the family by way of her "On-Line Guestbook" Reynolds-Jonkhoff. com.



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The Junior Pairs team of Jacob Nussle (left) and Cora DeWyre have been together for 30 months. ROBIN DEWYRE



# Pairs team DeWyre-Nussle climbing up the ranks

2018 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships this week in San Jose

#### Brad Emons Hometownlife.com

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Local skaters Cora DeWyre and Jacob Nussle have made their way to San Jose. DeWyre, a 15-year-old freshman at South Lyon East High School, and her partner, the 22-year-old Nussle of Fenton, were scheduled to compete on Monday starting with their short program in Junior Pairs at the 2018 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships held at Solar4America Ice in San Jose.

They are among 13 Junior Pairs teams competing for the title, which culminated with the free skate program on Wednesday.

DeWyre and Nussle are coming off a fifth-place showing at the Midwestern Sectional Championships, Nov. 15-18, at the Bloomington (Minn.) Ice Garden.

The team, which has only

been together for 30 months, placed eighth a year ago in the Novice Pairs at the U.S. Nationals in Kansas City, Mo.

"It's definitely been a grueling year," Nussle said. "We're still learning new tricks, still putting new stuff out there. It's been put into practice every day. We're still definitely in the daily grind. We've turning up the intensity in our practices as we get closer to competi-

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#### **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

# Coaches finds basketball talent in own back yard



New Harrison boys cage coach aims to keep 'pedal to the metal'

Michael Rosenbaum Special to Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Farmington Harrison's basketball team may have started the season 0-3, but if first-year coach Jarrell Ho-

gan has anything to say about it, the Hawks will soon be in high gear – literally.



Hogan, an assistant to Stefon Wilson

last season, says that no matter the team's personnel, any squad he coaches will always "be defensive-minded first. So we're going to pressure the team from the jump. We have a very athletic team here at Harrison this year, so we're going to use that to our (advantage) and we're just going to keep the pressure on every

Eyeing the rim during a recent game is Madonna University forward Davon Taylor. The Canton alum came over to the Crusaders after playing two seasons at Schoolcraft College. KELLY CIESLAK

#### Transfers helping with team's turnaround

Michael Rosenbaum Special to Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

After finishing 12-18 last season, Madonna University's men's basketball coaches didn't have to look far to find a fresh pool of talent.

Three Plymouth/Cantonarea standouts transferred to the Livonia-based school this season and have played key roles in the team's turnaround, helping the Crusaders begin the season 9-5. Additionally, a pair of Livonia Stevenson recruits hope to help Madonna maintain that improvement in future seasons.

The five newcomers join Salem grad Chris Dierker, a third-year starting senior forward who recently became Madonna's all-time leading rebounder, with 786 boards (all statistics are current through 14 games of this season).

Dierker, a three-time All-KLAA standout and an All-State selection as a Salem senior, has started all 14 games this year, averaging 11.9 points and a team-leading 6.5 re-

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Going to the rack for Madonna University is Jon Swift, a Salem grad. KELLY CIESLAK

be up-tempo, continuous motion. Our goal is to just wear everyone down and just be more conditioned."

team. Our offense is going to

Despite having a new head coach this season, Hogan stresses that it's not a transition year.

Having coached and played with Wilson in the past, Hogan says the two coaches' styles are complementary. As a result, Hogan building on top of Wilson's foundation, rather than tearing it down.

"I just put a little cherry on the top of (Wilson's framework) and took it up another notch," Hogan explains.

Hogan first came to Harrison last season. Previously, he played high school basketball at Cass Tech and Murray Wright in Detroit, before moving on to Division II St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va., where he lettered in football as well as basketball.

Hogan went on to play basketball at Algoma University in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario – that's where he teamed with Wilson – and made his coaching debut at a Sault Ste. Marie middle school.

Hogan returned to Michigan, where he coached some local AAU teams, as well as coaching elite fourth- through 12th-grade talent at Joe Dumars Fieldhouse in recent years, before joining Harrison last season.

Hogan lists River Rouge head coach Mark White, a two-time state champion, as a key coaching influence and mentor. And, despite being a similar age, Hogan also mentions Wilson as someone he looks up to.

"He's a young coach well beyond his years. ... A lot of

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# Northville's 12 triples sink South Lyon in tourney final

Mark Grimes leads way with 19 points in 60-55 triumph against Lions

#### Brad Emons Hometownlife.com

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

After getting limited playing time and minutes during his junior year, Northville's Mark Grimes is already making the most of his senior season just eight games in.

The 6-foot-4 senior guard scored a gamehigh 19 points as the 6-2 Mustangs connected on 12 three-pointers Thursday night en route to its fourth straight Northville Holiday Boys Basketball Tournament title with a 60-55 win over South Lyon.

"I think that was our best game of the year from the three-point line, for sure," said Grimes, who connected on four triples himself. "We were just looking to come off the down screens, swing the ball against the zone. ... that was the main thing. I think the big thing is when they went to zone (defense), swinging it from arc to arc was the big thing, and wing to

wing." Grimes was coming off a 17-point effort in a lopsided 82-31 semifinal win the previous night over Lincoln Park. He also scored a career-high 25 in a 61-45 KLAA Gold Division win Dec. 21 over Hartland.

"The off season I shot a lot, tried to work on my handles a little bit, work defensively getting low, get a little bit stronger," said Grimes, who made 6-of-9 shots from the floor and was 3-of-6 from the foul line.

Northville coach Todd Sander has noticed a big leap in Grimes' game early on in the season.

"He's always been a really good shooter, but over the last couple of weeks he's put a lot of time in with coach (Shaun) Dicken at attacking the rim and looking to score off of the dribble, so he's not just labeled a three-point shooter," Sander said. Grimes had plenty of support as senior pointguard Niko

Barach

added 17

including

points,



Grimes five rainbow-like threepointers.

Junior forward Steven Morrissey also scored in double figures with 11. "Niko was big to-

night," Sander said. "He has some experience going back to last year. We were a little bit shorthanded, but Niko took control and hit a couple of big shots today, too. Niko shoots it up to the rafters, but it was working tonight. It was good to see. He had a good couple of days and we really needed it, and he stepped up big time."

Grimes connected on a three-pointer with 4:30 left in the final quarter to give Northville its biggest lead of the game, 52-35, but South Lyon refused to fold.

Helped by a late technical foul, the Lions (5-2) implemented a full-court press and went on an 18-5 run pulling to within four, 57-53, with only 28.2 seconds left on a basket by senior guard Ben Call, who scored a team-high 18 points.

"It changed the game a little bit," Sander said of the technical assessed to Ryan Pumper, who after diving for a loose ball, shoved South Lyon's Noah Grimes to the floor. "It was unfortunate that it happened to Ryan that way. We didn't put him in a good spot with the decision that we made to throw the pass that we did."

South Lyon then came up with a steal, but couldn't capitalize as Call was whistled for a charge. Northville, however, missed two free throws with 15.3 seconds left.

Call drew a foul less than two seconds later and made a pair of foul shots closing the deficit to 58-55, but Northville's Daniel McLaughlin sank two free throws with only 12.3 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

"We're typically a very strong half-court man (defense) team, but the press certainly rattled them and we kind of put in a late game offense, too, where we tried to get Noah (Grimes) and Ben (Call) going downhill, get flatter and get some shooters in the corner even though we didn't make a lot of shots," South Lyon first-year coach Troy Weidman said.

Northville biggest blemish was committing a total of 20 turnovers. The Mustangs also struggled from the foul line late and went 10-of-18 (56 percent).

"Coleson White is really good at the top of that press," Weidman said. "He got three fouls in the first half. I wish he had a few more fouls so he could have been out there doing his thing. But he gave us some really good minutes from that standpoint."

Northville shot 51.3 percent from the field (19-of-37), including 12of-18 from beyond the arc. The Mustangs went 8-of-12 from three-point range during the first half to lead 34-24 at halftime.

"I told my guys if they duplicate that the second half, great for them," Weidman said. "My encouragement to them was to just stay in the fight, just continue to do what we do and show character regardless of what's going on. There were things that we could have done a little better, but we stayed together, played hard and were able to claw our way back in it in a game that we didn't necessarily shoot the ball the best and do some other things the best. So I was just proud of them for that.'

In addition to Call's 18, Noah Grimes added 13 points, while Will Kelley contributed nine. The Lions shot only 18-of-48 from the floor (37.5 percent), including just two 3-pointers, but made 19-of-24 free throws (79.1 percent).

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### MADONNA

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bounds per contest. He also helped open the area pipeline to Madonna by encouraging former Salem teammate Jon Swift join the squad.

After two seasons at Delta Community College, Swift was considering Madonna, along with some NCAA Division II schools. He was pleased to receive some texts from Dierker, suggesting that he check out Madonna. "Just knowing that he was interested in me coming and playing alongside of him his last year, that really helped my decision," Swift adds.

Swift was also impressed by his preseason visit to the school. He says that head coach Noel Emenhiser and the rest of the Crusaders' staff "really made me feel at home and they really showed me that they cared more about levelopment person versus me just being a basketball player. And I really liked that a lot. It made me more comfortable with my decision because I felt like they were going to help me grow more as a person." After committing to Madonna, Swift rapidly pivoted into a recruiting role, helping to convince Canton grad Davon Tay-lor and Plymouth High alum Josh Reynolds to join the Crusaders. "When I saw that Jon Swift committed, I talked to him and he told me that I should come here too," Taylor recalls. "And then we also talked with Josh Reynolds and he said that he was going to come here too. Swift is the only Crusader other than Dierker to start all 14 games. The junior guard is the team's ironman, averaging 28 minutes per contest. He's scored 10.9 points per game while shooting 48.8 percent from the floor.



Madonna University senior standout Chris Dierker goes in for a score. He is a Salem grad. KELLY CIESLAK

Taylor, a junior forward, transferred after playing two years at Schoolcraft College. He's started three times this season, averaging 10.7 points and 6.2 rebounds per game. Reynolds is a sophomore guard who transferred from Wayne State. He's made eight starts and leads the team in scoring at 13.3 points per contest. Reynolds is the team's key outside gunner, shooting 48.5 percent overall, and 47.2 percent from three-point range.

The presence of the local group has helped Madonna play "a lot better this year," Dierker says. "We have a lot better team chemistry."

"We were already familiar with each other," Swift adds. "Me, Davon, Josh we were already close before we all committed, so it really helps out a lot."

The team also boasts a pair of Livonia Stevenson graduates. Freshman guard Ian Knoph has seen limited action in seven games so far, averaging a point per contest, while another freshman guard, Noah Campbell, hasn't played and will likely redshirt.

Madonna, which plays

mertime voluntary shoo-

in the NAIA, was a disappointing 7-15 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference last season, but the Crusaders are already 4-3 in conference play this year. That's thanks in part to Reynolds, who hit the biggest shot of Madonna's season so far, draining what proved to be the winning threepointer in a 78-76 victory at conference rival University of Northwest Ohio.

As the team prepared to end a 10-game holiday break and return to action last week, Taylor predicted that the second half of the season will be even better than the first.

"We have huge potential," Taylor says, "I see it coming."

"I think we're growing more as a team, every day, every game that we play," Swift adds. "We're just still learning more about each other, just learning who works well with each other. ... We will gel more as a team. I'm very confident that we will have a great season."



Ian Knoph, a 2017 graduate of Livonia Stevenson, dribbles up the floor for Madonna University.



Madonna University's Josh Reynolds takes a jumper. He is a Plymouth alum. KELLY CIESLAK

#### HOGAN

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our style reflects what he instilled in this program since he took over." "We wanted to keep the things that we have from Coach Wilson," Hogan continues, "but we also started – from sumtaround, the guys just working out playing against each other – we wanted to get back to the basics. So we just tried to wipe everything that we could out of the kids' memories and all the bad habits they picked up over the years, and get back to the basics. So we've gotten back to the basics and now it's time to move forward and learn new things and more complex things that'll make us a team to be reckoned with in this league."

Despite posting a disappointing record in 2016-17, Hogan believes that "last year was a good year. I know our record didn't reflect it, but this program took leaps and bounds. And because of that, the kids knew what to expect this year. And I'm so proud of them. I told them the other day, over Christmas, I was so proud of those guys."

So what does Hogan see from the Harrison program moving forward?

"I'm real excited to

see how everything plays itself out this year," he says. "Because I really just think this team is very smart, very fundamentally sound, and they're very athletic. So we're going to keep our pedal to the metal. We have a great group of guys, and good senior leadership – we have a couple of four-year guys, Sean Nelson and Trey Walker, along with Chris Rexroth, who's an Ivy League prospect for football. So we have a lot of different guys at all different positions that are just solid players and good guys, and the younger guys are taken under their wings. And it's looking great."

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# Northville girls cagers stymie short-handed Skyline

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Sometimes being just O.K. is good enough.

And that was the case Thursday night as Northville repeated at home as the Holiday tournament girls basketball champion with a 35-29 win over a depleted Ann Arbor Skyline squad, which suited up only five players.

"We're 6-2 and we know we can compete with just everybody on our schedule if we're playing at our maximum capacity," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "And that's what it's going to take to finish out the season."

The Mustangs won despite 20 turnovers and 15-of-43 shooting from the floor (34.8 percent).

"Taking care of the basketball, taking high quality shots and trying to get to the rim more instead of settling for outside shots all the time," Gudith said of his team's laundry list of things to improve upon.

Nine different players for Northville scored led by senior point-guard Kendall Dillon, who in her fourth season on the varsity, finished with a team-high eight points. Sophomore center Morgan Thompson added six.

"All those seniors are three- and four-year varsity players," Gudith said. "Games like tonight - when it's kind of a drag on everybody - you kind of need those kids to step up and use their leadership to take over."

Dillon is one of three senior starters returning off last year's 17-4 KLAA Central Division championship team along with Roan Haines and Jasmin Prince.

"The transition has been really good," Dillon said. "We were a little bit

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Fourth-year varsity guard Kendall Dillon had eight points in Northville's 35-29 Holiday Tournament win over Skyline. FILE PHOTO

shaky at first, but once we started playing more together in practice and in games, I think we all started to mesh pretty well. We've got some young players, but the older players are bringing it along pretty good, so it's going well."

Northville never trailed in the game leading 6-5 after one quarter, 19-15 at halftime and 27-17 after three quarters.

"I think just think we

tried to tire them out as much as we could since they had no bench, I guess," Dillon said. "We just tried to really take it to them in the first half. But they did really well for having only five players out there, so I give them credit."

Turnovers have been the biggest issue so far for the Mustangs. "I think we just need

to take care of the ball better, focus on passing and dribbling better," Dillon said. "I think our shots were a little off. We had trouble attacking the zone (defense) from the outside. I just think we need to break them apart a little bit more so they come out and man defense. Hopefully we get the shots straightened out in the future. We saw a 1-3-1 last week against Hartland and that was pretty tough up against them. Yes, zones are an issue.'

Skyline (1-9) dressed

only six players in a 38-36 opening round victory Dec. 27 over South Lyon East, but lost another player to injury for the final.

Coach Johnnie Horne has a 10-player roster, but that number was cut in half during the twoday Northville Holiday Tournament.

"Two are hurt," he said. "We have a softball player . . . that's her number one sport, so she let us know coming in she couldn't play here this week. Then we had a couple on vacation."

Horne opted to go with just five players instead of dipping down into the JV ranks.

"The reason I didn't is because we had eight JV girls playing," he said. "And then won (the semifinal), so they were playing for the championship today. So I didn't want to leave her (coach Jakeyla Ford) with five or six players on my account, so that's the reason why I didn't."

Freshman Lauren Courtright paced the Eagles with nine points, while sophomore Renee Faulkner added eight. Twin sister Janee Faulker chipped in with six.

"I thought we did exceptional," Horne said. "South Lyon East is an exceptional team and Northville is a tough team. I was actually looking forward to this game ... I want to be careful because I don't want to say we struggled the first eight, nine games. We did, but we had bright spots, so coming in we said, 'Let's see where at against a Northville team that's been pretty successful over the years.' And I thought we handled ourselves pretty well.'

Horne took all of his allotted six timeouts to give his "Iron Five" some timely breathers.

"I tried to save the timeouts when I saw them gasping for air or when there was a dead ball situation where they gave me everything for loose ball, just to say, 'I've got your back," he said. "Those are the times I wanted to use them and I used them all."

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South Lyon's Hagenbach Super Senior Golfer of Year

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good guys to play with in the tournaments." Tom Werkmeister of Championship at his home course. He used a hot putter to shoot a closplays golf multiple times each week. "I enjoy the competitive aspect. It

Rick Hagenbach of South Lyon and Oak Pointe Country Club found more time to golf after age 50, and found competition in Golf Association of Michigan senior tournaments after age 60.

He has it figured out, and was recently named the Golf Association of Michigan's Super Senior Golfer of the Year by Ken Hartmann, senior director of rules and competitions for the GAM.

"I feel honored with the designation, it's great," said the 68-yearold Hagenbach, who has been retired from Gener-

South Lyon's Rick Hagenbach is the Golf Association of Michigan's Super Senior Golfer of the Year. GREGORY JOHNSON

al Motors for nine years. "I'm really pleased with the Golf Association of Michigan and the way they run tournaments, and there is really great competition. There are so many good players and

Grandville and Aya Johnson of North Muskegon were previously announced as the men's and women's players of the year, while Randy Lewis of Alma and Julie Massa of Holt were named the top senior players of the year.

The winners will receive their awards in the spring at the GAM's annual meeting for 2017. Honorees are determined based on the GAM Honor Roll, which awards points for tournament accomplishments.

Hagenbach's key accomplishment among the Super Senior age 65-plus set was winning the Third GAM Super Senior shots.

He finished with 160 Honor Roll points for the season topping last year's Super Senior Player of the Year John French of Bloomfield Hills, who had 128.

Jim Russell of Stevensville and Point O'Woods Golf & Country Club, and Lawrence Hogard of Flint and the Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association rounded out the top four. See the complete Honor Roll at gam.org.

"Since I retired I've been able to focus on playing golf," said Hagenbach, who winters near Sarasota, Fla., and gets the adrenalin going It keeps me in better shape. I play in three or four GAM tournaments each year and I really enjoy the four-ball tournaments."

Hartmann called Hagenbach a personable, friendly golfer.

"He is a very consistent player," he said. "The Super Senior being at Oak Pointe helped him some, but he plays well at other places and is usually in the running. He is one of those regular top 10, top 15 guys who are that age, have their health and can really play. It's not a surprise that he is Player of the Year."

### PAIRS

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tions."

DeWyre and Nussle, representing the Ice House Skating Academy under the direction of Michelle Hunt, train at three different venues including the Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton, the Hartland Sports Center and the Detroit Skating Club, "which has definitely helped out a ton," Nussle said.

At the DSC, they have been under the direction of two coaches including Laura Lepzinski, a threetime Senior National competitor in pairs, along with Craig Joeright, a seven-time National competitor who was on the U.S. Interna-

### tional team from 1998-2000.

"Craig is our pairs coach," Nussle said. "He's a really good skater and has coached some pretty good teams. She (Lepzinski) helps clean up our program with our choreography. She does a lot more on the finishing touches on the programs and she does some similar things to Craig. Craig works more on our tricks and works more on the programs that we do."

DeWyre has been taking an hour's worth of online classes at East to allow her more time to practice each day between 2-4 p.m.

"It's just been kind of the same as last year," she said. "Our lifts are at a little bit harder levels. Our double twists are getting a little bit bigger. We're working on the



The junior pairs team of Cora DeWyre (left) and Jacob Nussle competed in the Junior Pairs at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships this week in San Jose, Calif. ROBIN DEWYRE

height on them. We work on them at the DSC and then also with our main coach Michelle (Hunt). I've been working on jumps by myself and then perfecting my spins, getting faster to match Jacob's."

Nussle recently switched to new skates and has switched his off-ice workouts to Anytime Fitness in Hamburg.

"My expectations ... it's our first year in Juniors and we're competing against some really good teams and skaters," he said, "but I think anything can happen."

"Do You Know the Way to San Jose" was the 1968 popular song written and composed for singer Dionne Warwick by Burt Bacharach, who composed the music, while Hal David, who wrote the lyrics. The song was Warwick's biggest international hit, selling over a million copies and winning Warwick her first Grammy Award.

DeWyre and Nussle hope to be a big hit next week in San Jose.

This year's U.S. Nationals also has an added significance. It's also an Olympic year and much is at stake this week in San Jose for the Senior Dance, Pairs, Men's Singles and Women's Singles competitors hoping to earn spots on the U.S. team this February in Pyeonchang, South Korea.

Meanwhile, the 2022 Winter Olympics is scheduled for Beijing, China and by that year DeWyre and Nussle hope make it on Senior stage as well.

This is just the first step and it will be their first appearance in the Juniors.

"We're hoping for the top 10, and to perform clean programs, and try our best," DeWyre said.

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