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Canton resident a finalist for Grammy

Churchill High School teacher is one of 10 nominees

Ed Wright

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What do Drake, Cardi B and Livonia Churchill music teacher Elizabeth Hering have in common?

They're all in the running to win a 2019 Grammy Award — a distinction not even Taylor Swift can claim.

Nominated along with 2,800 other music teachers for the 2019 Music Educator Award, an annual honor sponsored by the Recording Academy and Grammy Museum, Hering has defied the odds and reached the final 10.

The Canton resident received the

good news Dec. 6, but she had to keep it a secret until the complete list of Grammy nominees was released Dec. 11.

"I was in my classroom early (Dec. 6) when my cellphone rang and the caller I.D. said the call was from Santa Monica, Calif.," Hering said. "I don't get good reception in the school, so I let it go to voice mail."

Unfortunately, Hering's voice mail

"When I Googled the number, it showed the call was from the National Recording Studio," she said. "So, I went out to my car - it was about 20 degrees,

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Elizabeth Hering's instrumental music program at Churchill High School received a grant to bring in a guest composer and other special commissions to coordinate with the grand opening of Churchill's new theater in November 2018. LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Students were the big winners in Bentley Elementary School's picture book challenge.

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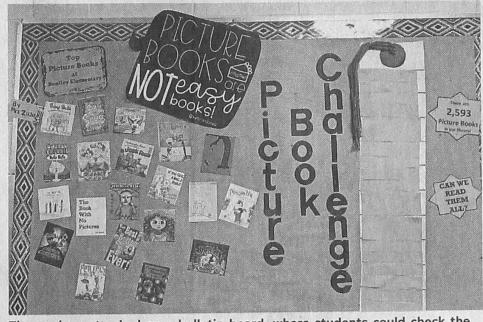
Book challenge had Bentley students reading in record numbers

November was National Picture Book Month and Bentley Elementary School decided to celebrate in a big way.

Every student ages 4-11 and in grades Young 5 through fifth was challenged to read more picture books throughout the month. The school's media specialist set up the challenge to see if, as an entire school, all 2,643 picture books could be read in a one-month time span.

It seemed almost impossible at first, but the school's media specialist, Shannon Way, promoted teamwork and students flocked to the library multiple days in a week to complete the chal-

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The goal was tracked on a bulletin board, where students could check the progress.

Canton public safety veterans retire

Matt Jachman

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Canton Township is saying goodbye to four public safety veterans: two po-

lice officers, a police sergeant and a fire de partment captain.

The retirements of Thomas Champagne, Randall Rankin, Dan Traylor and George "Matt" Mearnic were Champagne announced Nov. 30 by Joshua Meier, Canton's public safety director.

"The public safety department is losing these four solid employees who have dedicated the last 20-plus years of their lives to protecting Rankin the people and property in our community," Meier said in a press re-

lease. Rankin began his career with the police department in 1992. He worked in several specialty units, including Traylor the bicycle unit and the rapid response unit, and was a field training officer, patrolling with newly hired officers to help them learn the township and the department's policies and procedures. Rankin also worked in the department's accident investigation unit, examining traffic crashes

for possible criminal prosecution. Police said Rankin was known for his good humor, his ability to ease stressful situations and for being a mentor to younger officers.

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Citizens Bank invites local nonprofits to apply for funding

As part of its ongoing commitment to give people the confidence and tools they need to budget, save, invest, be fiscally healthy and ultimately inspire them to pursue new and greater goals, Citizens Bank is now accepting applications from nonprofits for critical financial literacy services that help people better manage their money.

Through Dec. 31, organizations throughout the bank's 11-state retail banking footprint - including Michigan are invited to submit an application for funding as part of the bank's Citizens Helping Citizens Manage Money financial literacy initiative. Eligible financial literacy activities include:

- Basics of banking, asset building
- Budgeting
- Homeownership counseling
- Foreclosure prevention
- Credit management and repair pro-

■ Financial management for small businesses

In 2018, Citizens awarded 81 nonprofit organizations more than \$1.5 million in contributions through Citizens Helping Citizens Manage Money. The program also leveraged the financial expertise of Citizens' bankers, included volunteer outreach by Citizens' colleagues and a social media campaign that shared financial tips about topics such as goal-setting, saving, and managing credit.

To be considered for funding, eligible nonprofits in the communities served by Citizens Bank should submit an online application by Dec. 31. Recipients will be announced during Financial Literacy Month in April 2019. For more informationlication, go to www.citizensbank.com/community/ financial-literacy.aspx.

Retire

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Traylor was hired as an officer in 1993. He had also been a field training officer and had several special assignments during his career, including as a rifle instructor, a member of the western Wayne County special operations team and the partner and handler of a K-9 officer, Lefty, for seven years.

Promoted to sergeant in 2013, Traylor was with the detective bureau for four years, supervising daily criminal investigations as well as the township's ordinance officers.

Champagne had been a Canton officer since 1998. Like Traylor and Rankin, he had also been a field training officer and had been a member of the honor guard, a motorcycle officer, a detective and a member of the rapid response unit. Most recently, he was an undercover detective assigned to a federal task force investigating major

felonies.

Police said Champagne was meticulous and compassionate on the job and had received many complimentary notes from citizens he had encountered.

Mearnic was hired as a firefighter in 1998. He was initially a firefighter/paramedic, assigned to an ambulance and providing emergency medical assistance, then an operator, running the fire engines and pumper trucks at fire

Promoted to captain in 2013, Mearnic was most recently an administrator who also managed a crew of firefighters. Mearnic also took on several extra projects, including updating the fire department's mapping system, according to the public safety department.

"Each of these men brought distinct personal attributes to the department and their presence will be notably missed," Meier said.

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According to Way, students "loved so many of the picture books and were excited to be reading." Finally, the morning of Nov. 30, every single one of the picture books had been checked out of the library and read by students

"This was an amazing challenge," Way said. "It was so fun to see students so excited about reading books they had never even heard of. We had more students coming in daily to check out new books than ever before. It was wonder-

This challenge allowed students to check out 2,000 more books in a month than they typically do, based on circulation statistics. And in addition to new books being put into students' hands, this challenge helped all students with their literacy skills as picture books, Way said, offer benefits that no other type of book can offer.

- Visual literacy skills
- Improve vocabulary
- Learn story structure and sequenc-

narrative/storytelling Develop skills

Encourages creative thinking

"Picture books are an amazing way to improve visual literacy skills, because every page is filled with pictures that give more detail to the story than the words," Way said. "And because the average picture book only has about 500 words, an author must craft each and every word, sentence and paragraph with care.'

Picture book writers must distill language to its very essence. This is why the text in a picture book is often rich, evocative and engaging. "Hearing this type of language will enrich a child's language development and vocabulary skills," Way said.

In addition, picture books - with their rich language and pictures that expand on that language - allow for a visual/verbal pattern on each page that is unique to picture books. This type of pattern and sequencing helps to build the neurological pathways in a child's brain. This simple structure also allows students to hear story structure and help them develop their narrative and story-telling skills.

"It was so fun to see students so excited about reading books they had never even heard of. ... It was wonderful."

Shannon Way Bentley media specialist

Furthermore, multi-sensory learning is critical during the early childhood years and no other book genre offers this kind of sensory-based experience, according to Way. While listening to and looking at a picture book, a child sees the pictures, hears the words, touches the pages (or other tactile features, such as touch-and-feel books).

"No other type of books give children the opportunity to experience a story on so many sensory levels," Way said. "This deep immersion in the story allows students to really engage with a story and develop their critical thinking skills about the story. Picture books are not easy books and they aren't just for little kids."



Here's where to find Santa Claus this weekend

David Veselenak

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Naughty or nice list this year? This is the last weekend to find out.

If you haven't taken the little ones to see Santa Claus yet this year, we don't need to tell you this is the last weekend to do so before the North Pole's most famous resident makes his annual trip around the globe.

If you don't know where to look for good ol' Kris Kringle, here's where you can head this weekend across the Hometown Life area before the big days comes Tuesday.

Head to the malls in Livonia, Westland, Novi

The traditional location to visit Santa is the area's shopping malls this holiday season and he'll be making visits with the children at several area shopping centers until Christmas Eve.

Stop by Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile in Livonia, to see Santa near the food court. He'll be around from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the week, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. He'll also be around from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas Eve.

If you're around Westland, Santa will hold court at the Westland Shopping



Kaleigh Swindell visits with Santa Claus. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Center, 35000 Warren, as well. He'll visit with children from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday for Christmas Eve.

Children can enlist in Santa's Flight Academy if they visit Twelve Oaks mall, 27500 Novi Road in Novi, before Christmas. Santa will be available during the mall's open hours until Christmas Eve, where he'll be visiting with children who are in line by 3 p.m. In addition, Mrs. Claus will also be around Friday, Satur-

day and Sunday as well.

Santa House in Plymouth

If you're in the Plymouth area, be sure to head downtown Saturday to visit the jolly elf.

Santa will be at his house in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. He'll hear from children from noon until 4 p.m.

While there, families can also check out the Walk of Trees, which has plenty of decorated Christmas trees. That event remains open until Jan. 1.

Santa visits in downtown Birmingham

Near Woodward this weekend? Santa will be in Birmingham, too.

The Santa House will open again this weekend in Shain Park in downtown Birmingham. Come visit St. Nick in the house at the pavilion at the park, where he'll be available from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

The home is accessible to all, though those needing some special accommodations are encouraged to contact the Birmingham Shopping District at 248-530-1200 beforehand.

Santa stops by downtown Milford

Santa's coming to visit at Village Center Mall in downtown Milford, right behind the Village Toy Shoppe, at 400 N. Main Street, next to Center Street Park.

He'll be there 6-8 p.m. Friday and again 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

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Grammy

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so I froze — and called them back. When they told me I was a finalist for the award, I was pretty stunned."

Born and raised in the Northwest, Hering earned an undergraduate degree at Willamette University in Salem, Ore. She secured her master's degree at Northwestern University in Evansville, Ill. before starting her 19-years-andrunning teaching career in southeast Michigan, the past 18 at Churchill.

To say Hering is just a teacher would be comparable to calling a spectacular rainbow singular in color. She also is the team leader for the Livonia Public Schools district music department, lead instructor for the Churchill marching band and is president of the Michigan School Band Orchestra Association.

What does Hering enjoy best?

"Everything," she said with a chuckle. "Everyday, I have the opportunity to do something I love. I never look at the clock. I'm always busy and I love working with the kids."

The feeling is mutual, according to Churchill junior Evelyn Sowerby, a drum major with the Chargers marching band and a trumpet player in music class.

"Ms. Hering is amazing with how she keeps the band program running smoothly," Sowerby said. "She's always helping students and giving advice.

She's just so smart.

"When I went to drum major camp last summer, I could tell the other students there hadn't been lucky enough to have the same level of instruction I've received from Ms. Hering. She's amazing."

Churchill sophomore tuba player Marcus Phillips concurred with Sower-

"She makes the class interesting without getting too serious," Phillips said. "She makes everybody laugh, but when it's time to work, she knows how to get everyone focused."

Hering is also off-the-charts humble, both students agreed.

"She didn't even mention she was a finalist (for the Grammy Award) in class," Sowerby said. "I saw it on Facebook today, otherwise I wouldn't have known. That's just the kind of person she is."

Hering has already won \$1,000 for herself and an additional \$1,000 for the LPS music program. If she ends up winning the final award, she'll be invited to Los Angeles for nationally-televised show.

Sowerby said she wouldn't be surprised if her favorite music teacher does win

"If she wins it all, I think she should take all of us to Los Angeles with her," Sowerby said with a smile.

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Brinkerhoff joins DIC as new CEO

The Detroit Institute for Children Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of Roxanne Brinkerhoff as the agency's new chief executive officer, effective Oct. 1, succeeding Marge LaRuffa, who recently re-

With nearly 20 years' experience providing visionary and strategic leadership in the field of child and family services, Brinkerhoff is uniquely qualified to help take the Institute to the "next level" in terms of serving children with special needs across southeast Michigan and the state.

Among her previous positions, she served as chief operating officer at Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan and as senior director with The Guidance Center, a



Brinkerhoff

multi-faceted human services agency serving nearly 25,000 children and adults annually at 23 Downriver locations. While with The Guidance Center, she was responsible for all operations within Autism Services and the Center for Early Childhood, Center for Excellence and Children's Advocacy Center.

A graduate of the University of Michigan and Leadership Detroit XXXVII, Brinkerhoff also serves in a volunteer capacity as vice chair of the Wayne County Great Start Collaborative. She and her husband reside in New Boston with their two children.

Based in Commerce Township, the nearly 100-year-

old Detroit Institute for Children is an innovative nonprofit organization that annually provides more than 45,000 hours of services to children with special needs. With therapeutic programs that include speech language pathology, occupational and physical therapies, social work, psychological services, and special education consulting, DIC treats the whole child, not just the disability, in a comprehensive, cost-effective

For more information about DIC and its programs, go to www.detroitchildren.org.

Saint Joseph Mercy names new VP

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System announced the appointment of David Ripple of Plymouth Township to vice president of development, effective Dec. 1. In his new role, Ripple has assumed executive leadership over the design and implementation of strategic fundraising initiatives which support the health system's

five southeast Michigan hospitals, six urgent care facilities and more than 25 specialty centers.

"We are excited to have a proven fundraiser join our executive team," said Rob Casalou, president and CEO of Mercy Health and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. "David's experience developing large, sustainable fundraising programs will be instrumental as we continue our mission of being a compassionate and transforming healing presence in the communities we serve.'

Throughout his 25-year career in philanthropy, Ripple has focused his expertise on fundraising, team building and strategic partnerships. For the past three years he has served as president of The Remington Group, a leader in philanthropy consulting, helping regional and national non-profits develop sustainable fundraising programs to fulfill their missions.

As vice president for development at Ohio State University, Ripple led the fundraising staff for a portion of the \$3 billion But for Ohio State campaign, partnering with the university's academic leaders and development teams and collaborating with key volunteer

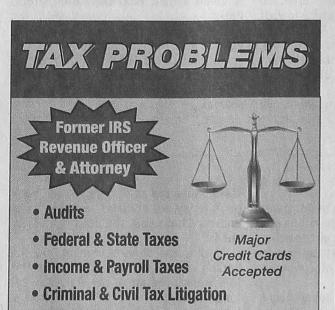
leaders to increase support for the university. He helped lead Ohio State to its second largest fundraising year in the university's history in 2014-15 as friends and alumni gave a total of \$405.5 million. Prior to that, Ripple served as Ripple Wayne State University's vice president of development and alumni affairs,

where he led the successful conclusion of its first comprehensive campaign, Wayne First, rais-

ing \$500 million. Ripple was director of major gifts in Saint Joseph

Mercy Health System's Office of Development from 2000-02. During this time, he partnered with executives, physicians, development staff and volunteer leaders to engage the community in support of St. Joe's, including St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor's successful Campaign for Women's Health.

Ripple has provided counsel through CCS fundraising, directed development work at the American Red Cross and Angela Hospice and served as an adjunct assistant professor at Madonna University. He earned his master's degree in English from Eastern Michigan University and dual bachelor's degrees in journalism and public relations from Madonna University.



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ENGLISH GARDENS ACQUIRES PLYMOUTH NURSERY



English Gardens has acquired Plymouth Nursery, 9900 Ann Arbor Road West. The announcement was made jointly by John Darin (right), president of English Gardens, and Jeff Jones, owner of Plymouth Nursery. This marks English Gardens sixth location in the Detroit area. The family-owned company operates stores in Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights, Eastpointe, Royal Oak/Troy and West Bloomfield. English Gardens will continue to operate the landscaping portion of the business, as well. Plymouth Nursery will close Dec. 30 and re-open on March 1, 2019, as English Gardens Plymouth Nursery. After owning the company for 32 years, Jones will be retiring. For more information, go to www.EnglishGardens.com.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES

To book an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Dec. 23 - 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Gurdwara Temple, 3310 Canton Center Road, Canton

Dec. 24 - 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Emagine Theatre, 39535 Ford Road,

Dec. 26 - Noon to 6 p.m., Resurrection Church, 48755 Warren Road, Can-

Dec. 26 — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Can-

Jan. 2 - 1-7 p.m., Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth

Jan. 7 — Noon to 6 p.m., USA Hockey (drive at Holiday Inn Express, 15100 Beck Road), Plymouth

Jan. 8 - Noon to 6 p.m., Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Can-

Jan. 13 — 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Jan. 17 - 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Gardner White, 39453 Ford Road, Canton

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Plymouth Zoning Board of Appeals Notice Thursday, January 3, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. **Plymouth City Hall Commission Chambers**

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A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider

> Z19-01 990 Linden Fence exceeding 30" in the front yard on S. Harvey Street side Non-Use Variance Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential District Applicant: Alan Metzger

Z19-03 813 Forest Side yard setback Non-Use Variance Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential District Applicant: Bryan Blasch

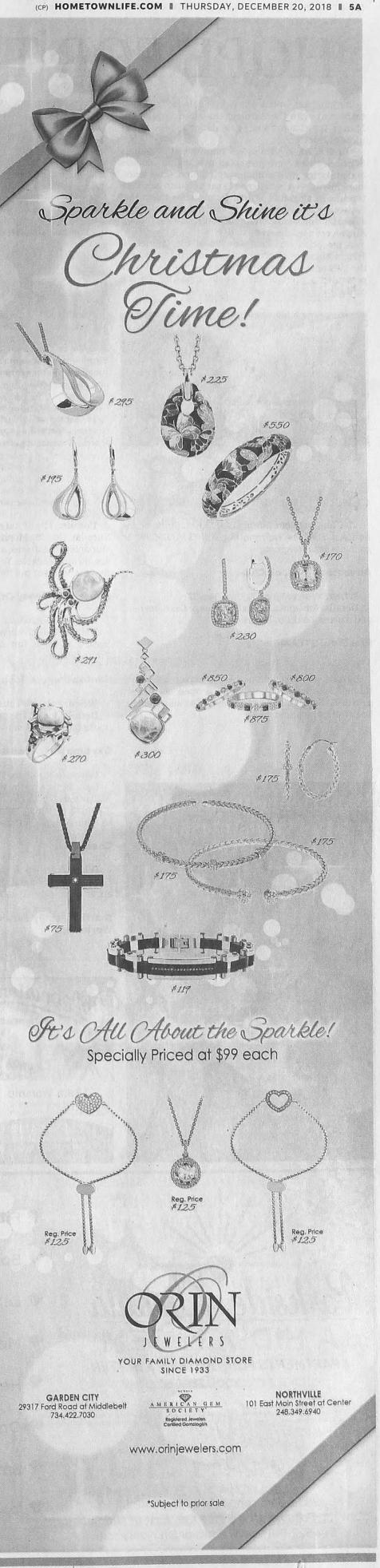
INSURANCE

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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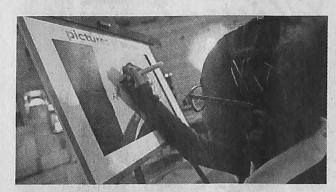


HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Birmingham photojournalist Linda Solomon teamed up with the Birmingham-based Eugene and Marcia Applebaum Family Foundation to present Pictures of Hope.

On Oct. 20, 10 youngsters from Cass Community Social Services were presented new digital cameras and an assignment to photograph their dreams in images. Mentors were assigned to each child to help capture the photographs. Prints from photos taken that day were made into a greeting card gift set and are for sale at https://casscommunity.org/picturesofhope/. All proceeds will benefit CCSS.

A reception was held Nov. 28 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, where the kids once again met with their mentors and were presented a print of their photo appearing on the cards.





Birmingham photojournalist Linda Solomon held a reception at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History for her Pictures of Hope program benefiting Cass Community Social Services. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Left: Taylor, 10, signs her Pictures of Hope print chosen to be part of a collection of greeting cards to benefit Cass Community Social Services. The photos taken by 10 children from CCSS depicting their hopes and dreams is part of a project by Birmingham photojournalist Linda Solomon and backed by the Eugene and Marcia Applebaum Family Foundation. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

The Canton Public Library is at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, call 734-397-0999 or go to www.cantonpl.org.

Advanced ELL Book Club

When: Noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21
Details: Advanced English Language Learners read
and discuss books in English.

Preschool STEAM

When: 2-3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21

Details: This program, which explores biology through learning about penguins, is open to children ages 3-5. Sponsored by All Saints Catholic School. Registration required.

Sunday Mornings @ 10:10 AM Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 5 PM Impact Center 8 PM Formal Sanctuary Plymouth First United Methodist Church 45201 N. Territorial Rd Plymouth, MI www.pfumc.org 734.453.5280

Library closed for holidays

Details: The library is closed Monday, Dec. 24; Tuesday, Dec. 25; Monday, Dec. 31; and Tuesday, Jan. 1. Our online databases, steaming services and e-media are always available. You can also check due dates, renew materials or put items on hold using My Account.

Dance Your Fanny Off

through dance.

When: 10-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27
Details: Caregivers with new walkers up to age 5 are invited to have fun and build gross motor skills

Canton Seniors Book Discussion

When: 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27
Details: Recap the group's most loved (and hated)
books of the year over warm drinks and treats.

Daytime Dungeons & Dragons Gaming Club

When: 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27

Details: Have fun while meeting and socializing with others who enjoy role-playing games. All playing materials provided, but feel free to bring your own dice or Fifth Edition Character Sheet. Ages 9 and up.

Chess Plus

When: 3:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 Details: Play classic board games like chess, checkers and mancala. Ages 7 and up.

Starfish Family Services Early Literacy Workshops



When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of each onth

Details: SFS provides free, high-quality, early literacy training to day care providers, caregivers and parents. They teach topics, this month's being Curiosity and Questioning: Preschool Science, developed by the independent non-profit HighScope Educational Research Foundation.

Teen Boredom Busters

When: For five or 50 minutes, any time

Details: Students who need a brain break after school can learn something new, meet a friend, relieve stress and have fun in our Teen Space with passive or planned activities.

Family Storytimes

When: 10-10:30 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and 7-7:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday

Details: Family Storytime allows caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. With a Youth Librarian, build early literacy skills through meaningful stories, songs, and play.

NHS Tutoring

When: 1-3 p.m. each Sunday and 6-8 p.m. each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Details: NHS students from P-CCS provide homework help for students in grades 3-12.

Computer Skills Help for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. each Saturday, 3:30-5:30 p.m. each Sunday and 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday

Details: Experts are on hand to answer questions or connect you to additional resources.

On the Spot Tech Help

When: 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday 3:30-5:30 p.m. each Sunday

Details: Tech-savvy volunteers lend a hand with computer and smartphone problems that you just can't figure out.

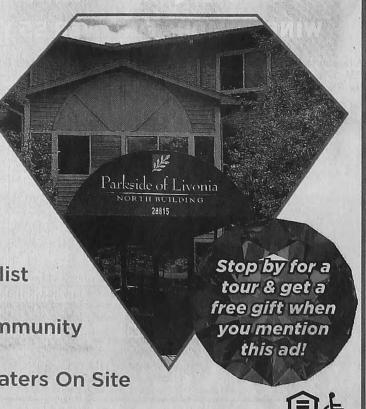
Board Gaming League of Canton

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Salvation Army donations falling short of goal

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit is encouraging the community to give generously during the last few weeks of the nonprofit's 2018 Red Kettle Campaign. The Salvation Army is reporting it's nearly 20 percent down in red kettle donations. Total contributions to date are lagging behind projections to reach its \$8.2 million fundraising goal.

"With 14 percent of Michigan residents living in poverty, we simply can't afford to miss making our goal this year," said Maj. Russ Sjögren, general secretary and metro Detroit area commander for The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit. "We are counting on the generosity of metro Detroiters to help us keep doing the most good this Christmas season and throughout the entire year."

Storefront red kettle donations, online and direct mail contributions, as well as major corporate and individual gifts, contribute to the annual end-ofthe-year campaign goal. Funds will help The Salvation Army continue providing critical programs and services including

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit encouraging the community to give nerously during the last few weeks of e nonprofit's 2018 Red Kettle Camign. The Salvation Army is reporting

There are several easy ways to give and help those in need in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties:

- Go to www.salmich.org
- Text SALMICH to 41444
- **■** Call 877-SAL-MICH

Mail a check or money order, made payable to The Salvation Army, to 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, MI 48075

Volunteer opportunities are still available to ring bells at hundreds of storefront Salvation Army red kettles around metro Detroit. Kettle donations account for more than one-third of all contributions. With this year's goal, that's more than \$2.2 million in jeopardy when the red kettles are unmanned. Those interested in volunteering can go to www.ringbell.org to register for shifts through Monday, Dec. 24, excluding Sundays.

AREA EVENTS

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

Living Nativity

Lake Pointe Bible Church, 42150 Schoolcraft, in Plymouth is hosting its annual free Living Nativity experience 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22. Come experience a live manger scene that includes the babe in swaddling clothes with Marry and Joseph, young shepherds watching over their flocks of sheep and goats and wise men bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The hallelujah chorus will sing praises and a fire will help keep visitors warm. Refreshments will be available. The Living Nativity will proceed rain or shine. Parking is available in the rear lot. Overflow parking is available across the street at the Plymouth Senior Station.

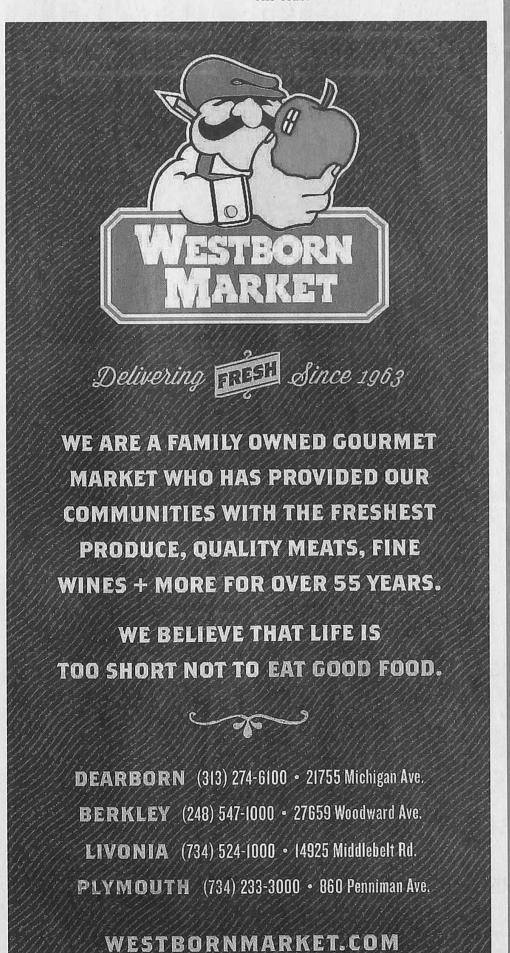
New exhibit at Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will feature the unique mixed media works of artist Jeremy Rheault in an exhibit titled "On To Something," on display through Tuesday, Jan. 1, in the Gallery@VT, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Rheault attended Plymouth-Canton schools and received a bachelor of fine arts from Eastern Michigan University.

This exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, during public performances at the theater and by appointment by calling 734-394-5300. The Gallery is closed each holiday. For more information, go to www.cantonvillage theater.org.

Diabetes support group

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Canton cadet earns scholarship at West Point

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Bindon — who earned a Marshall scholarship, is brigade commander, or first captain, of 4,400 cadets at West Point. While studying mechanical engineering, he has completed a number of technical projects: fluid dynamics analysis in urban and rural landscapes; a written primer for future cadets' use in scaling the learning curve associated with his research; and porting flight software to cheaper, faster and commercially-available single board com-



Bindon

puters for the Joint Precision Airdrop System used in the theater of war.

Aside from his academic pursuits,

Bindon largely dedicates his time to the development of others. He has served in various leadership positions, ranging from a mentor for 22 high school students interested in the academy to the commander of 1,430 cadets in a crucible summer training experience. In his career, Bindon hopes to become an aviation officer and apply his approach to technical problem-solving and his capacity for leadership toward tackling the nation's most meaningful pursuits in the military and beyond.

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Charitable contributions require a bit of homework



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
USA TODAY NETWORK —

We are now in the home stretch for 2018 and it's the time many people are making their last-minute charitable contributions. Here are a few thoughts that you should keep in mind.

If you are over age 70%, particularly if you do not itemize your deductions — and most people in 2018 will not — a great way of making charitable contributions is to use your minimum required distribution. The advantage of this is that you avoid the tax on the amount of your distribution you give to charity.

If you are not 70% and not required to take minimum distributions from your retirement account, a good strategy if you are going to make charitable contributions is to use appreciated securities. By using appreciated securities, you still can deduct the full fair market value of the charitable contribution; the advantage is you avoid paying the tax on the gain that you had in that security. As opposed to just writing a check to a charity, by using appreciated securities such as a stock or a mutual fund, you get an additional tax benefit.

Whether you write a check, give appreciated securities or even use you minimum required distribution, it is im-

portant that before you give to a charity that you do your homework about that charity. Unfortunately, there are charities that are nothing more than scams. In other words, the money doesn't go to accomplish a charitable purpose, but goes into the pockets of the lowlifes. In addition, you have legitimate charities that unfortunately are poorly run and, thus, a significant amount of the money doesn't go to accomplishing the charitable purpose, but to marketing and salaries. When you give your hard-earned money to a charity, you want to make sure that the money helps that charitable purpose. It is important you do your homework on a charity before you give your money.

Two places that make it easier to check on a charity are www.charitynavigator.org or www.give.org. Both these websites have a wealth of information about charities. My advice is that you go on these websites before you donate money to make sure that, not only the charity is legitimate, but that it's using its money for a charitable purpose.

This time of year, the crooks are out in force either by calling you or sending you an email to solicit charitable contributions. Many of these emails look very professional and their name sounds like they are legitimate charities, but they are not. The crooks know that people put their guards down and are more apt to be scammed. I cannot stress enough

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that every charity you give to, you need to at a minimum visit the aforementioned websites to make sure the charity is legitimate.

For those of you who may not have the time to properly research a charity and still get your charitable contribution in this year, you should consider potentially opening a donor-advised trust. In a donor-advised trust, you can put your money in and get your charitable contribution, but you don't have to allocate the money to an individual charity until you have had the proper time to review it. Donor-advised charitable funds have become very popular and you can establish them at a number of places, such as Fidelity and Schwab.

As Americans, we are the most generous people on Earth. Unfortunately, the crooks know that and try to take advantage of our good nature. We can't let them do that. As you get ready to make your year-end charitable contributions, make sure you spend the time to research the charity and make sure that your money will go to accomplish the charitable purpose that the money was intended for.

Good luck!

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Lessons from a Mexican children's home



Cultural Relevancy
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My youngest daughter Charissa, a recent Salem High School graduate, is doing a "gap year" before going to college next year. She is working at a children's home in the town of Vicente Guerrero, Mexico, where 80 kids live. She works in "The Cuna," the house for babies through 3-year-olds. We recently Facetimed her as she walked through the house with a toddler on her hip. Then she paused, set the phone down and, still holding the toddler, we could see her reaching back and forth for something. "What are you doing?!" we asked. "The laundry," she replied.

So here's my 18-year-old daughter, in Mexico, in charge of nine babies and toddlers, changing the laundry over as she Face-times with her parents in Michigan. Now I believe my daughter is incredibly capable, but it does speak to an immense need that an 18-year-old is in charge of so much, so constantly, even when she's calling her parents!

For those of you who do missions trips, my daughter has developed some opinions since she's been at the children's home. She says that most people who come down want to play with the kids, but it is actually most helpful if they clean or paint or cook or, say, do the laundry, so the staff — whom the kids know — can do their jobs with the kids.

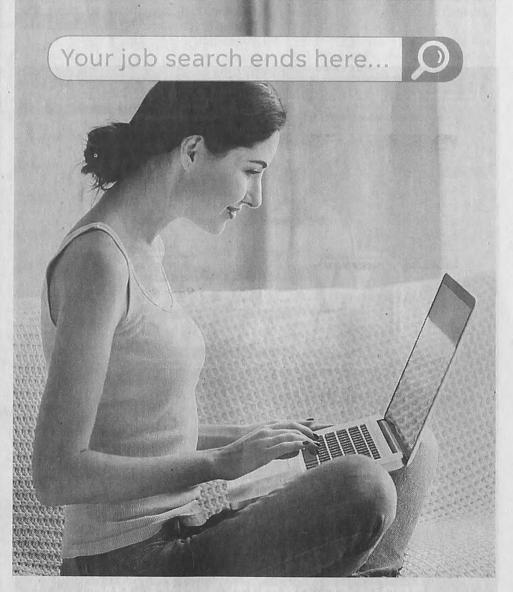
Over the long Thanksgiving weekend, we flew to San Diego, rented a car and drove the five hours south to visit our daughter. What we saw there was quite inspiring. Of the nine kids in "The Cuna," the five youngest babies do not stay there overnight. Instead, staff members — who teach in the school or work in the medical clinic or some such

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job during the day — keep those babies overnight in their apartment or trailer so the baby has a more family-like atmosphere and they don't wake up the other kids if they cry at night. This is Christian compassion at its most inspiring.

Returning home was something of an ordeal. Going in, we had passed through Tijuana with no trouble, seeing three different tent cities of migrants along the road. But Sunday, as we drove north, about two hours into our trip, we heard that the border crossing at Tijuana had been closed. So instead, we headed toward the crossing at Tecate, about 50 miles east of Tijuana. Unfortunately, so did everyone else. After waiting in line for five hours, 20 minutes, we missed our flight from San Diego. We're home now, but with all that we saw in Mexico - from the children's home to the people fleeing their homes because of violence and poverty — it reminded us that this is not a time to just live for ourselves. This is a time to give and go and serve and love and show compassion for a world where there is so much need.

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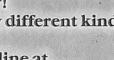
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USA HOCKEY

Russia wins, takes Four Nations Cup

Overtime victory against U.S. clinches tournament

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Shortly after Russian defenseman Shakir Mukhamadullin fired a shot into the the U.S. goal during overtime, young Americans stood in disbelief and disappointment Saturday night as they watched their international rivals hoist the U-17 Four Nations Cup.

The winning goal at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth came on a four-on-three power play (OT began with teams playing three-on-three) and gave Russia a 3-2 victory — exacting revenge for Friday's 4-2 win by the U.S. in the final game of the tournament's round-robin

Mukhamadullin stepped up from the blue line to receive a pass from the wing and let a high shot go from above the circles that eluded screened U.S. goaltender Drew Commesso.

It was the third power-play goal of the game by the Russians, enough to offset a two-goal performance by U.S. forward Ty Smilanic (both of his goals also were on the power play) and a 36-22 deficit in shots on goal.

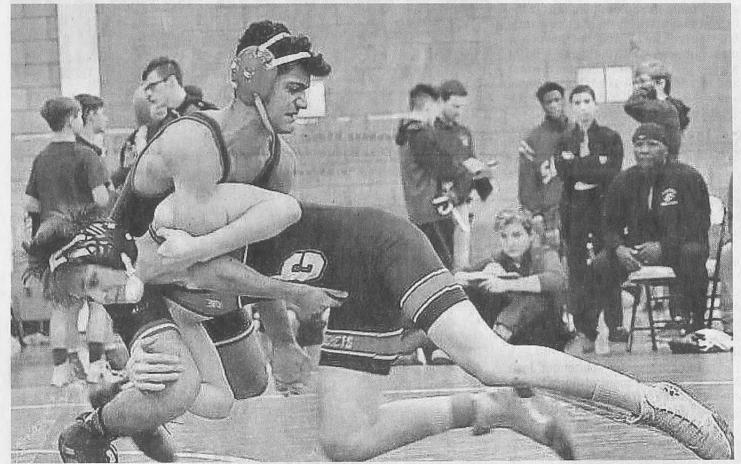
"You can't get in the box as much as we did tonight against Russia, so we

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Players from the U.S. and Russia shake hands after Saturday's U-17 Four Nations Cup championship game. Russia won 3-2 in overtime. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

John Glenn captures county championship



John Glenn's Charlie Kersten (bottom), the county runner-up at 130 pounds, takes a shot against Canton's Ahmed

Al-Khekani. TIFFANY BARNUM

Woodhaven runner-up; host Wyandotte third in 25-school field

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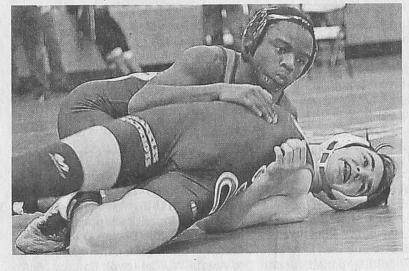
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Everything fell into place Saturday as Westland John Glenn captured its sixth consecutive Wayne County wrestling tournament championship.

The Rockets scored 262.5 points, but Brownstown Woodhaven made it relatively close by boasting four individual champions to score 222.5 while earning runner-up honors.

Rounding out the top five were host Wyandotte Roosevelt (146), Livonia

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John Glenn's Caleb Meekins, 125-pound County champ, takes down Franklin's Jimmy Polk. **TIFFANY** BARNUM

BOYS HOCKEY

Stevenson edges St. Mary's in **Showcase**

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Livonia Stevenson took a total of 12 penalties during Saturday's 3-2 boys hockey win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the annual MIHL-KLAA Challenge Showcase at Edgar Arena — not exactly the recipe for a victory.

And it was ironic that one of the two

goals the Spartans allowed came when St. Mary's was fighting off a penalty.

Goalie Eric Polzin, however, was a big reason the Eaglets went 0of-10 with a man advan- Polzin tage as the senior made

27 saves as Stevenson improved to 7-

1-1 overall. "You have to give our penalty kill a

lot of credit," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "And for your penalty kill to be good, your goaltender has to be your best penalty-killer and I thought Eric Polzin was outstanding tonight."

The lanky 6-foot, 162-pound Polzin stood tall throughout the game.

And with 1:37 remaining, the Spartans took their 12th penalty of the night, but St. Mary's was unable to score the equalizer with the man advantage as time expired.

"When I'm going through something like that, I see my teammates out there blocking everything and battling," Polzin said. "Our penalty kill was great. We didn't give them many opportunities when you look at it."

After a scoreless opening period, St. Mary's (4-6) took a 2-1 lead entering the final period on goals by Bryce Kallen and Preston Hazelton (short-handed), while Stevenson's Jaydon Spears countered with a short-handed goal of his own from Brendan Heard and Stephen McDonald.

Josh Suzio's goal from Ayden Adamic tied it at 2-2 in the final period

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Plymouth iced by Cranbrook in MIHL-KLAA Challenge

Cranes score four times in opening period en route to 5-1 victory

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It was anticipated to be one of the better match-ups for the day-long Challenge Showcase put on Saturday at Livonia's Edgar Arena by the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

But as Detroit Red Wings TV broadcaster Mickey Redmond likes to say, "It was bingo bango" before you know it as Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook jumped on Plymouth for four goals during the opening period en route to a convincing 5-1 victory.

Cranbrook improved to 8-3 overall, while Plymouth had its six-game winning streak snapped after losing its season opener to Hartland.

"We came out really hard, the boys were buzzing and we just really wanted to get this win," said Cranbrook senior forward Connor McGrath, who had two goals and one assist in the victory. 'We're looking to go 4-0 over this weekend and next weekend, so we knew we had to bring it and that's why we came out hard."

Cranbrook's Connor Mathison opened the scoring at 2:26 of the opening period on a power-play goal from linemate Kam Hellman. At 6:45, McGrath made it 2-0 from Hellman.

The Cranes converted their second power-play goal of the period, this time from Oliver Doran just 20 seconds later.

Cranbrook's lead mushroomed to 4-0 when McGrath scored at 14:42 from Hellman and Doran.

"We had our minds right," McGrath said. "We just came in, knew we had to take care of business, knew we couldn't do anything too fancy and get shots and pucks to the net and get rebounds.'

It was a rough period for the Wildcats (6-2), who were outshot 11-5.

"They're so well-coached, there's no room for error and every mistake we made, especially in that first period, they capitalized on," Plymouth coach Gerry Vento said of the Cranes. "It's tough to bounce back from that."

At 3:31 of the second period, Cranbrook increased its lead to 5-0 on Tim Hellweg's goal from Hellman and McGrath's on a shot from the point that eluded Plymouth goaltender Joel Druck-

"When you get off to a good start like that, the other team is digging themselves out of a hole right off the bat," Cranbrook coach Andy Weidenbach said. "For us, we were on the good side of that equation and, unfortunately for them, they were on the bad side, so they were trying to play catch-up the entire

Plymouth finally got on the board with only 3:29 left in the game, on Jack VanDenBeurgeury's power-play goal from Kyle Krause and Adam Rebecca to spoil the shutout bid of Cranbrook goaltender David Blask, who made 17 saves.

But it was too little, too late for the Wildcats.

'We got off to a tough start, there's no denying that," Vento said. "You go down 4-0, you're on your heels, but I was



Cranbrook's Alex Ceritano (left) hits the ice hard after flipping over Plymouth's Nathan Stoneburg during the MIHL-KLAA Challenge Showcase. MICHAEL VASILNEK

proud of the way the boys responded. I thought after that point, we kind of played an even game. We lost 5-1 and the score is what it is. I don't think it was a 5-1 game."

Cranbrook outshot Plymouth 25-18.

"Good win; they're a good team, for sure," Weidenbach said. "They're wellcoached and they play a real physical style. I think a couple of penalties in the first period probably hurt them a little bit because we scored on the power play. But after that, the game kind of evened up a little bit. I thought the first and second period was really good for us and I thought, in the third period, the game just got a little sloppy for us.'

Meanwhile, the line of McGrath, Hellman and Doran was clicking on all

"We've had a few rough patches here and there but, for the most part, we we're going," said McGrath, who is looking to play junior hockey following his senior season at Cranbrook.

For Plymouth, it's back to the drawing board.

"When you come to a Showcase like this against quality teams ... you can get exposed," Vento said. "There's some things we have to work on. We've got some young players and a young blue line, but we'll get there."

Vento hopes senior goaltender Josh Montroy, who has been battling a hip issue since the off-season, will return soon for full-time duty.

"He battled an injury in the spring and we're still hoping to have him back, but you play with who you have and you go at it," Vento said.

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Plymouth's Jack VanDenBeurgeury (right) checks Cranbrook's Tyler Lee during the MIHL-KLAA Challenge Showcase. MICHAEL VASILNEK

Showcase

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and Spears came through with the game-winner - his second of the night - as the Spartans capitalized on a fiveon-three advantage with 8:28 remaining. Austin Adamic and Patrick McGowan drew the assists.

'Spears is very, very quietly become an elite hockey player for us," Mitchell said. "He's playing in all situations for us and he's a guy who has that speed to match up with any teams. The kid works hard and just stays focused, a lowmaintenance kid. Very happy and proud of Jaydon Spears."

Polzin, in his second varsity season, entered the game with a .903 save percentage and a 2.16 goals-against average in six starts.

"We're growing, we're learning. Obviously, we've got to cut down on the penalties because it can hurt us down the road," Polzin said. "But it's a young group of guys. Our confidence is growing. We've got a lot of talent."

Polzin served as a backup last season to starter Will Tragge and now feels comfortable in his role after nine games.

student section, coaches," Polzin said. "They believe in me and I just put in the work.'

And speaking of work, the Spartans have to find a way to stay out of the penalty box. St. Mary's, however, helped the cause by getting whistled for 11 penalties of their own.

"Too many penalties. We have to be cleaner, we have to be better," Mitchell said. "But again, give Orchard Lake credit. They put us in a lot of those situations with their speed. A lot of our penalties were taken because their speed was so fast and we didn't adjust well to it. And so when a team is that fast, they force you into taking penalties and that's what they did."

St. Mary's goaltender Preston Lenarcic made 25 saves in a losing cause.

Here is a rundown of some other games played Saturday at Edgar Arena in the Challenge Showcase put on by the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

TRENTON 5, SALEM 3: Brandon Clark scored a pair of goals, including a short-handed tally, as the Trojans (7-1-1) pulled away in the final period to beat the Rocks (4-3.

Nolan Szczepaniak added a goal and "It's been a fun ride, great guys, great assist, while Gregory Obrycki (power play) and Devin Dunn also scored for Trenton, which outscored Salem 3-1 in the final period.

Colin Goleniak had a goal and assist, while Dante Doute added a power play goal for Salem.

Joey Cormier was in goal for Trenton, while Austin Goleniak was in net for Sa-

CANTON 5, GROSSE POINTE NORTH 2: Chris Hugan's hat trick lifted the Chiefs (7-4) to a win over Grosse Pointe North (1-6).

James Monteith chipped in a goal and assist, while Declan O'Hare added Canton's other goal. Other assists went to Austin Woelke (two), Sammy McArdle, Alex Poe, Hugo Fonovic and Lenny Kubitski.

Brock Spicher and Chris Lorelli scored goals for the Norsemen.

Jaxon Taylor went all the way in goal for Canton, while Brian Clogg was in net for North.

De La SALLE 3, CHURCHILL 1: Goals by Jacob Frederick (power play), Seve Litz and Brendan Pelto gave Warren De La Salle (6-3-1) a triumph over Livonia Churchill (3-4).

Vaughn Kendall scored a power-play goal from Jimmy Targosz with only 1:45 left in the final period to spoil De La Salle goaltender Daniel Miscavish's shutout

Bryant Riley went all the way in goal for the Chargers.

U-D JESUIT 2, NORTHVILLE 1: Ben Charboneau's goal, assisted by Alex Chapie, with only 25 seconds remaining in the third period gave University of Detroit-Jesuit (9-1) the win over the Mustangs (3-5)

U-D took a 1-0 first-period lead on Chapie's goal from Jack Miller, but Northville's Nick Bogenhagen countered in the final period on a power-play goal from Barad Rohan and Jake McNeil with 8:31 to play.

Northville goalie Owen Moruzi made 17 saves, while U-D's Owen Przybylo had

PORT HURON NORTHERN 3, NOVI 2: Sophomore Cameron Barlass scored a pair of goals as the Huskies (4-5) edged the Wildcats (2-5).

Ethan Smith also scored for Northern, while Isacc Gibbs and Jon Changes (power play) scored for Novi, which also got assists from Tanish Nichanametla, Max Rallis and Sam Lewinski.

Kyle O'Brien was the winning goaltender, while Evan Budd played all 51 minutes in net for Novi.

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Novi edges Northville on Verma's clutch triple

Tim Smith hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Chris Housey's first and now second win as head coach of Novi's varsity boys basketball team is something he'll never

Neither will senior co-captain Aryan Verma, who sank a trey from the left corner with 11.4 seconds to go to lift the Wildcats to a 49-48 win over host

Novi was coming off a buzzer-beater 42-41 win just three days earlier against Bloomfield Hills.

But before Housey, Verma and the Wildcats could celebrate, they had to weather the Northville storm — three field-goal tries in the closing seconds, any of which would have turned the game into a Mustangs victory.

All three missed the mark to close out an emotion-packed, see-saw KLAA West Division battle.

This is a great momentum-builder for us," said Housey, whose team improved to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in the division. "It's a great league win, first league win for us going forward. I think it's going to help build a lot of momentum.

'We still got a lot of work to do. But it means a lot, especially in a big rivalry game like this. It's my first one and it was great."

Locked in

Verma had gone scoreless until he found the range, getting open to grab a feed from senior guard Jiovanni Miles (21 points to lead all scorers), eye the rim and sink the 3-pointer.

"At the beginning of the play, the shot was designated for Jio," Verma said. "But everyone was on him because he was hitting everything all day. So I was completely wide open and I felt nothing when I hit that shot. I was just in the game, I was locked in."

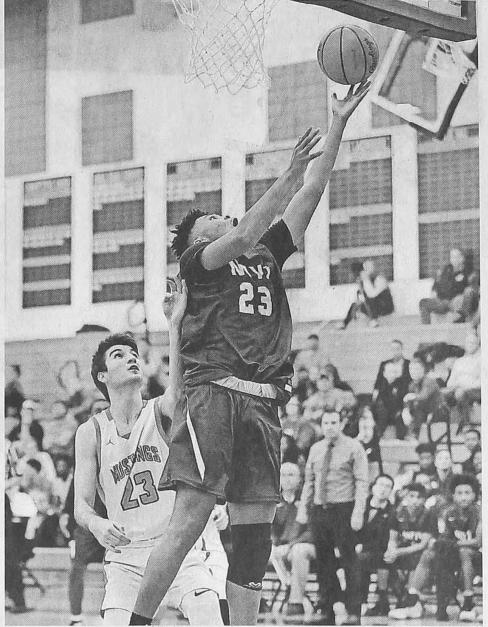
He soon was overwhelmed with energy and emotion when he realized the magnitude of his clutch basket.

"No emotions, but as soon as as it went in, all my emotions came back in," Verma said.

The Mustangs, led by junior forward Zach Shoemaker's 15 points, trailed 25-24 at halftime, but roared back in the third to go up 40-35 entering the fourth. Head coach Todd Sander's team (2-1, 0-1) still held a 47-41 advantage midway through the final quarter.

That's when things seemed to get away from Northville, with costly turnovers and fouls - not to mention one play where a missed Novi free throw turned into an "own" basket, accidentally knocked in by a Mustangs player around the rim.

"We were a little tentative down the stretch, I thought," Sander said. "The defense that they were playing, to really



Novi's Bruce Turner takes the ball to the rim against Northville's Daniel McLaughlin during Friday's game. JOHN KEMSKI | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

make it hurt, you have to attack it. And I felt we got a little bit tentative and were maybe a little bit afraid to drive it in there, which led to us maybe not getting a good shot or then maybe one of those

"It's a close game whenever these two teams get together. We made a lot of big plays after they jumped out on us early. Our guys never quit. We love them, but we got to continue to get bet-

Game of inches

With Northville clinging to a 48-46 lead with less than two minutes to go, the Mustangs got the ball back after a missed free throw. But instead of having a chance to go up by four points, a Northville player was called for stepping on the sideline near the home bench.

"That's basketball and that's all sports, right?" Sander said. "But really it doesn't always come down to that last was certainly a positive. This was prob-contact Tim Smith at tsmith@homeplay. There's a lot of stuff leading up to ably the best offensive game, for most of townlife.com.

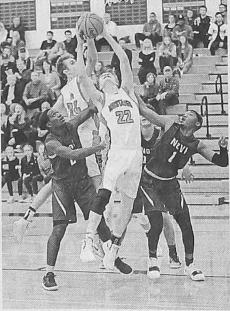
that last sequence or that last play that, if you do something differently, maybe you're not even in that situation.

"Every possession is equal and we preach that. So the turnover in the first quarter is just as big as the turnover with three minutes left."

Sander credited his team for bouncing back from a tough start. Novi broke out to a 12-3 lead with 3:10 left in the opening quarter. But the Mustangs started chipping away and trailed just 14-9 after the quarter, thanks to a buzzer-beater by senior forward Daniel McLaughlin (nine points).

Sparking the attack in the middle quarters, to get the Mustangs out of the early hole, was Shoemaker. After not scoring in the opening quarter, he scored seven points in both the second and third.

"Zach had a really nice finish to the game," Sander said. "He had 15 after getting shut out in the first quarter. That



Northville's Daniel McLaughlin tries to split Novi defenders Troy Aikins (left) and Jiovanni Miles en route to the basket. JOHN KEMSKI | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

it, that he has played.

"He's only scored two and four up until this point. But he made a lot of big plays when we really needed it."

Also playing well for Northville were senior forwards Ryan Pumper (eight rebounds) and Steven Morrissey (seven points), along with senior guard Paul

"Ryan Pumper is a machine down underneath," Sander said. "He didn't get a ton of points tonight, but he controls a lot of the action, he controls a lot of the

"(Kearis) did a nice job decisionmaking, attacking against their pressure. We didn't shoot the ball real well early on and I certainly think that was a difference, why it was only a one-point game at halftime."

Coming up big

Miles was the only Novi player in double figures. Scoring six points each were senior Troy Aikins and juniors Bruce Turner and Miles Sloan.

'Troy Aikins and Jett Porter were just battling down there and I'm sure (Miles) had a few defensive rebounds as well," Housey said. "It was just a total team effort. It was everybody contributing throughout the whole game at the right time and it was just a great win for us."

And about Verma saving his best for last, Housey smiled.

"He's been in a little bit of a slump and we talked about that," he said. "It's a great sign of a captain to persevere, to come back and be able to keep his head up and heat that shot."

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Wrestling

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Franklin (130) and Southgate Anderson

(122). A total of 25 schools participated. "My team stepped up and wrestled well all day," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "It takes a team effort with everyone contributing points to win individual tournaments. We had 13-of-14 wrestlers place; that's hard to beat. What I'm most proud of is every wrestler on our team placed at or higher then they were seeded. Usually when that happens, you wind up with a good outcome.'

Glenn boasted three individual champions: Caleb Meekins pounds), who upped his record to 12-1 with a pin over Detroit Mumford's Kobey Caldwell; Kyle Borthwell (135), who won his 12th straight match without a loss with a 16-2 major decision over Southgate's Ryan Cacicedo; and Brenton Polk (152), who upped his mark to 12-1 with an 8-3 decision over Grosse Pointe North's Raymond Hamilton.

Josh Mars (103), Charlie Kersten (130) and Sadiq Sheiknmeeri (189) all placed second for the Rockets.

"I'm happy for the guys and our program," coach Polk said. "My wrestlers put in the time. We pride ourselves in outworking everyone. Usually good things happen when you do that. We are the best in the area. Hopefully, we can keep improving and be one of the best in the state by the end of the season."

Franklin's lone individual champion was junior Jake Swirple (285), who defeated Fordson's Mahdi Hazimein in the finals, 4-1, to run his season record to

"Jake is wrestling really well this year,



Westland John Glenn's wrestling team captured its sixth straight Wayne County tournament championship. DAN KERSTEN



Swirple

but he was definitely tested today," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "The Fordson kid and him will see each other a lot this year and I'm sure they will all be close."

The Patriots, coming off their fourth straight Livonia city championship Dec. 12, have been battling the injury bug so far this season.

"At the beginning of the season, I thought we had a legitimate shot at winning this, but we have really been hit hard with injuries this year," Chiola said. "If the season ended today, we have had more injuries this year than any other year I've coached. Every team gets its

share of injuries, as we always have, but this year has been particularly bad. I'm hoping we can get some kids back soon before we get into the second half the season. It's tough, because it doesn't just effect the meets and tournaments, but it effects the practices."

Other Hometownlife.com-area individual champs included Salem's Ja-Quan Baker (171), who ran his record to 9-2 with a pin over Canton's Chris Little; and Plymouth's Andrew Atallah (189), who pinned Sheiknmeeri in the final to raise his record to 8-1.

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WAYNE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS Dec. 15 at Wyandotte Roosvelt

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Westland John Glenn, 262.5 points: 2 Brownstown Woodhaven, 225.5; 3. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 146; 4 Livonia Franklin, 130; 5. Southgate Anderson, 122; 6. Salem, 116; 7 Belleville, 104; 8. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 94; 9. Livonia Churchill, 92; 10. Dearborn Fordson, 91.5; 13. Plymouth, 78; 14. Canton, 69.5; 22. Livonia Stevenson, 35.5; 23. Wayne Memorial

INDIVIDUAL FINALISTS/PLACERS

103 pounds: Marcello Luna (Woodhaven) dec. Josh Mars (Glenn), 8-4; 3. Jojo Palshan (S'gate); 4. Ethan Cheng (Franklin); 5. Alex Biundo (Wyan.); 6. Jack Gattoni (N'ville); 7. Brandon Liu (N'ville);

112: Zein Bazzi (Crestwood) won by major dec. T12: Zein Bazzi (Crestwood) won by major dec. over Jahlai Chakkour (Crestwood), 11-3; 3. Ty Cowen (Glenn); 4. Abdullah Nassr (Edsel Ford); 5. Devin Sawmiller (Riverview); 6. Jake Campbell (Wyan.); 7. Dominic Megdanoff (Glenn); 8. Greg Howard (Grosse Ile).

119: Alec Balogh (S'gate) dec. Isaac Stench (S'gate), 10-4; 3.

Christian Gerber (Franklin); 4. Ethan Collins (Glenn); 5. DaQuan Baker (Salem); 6. Mohammed Almadani (Edsel Ford); 7. Logan Ladach (G.P. North); 8. Thomas Leese (Belleville).

125: Caleb Meekins (Glenn) pinned Kobey Caldwell (Mumford), 1:31; 3. Nick McPhail (Wyan.); 4. Joey Corless (Allen Park); 5. Collin Schultz (Salem); 6. Jager Kwiatkowski (Franklin); 7. Ayden Collins (Glenn); 8. Alex Roth (G.P. South). 130: Aseel Almudhala (Fordson) won by major dec. over Charlie

Kersten (Glenn), 11-3; 3. Nick Biundo (Wyand.) 4. Garrett Englehart (Churchill); 5. Mitch Stricker (G.P. South); 6. Daniel Bragiel (Churchill); 7. Collin Miracle (Allen Park); 8. Connor

Armstrong (Salem).

135: Kyle Borthwell (Glenn) won by major dec. over Ryan Cacicedo (S'gate), 16-2; 3. Joseph Marano (Edsel Ford); 4. Nicholas Pyle (Woodhaven); 5. Max Hirvela (Salem); 6. Drew Bush (Churchill); 7. Ali Moussa (Crestwood); 8. Shawn Burke (Belleville).

140: Mason Grasso (Woodhaven) dec. Josh Hettrick (Annapolis), 10-8; 3. Shawn Brown (Glenn); 4. Kyle Cox (Wyan.); 5. Christian Neff (Lincoln Park); 6. Rocco DiPonio (Franklin); 7. Cameron Howard (Belleville); 8. Devyn Griffin (G.P. South).

145: Mikale Mitchell (Woodhaven) p. Mike Hakim (Crestwood),

3:25; 3. Kyle Thompson (Riverview); 4. Anthony Ferensic (Woodhaven); 5. Nicholas Gattoni (N'ville); 6. Jacob Johnson (Franklin); 7. Dominic Duprie (Roosevelt); 8. Gabe Browne (Allen

Park).
152: Brenton Polk (Glenn) dec. Raymond Hamilton (G.P. North), 8-3; 3. Dylan Slowik (Canton); 4. Jared Deichelbohrer (Roosevelt); 5. Eric Viera (Lincoln Park); 6. Jacob Jackson (Stevenson); 7. David Miller (Belleville); 8. Ahmed Chami (Dearborn Fordson).

160: Kyle Emery (Woodhaven) dec. Blake Williams (Belleville), 10-4; 3. Graden Bowen (Glenn); 4. Ty Wyka (Edsel Ford); 5. Trever Williams (Lincoln Park); 6. Michael Bragiel (Churchill); 7. Mahmoud Dakroub (Fordson); 8. Jared Wilkinson (Stevenson).

17t JaQuan Baker (Salem) p. Chris Little (Canton); 1:53; 3. Joshua Watters (Woodhaven); 4. Jalen Adams (Wayne); 5. Jesus Plasencia (Roosevelt); 6. Connor Majewski (Belleville); 7. Spencer Vos (Plymouth); 8. Noah Grunwald (Riverview).

189: Andrew Atallah (Plymouth) p. Sadiq Sheiknmeeri (Glenn), 1:05; 3. Erick Reaves (Franklin); 4. Ivan Hernandez (Lincoln Park); 5. Jacob Phillips (Woodhaven); 6. Joe Bloom (Annapolis); 7. Alex Laskowski (N'ville); 8. Bryan Puryear (Annapolis).

215: lan Norscia (S'gate) dec. Matt Wilson (Churchill), 6-0; 3. Scotty Grunwald (Riverview); 4. Miles Dearing (G.P. South); 5. Markus Sturgill (Woodhaven); 7. Cardeaire Anderson (Wayne); 8.

Alic Maine (Annapolis).

285: Jake Swirple (Franklin) dec. Mahdi Hazime (Fordson); 4-1; 3.
Nicholas West (Lincoln Park); 4. Jaden Rice (Belleville); 5. Dorian
Wesley (Woodhaven); 6. Evan Kirkpatrick (Salem); 7. Christian
Haddad (Churchill); 8. Antoine Hines (Glenn). Alic Maine (Annapolis).

Russia

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need to learn from that," U.S. head coach Seth Appert said. "They're a team that's deadly on line rushes and deadly on the power play. And we did a really good job both games of limiting their line rushes with our back-checking and our gaps of our defensemen.

'We didn't give them much five-onfive really all weekend, but we gave them too many power plays."

Plenty of growth

Appert, however, said his team's tournament showing - three wins and an overtime loss - demonstrates a large step forward in improvement since the team's performance against Russia at the U-17 World Challenge in Canada.

"In the last six weeks, this team gained a huge chunk of ground on Russia," Appert said. "Now have to keep moving forward in prep for the February Five Nations (in Sweden).

"Now you got to use the disappointment, the bitter, bitter sting of disappointment of watching them get a trophy on our ice and you got to use it every day to outwork them. And outwork Sweden. And outwork Finland. So that we can gain more ground for the next time we play in February internationally ... that's the message, you got to use this to fuel you."

Smilanic again showed why he is one of the most-coveted prospects of his birth year with two power-play goals from the right circle. His second one, with 6:18 remaining, fired up the crowd of 1,202 and lifted the proceedings to another level for the remaining portion of the third period and overtime.

"The first one (at 3:31 to open the scoring) came into the zone fairly early in the game, just shot it on net, didn't even know it went in actually," said Smilanic, who scored four goals in the tournament. "Pretty happy with that one.

"And the (one-timer), it was nice to tie it up, for sure, got the energy going on the bench. In OT, I had an empty net and I'm pretty frustrated I didn't score that one."

Becoming complete player

Appert said Smilanic's all-around



Ty Smilanic (right), celebrates with teammates Dylan Peterson (left9) and Jake Sanderson after scoring a power-play goal for the U.S. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

game continues to get better.

"He's grown tremendously in his overall game," Appert said. "Not only is he an offensive force for us, but now he's a guy we trust in big-time defensive situations, and penalty kill, and D-zone face-offs."

If Smilanic had one moment he could get back from Saturday's game, it would be for a high hit in the corner that resulted in a minor and misconduct.

Although Russia did not score during that subsequent power play, the early U.S. momentum briefly was lost.

And three more penalties called in succession on the U.S. ultimately result-

ed in the Russian equalizer on a five-onthree power play at the 15:24 mark of the first period.

Alexander Pashin sent a cross-crease feed to Ivan Didkovski for an easy tap-in at the right post, evening the contest at

"What the Russians do is, they let puck do the work," Appert said. "And that puck is snapping and snapping and snapping. And nobody's holding it for more than a second or so."

The U.S., meanwhile, had a pair of five-on-three power plays early in the second period, but could not beat goalie Semyon Sharabarin.

Russia scored another power-play goal at 14:37 of the second period to go up 2-1. Dmitri Zugan took a centering pass from Pavel Tyutnev and slammed it home.

That set the stage for Smilanic's second goal, which like the first one was set up by a perfect pass by Dylan Peterson.

Although he and his teammates came close a few times after that, they could not solve the acrobatic Sharabarin and capture the coveted trophy.

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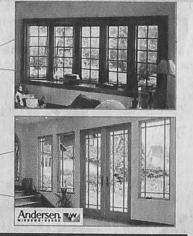
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Canton's Fedewa GAM's top Super Senior

Gregory Johnson

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Canton's Mike Fedewa was old enough to play in the Super Seniors division of Golf Association of Michigan championships four seasons ago, but he didn't embrace the idea until summer 2018.

"I felt I could compete with the seniors (ages 55-65) and I still do, but I finally said this is going to be the year I make the switch," he said. "I committed to doing Super Senior tournaments all the way and I'm really happy about that."

Fedewa, 69, is the 2018 GAM Super Senior Player of the Year.

"When I see Mike, I don't think Super Senior," said Ken Hartmann, senior director of rules and competitions, "He still looks young and he hits the ball like a young guy. He has always been very competitive and very consistent in his play."

GAM Players of the Year are determined by the GAM Honor Roll points system. Point totals can be found under the Championships tab at gam.org. Over the next few weeks, the GAM will announce more Players of the Year in gender and age categories.

Previously, Alex Scott of Traverse City was named the Men's Player of the Year and Kerri Parks of Flushing was named the Women's Player of the Year, Mitch Wilson of Portage was named the Senior Men's Player of the Year and Julie Massa of Holt was named the Senior Women's Player of the Year.

Fedewa, a GAM member through Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton, totaled 230 points, keyed by four secondplace finishes in senior championships this summer.

He was runner-up in the GAM Senior Match Play Super Senior bracket to Pete Saputo of Bloomfield Hills and Oakland Hills Country Club, second to Rick Herpich of Orchard Lake and Orchard Lake Country Club in the GAM Senior Championship Super Senior division, second to Tom Rex Jr. of Charlevoix and Belvedere Golf Club in the GAM Mid-Am Super Senior division and second in the



Canton's Mike Fedewa was named 2018 Golf Association of Michigan top Super Senior. GREGORY JOHNSON

Michigan PGA's Senior Open to Mike Sequite of Marshall and The Medalist Golf Club.

Herpich finished second to Fedewa on the Honor Roll with 139 points. Ian Harris of Bloomfield Hills and TPC of Michigan was third with 135 and Sequite with 120 and Saputo with 105 rounded out the top five.

"Second place was my place this year and it seems like I've finished second a lot over the years," said Fedewa, who retired from General Motors and the Milford Proving Grounds in 2008 after 36 years and has worked the last 10 years on the grounds crew at Pheasant Run part time. He and his wife Darlene live in a condominium near hole No. 12.

"I played a lot of golf in the 1970s, but then with family commitments and work I didn't play competitive golf for over 30 years," he said. "My first tournament back in competition was in 2007, the year before I retired from General Motors. It was the GAM Senior Championship at Belvedere and I won. It was a good start back."

Fedewa, who also captured the Senior Mid-Am Team Championship in 2016 with his son Steve, said he can't say enough about the tournament opportunities available to seniors.

"It's such a great selection of tournaments and it has been a lot of fun," he said. "I tell my son not to worry about not having time to play at his age. He has senior golf to look forward to and it's great. The GAM runs great tournaments."

Fedewa said he used to joke about retiring and then working on a golf course.
"Turns out, I did and I've been at

Pheasant Run 10 years now," he said. "It's good. It keeps me active and able to play. I've had some back troubles the last few years, but this year it didn't bother me as much and it showed in my golf game. I was much more consistent."

Hartmann is never surprised to see Fedewa's name on the leader boards at tournaments.

"He's a self-taught guy, never had a lesson, and that's pretty impressive with the game he has," he said. "When he's in a tournament, I'm surprised when his name isn't up at the top because he's so solid. He's just good and Mike and his son won the Senior Mid-Am Team a couple of years ago and that's not easy. A lot of great teams and the best players in the state are in that every year."



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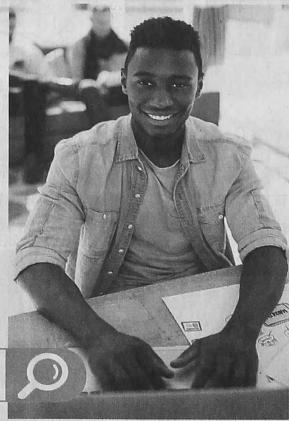
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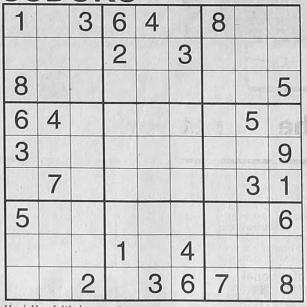
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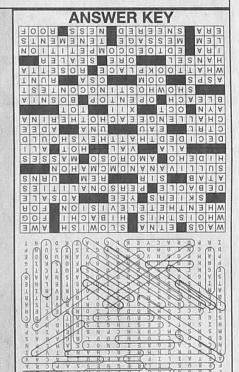
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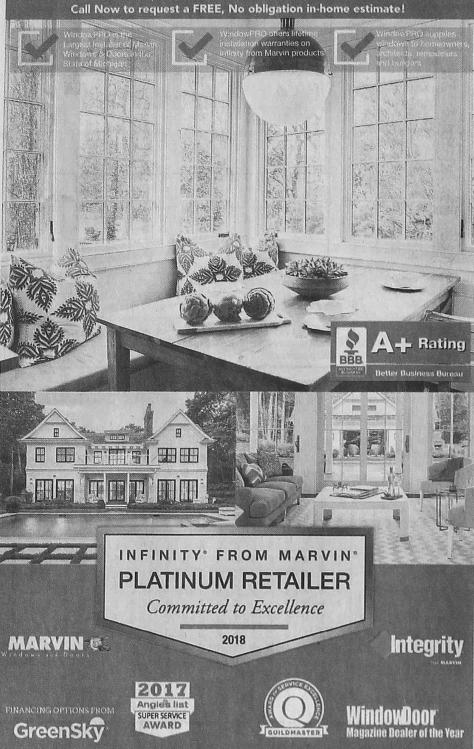






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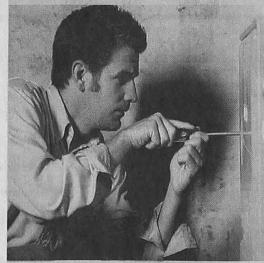


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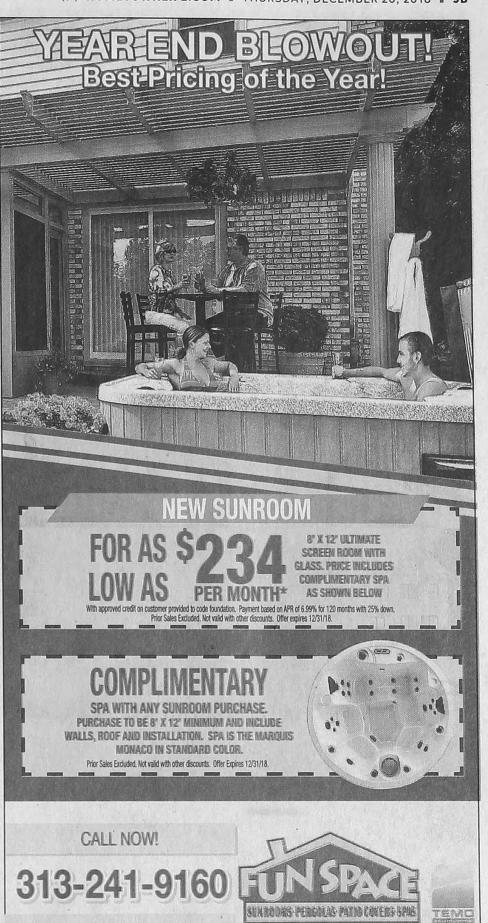


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