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Petitions to recall Wayne councilman move forward

In excess of 1,400 signatures expected

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Backers of an effort to recall Wayne elected officials are expected to turn in petitions this week to put removal of one councilman before voters.

About 1,400 signatures have been collected — in excess of the 1,183 signatures required — seeking the recall of Councilman Chris Sanders. The petitions were likely to be turned in Wednesday, a day before the deadline.

Three other officials — Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe and councilmen Ryan Gabriel and

Anthony Miller — were the subject of recall petitions. The recall petitions cited votes by the four elected officials to extend their terms in office as the city moved municipal elections to even years as a cost-saving measure.

"I think the other petitions have fallen short on the recall. In the last six weeks, we have focused on Chris," said Icon Computer owner Brian Ewanciw, who was using his business' electronic sign to alert people about the recall effort.

Ironically, 1,400 people who signed the recall petition are more people than how many voted in the last city election, Ewanciw noted.

Additionally, Ewanciw said by the time the recall question could be placed on the ballot —



Sanders

likely May 2018 — Rowe, Miller and Gabriel would be within six months of ending their terms. As a result, he said, they can't legally be recalled.

"Chris isn't out (of office) until 2020. I think the fact that more people signed the petition than voted show how bad voters want him out," Ewanciw said. "People want a good city and they want good government. Nothing has been done in two years. We need people who don't want to gain anything for themselves and want to help the city."

The move to even-year elections — when the state and federal government have elections — is expected to save Wayne

\$40,000, the cost of primary and general elections.

Since no city election would be held in 2017, the council had to do something with the mayor and council terms. State law allows terms of elected officials to be extended, but not shortened. As a result, Sanders and councilmen Tom Porter and John Rhaesa will serve until 2020 rather than 2019.

Porter and Rhaesa were the only no votes on extending the terms, so they weren't included in the recall petitions.

The issue was further complicated by a city charter amendment approved in 2014 establishing six council districts in which candidates must reside to run and maintain that residency after being elected. Districts 1, 2 and 3 were established

in 2015, with districts 4, 5 and 6 voters set to elect candidates in 2017.

Sanders, who ran for council unsuccessfully in 2011, funded the efforts that resulted in a district system being placed on the ballot and approved by voters.

While the petition language approved by Wayne County cites the term extension vote, eight other recall petitions — six targeting Sanders — were rejected for not meeting the state legal requirement of being clear to voters.

Those petitions cited a variety of issues, including voting not to sell the closed Wayne Activities and Banquet Center for \$150,000 and efforts to solicit

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CAPA's 'Cats' on the prowl this week



Jasmine Fernandez is Bombalurina in the upcoming CAPA production of "Cats," which open Thursday at Franklin High School.

Churchill High School students will present popular Andrew Lloyd Webber production

Creative and Performing Arts students from Churchill High School will prowl the stage for three nights this week in "Cats," the popular musical that became one of

Broadway's longest-running shows.

The show is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the auditorium at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, between

Middlebelt and Merriman. CAPA is borrowing the Franklin auditorium while the Churchill performing arts center is under construction.

"Cats," which premiered in

London in 1981, is by Andrew Lloyd Webber and based on the light verse in "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats"

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Vandals target New Hope Baptist Church in Wayne

Perry A. Farrell

Detroit Free Press

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Vandals broke windows and kicked in doors Nov. 27 at New Hope Baptist Church in Wayne, leaving its pastor, Dr. Virgil Humes, looking for answers.

It's the third time the church has been targeted by vandals in the 27 years that Hume has been pastor.

Humes said the vandals kicked in the doors and broke windows at a former Burger King next door to the church that it had purchased for a community center. The center is in the midst of renovations. Also, vandals tried to damage one of the church vans in the process, knocking off a door handle. The cost of the damage isn't known.

"When our project manager came to open up the church for the contractors he saw that all the windows in the building next door had been busted out with rocks," Humes said. "The front entry door had been completely knocked out. Everyone knows the building belongs to us."

Police are investigating. This isn't the first time the church has been targeted by vandals. In two other incidents, vandals painted swastikas and racial epithets on walls and other parts of the church.

"We don't have any indications that this one was raced-related, but my gut tells me it was probably someone targeting our African-American worship center here in the city of Wayne," Humes said.

The first act of vandalism of the church happened in 1998 and two people were caught with the help of the FBI, Wayne County and Michigan State Police.

"They were members of the European Educational Association," Humes said.

One received a prison sentence while the other, who was remorseful, had to provide 200 community service hours to

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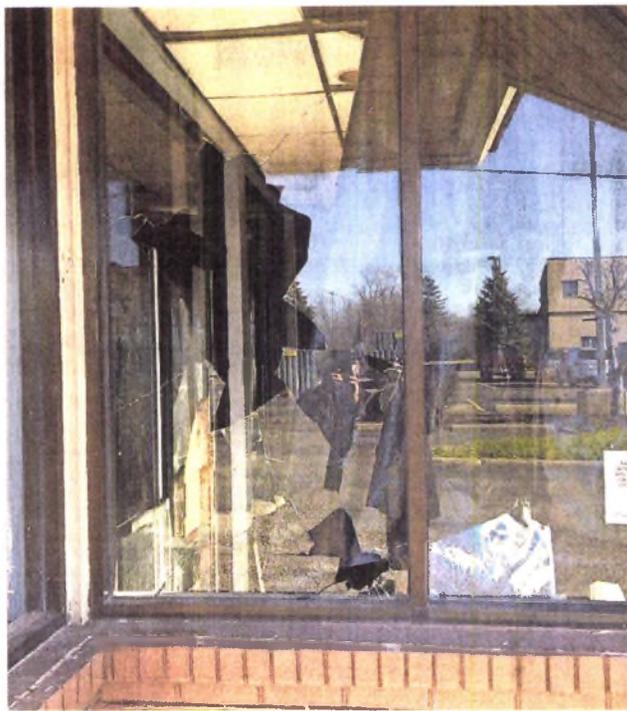
the church.

The second act of vandalism at the current location on the 33000 block of Michigan Avenue happened in 2009, and those individuals weren't caught.

Humes said the church, which has about 1,800 members, has made positive inroads in the community.

"The white community has been very supportive and we've been working with the chief of police and we're on very good terms with the police department," Humes said. "We just served them Thanksgiving dinner last week along with 100 families."

Anyone with information on the vandalism is asked to call Wayne Police at 734-721-1414.



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non-residents to publicly complain about City Manager Lisa Nocerini.

Sanders acknowledged issues with Nocerini, but described himself as "a whipping boy" in city politics.

Under state law, the petitions are turned in at Wayne County and the number of signatures is tallied. If there are sufficient signatures, the petition go to Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller to be verified.

If the recall is placed on the ballot, Sanders will have the option of running on the same ballot to keep his seat.

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The cast of "Cats," a musical production by students in the Livonia Public Schools Creative and Performing Arts program. The show opens at 7 p.m. Thursday at Franklin High School.

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by the poet T.S. Eliot. The story focuses on the night cat tribe leader Old Deuteronomy, who decides which cat among the Jellicles will ascend to the "Heaviside Layer" and gain a new "Jellicle Life." Each cat tells his or her story with song and dance in the hope of being chosen.

Hundreds of hours have been devoted to the CAPA production, which is directed by drama teacher Angie Hillman. The cast includes Cole Nelson as Gus the Theater Cat, Sarah Defrain as Rumpleteazer, Brenden Smith as Rum Tum Tugger, Sam Jacobs as Mr. Mistofffeles and Alex



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Hearing #1: City Council - Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

The hearing will be held in the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, MI 48184. The proposed activities and estimated amounts are as follows:

Code Enforcement	\$ 10,855.77
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Total	\$ 141,367.58

Final funding decisions by the City Council are also subject to U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, as administered by the County of Wayne. Inquiries: Lori Gouin, Community Development Director (734) 722-2002.

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Larceny from auto reported

A resident who lives in the 30000 block of Warren came into the Westland police station Nov. 24 to report her catalytic converter had been taken.

She said her vehicle was parked in the apartment complex in front of some residences. No suspect information was available.

Another catalytic converter taken

Police were called Nov. 24 to the 7700 block of Merriman on the report of a catalytic converter that had been taken from a vehicle.

The victim said he parked his vehicle in a parking spot at his residence earlier in the day. When he returned later that evening, he discovered it was making a loud noise from the exhaust. He checked and noticed the catalytic converter missing.

Vehicle shot with BB gun

A resident who lives in the 34000 block of Tonquish Trail filed a police

report Nov. 26 on the report of some damage done to a vehicle by a BB gun.

She said her daughter's vehicle appeared to have been shot at using a BB gun. A window on the vehicle was shattered and held intact by the window's tinting. There was an impact point that appeared to be from a BB visible in the photo of the damaged shared with police.

Wallet taken from car

A resident who lives in the 36000 block of Palmer came into the police station Nov. 27 to report her wallet had been taken from her vehicle.

She said the wallet was left her center console with several items inside of it between Nov. 18-19. The car was left unlocked and it appears the wallet was taken, though she was unsure whether she lost it or stolen. She said a neighbor found her purse and her wallet was located, though several items were missing from inside of it.

— By David Veselenak

LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Packages stolen

A resident who lives in the 14000 block of Mayfield came into the Livonia police station Nov. 30 to report some packages stolen from his doorstep.

He said he received notice from Amazon that the packages had been left on his doorstep. They were missing when he arrived home from work later that day. He said he checked the Livonia Police Department Facebook page and noticed several packages had been stolen in recent days.

Wallet taken from vehicle

An employee at UPS, 29855 Schoolcraft, came into the police station Nov. 29 to file a report regarding the theft of her wallet from her vehicle.

She said her locks were broken and she needs to lock the car manually. She came back to her car after working for a few hours and found the doors to her car unlocked. Her wallet appeared missing from her car. It contained some cash, a debit card, a credit card and her driver's license.

She said there had been two charges made on her card at Motor City Casino, something that happened before she can-

celed it.

Retail fraud suspect flees

Police were dispatched Nov. 28 to Target, 20100 Haggerty, on the report of a retail fraud suspect who ran from the store.

Police arrived and noticed the suspect running in the parking lot. She was stopped and arrested, telling police she apologized and that the store told her they would not call the police.

When they returned to the store, a loss prevention officer told police they saw the suspect selecting several pieces of clothing and push them out of the store in a cart without paying. An hour later, the employee noticed the suspect in the store again. She later walked out of the store, but was stopped by an employee. She offered to provide the other merchandise to the employee from her car in the hope that police were not called. The employee agreed and the suspect recovered more items from her car. They returned to the store and the employee told her police would be called.

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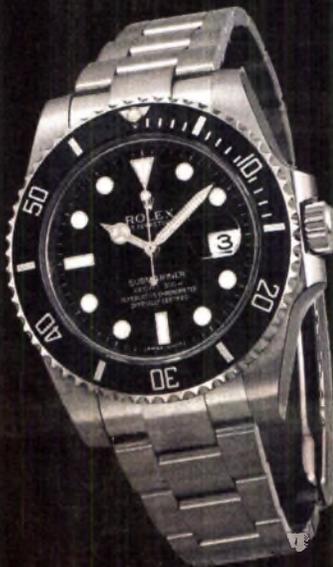
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Man charged in phone theft in online transaction

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Livonia police have arrested a man accused of stealing a phone during a meet-up arranged through an online transaction.

Police say Demarco Woods, 20, of Canton was arrested this past week after police believed he was the suspect that stole a cellphone during a meet-up Nov. 5 in the 39100 block of Meeting House Lane in Livonia.

Police say Woods arranged to meet the victim, an 18-year-old Livonia resident, in the neighborhood near Six Mile and Haggerty roads. The meet-up was to sell an iPhone 7 Plus the victim



Woods

was selling. The suspect arrived and met the victim in the neighborhood that evening. Police say Woods asked the man to see the phone and, when he had the device in his hand, pushed the victim away and got into his car. He fled in his vehicle, going south on Haggerty.

After an investigation, Livonia police determined Woods was the suspect and arrested him Dec. 2. He was charged with one count of unarmed robbery and faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

He was given a \$5,000/10-percent bond and is

due to appear Dec. 21 in Livonia's 16th District Court for a preliminary examination, according to Livonia police. His name did not appear in the Wayne County Jail online records Tuesday morning.

Police advise Livonia residents to use the police station and its parking lot to do such online transactions through websites like Craigslist. The department also offers a service for Livonia residents that can check an item with a serial number to determine if it is listed as stolen or not.

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Westland police seek armed robbery suspect

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Westland police are looking to the public to help them identify an individual accused of robbing a gas station in November.

Police say the suspect is a male, approximately 25 years old, around 5 feet, 10 inches, 165 pounds, with a light or pale complexion, a thin build and had a dark colored full beard and mustache. The incident took place at the BP gas station, 30435 Cherry Hill, about 3:40 p.m. Nov. 11.

Police referred to the incident as an armed



Westland police hope the public can identify this man, who is accused of robbing a gas station last month.

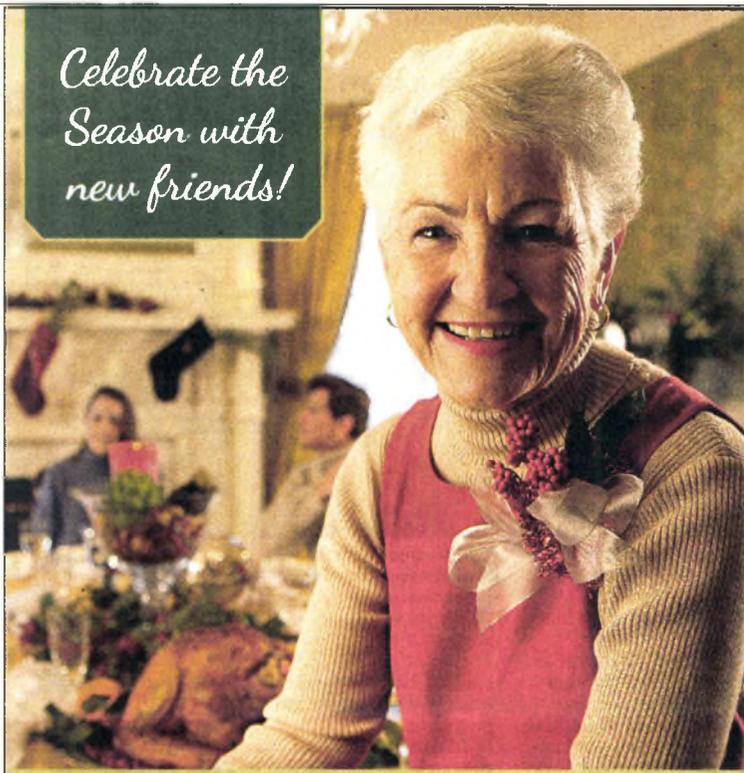
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robbery, though did not mention if the suspect produced a firearm or other weapon. He was wearing camouflage coat and pants, as well as a bright orange knitted winter hat.

Anyone with informa-

tion about the suspect is encouraged to contact Westland police at 734-467-3194.

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Santa hits Livonia in parade's return

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There's a lot of ugliness in the world these days and Robin Kwon was happy to have a distraction from them.

That's why Kwon, a Livonia resident, was among visitors lining the streets along the parade route as the city hosted its first holiday parade in nearly 15 years.

"There's a lot of negative things going on right now. ... Having something positive like this is a good thing," Kwon said. "It brings all the neighbors together for some fun holiday cheer. Having something fun to do with your family and your neighbors is a good thing."

The parade, titled "Merry and Bright: Livonia's Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting," traveled along Stark, Lyndon and Farmington roads before finishing at the civic center campus.

The parade, held on a day when the weather was more like an early fall day than a December afternoon, featured some 60 entries, including many local groups, schools and people, including the Stevenson High School marching band, the city's antique fire truck, the Redford Unicycle Club and Department of Public Works trucks decked out in the holiday spirit, to name a few.

The Daisies and Brownies from Buchanan Elementary School were among the hundreds who marched in the parade.

"It's our first parade ... it's a really big deal,"



The Stevenson High School pom-pom squad marches in the parade. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

leader Chantal Pagnier said. "We just wanted to participate."

Mayor Dennis Wright rode in a convertible, waving to the thousands of cheering fans along the parade route.

"It was electrifying," Wright said of his first-ever parade ride. "There are so many people waving at you and all the smiles, not just on the kids' faces but on the parents, too. It was terrific."

The event was the first parade held by the city since 2003, when it ran along Plymouth Road and stopped at the old Wonderland Mall. The parade, sponsored by the Livonia Community Foundation, also brought Santa and Mrs. Claus to town, riding high atop a fire truck.

Carol Anderson of Livonia watched the parade with her grandchildren.

"It's a good thing," Anderson said of the parade. "It promotes community spirit. Livonia is known for families first and that's why peo-



Mayor Dennis Wright has a sweet ride in the parade. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Santa and Mrs. Claus greet their fans on the way to the tree lighting. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Marching in the parade. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ple move here." Granddaughter Lily Wakeling, coming up on her 10th birthday, had an even better reason for coming.

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Veterans charity benefits with visits to Santa

Santa Claus will again be making a visit to a local restaurant to visit with kids of all ages and help raise money for a nonprofit started to honor the memory of a fallen soldier.

For a third year, Mr. Mike's Grill in Westland is hosting Santa and Mrs. Claus for several holiday events to raise money and awareness about Blum's Landing.

Located in northern Michigan, Blum's Landing is a free bed and breakfast retreat for military members and their families needing to re-energize from active duties or rehabilitation.

It's a nonprofit founded by Jan and Terry Blum-berg in honor of their son, U.S. Army Sgt. Trevor Blumberg, who was killed in action in Fallujah in 2003.

Families can come into Mr. Mike's Grill and get pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.

Also 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, a party with Mrs. Claus is planned, complete with crafts, activities, letter writing to Santa, story time and much more. Gift baskets will be raffled off and seasonal wreaths will be offered for sale. A \$3 donation per person is

being requested at the door. All proceeds go toward Blum's Landing.

"We have a special place in our hearts for the Blum's Landing mission, which is to give military families a break from everyday challenges by providing a beautiful and relaxing free stay at a northern Michigan bed and breakfast," Mr. Mike's Grill manager Angie Khalaf said. "So while families can come into Mr. Mike's and see Santa and Mrs. Claus and enjoy activities, they will also be donating to a worthwhile cause."

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Blum's Landing can be found at www.blumslanding.org.

"We are very fortunate to live in this country and enjoy the freedoms that it provides. We believe those in the military, who have fought so hard for our freedom, should be treated with dignity and respect for all they've done. This is our small way of giving back," Khalaf said.

For more information, go to Mr. Mike's Grill on Facebook or call Khalaf at 734-855-9432. Mr. Mike's Grill is located at 6047 N. Wayne Road in Westland.



Santa Claus with a tiny visitor at Mr. Mike's Grill.

AREA EVENTS

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

Holiday fun fest at Westland mall

Zeal Credit Union is hosting a free holiday fun fest from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, in the downtown area of Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren. There will be activities for all ages, including, holiday craft making, milk and cookie refreshments along with magic shows at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

A special feature of the event will be a holiday-themed domino display provided by the Domino Topplers in Michigan with special guest "BPDoles," a member of the chain reaction team for the record breaking Incredible Science Machine. Youngsters, ages 8-17 are invited to help set up the domino display, which is scheduled to topple at 1:30 p.m. for public viewing.

For youngsters interested in participating in the domino display, reservations are requested by email to tsweet@zealcu.org, by Thursday, Dec. 7, indicating names and ages. There is no cost to attend.

Moondusters Ballroom Organization events

Moondusters Ballroom Organization, a nonprofit dance group located in Livonia, has been holding ballroom-style dances to live music each Saturday in the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, for more than 42 years. Doors open at 7 p.m. and dancing runs 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10 per person, which includes coffee, tea and snacks, as well as cake and other refreshments during admission at 9 p.m. Pizza parties are held periodically and pizza and salad is included in the cost of admission. At every dance, there is a 50/50 raffle.

The Moondusters will hold their Christmas Dinner Dance on Friday, Dec. 8, at Burton Manor Banquet Hall, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Music by Tommy James and His Orchestra. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., hors d'oeuvres until dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing 7:30-11:30 p.m. Admission \$40 by ticket only. Door prizes, cash bar. Tables of 10. Reserved singles section. Tickets at the door if available.

For more information and tickets, call 586-873-3353 or go to www.moondusters.org.

Lunch with Santa

Livonia's annual Lunch with Santa will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Civic

Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The event includes lunch, crafts and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Tickets are \$6 for Livonia residents and \$9 for non-residents and are available at the Kirksey Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. All attendees over the age of 2 must have a ticket. For more information, call 734-466-2900.

Detroit Lutheran Singers concert

The Detroit Lutheran Singers will perform *All The Bells On Earth Shall Ring!* at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. This will be a concert with a wide variety of Christmas music from familiar songs and carols to historic gems, plus a handbell choir participating. Composers from Pachelbel to Rutter are represented and the audience is invited to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" with the choir as the finale. Ring in the season at one of these venues:

Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for seniors and students over age 12. They will be available at the door, but may be purchased in advance online at www.detroitluthersingers.com.

Advent Taize at Our Lady of Loretto

An Advent Taize ceremony is scheduled for 7-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Our Lady of Loretto Church, northeast corner of Six Mile and Beech, in Redford. Taize is a prayer service involving scripture reading, soft beautiful music and quiet, repetitive prayer in our candle-lit church.

Citizens for Peace potluck

The Citizens for Peace annual veggie potluck highlights its holiday meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. Everyone can bring their favorite vegetarian dish to share. Donations are appreciated. There will be a silent auction and a raffle of a variety of baskets to add to the festivities. All are welcome to bid on items.

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

3D Photography Club

The 3D Photography Club will hold its next meeting 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road.

All are invited to come and see the award-winning 3D images. The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

The meeting will begin with the annual holiday potluck dinner, with

live musical performances from some members. There will also be an exhibition of stereoview cards made by members and many 3D items on display and for sale.

For more information, go to www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Inspire Theatre produces 'Ultimate Christmas Program'

Inspire Theatre rings in the holidays with "The Ultimate Christmas Program." The show runs through Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday.

The Westland Center for the Arts is located at 33455 Warren Road. Tickets are \$16 for all seats and are available at <https://inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com>. More information is available at <http://inspiretheatre.com> or by calling 734-751-7057.

The Westland Community Foundation is also hosting its annual Christmas reception at Inspire Theatre. The reception will be 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, prior to that night's performance. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be prepared by students from the Culinary Arts Department of William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Cost for the reception and play is \$35 per person, plus two unwrapped new toys as a donation for the children of the Westland Salvation Army. For the reception only, cost is \$20 per person, plus two unwrapped gifts.

Limited seating is available for the play, call Lynette Hobyak at 734-595-7727. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted.

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 program for Thursday, Dec. 14, features harpist Charles Walker. Call Vicki at 734-591-3254 for more information.

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.

Livonia Civic Chorus concert

The Livonia Civic Chorus will sing both secular and sacred music of the holidays during its SING We Now of CHRISTMAS choral concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, in the Clarence-

ville High School Schmidt Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

As the first of two concerts of their 53rd season, members will present secular music during the first half, while the second half is devoted to sacred music. Students from Emerson and Frost Middle School, under the direction of Lori Porter, will sing "The Sleigh Ride" and join the chorus several times during the program.

Tickets are available from chorus members, at the Livonia Recreation Center or at the door. The pre-sale ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. At the door ticket prices are \$15 for all. For more information, call 734-542-9071 or email info@livoniacivicchorus.org. For more information on the chorus, go to <http://www.livoniacivicchorus.org>.

Polar Express Party

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Town Square, is inviting families to the Polar Express Party. It will be held 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, and will feature crafts, refreshments and the movie. Parents must stay with their children.

All ages are welcome. Suggested donation: a non-food item such as laundry soap, toilet paper, etc. to help our neighbors in need. You must reserve your family's tickets by Dec. 15. Call the church at 734-721-4801 or email the staff at funccww@yahoo.com. Provide your name, how many are attending and phone number.

Wayne Memorial parents night

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an eighth-grade parents night at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018, at the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth Street.

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

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

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

734-419-2215.

Livonia's 100 Days to Health

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

The program offers the opportunity to participate in a range of activities, including exercise classes for all ages, nutrition and wellness seminars, rock climbing, free Friday workouts, open swim and more. Additionally, adults can take part in the 100 Day Weight Loss Fitness Challenge. Register for the challenge and be

eligible for monthly prizes. Last year's participants lost a total of 578 pounds, with the winner losing 67 pounds.

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

Livonia 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.

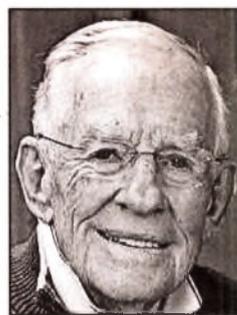
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George B. Smith

NOVI, MI - Age 89, George died on November 12, 2017 in Novi, Michigan. He was a longtime resident of Plymouth. Formerly from Wayne, Michigan where he attended Wayne High School and played football on the 1945 and 1946 state championship "class B" teams. He loved football and was also on the track team winning the State Shot Put Championship in 1944 and 1945. George went on to Michigan State University and played football on the '47, '48, '49 teams. In 1949 he led the nation as an extra point kicker. He was also on boxing team. After college he spent two years in the Army due to his ROTC officer's commitment. During this time he married Mary Elizabeth Schlecht, his college sweetheart whom he loved and admired all his wonderful life. George started George Smith Realty and Mortgage Company, eventually founding Mayflower Mortgage which he sold to Republic Bank. George was a life member of the Washtenaw Country Club and belonged to Quail Creek Country Club in Naples, Florida. George spent many Christmases with his family in the Caribbean and traveled extensively with the Nomads. He enjoyed summers at his summer home in Horton Bay Club near Charlevoix and in the winter in Naples where he had a condo. George loved his children with all his heart: Gregory (Pamela), Barbara, Thomas (Marilyn), Dan (Diana) and Timothy (Sue). He had eight fantastic grandchildren: Tanner, Brad, Steven, Tyler, Alexandra, Kelli, Danny and AJ. Private Cremation Services have been entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date. If you would like to make a donation in George's honor, memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



Livonia house fire under investigation

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The Livonia Fire Department continues to investigate a house fire that started early Tuesday morning.

Deputy Chief Mike Kelly said the department worked on two fires early Tuesday morning in western Wayne County. One took place at about 3 a.m. Tuesday at a home in the 18000 block of Lathers, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads.

Kelly said it appears that fire began in the garage and then spread.

"It looks like it started in the garage and worked its way in the house," he said.

The occupants of the home were able to get out of the home and escape with no injuries, Kelly said. A few vehicles parked in the garage and driveway were completely destroyed, he said.

Livonia Fire Marshal Keith Bo said the occupants of the house were able to escape through a back bedroom window, since flames blocked the front door due to the high winds.

"The fire was blowing across the front of the house," he said.

There was fire damage to the home's laundry room and some in the kitchen, where firefighters were able to get in and knock the fire down.

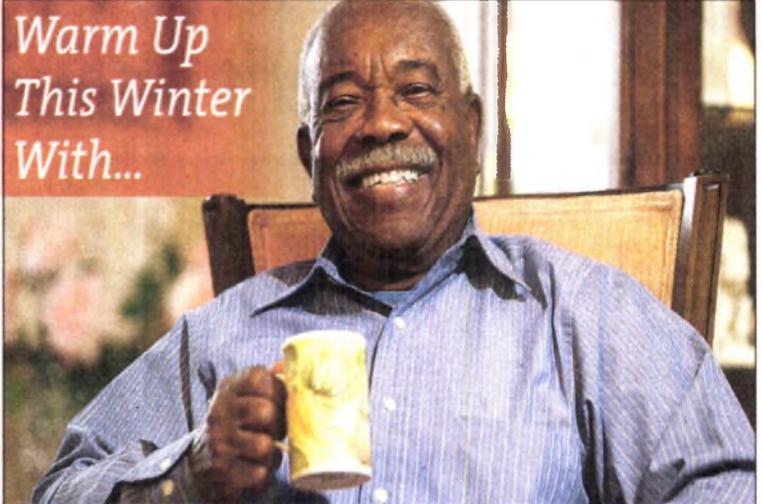
Bo said the cause of the fire was undeter-

mined as of Tuesday morning.

Kelly said Livonia firefighters also assisted Northville Township with a fire that took place at Mark's Outdoor Power Equipment, 16959 Northville Road. Kelly said that fire took place at about 1 a.m. and it also remains under investigation.

The fires took place just before the National Weather Service declared a wind advisory for much of southeast Michigan. The agency says wind gusts of up to 45 mph were expected across the region.

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Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Faxed bids in response to this request will not be accepted.

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 2018 AGGREGATES, name of vendor and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

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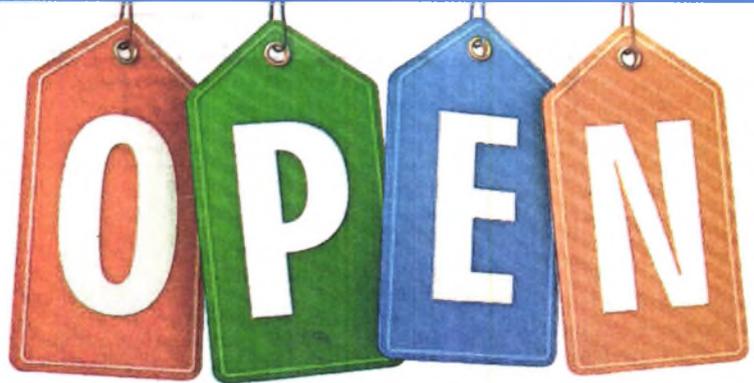
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PREP WRESTLING

Catholic Central returns three state champs

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If the phrase "Iron Sharpens Iron" doesn't apply to the Novi Detroit Catholic Central wrestling room, than nothing else does.

Even though they're facing a beefed up schedule, the Shamrocks should be the prohibitive favorite come Feb. 23-24 in Kalamazoo when the MHSAA Division 1 team state championships will be held for the first time at the Wings Event Center.

The defending champs, who

went 31-1 overall, lost individual state champions Tyler Morland (171 pounds) and Nick Jenkins (285), along with third-place finisher Jackson Ross (215).

But the cupboard remains fully stocked. "When you have 12 seniors returning and slew of talent — all-staters, state champs — we'll have a pretty good wrestler at each weight," 11th-year CC coach Hancock said. "We're losing, obviously, Jenkins and Morland up top along with Ross, but we have a nice little heavyweight in Steve Kolchey, who is a sophomore.

He'll fill in nicely there. He's got to develop there a little bit. I'm excited to see what he's able to put out there. At 171, taking over for Morland will be Aidan Wagh. He's a state qualifier and I think he's going to surprise a lot of people this year. He's on a mission."

CC's returning individual state championship trio are senior Ben Kamali (119), junior Kevon Davenport (145) and Cameron Amine (152-160) — all going for their third straight titles.

Kamali finished 41-13 a year



Among CC's contingent of returning wrestlers are (bottom row, from left) individual state champions Ben Kamali, Cameron Amine and Kevon Davenport and (back row, from left) Devon Johnsen, Stone Moscovic, Rhett Newton, Derek Gilcher and Josh Edmond. BRAD EMONS

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USA HOCKEY

HOCKEY HOMECOMING



Michigan's Quinn Hughes, formerly of the U.S. NTDP, gets a jump on Tyler Weiss during Saturday's game. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Former players return to Plymouth to help Wolverines earn 7-3 victory

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Saturday night's game at USA Hockey Arena resembled a homecoming of sorts, with 10 former U.S. National Team Development Program players now on the Michigan Wolverines.

And in front of an enthusiastic crowd of 3,715, the Wolverines seemed right at home, defeating the NTDP U-18 team, 7-3.

"The college games are awesome for us, because they're so hard, they're so competitive," U.S. head coach Seth Appert said. "And it's

special with Michigan because they're right here, they're in our town basically, and half their team is from this program, right? It's a special game for everyone involved."

Sparking U-M with a hat trick and assist was winger Tony Calderone. Garnering two goals for the U.S. was forward Patrick Giles.

"It was definitely a little weirder walking in on the visiting side today," U-M forward Josh Norris (Oxford) said. "I really haven't been over here too much. But it was a great game and I had a lot of friends out there, but we ap-

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Plymouth native Nick Boka was a defensive standout Saturday night for the Michigan Wolverines. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

BOYS BASKETBALL

Novi favorite in KLAA Gold Division race

Hankerson foot injury could be setback for Class A regional finalists

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One of the state's top-ranked basketball teams will have to hold the fort a while.

During tryouts, Novi lost two-year starting point guard Tregon Hankerson to a broken bone in his foot.



Hankerson

The 6-foot-3 senior, the team's primary ball-handler, isn't expected to return until mid-January, so fourth-year Novi coach Brandon Sinawi is going to have to come up with some creative lineups.

The Wildcats, 18-7 year ago, won the KLAA Central Division and reached the Class A regional finals before losing to West Bloomfield on a controversial last-second finish.

Novi returns Oakland University signee Traveon Maddox Jr., a 6-5 senior who averaged 20 points, six rebounds and five assists per game.

Also returning to the starting lineup is the team's second leading scorer, 6-3 junior swing man Jiovanni Miles, who has Division I offers from Central Michigan, the University of Detroit Mercy and North Dakota.

Nik Williams, a 5-10 senior who came off the bench to

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Novi's Traveon Maddox Jr. (right) has signed with Oakland University. FILE PHOTO

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Milford could contend for title in LVC

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If there was ever a "big three" when it comes to Milford boys basketball, then this must be it.

The Mavericks, under fifth-year coach David Gilbert, enter the 2017-18 boys basketball season with three proven scorers: 6-foot-3 senior guard Aiden Warzecha, 6-7 junior forward Gunnar Gustafson and 6-5 senior forward Kyle Soderberg, a transfer.

The trio are just three of the reasons why the Mavericks, coming off a 12-9 season, could be serious contenders to win a title in the inaugural season of the new nine-school Lakes Valley Conference.

Warzecha, entering his fourth season in the varsity lineup, was named Class A all-state by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan after averaging 16 points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals per game during his junior year.

"Aidan is an outstanding leader, has tremendous basketball IQ, who has led us in scoring the last two seasons," Gilbert said of the two-time all-KLAA selection.

Meanwhile, Gustafson is coming off a strong sophomore season when he averaged 11.2 points, seven rebounds and 1.2 blocks per game.

"Gunnar is an extremely talented young man who keeps getting



Milford senior guard Aiden Warzecha averaged 16 points per game last season. JERRY REA

better," Gilbert said. "He is going to be one of the better big men in the area. He's a strong interior player with underrated athleticism and has the ability to average a double-double."

Soderberg, a versatile forward who can play both inside and out, averaged 15 points per game after transferring from Lakeland during mid-semester.

"Kyle is a gamer," Gilbert said. "He has the knack for the ball and can score in a variety of ways."

To complement the big three, Gilbert will rely to two experienced guards in seniors Nolan Rand and J.T. Sarafa, both whom logged quality minutes on the varsity last season.

"Our juniors that are coming up from JV are buying into their roles nicely," Gilbert said.

White Lake Lakeland

The Eagles (7-14) will have a new voice on the bench as Ron Thompson moves a mile down the road from Walled Lake Northern to take the reins from Bob Brugger, who retired after 17 seasons.

Thompson, who guided the Knights to a 15-7 record a year ago, will focus his attack around 6-foot-9 senior center Cass Phillips.

"Having a rim protector like Cass is a big strength to lead our defense and an improved offensive game," Thompson said.

Also returning from

last year's squad are senior guards Sean Cullen and Joe Rzeppa, along with 6-2 junior forward Patrick McDonald.

"We will play very hard and tough with everything starting on the defensive end," Thompson said. "We have a very deep team with the possibility of five or six guys leading us in scoring on any given night and, hopefully, a consistent rotation of nine to 10 players. Getting off to a fast start is key, but will be difficult to learn a whole new system on both sides of the ball. How fast we pick up on concepts will determine how our season goes."

South Lyon

The Lions (9-13), who lost in last year's Class A district final to Howell, hope to make it a smooth transition as junior varsity coach Troy Weidman takes over for Doug Host, who retired following last season.

Although leading scorer Nick Flynn (13 points per game) was lost to graduation, South Lyon returns 6-5 senior center Noah Grimes and 5-10 senior guard Ben Call from the starting lineup.

Both are three-year varsity letter winners who averaged seven points per game a year ago.

They will be joined by senior forwards Coleson White and Brian Averill, along with senior guard-forward Will Kelley.

Meanwhile, 6-6 senior Jared Townsley, who sat last season with an injury, could also give the Lions added boost in their quest for an LVC crown.

South Lyon East

The Cougars (3-17) are looking for a turnaround season led by all-KLAA

TEAM CAPSULES

MILFORD

Head coach: David Gilbert, fifth season.
League: Lakes Valley Conference.
Last year's record: 12-9.
Notable losses to graduation: Dominic Dawson (all-KLAA), Reid Sellers.
Leading returnees: Aidan Warzecha, 6-3 Sr. G; Gunnar Gustafson, 6-7 Jr. F; Nolan Rand, 6-0 Jr. G; J.T. Sarafa, 6-0 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Kyle Soderberg, 6-5 Sr. G-F (transfer from Lakeland).
Gilbert's season outlook: "Most of the time when you lose nine seniors you are due for a year of growth, but we return a talented core of young men who understand the expectation set forth by the classes before them. Our success this season will be predicated on how well we can get as a team and play selfless basketball, how we can develop our youth and depth, and how tough we can be on the defensive end. We have a ways to go in all three areas and how early we can get there will determine our overall success. This is a great group of young men who represent our program culture very well."

WHITE LAKE LAKELAND

Head coach: Ron Thompson, first season.
League: Lakes Valley Conference.
Last year's record: 7-14.
Notable losses to graduation: Joe Tingle, Justin Knox.
Leading returnees: Cass Phillips, 6-9 Sr. C; Sean Cullen, 5-10 Sr. G; Joe Rzeppa, 5-7 Sr. G; Patrick McDonald, 6-2, Jr. F.
Promising newcomers: Trent Farquhar, 5-7 Jr. G; Kyle Flowers, 5-10, Jr. G; Lucas Theaker, 6-3 Soph. F.
Thompson's season outlook: "The first season of the Lakes Valley Conference brings a lot of parity. The race should be wide open with the early league games meaning a lot to set the tone. It will be a grind with 16 league games determining the first champion. Strengths of our team will be experience, with two four-year players, one three-year player and five others that played some varsity last year."

SOUTH LYON

Head coach: Troy Weidman, first season.
League: Lakes Valley Conference.
Last year's record: 9-13.
Notable losses to graduation: Nick Flynn.
Leading returnees: Noah Grimes, 6-5 Sr. F; Ben Call, 5-10 Sr. G; Coleson White, 6-3 Sr. F; Brian Averill, 6-1 Sr. F; Will Kelley, 6-0 Sr. G-F.
Promising newcomers: Jared Townsley, 6-6 Jr. F; Owen Deline, 5-11 Jr. G; Connor Feliks, 6-4 Jr. F; Daniel McDermott, 6-2 Jr. F; Luke Gomori, 6-6 Jr. C.
Weidman's season outlook: "We'll be led by two three-year varsity lettermen, Noah Grimes and Ben Call who both averaged seven points per game last season. The Lions hope are high complete with aspirations to compete for the conference title as a member of the inaugural season for Lakes Valley Conference."

SOUTH LYON EAST

Head coach: Ron Levin, fifth season.
League: Lakes Valley Conference.
Last year's record: 3-17.
Notable losses to graduation: Anthony Salter.
Leading returnees: Chris Kaminski, 6-2 Jr. G; Zack Guietts-Stafford, 5-10 Sr. G; Marc Garland, 6-3 Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Nick Branton, 6-6 Soph. F; Zach Oprisu, 6-2 Jr. G; Nate Lewis-Newton, 5-10 Sr. G.
Levin's season outlook: "I'm excited for this season to get going. We had a lot of players work hard in the off season to improve as athletes and basketball players. I'm excited for them to see their hard work pay off."

selection Chris Kaminski, a 6-2 junior guard.

"Chris led the team in almost every statistical category and is expected to step up his game even more this season," fifth-year East coach Ron Levin said.

Levin will also lean on 6-3 senior forward Marc Garland, 5-10 senior guard Zack Guietts-Stafford, 6-1 junior forward Zach Oprisui and 6-6 sophomore forward Nick Branton, the latter whom is primed to make an immediate impact after missing his entire fresh-

man year with a dislocated shoulder.

"Marc Garland is ready for a big season as well," Levin said. "Zack Guietts-Stafford proved last year he can score in bunches. Sharp shooter Zach Oprisui split time between the JV and varsity last year as a sophomore and is primed for a big junior season."

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star last year in Novi's regional semifinal win over Walled Lake Western, will most likely move into the starting lineup.

"If we would have lost Traveon, that would have been pretty bad as well," Sinawi said. "But losing Trendon, he's kind of our quarterback, so it's going to be an adjustment for us. But we haven't known anything else the last two weeks. We've been practicing without him. The kids are adjusting, we're adjusting and hopefully ready to go by (the opener)."

Once Hankerson returns to the starting lineup, the Wildcats could become a special team, with 6-9 senior center Tariq Woody, a transfer from Plymouth, providing an inside presence as well.

"Being 6-9, he's going to be able to rebound, hopefully, at will for us, both on the offensive end and defensive end," Sinawi said. "We're just, hopefully, going to jumpstart our fast break defensively if we can get some stops and, if he can get some rebounds, we'll push it up a little quicker."

Woody, who won't be able to play until the week of Jan. 15 under a 90-day MHSAA transfer rule, brings plenty of experience to the table as the Wildcats appear to be the clear-cut favorite in the new seven-school Gold Division alignment this season in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, which will also include Northville, Howell, Hartland, Brighton, Livonia Stevenson and Grand Blanc.

"He's, hopefully, going to be a special player for

us," Sinawi said. "He can stretch the floor, too. He's just not somebody that plays inside. There will be times where he'll be able to leak out a little bit and hit the 3-point shot, which he's capable of doing having scouted him the last three years over at Plymouth. It's something he can do and we're looking forward to having him when he's ready."

Northville

The Mustangs (13-10) are undergoing a major rebuild after losing all five starters to graduation, including leading scorers Jake Justice and Kevin Morrissey.

Despite the heavy losses, 13th-year coach Todd Sander remains optimistic.

"With no starters returning from last year's team, there is a tremendous amount of opportunity available to everyone on our roster," Sander said. "Our practices have been intense, with players constantly working hard and fighting for spots and minutes."

The team's most experienced returnees are 6-4 senior Mark Grimes and 6-0 senior Niko Barach, along with 6-1 senior Brandon Stevens.

"All three of them are basketball-only student-athletes, so they have worked tirelessly on their strength, conditioning and skill sets," Sander said. "We will need to grow up fast. As always, defense and rebounding will be key for our team this year. We will need to play fundamental and unselfish on offense to give us the best chance as possible to score points."

Catholic Central

The Shamrocks (13-8), under 12th-year coach Bill Dyer, must replace their two top scorers lost



Novi junior Giovanni Miles (left) returns to the starting lineup after an 18-7 season. FILE PHOTO

to graduation: forward C.J. Baird, who earned a walk-on spot at the University of Michigan, and 3-point shooting specialist Gio Genrich.

Catholic Central's returning front line includes seniors Mike Harding and Christian Girjis, who both stand 6-5, and 6-6 junior David Lukomski. Adding depth in the front court will be 6-4 junior forward Brendan Downs.

A.J. Abdelnour, a 5-9 senior guard, returns in the back court, with 5-9 junior Keegan Kohler also moving up from the JV squad.

"We've spent a whole lot of time with each other since last season ended and, although we don't have a lot of returning experience, we did

play a lot kids last season," Dyer said.

Franklin Road Christian

The Warriors (4-18) made a coaching change during the fall, bringing in former Bowling Green State University player Roosevelt Barnes, who guided Redford Bishop Borgess to a Class C state title in 1997 (led by Sam Hoskin and Aaron Jessup).

Barnes, who replaced Matt Mikel, also coached at Monroe High, his alma mater, for four seasons, while also serving as assistant at Wayne State (under Ron Hammye) and Detroit Redford High (under Derrick McDowell).

Franklin Road lost two starters to graduation,

TEAM CAPSULES

NOVI

Head coach: Brandon Sinawi, fourth season.
League: Kensington Lakes Activities Association (Gold Division).
Last year's record: 18-7.
Titles won last year: KLAA Central Division and Class A district.
Notable losses to graduation: Alec Bageris, Jonny Davis, Justin Rodrigues.
Leading returnees: Traveon Maddox Jr. 6-5 Sr. G-F; Trendon Hankerson, 6-3 Sr. G; Giovanni Miles, 6-3 Jr. G-F; Nik Williams, 5-10 Sr. G; Blake King, 6-3 Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Tariq Woody, 6-9 Sr. F; Aryan Verma, 5-9 Jr. G.
Sinawi's outlook: "We are returning a lot of key guys from last year's team and I'm really excited to see this group of seniors play out their last year of high school basketball. We have a great mix of talent and our kids really need to buy into their roles, which is going to be the key to our success. There are also a lot of expectations for our team and we have a long way to go if we are going to compete for our division and challenge for our district. With the new setup of the KLAA, there are a lot of good quality players and coaches and every game is going to be a challenge for our kids."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Todd Sander, 13th season.
League: KLAA (Gold Division).
Last year's record: 13-10.
Titles won last year: Northville Holiday Tournament.
Notable losses to graduation: Jake Justice, Kevin Morrissey, Phil Jovanovski, Gustaf Tjernberg.
Leading returnees: Mark Grimes, 6-4 Sr. F; Niko Barach, 6-0 Sr. G; Brandon Stevens, 6-1 Sr. G; Tyler Troyer, 6-2 Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Steven Morrissey, 6-4 Jr. F; Daniel McLaughlin, 6-3 Jr. F; Paul Kearis, 6-0 Jr. G; Gary Laskowski, 6-4 Jr. F; Arvind Ganeshram, 5-8 Jr. G; Nolan Knight, 6-4 Jr. F.
Sander's outlook: "Our returning players' game experience is limited, so we will need to grow up fast in order to compete in our difficult division. We have a solid core of returning seniors who are doing a terrific job leading our junior class. Our juniors have played together for a long time, and they are adapting nicely thus far to the varsity level, and they will certainly be in the mix to start and play big minutes. No one can take anything for granted on this team, which is a tremendous problem for a coach."

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Bill Dyer, 12th season.
League: Detroit Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's record: 13-8.
Notable losses to graduation: C.J. Baird, Gio Genrich.
Leading returnees: A.J. Abdelnour, 5-9 Sr. G; Mike Harding, 6-5 Jr. F; Christian Girjis, 6-5 Sr. C; David Lukomski, 6-6 Jr. F.
Promising newcomers: Keegan Kohler, 5-9 Jr. G; Brendan Downs, 6-4 Jr. F.
Dyer's outlook: "Our roster is full of a lot of juniors this season. Our kids really want to keep the ball rolling from last season and our kids definitely pull for each other. Some gained even more experience as our rotations changed after we had a few season ending injuries last year."

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Roosevelt Barnes, first season.
League: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).
Last year's record: 4-18.
Notable losses to graduation: Maxwell Holleman, Joshua Beck.
Leading returnees: Mackenzy Blackwell, 6-5 Soph. F; Joshua Lynn, 6-3 Jr. F; Jake Schinzing, 5-9 Jr. G; Christian Banks, 6-0 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Blake Goodman, 6-3 Jr. G-F; Jarred Tate, 6-2 Jr. G.
Barnes's outlook: "We're young. We've got two seniors, but we're going to compete. We're going to be competitive. That's all I can promise. Don't know much about the league. We're young, lots of juniors and sophomores. The jury is still out. I'm getting to know what capabilities they have. I'm placing some new demands on them. It's a little more demanding than they've experienced before, but they're responding well and I'm looking forward to a good season."

along with top scorer Rahmon Scruggs, who transferred to Southfield Christian.

Leading returnees include 6-5 sophomore Mackenzy Blackwell, 5-9 junior Jake Schinzing, 6-3 junior Joshua Lynn and 6-0 senior Christian Banks. They are joined by promising newcomers Jarred Tate, a junior, and Blake Goodman, a freshman.

"The A.D. (Glynn Blackwell) and I are friends," said Barnes, who hasn't coached since the 2007-08 season.

"(Blackwell) asked me to come 11 years ago, but I turned him down because I got a daughter who is 20 and she was young. He and I were working together at Faith Christian Academy. He used to come into Borgess and play against my boys. We played a lot together. We have a real good history and I'm familiar with Franklin Road and the mission there. He called me up and asked me, so I came out."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Beaune's hat trick lifts Stevenson past Northville

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Livonia Stevenson's Jake Beaune continues to prove that football's loss is hockey's gain.

The 6-foot-3 senior defenseman is also proving to be an offensive force as he notched a hat trick in the Spartans' 6-3 victory Friday over host Northville at Novi Ice Arena.

Stevenson, ranked No. 1 in Division 2, played its fifth straight state-ranked opponent to improve to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA Gold Division.

"This team is great," Beaune said. "Everyone has bought into the process and all of us work hard at practice every day and we're pretty good right now."

Nobody could argue Beaune is looking pretty good himself after scoring his second, third and fourth goals of the season.

Beaune's father Tony, a 1985 Stevenson grad, was a standout defensive end at Wayne State and

had a brief stint in the NFL when he was invited to the Philadelphia Eagles' training camp under coach Buddy Ryan.

Jake played football through the sixth grade, but then quit to concentrate on hockey.

After a scoreless opening period, Beaune got Stevenson on the board at 5:19 of the second, with Vincent Decina and Brendan Preiss drawing assists, but Northville countered just 10 seconds later on Brendan Lovett's goal from Alex Garbacik.

Beaune then found himself doubled-over on the bench while getting attention from the trainer after stopping a Northville breakaway attempt.

"They had a good chance. I went and skated at it, dove at it and my hand hit me right in the stomach," he said. "I felt like I was going to throw up. I happened to throw up and come out on the next shift. Had a good shift."

After Josh Suzio added a goal at 9:26 of the second from Kyle Siroky and Steven Hunt to make it 2-1 for the Spartans, Beaune scored his second just 30 seconds later from the Decina cousins, Vincent and Julian, to make it a two-goal cushion heading into the third.

"The second period, I thought we came out pretty strong," Beaune said. "Obviously, they scored a little bit, but we bumped right back and popped a couple more. We were looking pretty good in the second."

Northville (3-1, 1-1 KLAA Gold) made things interesting at 2:34 of the final period, when Owen Finkbeiner scored from Jack Sargent and Jimmy Dales to trim the deficit to 3-2.

But the Spartans responded with three straight goals to put it away, including Beaune's third of the night with just 34 seconds remaining to make it 6-2. Julian Decina and Cole Parkhurst drew assists.

It was Beaune's second hat trick in as many years. Not too bad for the rangy defenseman.

"Last year, I scored 12. I'm hoping to get a little more this year," Beaune said.

Here are four other takeaways:

SPEED KILLS

The Spartans also got a pair of third-period goals, by Parkhurst on a power play at 5:02 from Julian Decina, followed by another at 10:57 from Preiss and Julian Decina (his fourth assist of the

game).

"We put an emphasis on playing fast and having some team speed," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "And I thought you saw it go down with the goal by Decina, Preiss and Parkhurst — they just went fast. And so we try and do some things quick up the ice. Today we showed it at times, but we'll definitely need more consistency with that. But it was good at times and good to see. We work on it quite a bit."

QUALITY WINS

Stevenson has now defeated four state-ranked teams: uding Northville, No. 4 in Division 1; Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, No. 5 in Division 1; Birmingham Brother Rice, No. 4 in Division 2; and Livonia Churchill, No. 6 in Division 3.

"It was a good game and we knew Northville was on a roll," Mitchell said. "They're senior-heavy and well-coached. First period, it was kind of a back and forth, one of those feeling out processes. But it was good to come away with the win and we're happy about that."

The Spartans' lone loss this season is to defend-

ing Division 1 state champion and top-ranked Brighton, 3-2.

"It's a tough league (KLAA), it's a tough schedule," Mitchell said. "There's no nights off ... Northville, Novi, Hartland and Brighton. Our league is loaded and then our non-conference is loaded. Michigan high school hockey is really healthy right now and it's in a good place."

MUSTANGS CORALLED

The Mustangs scored their final goal with only 1.5 seconds remaining, when 6-7 senior defenseman Cole Smith ripped a shot just inside the blue line past Stevenson goaltender Will Tragge, who had 18 saves on the night.

Nick Bogenhagen and Lovett assisted on the Smith goal, but it was too little, too late for Northville.

"I felt maybe our guys came out — and I don't want to say respected Stevenson too much," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "You should respect a good program like that, but maybe weren't playing our game and we were on our heels a bit. The second period, I thought we had a good start, 1-1. We made a couple of mistakes at their blue line and on our blue

line and, five or 10 seconds later, the puck is in our net. We can't do that. That really kind of gave them the momentum a little bit there."

HOUSE CLEANING

The Mustangs were outshot 38-21, including 17-10 during the final period while yielding three goals.

"We've got to clean up the turnovers at the blue line," Robert said. "We've got to make sure we're thinking defensively first. We can't have any fly-bys by their defenseman without the puck. We just got to think defense and clean up the turnovers."

Northville goalie Nate Williams was extremely busy during the final two periods. The junior, who played AAA last year for Belle Tire, finished with 32 saves.

"Obviously, Stevenson is well-coached," Robert said. "They've got a lot of depth, a lot of speed and just keep coming at you in waves, good forecheck, get back hard in the defensive zone. They do a good job getting bodies in front of the net. They play the game the right way."

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U.S. goalie Drew DeRidder and defenseman Spencer Stastney react as the puck bounces into the net. At left for Michigan is Josh Norris of Oxford. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

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proached it like any other game and got the win. It was huge."

The experience and environment also was special for Will Lockwood, a forward from Bloomfield Hills. He enjoyed an extra treat when he scored Michigan's sixth goal of the game, early in the third period.

"We had a good forecheck there and I was luckily right in front and it popped right out to me," Lockwood said.

Another former NTDP player to score for Michigan was forward Michael Pastujov, who tallied the night's last goal midway through the third.

Michigan never trailed, although the U.S. did score three unanswered goals in the middle period to get to within 4-3.

The U.S. had the territorial edge for most of the first five minutes, but could not capitalize. And then the Wolverines struck first, when Calderone flipped a shot over NTDP goalie Drew DeRidder (Fenton).

That hole deepened to 3-0 after one period, although Appert thought his team played better than the score indicated.

"I liked our first period and yet we were down 3-0," Appert said. "I thought we were good, we had tons of chances. (Hayden) Lavigne made some good saves and they had two goals that bounced in off us."

Following are several takeaways:

TAKING NOTES

One of the players on Team USA, defenseman and Birmingham native Bode Wilde, talked about playing against the Wolverines — the team he will be a member of next season.

"It was pretty cool to play against some of these guys and get a taste of the kind of hockey I'll be playing next year," Wilde said.

TOASTING A TITLE

Before the game, Michigan and U.S. players gathered at center ice to receive gold medal rings for winning the 2017 IIHF Under-18 World Championship.

The recipients included three current Wolverines and former U.S. players: Quinn Hughes, Michael Pastujov and Norris. Oliver Wahlstrom and Joel Farabee of the U.S. also received their awards.

"I thought it was really neat tonight to see the world championship presentation at the front end," Appert said. "You have coaching staffs and players on (the) U.S. coming together and I thought that was a neat moment and what this place is all about — developing great hockey players and putting them on to the next step, which is usually NCAA Division I and then the NHL."

BEARY NICE

Fans waited patiently for the home team to get on the scoreboard so that they could launch teddy bears out onto the ice.

After Michigan built a 4-0 lead, the Teddy Bear Toss moment finally arrived when Wahlstrom snapped a high shot inside the left post with 13:08 remaining in the middle period.

FAN ZONE

The large crowd, one of the largest at USA Hockey Arena since it took over the building in 2015 from the Plymouth Whalers, was pretty evenly divided between maize and blue fans and U.S. faithful.

But just having a full building with plenty of buzz and energy was worth it, said Plymouth resident Scott Merryfield, a former Whalers season ticket holder who now has season tickets for USA Hockey.

"It's great to see a lot of fans here for once. We haven't seen fans like this for years, except for a couple international games," Merryfield said. "It's more excitement, the fans get into it more, so you get a little energy in the building and things like that. We used to have that with the Whalers when they were here."

Mike and Char Dunn and Jim Gagleard, all of Canton, liked the atmosphere in the building.

"I think Yost is better, but this is cool," Mike Dunn said. "And I thought it was going to very Michigan-centered. I thought there'd be a lot more Michigan fans. But when USA Hockey scored their last couple goals, the whole crowd's excited, it's cool."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

New coach looks to help Blazers raise profile

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Coaching has always been in Tom Bushart's blood, as he has coached Catholic Youth Organization teams for nearly 30 years — primarily at St. Valentine's and Our Lady of Loretto in Redford Township.

But finally, after several seasons helping coach lower level girls basketball teams at Livonia Ladywood, he is in charge of a varsity program.

Bushart, a high school boys basketball and baseball player at Redford Union in the 1970s, is the Blazers' new varsity coach. He takes over from Sam Lamb.

Last week, the 12 players on varsity practiced together with Ladywood junior varsity players (coached by Emily Frikken) as the 2017-18 regular season draws near.

"Due to the lack of numbers for the JV, we're trying to intertwine the knowledge of our offense together so

they can run similar offenses," Bushart said. "Make it easier for the girls."

"Hopefully, it will be a progression for the following years that they're going to move up to varsity. They'll already have an idea of what we got going on and they can improve their skill set upon that."

Ladywood opened Tuesday at Macomb North and plays Friday, Dec. 8, at home against Regina on Blazer Mania day.

"We're inviting students from area Catholic League schools to attend," Bushart said. "Hopefully, it will be a nice crowd."

Bushart is no stranger to the current varsity players, having coached most of them at the freshman and junior varsity levels.

"The senior group were my freshman girls, all but one," Bushart said. "They know me and I know them, I've watched them improve each year. They are ready to run with it."

"I just got to keep on them to get the confidence level up. That's

how I like to coach."

The one player he was referring to was senior forward and returning captain Abbey Reppen, who already was a varsity player when she was a freshman.

Joining Reppen in the starting lineup will be two other seniors that Bushart coached three years ago, point guard Kate Roney and guard/forward Amy Babbon.

The other four players from Bushart's 2014-15 freshman squad now on the varsity are Natalie Stevenson, Jessie Drennan, Anna Francone and Natasha Strzelewiec.

Ladywood's two returning starters are 5-10 junior center Catherine Ambrose and sophomore guard Elle Reppen (Abbey's sister).

Also expected to contribute will be junior forward Cate Charron and junior guards Bridget Rogers and Emily Pawlik.

"She's hopefully our 3-point specialist," Bushart said about Pawlik. "She shoots the ball well."

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Livonia Ladywood varsity girls basketball players listen to new head coach Tom Bushart during a recent practice. TOM BEAUDOIN

BOYS BASKETBALL

Hurley hoping to stop the coaching carousel at Franklin

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Stability is good for a high school boys basketball program and that's what T.J. Hurley expects to bring to Livonia Franklin.

Hurley, who grew up in Redford Township and was a standout three-sport athlete at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, becomes the Patriots' third head coach in three seasons. Last year's coach, Gjon Djokaj, left to take a coaching job at Walled Lake Northern.



Hurley

"Every year, they're being taught new things, new offenses, new ways that coaches want them to play defense," Hurley said. "And it makes it so they never can get comfortable and adapt to a system. You have seniors who are third-year varsity players and this is their third time learning a new system."

But with a group of resilient athletes, including several who were part of Franklin's recent drive to the Division 2 football state championship game, Hurley doesn't anticipate a long-standing problem of players getting acclimated to new coaches and systems.

"I'd like to say it's going to be shorter than you think, because it's just how great these guys are," Hurley said. "They do get along with each other, they are trying to buy in."

Hurley also is new to the Franklin scene, taking the head coaching spot after serving as an assistant coach at Dearborn Heights Crestwood (where he remains a teacher).

"I can't really comment on why someone would choose to go one place or another," Hurley said. "I just went from (being) an assistant at Crestwood, where I loved the kids I coached and was assisting a great dude, a great coach, in Mike Bright."

"And I even chose to leave what I thought was one of the best situations. Guys make decisions trying to do what's best for them, give themselves new challenges."

Grid to gym

Senior stalwarts include forwards Mark Mettie (6-9), Ryan Celmer and Jacob Matts (6-4), along with Matt Elrod, called the



One of Livonia Franklin's top senior returnees is Mark Mettie (left), shown battling Canton's Noah Brown last season. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

team's best defender.

Mettie "puts the ball on the floor phenomenally, he does a lot of things well. He's an offensive stud."

Mass and Elrod missed the first few practices because they were still playing football. Also back from football are senior Roger Carpenter and junior Cal Fournier, both slated for the back court.

But the night Franklin lost to Warren De La Salle at Detroit's Ford Field, Elrod texted Hurley saying he was "ready to get started" with the basketball team.

According to Hurley, the success enjoyed by the football team could have a positive impact on what transpires on the floor.

"I think success in the football program carries over to just about every sport in the school," Hurley said. "Not only do those players bring that attitude and that natural culture to a program, but it gets the entire school spirit up to support things like volleyball, things like hockey."

"It gets every sport and all the fans in every sport more involved in the school. I think it always starts with football no matter where you are."

Franklin also has some juniors who are accomplished varsity players, definitely capable of helping the Patriots string together some victories.

Those juniors include shooting guard Jack Cronyn, point guard Dalton Gaisor and guard Ryan

Hoyer, all key returnees.

Another player to watch is 5-8 guard Chase Krespi, a spark-plug who Hurley said plays bigger than his size.

Blueprint for success

Hurley stressed that he will use a very deep rotation, perhaps eight or nine players, because Franklin players will be called upon to leave it all out on the floor.

"If I had to define it (team style) in three words, it would be 'defend, rebound, run,'" he said. "If you do those three things in that order, you can find a lot of success against teams that are supposed to be better than you, teams that are more talented than you."

"In basketball, it's about who can bring that special effort every single day."

And in order for the Patriots to hang around at or near the top of the KLAA Gold Division standings, it will need to be offense by committee.

"We want everyone feeling ready with the ball, confident on the catch," Hurley said. "Last year, they had a different kid who transferred out and Mark (Mettie), taking a large majority of their shots. We want to get it moving, get everyone involved on both ends."

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COLLEGE RECRUITING



Morgan Overaitis is joined by family members as they celebrate her signing with Michigan. Standing (from left) are her mom Michelle, her brother Tyler and her dad Craig. SALEM ATHLETICS

Long wait over for Salem's Overaitis

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Salem's Morgan Overaitis, shown during a 2017 game, recently signed to go to Michigan. FILE PHOTO

Morgan Overaitis officially is a Michigan Wolverine and breathing a sigh of relief.

The Salem High School senior recently took advantage of an early signing period and committed to U-M, where she will play NCAA Division I women's softball.

It has been a stressful few years for Overaitis, just a freshman when she made the verbal commitment to go to the University of Michigan.

"I am so relieved to officially be done with the recruiting process," said Overaitis, a power hitter who pitches and plays shortstop for the Rocks. "I am beyond thankful to officially be a Wolverine and to represent the block 'M' on my chest for the next four years."

"I have been waiting for this day since I first committed my freshman year."

Family helped her celebrate. She was joined for the ceremony by her parents (Michelle and Craig), brother (Tyler) and grandmother.

Others on hand included Salem softball coach Bonnie Southerland, athletic director Brian Samulski and teammates Hailey DeChalk and Jordan Hazel.

"This signing has been a long time com-

ing," Southerland said. "When the verbal commitment to U-M was announced when Morgan was a freshman, it was practically unheard of."

"The last three years, this player has had to live up to some very high expectations and has proven to anyone who has seen her play why Michigan softball was interested in Morgan."

Southerland said Overaitis "challenges herself daily, she demonstrates outstanding softball skills, has an impeccable work ethic and leadership qualities."

Three years after verbally committing, Overaitis obviously has no regrets.

"I am 110 percent happy with my choice to go to U-M," Overaitis said. "I love the coaches, love the facility and I just feel at home when I'm there."

"I'm not sure where I will be playing when I get there. I will be happy to play wherever the team needs me."

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WRESTLING

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ago at 112 and moves up a weight class.

"We have a lot of guys returning and the new guys that came in — they're really good, they're hard workers," Kamali said. "Reminds me a lot of last year's team ... just working hard, having fun and really bonding together. The team state championship is the end goal and everything else just falls in place."

Davenport goes from 130 up to 145 after finishing 43-3 overall.

"I just see a lot of guys with a lot of talent, a lot of talent and a lot of hard workers," Davenport said. "Like Ben said, it reminds me of lot of last year's team. We had a lot of really good guys and I think we have the same thing this year. I think we have the ability to do the exact same thing we did last year and beat everybody in the state by 10-15 plus points."

Amine was the 145 champ last season, finishing 45-3 overall. His brother Jordan, currently out with an injury, is a senior on the University of Michigan team, while his cousins Myles and Malik Amine, are also Wolverines.

"I work with all of them all the time. They've gotten me far and pushed me a lot," Cam Amine said. "I've been working

on the small things, find my weaknesses and get up to par where I can be the best guy in the world."

Also returning off last year's championship team are three other state placers: junior Rhett Newton (130-135), who finished 36-6 while taking third at 112; sophomore Derek Gilcher (135-140), who finished fourth with a 32-10 record at 119; and senior Devon Johnsen (112), who went 35-12 and placed seventh at 103.

Other state qualifiers returning include senior Stone Moscovic (125-130), junior Joe Urso (145-152) and Wagh (171), a senior.

And as an added bonus, CC's top newcomer is Orchard Lake St. Mary's transfer Josh Edmond (140), who finished with a 53-1 record en route to Division 2 runner-up honors last year at 135.

The Shamrocks, who opened their season Wednesday home in the school assembly match against Grandville, have a loaded schedule during the months of December and January.

After competing Dec. 9 in the Westland John Glenn Rockets Duals, Hancock will send a split squad Dec. 16 to both the Oakland County Tournament and the Mishawaka (Ind.) Penn Duals.

The Shamrocks will also wrestle Dec. 22 at home against Brighton and Perrysburg, Ohio, before heading Dec. 29-30 to Ohio for the highly-touted Brecksville In-

TEAM CAPSULES

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Mitch Hancock, 11th year.
League: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's finish: first, Catholic League; first, Division 1 district, regional and state champions; 31-1 overall.
Notable losses to graduation: Tyler Morland (state champion, 171), Nick Jenkins (state champion, 285), Jackson Ross (state qualifier; third place, 215), Dane Flynn (state qualifier).
Leading returnees: Ben Kamali, Sr., 119 (state champ at 112); Kevon Davenport, Jr., 145 (state champ at 130); Cameron Amine, Jr., 152-160 (state champ at 145); Devon Johnsen, Sr., 112 (state qualifier; seventh at 103); Rhett Newton, Jr., 130-135 (state qualifier; third at 112); Derek Gilcher, Soph., 135-140 (state qualifier; fourth at 119); Stone Moscovic, Sr., 125-130 (state qualifier); Joe Urso, Jr., 145-152 (state qualifier); Aidan Wagh, Sr., 171 (state qualifier).
Promising newcomers: Josh Edmond, Soph., 140 (Division 2 state runner-up, 135); Dom Lomazzo, Fr. 112-119, Cam Trupp, Fr. 125; Steve Kolchiff, Soph., 285.
Smith's outlook: "We have a very deep and talented team coming back. We open the season ranked No. 10 in the country. Our ultimate goal is team state champions. We have an extremely tough, national-type schedule."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Tyler Schneider, second year.
League: Kensington Lakes Activities Association (Gold Division).
Last year's finish: fourth, KLAA Central (2-3); 18th, KLAA tourney.
Notable losses to graduation: Conrad Landis.
Leading returnees: Nicholas Gattoni, Soph., 140 (regional qualifier); Adam Lewis, Sr., 112; Grant Gattoni, Soph., 103; Joseph Nagy, Sr., 135; Brandon Liu, Soph., 103.
Promising newcomers: Demir Tagani, Soph., 285.
Schneider's outlook: "As tough as the league is, I definitely see us performing better than we have in the past couple of years. This is my third year with the program and the team has advanced a lot over the past couple of years. Yes, we may take our bumps and bruises in a new league with Brighton and Hartland, who are both powerhouses. Grand Blanc is no slouch, either, but we're definitely going against tough teams. I think we're to the point now where we are competitive and just not there to be there. We'll have a wrestler at every weight this year and right now we have 36 on the roster. Two years ago, when I started with the program, we had 12 kids at the end of the year. Last year, we finished with 22. Starting this year with 36 is huge for us."

NOVI

Head coach: Joel Smith, fourth season.
League: Kensington Lakes Activities Association (Gold Division).
Last year's finish: first, KLAA Central (5-0); 14th, KLAA tourney; 14-6 overall.
Notable losses to graduation: Lincoln Cleary (regional qualifier), Corey Grassmyer (regional qualifier).
Leading returnees: Chase Sparling, Sr. (captain); Eric Wright, Sr. (captain).
Promising newcomers: To be determined.
Smith's outlook: "I'm looking forward to working with this year's team. We are a young team with a lot of promise. The energy in the room is exciting as the team is hungry and working hard. They are a great group of young athletes. Every year its fun to watch them become better wrestlers and individuals through desire and dedication."

WHITE LAKE LAKELAND

Head coach: James Tippin, sixth year.
League: Lakes Valley Conference.
Last year's finish: fourth, KLAA North (2-3); 10th, KLAA tourney.
Notable losses to graduation: Nolan Kjaepe (state qualifier; eighth at 125), Michael Jacobs.
Leading returnees: Miles Hill Sr., 112; Jake House, Jr., 119; David Thickstun, Jr., 160; Brian McGrath, Soph., 140; Ryan Allen, Sr., 285.

vitational.

"We made a few changes this year," said Hancock, whose team is ranked 10th nationally.

In January, the CC Invitational is set Jan. 6, followed by a dual match Jan. 10 at home against Macomb Dakota, an elite

eight team last year.

Then it's the CC Super Duals and Alumni Day on Saturday, Jan. 13, at home featuring two national powers from Ohio, St. Paris Graham and Lakewood St. Edward's.

CC will also face Davison on Senior Night Fri-

Promising newcomers: Aiden Calma, Fr., 103; Alex Simpson, Jr., 171.
Tippin's outlook: "We're optimistic, but we're also young and a little inexperienced. We have 25 on our roster, the best numbers in my six years. We've got a few holes in the lineup, but enough seasoned guys to close the gaps that we have. I think the new league will be a nice fit for us as far as a little bit better parity. As far as competition-wise, I think we're a little bit better fit. Going into the league championships as a whole, it's a little bit better fit for us."

MILFORD

Head coach: Mario Flores, second year.
League: Lakes Valley Conference.
Last year's finish: sixth, KLAA Central (0-5); 20th, KLAA tourney; 8-13 overall.
Notable losses to graduation: Marc Sciabassi (regional qualifier).
Leading returnees: Kameron Carter, Jr., 215 (state qualifier); Kayla Wojcik, Jr., 103; Josh Schroader, Soph., 125; Keegan McNamara, Jr., 160; Ryan Kolb, Sr., 171; Sam Haddad, Soph., 189.
Promising newcomers: Zach Hebert, Jr., 119; Zane Carriaveau-Jones, Fr., 125; Victor Smith, Fr., 135; Kris Hauser, Fr., 285.
Flores's outlook: "A team that was missing a little luster in recent years has been reignited. And as participation numbers and experience rise, so will Milford wrestling. Led my state qualifier and seventh-ranked, Kameron Carter, the Mavs' young group is working hard and learning quickly. This team returns 18 freshmen or sophomores with a solid group of juniors to add to the room. Ryan Kolb is one of two seniors who hopes to make a run deep into the postseason. We moved some things around in our schedule this year, so we can see some teams we will need to compete with down the stretch. I'm very excited about what our wrestlers will do this year."

SOUTH LYON EAST

Head coach: Glenn Adkins, first year.
League: Lakes Valley Conference.
Last year's finish: sixth, KLAA Central (0-5); 22nd, KLAA tourney; 6-18 overall.
Notable losses to graduation: Tony Cavotta, Mourad, Spencer Scibassi (regional qualifier).
Leading returnees: Drake Lockard, Sr., 171; A.J. Garcia, Soph., 119; Jack Bowyer, Sr., 189; Dominic Albanys, Jr., 152; Griffin Schaefer, Jr., 215.
Promising newcomers: Matt Cepek, Fr., 160; Bronc Read, Fr., 135; Jason Smith, Fr., 112.
Adkins's outlook: "We have a few new faces on the team this year that will help fill the lineup. Lockard, Garcia, Bowyer, Albanys and Schaefer are the returning wrestlers from last season. We have a young team with the upperclassmen taking pride in building their team."

SOUTH LYON

Head coach: Zach Makowski, first season.
League: Lakes Valley Conference.
Last year's finish: fifth, KLAA Central (1-4); ninth, KLAA tourney; 11-15 overall.
Notable losses to graduation: Stone Ruffin, Justin Faudler, Brendon Goins, Luke Evangelista, Dylan Thieleman, Dawson Moll, Brandon Buchler.
Leading returnees: Zachary Schamis, Soph.; Valentin Schnitzel, Sr.; Vladimir Schnitzel, Soph.; Kyle Rutterbush, Sr.; Jake Fadler, Soph.
Promising newcomers: Walter Alexander, Soph.; Quentin Stefanelli, Soph.; Jake Werner, Soph.; Jackson Stewart, Soph.; Max Honiss, Fr.; James Cramer, Fr.; Ryan Schamp, Fr.; Donavin Rogers, Fr.; Wyatt Richardson, Fr.; Nicholas Dang, Fr.; Spencer Filarski, Fr.; Owen Hopkins, Fr.
Season outlook: The Lions, who move into the new nine-school Lakes Valley Conference, were hard hit by graduation losses off a team that placed ninth in the KLAA tournament and fifth in the Central Division.

day, Jan. 19, at home in a rematch of last year's team finals.

Once the state tourney commences Feb. 7, CC will be gunning for its 13th state title in school history and sixth under Hancock.

"We're excited. We just

got to stay healthy and humble," he said. "It's a long, long wrestling season. I know with our guys' focus, we'll be right in the picture come February."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Ocelots' NJCAA title bid comes up two goals short

Schoolcraft 'sparkplugs' Whitt, Spratte, Hunter key postseason march

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It went as far as it possibly could, yet Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team didn't want the 2017 season to end.

The Ocelots lost their only game of the season in the NJCAA Division I championship game — a 2-0 setback Nov. 18 to defending champion Tyler in Prescott Valley, Ariz.

"There's something in a soccer season when you get to play on the very last day," veteran Schoolcraft coach Rick Larson said. "It's special. We knew when our season was going to end, we just didn't know how it was going to end."

"The guys were amazing to each other, they were amazing for each other and the fact that our season was over either way was something they had to come to grips with. I've never coached a team that enjoyed being around each other so much and the way they fought all year and through different adversity was remarkable to see."

Among standouts on the team, which finished 18-1, were defenseman Jordan Whitt (Livonia), midfielder Alex Spratte (Plymouth) and forward David Tetaj (Farmington Hills).

"Jordan Whitt was fantastic all tournament



The Schoolcraft College men's soccer team won the MCCA, NJCAA Region XII and district titles. At the Division I national tournament, the Ocelots won three straight before falling 2-0 in the finals to Tyler. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Schoolcraft's Alex Spratte, a Plymouth alum, controls the ball during the NJCAA Division I final. SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE ATHLETICS

long," Larson said. "He was fantastic all season, but he was really, really special."

Others with ties to metro Detroit were midfielder Aldi Mehmetaj (Farmington Hills), for-

ward Michael Machila (West Bloomfield), defender Nyle Ellis (Westland), defenseman Eimil Hennes (Farmington Hills) and defender Dehane Gnonrou (Garden City).

Venezuelan goalkeeper Juan Gomez reeled off five shutouts in a row during the postseason, dating back to the NJCAA Region XII tournament in late October. "The game (against

Tyler) was back and forth and we ended up having a few chances to score," Larson said.

"They had a couple chances and they got an opportunity late in the second half, in the 75th minute, and they were able to stick it home."

"(Then) we pushed forward (looking for the equalizer). You're either going to get one or you're going to get scored on. That's the risk of pushing forward, but if you don't, you're never going to score."

Semi sweet

Schoolcraft reached the final with a comeback 4-2 win Nov. 17 against Pima in the semi-final.

Down 2-0, the Ocelots got a boost before halftime when forward August Hunter (St. Clair Shores) scored.

"We have impact guys that can come off the bench and do things," Larson said. "August Hunter went in and he was really determined to get one before halftime

and he scored a great bicycle kick over his head, off a corner kick."

Coaches then gave pep talks during the intermission and they were rewarded.

Scoring the equalizer was Spratte, then Ha-keem Sadler booted home a penalty kick goal. Tavan Barnes added an insurance goal.

Larson said the Ocelots were the first college team he's coached to reach the national final.

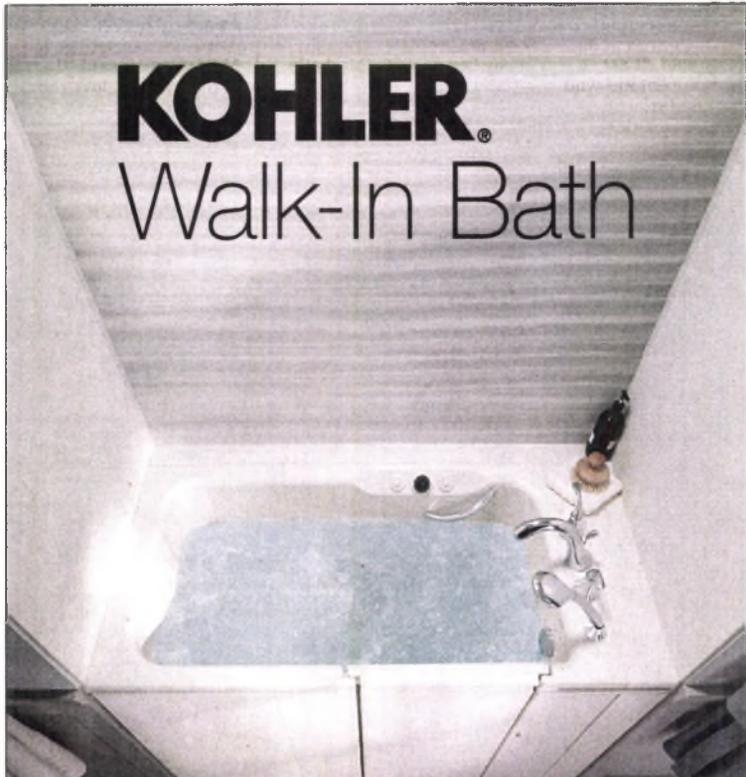
Now he will begin thinking about 2018 and finding recruits to replenish a roster that will lose a number of sophomores.

"Every year, I plan on losing 17," Larson said. "We got a bunch of guys moving on and it's just based on the nature of the junior college. Kids move, parents move ... if I over-recruit, then I end up in a really good spot. Schoolcraft men's soccer's got a lot of things going for it."

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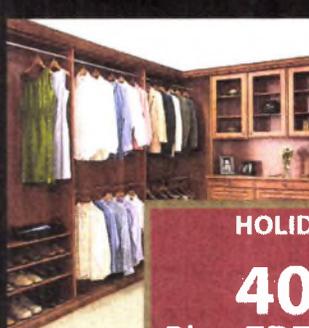
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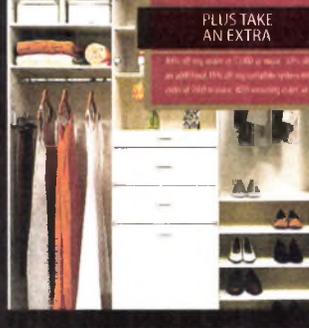

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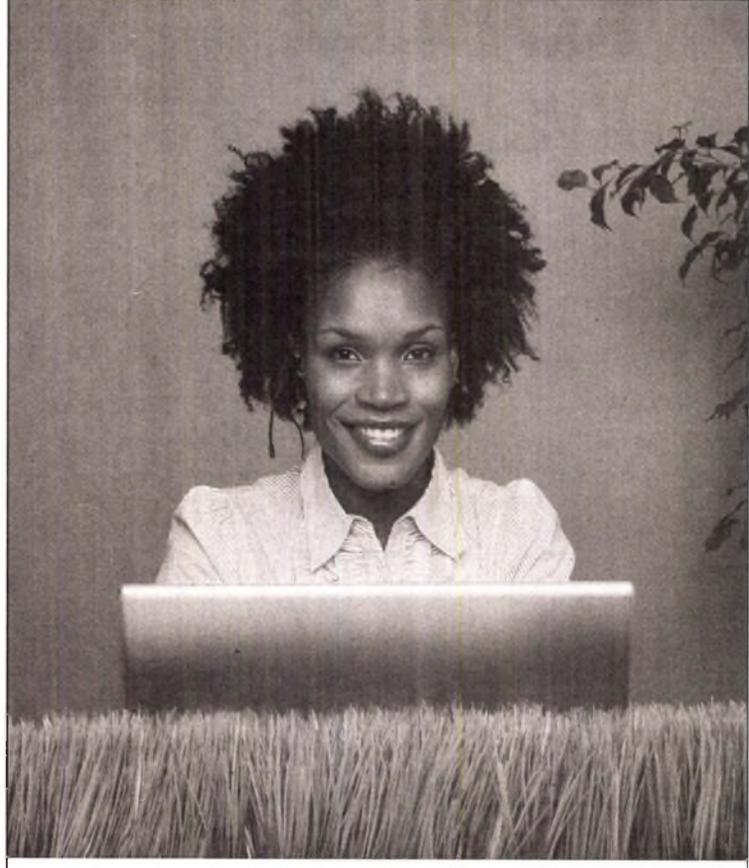


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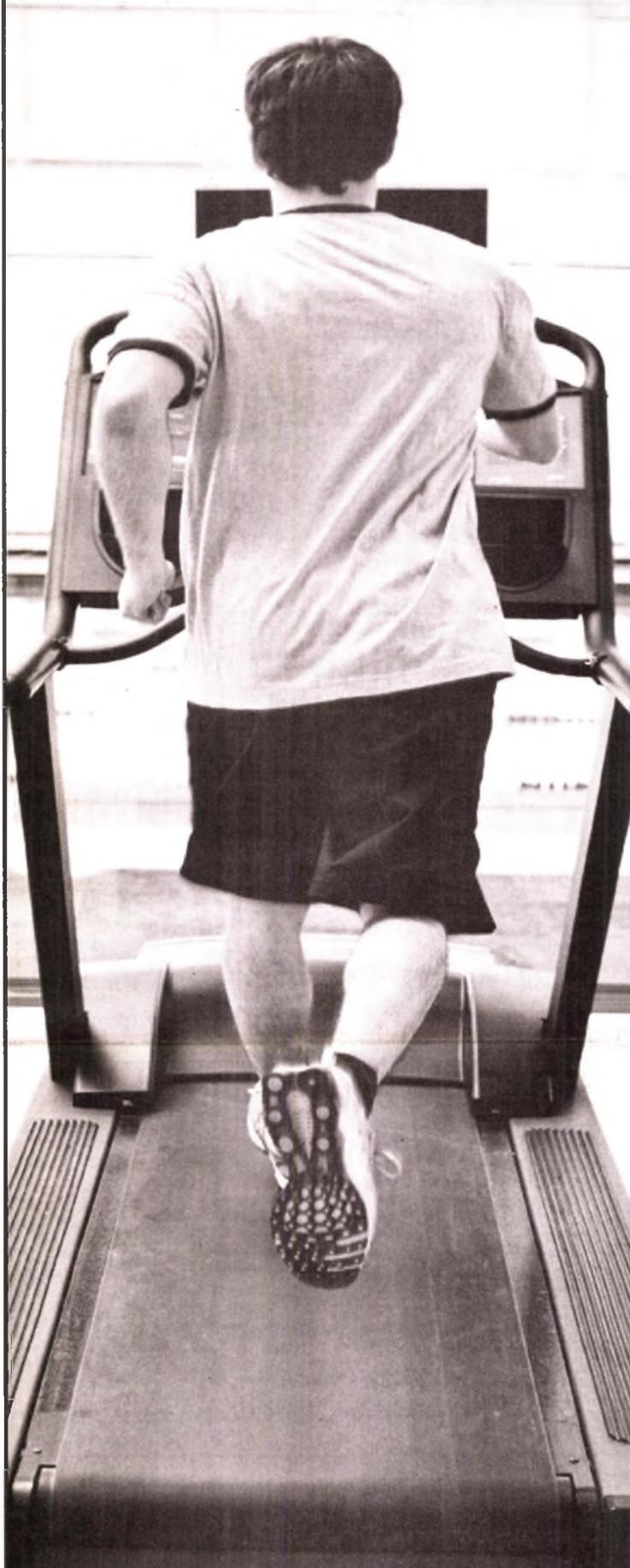
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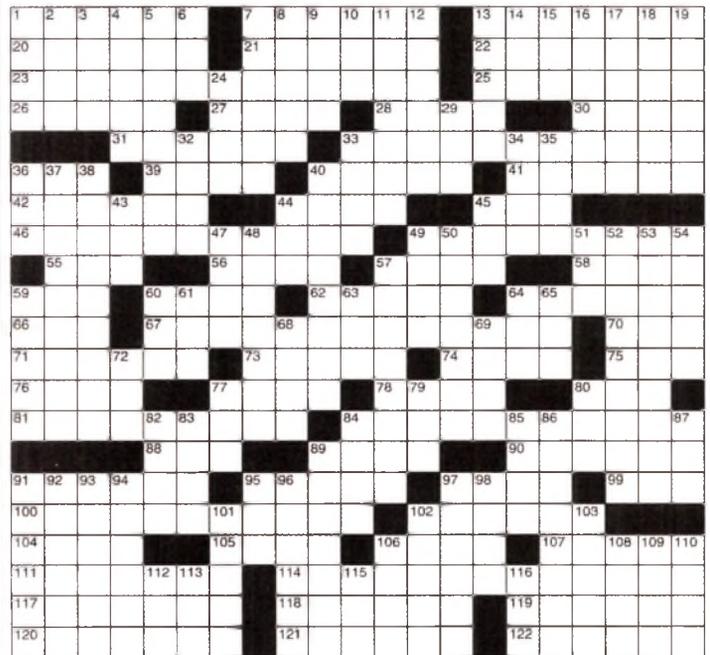
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 - 26 William who created Shrek
 - 27 Lettuce type
 - 28 Fierce wind
 - 30 At any point
 - 31 Willard gift
 - 33 Astronaut Alan clearing hurdles?
 - 36 It's scanned in a store, for short
 - 39 "Blasted!"
 - 40 Discontinued iPods
 - 41 Restitution
 - 42 "The Taking of — One Two Three" (1974 film)
 - 44 Tie-ons for messy food
 - 45 See 64-Across
 - 46 Irate novelist. Anne?
 - 49 Lull comedian John to sleep?
 - 55 Vast span
 - 56 Per piece
 - 57 City on Interstate 80
 - 58 Original "Star Trek" captain
 - 59 French artist Jean
 - 60 Rye husk
 - 62 Kagan on the Supreme Court
 - 64 With 45-Across, the 1980s, politically
 - 66 Gene stuff
 - 67 Bewilder justice Warren?
 - 70 Med. service
 - 71 Sniff out
 - 73 French artist Dufy
 - 74 Healing balm
 - 75 Fancy shooting marble
 - 76 Slips a cog
 - 77 Outfielder Ty
 - 78 Author Sarah — Jewett
 - 80 Key on a PC
 - 81 Honor essayist Charles with jesting insults?
 - 84 Singer Fiona behaving very badly?
 - 88 Piffle from
 - 89 Fruit such as a pear
 - 90 Enthusiastic French assent
 - 91 Long, thin cigar
 - 95 Even trades
 - 97 Blast noise
 - 99 Aired of "Conan"
 - 100 Newswoman Ann being a coward?
 - 102 Special Arctic light
 - 104 One-named "Smooth Operator" singer
 - 105 Mel highlight
 - 106 "It's —!" ("That's evil!")
 - 107 Take on the role of
 - 111 Thick-skinned fruits
 - 114 Baseballer Mike with chicken pox?
 - 117 Turned-up facial feature
 - 118 Unted, with "up"
 - 119 South Dakota city
 - 120 Form-fitting swimwear
 - 121 Letters about
 - 122 Pants part
- DOWN**
- 1 Birds of fable
 - 2 Part of QED
 - 3 Support stick
 - 4 Virtual sales
 - 5 Longtime pickup model
 - 6 "— tu" (Verdi 105-Across)
 - 7 Jaded sorts
 - 8 Foyer
 - 9 Moby Dick's hunter
 - 10 Pl. of SPCA
 - 11 Japanese chiefs of old
 - 12 Longtime cleanser brand
 - 13 Actress Marisa
 - 14 Hex ender?
 - 15 Ran into
 - 16 "Arrow of God" novelist
 - 17 Yeast, e.g.
 - 18 Set of nine
 - 19 Boat backs
 - 24 Blind as —
 - 29 Old hi-fi buys
 - 32 Tennis unit
 - 33 Be in sync
 - 34 Stoolie, to Brits
 - 35 Former car-financing co.
 - 36 Happy times
 - 37 Grammy-winning jazz/pop pianist
 - 38 Nile queen
 - 40 Heineken alternative
 - 43 Solo in sci-fi
 - 44 Paper Mate alternative
 - 45 Prefix with chic
 - 47 Headless
 - 48 Fled
 - 49 Contact lens care brand
 - 50 Sounding off
 - 51 Alias letters
 - 52 Disco, e.g.
 - 53 School theater group
 - 54 "Catch my drift?"
 - 57 Flowers again
 - 59 Deadly viper
 - 60 U.K. media giant
 - 61 Tire catcher
 - 63 "— Grant"
 - 64 Classic auto
 - 65 "Fore
 - 68 Common rhyme scheme
 - 69 Exultant joy
 - 72 -ette relative
 - 77 Hack's auto
 - 79 Blvd., e.g.
 - 80 Prefix with dermis
 - 82 Small band
 - 83 MGM mogul Marcus
 - 84 Long, strong and fibrous
 - 85 Taboo
 - 86 Baked with a cheese topping
 - 87 — for "Evidence" (Sue Grafton book)
 - 89 Rampart part
 - 91 PC admin people
 - 92 Get misty-eyed
 - 93 "Ripe" period
 - 94 Actress Heady
 - 95 South, in Lima
 - 96 Bracelet holders
 - 97 Assemblies
 - 98 Composer Thomas
 - 101 Cartons
 - 102 Cockeyed
 - 103 Ranch units
 - 106 Tiptop
 - 108 Pipped
 - 109 Halo, for one
 - 110 Flower part
 - 112 Ares, for one
 - 113 That, in Lima
 - 115 Spike of corn
 - 116 Print quality abbr.



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		3		4		6		
				9		6		
		5				3		
	1			9			7	
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	3			5			6	
		7				1		
			3		1			
		4		7		5		

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

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

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- HANDWASHING
- HAZARD
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- INTESTINE
- LEFTOVERS
- OUTBREAK
- PARASITES
- PERISHABLE
- PLAN
- POISONING
- PREPARATION
- SANITIZER
- SERVICE
- SPOILED
- TEMPERATURE
- THERMOMETER
- TOXIC
- TRANSPORT
- UNCOOKED
- UTENSILS
- VERUSSES

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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RECEDE CLASSB TAMALES
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STEIG BIBB GALE EVER
LEGACY JUMPINGBEAN
UPC RATS MINIS AMENDS
PELHAM BIBS ERA
STEAMERDICE ROCKCANDY
EON EACH RENO KIRK
ARP BRAN ELENA REAGAN
DNA BU FALOBURGER HMC
DETECT RAOUL ALOE TAW
BERS COB ORNE ESC
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ROB POME QUIOU
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