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Midland, MI—Midland's four synchronized skating teams have completed their season with recognition on the State, Regional and National level.

The Masters (adult) team, the **Turning Points**, skated to an eighth place finish in the U.S. National Synchronized Skating Championships held in February in Grand Rapids, MI. In addition, the adult team placed third at the Dr. Richard Porter Synchro Classic in Ann Arbor; the Mid-America Synchronized Skating Competition held in Fraser, MI and the Midwestern Synchronized Sectionals held in Fraser, MI in January.

Nexus, the teenage synchronized team, placed second in the Tri-State synchronized competition held in Dearborn, MI in February; eighth at the Midwestern Sectional competition; sixth at January's Mid-America competition, and fourth in the Dr. Richard Porter Synchro Classic in Ann Arbor.

Tri-City Rhythm (Pre-Juvenile division, majority eleven years of age or younger) earned a seventh place finish at the Mid-America competition and finished in fifth place at Tri-States.

Finally, in its first season, the **Tri-City Rhythm** (Beginner division) competed at the Tri-State Synchronized competition and took third place.

The **Tri-City Rhythm** skaters in the Beginner division include Karen Baker, Kharissa Carras, Alycia Horny, Joshua Horny, Sophia Horny, Courtney Lambesis, Mason Money and Ada Wong. Members of this team have passed Basic Skills level five, but have not yet achieved the Preliminary skating level. This team is coached by Teri Haag and Cindy Baran.

The **Tri-City Rhythm** skaters in the Pre-Juvenile division, with the majority eleven years of age or younger, include: Gillian Asiala, Mollie Boswell, Olivia Bruno, Jordan Ensz, Jacklyn Hallett, Laura Klier, Catie Kramer, Gaelle Pfister, Courtney Rouse, Elizabeth Schrank and Adrienne Schuchman. Coaches for this team are Teri Haag and Cindy Baran.

Nexus is a team of skaters who have all passed the United States Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary Moves-in-the-Field test or higher, with a majority of the team under the age of eighteen. They skate in the Open Juvenile Division. Team members are: Kara Bagley, Meg Bakke, Jodi Bartlett, Leah Brown, Stephanie Deprest, Teri Haag, Kate Alice Martin, Ashley Partlo, Kate Schaller, Christina Stover, Sydney Nugent and Shelby Bailey. Nexus coaches are Cindy Baran and Hedi Allis.

The **Turning Points**, Midland's Master's synchronized skating team, is made up of all adults 25 years or older, with a majority of the team over 35 years. This team is in its 28th season. Members include: Tami Adam, Tanner Allis, Linda Bagley, Cindy Block, Karen Boswell, Laura Colsia, Lisa Gillespie, Kris Hallett, Ann-Marie Horcher, Jeannine Horny, Sharon Kennedy, Tracy Perry, Lee Rouse, Bryan Warner, Jane Watkins, Deborah Wild, Donna Ronan, Linda Wolok and Ann Zavitz. They are coached by Hedi Allis and Cindy Baran.

Synchronized skating, made up of a team of 8-20 athletes performing together, is characterized by speed, accuracy, intricate patterns and transitions. Many of the elements are required to be completed in unison. Created nearly 50 years ago in Ann Arbor, MI to perform at the University of Michigan hockey games, the sport of synchronized skating has now grown to include thousands of athletes skating competitively around the world.

If you are interested in joining one of Midland's four synchronized skating teams, please contact Joy Buchanan at flags4joy@chartermi.net.