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City vs. schools: Northville sues

At issue is future of Main Street School building

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There's a civil war of sorts unfolding in the history-rich city of Northville and, unfortunately for all those involved, it's not a period-piece re-enactment.

On Nov. 9, the city of Northville filed a

lawsuit against the Northville Public Schools district seeking an injunction to prevent the demolition of the former Main Street Elementary School.

The 79-year-old building was home to the school district's early childhood program and central administration offices until Oct. 15, when both entities moved next door to the recently reno-

dated Old Village School structure.

In August, the Northville Board of Education approved a resolution to negotiate a purchase agreement with a developer to build four single-family homes on the Main Street School site — a decision that included the demolition of the structure.

Citing its historic preservation ordinance, the city argued that the school district must obtain a permit from the Northville Historic District

Commission prior to demolition, since the structure is located within the city's historic district boundaries.

The school district countered by claiming it is exempt from the ordinance, citing a Michigan attorney general's opinion from 1997 that relates to preservation.

"The city is not voicing an opinion on whether the building should stay or go,

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BABY MAKES THREE

Young couple touts bliss of domestic adoption

Tim Smith
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One Canton woman, named Heather, didn't think she could provide the kind of home her soon-to-be-born son needed. Her previous pregnancy ended in adoption and her personal life was far from stable enough to welcome a new child.

Some 60 miles away, in Washington Township, newlyweds Megan and Greg Neuner wondered and waited, hoping for a miraculous match that would fulfill their need to have a child of their own.

Megan Neuner couldn't have a baby herself, due to a rare syndrome (MRKH) that attacked her reproductive organs at a young age and rendered that option moot. They wanted nothing to do with finding a surrogate mother, either.

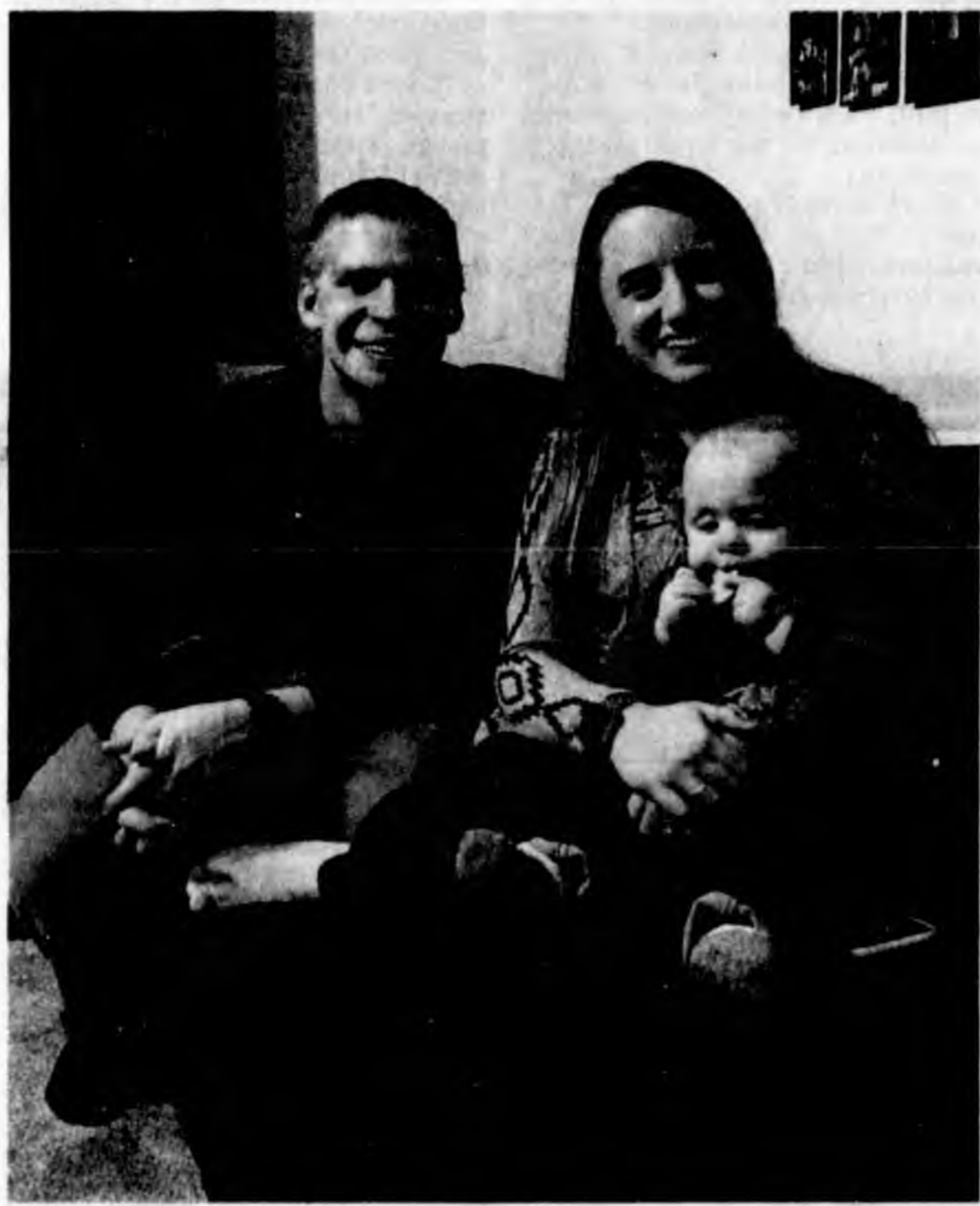
Through Adoption Associates, Inc., of Farmington Hills, the 20-something couple connected with then 34-year-old Heather — and baby Benjamin became the God-sent answer to a prayer for two different families.

"Since I knew that I couldn't have kids, I kind of felt that it wasn't meant to be for me," said Megan Neuner, 28. "So I always just expected that I never would have kids and that it would just be my husband and I and we would have dogs and travel and everything.

"One day, I was shopping for a baby gift for one of my colleagues and I walked into Babies 'R' Us and it hit me. 'I'm never going to be able to do this, this is never going to be my life.' Ever since that day, we were, like, 'OK, let's figure this out. I want that, I want to be able to enjoy life with kids.'"

Greg Neuner chimed in that "we were sitting on a couch watching a movie after 10 months of being married and we

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Greg, Megan and Benjamin Neuner of Washington Township enjoy a quiet family moment. On Nov. 21, Ben turned 1. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"We were sitting on a couch watching a movie after 10 months of being married and we said, 'It's kind of quiet in here with just two dogs.'"

Greg Neuner
adoptive father

She's 106 and still going strong

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Considering the sharpness of Mildred Manigan's mind, 106 may be the new 60.

Born in 1912 — the same year the Titanic sank — the longtime Northville resident has lived a full and active life.

On Nov. 15, while celebrating her 106th birthday at the Allen Terrace Apartment Community, the well-spoken centenarian revealed there are no secrets to her longevity.

"The Lord's been good to me," she

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Northville resident Mildred Manigan reflected on her amazing life on her 106th birthday. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Building

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but we are requesting that the (school) district follow the same rules that our residents follow, which require them to seek HDC approval," Northville Mayor Ken Roth said in a prepared statement.

"The city's position is that demolishing a building in a historic district for the purpose of selling the land to a private

developer to build four single-family homes is not exempt from the State Historic Preservation Act and the city's Historic Preservation Ordinance."

Roth added that the city is still working toward a solution that would avoid litigation.

Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan declined to comment on the issue.

District Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said she is "deeply disappointed" in the city's decision to file a lawsuit in the wake of what she described as an exhaustive effort on the school district's behalf to reach a "win-win" solution.

Gallagher added that the filing of the lawsuit was disheartening considering an open house for Old Village School was held Nov. 11.

"Certainly, we had hoped that we could agree to disagree on this matter of jurisdiction and come to a decision that would be a win/win for the school district and the city," Gallagher said. "The decision the school board made regarding the Main Street School property came after many months of collecting input from the community and everyone who would be affected."

"We have been transparent from the start and have offered to work with the city and the historic district commission on this matter. It's unfortunate that



A civil war is brewing in Northville over the fate of the former Main Street Elementary School building. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

CORRECTION

A photo accompanying a story in the Nov. 15 edition about a Milford teenage beginning her recording career should have included a photo credit for Curtis Drogmiller.

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Manigan

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said.

A native of South Dakota, Manigan moved to southeast Michigan around 1940, when her family purchased a home near Farmington and Eight Mile roads.

She has fond memories of the Northville area, including daily trips to a then-secluded lake close to where the Park Place apartments now stand.

"When the weather was nice, we'd go to that lake and swim the entire day," she said. "I was a pretty good swimmer. I could swim all the way across the lake if I wanted to."

Before heading east to Michigan, Manigan taught in a one-room school house in rural South Dakota. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from

Eastern Michigan University in the 1960s before teaching fourth grade at Northville's Our Lady of Victory.

She retired in 1977. Manigan offered some insightful opinions on everything from technology to President Donald Trump during a 20-minute birthday interview.

"Technology has gotten way ahead of me," she said with a hearty chuckle. "I liked the way things were before. I think (technology) is bad for education. They don't even teach cursive anymore."

When asked what she thought about the current president, Manigan smiled and shook her head.

"I don't know what to think of him," she said. "He does keep the news going, though, doesn't he? I've never been real active in politics, but I follow it; I like to know what's going on."

The most impactful invention during the course of her life has been the telephone, she said, and her favorite car —

she drove until suffering a hip injury a few years back — was a 1940 Ford she once owned.

She is an avid euchre player at Allen Terrace, where she used to rule the complex's pool table until she suffered the hip injury.

"I beat one fellow three straight games and he couldn't get over it," Manigan said, reflecting on her billiards skills. "He went downstairs and told everybody. He said, 'Don't play against her, she's good!'"

The sharp-as-a-tack centenarian is already looking forward to her 107th birthday and to someday joining the exclusive group of super-centenarians — people who are 110 or older.

"When I was young, I never thought about living this long," she said. "It just happened and I'm glad to be alive."

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Thankful for Novi students, staff and families



Super Talk
Steve Matthews
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November is the month that reminds us to be thankful. Here in the Novi Community School District, we have much for which to be thankful.

First and foremost, we have wonderful students. They are enthusiastic — at times, overly so. They listen — most of the time. They challenge us — most of the time very appropriately. For the energy and enthusiasm of our students, I am thankful.

Supporting our students are their parents. Our students are sent to school prepared by parents and guardians who care about the education of their children for whom they are responsible. I see parents at the library, in parks, at parent-teacher conferences.

Parents and guardians in our community attend parent-teacher conferences, call and email teachers and administrators and provide a place for students to study. Parents and guardians of our students check homework, talk to students about what happened in school and communicate clearly to our students that school is important.

Much of the success that we have as a district can be traced to the support parents and guardians provide our children. For that, I am grateful.

In Novi, we have a community that supports and values education. This support is demonstrated through positive support for millage renewals and construction and technology bonds, as well as participation in school activities. Our community holds us responsible for creating an environment where students can learn. Together, we have created good places for students.

Our committed and caring staff pro-

vides excellent educational opportunities for students in the classroom and through clubs and extracurricular activities. Staff come in early and stay late. Our staff collaborates with each other, constantly looking for ways to meet the needs of every student. Our staff talks with our students, learns how to motivate them and encourages them to achieve.

Our staff cares deeply for the students who walk through the doors of their buses, classrooms, lunchrooms and schools each day. These women and men worry about their students as if they were their own children. For their commitment and care of the students in our district, I am thankful.

We do not know what the world will be like within a generation. What we do know and what we are committed to is preparing these students to be successful in that world. While we help them learn the content of math, science, so-

cial studies and English, we know that equally important will be teaching our students the skills of collaboration, communication and managing change. While we encourage our students to participate in band, orchestra and choir, we know that these activities are about more than just the activity itself. These activities give our students confidence, poise and an understanding of how to work hard.

It is appropriate and timely that November rolls around. November encourages us to be thankful. Here in Novi, we have a lot for which to be thankful. Novi is a wonderful community. Let us give thanks this month and throughout the year.

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NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

The Northville District Library is at 212 W. Cady Street. Call 248-348-5001 or go to northvillelibrary.org for more information.

Fall TOT Storytime

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tion begins Wednesday, Sept. 5, for Northville residents; open to non-residents next day. See library website for dates and times.

Fall Storytime

Details: For ages 4-5. Enjoy stories, music and creative activities in this fun, interactive, small group experience. Children must attend independent of a caregiver and should also have basic cutting skills with craft scissors. Regis-

tration begins for Northville residents Tuesday, Sept. 11; open to non-residents next day. See library website for dates and times.

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Details: Free one-hour session with our Digital Services librarian to help you navigate our downloading services, help with email, Facebook, DropBox and

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When: 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday
Details: Join us for informal conversation to help improve your English. Just drop in.

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Buildings will reopen to the public each Sunday in June 2019. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Children's Christmas Workshop: 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Dec. 1. **Sold out.**

Greek Christmas Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. Dec. 8. **Sold out.**

General info

Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts

volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

Building rentals and school and private tours available: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or church for a wedding or party. You may also schedule a school tour or a private tour.

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Donations: Donations accepted from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

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Adoption

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said, 'It's kind of quiet in here with just two dogs.'

Best of both worlds

Ben's birth mom also couldn't have asked for a better outcome for the baby she carried and gave birth to Nov. 21, 2017. Heather asked to not have her last name revealed.

"She's like the sister, like a long-lost sister," Heather said about her instant and immediate rapport with Megan. "It's so cute that Ben actually looks like he was born to them (the Neuners). It's cool. I hope that one day, with the help of Ben and me and Megan and Greg, we can help curb the stigma of adoption, because it's a wonderful thing."

Heather is still part of Ben's life, regularly chatting with Megan and joining the Neuners for special occasions such as a first birthday dinner Thanksgiving eve.

"Adoption isn't just some big, scary wolf that you shouldn't touch," Megan Neuner said. "It's something that's beautiful and wonderful and brings families together — and helps both sides."

"We always talk with Heather. She always says she's so blessed and grateful that Ben has us. And we're always, like, 'We're the blessed and grateful ones, because without you, we wouldn't have a child.'"

Never too early

Not every trip down the adoption road is as smooth as what the Neuners have experienced. There remains a lot of heartache, hidden worries and the bubbling up of insensitivity from unenlightened people who generally mean no harm.

"I never would want him to feel like there's anything wrong or he's less because he was adopted," Megan said. "So I think that's why it's really important now, for us to teach him how to answer those questions and give him those tools now on how to respond to people that might say something hurtful — or help him teach others."

Adoption isn't cheap. The Neuners spent something like \$20,000, along

with countless hours researching and combing through the Internet looking for answers to their ultimate question — would they be able to start a family, other than family pooches Lola and Lucy, of course.

"You do put money into an account (with Adoption Associates) to have available for any birth family needs, which we thought was wonderful," Megan said. "Because if there's anything we could help with for a birth family to make this process easier ... we were extremely on board with that."

If ever there was a perfect poster child for adoption, it is the happy-go-lucky Ben. He is healthy and full of boundless energy, grabbing at pieces of paper that are just out of reach, pushing a toy train, flashing a toothless grin.

"He's doing really good," Megan said. "He's starting to walk, he's passed all his milestones. It's really funny to see how they grow their little personalities."

Message from God

Yet the Neuners might not have been so fortunate if not for some soul-searching and selflessness from Heather, who quickly came to grips with her uncertain reality.

Heather could not provide the stability a newborn needed, already having had to have a baby girl adopted by family members because of struggles "with drugs and everything. ... Because of all that happening, I knew that I probably wouldn't be able to keep Ben."

She entered a methadone clinic, but then "ended up having him a little bit early" and attempted to begin an adoption plan through Children's Protective Services.

"Then about a week and a half later, my mom was, like, 'No, we're just going to go ahead and kind of go behind CPS's back.' And she called an agency and they didn't get back to her fast enough so she called my Aunt Laura," Heather said, talking via cellphone during a morning commute to her job. "(Laura) got her daughter from Adoption Associates and she got their number."

Before too long, a case worker for Adoption Associates — which director Paula Springer said has handled between 40-60 domestic adoptions annually over the past decade — was meeting with Heather and other family members. They reviewed profiles (complete with video) that families looking to

adopt had supplied.

"My daughter Mary looked at Megan and Greg's profile first, then the (birth) father did, then my mother and I did," Heather said. "After I got done reading it, we all looked at each other and said, 'That's the family we want.' Megan and Greg were notified that we picked them and, the following Monday, we did a meet and greet and signed the (adoption) paperwork. I really think it was God telling us, just how fast it all happened."

Do the research

At the other end of the connection, the Neuners also needed some divine intervention — or, at the very least, solid word of mouth — for their dream to come true.

"A lot of families try to conceive, find out they can't, try different options that are out there," said Greg, 27, a Fraser High School alum who owns an automotive recycling facility. "And in that time, years can pass. Where we knew right off the get-go that this (adoption) was going to be the main option for us. We jumped right into it."

Megan (who graduated from Utica Eisenhower High School) explained that a "friend of a friend" had a successful encounter with Adoption Associates and provided the contact info that would change the young couple's life.

"She had amazing things to say and they had a great experience, so we said, 'Let's do this,' Megan said. "We set up an initial meeting, we met with (Springer), she was very up front about the woes of it, the positive sides of it, everything. We just knew it was the right way for us to go."

Having initially been told to expect a wait of two years before finding a match, there were still moments of unease.

"They were giving us tips like, 'Don't set up a nursery yet on day one of the process,'" Greg said. "Because you're going to walk past that room and you're going to get discouraged."

Such a gift

Less than three months later, they were bringing Ben home. For that gift, they thank Heather.

"(Heather) is much stronger than I could ever be," Megan said. "Because I would never be able to take a step back and look at my life and say, 'I know I can't take care of this child so I want more for him.' I really think that side of it is really important to the negative stigma around birth families."

The Neuners intend on being open and communicative with Ben to help him understand his story enough to respond to insensitive remarks, which undoubtedly will occur.

"I never would want him to feel like there's anything wrong or he's less because he was adopted," said Megan, a former preschool teacher who now teaches online English classes from the comforts of home. "So I think that's why it's really important now, for us to teach him how to answer those questions and give him those tools now."



Ben Neuner is a typically playful baby boy. He was adopted through Farmington Hills-based Adoption Associates by Megan and Greg Neuner. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Looking for families

According to Springer, adoption remains a subject that "people don't really know a lot about. We just want to make sure people know and understand that domestic adoption is something that is still happening."

"Ours is not foster care or relative adoption. It's not international adoption. This is domestic adoption with healthy infants, where birth mothers find themselves pregnant at a time they can't care for this baby ... and they voluntarily choose to release their parental rights. Then they get a chance to pick a family, choose to meet with that family."

"Right now, I think one of the best messages you can get out there is that we need domestic adoptive families," she added. "We don't have enough families in our pool right now. We need more families waiting to adopt babies."

And if adoption costs (which can reach more than \$25,000) scare off some, there is a way for financial relief — the Federal Adoption Tax Credit. Go to the Adoption Associates website for a link.

Of course, all the programs, statistics and brochures won't be enough to sell everybody about wanting to adopt a baby.

But taking a look at always-smiling Benjamin Neuner or listening to his over-the-moon parents might be enough to do the trick.

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Dining out is a popular pastime. To help make sure the food you're served is safe to eat, the county sends health inspectors to check kitchens in restaurants, schools, houses of worship, clubs, bars and food trucks to make sure the facilities comply with the Michigan Modified Food Code's food safety standards and practices.

Roughly 38 health inspectors make routine visits twice a year to 4,500 licensed food establishments in Oakland County.

The food code's provisions are designated as a core, priority foundation or priority items.

Priority violations, the most severe, are ones that can lead to food borne illnesses. Cooking times, reheating, cooling and hand washing are among priority items.

Core items relate to general sanitation, operational controls and equipment design. Priority foundation items, such as staff training or record keeping, support or facilitate a priority item.

In South Lyon and Lyon Township, 15 establishments in South Lyon and Lyon Township were cited for priority food code violations.

Inspectors cited 11 Milford-area restaurants, schools and clubs for violating priority items.

Johnson Elementary School food service in Milford Township and the Milford Senior Center in the village of Milford had no violations.

And in Novi, inspectors visited 38 Novi establishments that serve food

and cited 26 for violating priority provisions of the Michigan Modified Food Code.

Fox Run Bistro, Novi Early Childhood Education Center and EJ's Gourmet Street Cuisine food truck had no violations.

For a complete list of the establishments with priority violations and what they were, go to hometownlife.com.

Stella's Black Dog Tavern moving to Station 885 site

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Stella, the beloved Bernese mountain dog of Stella's Black Dog Tavern in Plymouth, seems indifferent as she is being uprooted and moved to a new home.

She wanders around Stella's, 860 Fralick Ave., waiting for a pat on the head that is sure to come or pausing to nibble on a tray of food set out for her.

But by year's end, Stella, tavern owners Bob Ostendorf and Jim Sullivan and their 25 employees are moving to what is now Station 885 in Old Village, where the Constanza family owners are ending a 33-year run.

Ostendorf — Stella the dog's owner — and Sullivan are buying Station 885 and converting it into Stella's Black Dog Tavern on one side and a high-end New Orleans-style restaurant, Stella's Trackside, on the other.

"We're real excited," Ostendorf said. The dual eateries are expected to remain open, without interruption, during the transition, he said.

He and Sullivan wanted a place they could buy, rather than lease, and their search took them about a mile away to Station 885, situated next to the CSX railroad tracks that pass through Plymouth. The owners revealed their plans one recent weekday morning at Stella's, before the lunch crowd arrived.

"We've maxed this space out," Osten-



Stella's Black Dog Tavern, a popular place in downtown Plymouth, is moving to what is now Station 885. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

dorf said, with the tavern often near capacity, especially each weekend.

Dating back seven decades, the Stella's site was a former laundromat and pizza parlor before it became a bar that went through several name changes. Ostendorf took over in 2013.

It has become so successful, he said, that it needs room to grow:

■ Station 885 has 7,900 square feet of space, compared to about 2,000 square feet at the current Stella's, he said.

■ The move will give Stella's and Trackside a seating capacity of close to

300, compared to about 120 at the current Stella's.

■ Station 885 comes with 145 parking spaces, while Stella's has about 30 spaces. And the tavern has to remain vigilant so that motorists going elsewhere in Plymouth don't park at Stella's. Ostendorf said it has become an expense to hire someone to monitor.

■ Stella's needs a bigger kitchen area, which Station 885 can provide.

Ostendorf said Stella's employees, who he called an indispensable "great team," are making the move. And he

said Station 885's employees are being given the opportunity to stay on because more staff is needed to accommodate the changes.

Going in the front door, Stella's Black Dog Tavern will be to the right, complete with menu items customers have come to expect — Mexican fare, burgers, pizza, steaks and other items — along with memorabilia from the old Stella's, including images of Stella herself.

Stella's Trackside will be to the left from the front door, offering New Orleans-style dishes such as jambalaya, oysters Rockefeller, shrimp etouffee, blackened redfish and andouille sausage with red beans and rice. Stella's chef Brian Doyle said he already has prepared some of the dishes, well-received at Stella's.

Sullivan, a certified public accountant who once owned the former Penniman Restaurant, said some of Station 885's menu items also are being kept. Even before the move is completed, Stella's staff is planning to help out at Station 885 with events such as Thanksgiving.

Plymouth architect Ron Meyer has been hired to help with the transition. Ostendorf said interior changes include replacing the square-shaped bar with a longer bar stretching along the railroad side of the restaurant.

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SHERIFF PAL PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT



The Sheriff PAL Program of Oakland County has announced a new \$200,000 grant from United Way for Southeastern Michigan. The grant will allow the Sheriff PAL Program, founded by Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard in 2015, to enhance recreational and mentorship programming and create new opportunities for at-risk youth in Oakland County. The mission of the Sheriff PAL Program is to create a safe environment and a structure where law enforcement and community partners empower young people to reach their full potential through athletics, mentoring, and other enrichment. To register, go to www.sheriffpal.com. Coaches and volunteers are always needed. Contact sheriffpal@gmail.com or 248-761-0622 for more information. Pictured are (from left) Lt. Robert Ford, Angela Powell, Tonya Adair (chief impact officer, United Way), Dr. Darienne Driver (president and CEO, United Way) and Bouchard.

Knight named new RCOC department director

The Road Commission for Oakland County has named Brad Knight as the new director of the agency's Planning and Environmental Concerns Department.

A seven-year RCOC employee, Knight served for the last six years as environmental concerns coordinator for the agency. Prior to that, he was an environmentalist II. Before joining the road commission, Knight worked for the Hubbell, Roth and Clark engineering consulting firm for 12 years in a variety of positions.

The Planning and Environmental Concerns Department performs short- and long-range transportation planning, does geographic information system mapping, oversees federal road funds coming to Oakland County, handles all RCOC information-technology needs and provides environmental services for the agency.

"We are very pleased to promote Brad to this position," RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar said. "He has accomplished great things as the head of our Environmental Concerns division and I am sure he will bring the same drive, determination and enthusiasm to his new position and to the road commission's leadership team."

Knight holds a bachelor's degree in environmental sciences and urban planning from Central Michigan University. He is a resident of Troy and a member of the Michigan Wetland Banking Advisory Board.

Knight noted he is thrilled to be working with the respected staff of the



Knight

department. "The staff is amazing," he said. "They are capable, enthusiastic and hardworking. We have experts in GIS, IT, transportation planning, the environment and much more. Though they are rarely seen by the public, they really serve as sort of the backbone of the agency, providing many critical services."

Knight added he is excited about learning about and being involved in the world of transportation asset management - which is a process for establishing transportation system management best practices. State legislation mandated that all Michigan road agencies establish a transportation asset management plan by 2022. Knight will be leading this process at the road commission.

"I also want to make sure we maintain and grow the great relationships we have with the 61 cities, villages and townships in Oakland County, as well as with our county commissioners, state and federal legislators and other public officials serving the residents of Oakland County," Knight said.

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Seedlings accepts donation of thousands of books from UPS Stores

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Seedlings Braille Books for Children got quite the early Christmas present from those who typically deliver them.

The Livonia-based nonprofit, which provides popular books in braille for the blind at no or low cost, was the recipient of \$8,500 worth of books to give to children who need them by the UPS Stores across southeast Michigan.

"I'm just happy that this is going to a charity where these children can get books that are converted," said Eric Ladwig, who operates the UPS Store at Five Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. "We're so happy to be involved with your charity and we hope this gift goes a long way."

Karen Smith, community outreach manager for Seedlings, said the donation is one of the largest the organization has gotten and helps offset the costs it would typically spend on buying books from publishers.

"That's 2,500 books that we don't have to buy," she said. "Now what that means is we'll be able to put that number additional books in the hands of children who are blind. And that's important, because braille books are rare and typically expensive."

It's a service that greatly benefits children, not just locally, but across the globe. Seedlings has distributed books across 75 countries in addition to locally.

Some of those children were at Seedlings during the presentation. Khara Gilmore, 7, came to Seedlings with her mother, Jennifer Joseph. Khara has complete vision loss and the books provided by Seedlings have helped her feel more independent, allowing her to read when she wants to and not wait on a family member to read to her.

"Every year, she gets books. We get the catalog frequently and there might be a book there that she heard about at school," said Joseph, who lives in Ypsilanti. "Then we're able to find it in braille and her and I are able to read together or she can read to me."



Representatives from the UPS Store and Seedlings. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



A book with braille on the cover. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Avery Devereux, 8, reads with her mother, Ann Devereux, at Seedlings Braille Books for Children. The Devereuxes live in Royal Oak. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Karen Smith, community outreach manager for Seedlings, speaks about the donation given by the UPS Stores across southeast Michigan.

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AREA EVENTS

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South Lyon Area Historical Society

The South Lyon Area Historical Society will host its ninth annual dulcimer concerts Sunday, Nov. 25, in the Little Village Chapel, 300 Dorothy Street. The Village String Dulcimer group will be performing at two seatings 4 p.m. and another at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at Bakman Florist, Parkside Cleaners and Java House.

Kaleidoscope Lecture Series

The Friends of the Novi Library will continue the Kaleidoscope Lecture Series 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, with a discussion of Early Roads in Metro Detroit. Paul Sewick, a historical researcher, will lead the talk at the library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road.

Girls Night Out event

Best-selling author Beverly Jenkins will headline a group of Michigan authors during the 11th annual Girls Night Out Book Signing, 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at No.VI Coffee & Tea, 47490 Grand River Avenue. The event will feature nine authors, who represent a wide spectrum of romance sub-genres as well as suspense and women's fiction.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to check out jewelry from a local vendor, Chloe + Isabel, win prize gift baskets and share coffee drinks and desserts with friends.

College funding workshop

A free workshop on funding your child's college education will be hosted at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29. The speaker will be Robert Hoyer, certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding LLC.

Admission is free, but seating is limited by the size of the room, so call 248-662-1300 to reserve seats.

Light Up the Night

The city of Novi will host its annual Light up the Night celebration 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at the Novi Civic Center. Mayor Bob Gatt and a special visitor from the North Pole will light the holiday tree at 6:15 p.m. with fireworks starting promptly after (weather permitting).

The event will also include a craft bazaar, kids crafts and activities, family games, s'mores, a petting farm, reindeer, train rides and live entertainment on indoor and outdoor stages. A variety of food trucks will have items available for purchase.

Parking will be available at the Novi Civic Center, Novi High School 10 Mile

Road lot, Novi Public Library and Faith Community Presbyterian Church, across the street from the Novi Civic Center.

Opportunities to be involved in the event are still available. Interested businesses can contact Cristin Spiller, recreation supervisor, at 248-347-0474 or cspiller@cityofnovi.org.

VFAA exhibit at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, exhibits its member artwork in the library Community Room. Through the end of November, the exhibit will feature pastel and oil paintings by multi-award winning artist Patricia Bombach.

This free exhibit will be displayed during regular library hours (9:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday) unless the room is hosting another event. For more information, go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

Cougar Cabaret event

The music programs of South Lyon East High School will host their annual Cougar Cabaret 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Centennial Middle School Cafeteria, 62500 Nine Mile Road, in South Lyon. The event will include a spaghetti dinner (served 4-7 p.m.), music, raffles, a bake sale and local businesses on-site for Christmas shopping.

Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under and can be purchased at <http://www.slehsougarcabaret.weebly.com>. At the door, prices are \$12 and \$6.

Holiday season tribute

Northville's Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, will present a holiday season tribute featuring Gary Sacco as Frank Sinatra and Matt King as Elvis at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Tickets are \$25 and are available at 248-349-8100, from the Marquis Theatre box office or at the door. Senior and group discounts are available. For more information, go to www.northvillamarquistheatre.com.

Veterans clothing drive

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce Street, in Milford is having a winter clothing drive of new/gently used items for both men and women. It will also accept shoes, boots, outdoor wear and small sized toiletries. Clothing must be clean and in good condition. Items collected will go to homeless veterans.

The drive runs through Saturday, Dec. 1. Donations may be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and each Sunday morning. Call 248-684-0495 in advance during the week before dropping off items.

Visit with Santa

Fisk Farm, 9180 Highland Road, in White Lake will be hosting visits with Santa from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1-2. The school, farmhouse and carriage house are decorated for the season. Enjoy refreshments and music in the farmhouse. New this year: Santa will be telling a story to the little ones at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day.

Everything is free, compliments of the White Lake Historical Society. For more information, go to hsmichigan.org/whitelake or email WhiteLakeHistoricalSociety@gmail.com.

Novi Choralaires concerts

The Novi Choralaires vocal group has scheduled two holiday concerts for this season: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook, in Novi and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, in Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children under age 12, as well as for groups of 10 or more, and will be available at the door. For more information, go to www.novichoralaires.org.

VFAA holiday events

The Village Fine Arts Association will host a series of holiday events this season.

The first is a benefit concert 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, featuring Dave Boutette and Kristi Lynn Davis of Escaping Pavement, Peter "Madcat" Ruth, Syd Burnham and Tim Burnham, Derek Daniel, John Latini and students from the Michigan Rock School in Milford at the Suzanne Haskew Art Center, 125 S. Main Street, Suite 700. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for VFAA and REB Mug Club members) or \$30 for a family and can be purchased at the SHAC, at River's Edge Brewery and at Main Street Art or at the door.

The VFAA will host an artists bazaar 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, featuring a variety of locally created art, painted ornaments, unique Christmas gifts and more, also at the SHAC. The sale is in conjunction with the Repeal of Prohibition Party at the River's Edge Brewing. The SHAC, which is next door to the brewery, is the "back door" escape route from the celebration speakeasy.

Lastly, the VFAA will host an artists reception 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, for the Gifts of Art show and sale at the SHAC. Finger food and refreshments will be provided. Admission is free, but donations are welcomed.

Proceeds will support the nonprofit VFAA and creative programs at the SHAC. For more information, call 248-797-3060.

Detroit Lutheran Singers concert

The Detroit Lutheran Singers group will present Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" during a concert at 7

p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Road, in Milford. This collection of Christmas music is based on old English carols and is accompanied by a harp. In addition, there will be wonderful arrangements of traditional songs of the season and the audience will be invited to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Visits with Santa

Santa will be at the Village Center Mall, 400 N. Main Street, in Milford from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday until Dec. 22, as well as 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6 and 13, and Friday, Dec. 21. Bring your own camera as a professional photographer will not be provided.

Northville Newcomers & Neighbors holiday party

The Northville Newcomers & Neighbors club will host a holiday dinner dance 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive. Tickets are \$50 for members and spouses, \$60 for guests.

Make checks payable to NNN and send to: Claudia Snyder, 17945 Stonebrook Court, Northville, MI 48168. Seating is limited. RSVP and entrée choice are due Nov. 26. Please organize your tables of eight or let us seat you with new friends.

For more information, email Patt.Doyle@yahoo.com or grandmaabba@gmail.com.

Square dancing at VFW

The VFW Hall, 125 E. McHattie, in South Lyon will host a traditional American square dance 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. The event is open to the public, no experience necessary. Couples, singles or families (kids ages 9 and up with parents). All dances taught first.

Entrance fee is a \$5 per person donation to the VFW. For more information, go to <http://squaredancemichigan.tripod.com/southlyon.html>.

Cookie and candy sale

The Milford United Methodist Church, 1200 Atlantic, will host a cookie and candy sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 8. Proceeds help missions (local and worldwide) of the United Methodist Women.

'Nutmcracker' at W.L. Western

Wixom's Academy of Russian Classical Ballet will host a performance of "The Nutcracker" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Walled Lake Western High School theater, 600 Beck Road, in Commerce Township. The show will feature a cast of local ballet students, joined by international professional ballet dancers as guest artists.

Tickets are available at www.tututix.com/ARCB. For more information, go to www.russianclassicalballet.com.

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Doug Frederick of South Lyon hears the ch-ching of the cash register whenever he sings his original music at Third Monk Brewing Co.'s open mic night in South Lyon.

The open mic is a non-paying gig, but because Frederick registers his original songs with ASCAP, a performing rights organization, he earns royalties when he plays at the brewery.

That's because brewer Jeff Robinson pays annual music licensing fees to ASCAP and two other organizations, BMI and SESAC, ensuring that local performers who are registered with one of the three licensing agencies are paid for their work, no matter if they play a paid gig or open mic night at his establishment.

"I just turned 50 and I've been playing since I was 15. I've never been in a place that ever paid li-

censing fees," Frederick said. "This is the first place ever. It blew me away."

\$6 per song

Frederick, a former member of The Shift Lizard Band, which disbanded about 10 years ago, submits a set list to ASCAP after each of his solo performances. The organization pays royalties for each registered original song. This year two of his songs, "This Time" and "What Went Wrong," each earned \$6 when he sang them in public at Third Monk.

"Imagine if every place paid (licensing fees) for royalties," Frederickson said. "If you play a couple of originals and if you keep doing that, it will add up."

Robinson, a songwriter who is registered with BMI, worked as a producer and recording engineer in the music industry before opening the brewery in 2015. He encourages songwriters who perform at Third

Monk to "get organized" and register with BMI, ASCAP or SESAC. He'll walk them through the process if they need help and he makes sure they know he pays license fees.

Event listings on Third Monk's website refer to the 48-seat brewery as a "music industry standard venue licensed by BMI, ASCAP and SESAC for performances of all styles of music." In addition to open mic nights, the site also lists paid gigs and notes if the artist is registered with one of the three performing rights organizations.

"What I say is we're the originator of live music here in South Lyon," Robinson said. "We pay the licenses. We are trying to set a standard here. No bad blood or ill will to anybody else, but you know what? We're pay-

ing. I'm trying to do the right thing.

"We pay more in music (license fees) now than we pay in excise taxes for alcohol. So we pay about \$2,000 a year to BMI, ASCAP and SESAC. That's more than we pay in alcohol tax."

Corry Balla, operating partner in the South Lyon Hotel, said the restaurant and entertainment venue has paid music license fees "for many years."

"We have overhead music, a jukebox and live bands. We pay lots of money. It's the cost of doing business," Balla said.

Contact Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Salvation Army seeks applicants for holiday help

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit is currently accepting applications for Christmas assistance from residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties at all area Salvation Army corps community centers.

Families with children up to age 14 may apply to receive toys from The Salvation Army corps community centers' toy shops. Families up to six will receive a box of non-perishable food to prepare a holiday meal and a grocery store gift card to purchase fresh foods. Larger families will receive more.

Senior citizens will receive grocery store gift cards.

Applicants must provide proof of all members living in the household. Adults must provide a form of identification — which can include a driv-

er's license or state ID — and proof that they live in the ZIP code served by the corps at which they are applying (such as a recent utility bill or rent lease). Proof of income, as well as names and birthdates for children, are required to apply for Christmas assistance.

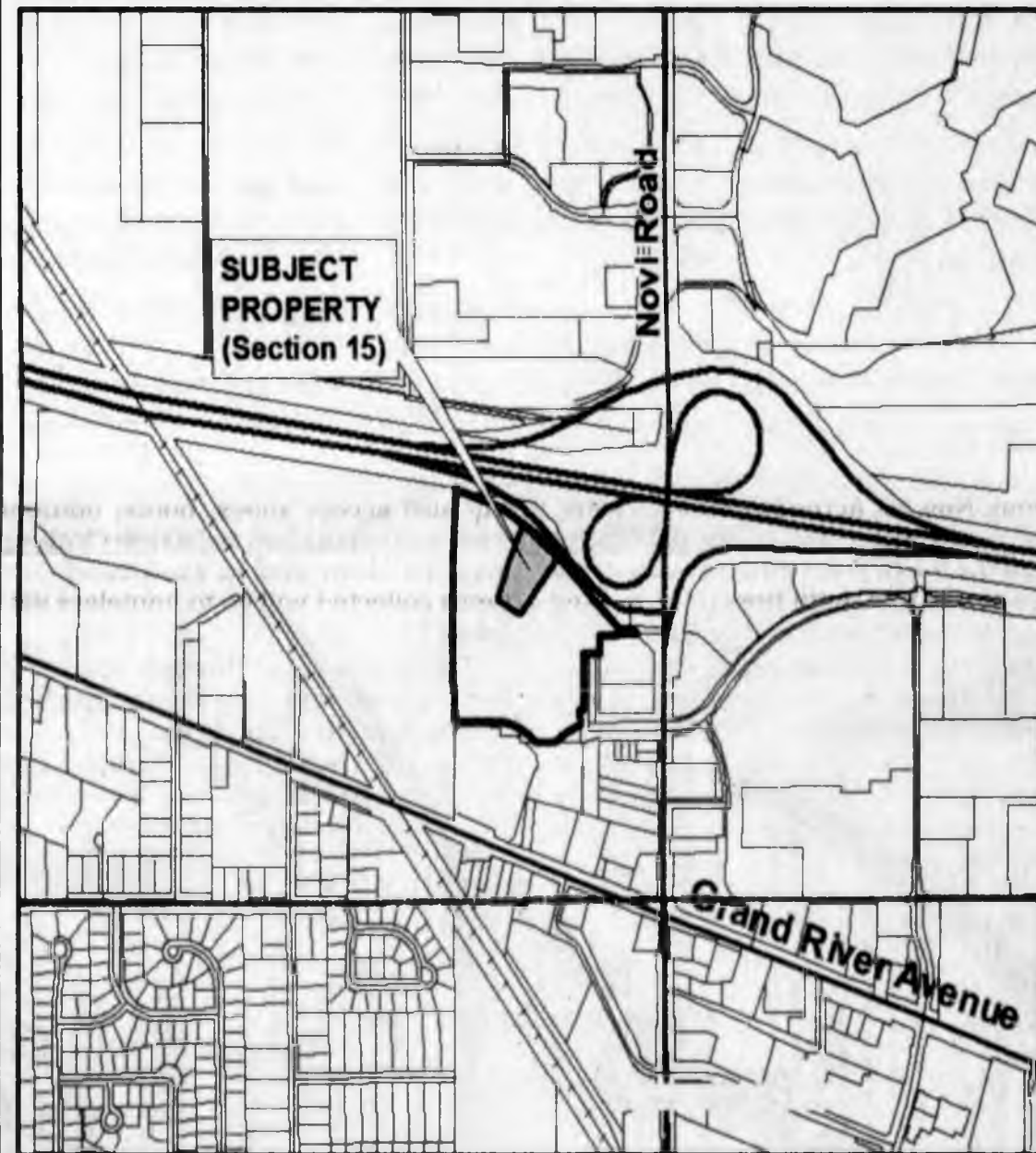
Applications must be filed by appointment at a corps community center according to the recipient's ZIP code. To schedule an application appointment, contact the nearest Salvation Army corps community center. For help finding the nearest center, go to www.salmich.org or call 248-443-5500.

This past year, The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit was involved in providing 2,577,524 meals and 622,610 nights of shelter for the homeless.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **CARVANA, JSP 18-47 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.** The subject property is referred to as Unit 8 in the Adell Center Development. It is located in Section 15, west of Novi Road and north of Grand River Avenue. The applicant is proposing a 5,800 square foot Vending Machine Fulfillment Center building to facilitate storage and sales for used cars. The site plan proposes approximately 30 parking spaces including four spaces for single car hauler trucks. Special Land Use approval is required for an unlisted use.

Plans are available for review at the Civic Center.



Subject Parcel ID's: Part of 50-22-15-476-056

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, **December 12, 2018.**

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The first-floor master design, the Westwood, has 2 to 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, first-floor flex space, and a second floor with a spacious loft, bedroom, and full bath perfect for guests, with 1,955 sq. ft. of living space. Pricing starts at \$419,955. "This design is perfect for those searching for single-level living where all your main rooms and master bedroom are on the first floor," says Ms. Mekled.

The two-story homes, the Remington, starting at \$399,995, and the Winona, starting at \$429,995, range

from 2,123 to 2,585 sq. ft., 3 to 4 bedrooms, 2 to 3 1/2 baths, first-floor flex space, second floor laundry room, and an open layout with a spacious kitchen with a large island and spacious pantry that opens to the family room.



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COLLEGE SIGNING

Alsobrooks heading to CMU

Churchill's all-time passing leader picks baseball

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 USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Drew Alsobrooks leaves Livonia Churchill as one of the school's most prolific passers, but another sport is in the future for the senior quarterback.

The hard-throwing left-hander will cast his lot with the Central Michigan University baseball program after signing an NCAA Division I letter of intent Nov. 14. Last season, CMU finished 29-30-1 overall and 16-11 Mid-American Conference under coach Jordan Bischel.

"I really love football, I've played it since I was in the fourth grade, but in the end my biggest opportunities were kind of in baseball, being a left-handed pitcher that throws really hard, that's kind of what Division I coaches really like to see," Alsobrooks said. "That's

what kind of took me that route. I saw that I had to take my talents to the next level and see what I can do there."

Other baseball offers for Alsobrooks came from Bowling Green, Eastern Michigan, Oakland and Wayne State.

"I had some (football) coaches call here and there. I committed pretty early, so nobody really offered me," Alsobrooks said. "I had some contact with coaches, but they kind of just stopped after I committed."

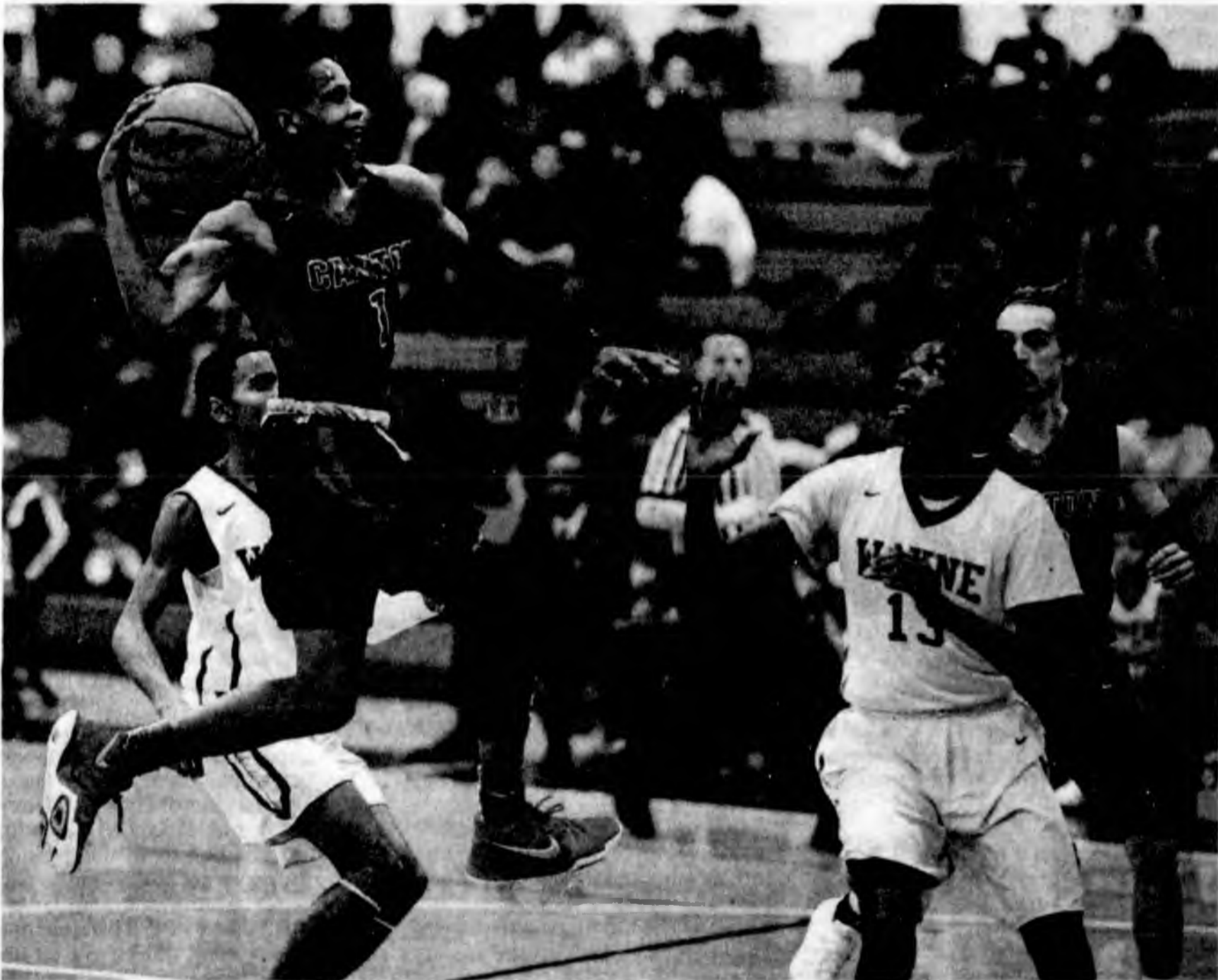
As a junior, Alsobrooks was a member of Churchill's Division I district championship baseball team and, during the summer, he played for the Michigan Bulls, where he won his second national championship in a row at the American Amateur Baseball Congress World Series in Waterbury, Conn. The

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On hand for Drew Alsobrooks' letter of intent signing were Churchill coaches (top row, from left) Bill DeFillippo, Ron Targosz, Jari Brown, Mike Brooks and Andy Wahl.

COLLEGE SIGNING



Canton point guard B. Artis White takes the ball to the basket during a game last year against Wayne Memorial. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

FATHER KNOWS BEST

Canton's White signs with Western Michigan

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 USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

With his father Benny White being a former Michigan State player and a longtime college and high school basketball coach, it only seemed natural that his son B. Artis would follow a similar path.

But the speedy Canton senior point guard, who signed an NCAA Division I letter of intent Nov. 14 with Western Michigan University, had another passion as a youth growing up.

His favorite game was "Call of Duty." Basketball was just an afterthought.

"He's been coaching me in basketball ever since sixth grade," B. Artis said of his father, who recently took the Birmingham Groves High varsity job. "Didn't even really want to play basketball. I love video games, but he kept



Canton senior guard B. Artis White (right), with his father Benny, recently signed a basketball letter of intent with Western Michigan.

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CHARITY BASKETBALL GAME

Harlem Wizards to play Northville faculty Nov. 27

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 USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Tricks hoops and alley-oops will be coming Tuesday, Nov. 27, to Northville High School as the high-flying Harlem Wizards will provide an evening of basketball entertainment.

The Wizards will take on Northville administrators, faculty and coaches in a fundraising event to benefit the Northville Mustangs Boosters Club.

Game time is 7 p.m. at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Among those scheduled to play include Northville Principal Tony Koski, who will team up with varsity coaches Matt Ladach (football), John Kostrzewa (baseball), Tim Dalton (cross country/track) and Nancy Smith (cross country).

Founded in 1962 by New York sports promoter Howie Davis and now celebrating their 56th season, the Wizards will put on an interactive show featuring a dazzling show of hoops artistry, including the "Wiz Kids" pregame warm-up, contests, comedy, slam dunks, audience participation, dance extravaganza and merchandise giveaways.

The Wizards feature four different units that travel around the country under the names Broadway, Showtime, Swoop and Rocket. They raised more than \$2 million last season playing in more than 400 U.S. communities.

Among Harlem's most prominent alumni is Basketball Hall of Fame player Connie Hawkins, who spent two

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The Harlem Wizards will put on a family friendly show Nov. 27 at Northville High School. HARLEMWIZARDS.COM

PREP VOLLEYBALL

KLAA all-conference team unveiled

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Led by overall champion and Division 1 semifinalist Northville, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association recently announced its all-conference team along with its honorable mention squad.

Here are the results.

All-Conference (West)

Northville: Hannah Grant, Sr. libero; Clare McNamara, Jr. middle hitter; Jenna Boksha, Soph. outside hitter; Gabi Flisette, Sr. setter; **Novi:** Jaeda Porter, Sr. OH; Shannon Jennings, Jr. setter; Rachel Jennings, Soph. libero; **Brighton:** Celia Cullen, Sr. setter; Analise Berry, Sr. libero; Madison Opre, Sr. OH; **Hartland:** Megan Acs, Sr. OH; Gabi Skinner, Sr. MH; **Salem:** Rory McMaster, Sr. setter; Makai Quan, Soph. OH; **Howell:** Sydney Romanaitis, Sr. libero; Amy Henderson, Sr. OH; **Canton:** Holly Stefanek, Sr. OH; **Plymouth:** Kayla Courtney, Sr. MH.

All-Conference (East)

Livonia Churchill: Sarah Dunn, Jr. OH; Grace Vaeth, Sr. setter; Jessica Maladecki, Jr. libero; Summer Clark, Sr. MB; **Livonia Stevenson:** Abby Cleaveland, Jr. setter; Libby Cleaveland, Jr. MH; Sedona Coon, Jr. MH; **Livonia Franklin:** Joanie Evans, Sr. libero; Ja-



Churchill junior outside hitter Sarah Dunn was among four Chargers to earn all-KLAA honors. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

mia Murray, Soph. OH; Kaitlyn Merrill, Jr. OH; **Belleville:** Anya Griffin, Sr. libero; Maddison Bennett, Sr. setter; **Dearborn:** Lillian Grantham, Jr. setter; Tyanna Rutherford, Sr. OH; **Westland John Glenn:** Jessica Florn, Soph. OH; Mya Tarrance, Soph. OH; **Dearborn Fordson:** Ayah Zaban, Sr. setter; **Wayne Memorial:** Megan Blair, Sr. libero.

Honorable mention (West)

Northville: Nyia Setla, Jr. DS; **Novi:** Gaby Cummings, Soph. OH; **Brighton:** Elaine Halonen, Jr. OH; **Hartland:** Vera Storm, Jr. libero; **Salem:** Nakia Quan, Sr. OH; **Howell:** Marisa Poma, Sr. setter; **Canton:** Amanda Wilyard, Sr. setter; **Plymouth:** Hannah Ramer, Sr. OH.

Honorable mention (East)

Churchill: Molly Chantres, Sr. OH; **Stevenson:** Erin Pietruszka, Jr. libero; **Franklin:** Abi Atteveld, Sr. MH; **Belleville:** Jasmine Jones, Jr. MB; **Dearborn:** Hayley Lindow, Soph. MH; **John Glenn:** Briann Bagwell, Sr. libero; **Fordson:** Jana Chahine, Sr. libero; **Wayne:** Jade Elder, Sr. MH.

Final standings

West Division: 1. Northville, 11-0 (overall), 7-0 (division); 2. Novi, 9-2, 7-0; 3. Brighton, 9-2, 5-3; 4. Hartland, 7-5, 4-3; 5. Salem, 6-5, 3-4; 6. Howell, 5-6, 2-5; 7. Canton, 4-7, 1-6; 8. Plymouth, 3-8, 0-7.

East Division: 1. Churchill, 11-0 (overall), 7-0 (division); 2. Stevenson, 8-3, 6-1; 3. Franklin, 5-6, 5-2; 4. Belleville, 4-7, 4-3; 5. Dearborn, 3-8, 3-4; 6. John Glenn, 2-9, 2-5; 7. Fordson, 1-10, 1-6; 8. Wayne, 0-11, 0-7.

Association champion

Northville.

MHSAA tourney champs

Division 1 regional 5: Northville; **Division 1 district:** Churchill.

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Wizards

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years touring with the Wizards during the prime of his career. More than 25 ex-NBA players have worn the Wizards jersey including Nate "Tiny" Archibald, Ray Felix, Mario Ellie and Hawthorne Wingo.

The Wizards have also toured many foreign countries, with 10 tours of China since 2000. Other tours included a USO tour of the Far East, as well as trips to Italy, Belgium, Taiwan, Israel, Malaysia, Brazil, Argentina, Poland and Venezuela.

Crowds as large as 10,000-plus have watched the Wizards in soccer stadiums, bull rings and basketball arenas. The Wizards have done numerous char-

itable events at New York City's famed Madison Square Garden.

"We are delighted to host the Wizards," Northville Mustangs Booster Club president Martha Michalak said. "They are superb showmen who deliver fantastic all-ages entertainment."

General admission seats are \$10. Reserved seats, in the front row of the bleachers, are \$20. Courtside seats are \$30, which include a meet-and-greet

with the Wizards prior to the the game and discounted souvenirs.

Tickets can be purchased in advance online (prior to 11:59 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26) at <https://www.harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets/>. Tickets at the door are \$12 per person.

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White

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pushing me. I was crying at the house, but he pushed me and basketball is now the game I love. I can't get away from it, can't stop playing it."

B. Artis, however, hasn't completely given up his No. 1 hobby.

"I for sure still play video games, I play them all," B. Artis said. "I used to skateboard, too. It helped me with my balance, all of that. My dad didn't like it, so ... I didn't like it either. But it is what it is."

Basketball gene

Sometimes dad knows best and who can argue with Benny, a former all-city and all-state guard from Detroit Northern who went on to earn four letters at Michigan State, where he was the team's Most Improved Player (1972-73), a co-captain and assist leader (1975-76).

After graduating from MSU, Benny went into the collegiate coaching ranks, where he made stops at Wayne State, Albion, University of Detroit Mercy (twice), San Jose State and Eastern Michigan (six seasons). He was also the varsity coach at Detroit King for 15 years, carving out a 201-89 record, and also served as an executive assistant to Detroit Mayor Dave Bing.

So is it son like father on the basketball court?

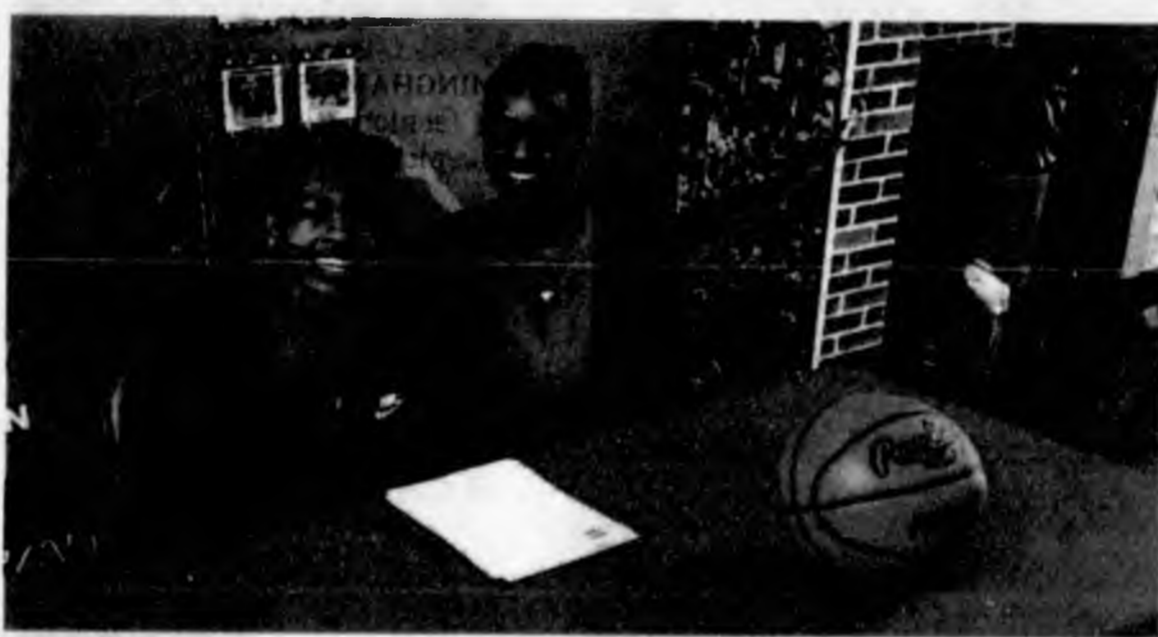
"I think the only thing I see similar would be that he does have the desire to win, he takes pride in taking care of the basketball," Benny said. "But game-wise, he's way more athletic than I was, just because of quickness, speed and jumping ability."

Making strides

Last season, White averaged 16 points, four assists, four rebounds and two steals per game as the Chiefs finished 19-2 and captured the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Black Division title.

But his evolution as a lead guard began as a spindly freshman on the varsity for coach Jim Reddy.

"I think he does a lot of different things," Reddy said. "First, he handles the ball so well, which makes it tough for any team to press us because he can literally break the press himself with his ball-handling ability. His I.Q. is high. He's always been able to shoot it. As a



On hand for Canton guard B. Artis White's national letter of intent signing day was his mother Staci. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

freshman, he started for us on a team that went 20-0. He averaged 7½ points a game ... he got open threes and he knocked them down. And then he's finally gotten a lot better at finishing at the rim and that comes with maturity, like we talked about. He's taller and he's stronger now. He's a tough cover for anybody and he's still getting better defensively. He was a good defender last year. I see him being a great defender for us this year."

White also had Division I offers from Oakland, Toledo, U-D and Northern Kentucky, but felt most comfortable with WMU head coach Steve Hawkins, now in his 16th season, and his staff of assistants.

The right fit

"The new assistant coach there, (Thomas Kelly), I had a good relationship with him, my dad had a good relationship with him," White said. "They needed a point guard, so I thought I could be the one that could help them be their point guard."

White said he gained five pounds and grew two inches over the summer. He's put on 25 pounds since his freshman year.

"My official height is 5-foot-11, but you can list me at 6-foot," White said with a smile.

Reddy said White has not only matured physically, but is also stronger mentally.

"He's going to have an excellent year," Reddy said. "I don't think there's any way he doesn't. He's been special for us for three years. He's going to be a four-year starter here and he's going to score

over 1,000 points ... hopefully, he'll finish with an outstanding year and I don't see why that wouldn't happen."

White has tried to expand his repertoire as a point guard going into his senior season.

"Going to the hole, finishing with contact, been struggling with that for many years," White said. "I was real good at it in eighth grade, but now that I'm in high school, there's better competition, but I've been working on that a lot and getting stronger."

Top backcourt

Canton's starting backcourt is in good hands with the return of an equally jet-quick guard in Vinson Sigmon, also a college prospect. The two speedy seniors will be a nightmare for opposing teams to defend this season.

"I would say the most underrated guard in Michigan, no doubt," White said of his running mate. "College coaches have been sleeping on him. I don't know what's taking them so long, but they have to keep an eye on him, for real. He pushes me all the time. Defensively, he really gets on me, pushes me hard, makes me better every day."

Even though he was a coach, Benny White tried not to be an overbearing parent when his son preferred video games and even skateboarding over basketball.

"I was disappointed, in a sense, just because I could see he had some ability, but he acted like he didn't want to play," Benny said. "He went out for football, did that for about a week, didn't want to do that. So it was a challenge and I was staying away from him. My wife (Staci)

kind of took him more to AAU practices and made him go more than I did. At the time, I was coaching college ball, so she was the one when he didn't want to go, she was still making him go."

Family ties

Benny and Staci White also have a 5-year-old son Beniah, and a daughter Demi, who is a senior nursing major and member of the Michigan State dance team.

During B. Artis' junior season, Benny took a year off from coaching, so the two were able to bond together a little bit more.

"I was fortunate enough last year to not have a job and so I was able to spend time with my family, him probably more than the rest of them or my wife," Benny said. "But I was able to spend time with him daily, take him to school, picking him up, going to get something to eat, work out, taking him swimming ... so we spent a lot of time together last year to a point where I don't think I got on his nerves, but it was, like, I was his best friend in a sense. I remember the third day I was picking him up from school and he said, 'Dad, are you going to pick me up every day?' I said, 'Yeah, I'll be here every day.'"

Because of scheduling conflicts with his new job at Groves, Benny will only be able to see a handful of his son's games this season in person. Benny was unable to attend B. Artis' signing ceremony because he had a scrimmage scheduled that day.

"I feel comfortable where we're at," Benny said. "I think he's good, too, and I don't have to be there every day. I found out we do have some Thursday games, so according to the schedule, that's going to allow me to see eight or nine of his games."

And when he's able to attend as a parent and fan, Benny will sit back and enjoy watching a player with elite speed with the basketball.

"This is my 10th year as coach and he's the quickest and fastest with the ball that we've had," Reddy said.

And when he's off the basketball court, nobody has a quicker trigger.

"During his freshman year, we said, 'You can't do it. You can play on the weekends' and it's kind of the same pattern now," Benny said of the video habit. "But he still goes at it though."

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PREP FOOTBALL

OAA announces all-stars after big year

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It was a good year for Oakland Activities Association football.

Thirteen of the association's 23 programs finished with a winning record and 12 of them qualified for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's state playoffs. Five of them — Clarkston and West Bloomfield from the OAA Red, Groves and Harrison from the OAA White and Farmington from the OAA Blue — were still alive as the playoffs steamed to the regionals.

The regular-season league champions were Clarkston (Red), Oak Park (White) and Birmingham Seaholm (Blue).

Following is the OAA's 2018 all-OAA report listed by division:

OAA Red Division

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Clarkston 5-1 (7-2 overall); 2. West Bloomfield 4-2 (7-2); 3. Oxford 4-2 (7-2); 4. Rochester Adams 3-3 (6-3); 5. Lake Orion 3-3 (5-4); 6. Southfield A&T 2-4 (3-6); 7. Bloomfield Hills 0-6 (2-7)

ALL-OAA REPORT

CLARKSTON: Jake Billette (senior, running back); Rocco Spindler (sophomore, offensive line); Garrett Dellinger (sophomore, offensive line); Josh Luther (senior, defensive back); Brendan Barker (senior, linebacker); Jake Hoastetter (senior, running back); Keagan King (senior, defensive back); Javier Suggs (senior, defensive line); Jake Jensen (senior, quarterback)

WEST BLOOMFIELD: Lance Dixon (senior, linebacker/wide receiver); Tre Mosley (senior, wide receiver/free safety); Donovan Edwards (sophomore, running back); Makari Paige (junior, free safety); Cornell Wheeler (junior, middle linebacker); CJ Harris (junior, quarterback); Tyrone Broden (senior, wide receiver); Sterling Miles (junior, defensive end)

OXFORD: Drew Carpenter (junior, quarterback); Thomas Wandrie (senior, linebacker); Austin Schlicht (senior, linebacker); Marcus Hufnagel (senior, linebacker); Trent Myre (senior, running back); Jerome Roberson (senior, defensive line); Evan Brunning (senior, defensive line); Sam Barrott (senior, linebacker)

LAKE ORION: Hunter Chambers (senior, offensive line); Chris Vernon (senior, offensive line); Kobe Manzo (senior, offensive line); Josh Wuensch (senior, linebacker); Chris Brown (senior, defensive back); Isaac Kinnie (junior, linebacker)

ROCHESTER ADAMS: Cole Mitchell (senior, defensive tackle); Reed Vogt



Farmington Harrison's Roderick Heard earned all-OAA honors. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

(senior, defensive end); Reece Collins (senior, defensive back); Nick Kania (senior, defensive back); Carter Farris (junior, quarterback); Anthony Patriotto (junior, running back)

SOUTHFIELD A&T: Christian Broaden (senior, slot); Devin Baldwin (senior, defensive end); Bryce Austin (junior, defensive tackle); Anthony Romphf (junior, quarterback)

BLOOMFIELD HILLS: Alec Ward (junior, wide receiver/defensive back); Jacob Gasso (senior, running back); Ethan Polselli (senior, offensive line)

SPECIAL TEAMS: BenPatten (Rochester Adams, kicker); Tristan Mattson (Clarkston, punter)

COACH OF THE YEAR: Bud Rowley (Oxford)

OAA White Division

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Oak Park 6-0 (8-1 overall); 2. Birmingham Groves 5-1 (7-2); 3. Farmington Harrison 4-2 (6-3); 4. Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 2-4 (3-6); 5. Rochester 2-4 (2-7); 6. Troy Athens 1-5 (1-8); 7. Troy 1-5 (2-7)

ALL-OAA REPORT

OAK PARK: D'Wan Mathis (senior, quarterback); Enzo Jennings (junior, defensive back); Justin Rogers (junior, offensive line/defensive line); Dondi Price (junior, offensive line); Marcus Ayers (senior, linebacker); Phil Steward (senior, running back); Torriano Richardson (senior, running back); Shelby Givins (senior, offensive line); Maliq Carr (junior, defensive back)

BIRMINGHAM GROVES: Joel Mitchell (senior, linebacker); Khalil Dawsey

(senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Damonte McCurdy (senior, running back/defensive back); Henry Van Faus-sien (senior, linebacker); Josh Salter (senior, running back/defensive back); Charlie Riddle (senior, defensive line); Tyriq Heard (senior, defensive line); Jacob Edelman (senior, defensive line)

FARMINGTON HARRISON: Rod Heard (senior, running back/defensive back); Maverick Hanson (senior, offensive line); Vincent Rawls (senior, running back/linebacker); Xavier Goldsmith (senior, defensive back); Caleb Williams (senior, offensive line/defensive line); Ben Williams (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Andrew Brown (senior, offensive line/defensive line)

ROCHESTER HILLS STONEY CREEK: Frank Potenza III (senior, quarterback); Danny Nixon (senior, offensive line); Adam Quni (senior, defensive back); Andre Demetral (senior, wide receiver); Zach Dena (junior, defensive back); Cam Burford (sophomore, running back)

ROCHESTER: Drake Reid (senior, wide receiver); Nick Grabke (senior, running back); Gabe Szafran (senior, ath); Dean Raciti (senior, offensive line); David Robinson (senior, offensive line); Ryan Noble (senior, defensive line)

TROY ATHENS: Austin Kenan (senior, running back); David Demon (senior, offensive line); AJ Rasa (junior, linebacker); Waides Ashmon (sophomore, linebacker)

TROY: Jake Volek (senior, center/linebacker); Matt Johansson (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Quest Bigelow (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Cole Hayden (senior, offensive line/defensive line)

SPECIAL TEAMS: Davis Digiovanni (Troy Athens, kicker); Christian Thomas (Groves, punter)

COACH OF THE YEAR: Greg Carter (Oak Park)

OAA Blue Division

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham Seaholm 6-0 (7-2 overall); 2. Farmington 5-1 (6-3); 3. Auburn Hills Avondale 4-2 (7-2); 4. Ferndale 4-2 (7-2); 5. Royal Oak 3-3 (5-4); 6. North Farmington 3-3 (3-6); 7. Hazel Park 2-4 (4-5); 8. Berkley 1-5 (2-7); 9. Pontiac 0-6 (1-8)

ALL-OAA REPORT

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM: Chase Mentag (senior, running back); Gray Kinnie (senior, quarterback); Max Schumaker (senior, running back/defensive back); James DeWald (junior, linebacker); Will McBride (senior, linebacker); Caden DeWald (sophomore, offensive line); Paul Jokisch (senior, defensive line); Sathya Siddapureddy (junior, offensive line/defensive line); Alex Oancea (senior, offensive line)

FARMINGTON: Kendall Williams (senior, running back/defensive back); Jordan Turner (junior, tight end/linebacker); Donovan King (senior, offensive line/defensive line); Delmon Sewell (senior, running back/defensive line); Anthony Reaves (senior, quarterback); Engelbera Vela (senior, offensive line/linebacker); Aaron Watson (junior, defensive back); Daivid Palvshaj (junior, offensive line/defensive line)

AUBURN HILLS AVONDALE: Derrick Hinton (senior, running back/defensive back); Kobe Anthony (senior, running back/defensive back); Gatlin Coleman (senior, offensive line/defensive line); Baba Conata (senior, tight end/linebacker); Torey Coleman (junior, running back/linebacker); Chris Sawyers (senior, offensive line/linebacker); Ari Dotan (senior, quarterback/linebacker)

FERNDALE: Torian Belton (senior, offensive line/defensive line); Tre'jon Pickett (junior, running back); Donovan Pitts (senior, running back/linebacker); Angel Deray (junior, offensive line/defensive line); Antoine Brown (sophomore, defensive back); Dylan Martin (junior, linebacker); DeJuan Parkman (senior, defensive line)

ROYAL OAK: Cody Remick (senior, offensive line/defensive line); James Haser (junior, offensive line/defensive line); Joe Binkowski (senior, wide receiver/strong safety); Earle Weaver (junior, running back/defensive back); Connor Jackson (senior, running back/linebacker)

NORTH FARMINGTON: Jon Brunette (junior, inside linebacker/fullback/quarterback); Matt Corporan Cole (senior, free safety/tailback/return); Zach Wiggle (senior, center/nose tackle); Kevin Prabhakar (junior, inside linebacker); Myles Gresham (junior, defensive back/tailback)

HAZEL PARK: Cam Wyatt (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Noah Hallek (senior, offensive line/defensive line); RJ Best (senior, defensive line); Romel Smith (senior, defensive line)

BERKLEY: Evan Payne (senior, middle linebacker); Jeremiah Watkins (senior, running back); Justin Anagonye (junior, defensive tackle)

PONTIAC: Rudy Simpson (senior, linebacker/defensive line/running back); Moises DeJesus (senior, corner back/wide receiver); Tarah Hazard (sophomore, defensive line/tight end)

SPECIAL TEAMS: Justin Klotz (Seaholm, kicker); Mark Ardwin (Royal Oak, punter)

COACH OF THE YEAR: Jim DeWald (Birmingham Seaholm)

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Alsobrooks

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year before, the Bulls captured the National Pastime 16-and-under championship in Louisville, Ky.

"We've always had a really, really good team and a lot of talented players," Alsobrooks said.

His fastball topped out at 89 mph last summer and he believes he has a higher ceiling.

"It's getting up there, it's getting there and I hope I can get it up to the 90s (mph) by next spring," said Alsobrooks, who throws four-seam and two-seam fastballs, along with a curveball, slider and a change-up.

Alsobrooks, who carries a 4.0 grade-point average, is leaning toward something in the business world. He plans to study finance or accounting at CMU.

Meanwhile, his older brother Brian is the starting kicker-punter and a backup quarterback at California (Pa.) University, an NCAA Division II school.

Brian, a red-shirt junior transfer from Eastern Michigan, was named Co-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Special Teams Player of the Week for Oct. 22 following a 23-0 win over Mercyhurst.

For the season, Brian made 9-of-13 field-goal attempts, booted 41-of-45 extra points and scored 68 points for the Vulcans (7-4). Just finishing his sophomore season after transferring from EMU, he has two more years of eligibility. (Drew was a kicker and punter for Churchill as well.)

Although two are separated by 330 miles, they remain in regular contact.

"Me and him are constantly talking, we talk about sports," Drew Alsobrooks said. "We talk about football, we talk about baseball, we talk about that stuff



Churchill's Drew Alsobrooks was a three-year starter at quarterback and set records in football, but he's headed to play baseball at Central Michigan University. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

all the time. We're really close. So we're always trying to make each other better, too."

And much the credit goes to his older brother.

"(Brian) definitely kind of got me to where I am. He was always encouraging me a lot, he was always pushing me and working with me," Drew said. "Even in baseball, he was always being there to play catch, help me hit."

The 6-foot-2, 210-pound Alsobrooks re-wrote some of the Churchill record books as a passer as he helped the Char-

gers to two straight Division 2 playoff berths and 16 wins.

The three-year varsity player threw for 40 career touchdowns and just under 4,000 yards. During his senior year, he passed for 1,846 yards and 20 TDs. He also rushed for more than 1,000 career yards, including 500 this season with six TDs.

Alsobrooks finished his career with 11 career field goals and averaged just shy of 40 yards per punt.

"Drew is one of the best we've had here," Churchill football coach Bill De-

Fillippo said of the two-year starter. "A talented player, tremendous competitor and great leader. Drew is a 4.0 student and has great character. I feel very fortunate to have coached Drew."

And with one more season of baseball, Churchill coach Ron Targosz is looking forward to seeing what Alsobrooks can bring for his senior season following an injury-plagued junior season due to a back issue.

"He tried to fight through it a little bit. (I) actually shut him down," Targosz said. "In our regional game against Grosse Pointe South, he actually played the field, but didn't hit, so he played the outfield for us."

The back issue cropped up again during football season, but Alsobrooks was able to fight through it.

"We're hoping over the winter we can get healthy a little bit," Targosz said. "I'm hoping that he can return to form like we expect him to, because he'll be our No. 1 (pitcher) this year. He throws hard, but the main thing we have to do that we've been working on the past couple of winters is to develop a little bit more of an off-speed pitch, because he's got a pretty good fastball and slider. He throws in the mid-80s to high 80s on a good day ... but if we can get that change-up to 80-81 mph range instead of 84, it will make a big difference in keeping kids off-balance a little bit more."

But according to Targosz, there's no doubt that Alsobrooks has a big-time live arm.

"If we can get his control ... something where he's had five-, six-walk games to no-walk games, he's going to be even much better, obviously," he said.

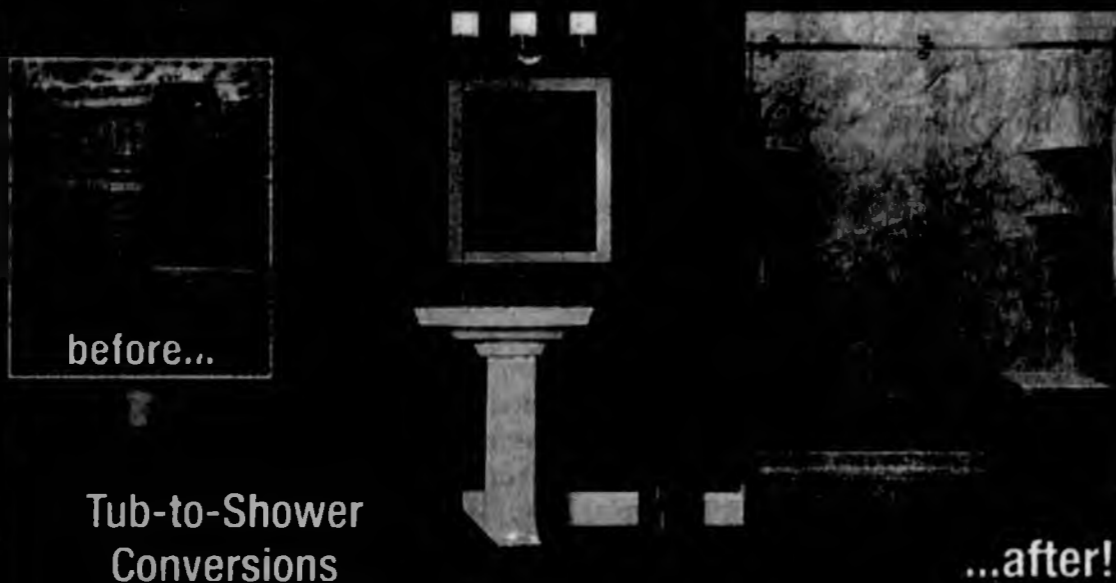
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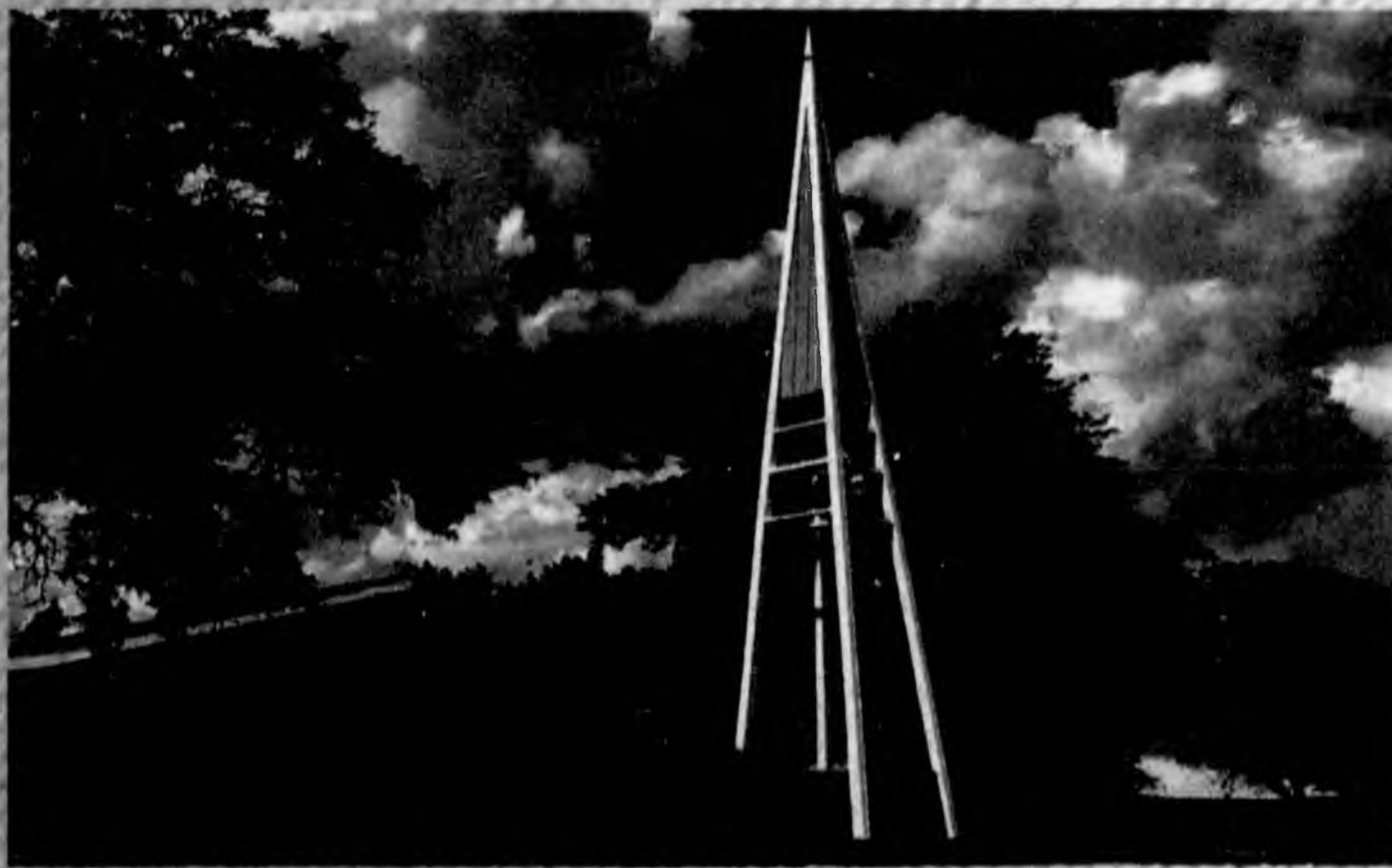
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GIRLS GOLF

South Lyon enjoys another strong season

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It wasn't surprising to see South Lyon's girls golf team back in the thick of things at the recent Division 2 state championship tournament.

The Lions captured their seventh straight regional championship en route to their 10th consecutive state qualifying berth. They placed eighth at this year's state meet after having finished among the top five the previous six seasons, taking home the state runner-up trophy in 2014 after being ranked No. 1 all season.

Veteran South Lyon head coach Dan Skatzka said the team's recent success is simply the result of hard work.

"We've been really successful for a long time," said Skatzka, the team's head coach the past 12 seasons. "Even though we lost three really good players from last year's team, we have a lot of girls on the team and most of them come to us never having played golf before and we spend a huge amount of time with them. We are very unique and different from other teams."

"We have our own camp as soon as school gets out and they spend seven or eight hours a day with us. Then when they start the season, we do double sessions every day until school starts. That's something different, too. We expect a lot out of them."

"But it makes a huge difference. By the time we get to our season, we've practiced more than most teams do in two or three years," he added. "We've been doing that for a number of years now. We always expect them to be pretty good, because they spend so much time and effort in practice."

Undefeated LVC champion

South Lyon went undefeated (7-0) this season in dual meets and captured its second straight Lakes Valley Conference championship. The Lions swept to the league title by winning both the pre- and post-season LVC tournaments.

Skatzka's squad shot a two-day score of 743 (376-367) at the D-2 state meet at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West Course in miserably cold, rainy and windy conditions that included a brief delay because of a hail storm that roared through the area.

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern claimed the D-2 state crown with a 656 team score.

"It was absolutely the worst weather you could probably imagine and it threw everything out of whack," Skatzka said. "We didn't play well, as would probably be expected, but neither did the other teams. For instance, on Saturday we had two stoppages in play where they called us in and two other stoppages where they told us to hold in place until the hail stopped."

"But when you get to the state finals, there aren't too many options," he added. "It is arguably the toughest course of the four (state meet venues) and, you throw the weather in there, it's really hard to gauge the



South Lyon's girls golf team had another strong season by winning the LVC championship and taking seventh at the recent state meet. The Lions also won the Division 2 regional title behind the efforts of (from left) Emma Mackey, Molly Mackey, Raya Sall, Katie Potter and Julia Vess. DAN SKATZKA

scores. But even with that, Julia Vess ended up shooting an 85, which was really a great round, considering the conditions."

The Lions were led by senior tri-captains Vess and Molly Mackey — both returning players from last year's team — and Raya Sall.

Vess, a four-year varsity veteran who recently committed to play Division II goal at Lake Super-

ior State University, averaged 41.2 per nine holes and 83.2 for 18 holes. She won the regional championship with a round of 87 and captured top honors in the LVC preseason tournament at Mystic Creek.

Vess was South Lyon's low state-meet scorer with a two-day total of 174, which included rounds of 89 and 85.

"Julia came to us as a freshman after never

having played golf before and has earned a scholarship and that's pretty amazing," Skatzka said. "Like many of the girls, she's spent an enormous amount of time on the course. She's improved so much over her four years."

"She's very accurate and is really a pretty long hitter. This year, she's really worked hard at her putter and short game," he added. "She hits the ball basically where she wants it, especially on the short shots, and her putting is tremendously improved. She was our match medalist most of the year."

Mackey also enjoyed a strong season with averages of 43 (nine holes) and 86.5 (18). The four-year varsity veteran, who also had never played golf until high school, was the Lions' next best state-meet scorer behind Vess with 180 (88-92).

Next year's leaders

South Lyon's next three scorers at state were sophomore Katie Potter (98-94-102), Sall (101-96-197) and junior Emma Mackey (107-96-203).

"All three of our captains were leaders in many ways. It just really worked out well for us," Skatzka said. "Over the last eight years, over one-third of our graduating seniors have gone on to play college golf and that's in spite of the fact that almost none of them have played golf before they came to us."

With two returning starters next year, Skatzka is expecting the string of recent state-meet success to continue.

"We've had a really, really good year and it's kind of similar to the other years we've had," said Skatzka, whose team's home course is Cattails Golf Course in South Lyon. "But we never take anything for granted, because it seems like every

year we're starting with a lot of new girls."

"We're looking for a lot of leadership from the girls (Potter and Emma Mackey) who were fortunate to go to the state finals with us and compete at the highest level. They're both coming along just the way the others have come. We're fortunate that the girls who come out are willing to do a lot of hard work. I can't say enough about how hard they work."

"Without that hard work the girls put in, we wouldn't be able to compete with the schools we've been competing against," he added. "Fortunately, the girls and their parents understand what we're trying to do and they're willing to do double and triple what most other programs do to get ready for a season."

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Obituaries

Robert C. Crawford

DAVISBURG - Robert C. Crawford, a resident of Davisburg, and former resident of Dearborn Heights and Milford, Michigan, died on November 13, 2018 after a hard fought battle with cancer. He was 72 years old.

Bob was born on March 20, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan, the eldest son of George and Evelyn (Rinklin) Crawford. He grew up in Milford, where he was a graduate of Milford High School, and following high school, he earned a bachelor degree from Lawrence Technological University. He went on to make his career as a Safety Engineer with Ford Motor Company for many years until his retirement in 2001.

Bob was a ham radio operator since 1960 and enjoyed his countless conversations with people from across the world. He also enjoyed woodworking, serving as a Boy Scout Leader, and his duties as the family genealogist. His research documented over 37,000 members of the Crawford family, and his family's migration from Scotland to Northern Ireland and to the United States where the family settled in Milford to farm the land.

In addition to Betty Ann, his beloved wife of over forty-eight years, he is survived by his brothers, Gerald A. (Marlynn) Crawford and Charles S. (Linda) Crawford; mother-in-law, Betty Dull; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Margaret Lasky and family, Ernie (Marlene) Dull, Mary Frances Wagner, Henry Wagner and family, and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Evelyn Crawford of Milford.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, November 17, 2018, with interment in Milford Memorial Cemetery in Milford. Memorials may be made in his name to Boy Scouts Troop 43 of Holly. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com



John Joseph Swienkowski, D.O.

GLADWYNE, PA - John Joseph of Gladwyne, PA and Northville, MI died Wednesday, November 7, 2018. He was preceded into death by his wife of 53 years, Carol Lee in 2016. He is survived by his son, Scott Swienkowski and his wife, Cindy of Lee's Summit, MO; daughter, Suzanne (Swienkowski) Smith and her husband, Justin, of Bryn Mawr, PA and grandchildren, Annelise (Erb) and Holden.

After spending a year at Temple, he graduated from Albright College, before finishing his education at A.T. Still University Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. Following graduation he did his residency and internship at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, MI. He then co-founded Tri-County Orthopedics with Edward Loniewski and Robert Mandell working there until his retirement in 2012. He was also a Professor at Michigan State University.

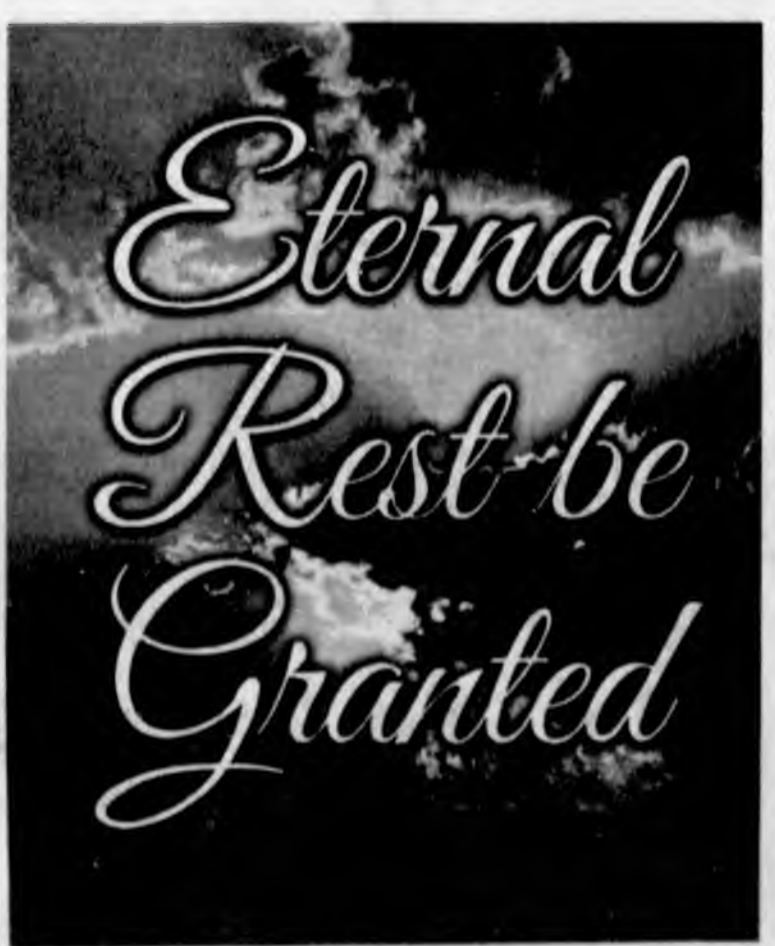
While studying at Kirksville, he met the love of his life, Carol, on a blind date at the conclusion of which he told her he was going to marry her. Throughout their 53 years together they traveled extensively and visited 36 countries around the world. While in Northville, he was active in the community including serving with the Jaycees and finishing a long run in township politics as a member of the board of trustees buoyed by his famous "Think Swienck" slogan. Despite being incredibly busy, he was always active in his children's lives including coaching Scott's baseball teams and supporting Sue's competitive horseback riding while becoming the owner of Wolverine Morgans. Upon moving to Pennsylvania, John immersed himself in his granddaughter's swimming and grandson's lacrosse who gave him the greatest joy. Loved by his family and many friends, he will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date to allow family and friends to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Lewy Body Dementia Association in his memory are welcome.

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Gerald "Gerry" Patrick Haran

GERALD "GERRY" PATRICK - Gerald "Gerry" Patrick Haran, age 79, born in Brooklyn, NY, on August 23, 1939, passed away on November 9, 2018 in Novi, MI. Gerry grew up in the shadows of Ebbets Field, attending Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School and then St. Francis College, where he was a member of Phi Rho Pi Fraternity. It was during this time that he met his sweetheart, Maureen Fugelsang. Gerry and Maureen were united in Holy Matrimony on November 17, 1962. Beginning in 1965, they were blessed with five boys born in the span of seven years. Gerry was an engaged father, coaching his sons in basketball and baseball and being actively involved in their youth sports organizations. In his middle-aged years, he was community- and politically-minded, working to combat hunger in the region and actively opposing the production of nuclear weapons. Later he became involved in political campaigns and served several times as precinct delegate at the Michigan Democratic Party's annual convention. Over the last 10 years, Gerry loved telling jokes, dancing and singing in productions by Novi's Beyond Belief senior performers. Gerry was very proud of his sons and grandchildren, and he would bend the ear of anyone who would listen to details of their successes. He loved telling stories, particularly about his interactions with local and national political figures, sports stars and celebrities. The veracity of his accounts was sometimes in question, but no one doubted his enjoyment in telling the stories! Gerry was preceded in death by his parents, John Joseph Haran and Gertrude (Hanrahan) Haran, and his brother John "Jack" Haran. Gerry is survived by his wife of 56 years, Maureen (Fugelsang) Haran, his (5) sons: Douglas (Lisa), Patrick (Karen), Andrew (Holly), Matthew (Leah) and Edward (Karen). He has left many fond memories and stories with his (12) grandchildren: Taylor, Allyson, Thomas, Bailey, William, Hayden, Noah, Mark, Luke, Kevin, Paul and Sierra and numerous nieces and nephews. Gerry requests that donations be made in his memory to: Gleaners Community Food Bank, 1-866-GLEANER (453-2637) Click here to contribute. or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 313-579-2100, ext 185 Click here to contribute.



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One tool that you may or may not have considered are recruiters. These are individuals who are trained to meet the staffing needs of organizations across industries and job levels. They are skilled at funneling talent-rich groups of capable job recruits to the organizations who retain their services.

Some companies value recruiters so much that they have several working for them on a full-time basis. These professionals devote their time and effort to sourcing, engaging with, and attracting both active and passive potential candidates in an effort to cultivate an orbit of talent to turn to whenever an open position arises; other companies seek out the services of professional recruitment agencies when the need arises.

Depending on your industry and employment level, using recruiters to help you land your next job may be a solid strategy. Consider using the following tips and strategies to make the most of these valued resources during your job search.

Industry and job fairs

Many companies large and small, veteran and startup, make good use of



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job fairs in an effort to attract and engage with new prospective talent and help build their brand identities among their industry peers. You'll find a range of opportunities to meet with recruiters at these events. The savvy job-seekers view these meet and greet opportunities as "mini initial interviews" of sorts:

- They come professionally dressed and polished
- They're armed with their portfolios and resumes
- They work hard to make memorable and significant connections with recruiters who represent companies they're interested in potentially working for
- They make sure to get business cards and/or contact information of the recruiters they interact with
- They follow up later on (in the form of thank-you emails and possibly LinkedIn connections) and make sure to get (and stay) on the radars of the companies that intrigue them

Keep an eye and an ear out for industry events and job fairs in your area. Joining professional associations and making the most of social media for professional networking, along with regular online research, are your best chances to learn about these events and register in time.

School career services

Are you taking full advantage of everything your alma mater offers in terms of career resources for new and future graduates? Most colleges, universities, and vocational schools have career service offices that are dedicated to helping their student bodies land valuable internships and jobs upon graduation—these resources are often made avail-

able to alumni as well. Many school career service offices work directly with recruiters at various companies, which can be key strategic pipelines for them. If they can recognize the value of these resources, then perhaps you should too.

Your school's career office can help you make direct connections with recruiters, and can also keep you updated on upcoming job fairs and events. (Many schools organize these activities throughout the year, and you can count on recruiters attending.)

Work independently

In addition to industry events, job fairs, and school career services offices, you can choose to connect directly with recruiters in an effort to land your next job. In addition to contacting the companies you are interested in directly (most companies these days have robust social media presences and career services portals on their websites that you can use to make key connections), there are professional recruitment agencies that specialize in placing individuals in open positions in various industries.

The Internet is your best friend here—do some online sleuthing regarding which respected and recognized recruiters specialize in your field and consider making contact to see if they can help you achieve your career goals.

Here's the bottom line—it's true, you actually can get your next job by using a recruiter. Consider using the strategies and advice presented here to take advantage of this job-hunting resource and land your next great job.

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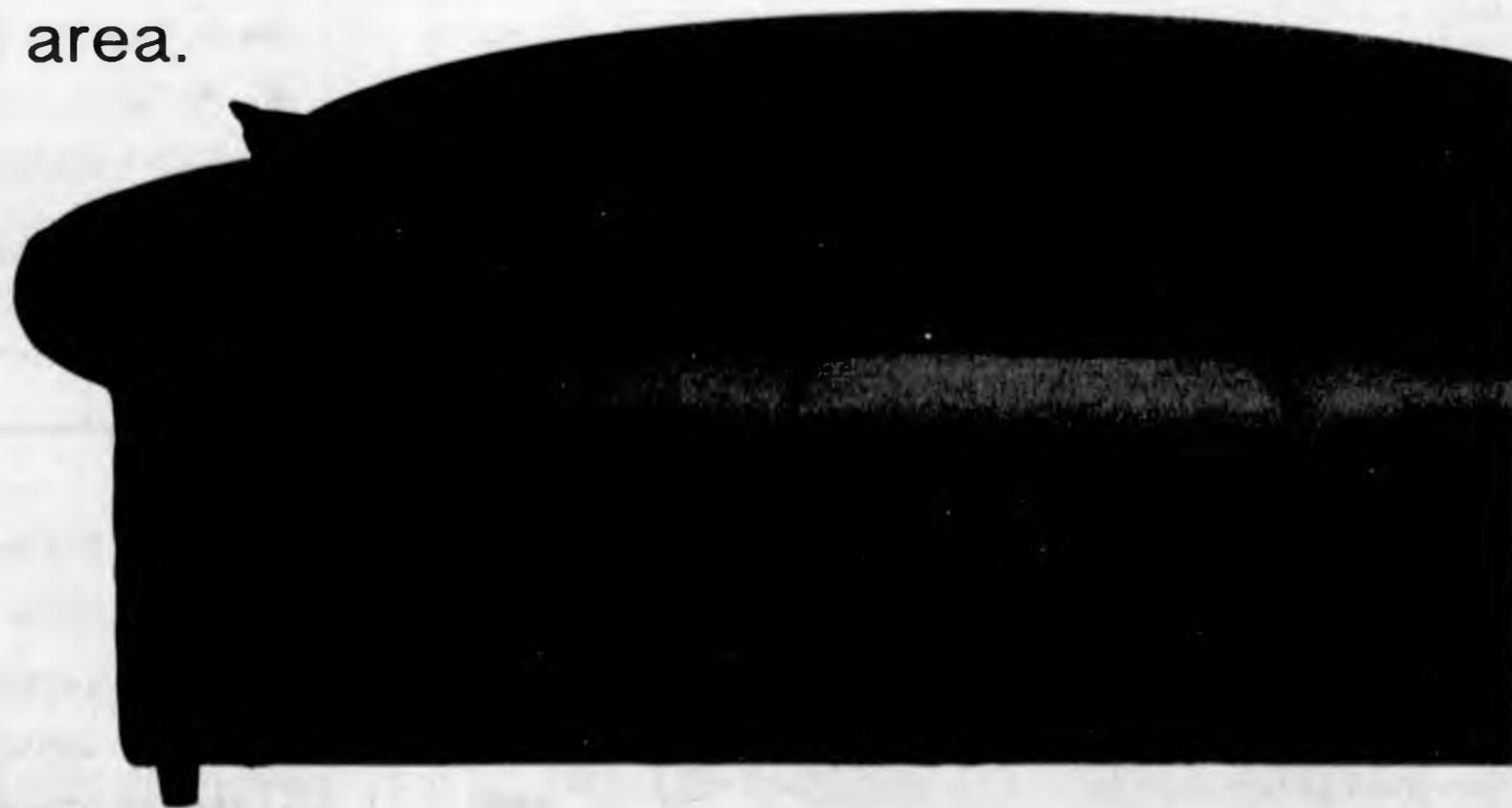
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Everwood" actor Wolf
 - 6 Pigs' home
 - 9 Dutch brew
 - 15 — of Mexico
 - 19 * Ship's load
 - 20 Lead-in to historic
 - 21 Durango dish
 - 22 Baseball's Hershiser
 - 23 * Subject to interpretation
 - 25 * Old Greek squares
 - 26 "Stretch" car
 - 27 Steak, e.g.
 - 28 Prefix with lethal
 - 29 * Second U.S. first lady
 - 31 At a distance
 - 33 Tattles
 - 34 * Chum
 - 38 Give slack to
 - 42 Son of Eliel Saarininen
 - 43 * Dr. Evil's cat in Austin Powers films
 - 47 1801-05 veep Burr
 - 51 Beatles song on "Let It Be"
 - 52 Observe
 - 55 Song for one
 - 56 Linguist Chomsky
 - 57 Political plot
 - 61 Knight's glove
 - 63 "Serpico" actor M. — Walsh
 - 65 * Jumping up and down on a bouncy stick
 - 69 Comb buzzer
 - 70 Native suffix
 - 71 See 8-Down
 - 73 * Pairs of consecutive letters
 - 75 Spying setup
 - 77 Likely (to)
 - 80 Meadow
 - 82 Birds building homes
 - 84 Poster pins
 - 88 Buzzing home pest
 - 91 Large 1940s computer
 - 93 "Huh?"
 - 94 Female kin
 - 95 Artist's base
 - 99 * Suffer a lot
 - 101 Dog variety
 - 103 * She directed "The Hurt Locker"
 - 107 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)
 - 110 Coy
 - 111 Revisions
 - 112 * Too much self-esteem
 - 116 Beloved of Tristan
 - 119 * Bay off Nigeria and Togo's coast
 - 123 — de plume
 - 124 Brit's "Byel"
 - 128 Ye — Shoppe
 - 129 Rendezvous
 - 130 Really succeed (or what literally appears six times in this puzzle)
 - 132 Old Greek concert halls
 - 133 Shahs, e.g.
 - 134 Shoot (for)
 - 135 Sermon text
 - 136 Philosopher Immanuel
 - 137 Grand home
 - 138 Hosp. staff
 - 139 Sea vessels
 - 10 Wise men
 - 11 Air pollution
 - 12 Reid and Lipinski
 - 13 "Seinfeld" gal
 - 14 Nielsen of "Mr. Magoo"
 - 15 Ghana's former name
 - 16 Dickens' — Heep
 - 17 "— tell yal"
 - 18 Dental string
 - 24 It uses 108 cards
 - 29 In — (single-file)
 - 30 Gillette razor brand
 - 31 Toon bear
 - 32 Canon camera
 - 34 Compound with nitrogen
 - 35 '83 Keaton-Garr film
 - 36 Letter-shaped girder
 - 37 Easy putts, informally
 - 39 Weep loudly
 - 40 Sooner than, in poetry
 - 41 Ultimate degree
 - 44 Health supplement store, familiarly
 - 45 Jump
 - 46 Pig
 - 48 Part to play
 - 49 Bullring cries
 - 50 Observe
 - 53 R&D center
 - 54 Song for two
 - 58 Singer Dylan
 - 59 Opposed to, in dialect
 - 60 Theater box
 - 62 Orderly
 - 64 Floor piece
 - 66 Tax org.
 - 67 Election analyst Silver
 - 68 FBI guys
 - 72 Umps' kin
 - 74 — Lanka
 - 76 Oklahoma tribe
 - 77 "Moby-Dick" captain
 - 78 Flow out
 - 79 Fix a flat?
 - 81 Height: Abbr.
 - 83 Former Swedish car
 - 85 Toddler, e.g.
 - 86 Buzzing musical toy
 - 87 Is in a huff
 - 89 Source of warmth on some trains and ships
 - 90 Belly laugh
 - 92 Special FX technology
 - 96 Poppa
 - 97 Native suffix
 - 98 Unit of resistance
 - 100 Mean beast
 - 102 "Doggone!"
 - 104 Totally spoil
 - 105 Century divs.
 - 106 Dark modern film genre
 - 108 Breakdown of social norms
 - 109 Long-term inmates
 - 112 Download on a Kindle
 - 113 Radner of comedy
 - 114 Naah of comedy
 - 115 "My heart skipped —"
 - 117 Weaving frames
 - 118 Driver's lic. issuer
 - 120 Sicilian volcano
 - 121 Night, in Nice
 - 122 — dixit (assertion with no proof)
 - 124 Song for three
 - 125 "Waterloo" quartet
 - 126 Lean
 - 127 Gets mature
 - 130 Rove (about)
 - 131 Flow out

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SUDOKU

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

Here's How It Works:
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!

ON THE FIELD WORD SEARCH

I S C A L V G O D K C I K H E T L N G X
 U O Y P K V F E I F Y P F B I A R H X R
 G C F R C F A Y D L E I F V X C H B U
 L C T R E D P D P N S H E G S K M Y O N
 S E X N P M R H A I B T N U P L M V X N
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 S H U T O U T I O P P G C T H R E A T U
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 R O S S I C S S X S N H P I T C H U M P
 N H O T U O E M I T R E F E R E E N O C

WORDS

- ADVANTAGE
- AGGREGATE
- BALL
- BOX
- CLEAR
- CYCLE
- DEAD
- DEFENDER
- FIELD
- GOALKEEPER
- GOALMOUTH
- GUARD
- HEAD
- KICK
- KICKER
- NATIONAL
- OFFENDER
- PENALTY
- PERIOD
- PITCH
- PLAYERS
- PUNT
- REFEREE
- RUNNING
- SCISSOR
- SCORE
- SCORELINES
- SHUTOUT
- SOCCER
- STATISTICS
- TACKLE
- TEND
- THREAT
- TIMEOUT
- TRANSFER
- UNIFORM

ANSWER KEY

FROM "NO FOOD ALLOWED."

TO "HOW OLD ARE THESE FRIES?"

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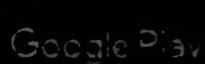
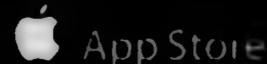
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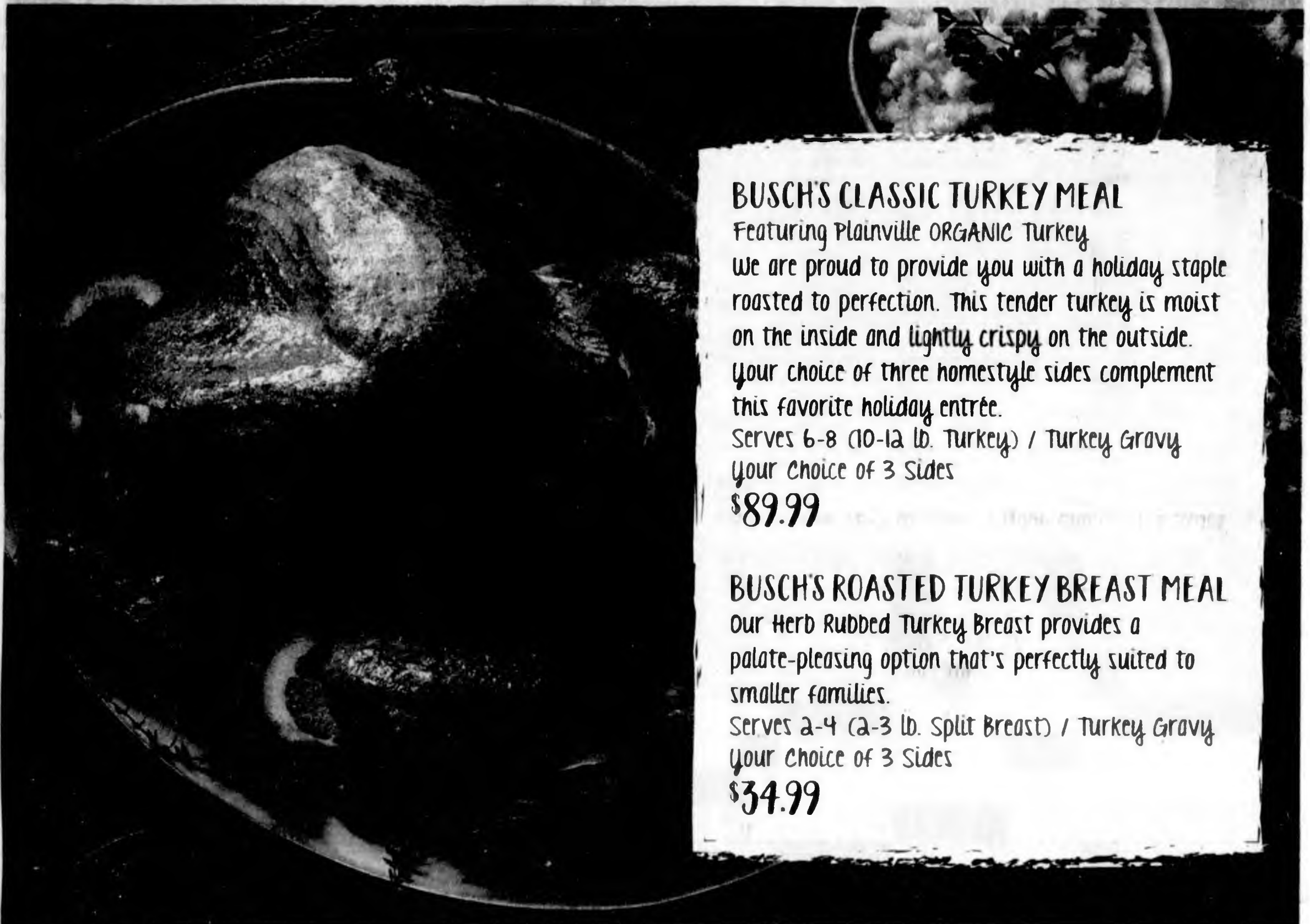
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