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Sedona Taphouse to open next year in Novi

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Two years after opening Michigan's first Sedona Taphouse in Troy, state Sen. Marty Knollenberg is adding a second location in Novi.

"We'd been looking for the right loca-

tion and we traveled all over the state. I didn't think it would happen this soon. I didn't think it would happen in a mall," said Knollenberg, R-Troy, who will leave the legislature in January.

"I never thought Twelve Oaks Mall would be something I'd be interested in. I didn't know the mall market. I didn't know how the mall dynamic will work

for us. We met the owners of the mall and we liked them. They actually had reached out to us. They liked us. I like Novi."

The Virginia-based restaurant chain, known for its craft beer offerings and diverse food menu, was established in 2011.

The Novi City Council recently grant-

ed the transfer of a Resort Class C liquor license to KW Novi Hospitality LLC, whose primary partners are Knollenberg, his wife, Lorraine, and Joseph West. According to information submitted to the city, KW Novi Hospitality signed a 10-year lease with options for

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Ayurvedic practitioner and author Meena Puri (right) checks the pulse of client Cindy Hemingway during a recent visit to Puri's Milford business. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Food for healthy thought at heart of her mission

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Before you know it the holiday season will be here, complete with all the attendant food binges.

It's an absolute green light for people to eat, drink and — seemingly — be happy. But in doing so, party-goers veer outside the lines of healthy living, indulging to the point where they won't attempt to regain inner balance until 2019 at the earliest.

But Milford's Meena Puri has the recipe for long-lasting health and happiness. She touts the deep connection between what one consumes and their overall well-being, and has written a new book about it. "Healing Your Relationship with Food — The Ayurveda Answer" will be published on Thursday.

"People are stressed," said the 53-year-old Puri, an ayurvedic practitioner and founder of The Yoga School of Milford Ayurvedic Healing Center. "So this

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"What we don't understand is the nourishment and the satisfaction and the psychological satisfaction that we get from it (food)."

Meena Puri

Deadwood to set up igloos for dining

Deadwood Bar & Grill, 18730 Northville Road, in Northville has added two dining igloos for the winter. Debuted Thanksgiving Day, each igloo is heated and will be able to accommodate up to 10 guests. They are available by reservation every day through February.

"These igloos fit perfectly with Deadwood's rustic, up north feel," said Renee Ross, general manager of Deadwood Bar & Grill. "They are great for small, intimate dinners or for anyone who wants to eat outside comfortably in the dead of Michigan's winter."

Igloo diners will order off Deadwood's regular menu, along with daily specials. Each igloo is decorated with a cozy cabin feel. Even though the igloos will be heated, Ross recommends dressing in layers.

Dining in the igloos is by reservation only. There is no fee to reserve an igloo, although a \$200 food and beverage minimum is required. To make a reservation, call 248-347-4353. Deadwood Bar & Grill is open from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 11:30 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday, with brunch being served until 3 p.m.

Deadwood Bar & Grill is independently owned and operated by the same team behind Camp Ticonderoga, the Moose Preserve Bar & Grill, the White Horse Inn and the Iroquois Club Fine Banquets & Catering. For more information, go to www.deadwoodbarandgrill.com.



Climate-controlled igloos will be available for diners at the Deadwood Bar & Grill in Northville.

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Drop-In Winter Crafts for Kids

When: 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8
Details: Kids of all ages get creative making a fun foam gingerbread ornament. No registration required.

Teen Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

When: 4-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10
Details: Celebrate the release of Super Smash Bros. Ultimate by competing in our tournament. Register.

Between the Lines Book Discussion

When: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10
Details: Join us for a lively discussion of "Number One Chinese Restaurant" by Lillian Li. Just drop in.

Amazing Clark's Winter Fun Magic Show

When: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12
Details: A mystifying and fun celebration of everything exciting about the winter season. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to the event.

Snowy Winter Tales

When: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15
Details: Make the most of your weekend. Join us for frosty winter stories, music and movement Best for children

ages 2-4, but all ages welcome.

Battle of the Books Registration

When: Through Jan. 31
Details: Register your team for this fun reading competition for middle school students who live or go to school in Northville. Books available now at the library and school media centers. Team registrations due Jan. 31.

Seeking ESL Volunteers

When: Ongoing
Details: Do you have excellent interpersonal communication skills and a desire to help others? Consider becoming a facilitator for our weekly English as a Second Language conversation group. Must enjoy working with and learning about different world cultures. The

group meets 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday. Contact Vicki Dixon at vdixon@northvillelibrary.org for more information.

Fall TOT Storytime

Details: For ages 2-3 with caregiver. Develop your toddler's early literacy skills and preschool readiness in this fun, interactive, small group experience. Please bring only children who are registered for this storytime. Registration begins Wednesday, Sept. 5, for Northville residents; open to non-residents next day. See library website for dates and times.

ESL Conversation Group

When: 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday
Details: Join informal conversation.

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This family on cusp of \$250K prize

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A half-mile trek from his rural Green Oak Township home to a bus stop could lead to a pot of gold for a South Lyon High School freshman and his family.

After sorting through several thousand entries, judges overseeing the PepsiCo family edition Dreamvention contest selected the idea of brothers Parker and Evan Frye and their mom, Jennifer Copland, as one of five national finalists.

The first-place prize of \$250,000 will be decided by whichever idea garners the most votes in a social media-based competition.

The trio have already earned \$10,000 by advancing to the finals, but their sights are set on the ultimate prize.

"I think we have the best idea, but it all depends on what the voters think," Parker Frye said.

People can vote once a day per platform, per browser, per device at mydreamvention.com. Once registered, those who place a vote will also be eligible for a chance to win \$1,000. The win-



Jennifer Copland is flanked by her sons Parker Frye (left) and Evan Frye during their recent visit to Los Angeles for the FritoLay Dreamvention conference. PEPSICO

ner will be announced in early 2019.

Voting continues until Jan. 6. The South Lyon family is the only finalist from Michigan.

Parker Frye, a straight-A student at South Lyon and the project's catalyst, came up with the Sole Riders idea during his time-consuming pre- and post-school walks to and from his subdivision's rural bus stop.

"There wasn't a bike rack near the bus stop, so riding a bike to and from the bus stop wasn't an option," he said. "And roller blades or skates were too big to fit

in a backpack.

"So I thought if you could have some little add-ons that could be clipped to a special pair of shoes or boots — say, roller blades or skates — they would fit in your back pack and make it easier to get home."

Parker initially envisioned the Sole Riders invention two years ago, but it didn't gain widespread exposure until he heard about the Dreamvention contest — an idea PepsiCo hatched to help inspire families to develop ideas that could help solve daily problems everyone faces.

"We know that every family has their own creative idea that can solve real-life problems that many other families face in their daily lives, but they don't have an outlet to bring that idea to life," said Rhasheda Boyd, director of marketing, Frito-Lay North America.

"We're so excited that five finalist families can now say they're one step closer to seeing their dreams come true by participating in the Dreamvention contest. There were so many creative and unique submissions, and we can't wait to see who America crowns as this year's winning Dreamvention."



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New Highland store sells crafts, Finnish breads

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Shop The Whole Berry in Highland for baked goods and handmade art.

Stay for the coffee, conversation, to work on a craft or play the baby grand piano.

"You give an experience around food, around shopping and then also just gathering, connecting with people," Sarina Siljander said, explaining why she encourages customers to hang out at her new store.

"I think a lot of what our society has issues with these days is that we don't connect enough. So I can provide a place where people want to come with their friends or come and meet new friends. I think gathering is one of the best medicines.

"When people ask me what this business is, it's a place to gather, a place to shop and a place to support other businesses."

From market to store

Siljander opened The Whole Berry in early November at 1449 S. Milford Road, after carting her home-baked goods and handmade knits to the Brighton Farmers Market the past two summers. She had been living on a farm in Holly, where she kept goats, chickens and ducks, while working as a business consultant and part-time market vendor.

Although she enjoyed selling at the market, Siljander wanted a year-round location for her creative work. She found it in a quaint, two-story, red-painted building, formerly a family residence, located next to Sisters Barber-shop.

Siljander envisioned the first floor as a bakery with a small gift shop and gathering space. The second-floor apartment would allow her to live on-site.

"I love this building, like the gathering place where people just come in and, especially in the spring, that porch is super-cute," Siljander said, referring to the covered porch outfitted with benches and a swing. "The combination of living upstairs and having the store downstairs and the look of the house, it felt like it suited what I was looking for, all



Sarina Siljander owns and operates The Whole Berry in Highland Township. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

except the septic.

"I really like this community and this location. It's just heartbreaking that there is no sewer."

Days before she signed the lease, Siljander discovered health regulations prohibited a commercial bakery in the space on the existing septic field.

"I thought I would be OK because there are two restaurants here," she said. "They have to have had a new septic or a grandfathered septic with the business plan they had. I had everything figured out and then the county health department called me back and said 'no.'"

She figured it was important to open the shop and let it gain traction and then look for an off-site commercial kitchen in the future. She revised her plans, turning the proposed bakery-coffee shop into a gift shop that also carries her breads and pastries. She bakes in a small oven in her second-floor apartment, working under Michigan's cottage food law.

"I bake for nine hours on Fridays to



The Whole Berry is on South Milford Road in Highland Township. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

put out what I do for Saturday," she said. "I put out cinnamon rolls, sourdough bread, French bread, dinner rolls and cookies."

Dual citizenship

Siljander grew up eating Finnish baked goods. Her maternal grandparents and paternal great-grandparents

are from Finland and she holds dual citizenship and speaks Finnish. Her most popular bread is pulla, a Scandinavian sweet bread often served with coffee. She grinds her own flour from whole grain and sources local ingredients whenever possible. In the future, she hopes to add soups, sandwiches and salads.

"Ideally, it would be a Scandinavian bakery and coffee shop with food items to eat besides just pastry and bread," she said.

Baked goods are available each Saturday only. Business hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Handmade knit hats, sewn and knitted blankets, woodcraft items (including bird houses and bowls), pottery and paintings, all by a variety of artists, decorate the gift shop. Siljander, who recently self-published a Christmas book for children, also sells books by other local authors. Prices range from approximately \$35 to \$100 for knits, sewn items and woodwork.

The adjacent gathering room has space for 16-20 guests and offers plenty of shared table space for crafts and needlework. Siljander offers Stitch with Friends at 7 p.m. each Tuesday. She plans to develop book clubs for adults, teens and children next year, along with guest speaker events.

One recent Tuesday, the soft sounds of a piano filled the shop as customers browsed handmade art. It was a recording of Siljander playing songs at the baby grand piano stationed in the shop's sitting room. The \$18,000 instrument is on loan from Piano Nation in Wixom. Siljander plays it every day and has published a book of folk songs. She's working on a book of Christmas songs for piano.

"I love pianos," she said. "It is for sale, but it also lets people know they (Piano Nation) are in town. It is for me to use, but also for anyone else who wants to play it."

Customers will get a chance to sing Christmas carols in Finnish ("It's not that hard") with Siljander at Pikkujoulu, which means "little Christmas," 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at Comeback Inn, just south of her shop.

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time of the year, they're thinking 'Okay, I'm stressed, and I this is how I can relieve my stress.'

"So the holiday eating and shopping may provide them a temporary solution. But it's the wrong problem they are solving. ... going deeper and deeper is where the solutions are. That's where I come in."

Puri will sign copies of the book 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 at The Milford Proving Ground Coffees and Ice Cream Shop, located at 369 N Main St. She also will do a Facebook Live segment later that evening. As of Dec. 6 it will be available at Amazon.com and through her website, ayurvedichealingcenter.com. Go to the Author's Page for the ordering link.

Not only does Puri make the case for Ayurveda living (the ancient Indian "science of life") through food, she helps clients such as White Lake Township's Cindy Hemingway through yoga and heart-based meditation.

"It's not right and wrong things as much as what you need for your constitution," said Hemingway, an employee at Huron Valley Hospital who used to eat fast food on the go but now sneaks quickie meditation sessions wherever she can get them. "Sure, I will go eat chocolate once in a while, I will go have a glass of wine once in a while. But I don't crave anything more because I don't need anything more. I feel good and I feel healthy and that's mentally, emotionally and physically."

"... Food is not just a physical thing. Exercise and yoga is not just a physical thing, it's all interconnected. When you eat the right thing, you're mentally clearer. You don't need to go to drugs or alcohol or anything else to get there because you're maybe avoiding those pitfalls."

Worth the change

Hemingway, 53, recalled being so busy and on the go that she didn't always take the time to eat properly, and truly connect with the nutrients.

"I can tell you everybody is afraid of the time commitment, and I was myself," Hemingway continued. "All of us are super busy. When I started this I had



Meena Puri (background) listens to Cindy Hemingway. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

two kids who were involved in everything. I worked full time, my husband worked full time. So I was just as busy as anybody else, and it was hard at first.

"It was hard to make those adjustments on changing the way that I ate. Because I would eat a protein bar on my way to work in the morning. I would eat leftovers all the time, or whatever they had at the cafeteria for lunch. We didn't have time to make dinner all the time because we were going both ways."

"It was a big adjustment, but it was

worth it. Like Meena was saying, you have to realize this is for yourself, this is about self love. You have to make those adjustments. And once you do, it's easy. It's like everything else, it just becomes habit."

Puri said a key reason why so many people go off the rails when it comes to healthy eating is they don't understand the ayurveda concept.

Grabbing a hamburger or a donut might solve a quick food fix. Gobbling a meal while watching television fits into

one's crazy schedule.

But how does all that actually contribute to feeling good?

"When we think about food, we look at the physical food," Puri explained. "What we don't understand is the nourishment and the satisfaction and the psychological satisfaction that we get from it."

"That's one of the reasons if we eat on the go, eat on the run, eat in front of a TV being really distracted, we tend to eat more because, although we have consumed all the calories, the psychological satisfaction has not yet come because we have not paid attention to it."

"So that's why taking time to eat, really connecting with the food, ... the environment matters. And can you calm down and actually just enjoy the food instead of thinking (of it) as a side thing that you just dump into your body and run."

Tasty tips

Her new book includes a number of recipes and tips for people to literally sink their teeth into. And a tasty by-product of all that, she insisted, is better mental and physical health.

"We don't need exotic meals in order to cook for ourselves," Puri said. "We can steam vegetables, put salt and pepper on it, get little spices to improve the digestion. We can add grains to it, we can have soups, we can have sandwiches."

"I teach at the high schools, and I tell my kids ... 'When you get out to college, do not buy processed food.' You can always have a piece of toast with butter. You can grab some apples, nuts and a cup of tea, because nothing processed in it."

Puri added that some might think they don't have the time or money to change eating habits.

"You don't need lot of money to get healthy," she emphasized. "It's actually the other way, because when people are eating processed food, they're getting sicker. Then they're going to the doctor to get pills for anxiety, or lack of sleep or constipation. Or not having any energy. And that's costing money."

"... So it actually can save you money. It can save you more than money, it will save your health in the long run."

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Annual Christmas event lights up Novi

The holiday season got its official kickoff Friday in Novi with the city's annual Light Up the Night festival and tree-lighting ceremony.

It was cool, but at least it was dry, for the event at the Novi Civic Center. The evening featured a variety of indoor and outdoor Christmas activities.

The night included children's activities, a craft show, kids' crafts, train rides, ice sculptures, fireworks and a petting farm complete with reindeer.

And, of course, no holiday event would be complete without the arrival of the Jolly Ol' Elf himself, Santa Claus.



Seven year old Mateo Lindenmeyer makes friends with a calf at the petting zoo. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Aarav Contractor and his brother Aarsh Contractor show off their finished craft. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Mayor Bob Gatt tries to convince Santa that his name should be moved from the "naughty" to the "nice" list. Santa is skeptical. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The Novi Middle School Orchestra. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



It ain't the Polar Express, but the Mini Train Ride looks like fun. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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'Elf Jr.' at Novi Civic Center

The Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services will present a youth musical theater production of "Elf Jr." Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 6-9 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The 80-plus actors are divided into two casts, with each cast performing three shows.

General admission tickets are \$10 in advance and are available at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Civic Center. Tickets may also be sold at the door for \$12, based on availability.

Spaghetti dinner

The Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic Street, will host its monthly spaghetti dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. Menu includes homemade meat or marinara spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$7. Proceeds benefit the Milford Senior Center. For more information, call 248-685-9008.

VFAA holiday events

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.

Also, 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.

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.

'Nutcracker' 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.

Novi Choralaires concert

The Novi Choralaires vocal group has scheduled a holiday concert for 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.

Supper with Santa

Santa Claus will join forces with the South Lyon High School jazz band to benefit Active Faith and the South Lyon Band Program at Supper With Santa, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette Road.

The event will feature a mostaccioli dinner and holiday music. There will also be games, crafts, prizes, dessert and a visit with Santa Claus.

Tickets are available at the door; a family of four is \$20, adults are \$7 and children ages 3-12 are \$5. Under age 3 are free. All proceeds will benefit Active Faith and the South Lyon High School band program. Donations of non-perishable food items will also be accepted at the door for Active Faith. This event is open to host holiday parties for Cub Scout, Brownies or other clubs simply by registering your group by email at agneb@SLCS.us.

F3 event at First Presbyterian

The First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street, will host a Food, Fun & Fellowship event at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. Following dinner, a duet will be performing favorite Christmas hymns. Then the choir will perform Christmas carols.

Dinner is free, but donations will be accepted. Proceeds will be donated to Northville Civic Concern. Call 248-349-0911 to RSVP by 5 p.m. Dec. 11.

Tuba Christmas in South Lyon

All tuba and euphonium players are invited to participate in South Lyon's Tuba Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Salem-South Lyon District Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail. Registration for the concert is at 5 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette Street, with rehearsal scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Participant registration fee is \$10. The rehearsal is indoors, but the performance is outdoors and three miles from

rehearsal. You need to provide your own transportation. Music stands should be brought. Music books (\$20) will be for sale at rehearsal.

For more information, call Dale Marzewski at 517-548-1603.

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. 13, and Friday, Dec. 21. Bring your own camera as a professional photographer will not be provided.

Runestad to meet residents

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, invites residents to join him for local coffee hours Friday, Dec. 14. Coffee hours will take place 8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, in White Lake; 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market, 468 S. Milford Road, in Highland; and noon to 1 p.m. at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, in Milford.

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or via email at JimRunestad@house.mi.gov.

Animal shelter donation drive

Provident Dentistry, 40105 W. Grand River Avenue, in Novi is hosting a holiday donation drive benefiting the Oakland County Animal Shelter. Donations will be accepted at the office through Friday, Dec. 14.

Items in need include towels and blankets, leashes and collars, canned cat food, cat litter and pans, bound carpet samples, pet carriers, pet toys/treats/food and food dishes.

For more information, call 248-471-0345 or go to www.providentdentistry.com.

Northville Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host an exhibit titled TransFORM: Contemporary Artworks in Ceramics, Glass and Metal, featuring the innovated expressions of metro Detroit artists Herb Babcock, John Beckman, Pamela Day, Ray Katz, John Albert Murphy and Ann Smith, through Dec. 15.

The exhibition is open during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. The Art House will be closed Wednesday through Saturday, Nov. 21-24, for Thanksgiving.

For more information, go to www.northvillearthhouse.org.

New exhibit at HVCA

Four award-winning photographers are featured in Huron Valley Council for the Arts' last exhibit of the year in the gallery exhibition and sale, H20: An Exhibition of Fine Art Photography, at HVCA, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland. There is no admission fee for the event.

Featured artists are Jerold Hale, Sylvia Ford, Lucinda Huff and Amy Lockard. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, through Dec. 22. For more information, go to www.huronvalleyarts.org or call 248-889-8660.

'Comedy of Tenors' at Tipping Point

Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville is producing Ken Ludwig's "A Comedy of Tenors" Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 29 through Dec. 2, Dec. 6-9, 13-16 and 20-23. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. There is also a performance scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12.

For more information, go to www.tippingpointtheatre.com/tenors.

'Tinkerbell' at Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville will present "Tinkerbell Visits Storyland" throughout the months of November, December and January. Showtimes are 2:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through Jan. 27, with weekday special performances scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 26-28.

Tickets for all performances are \$9. No children under age 3. Group rates and reserved seating are available for groups of 20 or more. For more information, call 248-349-8110, email marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net or go to www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

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 mid-January, it will feature the artwork of Renee Hoag.

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.

Adopt-A-Reader

Adopt-A-Reader links volunteers like you with children in kindergarten through second grade in the South Lyon Community Schools district who need extra support with reading and/or writing. This is an opportunity to create a learning bond by working individually with two children. You could make a real difference in their lives. All it takes is a commitment of about an hour a week.

You decide the school you would like to volunteer at, the day and time slot during school hours that's convenient for your schedule; we provide the training and materials. Contact Lindsey Jackson at 248-941-1701 or jacksonl@slcs.us for more information.

Barn dance at Kensington

The Kensington Metropark Farm Center, 4570 Huron River Parkway, will host a pair of barn dances Saturday, Feb. 18, 2019. There are two sessions to choose from: 6-8 p.m. (daddy-daughter, mother-son, parent-child) and 8-10 p.m. (adult couples, singles and families with older children).

Light refreshments will be provided. Advance tickets (\$8) are required. Call the park office at 810-227-8910 to order.

Youth Alpha film series

All teens are invited to the Youth Alpha film series at the Java House Cafe, 25840 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. A free Java House drink and snack will be provided. Come at 6 p.m. each Thursday. Email any questions to YouthAlpha789@gmail.com or register at wp.holyspiritrcs.org/alpha/.

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A coffin containing the remains of what pro-life activists say is a seven-week-old aborted fetus is carried by mourners to a burial place in the Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Cemetery in Brighton. EMILY LIZZIO

Remains of aborted fetus found in trunk buried in Green Oak Township

Susan Bromley
Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A funeral for what pro-life activists say was a seven-week-old aborted baby they named Michael-Gabrielle was held Saturday in Green Oak Township.

Monica Miller, director of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, a national anti-abortion organization locally based in South Lyon, estimated that about 150 people attended the mass celebrated by the Rev. John Rocus at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church and followed by a burial. Miller said the burial was the first in Livingston County for an aborted fetus.

"When we placed his or her body in the earth, it was the only work of mercy this aborted human will ever know," Miller said. "And when we stand at the grave, we commit ourselves to fight for a culture of life and an end to abortion."

The aborted fetus was one of 15 in jars found by police in the trunk of Michael Roth's impounded car after he struck a pedestrian in September 2015 in West Bloomfield Township. Police also found medications in the vehicle that were stolen from an Eastpointe abortion clinic where Roth had worked on occasion.

Casimir Miarka, administrator for the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office, said law enforcement brought the jars found in Roth's vehicle to her office Oct. 8, 2015, for identification of the contents. He said the case did not fall under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner's office, which investigates and determines cause and manner of death in any violent, sudden, unexpected, suspicious or otherwise unexplained death.

"We deal with someone who has taken a breath and then passes," Miarka said. "Law enforcement brought it here so we could see what they were."

According to the medical examiner's report, Dr. Ljubisa Dragovic examined the tissue specimens and determined them to be products of conception.

Roth was originally charged with possession with intent to deliver schedule 2 narcotic Pentanyl, six counts of identity theft and three counts of larceny in a building. He was also charged with violating Michigan's public health code.

Roth pleaded no contest in October 2017 to three counts of larceny from a building and was sentenced to 18 months probation. Additionally, in a consent agreement with the state Board of Medicine, his license to practice medicine was suspended for one year and he was ordered to pay a \$25,000 fine.

The jars and their contents were held by the medical examiner's office until the Michigan attorney general's office instructed them to be released to the Borek-Jennings Funeral Home in the village of Hamburg in August.

Todd Borek, funeral home director, said he took the aborted babies into his care in August and kept them until he was able to facilitate their burials on behalf of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, which had negotiated the release with the attorney general's office.

Last month, Borek was present as 14 of the aborted babies were buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield and he also attended the burial of the 15th Saturday in Green Oak Township.

"I am very pro-life and want to give a dignified burial, even if there is no next



A man places into the ground a coffin containing what pro-life activists say is a seven-week-old aborted fetus as mourners watch at the Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Cemetery in Brighton. EMILY LIZZIO

"I am very pro-life and want to give a dignified burial... It's a privilege to help in any way."

Todd Borek
Funeral home director

of kin," Borek said. "It's a privilege to help in any way."

A granite marker will be installed at the Holy Spirit Cemetery, engraved with the name Michael-Gabrielle, a designation as a victim of abortion and a verse from the book of Revelation, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes."

Miller said the burial symbolizes justice and shows the world human life is sacred.

"That grave is an indictment of our country that allows these innocent completely helpless human beings to be killed with sanction of law," Miller said. "I want to see Roe vs. Wade reversed and laws put in place that recognize the value of every human being from the moment of conception."

A little more than 638,000 abortions were performed in the U.S. in 2015, the latest year for which data is available, according to a November report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

That number is the lowest since abortion was legalized in 1973 through the landmark Roe v. Wade decision.

The CDC's report also shows that the total number of abortions decreased by 24 percent from 2006-15.

Ruth Lednicer, director of communications for Planned Parenthood of Michigan, believes the reason for the decrease in abortions is due to increased access to birth control and better sex education. She also believes that a mandate in the Affordable Care Act requiring insurance companies to include coverage for birth control with no copay had a positive effect.

"The abortion rate overall is falling, but it's still a legal, constitutionally protected right," Lednicer said. "I would encourage people devoting their efforts to attending this burial to devote that same energy to preventing unintended pregnancies — through offering people access to fully comprehensive sex education and access to birth control."

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Novi Scout one of four to attain Eagle rank

Four Boy Scouts were honored for completing the requirements to earn their Eagle Scout rank and additional recognitions in Boy Scout Troop 110.

Micah Ferguson, Eui-June (David) Shim, Matthew Stephens and Derek Williams were honored Nov. 4 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church for reaching the highest rank in Scouts. The quartet also all earned the prestigious palms, of which one is awarded for every five merit badges earned over the Eagle Scout requirement of 21. Ferguson, Williams and Stephens all earned both the bronze and gold palm for completing 33 merit badges each. Shim received one bronze for earning 27 merit badges.

Ferguson's project was personal, as it benefited his triplet brother Caleb and his teammates with the Miracle League of Michigan in Southfield. His project was to design and build two organizing systems for baseball equipment. The units benefit the Miracle League of Michigan, which provides baseball leagues for adults and children with disabilities. Ferguson is a senior at Harrison High School and is a member of National Honor Society and the golf team.

Shim showcased efficient leadership and time management by completing his project in one day, despite less-than-ideal weather conditions and originally budgeting for two days' worth of work. His project was to assemble a pergola, a bench and perform ground work at a rest area of seniors at the Novi city offices. This project was completed in 30-degree, windy weather. Shim is a senior at Novi High School, where he plays football, wrestles, is a two-time national qualifier with the Novi HOSA chapter and is an active leader in his church, St. Andrew Kim.

Stephens is a third-generation Eagle Scout, joining his father, uncle and grandfather. Stephens's project



The newest Eagle Scouts from Troop 100 are (from left) Eui-June (David) Shim, Derek Williams, Matthew Stephens and Micah Ferguson.

was to design, build and install several shelving units for the food bank at C.A.R.E.S. of Farmington Hills, which serves more than 200 families in Oakland and neighboring counties. Stephens is a freshman at Wayne State University, pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. He is finishing up his candidacy for joining Warrior Racing, WSU's Formula SAE team. He is a 2018 graduate of Harrison.

Williams completed his project weeks before his 18th birthday by building an eagles nest at Heritage Parks' Nature Discovery Trail. Williams is a freshman at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and plans to transfer to the Ann Arbor campus next fall to study aerospace engineering. He is a 2018 Harrison graduate.

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

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

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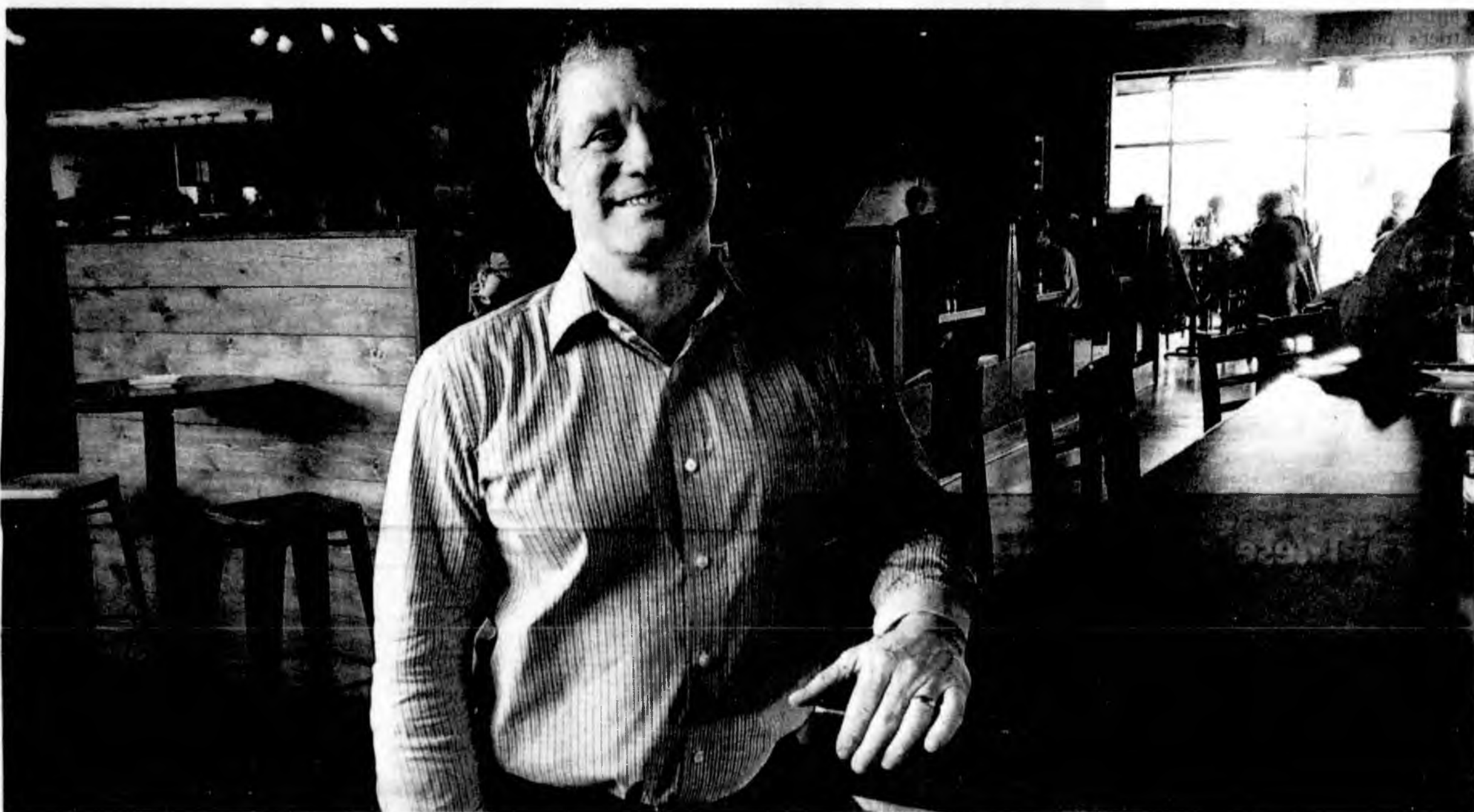
Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more 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. Many dates are available. You may find more information on the website.

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

Archives: The archives are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Office: The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millracenorthville.org.



Marty Knollenberg and his partners opened Michigan's first Sedona Taphouse two years ago in Troy. They plan to open a second location, at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, next year. SHARON DARGAY | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

TAPHOUSE

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renewal. It plans to spend approximately \$1 million renovating the former Max and Erma's restaurant at Twelve Oaks Mall.

January opening

Knollenberg said most of the restaurant's interior

has been demolished and building plans for the new eatery are under review by city administrators.

"We're waiting for final building permits. I'm hoping we'll open toward the end of January. We feel like we're pretty close. The liquor license was a step in the right direction."

The Novi location will seat approximately 160 guests indoors and 80 diners on a partially-covered outdoor patio that will be "much expanded" from what the previous tenant offered. A dining area also will be available for private events.

"There's some of the infrastructure already in place. We're going to obviously update it," Knollenberg said. "We'll have an inside mall entrance, but we're also going to add an outside mall entrance."

He said Sedona Taphouse will be a "good fit" with the two other major eateries, California Pizza Kitchen and Cheesecake Factory, located in the mall.

Sedona Taphouse Troy has more than 500 craft beers on its menu, wines, craft cocktails, hand-cut steaks, seafood, chicken, pasta, salads, a selection of small plates offerings such as fish tacos and salmon sliders, and kids' choices. The menu also identifies gluten-free, heart-healthier, and vegetarian options.

Something for everyone

"We feel we appeal to everyone. What we're known for is high-quality food and diversity of food. We have a great variety of beer and you can get great food at the



The bar at Sedona Taphouse's Novi location will look similar the Troy location, shown in the photo. SHARON DARGAY

same time."

The Novi location will offer a similar menu, including the Troy restaurant's popular Steak Out for Charity on Monday. The cost of the \$18 steak Black Angus Flat Iron steak drops to \$7 and \$1 from each order is donated to a local charity.

Proposed operating hours in Novi will be 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-12:30 a.m., Friday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Sunday.

"We're excited. It's been successful in Troy. I think it will be very successful in Novi."

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"Hope springs eternal," one philosopher said. Another said, "The greatest virtues are faith, hope and love." Yet another said, "Hope depends on faith and the outcome of both is love."

While hope is a small word, it is a big

antidote for despair. The importance of hope in recovery from despair is no more or less important regardless of the source of suffering. Despair is the submission to loss. It is giving up. It is concluding there is no way out. It is suicide of the soul.

Hope, on the other hand, requires faith in optimism and in one's self. Hope usually requires interaction with another person. Despairing people can usually not discover hope on their own. They need another person able to enter their world of despair and offer them a deal. The deal, psychologically, is a "working alliance."

"Working alliance" is a technical term usually reserved for the positive relationship developed between a psycho-

therapist and a patient. However, it can occur between any two people wherein one has hope to offer to the other in a realistic manner. This "working alliance" amounts to two or more people agreeing to be optimistic in their combined efforts to deal with, overcome or put up with and tolerate a major personal distress. Some people are trained, professional "therapists," who can offer hope. Some are ordinary people with an extraordinary life experience or natural endowment of resilience, so as to be able to offer hope to others. Hope motivates one to act, with the belief, that there will be a positive outcome.

Hope differs from a wish. Wishing for a solution to a life problem is a passive event. It can be done in solitude and

does not always come true. Hope, on the other hand, is an active event and implies a willingness to work toward a solution or an ability to tolerate seemingly insurmountable problems known as suffering.

So, I encourage hope. If you are struggling with trauma and despair from any source, try to find another person, group, cause or organization with which to establish a working alliance pursuant to an optimistic overcoming of sorrow. Join up with another in any small or big way and reap the benefits of hope which is a movement onward and forward, despite the cost.

Leonard J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. 248 474-2763, ext. 222.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City addresses school issue

Since March 2017 the City of Northville has cooperated with the school district on the Main Street and Old Village School projects. We both recognized early on that there was a difference of opinion as to who had authority over what kind of work could be done on these buildings. The school district proposed it would proceed by following the Historic District Commission process while not admitting that the HDC had jurisdiction. This was the school district's publicly-stated position going back to March 2017.

For 17 months, both parties continued along this path. During this time, all of the school district's requests of the HDC were granted; including a request for partial demolition of Old Village School. As a result, the school district completed a beautiful renovation of Old Village School.

Suddenly, on Aug. 15, 2018, the school district announced it was changing its minds; that it would no longer follow the HDC process. At that point, the city had two options; choose to ignore the law, or act to defend the law.

The city chose to intervene in the demolition to see if the school district would reconsider and do what it had

promised to do. The city also chose to work toward finding another solution that would avoid protracted litigation.

Rather than spending time stoking fires on social media, the city has been working on solutions. Residents have a right to know what the city offered:

1. The city offered to apply to the Attorney General for an opinion on the facts of our case. The city would agree to follow whatever decision was made. This would quickly resolve the situation at very little cost. The school district rejected this.

2. The city offered to bring the matter to Circuit Court and let a judge decide. Both sides would have to agree to follow the judge's opinion, favorable or not, and not seek appeal. This was rejected by the school district.

3. The city offered to have a hearing in front of the HDC where the city would be the petitioner instead of the school district. All that was needed was the school district's consent. This was rejected by the school district.

4. The city offered to let the body which the school district claims has jurisdiction over this issue, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, make the decision. The city proposed holding an HDC hearing on the demolition of the building and present-

ing the findings to LARA. The city would agree to whatever decision LARA made. The only thing asked was that LARA be given all of the facts before issuing a final permit. The school district rejected this offer as well.

If there is any waste of taxpayer money, it is because the School District changed its course at the last minute, and that they have refused all of our offers of compromise.

The school district has the ability to end this stalemate. Keep the promise that was originally made or accept one of the City's proposals. Let our community move forward together.

Northville City Council

Great water testing results

We are very pleased with the test results for our drinking water in the city of South Lyon.

Regarding recent laboratory testing, in parts per trillion (ppt), for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) including PFOA and PFOS, the complete result was "Non-Detect."

PFOA = perfluorooctanoic acid, and PFOS = perfluorooctanesulfonic acid.

For more information see the city website Document Center, Special Notice at southlyonmi.org. Also, the Michi-

gan Department of Environmental Quality at michigan.gov/deq has more information.

Ron Beason and Suzan C.M. Martin
City of South Lyon

Appreciates Election Day votes

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote on Election Day or by absentee ballot. Regardless of how you cast your ballot, I am honored to represent you in Lansing.

My decision to run was about offering a new approach — one that puts people over special interests to deliver flourishing schools, clean water and safe roads for every Michigan family. I look forward to doing the work that will change the status quo and move Michigan in a forward direction.

I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the many supporters and volunteers who donated resources or countless hours to make our campaign successful.

I hope you will continue to let me know about the issues that matter to you most as I fight for every family in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Wayne.

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Former Carson's entrance now holiday murals

David Veselenak
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When life gives you lemons, you make lemonade.

That's the attitude management at Laurel Park Place had when it came to a noticeable, empty storefront that sits vacant this holiday season.

Students from Stevenson, Franklin and Churchill high schools in Livonia spent several hours each adorning the glass doors to the shuttered Carson's department store at the mall with murals depicting the holiday spirit. Each school had several panels of glass to paint with a theme of what the holiday season meant to them.

"We just wanted to do something to bring some joy to that end, which needed it," said Dan Irvin, general manager at the mall.

Students from Stevenson's National Art Honor Society spent one recent afternoon on their untitled piece of art, which depicts a town scene with people of different races and religious backgrounds doing things related to the season.

"You would have a bunch of different types of families," said Mackenzie M. Wilson, a senior at Stevenson and president of the NAHS. "You would have an African-American family celebrating Christmas and, in the second house, we have a white family celebrating Hanukkah and then, later on, I was hoping to have a girl with a hijab building a snowman."

The mural from Churchill depicts a family room with several elements of the season, including a Christmas tree, a menorah and a kinara, lit during the season of Kwanzaa. The Franklin mural goes outside, showcasing an outdoor scene with trees, ornaments and jolly snowmen.

Wilson, whose idea was used on the mural, said she's worked on a mural at Stevenson, but never anything like the work at the mall. The students had thought about the concept for a few weeks before painting it that day and had plenty of interest from intrigued shoppers and mall walkers as they worked.

"They're constantly asking ques-



Stevenson senior Mackenzie M. Wilson and freshman Cindy Doan, working on the holiday mural. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

tions," Wilson said. "They're walking by and (saying), 'Looks good ladies!'"

Shoppers will have the opportunity to vote on which mural is their favorite. Tables will be set up in front of the murals and shoppers can cast a paper ballot voting for their favorite. The winning school will be announced Christmas Eve and will receive a \$500 donation for its organization and a pizza party put on by mall leadership.

Heidi Posh, an art teacher at Stevenson High School, said mall leadership reached out several weeks ago about the schools painting the mural on the glass

door. She said the students decided to participate, knowing it would be a great challenge for their artistic senses.

"It seemed like this was a good idea," she said. "Some of the kids shop in this mall, their families shop in this mall. And it's kind of fun with the competition between the three high schools."

Still seeking a tenant

The murals bring some joy to a part of the mall that's showing the sign of the times. Carson's parent company, Bon-Ton Stores, filed for bankruptcy earlier this year and closed all its stores. The Livonia store closed Aug. 29. That closure left the anchor store on the north end of the mall vacant and closed this holiday season.

Irvin said the mall has had some interest in the space, but there was nothing official about what business would occupy that space. He said the mall is seeking the right kind of tenant to fill such an important space.

"We're trying to fulfill the expectations set by the community," he said. "We know they loved Carson's and we



Senior Grace Moening mixes colors. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

just want to make sure it's a calculated tenant.

"It's a process and we're trying to do the right thing."

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RCOC can now be found on Instagram

The Road Commission for Oakland County has begun using Instagram as an additional platform to communicate the public it serves. The Instagram account is [oaklandroadsmi](https://www.instagram.com/oaklandroadsmi/) and can be found at <https://www.instagram.com/oaklandroadsmi/>.

"The Instagram demographic is different than that of Facebook or Twitter," RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar said. "With more and more people receiving news and information from social media, we feel it's important that we have a presence on the most popular platforms. While we have been on Face-

book and Twitter for years, we know that Instagram reaches a slightly different demographic."

The RCOC Instagram posts include pictures showing the status of RCOC road projects or activities, as well as agency press releases and traffic alerts.

To find the RCOC Instagram account, go to Instagram and search for Road Commission for Oakland County. Those who do not subscribe to Instagram can visit the social media page on the RCOC website, where they can view samples of posts from the road commission's various social media platforms.

Bank of America announces open enrollment for Student Leaders

Bank of America has announced opening of the enrollment period for its 2019 Student Leaders program, part of Bank of America's ongoing commitment to recognize youth who lead and serve in their own communities and beyond, connecting young people with the tools and resources that will help them make communities better. The program annually awards paid internships to high school juniors and seniors at a local nonprofit organization and participation in a national leadership summit in Washington, D.C.

The application process for the 2019 Student Leaders program is open until Feb. 1, 2019. High school juniors and sen-

iors in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties are eligible to apply. Prospective Student Leaders can apply online at bankofamerica.com/studentleaders.

"The Student Leaders program can be a pathway to success through meaningful and relevant experiences," said Matt Elliott, Michigan market president, Bank of America. "To advance economic mobility we need to develop a more diverse and inclusive society. Year after year, Student Leaders proves it can be done."

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An employee drives a Caterpillar forklift at Fraza. TIM GALLOWAY



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Fraza CEO Roger Runyan stands next to Caterpillar equipment in the company's lobby. DARRELL CLEM | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Canton-based Fraza expands amid 28-percent growth

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Fraza, a Canton-based company that sells, rents and services forklifts and other material handling equipment, has witnessed a 28-percent spike in revenues this year compared to last year, its chief executive officer said.

CEO Roger Runyan said it's a huge leap for a company that started in 1938 in Detroit, where Otto Fraza opened a small garage to repair large trucks and hydraulics.

"It's the first year we bucked the economic trend. This year, we're growing faster than the economy — and it's all about the team we've put into place," Runyan said.

And while he declines to discuss how much money the privately owned Fraza is earning, he is projecting another strong year after a new branch, Vitan Equipment, was formed this year to broaden the company's reach across Michigan.

The company's workforce has grown from 190 to 210, but the hiring hasn't stopped as technicians and territory managers are needed.

"I could hire 20 technicians right now," Runyan said, sitting in his office on Commerce Boulevard in Canton.

Fraza sells, rents and services new and used forklifts, aerial lifts, utility vehicles, warehouse products and floor-cleaning equipment. It sells Caterpillar, Mitsubishi and Jungheinrich brands — under the corporate umbrella of Mitsubishi Caterpillar Forklifts America, Inc. — and services those and other brands. It has locations in Canton, Sterling Heights and Bridgeport.

The company branched out with Vitan Equipment to sell and service similar equipment from the Clark and Linde brands. Vitan has locations in Grand Rapids and Sterling Heights.

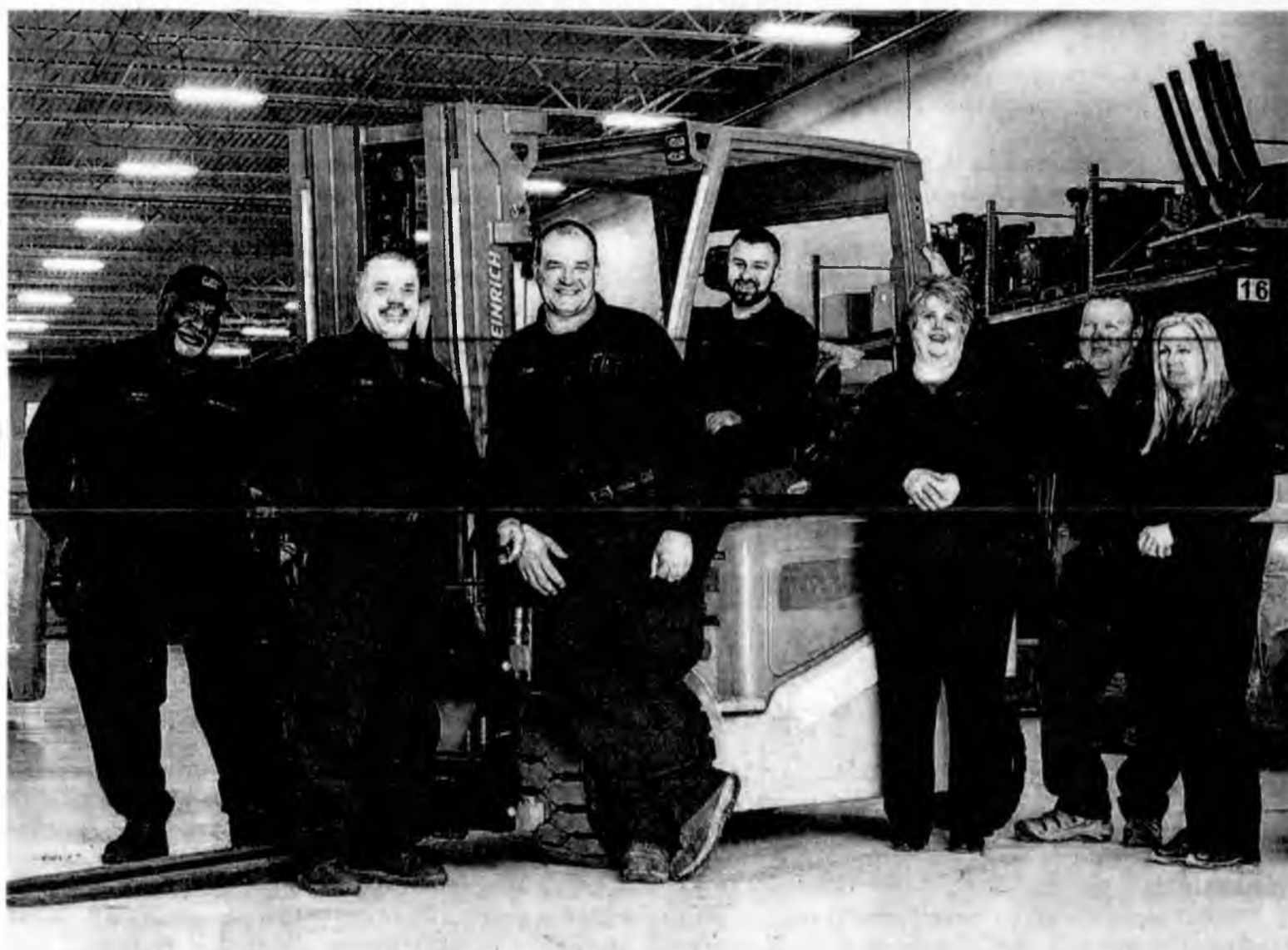
Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams lauded Fraza's growth.

"Canton is honored and pleased to have Fraza be part of our local business community," he said, adding that Runyan and his associates "have been great corporate citizens, contributing not only to the economy in Canton, but we also see them out at community events all the time."

"They're just great supporters of the Plymouth-Canton community," Williams added.

Fraza — the result of several companies folded into one — moved to its 60,000-square-foot corporate headquarters in Canton in 2015. It was once located in Plymouth. Its customers include FedEx, Ford Motor Co., General Motors and numerous others. With its floor-care equipment, it serves hospitals, schools and other facilities.

Fraza and Vitan also help companies develop maintenance programs for their equipment and provide detailed reports on what needs to be repaired or replaced



CEO Roger Runyan said the company has a strong commitment to its employees, many of whom have been with the business long term. TIM GALLOWAY

— and when.

"We go in and help them spend less," Runyan said.

One company was continually spending cash to replace damaged forklift hoses until Fraza suggested a \$200 part for each forklift that protected the hoses.

"We saved that company \$59,000," Runyan said.

The auto industry has been a big part of the company's success, but the company has branched out to companies such as PepsiCo, Coca-Cola Co., beer distributors and Flint's Bishop Airport. That gives Fraza and Vitan a more solid position when automotive industry downturns occur.

"It gives us sustainability," Runyan said.

Williams said companies like Fraza, with its high-end technical expertise, are among the businesses helping Canton to maintain a robust economy.

"In Canton, we don't have to actively recruit businesses to come to our community," he said. "They're coming to us looking for spots."

Runyan said the company has succeeded because of its focus on customers, employees and the commu-

nities where it is located. Its mission is to be as responsive as possible with 24-hour emergency help and service vans with the latest diagnostic equipment for quick repairs, among other efforts.

In the next year, Runyan said the company is planning to develop a bigger role in philanthropy to share more of its success with local communities and organizations.

Long-term, Runyan said the goal for Fraza and Vitan is to grow five-fold. The company is expected to expand during the next decade beyond Michigan to have a more national presence.

"Canada is not out of the question," he said.

The expansion, if successful, would mark huge growth for a company that began with humble beginnings out of a small Detroit garage.

For more on Fraza, go to <https://frazagroup.com/>. For more on Vitan, go to <https://vitanequipment.com/>.

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Canton tree dispute fuels property rights fight

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A dispute between Canton Township and two brothers accused of illegally clearing trees from a 16-acre site has led to dueling lawsuits and proposed state legislation that could empower property owners caught up in similar situations.

Canton's lawsuit, filed in Wayne County Circuit Court, asks that Gary and Matt Percy be forced to pay nearly \$450,000 into the township tree fund unless they rehabilitate the tree-cleared site, near Belleville and Yost roads, where they have started a Christmas tree farm. The amount listed in another court document puts the number even higher at \$550,500.

Canton claims about 1,500 trees were cut down without a permit.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank, filed a federal lawsuit last week against Canton Township alleging its tree ordinance violates property owners' constitutional rights and imposes excessive fees. The suit was filed on behalf of F.P. Development and its owner, Frank Powelson, who sold the land to the Percys.

Foundation attorney Chance Weldon, reached in Texas, said the lawsuit was a preemptive strike in anticipation of legal action by Canton against Powelson, who cleared some trees, vegetation and invasive species from his land, adjacent to the Percys' property. Weldon said the situation was causing flooding from a ditch and attracting mosquitoes.

Weldon said the donor-funded Texas foundation's litigation arm, the Center for the American Future, takes on such cases and provides pro-bono legal services, or without charge, to defendants who could be "bullied into surrendering" because they can't afford to fight the overreach of big government.

"It's a shame the way they treated the Percy brothers and Mr. Powelson in this case," Weldon said. Powelson hasn't yet received a monetary amount he may allegedly owe.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Susan Hubbard has issued a temporary restraining order to halt the Percys' Christmas tree-farming efforts, pending a Dec. 4 hearing on a preliminary injunction on the matter, said Kristin Kolb, Canton Township's corporation counsel.

Canton's lawsuit contends the Percys cleared the land without permission, failed to protect "landmark" trees and violated local zoning ordinances on land that is zoned for light industrial, not agricultural. Canton is seeking a legal remedy that could include a lien on the brothers' property, unless they pay into the tree fund or rehabilitate the land.

Weldon said Canton has to respond to the F.P. Development lawsuit within 21 days of being served the suit, which occurred Nov. 28.

The flurry of developments continued Nov. 29 as the state Senate passed proposed legislation tackling property rights. The bill, which now goes to the House, would protect large, so-called "heritage" trees while prohibiting more far-reaching ordinances pertaining to smaller trees and vegetation in business, industrial, commercial and agriculture zones.



A new state law, if approved, could change the way local communities are allowed to regulate the removal of trees on private business property. GETTY IMAGES | ISTOCKPHOTO

Supporters say it's a victory for property owners, while critics say it places unfair restrictions on municipalities trying to oversee orderly development in specifically zoned areas. Canton allows property owners and developers who remove trees to replace them elsewhere on site or in places such as public parks — or pay into a tree fund.

The Senate-passed bill was sponsored by Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, who chairs the Senate Natural Resources Committee and whose family has operated a log trucking company in the Upper Peninsula.

Outgoing state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, initially said he couldn't support the bill because it contained language making it retroactive to July 2017. He supported the measure Nov. 29 after he said he got support for an amendment to remove the retroactive provision.

Colbeck said a vote to make the proposed law retroactive was "blatantly unconstitutional" and "not the way our justice system is supposed to work." He said the Percys should have known that they violated Canton's ordinance, regardless of its merits.

Colbeck said the retroactive provision would have been unfair.

"We're not supposed to be a time machine in the state Legislature," he said.

But Michael Pattwell, attorney for the Percys, said the brothers cleared what was "essentially blighted property in a highly industrialized area" and removed decades of trash and invasive growth, all simply to start a Christmas tree farm.

"But why they wanted to clear it is really secondary to whether they should be allowed to clear it," he said, pointing to property owner rights.

Pattwell noted that Canton previously obtained the property through foreclosure, sold it and now is "trying to get paid for it again."

Pattwell also criticized the way Canton calculated

what it said the Percys owed. He said a nearby wooded area was surveyed and a list compiled of trees, some of which he alleges "were never present on the Percy property." Moreover, he said the contractor who cleared the property "got no marketable timber for his work" — and "that fact should speak loudly about what was really there."

Canton officials have said the township sought to determine what was on the Percy land by comparing it to nearby property.

Pattwell said the amount Canton alleges the Percys owe is more than the property is worth.

"If that isn't unreasonable," he said, "consider that when the Percy brothers — or any other resident or business in the state of Michigan — buys property, the trees on that property are assets to the sale. You pay for them when you buy property. Then you pay taxes to the government each year for that property. How is it fair that any local government should be allowed to get paid for a private property decision like removing a tree?"

Pattwell said the tree ordinance "makes no sense" and is an "abuse of power."

Canton Township Pat Williams said he met with officials from communities such as Romulus, Westland, Livonia and Northville Township. He said those communities and others have similar ordinances: "It's not unique."

Pattwell alleged the Percys aren't the only ones who have been treated unfairly by Canton.

"The Percy brothers are only getting attention because they have had enough and they're willing to defend themselves in court for a more reasonable result," he said, adding later, "We feel we have a strong case and we look forward to getting into a courtroom to present our defenses and counterclaims."

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Reading, talking to kids has dramatic impact



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What can parents do to help their children be successful in school?

It may seem too easy to be true, but the best advice I ever received as a parent on what I could do to help my child be successful was "read to young children, talk to adolescents."

Reading and talking to your children has many benefits. It exposes them

to language. It helps them see how words are used to convey meaning. It encourages young children to develop their vocabulary. It creates opportunities for young children and adolescents to use language to communicate. It is a powerful strategy and one that we can do every day.

In her book "The Smartest Kids in the

World," Amanda Ripley talked about a survey of parents associated with the international PISA tests, assessments that form the basis of international student comparisons. She states: "When children were young, parents who read to them every day or almost every day had kids who performed much better in reading, all around the world, by the time they were 15."

I then went to the PISA test site and looked at their report, "Let's Read Them a Story," and that

report said: "Reading books to children when they are just beginning primary school and talking with adolescents about topical political or social issues are shown to have a positive impact on children's learning. Even just reading at home benefits children, because it shows them that reading is something that their parents value."

Amanda Ripley sums it up nicely: "Parents who read to their children weekly or daily when they were young raised children who scored

twenty-five points higher on PISA by the time they were fifteen years old. That was almost a full year of learning."

What's the takeaway? If we want to help our children be successful, one of the most important things parents can do is read to our children when they are young and talk to our children as they grow.

My advice would be to start today!

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is the superintendent of the Novi Community School District.

Magician Radatz returns to Canton's Village Theater

Direct from his world tour, Michigan native Aaron Radatz will be returning to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton for a show at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22.

Radatz, who was recently featured on the global TV sensation "Masters of Illusion," will be presenting his show of magic and comedy on the main stage of Canton's Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. "This is one of the shows I am always excited about all year as I get to return to my home state and entertain during this magical season," Radatz said.

Radatz was born and raised in Detroit and began his magic career at age 6. Recently, Radatz completed his first headlining engagement on the famed Las Vegas Strip and is the only magician to have been commissioned by the U.S. Pentagon to entertain overseas troops.

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Mike Williams is a Detroit Mumford graduate who is trying to launch a museum of high school memorabilia. He's holding a replica jersey of the defunct Ferndale Lincoln High School. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

VINTAGE SCHOOLS GONE, BUT NOSTALGIA STRONG

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Imagine that feeling of joy and rediscovery every time there is a high school reunion.

In a flash, aging baby boomers are kids and teenagers as they reminisce about everything from going through the cafeteria line — fish sticks or Salisbury steak, anyone? — to walking crowded halls trying to get to that next class. Or about the big games, school dances and even favorite teachers.

Now imagine that those old school buildings are no more, bulldozed into oblivion, simultaneously crushing bricks and mortar and chances for those nostalgic visits.

Enter Mike Williams, president of The Museum for High School Preservation and a 1979 graduate of Detroit Mumford High School. He wants to find an unused school building within the Detroit Public Schools Community District and reboot it as an oasis of nostalgia.

"I tried to buy an old abandoned school building from Detroit Public Schools," Williams said. "That didn't happen. I tried to buy a warehouse through the Wayne County auction and wasn't finding anything that was suitable. I'm still trying to purchase an old school building. Most of the school buildings have been deeded over to the city of Detroit from DPS."

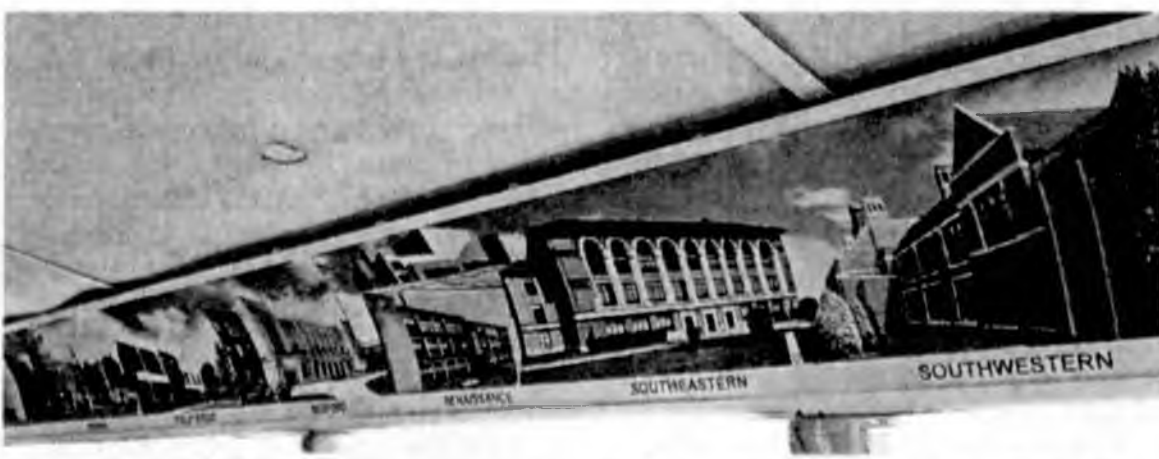
According to Williams, 57, the concept is one that would connect with the masses.

"(Nostalgia) evokes all kinds of positive thoughts in people," he said during an interview in Plymouth. "Lots of people who graduated in the '30s are still around. The '40s and '50s, it's plentiful the number of graduates or alumni who graduated in the '40s and '50s from Detroit Public Schools."

If getting a building for his museum continues to be a thorny quest, Williams has a Plan B.



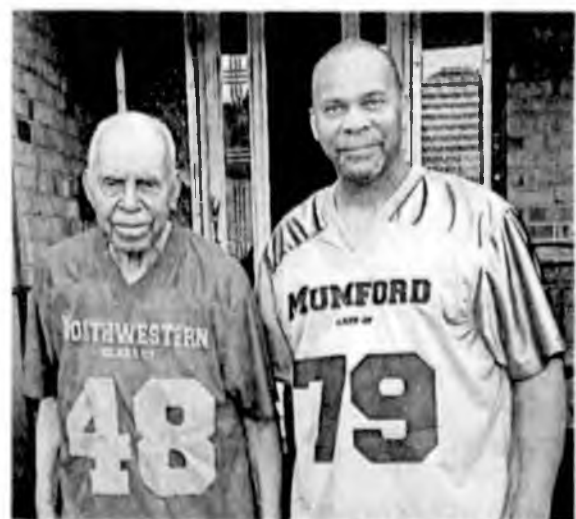
The view from the back of the bus. MIKE WILLIAMS



Along the top of the mobile museum are photographs depicting many Detroit public high schools from the past. MIKE WILLIAMS



Jerseys from former and current area high schools are sold by Mike Williams through his sportsshirtshop.com website. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Mike Williams (right) with his uncle James Brogdon, a 1948 graduate of Detroit Northwestern High School. COURTESY MIKE WILLIAMS



One of many of the vintage school artifacts that are part of the mobile museum. MIKE WILLIAMS

MEMORIES

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Let it roll

In spring 2019, he intends to roll out a mobile museum, turning a former SMART bus into a place where folks of all ages and from all places can step in and wade through a 35-foot-long time capsule.

So far, he is footing the bill.

He would like a civic-minded business to help sponsor the ambitious endeavor so that it could travel all over metro Detroit.

"Our museum is a compendium of artifacts, that are geared toward nostalgia," Williams said, "and bringing back memories and preserving the legacy of the public high schools in the Detroit metropolitan area."

Williams also is president of a memorabilia venture, www.schoolshirtshop.com, which sells T-shirts and sports jerseys with school name and year of graduation on the front and individuals' names on the back.

"I am a graduate of Mumford High School, class of 1979," Williams said. "Our school was demolished and it took away lots of wonderful memories."

"So I thought I would embark upon a venture, a program that would go to preserve all the wonderful architecture and the legacy of the great people who graduated from Detroit Public High Schools, as well as suburban high schools."

A need to reconnect

According to Williams, many people long for the days when they could "feel like a teenager again," but unfortunately do not have a physical place to make connections.

"They tore my school down. How dare they?" Williams said. "And they built a new one. As we witnessed the demolition, there was a steady line of cars and people who were (Mumford) alumni that were driving by."

"Shortly after that, they started to demolish Redford High School and the same situation happened. You had a lot of people who had strong ties to these schools. And it tugged at the heartstrings. We literally had individuals who were sobbing."

Suburban alums know the feeling — or are about to. Livonia Ladywood High School was closed earlier this year and Farmington Harrison High School is in the middle of its swan song.

A couple of years ago, Southfield-Lathrup High School shut down with students moving over to Southfield High School; the building at Lahser and 10 Mile roads is now known as Southfield Arts & Technology.

Detroit also has had plenty of schools shuttered over the years. Some were torn down and students whisked to new facilities; others were renovated and even renamed.

Since the turn of the century, an estimated 200 Detroit school buildings have closed, due to everything from declining population and poor student performance to the rise of charter schools. Many of those upstart charter facilities also have bit the dust.

Williams's uncle, 89-year-old James Brogdon of Southfield, graduated in 1948 from Northwestern — the regal building on Grand River next to old Olympia Stadium where future stars of sports (Willie Horton, Alex Johnson), Motown Records (Mary Wells, Florence Ballard) and radio (Casey Kasem) attended. The original school, facing Grand River, closed in 1985, with Northwestern 2.0 (facing West Grand Boulevard) opening later that year.

The newer facility is known as Detroit Collegiate Prep at Northwestern.

"This gentleman (Brogdon) is someone who was doing great things and always supporting anything and everything that I've ever done," including wearing one of the throwback shirts produced by the School Shirt Shop, Williams noted.

Sparkling memories

The historic Cooley High School is still standing, on Hubbell Road. But it is a shell of its former glory.

"Cooley, it's a shame," Williams said. "I drive by that magnificent and regal structure which is closed. I'm sure the inside has probably fallen victim to the scrappers. But there's been several attempts to try to save it. I would love to have a building like that (for his museum), but it's a little bit large for the purposes I need."

"I was hoping at some point the Ilitch family would have stepped in and maybe have done something with it. Mike Ilitch (who died in 2017) is a graduate of Cooley High School. Marian Ilitch is a graduate of Fordson High School in Dearborn, another magnificent and regal structure. Fortunately, that one is



Mike Williams wants to find 14 arts students from Detroit and suburban schools who can paint a mural onto the outside of this former SMART bus. MIKE WILLIAMS



Southeastern High School alum James Lewis has created this artist's rendering that would be painted on the outside of Mike Williams' planned mobile museum. Williams is looking for sponsors to help fund the endeavor and take the bus to the people. MIKE WILLIAMS



With so many high schools demolished, trophies such as these haven't been on display for years. Mike Williams plans to rectify that situation through his mobile museum. MIKE WILLIAMS

"Cooley, Fordson and Grosse Pointe South are the three schools in this region that I was just absolutely awestruck by the architecture."

Mike Williams

still intact and operational.

"Cooley, Fordson and Grosse Pointe South are the three schools in this region that I was just absolutely awestruck by the architecture."

Whether or not any of Detroit's long-ago glory can be recaptured is a debate that likely will rage on for decades. Still, Williams has what he thinks are surefire ways to spark memories and help people of all ages to engage about school days gone by.

There are approximately 250,000 people who attended Detroit Public Schools still in the area who seemingly would be supportive of The Museum for High School Preservation.

The mobile museum is certain to be a popular place for people to check out.

"We're actually going to get a mural painted on the outside and I'm looking for a sponsor to pay for the painting of the mural," Williams said. "We have an artist who has created a rendering, (Southeastern alum) James Lewis. What I want to do is, engage about 14

current (high school) arts students from DPS and some of the suburban schools.

"James has created the artwork and I want to engage these young people to bring them in and actually do the painting."

Email Williams at michael@mhsdpdetroit.com if interested in participating.

Back in time

Inside the bus would be items Williams already has collected (through donations, primarily), including yearbooks, trophies, old desks, the actual glass door of a principal's office.

He also intends to have a number of TV monitors that would continuously show images and videos of those erstwhile Detroit landmarks and the students who made them come to life so many years ago.

"It will be absolutely free (to visit the bus)," Williams said. "I would like to travel this around the area. Let's say we

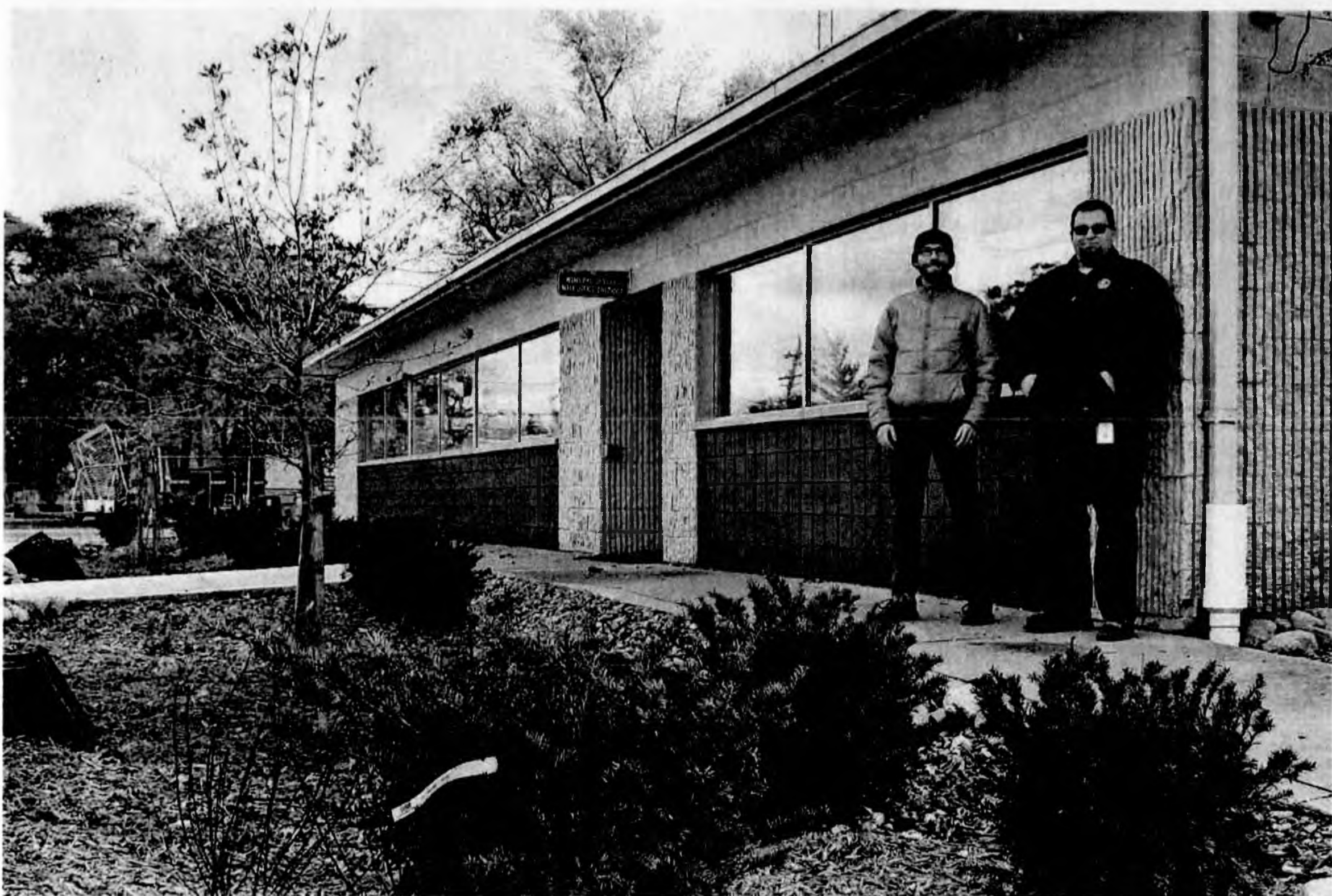
had a bank that was sponsoring. We would have it at a branch for two weeks, people could come and go inside, go in the front door, walk around, see the displays and come out the back."

"While it was there for two weeks, (the mural) would be in the process of being painted by the students. Once the mural is completed, then the museum would travel."

"Now, in the case of a sponsorship of a bank, we would take this to a different bank branch every Tuesday, so that people could visit, reminisce. Other days out of the week, we would have it travel to class reunions ... but other areas throughout metropolitan Detroit is where it would travel, so that anyone and everyone would be able to see it."

And as Williams' history-packed bus makes the rounds, more and more people whose alma maters are long gone would once again feel at home.

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Matthew Bertrand and Adam Gerlach teamed to kick-start a flood-eliminating project in front of the Plymouth municipal services headquarters. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

NO MORE FREE-LOADING FOR LAWNS, GARDENS

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For years now, you've nourished, coddled and spoiled it — sometimes forking out large chunks of cash in the process.

Now it's time to put it to work (no, we're not referring to free-loading millennials).

We're talking about green space — the area of expertise for Friends of the Rouge rain smart coordinator/landscape designer Matthew Bertrand, who could write a book on the benefits that can be derived from the installation of a smart garden.

"Lawns and gardens can actually work for property owners, if they let them," said Bertrand, whose mission is to educate the public on eco-friendly design techniques.

With the proper balance of education and maintenance, Bertrand explained, backyard flooding, dangerous wintry slick spots and other property-related hazards can be nipped in the bud with the assistance of a rain smart garden.

For in-living-color proof, look no further than the front entrance to the city of Plymouth municipal offices.

A few months ago, the area was the perfect storm for persistent flooding thanks to a downspout that pushed rain water toward a patch of asphalt.

In the colder months, the moisture would freeze, creating a hazardous walk from the parking lot to the front door for the office's employees.

The pre-rain garden area had absolutely zero curb appeal, city administrative manager Adam Gerlach noted.

"This project gave us an opportunity to add cosmetic improvements, while helping to substantially decrease the flooding issues," Bertrand said.

The efficient and cost-effective makeover was completed in approximately two weeks in September. The cost of the project was covered by a state grant that the city applied for with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"I met with (Gerlach) and we toured a couple sites and this one seemed to be the best, as there were no controls in place to handle the flood waters," Bertrand said. "One of the great things about rain gardens is that they can solve drainage problems, like icing, flooded basements and they can do great things for the (Rouge) river, too. That's why we call it rain smart — it's smart gardening, essentially."

The garden was dug out in early September and the landscaping was completed by late September, Bertrand said.



This photo of the Plymouth municipal offices shows the problematic area before a rain garden was installed. MATTHEW BERTRAND

"For a person interested in creating a rain garden on their property, the cost is probably about \$10 per square foot."

Matthew Bertrand

A group of Bosch volunteers spread the final layer of mulch.

"A short time after we dug out the area — and before the plants and mulch were added — our project was tested by a two-inch storm that normally would have created big flooding problems," Bertrand said. "The soil on this property is like beach sand and, within six hours of the storm ending, the soil had soaked up all the rain water."

Bertrand emphasized that the

bushes planted in the rain gardens serve a dual role by enhancing the area cosmetically while providing multiple habitat values. The wood chips help cut down on erosion and improve the look of the garden.

"For a person interested in creating a rain garden on their property, the cost is probably about \$10 per square foot," he said. "The cost can range, though, like anything. Like any garden, you can spend as much money as you want and end up with a rain garden that looks like the best garden in the world."

The rain garden in front of the municipal building is sloped gradually toward the center of the space, creating a storage area for the access rain water.

"Normally, you'd want it to be about three to six inches deep," Bertrand said. "The slope is usually so gradual that people don't even notice it. When people just see the garden, that's music to my ears."

Gerlach said he was more than pleased with the finished project.

"One of the biggest things for us was to come up with a project that was going to help this area," he said. "We'd get comments all the time about how the landscaping was not the most attractive, plus the storm water created dangerous icy conditions in the winter."

"What it comes down to," Bertrand said, "is giving your lawn and garden a job — using them to soak up water that otherwise can flood basements, create icy conditions and cause other problems."

Bertrand said the incidences of one- and two-inch rain storms are rising, making rain gardens all the more important.

For more information, go to <https://therouge.org/rain-gardens-to-the-rescue/>.

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Marijuana plants in a bedroom of a house on Carl Drive in Livonia after an Oct. 1 police raid. FILE

Owners of marijuana grow house must sell in plea deal

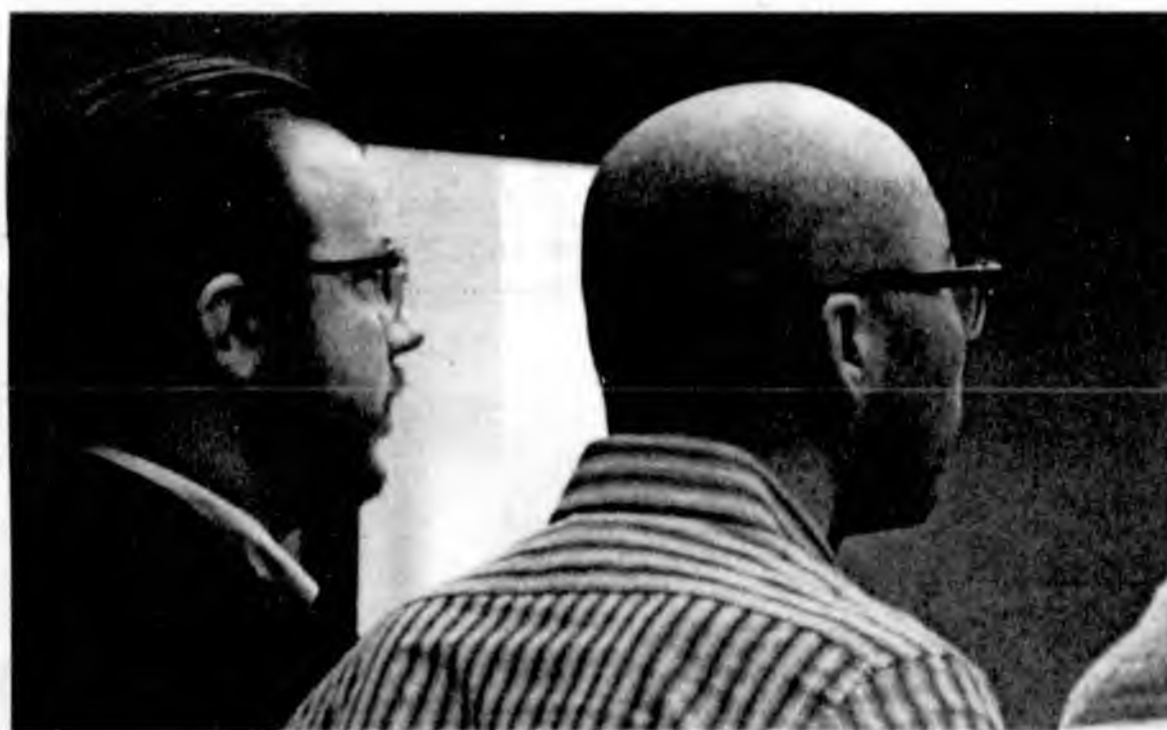
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The owners of a house on Livonia's north side that was turned into a marijuana-growing operation reached a plea agreement with the city last Thursday over charges brought after an Oct. 1 police raid.

Zong Lin Zhang, 33, and his mother, Yu Hua Han, 60, both of West Bloomfield, have to sell their two-story, 1,914-square-foot house and pay \$6,369.51 in back taxes under a deal they signed in 16th District Court. That's in addition to any financial penalties imposed during sentencing, which is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 14, before Judge Kathleen McCann.

The marijuana grower, however, is not being charged in the case, as the number of viable plants in the house was around the number, 72, that a medical marijuana caregiver is allowed to have, city officials said. Defense attorney Brian Craig said Zong and Yu did not know what was being done in the house.

The house had been a rental for more than two years, said city attorney Paul Bernier, despite the owners having on file with the city a form declaring that it was their principal residence. As as



Zong Zhang, right, and defense attorney Brian Craig in court on Thursday. Zong pleaded guilty to two charges related to a Livonia house that had been turned into a marijuana-growing operation; he and his mother owned the house but were not growers. MATT JACHMAN

rental property, the house would've have been taxed at a higher rate.

"The goal of the city in this case is to get this house back up to code" and eventually have it sold for use as a family home, Bernier told McCann.

Zhang pleaded guilty Thursday to

one charge of fraud and one charge of failing to obtain a rental license, while his mother, who spoke Mandarin in court and was assisted by an interpreter, pleaded no contest to one count of failing to obtain a rental license and one of failing to obtain a proper building permit.

In exchange, six other charges against each defendant were dismissed.

The house had undergone extensive alterations of its mechanical systems, including the installation of industrial-grade ventilation, in order to accommodate a grow operation, and Bernier said no permits had been pulled for the work.

"As homeowners they had certain responsibilities that they didn't follow through on," he said in court. The owners also did not comply with the requirement that a residential rental property

be registered with the city, he said.

An Oct. 1 walk-through showed nearly the entire house had been transformed into a marijuana greenhouse; there were no sleeping quarters and few signs of food. Plants in various stages of growth or processing were in each bedroom, soil and gardening tools were scattered about and irrigation and drainage systems were connected to residential plumbing. In a corner of the dining room, a ventilation stack about 16 inches in diameter snaked up from the floor and into the ceiling.

Craig said his clients did not intend to rent out the house to have it become an indoor marijuana farm. "They had no knowledge of what was going on in the residence," Craig told McCann.

The owners used to live in the house and were "part of the community," he added. "It does pain my clients to see their home in disrepair in this way," he said.

Records at the city assessor's office show the family purchased the house in 2007 for \$230,000. Bernier said they used to live there with Yu's husband — Zong's father — who passed away before they moved and rented it out.

Craig said the house is under contract to a potential buyer. Bernier said the owners have until the end of the year to pay the back taxes and sell the house to a builder who plans to bring it up to code. If that deadline is not met, he said, the city has the right to rescind the plea agreement.

The grower, a 35-year-old man who rented the house, was arrested during the Oct. 1 raid but later released. Police said he appeared to be the only person involved in the grow operation.

Zong declined to comment as he left the courthouse with his mother.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 5 Year Recreation Plan January 9, 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48168. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit comments on the **5 Year Recreation Plan**. This is the final comment opportunity before adoption and submittal to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. All interested residents are invited to attend.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU18-0008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for **Corrigan Moving Systems** is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary **Truck Parking** for parcel 50-22-15-301-010 (45200 Grand River Ave), north of Grand River Avenue and east of Taft Road from **January 3rd, 2019 through January 3rd, 2020**. The property is zoned I-1 (Light Industrial) and the use is contrary to 3.14.1.A of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held at **10:00am on January 3rd, 2019** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the **Mayors Conference Room**. All written comments should be directed to Katherine Oppermann and must be received prior to **Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019 at 3PM**.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Northville
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FOR THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE
PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the Council of the City of Northville on the 7th day of January, 2019, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers 215 West Main Street, on the adoption of a proposed resolution establishing a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the City of Northville, within the municipal limits of which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

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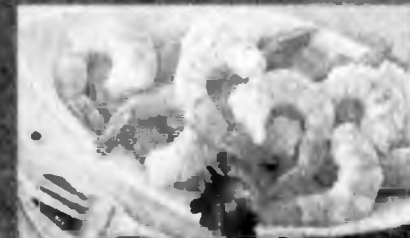
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COLLEGE HOCKEY

MSU goalie DeRidder stymies U-M again

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When Drew DeRidder played goal for the U.S. National Team Development Program in Plymouth, he faced onslaughts in enemy territory and prevailed.

On Saturday night at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor, Michigan State University's 5-foot-10 netminder seemingly grew a couple inches in order to deal with a "different" kind of rivalry than the international tourneys he excelled at with Team USA in 2017-18.

DeRidder stopped 39 of 40 shots, including many in acrobatic fashion, to give the Spartans a chance to grab two

out of three available points against Michigan's high-octane offense. He turned aside all 10 shots he saw during overtime (back-to-back five-minute periods, one with teams at full strength and the other in 3-on-3 fashion).

And after stoning Wolverines' forward Will Lockwood (Bloomfield Hills) and defenseman Quinn Hughes during the shootout, DeRidder watched teammate Brennan Sanford roof a chance against U-M goalie Strauss Mann (18 saves) to clinch the shootout. Officially, the game ended 1-1 although the Spartans earned an extra point in the Big Ten standings thanks to the shootout result.

"It's two different things," DeRidder

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Michigan State freshman goalie Drew DeRidder has company around his net as he stops Michigan forward Josh Norris (Oxford). Helping out on defense are Mitchell Lewandowski (9) and Plymouth native Zach Osburn (2). RENA LAVERTY

PREP BASKETBALL



Canton's Vinson Sigmon (left) and Plymouth's Bryce Amison both return this season. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Wayne, Canton lead KLAA boys basketball contenders

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If you like good guard play, then the Kensington Lakes Activities Association is where it's at for the 2018-19 boys basketball season.

And there's no better backcourt tandem in the KLAA than the speedy Canton duo of B. Artis White, a Western Michigan University signee, and Vinson Sigmon.

They helped the Chiefs to a 19-2 record last season and KLAA Black Division title.

Sigmon tallied 27 points and White added 17 in a season-opening 69-66 loss on Nov. 26 to defending Class C state champion Detroit Edison in the Ypsilanti Tip-Off Classic held at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

There are several other top-notch



White



Sigmon

senior guards returning this year in the KLAA including Wayne Memorial's Isaiah Lewis, Westland John Glenn's Joe Moon IV, Novi's Giovanni Miles and Northville's Paul Kearis.

Lewis is a fourth-year senior starter who is getting college looks and will lead a talented Ze-

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

McKendry new coach for Schoolcraft

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Just five games into the 2018-19 season, Abe Mashhour has stepped down as Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach for personal reasons.

Mashhour's top assistant, Corey McKendry, will finish out the remainder of the season as head coach. The Ocelots, off to a 5-0 start, return to action on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at home against Jackson Community College.

"We are fortunate as a college to have someone like Corey, who is a seasoned veteran with the skill sets and wherewithal to make the transition a smooth one for our student-athletes after the resignation of Abe Mashhour," Schoolcraft College athletic director Sid Fox said. "We are extremely confident that coach McKendry will enjoy similar accomplishments."

McKendry is a Livonia Clarenceville High grad and former boys varsity coach at Clarenceville where he led the Trojans to a 17-win season in 2007-08. He was an assistant under Mashhour for two years at Henry Ford CC and spent eight years working with the R.E.A.C.H. Legends, a well-known AAU boys basketball program in Michigan.

"This is something I definitely want to do long-term," said the 36-year-old McKendry said. "I just think the opportunity to do this in my hometown and where I grew up is something I always wanted to do and has been a dream of mine."

Mashhour departs from Schoolcraft with an overall record of 105-31 during his 4½ seasons, which included three Michigan Community College Athletic Association titles and three Eastern Conference crowns. He also guided the Ocelots to a pair of National Community College Athletic Association re-



McKendry



Mashhour

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COLLEGE SOCCER

MU men's soccer team falls in NAIA Final Four

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All good things must come to end. But it was a season for the record books for the unseeded Madonna University men's soccer team, whose season ended in heartbreak Friday night in a 2-1 loss to third-seed and eventual champion Central Methodist (Mo.) in the NAIA semifinals at OC Great Soccer Park in Irvine, Calif.

Central Methodist (22-2-2) went on to win the National Championship with a 4-3 win over Missouri Valley College (Mo.) in the finals on Dec. 1.

The Crusaders finished the season 19-5, the second-most wins in program history behind the 20-3 team in 1998. MU earned back-to-back Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season championships and won a game at the NAIA National Championship final site for the first time in the program's 25 years.

"Emotions are pretty raw and we've been riding a bit of a wave, that's come through some good futbol and awful lot of hard work," MU coach Mark Zathay said following the loss to *MadonnaCrusaders.com*. "I feel broken hearted, especially certainly for our seniors who don't get an opportunity to return. They gave so much for us and we are indebted to them for all their contributions."

Second-seeded Central Methodist scored 38 seconds into the match when Adrian Gutierrez intercepted an errant MU pass before playing Rodrigo Paredes down the right sideline, who struck a ball to the far side of the 18-yard box and found Andrea De Simone converting on a one-time finish from 14 yards out.

Madonna responded with renewed vigor and an unmatched intensity which quickly paid off.

With the ball in the CMU defensive third, Yuri Farkas Guglielmi (Sao Paulo, Brazil) intercepted a clear attempt at the upper left corner of the 18-yard box and had a one-touch boot off his right foot that he shaped just inside the far post for the equalizer just six minutes later for his team-leading 25th goal of the year.

After the halftime break, the Eagles dominated most of the possession and had several opportunities to score throughout the final 45, but the Madonna defense, with a little help from a post and a crossbar, held strong.

It looked as though the defense would force an OT, that is until a free kick was headed toward the end line and Marcos German was able to get a touch with his right foot and sneak it past a pair of defenders and MU keeper Joe Smith (Royal Oak) — just inside the near post — for a 2-1 advantage with just under six minutes to play.

Once again down a goal, the Crusaders' attack ramped up with three shots



Smith



Madonna forward Yuri Farkas finished with a team-best 25 goals this season for the NAIA semifinalists. MADONNA UNIVERSITY SPORTS INFORMATION

and a corner kick during the final minutes, but the Eagles' defense was up to the task in the semifinal loss.

The Fayette, Mo. program outshot Madonna 16-8, which included a 7-2 edge in shots on frame. The Eagles had five corner kicks to the Crusaders' two while MU was called for 26 of the games' 47 fouls.

Farkas paced the MU attack with two shots, one on frame, while Costa Wells added a shot on goal. Leonardo Abonizio, Wagner Gameiro Febbe, Ludvick Asigo, Issei Ito and Carlos Martinez each added one shot apiece.

Smith, who played stellar in goal throughout the playoff run and helped lead the defense to just two goals allowed over the past four games, made five saves.

In a 1-0 quarterfinal win on Nov. 28 over Oklahoma Wesleyan, Marlon De Freitas (Jaboticabal, Brazil) made 35-yard cross from the right hand side that connected with Farkas, whose header snuck by the Eagles' goalkeeper for the game-winner in the 30th minute.

"Yuri is just a different class," Zathay said. "He has that finishing touch and was the difference maker for us today and we're very grateful for that."

Smith made four saves to post the shutout.

On Nov. 27, MU topped No. 10 seed Bellevue (Neb.) thanks to the the right foot of De Freitas, whose golden goal just 17 second into overtime gave the Crusaders to a 1-0 victory.

"In terms of the overall body of work, I couldn't be more proud," Zathay said. "We've got guys from nine different countries and they got along. There's different social, cultures, and norms and values . . . and there was never a clash. It took a little while for everybody to breathe the same breath. Their style of play and how they interacted with each other, and watching them grow and go on that journey was rewarding. It kind of culminated in them calling each other 'brothers' on this trip actually."

tournament, so we were 0-for-3 where the first two or three years we had a lot of success. I wanted to come back and try to get there one more time. It just became too difficult. My (six) kids are older and they require much more time and my wife was getting spread way too thin with everything. I was trying to make it work, but it was difficult to manage everything."

With a 2½ week schedule break, Mashhour decided the timing was right to hand the reins over to somebody else instead of waiting for the second semester to start in January.

After playing Jackson on Dec. 5, Schoolcraft has only one more game (Dec. 19 at Owens Tech) before Christmas before embarking on the Eastern Conference schedule on Thursday, Jan. 3 at home against Mott.

"This way, the new coach and players will get some kind of rhythm," Mashhour said. "They'd be going into the conference schedule and that would be very difficult. So by doing it this way the new coach has time to get his system going."

The Ocelots currently have nine rostered players as they recently added Devonte Carter (Detroit Southeastern) after losing Myles Dalton (Walled Lake Western) to a torn ACL.

UM-MSU

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said. "Playing for your country is just a type of thing you can't replicate. But walking around campus, wearing the Michigan State apparel, everyone knows you're a D-I athlete. It's a really cool feeling. You get people come up and talk to you 'What sport do you play?'"

"When we go back tonight, I'm sure we'll get quite a few congratulations over the next week. But it's kind of that same feeling, just fighting for your university (instead of) fighting for your country."

MSU earned two points to improve to 6-7-1 overall, 2-0-1-1 in the Big Ten while the disappointed Wolverines (6-6-3, 2-3-3-1) managed one total point in the back-to-back weekend series against their rivals from East Lansing despite a wide edge in scoring chances.

"I thought we played hard tonight," Michigan head coach Mel Pearson said. "I thought we did a good job of limiting them, we outshot them 40-19 we outshot them 46-29 last night (a 4-3 loss at MSU)."

"I thought we had opportunities tonight to get up on them, get a couple goal spread, and then it's a different game. They played a perfect road game, they had great goaltending."

About being in a zone, putting up a brick wall in front of the MSU net, DeRidder shrugged it off. "I'm just doing what I know best, play hockey."

But he acknowledged that the intensity and atmosphere inside the historic building was something he won't soon forget.

"I've only played youth hockey games here, I haven't been here much," DeRidder said. "It's a great atmosphere, I've been to a few games before (as a fan). The student section's going. In the first period, my defense, I'm sitting behind the net, when the puck was rimmed around. Stopped it, defense trying to talk to me I couldn't even hear them."

First period recap

Michigan got on the board in the final seconds of a power play when Plymouth native Nicholas Boka one-timed a cross-ice feed from Hughes,

ripping the puck past DeRidder at 8:13.

Later in the frame, Boka was penalized for elbowing after throwing a hard check into Buturs Ghafari along the left half-wall. Helping kill off the penalty was senior defenseman Zach Osburn (Plymouth), while Livonia freshman Jack Summers worked the power play from the right point for the Wolverines.

The best MSU chance during the power play was a slap shot taken by Patrick Khodorenko that sailed over the crossbar.

DeRidder had plenty of company in his crease late in the frame, when he was bowled over in the crease, knocking the net off its moorings.

Second period recap

More DeRidder acrobatics kept the Spartans close, including a flexing right pad stop on Brendan Warren on the doorstep.

That enabled MSU to net the equalizer when Taro Hirose intercepted an errant Michigan clearing attempt on the power play, and ripped a shot between the legs of Wolverines netminder Mann.

The Wolverines — who through two periods outshot MSU by a 20-11 margin — had another prime chance when Nick Blankenship cut in from below the left circle and backhanded the puck near the left post. DeRidder, hugging the side of the cage, was able to hold the puck out.

Michigan then had a power play and controlled play inside the Spartans zone for almost the entire two minutes, but could not solve MSU's strong penalty kill — which allowed just one harmless shot.

Mann kept the Spartans from taking a lead when he made a timely stop with just seconds left in the stanza.

Third period recap

Michigan came close to winning the game at the end of regulation, firing the final six shots of the period at DeRidder — to no avail.

With just under three minutes to go, a carom landed right in the wheelhouse of forward Josh Norris (Oxford) who slammed the puck right into the goalie's midsection.

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Michigan State defenseman Zach Osburn, of Plymouth, checks Michigan forward Will Lockwood (Bloomfield Hills) during Saturday's Big Ten men's hockey tilt at Yost Ice Arena. RENA LAVERTY

COACH

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gional titles and two NJCAA Division II National Tournament appearances.

"Abe's record in leading the Ocelots in men's basketball certainly speaks for itself," Fox said. "However, his capacity and motivation to move student-athletes to the four-year level also proved exceptional. The college will always be indebted to Abe for his passionate commitment to the men's basketball program and the measure of unquestionable success he achieved during his tenure."

Mashhour's full-time position is the Director for Student Services along with being the city wide athletic director for the Dearborn Public Schools' three high schools (Fordson, Edsel Ford and Dearborn).

Mashhour said his plan was to resign at the end of last year, but decided to return for another season.

"I wasn't happy with the results at the end of last year, so I was like, 'Let me give it one more try,'" he said. "Last year we did not win the state, the conference and we didn't make it to the national

"I feel bad, I feel terrible for my players more than anything because they're such great of guys and what we're able to do with the eight guys that we had has been a lot of fun, very impressive," Mashhour said. "But it was just too much and it wasn't going to be fair to Schoolcraft and fair to my players."

McKendry said two more players will become eligible at the start of the second semester.

"Corey was the top assistant for Abe, just not here, but he worked for him at Henry Ford before he came here," Fox said. "He'll finish out the year like we always do. We sit down with every coach, reappoint him, or we don't reappoint him. He'll have to the end of the year . . . we're in good shape."

Former University of Michigan player Maceo Baston (1994-2008), who had stints with three NBA teams, and Vitor Imbuzeiro, will remain as McKendry's assistants.

"They both have a lot of experience at a lot of different levels," McKendry said. "Maceo's senior year at Michigan was his last year when they made a coaching change with Steve Fisher. He was able to talk to the guys from a perspective, which was good for them. Just trying to focus on taking it one day at a time . . .

Maceo has been great in that regard, really good for the guys."

Five Eastern Conference teams along, including Schoolcraft, are currently undefeated.

"(Flint) Mott is good, Henry Ford is good, too," McKendry said. "Delta is ranked top 15 in the country as well. I like our team, but it's going to be a challenge."

Fox manages a total of 10 men's and women's athletic teams at Schoolcraft. The school moved into the NJCAA Division III ranks for 2018-19 and does not offer athletic scholarships anymore with the exception of men's and women's basketball, which remains in Division II.

"Obviously this has been somewhat of a challenge, something that we haven't dealt with before, but the guys have been great just taking it one day at a time and trying to get better on the floor and off," McKendry said. "Just trying to continue to do the things we've always done . . . the values instilled by coach Abe of being a great teammate, taking care of your business off the floor and letting that trickle down to how we play."

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KLAA

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bras squad that is coming off a regional final loss to Belleville, a newcomer to the KLAA's East Division and a state quarterfinalist a year ago.

Wayne, with a solid front line led by 6-6 Detroit Old Redford Academy transfer Dreyon O'Neal, should be in the hunt to win KLAA East Division which now includes Belleville, John Glenn, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Dearborn Fordson and Dearborn High.

Wayne, Belleville and Stevenson all won district titles last year.

Moon, another college prospect, averaged just over 22 points per game, seven assists and six rebounds per game last year as a junior for the Rockets.

"Between him and B. Artis White (Canton), they're probably the top players in the KLAA," John Glenn coach Rod Watts said. "He's still weighing his options. He's got a lot of interest from MAC and Horizon League."

Kearis, meanwhile, will lead a Northville team that could be a sleeper in the newly revamped KLAA's West Division which also includes Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Novi, Brighton, Howell and Hartland.

"We are extremely excited and optimistic about this season," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "The division should be very competitive with us, Canton and Howell returning many of their key players. The game against Novi is always a war, and Giovanni Miles is the type of player that can beat you by himself... he's that talented."



Miles

There really are no easy division games with all three Plymouths returning to the Division, and Brighton and Hartland are always tough games."

Miles, a 6-2 senior who averaged 14 points per game, is the only returning starter off a Novi team that reached the Class A semifinals last season before losing to Holland West Ottawa, 53-50.

Novi lost its season opener on Nov. 29 in a rematch of last year regional final against Ann Arbor Skyline, 72-39.

"Repeating the success of last year's team will be tough as they lost seven of the top eight rotation players and have a new coaching staff implementing new offensive and defensive systems," Novi first-year coach Chris Housey said. "Despite the lack of experience, however, players are ready to step up and fill the spots that have been vacated."

Here's a closer look at the 10 Hometownlife.com-area boys basketball teams in the KLAA.

KLAA East Division

Livonia Churchill

Head coach: Jay McCullogh, third season.

Last year's overall record: 4-17.

Players to watch: Joel Forgacs, 6-3 Sr. F; Brandon Craddieth, 5-10 Soph. PG; Josh Guilbault, 6-4 Sr. F; Jaylen Stanley, 6-4 Sr. G.

McCullogh's 2018-19 outlook: "We will be young this year with a couple of great leaders from our seniors, so we will be competitive. We have a great group of guys that will be ready to try and make some noise in the new division. We will be exciting to watch and look forward to improving day after day."

Livonia Franklin

Head coach: T.J. Hurley, second season.

Last year's overall record: 6-15.

Players to watch: Jack Cronyn, 6-3 Sr. G; Cal Fournier, 6-1 Sr. G; Chase Crespi, 5-8 Sr. G; Vince Wheeler, 6-1 Sr. F; J.J. Carpenter, 5-10 Jr. PG.

Hurley's 2018-19 outlook: "There's great chemistry amongst this team with high potential. The keys are just staying together and continuing to play hard. We're pretty undersize, so our major things are getting out in transition and getting the ball moving, and using a little bit of our athleticism and our work ethic to point to. Our major concern is not only rebounding, but being able to handle the ball and being composed under pressure."

Livonia Stevenson

Head coach: Kareem Smartt, fifth season.

Last year's overall record: 17-7.

Titles won last year: Class A district champs.

Players to watch: Chris Mars, 6-4 Sr. F; Nick Knoph, 5-10 Sr. G; Mike Reed, 6-3 PF; Dalen Cobb, 5-8 Sr. PG; Noah Fuller, 6-2, Sr. F.



Northville senior guard Paul Kearis returns as a starting point-guard. JERRY REA



Senior guard Joe Moon returns for Westland John Glenn. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Smartt's 2018-19 outlook: "We have four returning players from last year's team. I'm expecting those guys to set the example for the younger players we have. The goal is to be competitive in all aspects of the game. By the end of the year the plan is to win another district title and advance past regional round."

Wayne Memorial

Head coach: Nkwane Young, third season.

Last year's overall record: 17-8.

Titles won last year: KLAA Black Division and Class A district champions.

Players to watch: Isaiah Lewis, 6-6-1 Sr. G; Dreyon O'Neal, 6-6 Sr. F; Kenneth Bowie, 5-8 Sr. PG; Orisis Kokoy, 6-6 Sr. F; Riccardo Covin, 6-7 Jr. C; Cartier Muse-Suber, 6-6 Sr. F; Chayce Leslie, 6-2 Sr. G; Chris Dobessi-Tindane, 6-1 Sr. G; Randy Gonzales, 6-0 Sr. G; Dontre Foreman, 6-5 Soph. F; Ricky Corwin, 6-8 Jr. C.

Young's 2018-19 outlook: "We go big and long, so we try and mix it up a little bit (zone and man-to-man defense). We didn't use it last year (zone), but we're going to use it this year because we're big. We've got the size so we've got to take advantage of it. Depending on who we play we'll mix it up."

Westland John Glenn

Head coach: Rod Watts, fourth season.

Last year's overall record: 8-11.

Players to watch: Joe Moon IV, 6-1 Sr. G; Renel Thrasher, 6-0 Sr. G; Elijah White, 6-2 Sr. G; Chad Stevens, 6-2 Sr. F; Brendan Balko, 6-6 Jr. C; Ashton Nance, 6-7 Sr. F.

Watts' 2018-19 outlook: "The team has a tremendous upside. We've scrimmaged (Detroit) Cass Tech, River Rouge, U-D Jesuit, (Detroit) Renaissance, so this is a team that's not afraid to play anybody, anywhere. I think their best



Senior guard Dalen Cobb is one of four Stevenson returnees off a Class A district championship team. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

basketball is ahead of them here."

KLAA West Division

Canton

Head coach: Jimmy Reddy, season.

Last year's overall record: 19-2.

Titles won last year: KLAA Black Division champs.

Players to watch: B. Artis White, 5-11 Sr. G; Vinson Sigmon, 5-11 Sr. G; Ben Steiak, 5-11 Jr. G; Kendall Perkins, 6-4 Sr. F; Jake Vickers, 6-4 Jr. F; Liam Radomski, 6-3 Sr. F.

Reddy's 2018-19 outlook: "We continue to preach defensive and rebounding as the foundation of our program and I am excited to see the growth this team can make especially at the defensive end. We have a lot of guys with no varsity experience, so it will take some time to get the defense and rebounding where we want it. In the meantime, the backcourt that we have should allow us to be competitive. We have a great group of selfless young men who really love to compete and want to continue to get better."

Plymouth

Head coach: Mike Soukup, 10th season.

Last year's overall record: 10-11.

Players to watch: Bryce Amison, 6-3 Sr. G; Devon Wisniewski, 6-1 Sr. G; Ryan Berger, 6-6 Sr. F.

Soukup's 2018-19 outlook: "We have a lot of returners who were on the team last year, but are not real heavy with experience as far as minutes played. It will be a big key for us to gel together quickly as a group to compete with the competition in our league. I'm excited about this group... great kids who are willing to be coached up. Playing together on the defensive end and sharing the basketball will be big keys for our group."

Salem

Head coach: Bob Brodie, 35th season.

Last year's overall record: 6-15.

Players to watch: Ben Dierker, 6-5 Sr. F; Julius Nelson, 6-0 Sr. G.

Brodie's 2018-19 outlook: "We're looking to improve on last season's record and be competitive in the conference. We have no pure returning starters from last year, but many of our players saw quite a bit of action so they are somewhat experienced. We have decent size and speed, but are looking for someone to step forward and be our scorer this year. Teamwork, hustle, and determination will be keys to any success we may have this season."

Northville

Head coach: Todd Sander, 11th season.

Last year's overall record: 14-9.

Players to watch: Steven Morrissey, 6-4 Sr. F; Paul Kearis, 6-0 Sr. PG; Ryan Pumper, 6-4 Sr. F; Daniel McLaughlin, 6-3 Sr. F; Zach Shoemaker, 6-4 Jr. F; Grant Mathiesen, 6-0 Jr. G.

Sander's 2018-19 outlook: "It always helps when you return so many key contributors from the prior year especially your point guard. Paul (Kearis) had a great year for us last year, and he should continue to improve tremendously. We are very solid and have balanced size that should allow us to be extremely versatile on both ends of the floor. Steven (Morrissey), Daniel (McLaughlin) and Zach (Shoemaker) all present matchup problems for opposing teams because they can score from the perimeter, driving and around the rim. We are so far ahead of where we were at this same point last year, and that is a credit to our players coming to work every day in practice. They bust their tails in every drill every day. We were able to get a lot of work done in the fall, and all of our returning players really dedicated themselves to getting in the gym and getting better."

Novi

Head coach: Chris Housey, first season.

Last year's overall record: 17-9.

Titles won last year: Class A district and regional champions.

Players to watch: Giovanni Miles, 6-3 Sr. G; Aryan Verman, 5-10 Sr. G; John Prisby, 6-6 Sr. C; Troy Aikins, 6-2 Sr. F.

Housey's 2018-19 outlook: "As a group, we will look to play tough defense and make our opponents work for their points. Offensively, we will look to use our athleticism to run the floor and then use our timing, spacing, and teamwork to execute our half court sets. While the team is not experienced as far as playing time on the varsity level, all players are upperclassmen who understand the value of hard work and a team concept. Overall, we will play tough and play together and use our strengths as a team to attack opponents on a nightly basis."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Catholic Central basketball enters new era

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For the first time in 12 years, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's basketball team will have a new voice on the bench.

The Shamrocks, who open their season at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 against Romeo in the Calihan Challenge at the University of Detroit Mercy, boast a veteran team under new coach Brandon Sinawi.

CC finished 12-9 in Bill Dyer's 12th and final season as coach, while Sinawi spent the previous four seasons at Novi where he guided the Wildcats to a 17-9 record last year and the school's first-ever Class A semifinal berth.

Sinawi got a read on his team during a four-way scrimmage against Clarkston, Roseville and Davison followed by a three-way against Toledo Whitmer and Cincinnati Hughes.

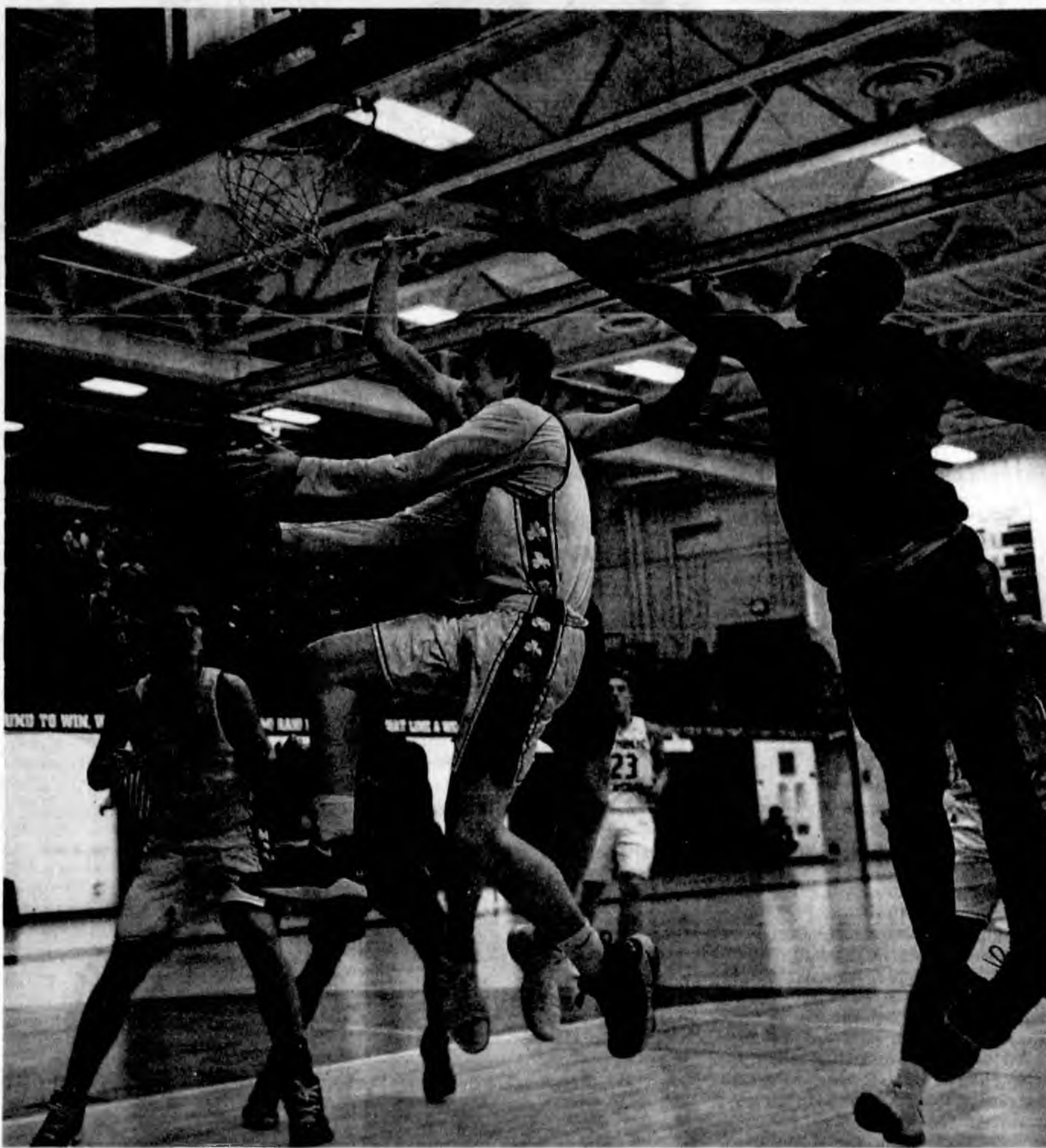
"It's a change for everybody, it's a new approach for me with new guys and they have a new coach, just trying to get them to play together, not focusing too much yet on our opponents, just focus on ourselves," Sinawi, who is 91-70 in seven seasons, including a three-year stint at Livonia Stevenson.

The Shamrocks boast a tall front line in 6-7 senior Davis Lukowski, 6-7 senior Justin Rukat and 6-5 senior Mike Harding, while 6-8 junior Nick Smulsky and 6-3 senior Connor Ebben will come off the bench.

The starting backcourt will consist of returnees Keegan Koehler, a 6-foot senior, and Jacob Woebkenberg, a 6-2 senior, along with 6-7 senior Brendan Downs, who will be in reserve to start off the season.

"We are senior led, no question about that, and we have size and talent at each position," Sinawi said. "In order for us to be successful however, we have to be able to play together, on both ends, for 32 minutes."

Getting through the Catholic League's Central Division schedule will not be an easy task as it features a pair of Detroit Free Press preseason top-20



Catholic Central's Justin Rukat (with ball) returns for his senior season with the Shamrocks. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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teams in University of Detroit Jesuit (No. 1) and Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep (No. 20). Also in the mix is Warren DeL-Salle, a Final Four team a year ago, and longtime rival Birmingham Brother Rice.

"Our league is daunting," Sinawi said. "A ton of talent on the floor and on the sidelines each and every night. If we prepare the right way, trust in the process and are consistent with our effort, we can have a great season."

Sinawi plans to start the season with an up-tempo approach.

"We're going to get up and down when we can, but when we recognize we have to slow it down, we'll slow it down, and hope we play some good defense in the process," the first-year CC coach said.

After the season opener, CC will take on small school state power Southfield Christian on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at home followed by game on Friday, Dec. 7 at Livonia Stevenson.

"We have a tremendous opportunity to take the next step with this basketball program, especially this varsity team," Sinawi said. "Coach Dyer did an outstanding job in helping prepare these kids, especially our seniors, and I hope I can continue to work with these guys and put them in a position to win some games."

Here's also a look at four Hometown-life.com-area schools in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

Redford Thurston

Head coach: Brian Bates, 20th season.

Last year's overall record: 10-12.
Players to watch: Darrell Anderson, 6-0 Sr. G; Davon Hedwood, 6-0 Sr. G; Khali Freeman, 5-11 Jr. G; Jamar Boyd, 6-4 Sr. F.

Bates' 2018-19 season outlook: "I'm hoping to be improved. We are working hard to improve at both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor. So far the team's effort has been great. If we continue to work hard and want to improve, we have a chance to be a good basketball team by the end of the year."

Redford Union



Thurston's Khali Freeman (left), guarded by Franklin's Chase Crespi, returns this season. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"We are senior led, no question about that, and we have size and talent at each position. In order for us to be successful however, we have to be able to play together, on both ends, for 32 minutes."

Brandon Sinawa
Catholic Central coach

Head coach: Randall Taylor, seventh season.

Last year's overall record: 16-5.
Players to watch: Ahmeer Cossom, 6-4 Jr. F; Nasheer Cossom, 5-9 Sr. G; Darrion Gould, 6-4 Sr. F; Nate Brown Jr., 6-0 Soph. G; Reiven Holt, 5-11 Sr. G; Malik O'Neal, 6-2 Fr. G; Donjae Ollie, 5-6 Sr. G; Dewar Gibson, 6-0 Jr. F.

Taylor's 2018-19 outlook: "The teaching moment (after the first game vs. Wayne Memorial) was that we can't turn the ball over and we have to play harder. I knew coming into the season that with this team being so much

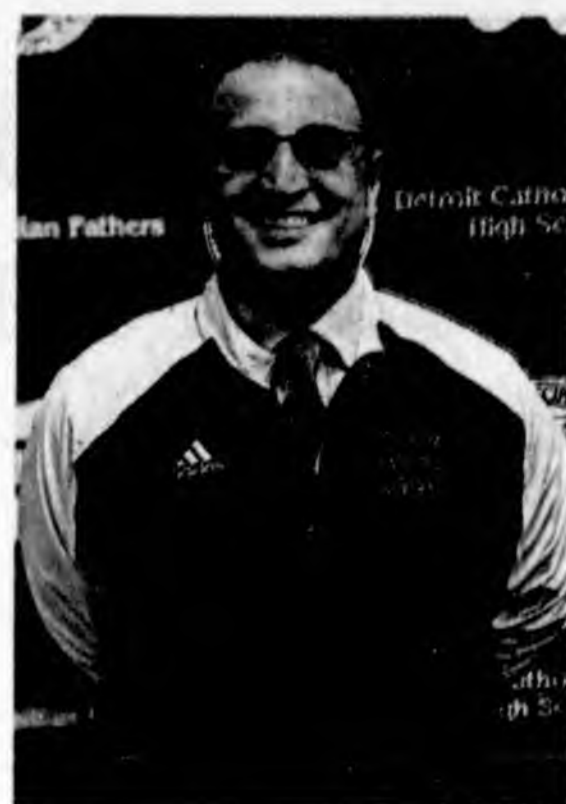
younger and inexperienced compared to last year where we graduated seven seniors from that team, and this year having an entire new group of guys with only four players back, this is something we can grow from. I believe we're going to get better and grow, and grow, and grow, and just learn from there."

Garden City

Head coach: David Arnold, second season.

Last year's overall record: 2-19.
Players to watch: David McDaniel, 6-2 Sr. G; Angelo DiMichele, 6-0 Soph. F; Kevin Widmer, 6-2 Sr. F; Alphonso Butler, 6-1 Sr. C.

Arnold's 2018-19 outlook: "After dealing with the typical struggles of a first-year coach new to a program, we're a better team. So far, the collective attitude is much better and the spirit and energy in our practices is greatly improved. We're just focused on getting better every day and learning to enjoy the process of becoming a solid, competitive team. Any potential success rests squarely on the shoulders of our players continuing to buy in to this philosophy. At this point, players are still establishing roles and finding the ways they can best contribute to our success."



Novi Detroit Catholic Central coach Brandon Sinawi embarks on his first season after stints at Novi and Livonia Stevenson. SUBMITTED PHOTO

As always, there are some strong teams in our conference. We're looking to take a step forward this year and be competitive from the outset rather than waiting for the pieces to come together in January. With the schedule change we have eight games, nearly half our schedule, in 25 days before the holiday break, so it's important we find some solutions quickly."

Livonia Clarenceville

Head coach: Raymon Moore, first season.

Last year's overall record: 2-19.
Players to watch: Zachary Topolewski, 5-8 Jr. G; Jauwan Ward, 5-9 Jr. G; Tavian Cruz, 5-8 Jr. G.

Moore's 2018-19 outlook: "I'm really looking forward to seeing all the changes we put in place this year in action. We changed the pace of the offense and defense. We are working hard to push for more stops on the defensive side and I'm excited to see how that transitions into a more fluid scoring offense. The group of players that I have this year are very dedicated and hard-working. I look forward to seeing their hard work pay off this coming season. The goal is to get them play great basketball within the system."

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PREP WRESTLING

State champ Detroit CC wrestlers boast another strong lineup

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central put on a dominating display a year ago allowing just six points in three matches while repeating as MHSAA Division 1 team wrestling champion at Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo.

And to nobody's surprise, the Shamrocks are rated No. 1 in the preseason heading into their annual school assembly dual meet opener on Wednesday, Dec. 5 against Hartland.

And as always, a new season brings new challenges as CC tries to give coach Mitch Hancock his seventh team state title since 2010.

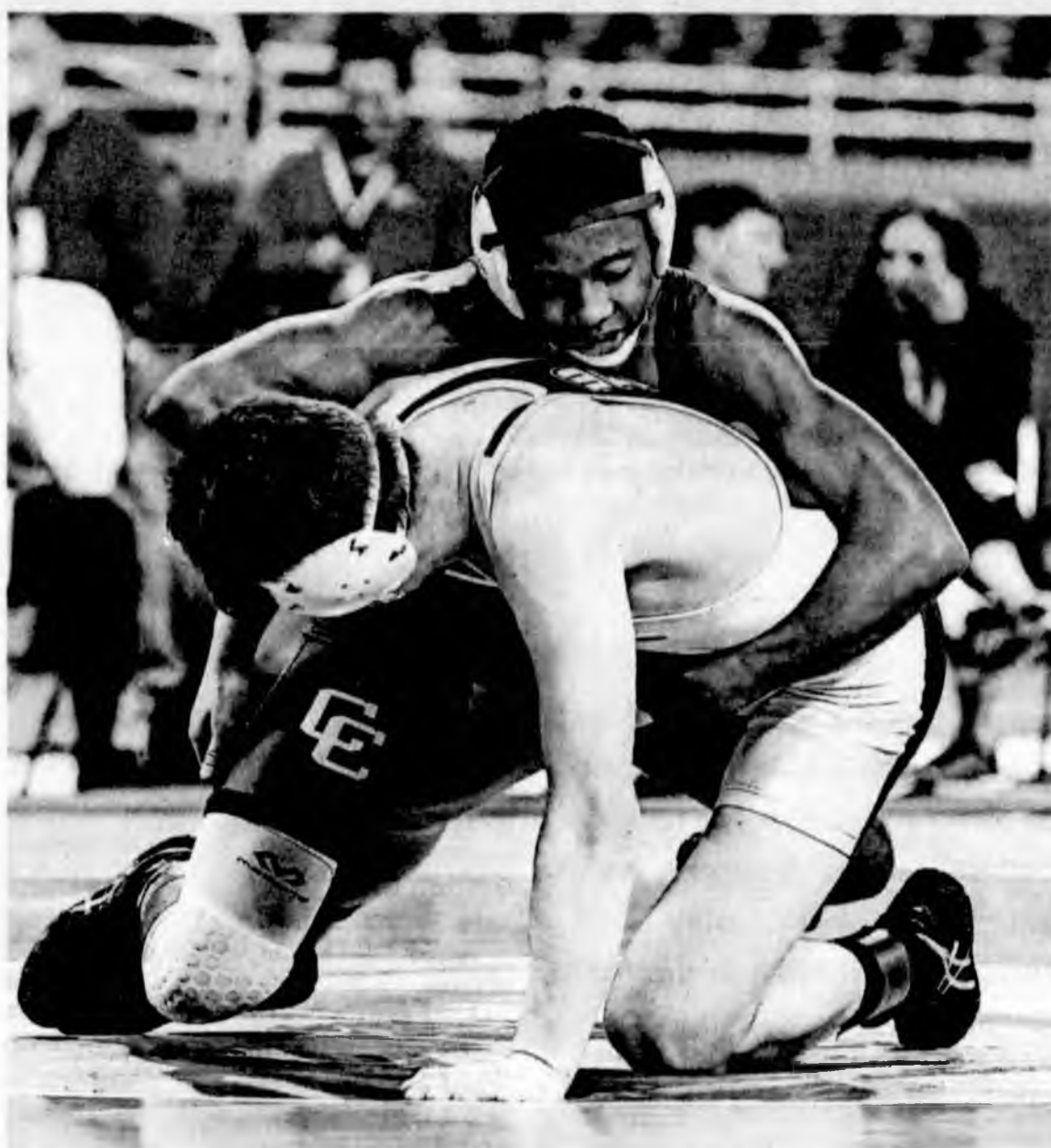
"I think Davison is a really, really good team," Hancock said. "I think Brighton is a really solid team and then you throw in your D1 powerhouses Grandville, Hartland and other teams... it makes for a steep challenge. We've just got to stay healthy and control what we can and just stay focused on progressing each week and by the end of the year we'll have a really good lineup in place, we will."

The Shamrocks' lineup is already stacked led by Big Ten signees Kevon Davenport (Nebraska), who is gunning for this fourth individual state title in a row, along with Cameron Amine, a Michigan signee, has two state titles under his belt and a runner-up finish from a year ago.

Davenport, who is penciled in again at 145 pounds, finished 41-3 a year ago.

"Kevon is a special athlete, just remarkable to stay composed and finds a way to win," Hancock said. "I've seen very few, I'd say athletes and just wrestlers, with the amount of confidence he has. And I think that comes along with his training. He does a lot of things outside the room that people don't see and that goes year-round."

Amine, who will most likely stay at 152 pounds went 43-3 as a junior. Cam is the younger brother of former U-M wrestler Jordan Amine, and the cousin of currently Wolverine wrestlers Myles Amine, an NCAA All-American, and Malik Amine.



Catholic Central senior and Nebraska signee Kevon Davenport is gunning for his fourth straight individual state title. SCOTT CONFER

Other returning state champions include junior Joshua Edmond, who finished 24-0 at 130; junior Derek Gilcher, who went 39-5 at 135; and senior Easton Turner, who finished 39-1 at 215.

"To have two D1 prospects as of now is pretty special, but I would imagine all five of those, at least for a chance right now, are all D1," Hancock said. "You return five state champs... you've got your firepower. You have to get healthy down low and up top we're pretty good, and our middle weights are really, really solid. We have a lot of depth in the middle. We've just got to make sure we healthy at the top and bottom of our

lineup."

Edmond, who became eligible last January after transferring from Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep, is the one who keeps things loose in the wrestling room.

"Josh is a freak of nature, so explosive on his feet," Hancock said. "He's just an incredible young man and his work ethic is very strong, but the thing I get the most pleasure out of coaching Josh is just his sense of humor. The guys in the room know I'm pretty much serious and no nonsense, but Josh just has a way of getting me to laugh at practice and it's very hard to get made at the young man. He's pretty special."

With junior Brendin Yatooma (34-12), who is battling an early season injury, coming off an eighth-place finish last year at 189, Turner is expected to move down weight class with Yatooma going up to 215.

"He's just athletic, really smart," Hancock said of Turner. "He carries above a 4.0 G.P.A. and he's a member of HOSA club, so he's very involved outside of the room. We just got to keep him healthy. He's got a great ability to attack legs, one you don't see a lot of in upper weights."

Gilcher, meanwhile, also returns to defend his state crown.

"Derek is a hard-nosed, athletic, old school type of kid," Hancock said. "He brings a workman's mentality to the room every day, which is followed up by his contagious kindness off the mat. Derek is the epitome of a Shamrock."

Other key returnees for CC include state runner-up placer Steven Kolcheff (37-8), a sophomore at 285; sophomore Dominick Lomazzo (37-9), who took third at 125; and junior Logan Sanom (40-10), who took eighth at 140.

Kolcheff is coming off a full season of football.

"It will take us a couple of weeks to get him in shape and get him back into wrestling conditioning," Hancock said. "There's no doubt in my mind by the end of December and early January he'll be wrestling well. Heavyweight in his region is a really strong weight class, so he's got a lot of work to do."

Meanwhile, another state qualifier who returns is senior Joe Urso, who finished 35-12 at 145.

Three newcomers should also contribute right away including junior Marc Schaeffer (39-10), a transfer from Davison who placed fourth in the D1 finals at 135 last year, along with two freshmen, Anthony Walker (103) and Manny Rojas (160).

"Our guys are focused right now on making steady improvements, but they're a little hungry," said Hancock, whose team is ranked third nationally. "They want to get after it, so the start of the year can't come quick enough."

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PREP HOCKEY

SLU hockey team beams over new locker facility

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South Lyon Unified already is a championship hockey team. SLU boosters now have something else to boast about.

The Unified team, which consists of players from both South Lyon and South Lyon East high schools, has a magnificent new locker room at its home rink.

The renovated facility at the Kensington Valley Ice House, completed just in time for the 2018-19 season, is proving the envy of opposing teams.

"It's cool to see other schools talk about it," said senior forward Brian Plohetski, one of South Lyon Unified's two teams captains. "I have friends that go to Brighton and CC (Catholic Central) and they've been talking about it and how cool it is."

"It's really cool to see everything come together. All the fund raising. The boys doing some work and all the donations and help we got from parents and sponsors and stuff like that."

"It's sweet. It's awesome. The old one was like cages inside there," he said. "Now we have a place that we look forward to coming to and spend some time with the boys."

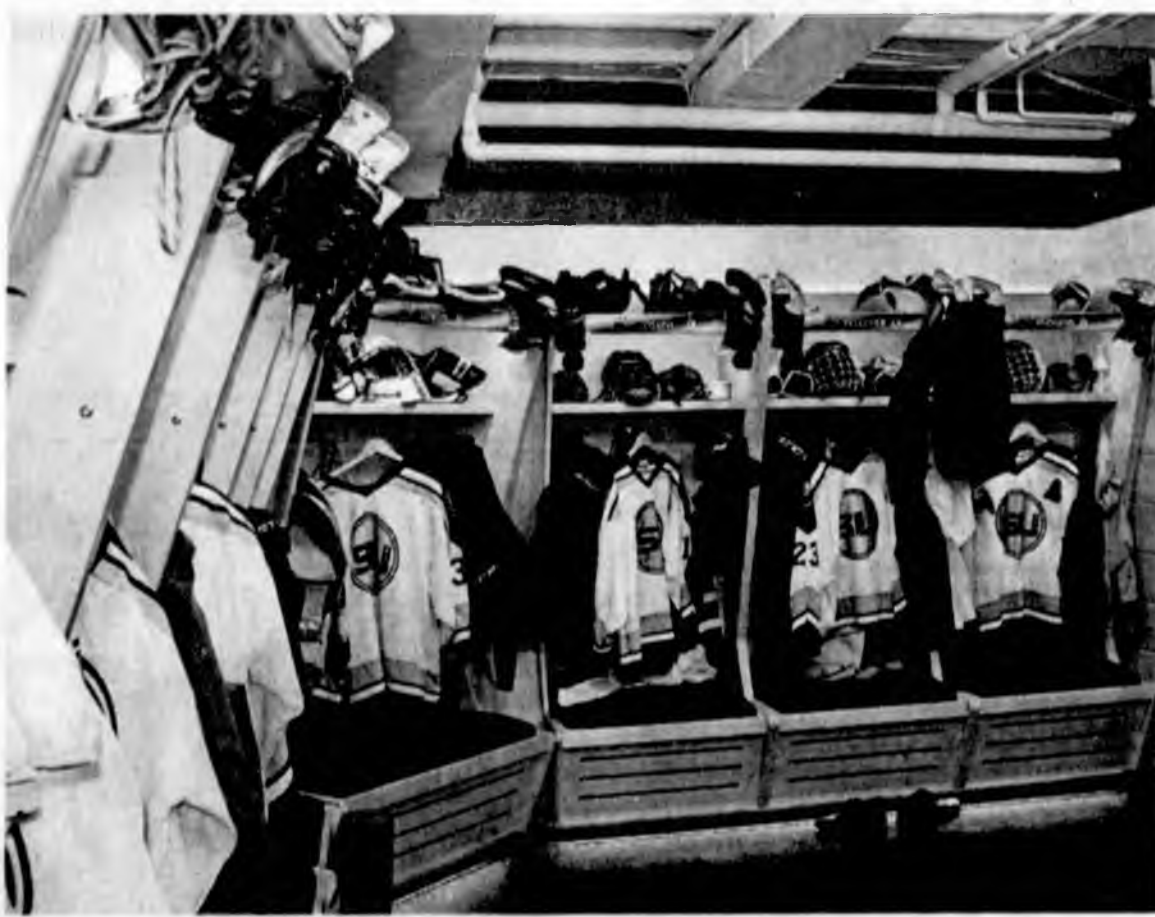
Bill McCreary, in his 11th season as head coach, indicated the renovation is a much-needed upgrade for his defending Lakes Valley Conference championship squad.

"It was something that was due," said McCreary. "It's been a great locker room, but everything that was in there had been there for 10 years or so, so it was time to freshen it up."

"The stalls are much nicer and roomier, and they updated everything," he said. "The lighting system is great, the sound system is great and it's a nice spot



McCreary



South Lyon Unified's new locker room is a sense of pride to players and fans and the envy of opposing teams. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

for the kids. It's been great."

Motivated parents take charge

The process started last winter when members of the South Lyon Unified Hockey Boosters Club made a pitch to renovate the team's locker room which was outdated. Space was cramped and the old room lacked necessary amenities.

Led by the core trio of Mike Joseph, Scott Lowen and Darin Dudek, and with help from other motivated parents, the decision was made to proceed with the ambitious endeavor. The \$50,000 project, most of which was covered by corporate donations, was finally completed in late October.

Team members and parents basically gutted the old locker room and Carlos

Munoz, from Extreme Clean, aided in the clean up. Dudek, owner of Brown Dog Manufacturing and whose son Dominic is a sophomore forward on the team, stepped up to design, manufacture and install the new wood lockers.

The renovation included a new layout with new lockers, new heavy duty rubber flooring displaying the new team logo, new tile in the improved shower area, a new commercial dehumidifier and a new coat of paint.

Perhaps the most spectacular feature is the LED lighting system which accentuates an outstanding locker room atmosphere.

The outside area into the locker room, located just to the right side of the Rink 1 entrance, was also refurbished.

Signs marking program championships and a full wall mural representing

the mascots from both South Lyon and East high schools greet fans as they enter the rink. The schools' athletic departments and boosters clubs contributed financially for those exterior graphics.

"Really, the motivation behind (the renovation) is to build the (hockey) program and get it to the next level," said Joseph, a Board member whose son Anthony is an alternate captain. "We have a lot of motivated parents and families out here."

A sense of pride

Team members completed a mulch-selling fundraiser to help defray costs. Not only did they sell the mulch, but players helped install more than 200 yards of mulch to area residents last spring and raised \$6,500 towards expenses not covered by corporate donations.

"The boys were responsible for selling and installing mulch for houses in the South Lyon community," said Lowen, whose son Andrew is a junior goalie. "They sold and installed 220 yards of mulch to roughly 20 different homes."

"The biggest reason why we wanted to do it was to generate some excitement for the South Lyon varsity team and get players attracted to the team," he said. "The old room was neglected, run down, outdated, insanitary. It just needed to be renovated."

Kim Plohetski and Karen Caicco, whose son Aaron is another alternate captain, also played key roles in making the project a reality.

The newly-renovated locker room was officially unveiled to the public on Nov. 1.

"It seems to have excited the boys, and, what's not to like about (the renovation)," said Joseph. "I think it's brought some pride to the program and to the community."

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PREP BASKETBALL

Area assistant coaches honored by BCAM

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Assistant coaches work in the background, providing plenty of support, ideas and invaluable information for their head coaches.

Three local assistant basketball coaches were recently recognized for their dedication to their respective programs by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

During the annual Hall of Fame banquet in early October at the Auburn Hills Marriott Pontiac, Thomas Faylor (Birmingham Seaholm), Gerald Johnson (Farmington) and Ed Kritch (Northville) from the Hometown Life area were inducted into the BCAM's Hall of Honor.

Following is a brief profile on each:

Thomas B. Faylor

The first thing you notice is the cowboy hat.

Sporting the dark head gear, Faylor is easily spotted as he sits on the bench at Seaholm's girls basketball games. It's something he's taken a liking to in recent years.

"It's a cowboy hat that I picked up one day in downtown Birmingham," said Faylor, who enjoys riding horses. "I used to wear a baseball cap, but now it's the cowboy hat. I've been doing it for the past five years or so and that's how everybody knows me."

Faylor, 87, a 1948 Lansing Sexton and a 1953 Albion College grad, started his Birmingham-based career in the mid-1950s as a guidance counselor at Derby Junior High School. He coached basketball and founded the school's ski club and was also involved as a youth football coach.

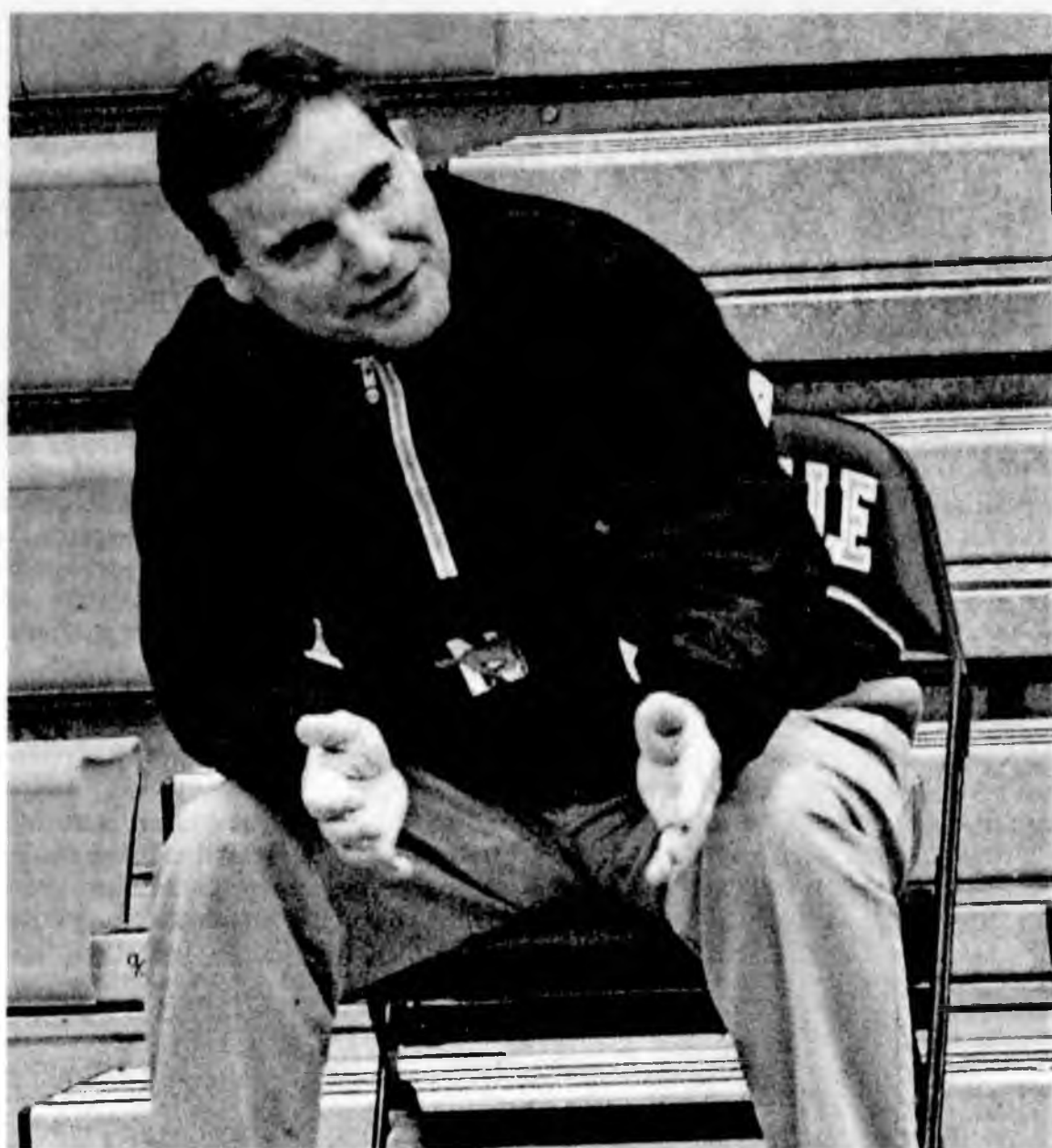
Faylor has spent the past 12 years helping out Seaholm's girls basketball program with a number of sundry responsibilities, such as keeping stats, calling papers with results and making himself available to players and coaches.

January Hladki, the former head coach who is now a vice principal at Seaholm and not coaching anymore, nominated Saylor with the following remarks:

"365 days a year, Tom is thinking about Seaholm girls basketball and how to take our program to the next level. He is concerned about everything from the girls' warm-up outfits (so they can have a sense of pride) to being available at all times for open gyms, to making his famous 'scotcheroos' cookies.

"Tom attends everything: Overnight team camps, team building activities, athletes' graduation parties, elite camps, BCAM clinics and has even driven to northern Michigan to attend the funeral of one athlete's grandmother. He loves the game, learning the game and the Seaholm program to his core."

Hladki renamed Seaholm's Dedic-



Ed Kritch has been involved with the Northville boys and girls basketball programs for nearly four decades.

tion and Drive Award in 2015 as the Thomas B. Faylor Award.

"I'm very surprised by this (BCAM) honor. I didn't expect anything like this at all. I really appreciate January nominating me for this," said Faylor, who grew up in the Lansing area. "I had about 35 people from my family (at the induction ceremony) and it was unbelievable. I really enjoyed it. It was outstanding. I was kind of stunned for a while and didn't know how to react."

Faylor, who lives in Beverly Hills, has been retired from his counseling job for more than 30 years. Helping out with the girls basketball program is a way for him to stay involved.

"At the game, I like to keep stats for the coach so they have something for the newspapers and so they have something to look at," he said. "I enjoy high school basketball more than any other kind of basketball. I enjoy being with the team and helping out a little bit. I'm going to be here as long as the good Lord will let me."

Gerald B. Johnson

Basketball is in Johnson's blood.

Johnson has an astute grasp of the game, a vast knowledge of area players and a keen insight into talent.

Johnson has been coaching boys and girls basketball for 25 years, including

stops at Detroit Pershing under the late Johnny Goston, Detroit Renaissance, Southfield and Birmingham Groves before his current stint at Farmington.

At Renaissance, Johnson was an integral part of two state championship teams. The 2004 team went 27-0 and sent several players to major college programs. Johnson was the varsity girls coach at Southfield, where he was known for his aggressive defense and up-tempo offense.

Johnson is now the freshman head coach and varsity assistant at Farmington High School under head coach Terrence Porter, who nominated Johnson for the Hall of Honor.

"Gerald has been an asset to me and the program for his knowledge of the game, organization and being a statistician," Porter said. "He knows what it takes to help a program be successful. He was a part of a state championship program as an assistant coach at Renaissance.

"He's been a head varsity coach, so he has great insight from both a head and assistant coach's perspective. He's also been a great friend outside of basketball," he added. "I was happy to nominate him for the BCAM Hall of Fame and was honored to share in that moment with him. He's very deserving of that honor."



Tom Faylor, 87, enjoys his job as an assistant coach with the Seaholm girls basketball program. He recently was inducted into the BCAM's Hall of Fame. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Edward Kritch

Kritch is a veteran assistant who has been involved with Northville's girls and boys basketball programs for nearly four decades.

Kritch started as Northville's JV girls coach in 1983 and took over a year later as the program's head coach, as he registered 100 victories and a district championship in eight years at the helm.

In 1993, Kritch began his run as an assistant head coach, first with the Northville girls, then for five years with the Plymouth Salem girls team before returning to Northville, where he's been the boys varsity assistant for 14 years overall.

While with the Mustangs boys team, Kritch helped lead it to five division championships and one conference crown. He was there for the 2015-16 season, when Northville finished with a school-record 21 victories.

"Ed has been a tremendous friend and coaching mentor for not only me, but all of the basketball coaches in our girls and boys programs," said 11th-year Northville head coach Todd Sander, who nominated Kritch for the Hall of Fame. "I learned so much working with him when I was the JV coach and varsity assistant and it has been great having him back working with me since 2014.

"Ed has a keen eye for everything happening on the court, but his best attribute is being able to change what we do from year to year — mainly on the offensive end — based on the ever-changing personnel we get at the high school level," he added. "He really looks to maximize what individual players do well to create an advantage for us."

In addition to the assistant coaches gaining recognition, former Birmingham Roeper boys and girls basketball coach was one of four people inducted into the Hall of Fame. Righetti currently coaches the Ann Arbor Greenhills girls basketball team.

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PREP HOCKEY

South Lyon continues early-season ice success

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South Lyon Unified's early season success on the ice continued Wednesday evening with a decisive 5-2 victory over the Walled Lake Central/Waterford Unified team.

In a game played at the Kensington Valley Ice House, SLU dominated the action with close to 60 shots on goal. The game could easily have gotten out of hand if it weren't for the fine play at WLCWU junior goalie Tyler Krasofsky.

South Lyon Unified is now 3-1 on the season. It was the Lakes Valley Conference opener.

"I thought we had some good energy. But, we certainly didn't bury the chances that we had," said SLU's 11th-year head coach Bill McCreary, whose team is the defending LVC champion. "I think we had 60 shots on net, or something like that. That team hung in there and played hard and it was a good win for us."

South Lyon Unified held a 2-0 lead after the opening period on goals by sophomore forward Andrew Ineich and senior assistant captain Garrett Rutt. Ineich tallied what proved the game-winning goal at the 9:15 mark on a wrist shot from the slot following a clean face-off win by senior forward and co-captain Brian 'Plozy' Ploheski.

SLU sophomore forward Mitchel

Skamiera made it 3-0 at the 5:34 mark of the second period on a hard, top-shelf wrist shot that beat Krasofsky.

WLCWU's senior forward Aiden Kaji notched his team's first goal by slapping in a rebound past SLU's junior goalie Andrew Lowen at 4:42 of the second period. Just 23 seconds later, Ploheski restored the three-goal lead after grabbing a rebound and hitting the back of the net.

WLCWU senior forward Henry Berryman and SLU senior captain Jace Geriach accounted for the only two third period goals.

"We have a good group of kids. I think they were a little disappointed with the outcome tonight," said McCreary. "But, it was a good win. We have good leadership, we have good kids and it's been a great year so far and I'm sure it will continue to be."

"I think we definitely have a very good chance (to repeat as LVC champions)," he said. "Lakeland is always competitive, Milford's working hard and getting better and there's certainly some competition out there. I think we have just as good a chance as anybody."

South Lyon Unified faces a key early-season test 8 p.m. Saturday when it travels to play Lakeland at the Lakeland Arena.

"I feel like we have a really good team this year," said Ploheski, in his second varsity campaign and is one of SLU's top scorers this season.



South Lyon Unified senior forward Aaron Calico (14) skates by WLCWU's Nicholas Bywater (9) during Wednesday's game at the Kensington Valley Ice House. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Novi Bobcats varsity league champions

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The Novi Bobcats capped a 9-0 varsity season Nov. 3 with an 8-0 victory over the Lake Area Hawks to capture the Livingston County Area Junior Football League championship at Brighton High School.

The seventh- and eighth-grade team finished 59-3 overall during the players' Bobcats careers and it was the 10th title in unit history, along with the fourth for head coach Rob Lalain.

Team members include: Luke Aurilia, Kaeden Bailey, Mahdi Beydoun, Marcus Brown, Braylen Cawood, Jack Cyrek, Tommy Dokic, Brian Dragoo, Adam Goodhew, Nike Hertrich, Joshua Jenkins, Preston Johnston, Niko Krall, Robert Lalain, Martez Langford, Richi Leal, Colin Masterson, Shane McCue, Malachi McGhee, Javion Moore, Grant Pennycuff, Preston Phimister, Modji Pickett, Bryce Porter, Carson Rice, Andrew Rogers, Antwyane Rowls, Ryan Swarthout, Calvin Taulbee, Nolan Thompson, Matteo Vargas, Austin Washington and



The Novi Bobcats finished their varsity season 9-0 and captured the Livingston County Area Football League title. JOE CYREK

Cooper Williams.

Members of Lalain's coaching staff included Matt Taulbee, Fred Swarthout, Mike Aurilia and Todd Pennycuff. Student assistants included Drew O'Connor and Tommy Phimister, while the unit director is Laura Phimister.

At unit's annual banquet Nov. 12, the varsity squad was recognized as well as the freshman team (grades 3-4), which

finished 6-2-1 and reached the championship game.

The Bobcats JV wound up 4-4, while the instructional squad (grades 1-2) competed in its first tackle football season.

The Bobcats organization also inducted its inaugural Hall of Fame class, led by Super Bowl champion head coaches Brian Boron, Ken Hixson, Chris

Parenti, Bill Ulle and Lalain. The Bobcats also plan to induct former players in subsequent years.

Meanwhile, the Bobcats instructional cheer squad earned gold medals in pom and cheer at Cheerfest. The freshman team took gold in pom and silver in cheer, while the JV earned bronze in both categories.

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COLLEGE SIGNINGS

Area student-athletes ink letters of intent

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College signing time recently passed and a number of area student-athletes announced their future educational plans.

Following is a list of signees listed by school:

SOUTH LYON EAST: Sophia Bolden (Gardner Webb University, volleyball), plans to study Speech Language Pathology, Lakes Valley Conference Scholar Athlete; Emma Loveland (Grand Valley State University, softball), plans to study Political Science and Spanish, Lakes Valley Conference and MHSAA Scholar-Athlete; Logan Bursick-Harrington (Eastern Michigan University, baseball), plans to study Business or Education, thankful for family and all the relationships he's developed while playing baseball; Anthony Aloisio (Davenport University, baseball), plans to study Business & Sports Management, three-year varsity starter, All-Conference and part of a district championship team as a sophomore; Summer McEvers (Edinboro University, tennis),



South Lyon East's student-athletes who signed national letters of intent included (from left) Anthony Aloisio, Sophia Bolden, Logan Bursick-Harrington, Emma Loveland and Summer McEvers.

plans to study Health & Human Performance, earned academic honors, earned All-Conference honors and named team MVP in consecutive years, team captain who led East to its first state final appearance last season.

DETROIT COUNTRY DAY: Jasmine Powell (University of Minnesota, basketball), Clinton Township resident; Megan Stockreef (Central Michigan University, field hockey), Novi resident; Jon Campbell (Boston College, baseball), Bloomfield Hills resident; Kai Riv-

ers (Louisiana State University, gymnastics), Birmingham resident; Adrian Folks (Indiana State University, basketball), Southgate resident; Kennedy Bearden (Grand Valley State University, soccer), Beverly Hills resident; Jessica Garmen (University of Michigan, softball), Waterford resident; Anthony Toma (Bowling Green State University, baseball), West Bloomfield; Gabrielle Maday (Cornell University, softball), Clarkston resident; Aaron Dolney (University of Nebraska, baseball), Ply-

mouth resident; Mason Kolean (Bowling Green State University, baseball), Clarkston resident; Elle Hartje (Yale University, ice hockey), Bloomfield Hills resident.

FARMINGTON HARRISON: Dayna Borregard (Grand Valley State University, swimming); Ashley Turak (Indiana University, swimming).

BLOOMFIELD HILLS: Andrew Zhang (Duke University, tennis); Mikaela Schulz (University of Michigan, golf); Tia Mukherjee (Michigan State University, tennis).

BLOOMFIELD HILLS MARIAN: Neve Badalow (Michigan Tech University, soccer); Jansen Eichenlaub (Virginia, soccer); Kate Sullivan (Western Michigan University, soccer); Mallory Lynch (University of Michigan-Dearborn, volleyball); Claire Stechow (Wittenburg University, tennis).

BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD: Jordan Benson (Davidson); Max Christides (University of Massachusetts Lowell, lacrosse); Alex Finney (Ohio University, baseball).

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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 pret-



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

ty 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 postseason 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 Ak-

ers 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 ... 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 golf at Lake Superior 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.

"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).

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Top tech gifts may not include privacy

New guide aims to make consumers think about it

Jennifer Jolly
Special to USA TODAY

We already know the hottest holiday gadget gifts are cool, but are they secure and trustworthy too? Mozilla — yep, the folks behind internet browser Firefox — just released a new report and shopping guide called “Privacy Not Included.” The idea behind it is to help people shop for gifts based on price, performance, and on how well they protect privacy and security as well.

In an email, Ashley Boyd, Mozilla vice president of Advocacy, explained that researchers reviewed 70 of the most popular gadget gifts across six categories: Toys & Games; Smart Home; Entertainment; Wearables; Health & Exercise; and Pets. For each product, Mozilla looked at a range of questions: Can it spy on you? Can you control it to make it more secure? What could happen if something went wrong?

Mozilla partnered with the Internet Society and Consumers International, a leading consumer advocacy group with hundreds of member organizations in over 100 countries, to come up with a set of guidelines for internet-connected products. They call these rules the Minimum Security Standards, and they include: encrypted communication to prevent snoops from seeing your data, regular security updates to patch privacy holes, strong password requirements, and privacy restrictions that let you opt-out of having your data sold for marketing. Mozilla even enlisted researchers from Carnegie Mellon University to comb through the privacy policies of each company, too.

Of the 70 products in the guide, just 33 of them met all of the minimum requirements. Some of the “safer” ones include the highly sought-after Nintendo Switch, Google Home, Harry Potter Kano Coding Kit, Athena Safety Wearable, Sony PS4, Apple TV, and Findster Duo Plus Pet Tracker. However, the list of products that do not meet these basic privacy guidelines includes some of the most popular gadget gifts of the year as well.

Amazon products are nailed with negatives in Mozilla’s guide. According to the guide, the Fire HD tablet misses the mark because Amazon shares information with third parties, doesn’t have a default passcode requirement, and doesn’t delete the data it stores about you. Amazon’s Echo Show is a bit better because it requires a password when you set it up, but it still falls short by storing and sharing user data with third parties.

Apple fares a bit better. The iPad, Apple Watch, and HomePod all get a seal of approval from Mozilla, but since Apple still shares information with third parties they’re not perfect either.



The Nintendo Switch is great for portability. NINTENDO

Even such seemingly innocuous gadgets as the smart Hue lights by Philips are dinged because they don’t encrypt communications sent over WiFi, and have no additional password security. These are little things that companies sometimes overlook or ignore, according to Mozilla, but they can have real privacy implications.

For instance, if someone knows when your lights are on or off, they might be able to figure out when

you’re home or away, or even when you’re sleeping — which is ultra creepy.

Speaking of the “creep factor,” Mozilla wants real people to rate the gadgets, too, based on what they call the “Creep-O-Meter.” The interactive tool is part of the guide that encourages shoppers to rate how creepy they think a product is using a sliding scale of “Super Creepy” to “Not Creepy,” as well as to share how likely or unlikely they are to buy it. So far more than 2,500 people have shared their real-user Creep-O-Meter ratings.

“While there’s no shortage of holiday shopping guides, most focus on price and performance, not privacy, which Mozilla sees as a major oversight,” Boyd said in a statement. “We hope this guide helps consumers make smart and more informed holiday shopping decisions, while also inspiring them to demand that companies make it a priority to offer products that protect their privacy and security.”

A Mozilla PR associate told me that Mozilla’s not telling people that you should or should not buy products based on the “Privacy Not Included” guide, but rather take all of the potential pitfalls into account when you’re hunting for a great deal on a hot gadget.

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Don’t give hackers access to your bank account



Tech Talk
Kim Komando

You need to assume that your password isn’t strong enough. You might as well believe that someone, somewhere, is working around the clock to break into your accounts and steal your money, your identity and anything else you have. Because it’s essentially true.

Maybe you’ve taken precautions. You use security software. You have set up your router’s security so hackers cannot access every device on your network, get your passwords or use your systems as a bot in their attacks.

But you’re far from done. Hackers are smart and always on the move.

Here are five simple solutions:

■ Don’t make common mistakes with passwords: Millions of people are sitting ducks because of insecure passwords such as 12345678 or Password. They also use the same password for multiple sites.

A password has to contain a random collection of letters (uppercase and lowercase), numbers and symbols, it has to be eight characters or longer, and you have to create a unique password for every account.

That’s a tall order. While something like “Tl|_|,BwwB2R” is really strong, it isn’t easy to remember. Or is it? Let me show you how I came up with it.

Start by thinking up a random sentence. Use a catchphrase, quote or even a song lyric. I chose a lyric from a Bruce Springsteen song: “Tramps like us, baby we were born to run.”

I took the first character from each word to get “tlu,bwwbtr”. Not bad, but it could be better. So, I added some symbols in place of similar letters. U becomes |_|, the “to” from the original lyric becomes 2. Then, I capitalized a few of the letters to make a strong password that I can easily remember: “Tl|_|,BwwB2R”.

Once you have that you can tweak the same password for multiple accounts. For Facebook, you could make it “Tl|_|\$,BwwB2RFB.” Amazon can be “AmzTl|_|\$,BwwB2R.”

■ Make it harder for hackers to crack the code: Hackers can figure out



Hackers will find it harder to shop with your money if you use strong passwords and two-factor authentication. GETTY IMAGES

your password, but they can’t figure out the secret, one-time code that your bank texts to you. Two-factor authentication is a powerful security method because hackers would have to physically steal your phone, enter the correct password, and then enter that secret code. In the wake of large-scale hacks, most major accounts offer two-factor authentication, from social media to banks.

■ Keep track of all your pennies: Most of us have at least one bank account (and often more) plus credit accounts, PayPal and other depositories for our money. It’s easier to keep track of your business finances if all these accounts are aggregated in one place.

These days that means an app such as Intuit’s Mint. The Mint app, and others like it, can help you set budgets and manage your bills. You can also get reminders to pay bills when they’re due.

■ Know your credit score: Your credit score will tell you a lot about hackers. If you see anything suspicious on them, such as credit-card accounts you didn’t open, you can alert whichever credit bureau is reporting it, whether it’s Experian, Equifax or TransUnion.

You can check free sites such as the Discover credit-card site, which says, “You don’t have to be our customer, and there’s no ding to your credit.”

The important thing is to check your

credit reports. You should start with the three credit bureaus, each of which gives you one free report every year.

■ Freeze your credit: Hackers will have a tough time accessing your personal information if you’ve asked the credit bureaus to freeze your credit — you can’t access it, either, unless you ask them to unfreeze it.

The federal government mandates that you can freeze your credit for free by calling the credit bureaus, Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. They must do this within one business day of your request by phone or on their websites.

You can listen to the Kim Komando Show on your phone, tablet or computer.



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A look at HANUKKAH

Keith W. Kohn Palm Springs Desert Sun | USA TODAY NETWORK - California

Like Adam Sandler sang in three versions of his “Hanukkah Song,” the Jewish holiday that begins at sundown on Sunday is known as the Festival of Lights. Here’s a look at what that’s all about and why everyone should take a turn spinning a dreidel during the holiday — and what a dreidel is, for that matter.

“The message of Hanukkah is the message of light,” said Rabbi Moshe Katz of Chabad of La Quinta, California. “The nature of light is that it is always victorious over darkness. A small amount of light dispels a lot of darkness. Another act of goodness and kindness, another act of light, can make all the difference.”

The holiday, which is not mentioned in the Bible, dates to 164 B.C. and marks the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, of which one section is now known as the Wailing Wall, or Western Wall, where written prayers are left, folded, in crevices.

The story involves a siege surrounding the temple and then an occupation by Greek warriors; battle elephants; a revolt by the Maccabees; the temple’s reclamation and rededication; and only enough olive oil to keep the temple’s Eternal Flame — which illuminates the most holy portions of the temple — ablaze for one day.

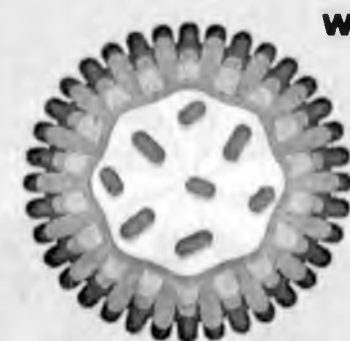
A messenger sent to retrieve more oil took eight days to return and in that time the single day’s worth of oil enabled the flame to glow the entire time — seen as a miracle in its time and not just a good carbon footprint. That was enough of a tale, however, to keep the holiday story burning through the centuries.

Today, Hanukkah is celebrated as a family time, with food, gifts, candle-lighting, prayers and spinning a top called a dreidel.



Elephants, really?

It is believed that elephants were deployed by the ancient Greeks to fight for control of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. The website ohr.edu’s column Ask the Rabbi explains that the Book of Maccabees tells of ancient Greek armies coming against the Israelites with armored elephants. “It is known from other historical sources as well that the Greeks used elephants in warfare,” the site explains. “They were the ancient tanks.”



What’s a latke?

A potato latke — known in the United States as a potato pancake — is a traditional dish served during Hanukkah. It’s said potato pancakes, because they are fried in pans of oil, are symbolic of the olive oil used to light the Eternal Flame in the old temple. Others say the original latke was really a plate of cheese that, when served with wine to an opposing

general, put him to sleep and allowed the Israelites to sever his head and display it to his soldiers, who fled in fear. Either way, the potato variety today is often served with applesauce and has nothing to do with headaches over opposing generals.



What’s a dreidel?

A popular children’s song says a dreidel is made of clay, but today they’re most often made of wood or plastic. The top has four sides, each represented by a letter of the Hebrew alphabet — nun, gimme, hey, shin. It’s actually a gambling game, not too unlike playing craps with dice. When the dreidel lands on nun, the player gets nothing; on gimme, the player gets the whole pot of coins; on hey, the player gets half the pot; and on shin the player must toss a coin into the pot.



Why candles?

Eight candles on the menorah, which for Hanukkah is called a hanukkiyah, represent the eight days of oil burning in the Second Temple. The ninth candle, generally in the center of the hanukkiyah, is used to light the others. Using oil today would be hazardous, so beginning around the 1920s in North America, candles were used as a replacement. In some European cities, this didn’t change until much later. Prayers are generally sung before the candles are lit each night of the holiday.



Chocolate money?

Yeah, it’s a thing. Kids in the U.S., and now around the world, have been receiving Hanukkah “gelt” since the 1800s. On each night of Hanukkah, a child lights another candle on the hanukkiyah and is then given a gift. Those gifts often are accompanied by gelt, the Yiddish word for money. Over the years, children have shown their appreciation for candy, so in the middle of the last century, enterprising entrepreneurs came up with the idea of foil-wrapped candy coins. The trend continues into the 21st century.

DISPATCHES



Travelers can pet a baby alligator in New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS INTL. AIRPORT

Alligator therapy in the Big Easy

Dozens of airports around the country have helped de-stress millions of passengers with teams of therapy animals in the terminals that include mostly dogs and the occasional pig (San Francisco), cat (Denver) and miniature horse (Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky).

Now Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) is upping the animals-at-the-airport ante with alligators.

Each Friday afternoon, the Audubon Nature Institute now brings live baby alligators to the baggage claim area and encourages passengers to pose for an "MSY Gator Selfie." If they're brave enough, the passengers are also allowed to touch the gator.

"These baby alligators are probably between a year and 3 years old and can be anywhere from 1 to 3 feet long," said MSY spokeswoman Erin Burns. "The Audubon Nature Institute will bring one or two baby gators each week. These animals are used to being handled and they get regular breaks."

MSY debuted its dog therapy team, the MSY K-9 Krewe (a nod to the krewes, or groups, that organize parades and balls in New Orleans) in June.

But Burns says the gator visits and selfies are another way the airport is working to enhance the passenger experience.

The MSY Gator Selfies program is scheduled to continue indefinitely, said Burns, and will move to the new Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport terminal when it opens in May 2019.

— Harriet Baskas



Nutella Cafe New York serves dishes using hazelnut spread. FERRERO

Nutella Cafe spreads to NYC

New Yorkers are going nuts over the new Nutella Café in Manhattan.

Nutella Café New York officially opened this week. A line of people waited to get into the location in the Union Square neighborhood.

Nutella Café New York is the second permanent location of the brand in the USA. The first one is in Chicago.

Nutella is a sweetened hazelnut chocolate spread manufactured by the Italian company Ferrero. It's been in existence since 1965.

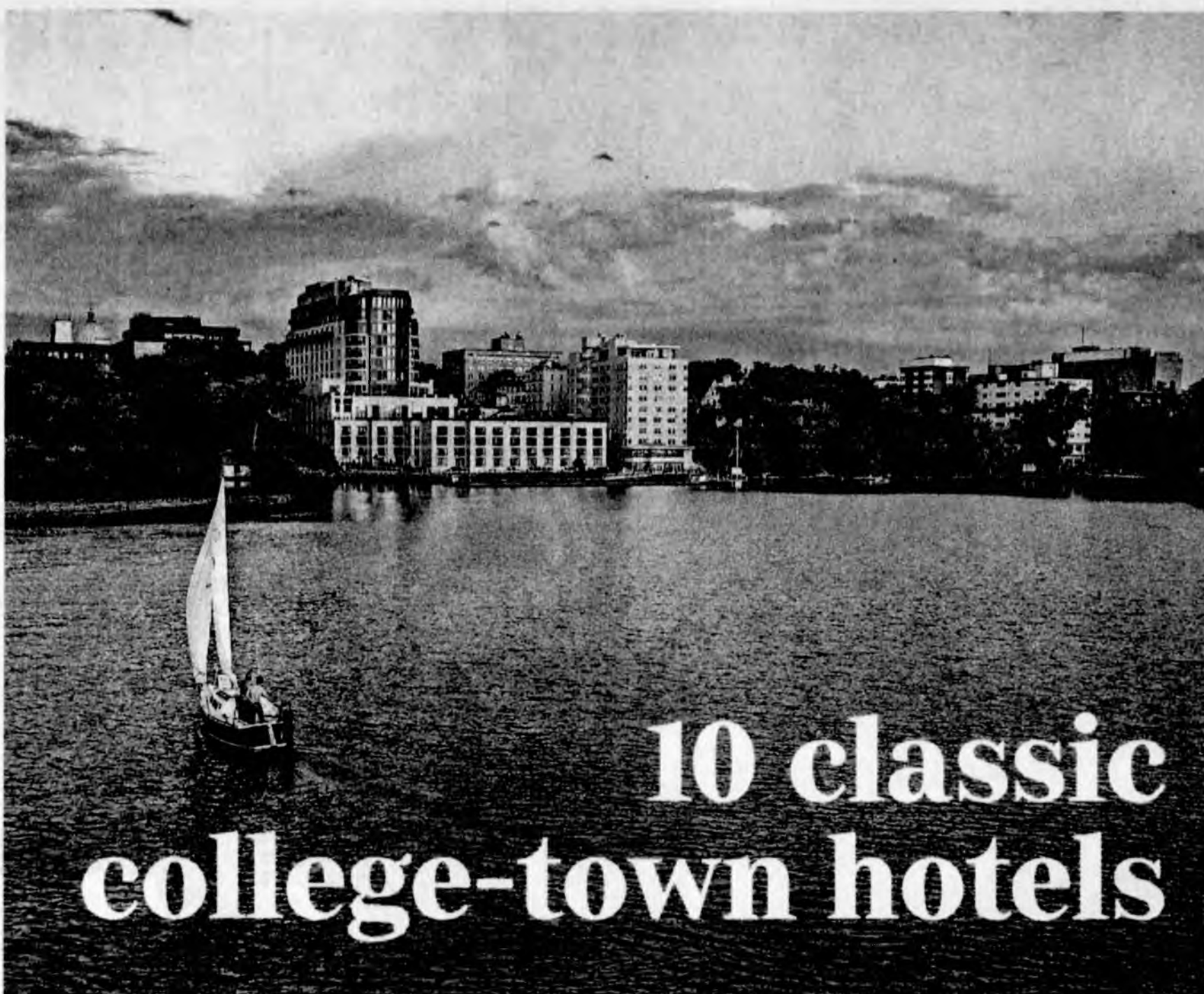
The New York café features pastries, breads, breakfast specials and gelato — all incorporating Nutella.

Among the items: Frozen Nutella Pops, Crème Brûlée infused with Nutella and Chia Hemp Seed Parfait.

The location also features a "create your own" station which lets diners customize their own Nutella creation starting with a choice of six bases — among them crepes, french toast and pancakes. They can add seasonal fruit and toppings, such as whipped cream, hazelnuts and gelato.

Located at 116 University Place, the café will be open seven days a week.

— Nancy Trejos



The Edgewater, a twin-tower lakefront hotel, is just blocks from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. THEEDGEWATER.COM

Larry Bleiberg Special to USA TODAY

Whether you're visiting a college campus to catch a football game or for a student tour, there's no need to check into a cookie-cutter hotel, says Rob Franek, editor-in-chief at the educational services company The Princeton Review, and author of "The Best 384 Colleges" (Penguin/Random House, \$24.99). "Some hotels have such a genuine pride of place. They're very much connected to the university or college in that town or city," Franek, who visits at least 50 campuses a year, shares some favorites.

The Statler Hotel, Ithaca, New York

With a prestigious hotel management school, it's no surprise that Cornell University has an outstanding campus inn. The seven-floor teaching hotel recently renovated its public spaces and guest bathrooms. "It seems that it's nearly 100 percent student-run," Franek says.

statlerhotel.cornell.edu/

Inn at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia

This striking university-run hotel and conference center is located on the school's grounds. "I always choose to stay here," Franek says. "Virginia Tech has this contagious school spirit that's palpable when you step foot on campus. If you're a prospective student, you only want to stay on campus."

innatvirginiatech.com

The Graduate, Berkeley, California

This playful hotel chain focuses on college towns, paying tribute to its school with kitschy-cool designs, including felt pennants and blackboards covered with mathematical equations. True to its hippie roots, rooms at the University of California-Berkeley hotel even have bong-shaped lamps. And the men's bathroom has a urinal decorated with the Stanford logo, proving that the football rivalry is alive and well. Other Graduate locations include Tempe, Arizona; Athens, Georgia; Bloomington, Indiana; Iowa City, Iowa; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Oxford, Mississippi; Lincoln, Nebraska; Charlottesville and Richmond, Virginia; Madison, Wisconsin, and Seattle.

graduatehotels.com/berkeley/

Hotel Northampton, Northampton, Massachusetts

With a central location in Western Massachusetts, this lodge serves five local schools: University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and Amherst, Smith, Mount Holyoke and Hampshire colleges. "The rooms are cozy, lovely, bright and clean, and there's a fabulous restaurant on property," Franek says.

hotelnorthampton.com

Morris Inn, South Bend, Indiana

Franek particularly likes the com-



The Graduate Hotel in Berkeley, Calif., pays homage to the local school with a wall of National Geographic magazines. GRADUATEHOTELS.COM/BERKELEY

mon areas at this hotel run by the University of Notre Dame. "They're grand. There's kind of a library, and lounges and a great restaurant," he says. In addition, the school's vibrancy is hard to ignore. "Whether you graduated last year or 50 years ago, you have that school spirit that's still intact."

morrisinn.nd.edu/

Arizona Inn, Tucson, Arizona

University of Arizona visitors find the region's Southwest flavor on display in this historic hotel with casita-style rooms, some with fireplaces. "There's a swimming pool, beautiful common areas, great restaurant and dining. It's just a charmer," Franek says, "a beautiful school and a beautiful campus."

arizonainn.com

Terrace Hotel, Lakeland, Florida

This art deco hotel offers an appropriate sense of style for visitors to nearby Florida Southern College, the only campus designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright. "There are so many people that go and see Florida Southern. They get a lot of architectural tourists," Franek says. The hotel makes a comfortable base. "There's a large patio on the outside, nothing less than a grand dining room, and great rooms to stretch out in."

terracehotel.com/

Hotel San Jose, Austin, Texas

Located just a few miles from the flagship University of Texas campus, this retro motor inn sits in the middle of the hip South Congress neighborhood. "It's a youthful area. You feel a student presence across Austin," Franek says. The updated hotel boasts brushed concrete floors, big bathrooms, and a chair outside each room.

Chase Park Plaza, St. Louis

It's hard to beat the location of this historic hotel, flanked by Washington University and St. Louis University, and directly across from museum-filled Forest Park. "The hotel itself is grand. It's beautiful," Franek says. "St. Louis is a great college town and you can feel it in this place."

The Edgewater, Madison, Wisconsin

This twin-tower lakefront hotel, located just blocks from the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus, beams with Badger pride. The inn has its own ice rink, marina and offers game day extras, like stadium shuttles, tailgate fare and post-game broadcasts.

theedgewater.com



The Ranger Raptor is a classic example of the kind of vehicle people love most when it doesn't exist. PHOTOS BY FORD MOTOR CO.

Ford mum on building a Ranger Raptor in US

Mark Phelan
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Why won't Ford announce it will sell the Ranger Raptor midsize off-road high-performance pickup in the U.S.?

It's a mystery to lot of people.

Americans love pickups, horsepower and off-road ruggedness. Car companies love vehicles they can charge more for. Ford already sells the Ranger Raptor in a handful of countries.

It seems like a match made in heaven, a space in the P&L sheet tailored for a smaller version of the wildly popular F-150 Raptor. So why won't Ford satisfy avid fans and tell them a Ranger Raptor is coming? I'll tell you.

■ Leaving door open: First, don't assume the lack of confirmation equals lack of a vehicle. Automakers are drama queens. They love teasing out the anticipation of good news more than actually delivering the news.

"Never say never," Ford President of Global Operations Joe Hinrichs said when asked about a Raptor at a celebration of the start of Ranger production in suburban Wayne, Michigan, just west of Dearborn, last month.

Hinrichs is too smart to leave that door open accidentally. Maybe he wanted to keep people talking about the Ranger until it goes on sale in 2019. Maybe Ford has plans for a U.S. Ranger Raptor in its pocket, ready if needed.

Maybe Ford already has decided that in, let's say 2023, interest will flag in the then 4-year-old Ranger, and adding a Raptor will reinvigorate sales of the whole model line.

■ So that's a "yes?" No. Sometimes "maybe" means maybe. The Raptor is a classic example of the kind of vehicle people love most when it doesn't exist. Right now, fans can imagine their ideal Ranger Raptor. Each person's vision has their idea of the perfect engine, at exactly the price they'd be happy to pay for it.

The minute Ford confirms production, the Raptor becomes a real vehicle that inevitably will disappoint somebody. They'll think the engine is inadequate or the truck costs too much.

Ford is enjoying Peak Raptor now. The fact that Hinrichs even addressed the question suggests the company has no interest in ending speculation.

■ Why not? Selling the Ranger Raptor here wouldn't be simple, or cheap.



Selling the Ranger Raptor, which was unveiled with high drama, in the United States wouldn't be simple or cheap.

Ford will have to create a new Ranger Raptor for sale in the United States. The current one, built in South Africa and sold in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, is a nonstarter for premium American truck buyers. Nearly every aspect would have to be rethought and reworked for an American version.

Exhibit A: The current engine is a 213-horsepower 2.0-liter four-cylinder bi-turbo diesel. American performance buffs might put that in a lawn tractor but not a premium-priced king of off-road with a swanky interior. The F-150 Raptor, by contrast, has a 475-hp bi-turbo 3.5L. If there's to be a U.S. Ranger Raptor, Ford's 335-hp 2.7L bi-turbo V6 looks likely, mated to a 10-speed automatic transmission.

It's a lot of work, but engineers and designers live for projects such as this. Somewhere in Dearborn, maybe working off the books and after hours, a group of engineers is probably already tinkering, figuring out what a Ranger Raptor might be. Designers, too, sketch-

ing in their free time, doodling in the margins of less exciting projects. A new bumper here, a Recaro seat there, add a few inches of axle articulation, and you're in business.

■ Too much of a good thing? The biggest impediment to a Ranger Raptor could be the F-150 Raptor.

The new U.S. Ranger will start at \$24,300. Check every box and a loaded 4 x 4 crew cab nudges \$48K. The 2019 F-150 Raptor starts at \$52,855. That's not much breathing space to squeeze a Ranger Raptor into, and the last thing Ford wants to do is compete with itself.

Any customer who decides they'd rather have a Ranger Raptor than the more expensive F-150 Raptor is money out of Ford's pocket.

That's on top of the money spent developing the U.S. Ranger Raptor and preparing the Wayne plant to build. Shipping Raptors from South Africa is out because of the 25 percent tax the U.S. levies on imported pickups.

But maybe Ford thinks a Ranger Rap-

tor opens the door to making the F-150 Raptor even more expensive, outlandishly capable and powerful.

Would the company risk its golden goose for what could be a shiny duck?

I don't think Ford's leaders themselves know today if the Ranger Raptor ever will come to the U.S. Frankly, it doesn't matter at this point. Every announcement an automaker makes is subject to change until the time comes to approve ordering the parts and machinery to build it. That's when you start spending real money. Despite the cost, those changes are probably relatively small beans for a Raptor: a few new body and trim pieces here, some new parts for off-road performance there, plus tweaks to an engine Ford already uses in other vehicles. It wouldn't surprise me if Ford could get a Raptor on the road less than two years after greenlighting it.

So keep hoping Raptor fans, but don't hold your breath. And cut Joe Hinrichs some slack. He probably couldn't tell you if he wanted to.

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WOLVERINES

U-M's bowl game isn't ideal, but must do

Nick Baumgardner
Detroit Free Press
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For Michigan football, none of this seems ideal, even if it could be much, much worse.

On Sunday, the Wolverines were selected to play in their second New Year's Six bowl game in the past three years. And within minutes, a gaggle of exasperated fans — still stinging from what might have been and why it wasn't — let out a giant sigh.

Florida, again. A non-playoff bowl, again. The Peach Bowl is better than the Outback Bowl or something worse, to be sure.

But in today's all-or-nothing world of college football, getting close and missing out can often feel worse than never having a chance.

"Our players have played a great season, our coaches have coached a great season," U-M coach Jim Harbaugh said Sunday on a teleconference, when asked how he planned to pick up the pieces after Michigan's collapse against Ohio State. "We've overcome every adversity and nothing changes. It just means the work isn't done."

Michigan's 62-39 loss to the Buckeyes last month was no doubt soul-crushing for anyone involved with the program. A shot at a Big Ten title and a College Football Playoff spot was, basically, four quarters away. And the Wolverines weren't even close.

And yet the importance of what Michigan can gain at the Peach Bowl against Florida later this month in Atlanta probably depends on who you ask.

The Wolverines have a chance to notch 11 wins for just the third time this century, and finishing strong can be productive in other ways, too.

In 2015, a dedicated Michigan club finished a 10-3 season with a dominant victory over Florida in the Citrus Bowl. That win propelled a large number of returning players into the offseason and served as validation that they were on the right track.

And yet Michigan also has lived the alternative, when last year's team was forced to spend eight months reflecting on what went wrong in an 8-5 season.

Finishing does matter from the standpoint that the alternative can be a nightmare. Michigan stumbled its way down to the Outback Bowl last season and then went out and lost the game.

The Wolverines spent the following month missing out on high-profile recruiting targets they'd spent months working on, and they seemed nowhere near the dance floor for the next available batch of top prospects.

Plenty of that has changed, even with the setback in Columbus. Michigan's recruiting class ranks No. 8 nationally, according to 247Sports, and the Wolverines are pushing hard for 5-star defensive end Zach Harrison. There's still hope to make a serious winter splash on the all-important recruiting trail.

Blow this bowl game, though, and everything gets tougher.

This game should be a great opportunity for some of the younger players on Michigan's roster to begin the process of finding out what it'll take to be an every-down player next year. Rashan Gary will not play, and has declared for the NFL draft. Harbaugh said Sunday he's not aware of any other players who have made the same decision, but perhaps others will opt to sit in preparation for the draft.

Either way, the focus throughout bowl prep will be on the continued development of this roster and team overall. If the playoffs are the standard, then Michigan is not good enough right now.

And the month of December offers an opportunity to inch closer to that.

Michigan made progress this season, even if it didn't take the next step as a program. The program is on better ground now than it was last December. Another late-season collapse, with a bowl loss included, would scrape at that progress.

Fifteen years ago, this game might have injected more life into Michigan's fan base, even against a familiar opponent. This is a prestigious bowl because the college football system says so. Once upon a time, that was good enough.

Things have changed now and everyone knows it.

Michigan hasn't lied to itself. The Wolverines believed they had what it took to break their Big Ten title drought and find a playoff spot. They didn't. It hurts, and there's no way anything that happens in the Peach Bowl will fix that.

But it's a start.

And for Michigan, it'll have to do.

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Obituaries

Laurence "Larry" Baker Clark, Jr.

NEW HUDSON - Laurence "Larry" Baker Clark, Jr., a resident of New Hudson, former longtime resident of Detroit and Milford, active member and former choir director of Christ Lutheran Church, died peacefully on December 2, 2018 at the age of 90. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jean; his son, Ronald (Elizabeth); daughters, Karen and Sharon (Bob) Rusho; his six grandchildren, extended family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Laurence Baker Clark III and brother, Rodney. Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford on Wednesday. A Funeral Service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 620 General Motors Rd, Milford on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 11 AM. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the church. For further information phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com

Richard Yenson

HOWELL - Richard Robert Yenson, age 84 of Howell, passed away at his home late Wednesday evening, November 28, 2018. Born on March 17, 1934 in South Lyon, he was the son of the late Richard A. and the late Helen F. (Whitehead) Yenson. Formerly of South Lyon and Montana, Dick has been a Howell area resident since 1986. He was a proud veteran of the U. S. Army and retired machinist and co-founder of Ashers Manufacturing in South Lyon. He loved to garden, fish, snowmobile and putter around on his tractor. Beloved husband of Ruth (Stevens) Yenson whom he married in South Lyon on July 13, 1963. Loving father of Helen (Scott D.) Boesch of Howell and the late Richard "Richie" Russell Yenson who preceded him in death on October 4, 1999. Proud grandfather of Dillon R. and Tyler W. Boesch. Also survived by his sister, Sandy (Raymond) Lopez of South Lyon. Funeral services were held Monday, December 3, 2018 at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please visit the family's online guest book at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

MacDonald's Funeral Home



Thomas Tori

- - Thomas Tori was born April 24, 1927 in Montecarlo, Italy to Gino and Pia (Migilanti) Tori. He spent most of his pre-20s in Uzzano, Italy where he farmed with his family of 4 sisters (Anna, Gina, Lilly and Anita) and two brothers (Bruno and Uillio). Soon after World War II, the family emigrated to the United States, settling in the Detroit area in 1947. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-53 in Frankfurt, Germany during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged.

He married his childhood sweetheart Evelia Fini in 1951, who preceded him in death in 2014. They had 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren:

Anna (Tony) Wisniewski; Carlo Wisniewski; Lia, Josh & June Kaufman; Monica Wisniewski;

Gildo (Jane) Tori; Valerie, Clint & Boaz Dougherty; Marco Tori; David Tori; Antonio (Susan) Tori; Brianna Tori, Thomas Tori, Trevor Tori, Tyler Tori
Thomas was an accomplished accordion musician, playing in establishments in Detroit and suburban areas. He and his brothers opened Tori's Bar in Detroit, where it operated until overtaken by Wayne State University in the early 1960s. He then began his lifelong career in painting and decorating.

Throughout his life he was an accomplished gardener, hunter and fisherman, wine maker, dancer, and always loved socializing with people and enjoying a good party. He loved life and people and will be missed on earth but celebrated in heaven.

One of the connections my dad and I had was through gardening. As many of you know, and as you can see in some of the pictures, dad always had a huge garden. Some of my first memories of my dad was him working in the garden and shoeing us kids out of it so we wouldn't step on any plants. Later I wished he would have shoed us out so we wouldn't have to weed!

Not only did he have a green thumb, he had green hands! He knew how to create the best conditions for his plants, and we always had fresh vegetables year round because of his work. His garden was immaculate — weed free and plants arranged in picture-book style.

He did bring some of his favorite vegetables from Italy — the Ugly Tomato and Big White Beans. The Ugly tomato we recently registered with Michigan Heirlooms as Tori's Italian Brute. Big White Beans are still Big White Beans! Several of you have those seeds and are keeping his tradition going, so thank you!

Funeral Services 12:00 P.M. Saturday December 1, 2018 at the Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton. The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

Memorial Contributions are suggested to Arbor Hospice or to the Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes are available from the Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton.

Please visit Thomas' Book of Memories at www.keehnfunderalhome.com.

SPARTANS

MSU faces Oregon in Redbox Bowl on New Year's Eve

Chris Solari
Detroit Free Press
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Michigan State is heading to the Bay Area to meet up with a familiar foe on New Year's Eve.

The Spartans will face the Oregon Ducks in the Redbox Bowl at 3 p.m. ET on Dec. 31 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif. The game will be televised on Fox.

It is the 11th postseason appearance in coach Mark Dantonio's 12 seasons with the Spartans. He is the school's top coach with five bowl victories — all coming in his team's last six appearances — and ranks second all-time with 107 wins, two shy of tying Duffy Daugherty's record of 109.

MSU and Oregon have played twice recently. The Ducks won the 2014 meeting in Eugene, Oregon, 46-27. The Spartans won the next year in East Lansing, 31-28. The all-time series is 3-3.

"Exciting," Dantonio said on a teleconference Sunday. "We got a little bit of a history with Oregon, having played them in '14 and '15. So we're looking forward to the matchup and looking forward to the bowl experience. ... Oregon's got a national brand, we've got a national brand, so I think that matches up."

MSU — with one of the nation's top defenses and worst offenses — went 7-5 overall and 5-4 in Big Ten play this season, finishing fourth in the East Division. The Spartans are 14th in the Football Bowl Subdivision in total defense, including a nation-leading 81.3 rushing yards allowed per game, but rank 116th in total offense at 343.0 yards.

In its final six games during the regular season, MSU averaged 13.3 points and 291.5 yards, as Brian Lewerke and Rocky Lombardi rotated at quarterback, with Lewerke battling a right shoulder injury.

"I don't think there's any question that toward the end of the season, we didn't play as good as we had maybe at other points during the season, whether that's injuries or whatever the reason," Dantonio said. "As you work through your season and you come out the back end of it, you want to be playing your best football. It's quite simply to that."

And that means winning your bowl game."

It will be the second straight postseason trip to California for the Spartans, who defeated Washington State, 42-17, in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 28, 2017 in San Diego. MSU also played in the Rose Bowl after the 2013 season and drew big crowds on both previous visits.

"We've got Spartan fans all across this country," Dantonio said. "When we played Cal out there in 2008, there were 20,000, 25,000 people there. ... We're excited about the opportunity to go out west and play in front of our West Coast Spartans, and I know we have a large contingent in the San Francisco area as well."

"And it will be exciting for our guys. A lot of our players have never been out there. And from my experience, San Francisco is an amazing town. They have a lot to offer, and a lot of things to see for our football team."

The Ducks are 8-4 overall and 5-4 in the Pac-12 North, finishing fourth in the division under first-year coach Mario Cristobal. The former Alabama assistant was Oregon's co-offensive coordinator last season, taking over when Willie Taggart left for Florida State after one year.

Cristobal was Nick Saban's offensive line coach in 2015, when the Crimson Tide beat MSU 38-0 in the College Football Playoff semifinal. He said he has watched some film of the Spartans already and sees a lot of consistency in what Dantonio's program does.

"They are what we all know of Michigan State and their history," Cristobal said. "Just a very physical and big football team, with some good, explosive players."

Quarterback Justin Herbert has 2,985 passing yards with 28 touchdowns and eight interceptions this season. The 6-foot-6, 233-pound junior is considered the third-best QB prospect for the 2019 NFL draft, should he enter early.

Herbert was knocked out of the Ducks' rivalry win over Oregon State on Nov. 23, but Cristobal told reporters it was a "deep bruise" to the throwing shoulder and the quarterback is 100 percent healthy and will play against MSU.

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Is personal brand doing well? You should Google it

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An indisputable fact of modern digital life is that we're all highly searchable by just about anyone looking for information. And when it comes to our professional lives, it becomes even more relevant: bosses, hiring managers, recruiters, and others may have a glimpse into our histories when we don't even know we're on someone's radar. That's why it's so important to make sure that your personal brand, particularly online, is in good shape.

Google yourself regularly

If you want to get a sense of what's attached to your name, it's super easy to do—all you have to do is a quick search. It's not an ego thing; it's a maintenance thing. If you've already done some social media or personal brand cleanup in the past, you're likely not to see anything truly alarming (those inappropriate party photos from school, perhaps?), but you should look for lesser "sins," like outdated information and stagnant profiles. What are the first results? Are they active social media profiles, or the LinkedIn profile you haven't touched in months?

And if you do find things you'd rather not be public, you have the opportunity to do damage control. You can't always control what people are saying about you, but you can put limits on what parts of your personal social media profiles are available for public search. You can untag yourself in others' Facebook posts. You can also try to crowd out old or not-great information by building up a more robust online presence under your own name. That way, your pro-Justin Timberlake manifesto from high



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school becomes maybe the 10th result in your search results, not the first. Blog posts under your own name are a good start (making them relevant to your brand, of course). Creating your own website is a good step as well if you want to push less relevant results off the page and feature your more recent good

work.

After you've done a search engine audit for what comes up under your name, you can set up Google alerts that will let you know if any new results are coming up under your name or related search criteria. That makes it easier to maintain on an ongoing basis.

Do frequent social media sweeps

Content is the key to your personal brand, so make sure you're re-upping all of your public or professional social media accounts with new posts or new links. If it's obvious that you're not engaging via your social media profiles, that dings your personal brand health. You don't have to be on top of every bit of social media every second, but making sure you're checking in and sending out content to your followers a few times a week can help maintain your connections and show that you're on top of all the relevant stuff going on in your field.

It's also good policy to review your followers pretty frequently. Do you have a core group of followers with whom you interact by retweeting, commenting, etc.? Or do you have mostly a group of absentee, bot-esque followers who don't engage with your content? The best thing for your brand is having people whom you can depend on to respond to you, and vice versa. Every month, take a few minutes to see if there are any other new accounts you should follow yourself, and make sure you're keeping an eye on the people and sites that provide the most up-to-date info in your field.

You don't have to overhaul your brand all the time, but taking time throughout your week and your month to do a quick review of what's out there (especially with your name on it) and what you're doing to interact with your world is going to help you keep your public image healthy.

Kate Lopaze is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. She investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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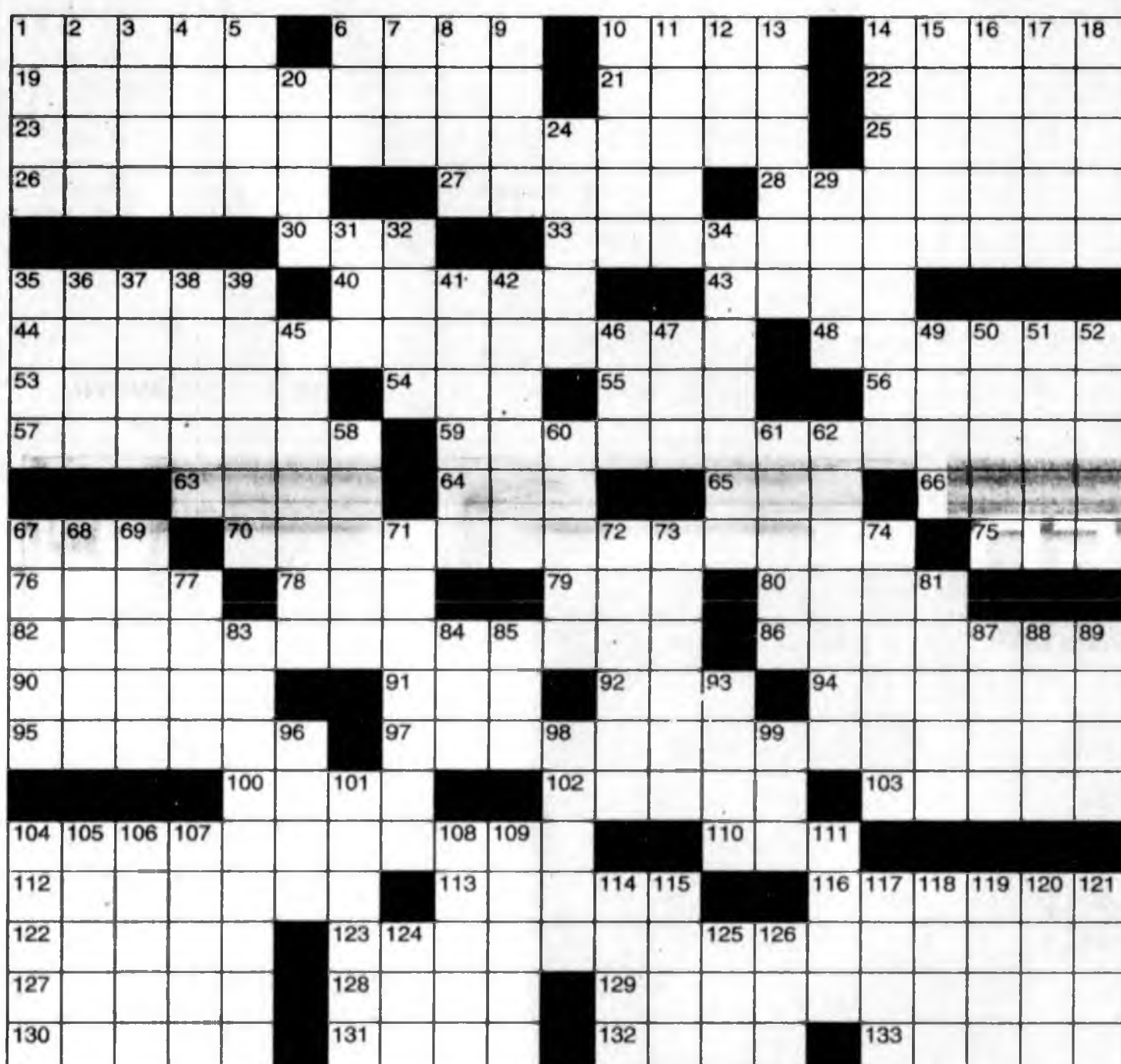
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- 1 Store away
6 "Out of Africa" author
10 TV "angel" player
14 Bus costs
19 Equestrian arena
21 Puccini song
22 Trump's first wife
23 Case yet to be cracked
25 Rocker
26 Honked
27 Major port of Japan
28 Ocean's main body
30 — Jose
33 Quality Inn alternative
35 April 1 gag
40 Supple
43 Tons
44 Finch from fear
48 Roving sorts
53 Danish port city
54 Hockey's Bobby
55 Internet automaton
56 Freshen
- 57 Central California city
59 What may develop between eHarmony members
63 Ballet attire
64 Minuscule
65 In the dumps
66 Reebok rival
67 Gift label
70 Carry out
75 Psychic gift
76 Other, to Gabriela
78 Filmflam
79 Top-secret govt. group
80 Not colorful
82 1980
86 Second half of an LP
90 "It's the end of —"
91 Vetoes, e.g.
92 Defunct
94 Boxed stringed instrument
95 Part of FDR
97 Six Flags amusement park in New Jersey
- 100 Capped body part
102 "Morning Joe" airer
103 Lessens
104 Specialty of Sophocles
110 Flub
112 It's south of Rwanda
113 Issues a ticket to, e.g.
116 Minuscule
122 Stan's old film partner
123 Its first part is "Inferno"
127 Has to have
128 Wiggly fishes
129 Lists one by one
130 Slalom curves
131 "Nuts!"
132 Fish snarers
133 Tasty tidbit
- 9 Florida islets
10 Hanukkah menu item
11 Geometry calculations
12 "Cutl" caller: Abbr.
13 Diurnal hooting bird
14 Raging blaze
15 — garde
16 Give a boost
17 Be admitted
18 "The father of lies"
20 Potential binge-watching buys
24 Heavy sword
29 Lowly laborer
31 Ring legend Muhammad
32 El — (Pacific current)
34 Most sour
35 Grad's gala
36 Start all over on
37 Got 100 on
38 Three trios
39 Toady (to)
41 Like tossed dice
42 Kind of wasp
45 Part of BLT
46 MLB stat
47 Ending for bass or ball
- 49 Unkind
50 "Dumb Dog" musical
51 52-card sets
52 Win every game of
58 Not just short on
60 Helmsley of hotels
61 Invasions
62 Add scent to
67 Salutation on a June greeting card
68 Do penance
69 Liquid oatmeal food
71 While furious
72 Valuable qualities
73 Caribbean's — Islands
74 Chuck Berry title girl
77 "— Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit)
81 Popular fishbowl fish
83 Gaunt
84 Neither fish — fowl
85 Chinese thinker
Lao- —
- 87 As a result
88 Had life
89 Tram's load
93 "— delighted!"
96 How much 1990s music was released
98 Fine, rare violin
99 TiVo predecessor
101 Got ready for print
104 Hearty steak
105 Governors
106 City on the Rhone
107 Tour leader
108 High-speed Amtrak train
109 In the — of (amongst)
111 Derby, e.g.
114 Not odd
115 Trig ratio
117 Legal wrong
118 Sharif of "Lawrence of Arabia"
119 Allot
120 Conception
121 Certain sac
124 That vessel
125 Cashew, e.g.
126 Ambulance gp.



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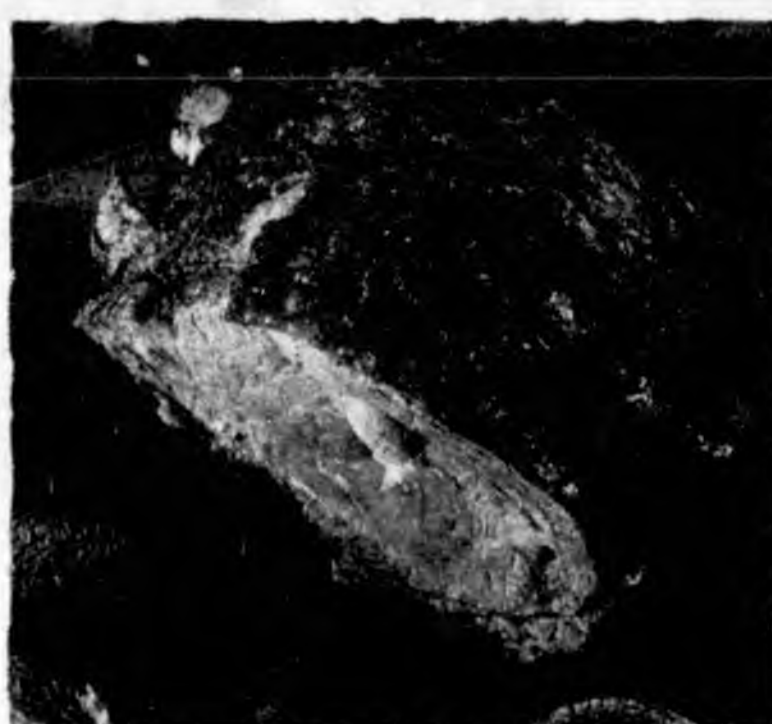
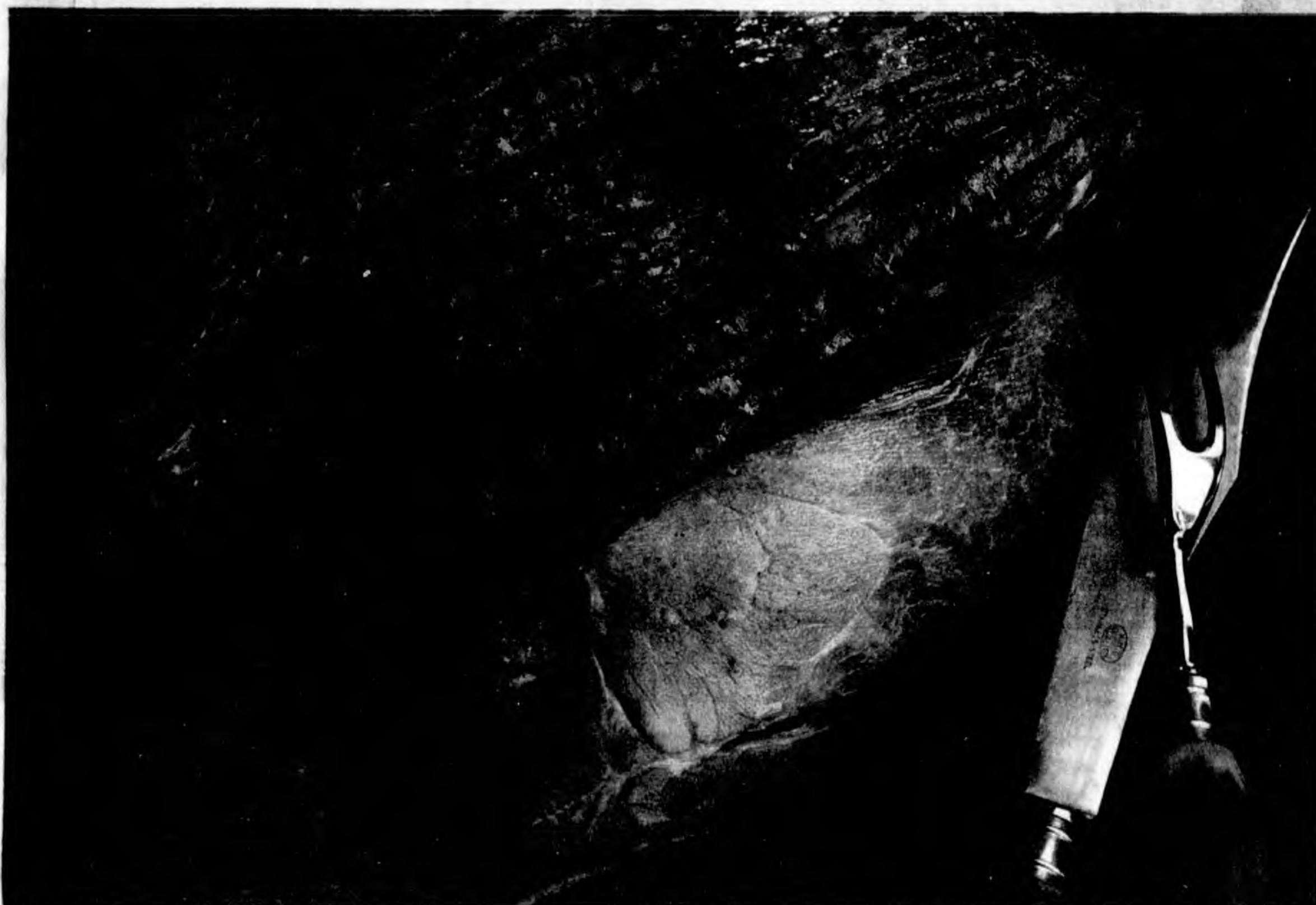
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