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Court ruling paves way for demo

Judge says historic commission can't block district

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Barring any unexpected obstacles, the demolition of Northville's historic Main Street School will proceed in the wake of a ruling Jan. 9 by Wayne County 3rd Circuit Judge David J. Allen that denied a motion for a preliminary injunction filed by the city of Northville.

The city attempted to block the dem-

olition of the 84-year-old structure, stating that its location in the city's historic district required any demolition to be approved by the Historic District Commission, according to the city's **Historic Preservation Ordinance.**

Allen ruled that the school district is not subject to MCL 399.201 ET.SEQ and Section 42 of the city of Northville Code of Ordinances.

"We are disappointed with the ruling," City Manager Patrick Sullivan said.

"However, the city has done all that we can reasonably do to uphold our Historic Preservation Ordinance and the state Historic Preservation Statute.

"Appealing the courts' decision would take additional time and resources for both the city and the school district. When balancing this factor, along with the probability of a successful appeal, the potential for an additional appeal beyond that and what is in the best interest of the community as a whole, I do not believe that the city should pursue an appeal."

Odds of survival slim

Main Street School's last hope for a stay of demolition would happen only if the Northville City Council disagrees with Sullivan's recommendation and places the matter on its Jan. 22 meeting agenda.

"I will advise the city attorney and the district that we will not be appealing this matter," Sullivan said.

On Nov. 9, the city of Northville filed a lawsuit against the Northville Public

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Novi joins other communities in marijuana businesses ban

David Veselenak hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Add Novi to the ever-growing list of communities banning marijuana facilities after voters passed Proposal 1 last fall.

Cecilia Spalding celebrates her birthday with her children (from left) June Zimmerman, Janet Marks and Dale Spalding. **GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY**

102 AND COUNTING

celebrated four days early Jan. 15.

Her secret? Kindness — and Honey Nut Cheerios

Susan Bromley hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

serenaded at her 102nd birthday party,

Elvis was in the house, crooning "All Shook Up," "Blue Suede Shoes" and "Don't Be Cruel." Cecilia Spalding smiled, blue eyes The last of those is part of Spalding's twinkling and feet tapping, as she was

philosophy on living a good life. "Being kind to everyone is the secret to living this long," Spalding said. "If you aren't kind, you're exhausted."

Cecilia Spalding, nee Kuchta, was born Jan. 19, 1917. It was a year the United States would declare war on Germany and entered World War I, women won the right to vote in New York state, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S.

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The city council voted 5-1 at its Jan. 7 meeting to move forward on an ordinance banning marijuana facilities from opening in the city, joining a list of several other area communities that have said "no thanks" to such establishments opening their doors.

The ordinance, once in effect, would prohibit commercial marijuana businesses from opening in the city, a move done before the state has decided on proper regulations for such businesses.

City representatives said it was a wise move until they can see what the state will allow with licensing.

"I think doing an ordinance like this is a very prudent decision," Councilwoman Laura Marie Casey said. "I think as a council, we have seen actions at the state level move faster than we expected that have made and had dramatic impact on our ability to regulate the businesses in our own city."

Novi joins a lengthy list of nearby communities deciding to opt out of allowing marijuana businesses, including Canton, Milford, South Lyon, Plymouth, Northville Township, Livonia and Birmingham. This comes after 55 percent of voters across Michigan vot-

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Schools district, seeking an injunction to prevent the demolition of the former Main Street Elementary School.

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

The building was home to the district's early childhood program and central administration offices until Oct. 15, when both entities moved next door to the recently renovated Old Village School structure.

In August, the Northville Board of

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

Ruling trumps school's history

Citing its Historic Preservation Ordinance, the city argued that the district must obtain a permit from the Historic District Commission prior to demolition, since the structure is located within the city's historic district boundaries.

The stay on the demolition of the the structure was extended for 21 days by Allen, giving the city time to decide if it would appeal.

"The district is pleased that Judge Allen ruled in such a definitive and timely manner, following a thorough review of the record, including written and oral arguments," district Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said.

"Over the course of time, the district has been consistent in messaging that maintaining both the Old Village and Main Street facilities is cost-prohibitive, not feasible or fiscally responsible. At the same time, the feedback from our 1113. community has been overwhelmingly in

favor of restoring the historic Old Village School, which had been vacant since 2012, over the Main Street facility."

Gallagher explained that the district thoroughly honored its pledge to restore Old Village School, which was celebrated with an open house last month.

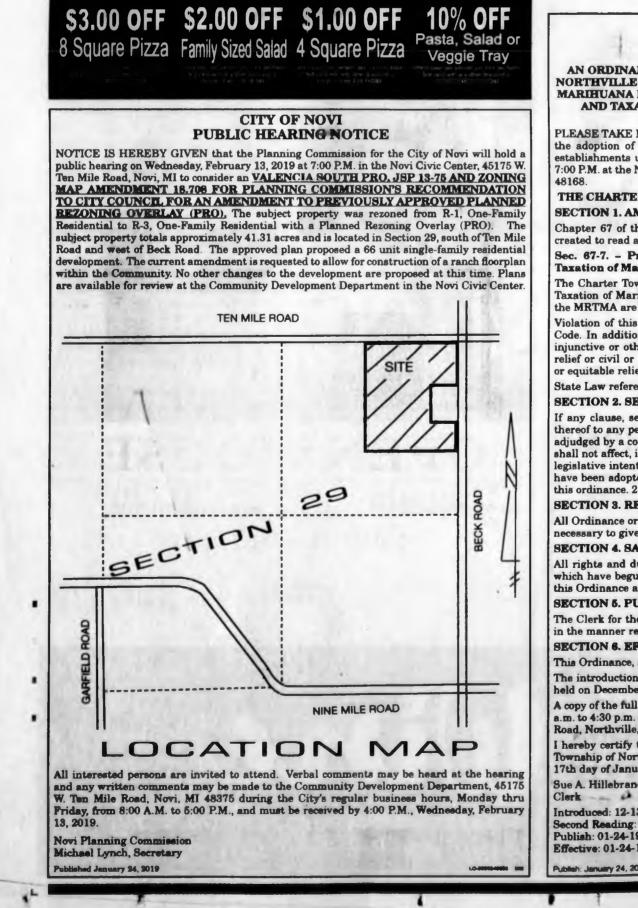
"The school district has worked diligently to restore and repurpose Old Village School, which opened in October 2018, while also engaging in an exhaustive and transparent decision-making process to arrive at an outcome for the Main Street property that has been widely embraced by our community," she said.

"The decision reached by the Northville Board of Education - following months of study, a transparent decision-making process and multiple opportunities for public input - represents a win-win outcome for the school district and the community, given the level of support by the community for single-family homes at the Main Street site, along with the overwhelming support for the renovation of the historic Old Village School."

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS **OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 67 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE SECTION 67-7 TO PROHIBIT **MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS PURSUANT TO THE MICHIGAN REGULATION** AND TAXATION OF MARIHUANA ACT ("MRTMA", MCL 333.27951 to MCL 333.27967), SECTION 6.1 WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees approved the adoption of the amendment to Ordinance Chapter 67 to create §67-7 (Prohibition of establishments under the MRTMA) at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CODE.

Chapter 67 of the Charter Township of Northville Code of Ordinances, Sec. 67-7, is hereby created to read as follows:

Sec. 67-7. - Prohibition of establishments under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA), Section 6.1 within its boundaries and penalty.

The Charter Township of Northville ordains that pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA), Section 6.1, marihuana establishments as defined by the MRTMA are hereby prohibited within its boundaries.

Violation of this Section shall result in penalties assessed pursuant to Section 1-10 of this Code. In addition, any violation of this section is a public nuisance and may be abated by injunctive or other equitable relief. The imposition of a penalty does not prevent injunctive relief or civil or quasi-judicial enforcement. In the enforcement of this Section by injunctive or equitable relief the responsible party shall be responsible for all reasonable attorney fees.

State Law reference- MRTMA, MCL 333.27951 to MCL 333.27967 and as amended.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application of thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this ordinance. 2

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE

All rights and duties which have matured penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Northville shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take effect on January 24, 2019

The introduction of the amendment was approved at the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2018.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 or on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us .

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting held at Township Hall on the 17th day of January, 2019.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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Underage police decoys go shopping in tobacco sting

Ed Wright

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When it comes to selling tobacco to minors, retailers in Northville Township apparently get it.

A recent compliance check completed by the Northville Township Police Department and the Strategies to Overcome Obstacles and Avoid Recidivism resulted in a perfect score for retailers that sell tobacco products.

"We are pleased to announce that 100 percent of the retailers were in compliance," Township Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said. "Each retailer requested identification from the decoys and none of the retailers sold the agerestricted tobacco products." Coordinated by SOOAR, underage decoys tried to purchase age-restricted tobacco products at all 12 retailers in Northville Township — with no success. "We would like to thank our partner,

SOOAR, for participating in this important compliance check operation," Mutchler said. "We also want to recognize the retailers located in Northville Township for their commitment to the community and their compliance with the state laws prohibiting underage tobacco sales."

Retailers are fined \$100 for an initial violation of the underage tobacco sales law and \$500 for each additional violation.

Contact Ed Wright at 517-375-III3 or eawright@gannett.com.



Northville Township conducted an undercover compliance check on underage tobacco sales. USA TODAY

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

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

Super Saturday Storytime

When: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers. Just drop in.

Foreign Film: 'The Fencer'

When: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28 Details: A champion fencer on the run from the Soviet secret service finds himself inspiring Estonian schoolchildren to take up the sport. (Estonian, 99 minutes). Just drop in.

Learn the Beautiful Art of Henna Design

When: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29

Details: For ages 9-12. Register.

Triva at the Sports Den

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29

Details: Straight from your favorite paper company, not "The Dundies," but a night full of Office Olympics, koi ponds and "BBB" but mostly a couple of games of "The Office" trivia. Register for teams up to four people. For ages 21 and older.

Hooray for Lego Day

When: 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30

Details: Kids in grades 1-5 make a fun hand-sized LEGO animal themed creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Limit 30. Register.

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.

Teen DIY Monster Barbies

When: Noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2

Details: Give an old doll a new "life" as a hideous zombie. Bring your own plastic doll or use one of ours. Just for teens in grades 6-12. Register.

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

Lecture series — The Legacy of Rita and Bruce Turnbull: 7-9 p.m. Jan. 30. Drop-in event. No fee, but donations appreciated.

Victorian Lace Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. Feb. 9. Sold out.

Valentine's Day Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Tasting: Tentative event, 7-9 p.m. Feb. 14. See website or call office for ticketing information.

Lecture Series — Henry Ford: Relationships with Early and Vital Employees: 7 p.m. Feb. 27. Drop-in event.

No fee. Donations appreciated.

General info

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

Building rentals and school and private tours available: Call or email

the office to rent the Cady Inn or church for a wedding or party. You may also schedule a school tour or a private tour. 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: 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.

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HGTV visits indoor pool at Orchard Lake home

Sharon Dargay hometownlife.co

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A natatorium designed by Louis Des-Rosiers is more than just an enclosed swimming pool.

It's a "wonderful place to visit," even if you're just lounging poolside.

"Our pools are an integral part of the design of the house. They are a part of house just as much as your family room or master bedroom," said the Bloomfield Hills architect, during a recent phone interview. "They're incorporated into the design of the building."

HGTV fans got a closer look at indoor pools, including one designed by Des-Rosiers Architects, on New Year's Day when the special show "Pool in My House" spotlighted 10-12 indoor pools. The show will air reruns periodically.

This isn't the first time HGTV has featured DesRosiers Architects. A garage the firm designed at a home in Clinton Township took the top spot in a 2010 HGTV show called "HGTV's Top 10 Garages.

"The people who found us this time were different than the people who found us 10 years ago, although HGTV had us in their records," DesRosiers said. "We do a lot of pools. They went on our website and picked up on three of them. They zeroed in on one of the three and that is this one."

In a press release about the show, Jacob Ulrich, producer with HGTV's parent company Alibi Entertainment stated, "This was a very long process, but the DesRosiers' pool stood out from so many others we reviewed. With so many beautiful elements shining through, it is just a stunning pool that leaves you amazed."

DesRosiers Architects designed the house with a natatorium and an outdoor pool nearly two decades ago. The property is located along the Cass Lake shore in Orchard Lake Village.

Indoor, outdoor pools

Homeowner Ron Lipson uses the pool primarily for exercise.

"The minute I'm in there I'm swimming. I don't lounge, I just swim. I have an outdoor pool, too. When you swim as



"Pool in My House" on HGTV spotlighted this indoor swimming pool, designed by **DesRosiers** Architects of Bloomfield Hills.



The indoor pool (right) can be seen from the patio and outdoor pool at the Orchard Lake Village home on Cass Lake.

your exercise on a regular basis you have to have both pools. You can't swim outside in the winter and in the summer you won't want to swim inside if you can have an outdoor pool."

Sixty percent of DesRosiers' clients want indoor/outdoor pools with glass doors that open to let in breeze during the summer and that can be shut tight during the winter. Forty percent want outdoor pools. Only two clients, including Lipson, have asked for both an indoor and an outdoor pool. Seventy percent of the indoor pools are incorporated into the original design of the house. Some are added during renovation work

Lipson described his natatorium as "beautiful" and a "very nice room." It can be seen for a few seconds around the 3-minute 20-second mark in Eminem's video "Toy Soldier."

cording last summer and said he'd watch the show on New Year's Day. He said the camera crew also recorded in an adjacent room that looks out onto the pool.

"He collected Cunningham's (drug store) memorabilia and we duplicated their soda fountain," DesRosiers described the adjacent space. "It has three portholes you can look through at the back of the soda fountain. So, if you're sitting at the counter having a soda, you're looking into the pool."

Tropical environment

The pool incorporates a spa and measures 50 feet by 18 feet. It's about 10 feet longer than most of the pools the firm designs. It's 5-feet deep at its center. The surrounding room has a tropical feel and incorporates elements of art deco design.

"I wanted to make it as classy as I could, to be practical but also exciting architecturally," DesRosiers said.

He generally tries to orient indoor pools to the west and south in order to bring in as much natural light as possible. His challenge with Lipson's pool was that it faces north and is part of the basement walk-out level.

"I was surrounded by three sides of earth. It's a walk-out lower level," Des-Rosiers said. "I pulled the basement wall away from the upper wall of the house and in that opening I put a big skylight, the entire length of the swimming pool because I knew that faced west and that I would get the direct sun rays coming into the pool itself, penetrating the space.

"That was important to me because I think human beings love to have natural sun, feel the sun, see the sun shining through when they are swimming. We worked hard at that,"

Prismatic glass columns glow with a soft aqua-green light on both sides of the pool and four 8-foot, custom-designed glass lights are set in the high ceiling. A wall mirror at one end of the natatorium reflects an "endless view" of the pool and Cass Lake beyond.

"It's contemporary but it has a softness to it and it's the columns that do that," he said. "One of my things is that no matter how grand and expansive I do any of my architecture, it always must have an important human trait, which is that feeling of being cozy. I want you to feel cozy, warm, comfortable. I don't want it to be sterile.

DesRosiers said he hopes that HGTV viewers realize the pool is "set in architectural design, and it's not only func-Lipson was on hand for the HGTV re- tional but extremely well thought out."



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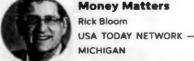
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Time to start thinking about



It's just about tax time once again, so I thought I would run through a few thoughts about taxes that, hopefully, will help you during this season.

The first issue you should always remember is that, ultimately, you and I are responsible for our own tax returns. If we hire a tax preparer that doesn't follow the law and the IRS assesses additional taxes and penalties, you and I are responsible. That is why it's so important that, if you are going to hire someone to do your tax return, make sure you hire a professional and someone who is dedicated to staying current with the tax law. Remember, this year we have a new tax law and it's important that your preparer is up to date with it. Just because you used a certain tax preparer last year does not mean you should automatically use the same preparer this year.

This time of year ,we are about to receive 1099s, W-2s and other tax information. It is important that you save this information for when you prepare your tax return. Remember, when you receive something like a 1099 or a W-2, keep in mind that the IRS is also receiving those same documents. If for some reason you do not report a 1099 or something of that nature, you will find that you're opening yourself up for IRS scrutiny and I can assure you no one wants that. As you begin to receive your tax information, make sure you have a file to save the documents until needed. If you are not sure if something should be saved or not, save it. It's better to be safe than sorry

It's important when you do hire someone to do your tax return that you

find out the cost up front. Completing tax returns is no different than any other professional service and whomever you use should be able to give you a good estimate of what your return will cost to prepare. If someone won't quote you a fee, it's probably a good sign that you should look elsewhere.

For many, there is a way for you to complete your tax return free online using tax preparation software programs. The IRS, for the last 15 years or so, has partnered with a variety of tax preparation software companies to offer free software. To qualify for this, your income has to be \$66,000 or less. According to the IRS, about 70 percent of Americans are eligible for this software. To access the software, all you need to do is to go to IRS gov and click on "free file."

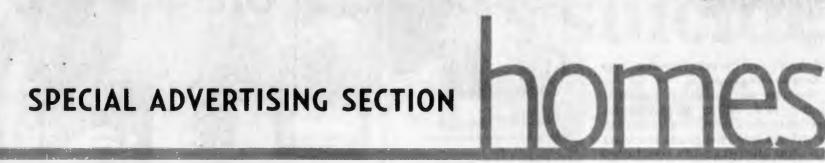
For those concerned that the software is through the IRS, you don't have to be. The software offered is through private companies such as TurboTax. If you meet the income requirements and, particularly, with the new tax law where filing tax returns should be easier for the majority of people, taking advantage of the IRS free tax preparation software program is something you definitely should consider.

There has been lots of talk this year that, because of the government shutdown, people will not receive their refund until the stalemate is resolved. That's not necessarily the case. According to the IRS, tax refunds will be issued despite the government shutdown. For those who are going to get refunds, there is no reason to delay in filing your returns.

Good luck!

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Thursday, January 24, 2019



Toll Brothers Sales Event Gives Home Buyers Savings Where They Want It Most

New Built-For-You Sales Event Delivers Tailored Incentive Packages to Meet Each Individual Home Buyer's Priorities

Toll Brothers, the nation's leading builder of luxury homes, is proud to introduce its inaugural Built-For-You Sales Event, running now through Monday, February 18.

Toll Brothers communities in Ann Arbor, Canton, Novi, and Northville and throughout the country invite home buyers to share their priorities for the home of their dreams. Sales representatives will then craft an incentive package with those priorities in mind.

"Making the home buying experience personal has always been a guiding principle for Toll Brothers, from our wide selection of homes and communities to choose from, to our extensive design options," explains Jennifer Olsen, National Vice President of Sales. "Now, that same spirit drives our new Built-For-You Sales Event. Home buyers can tell their sales representative what really matters most to them in their new home, and we can take that input to deliver a tailored incentive package that offers them a home they will love at the best possible value."

During the Built-For-You Sales Event, home buyers can browse an expansive selection of home designs and discover the impressive list of national brand partners offering select savings on products featured in Toll Brothers homes. Buyers will benefit from the builder's longstanding partnerships with leading brands such as Kohler, Whirtpool, Armstrong, DalTile, and many more, by enjoying exclusive incentives for a limited time.

A team of talented consultants is available at the Toll Brothers Design Studio in Plymouth as well as 28 other Design Studio locations across the country to provide one-on-one home design guidance through the selection process. Security and home control solutions are also available through TBI Smart Home Solutions.

Interested buyers must make a deposit by February 18, 2019. Incentives vary among communities

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and will comprise a package of savings created specifically for this event, so buyers should contact their community of interest and speak with a sales representative to learn more. Selling Fast in Canton

Hamlet Pointe and Hamlet Meadows are located within the existing community of The Hamlet offering an exceptional location close to Plymouth-Canton schools, the Ford Road Shopping District, expressways, parks and the quaint Cherry Hill Village.

At Hamlet Meadows, pricing starts in the upper \$300,000s. Twostory home designs and a new first-floor master suite design are available. Hamlet Pointe just released a new section of large home sites. Pointe homes feature side-entry garages and are priced from the upper \$400,000s. A first-floor master design is available. Several immediate and quick occupancy homes are available. For details, visit The-Hamlet.com or call 734-398-5939. Move-in Ready in Canton

A 4,050 sq. ft., 5 bedroom, 4 bath home is now available for immediate occupancy at Westridge Estates, the highly-coveted new community in Canton offering resort-style amenities, including a clubhouse with fitness room, gathering room, kitchenette, locker rooms, pools, sand volleyball court, children's play park and walking paths. Westridge Estates is located just south of Ford Road west of Ridge Road, and home prices start in the low \$500,000s. For more information. visit WestridgeofCanton.com or call 734-844-0279.

Villas in Ann Arbor

The low-maintenance villas at Kensington Woods, located on the north side of Scio Church Road, just west of Maple Road in Ann Arbor, are nearly sold out. Final villas feature immediate to quick occupancy and an exceptional list of included features in a stunning setting with pricing from the mid to upper \$400,000s. For details, call (734) 995-5503 or visit Kensington-Woods.com. The sales center is located at the builder's Trailwoods community at 229 S. Staebler Rd., just a few minutes away.

Move-in Ready in Ann Arbor

Trailwoods of Ann Arbor is Toll Brothers' newest community of single-family homes tucked into a gorgeous country setting with Ann Arbor schools, low township taxes, and city services. Two collections of homes offer all new open home designs with an impressive list of included features. Prices begin in the low \$400,000s. Two model homes are now open and immediate and quick occupancy homes are available. For more information, visit TrailwoodsOfAnnArbor.com or call (734) 995-5503. For mapping, use 229. S. Staebler Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Townhomes and Villas in Ann Arbor

North Oaks of Ann Arbor is the region's premier resort-class community situated in a stunning 109-acre setting surrounded by towering trees and open meadows. Two collections of homes are available. Townhomes from the low \$400,000s and Villas from the low \$500,000s. The Villas range from 2,041 to 2,631+ square feet and offer first- or second-floor master suites, island kitchens, open layouts, loft space, and more. The Townhomes range from 1,861 to 2,400+ sq. ft. and include a 2-car garage and the option to add a rooftop deck.

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Spalding

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citizenship and the year President John F. Kennedy was born.

Spalding was raised on a farm in Crofton, Neb., one of seven children. Her father was a farmer and raised cattle and chickens. She points to a black and white photograph of a cow, tucked into another framed photograph on the wall of her bedroom at the Blue Heron Pond adult foster care facility in Green Oak Township. The cow, Frisky, was her cherished pet as a child and she recalls he would come running to greet her when she entered his pen, licking her hand.

Spalding's mother had hundreds of chickens at one time and sold eggs to purchase flour and other goods. The family canned everything they could, even meat, during the Great Depression, which began in 1929 and continued for nearly a decade.

"We did OK, not as bad as some people, especially people that lived in town," she said.

Spalding did not remain on the farm throughout the Great Depression. She left school after the eighth grade and traveled to Chicago to work as a nanny for a few years before moving to California, where she was a cook for a doctor and his family.

The doctor convinced her to continue her education, which she did by attending a trade school, where she learned secretarial skills. That lead to a job with Boeing, the aerospace company.

Spalding worked for Boeing during World War II and would meet her husband Forrest, a Detroit native, during an event held by the United Service Organization, which held dinners and dances for military members. Forrest was in the U.S. Army.

"It was a scary time, because you never knew when the war was going to end, but he was discharged, which was good," Spalding said.

The couple married in 1945, just before the end of World War II, and moved to Michigan, where they raised five children: Anne, Janet, Leo, June and Dale. Cecilia and Forrest were married for nearly 40 years, until his death in 1985.

Spalding was a stay-at-home mother and "strict" as daughter Janet Marks recalls, but she taught her daughters "how



Cecilia Spalding is serenaded by Elvis Presley impersonator Josh White at a party celebrating Spalding's 102nd birthday. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

to take care of a house and a husband." Twenty-five years ago, Spalding took night classes to earn her diploma, graduating from South Lyon High School at age 77.

"Get your education!" she advises. "It's very important. Even if you have to do it later in life, you can do it."

Marks knows she is blessed to still have her mother at 102 years old, particularly as "mentally sharp as she is," although Spalding's body is a little worse for wear.

Under her right eye is a small bandage, covering a wound left by removal of skin cancer. At this time last year, when she was still using a walker, she stumbled and fell on her bed, breaking her left arm, which is still in a sling. A week later, she suffered a stroke on the same side, but lifts that hand to show she can still touch her nose.

"One of my doctors told me a long time ago I would live to 104 – I don't believe I will live to 104," she said with a



Cecilia and Forrest Spalding's wedding photo, 1945. Cecilia Spalding celebrated her 102nd birthday Jan. 19. FAMILY PHOTO



laugh.

Her eyes widen when she is told about a Michigan woman who lived to 106, Hazel Inscho, who was also a Detroit Tigers fan.

She is not a fan of President Donald Trump and said she is "surprised by what he does."

Spalding's favorite president remains the first one she was able to vote



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She doesn't have any goals of making it another four years. "It just seems like too long," she said, but Spalding is still enjoying life, playing cards and bingo. She likes art and paints regularly.

Spalding watches the Tigers during baseball season and movies on occasion. She puts together jigsaw puzzles, but hates crosswords. Her Catholic faith is important to her and communion is brought to her every week from a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon.

Holly Purdy, Blue Heron Pond owner, said holidays are Spalding's favorite.

"For Easter, she colored five dozen eggs herself," Purdy said. "My boys were shooting off (July 4th) fireworks in the parking lot and she says, 'Aren't there more? Bigger ones?"

Spalding is a music fan, but is fairly indifferent toward some of the most popular musicians of the past several decades, even Presley. But she enjoyed the impersonator at her party, though, true to her upbeat personality.

"I always try to be nice to everyone," Spalding said.

"I've never seen her be crabby, she's never complained," Purdy said. "She has always been kind."

A few minutes later, asked what she thinks about current politics, Spalding's good humor falters and her brow creases.

"I think it stinks," she said.

Marijuana

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ed in November to legalize the possession of use of marijuana by adults ages 21 and older.

Councilwoman Kelly Breen was the lone "no" vote on the plan. She said she wanted to hear more feedback from residents about making such a move before voting on it.

"Before we take any formal action, I do believe it would be important to have some community input sessions," she said. "I think there may be a play here in Novi for some of these businesses. I think we need to know more about it, the impact it'll have on the community." for, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

She doesn't have a bucket list, but still has dreams, like riding in a hot air balloon. She'd also like to see the Detroit Tigers win another World Series, but said they'd "better hurry up." She isn't over her disappointment that her favorite pitcher, Justin Verlander, left the Tigers for the Houston Astros and "more money."

Mostly, though, she is enjoying the small pleasures of life – like her bowl of Honey Nut Cheerios in the morning, which she must have along with her coffee "or things just don't go right," and three miniature Hershey candy bars in the afternoon.

Spalding, who turns 102 Saturday, has never smoked and only drank a glass of wine on the eve of each new year, but attributes her longevity to living a life she can be proud of, with kindness at its core.

As she celebrated more than a century of life Jan. 15, she was surrounded by friends and family, including her three surviving children, Janet, June and Dale. She is grandmother to eight and great-grandmother to seven.

"You have to be nice to everybody and, if they're not nice to you back, just forget about them," Spalding said. "Surround yourself with good people and not the bad. That is what you try to do and everything will be OK."

Novi citizens voted in favor of legalizing marijuana in November, with 14,059 voters supporting it and 12,733 voters against the measure.

Mayor Pro Tem David Staudt said while he personally would not be in favor of such shops opening in the city, putting the ordinance in place now protects the city and allows the council to revisit the option again in the future if desired.

"All in all, I think this is something we should act on now. Send a clear message that we're going to look at all the options available to us," he said. "There's no point in waiting."

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Teen girl attempts suicide to escape school stalker

Tress Baidas Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

In the hallways at school, he called her a slut.

He waited for her outside her classrooms, followed her around campus and told her that he hoped she would be raped, court records show

Then one day, someone wrote the word "whore" in dog feces on her garage door - and egged and toilet-papered her house.

Broken, the girl tried to take her life days later, swallowing a bottle of Adderall pills.

Why won't (he) leave me alone?" she cried out in the hospital, where she hallucinated for days after her suicide attempt. "I can't take it anymore. Everyone hates me. I am a whore. They need to know my 13 reasons why."

These gut-wrenching details are spelled out in a federal lawsuit filed Jan. 17 against the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, which is accused of mishandling the girl's numerous sexuharassment comal plaints.

The plaintiff is a 17year-old girl who says she was stalked, bullied and sexually harassed for 16 months by an ex-boyfriend during her freshman and sophomore vears at Canton High School, where she was an A and B student and a member of the awardwinning marching band.

According to the 31page lawsuit, the girl and her mother made 10 com-

According to Salvatore, another high school student in the Plymouth-Canton district recently filed a complaint over similar issues with the Department of Education's Office of Civil **Rights**.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district declined comment on allegations in the lawsuit, but issued this statement to the Free Press

"The district does not tolerate harassment of any kind. All allegations of harassment are taken seriously, are investigated thoroughly, and responded to with appropriate action," the Plymouth-Canton school district stated, adding it is "unable to comment on any specific student matter."

According to Salvatore, it remains unclear what, if any, action was taken against the boy in this case.

"My client's' mother was told, 'We'll talk to him.' But we don't really know what happened," Salvatore said, noting the school district has "incredibly robust" Title IX policies in place.

"The problem is that the administrators don't follow them - they don't seem to understand their obligations under the law," said Salvatore, who is calling on schools to be more proactive in fighting sexual harassment, especially in the wake of the ogize and said the school #metoo movement.

"Schools are really in the best position to address this kind of conduct," Salvatore said. "The school has a legal re-

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names like "slut" and "whore" in the hallways, flipping her off and waiting for her outside of her classrooms. At a football game, the

boy allegedly hurled the same insults to the girl as he pointed at her and shouted vulgar names while she played in the marching band. In December 2016, the

girl went to her counselor and filed a complaint after learning the boy had told one of her friends that he hoped she "gets raped again." During their relationship, the girl had confided in the boy that she had been sexually assaulted when she was a

toddler — information he would later taunt her with. After the girl went to the counselor about the rape comment, the counselor called her mother and told her that she would "handle it." The school principal also called the mother to apol-

would "handle it," according to court documents. The boy was verbally

reprimanded. Two months later, at a

rage door, her home was egged and toilet-papered and all of the tires on the car parked in her driveway were flattened.

After break, she reported the incident to her counselor. A school school resource officer said an investigation would follow. Meanwhile, the girl was plotting her suicide.

Suicide attempt was prompted by bullying

Days after the graffiti incident, the girl researched how many Adderall pills it would take to kill herself. She located a family member's prescription bottle, swallowed dozens of pills and posted on social media that she had taken the pills and wanted to die.

That same morning, despite the toxic levels of drugs in her system, she went to school, attended two classes and spent walking four hours

around with friends as she was too agitated to sit in class.

While wandering confusedly around the school, three school personnel saw her, but no one sought medical attention.

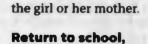
At the end of the school day, her friends got her on a school bus, though she has no recollection of how she got home. Her mother noticed something was wrong, realized what happened and rushed her to the University of Michigan Hospital.

Upon arrival at the hospital, the girl's kidneys were shutting down. She hallucinated for several days, but doctors were able to stabilize her. She was then admitted to a child psychiatric unit, where she spent two weeks detoxing and receiving therapy.

On April 19, 2017, while the girl was hospitalized. a school resource officer contacted her mother to discuss an incident in which the boy and his friend had flipped off her daughter at school and called her a whore.

The officer said he interviewed the two boys and determined "kids will be kids." He did not know about the suicide attempt, so the mother informed him. The officer said he would write up a report.

To date, no report has ever been furnished to



harassment continues

In May 2017, the girl and her mom met with school officials to discuss a plan for her to return to school. Her class schedule was going to be changed to make sure she did not have a class in the same building as the boy. And she'd have access to a "Zen Room" and counselor whenever necessary.

On May 4, 2017, the girl returned to school.

Two weeks later, the boy approached her, walking next to her on a path, in the hallway and up the stairs. The girl went to the office and reported the incident. Her mother called the school. again.

More than three weeks later, a school official emailed the mother and said an investigation would be underway, but that she could not disclose how the boy was being disciplined.

Meanwhile, the girl kept running into the boy at school.

On June 2, 2017, she filed a police report with the school resource officer, detailing the harassment.

But the harassment would continue the following school year, even though school officials

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plaints to the school about the boy, but nothing was ever done. One school officer allegedly told the mom "kids will be kids," while another told the mother he thought her daughter was lying about the harassment.

But the harassment was "extreme and ongoing," even after the suicide attempt, the lawsuit states, alleging that, after the girl's hospitalization, the boy continued to follow her at school, show up at her band activities and once shoved her into a metal fence and injured her hand.

"The fact that this district would let this kind of egregious harassment and bullying go on for as long as it has is astonishing to me in this day and age," said the girl's attorney, Jennifer Salvatore, adding the lawsuit was a last resort for her clients. "They made 10 complaints. They had to get a PPO (personal protection order). I think sometimes litigation is the only way to call institutions' attention to the fact that they have a legal responsibility here and that kids'

lives are at stake."

The lawsuit also raises questions about Plymouth-Canton's commitment to combating bullying, sexual harassment and teen suicide.

"Tragically, (the girl's) suicide attempt was not an isolated incident. Three Plymouth-Canton high school students have taken their lives in the past year," the lawsuit states, adding the district's failure "to address gender-based harassment could well have cost another student her life.

sponsibility to address

More than a year of abuse

According to the lawsuit, here is what led the now-high school junior to sue her school district over a boy who allegedly taunted her for more than a year, to the point of wanting to die.

In summer 2016, just before the start of her freshman year in high school, a 14-year-old girl started dating an older boy from Salem High School, which is part of Canton-Plymouth the school district.

The relationship was short-lived. In August, after three to four weeks of dating, they broke up.

Then the school year started.

The girl went to Canton High School, which is in the same educational park as Salem High School. The schools share facilities and students can register for classes on both campuses.

When she returned to school, her ex-boyfriend began to stalk and intimidate her by calling her

school dance, the boy taunted the girl again about being molested. In front of a large group of students, he looked at the girl and yelled, "I hope she gets raped again!"

The following Monday at school, the girl reported the harassment to her counselor.

The principal and counselor called the mother again and said they would take care of the situation and that the boy had been warned to stop.

No Title IX procedures were taken.

Then came complaint No. 3.

Throughout March 2017, the boy continued to verbally harass the girl in the hallways, wait outside her class and follow her around, court records allege.

On March 31, 2017, the day before spring break, he and his friend flipped off the girl and called her a "whore" - an incident that was captured on surveillance video.

Then came the incident that broke her. During spring break, the word "whore" was written in dog feces on the ga-



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RCOC welcomes new board member, chairman

For the first time in eight years, the Road Commission for Oakland County has a new road commissioner: Andrea LaLonde of Clawson.

LaLonde is an employee of the Operating Engineers 324 of Michigan, where she has worked for 11 years. She participated in her first RCOC board meeting Jan. 10.

Also at the Jan. 10 meeting, the RCOC board elected Greg Jamian as chairman. Jamian is a 10-year veteran of the board. Ron Fowkes is the third member of the three-person board and was elected vice chairman.

"I'm really excited to be here," La-Londe said of RCOC. "Being on the RCOC board is an amazing opportunity to serve the residents of Oakland County. I look forward to learning from my fellow road commissioners and the RCOC staff." RCOC board members are appointed by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and serve for six-year terms. LaLonde was officially appointed by the county board Jan. 9. She replaces Eric Wilson, who retired from the RCOC board in December after 12 years of service.

The first woman to serve on the RCOC board, LaLonde is a graduate of Kalamazoo College. She is the daughter of Timothy LaLonde, a 22-year member of the St. Clair County Road Commission, and grew up in Fort Gratiot Township in St. Clair County.

Prior to working at the Operating Engineers, LaLonde worked for Midwest Steel in Detroit for eight years.

Jamian, a resident of Bloomfield Township, has served on the board since 2009. He is a former Oakland County commissioner and previously



Fowkes Jamian LaLonde

served on the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees.

For 30 years, Jamian has been president and CEO of an integrated healthservices corporation in Troy. He is a graduate of Oakland University with a B.A. in economics. He has served on numerous boards over the years, including the School of Business Administration at Oakland University, the School of Nursing at Oakland University, the Manoogian Manor Home for the Aged, the Traffic Improvement Association, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Oakland Family Services and the Area Agency on Aging 1-B.

His philanthropic initiatives include numerous community fundraising efforts and he continues to support hospitals, schools, churches and the arts, with the mission of making his community a better place to live. Jamian previously served as the RCOC chairman in 2013-14.

"I am pleased and honored to again serve as the chairman of the road commission," Jamian said. "In this role, I am committed to ensuring the agency continues to provide the safest and most efficient road system possible in the most economic manner possible."

Jamian has also been a strong advocate for RCOC's involvement in transportation technology. "Among local road agencies," Jamian said, "we are a national leader in terms of 'smart' roads and connected vehicles. My goal is that we not only meet the demands of today, but that we also are positioned to meet the demands of the future."

Fowkes will also continue his role as the RCOC representative on the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission. A resident of the village of Milford, Fowkes has been a member of the RCOC board since 2011.

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

AREA EVENTS

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

'Last Five Years' at Tipping Point

Jason Robert Brown's raw musical creation, "The Last Five Years," will be performed Jan. 24 through March 3 at Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, with special performances scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Previews Jan. 24-25 offer tickets for only \$25 and include a talk back with the director and Tipping Point's producing artistic director, James R. Kuhl. Tickets for opening nights Jan 26 are \$47 and include a catered reception from Browndog Barlor & Restaurant after the performance. For more ticketing information, go to www.TippingPoint Theatre.com or call the box office at 248-347-0003.

Motown turns 60

The Salem-South Lyon District Library will celebrate the 60th anniversary of Motown with live concert held 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1224, 125 E. McHattie Street, in South Lyon.

Street, in South Lyon. Professor, musician and award-winning author M.L. Liebler will perform with his band. Liebler's book "Heaven Was Detroit: From Jazz to Hip-Hop and Beyond" was the winner of the 2017 Michigan Library Notable Book Award and is a finalist for both the Forward Indie Book Award and Next Generation Book Award.

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.

American Square Dance

The South Lyon VFW Hall, 125 E. McHattie Street, will host a traditional American Square Dance 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. The dance is open to the public, no experience necessary. Couples, singles or families (ages 9 and up with parents).

All dances will be taught first. Dress is casual. Entry is \$5 per person donation to VFW. For more information, go to squaredancemichigan.tripod.com/ southlyon.html. Smith on The Battle of the Overpass in May 1937, set for 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile Road.

A catered lunch is \$20 per person. Make reservations at www.aauwnn.org. You can pay via PayPal or by check payable to AAUWNN and mailed to AAUWNN, ATTN: Rhonda York, P.O. Box 511, Northville MI 48167.

'Journey of Friendship' premiere

The Lyon Theater, 126 E. Lake Street, in South Lyon will hold the world premiere screening of "A Journey of Friendship" at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. The movie, directed by Steve Moyer, is a two-hour documentary on a group of 23 friends who have been together for 50plus years as of 2019.

For more information, call 248-231-4733.

Art Crush at Village Workshop

The Village Workshop, 455 E. Cady Street, in Northville will host Art Crush, in support of the Northville Art House, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. The event will include appetizers and wine and a silent auction of gift baskets and art work donated by event sponsors and local Art House artists.

Tickets \$60 on sale through Feb. 4 at www.northvillearthouse.org or at the Northville Art House.

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.

SLA Historical Society

The South Lyon Area Historical Society will present "92 Years and Still Going Strong — Michigan Seamless Tube" at its next meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the Village Freight House, 300 Dorothy Street, in South Lyon. Larry Ledbetter, a retired employee and member of the society, will lead the program with pictures, stories and a video of the Tube Mill's beginning and growth, into the largest and oldest manufacturing business in South Lyon.

A Growing Place open house

A Growing Place Preschool, 40700 W. 10 Mile Road, in Novi will host an open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 23. The open house will include free activities, crafts and snacks. It will give prospective parents an opportunity to visit the school, meet the staff and learn about the classes and programs offered. For more information, call 248-471-

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For more information, call 248-437-6431.

Northville Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will present Natural Forms: Figurative and Landscape Works by Ann Kelly, Nora Venturelli and Fran Wolok, scheduled for Feb. 1-23. This exhibition features figurative and landscape drawings and paintings inspired by human dynamics, animal forms and natural scenery.

The exhibit will open with a free public reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. It runs during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org.

New exhibit at HVCA

Color + Thread = Art, the work of fiber artist Katie McGrath, is on display at Huron Valley Council for the Arts, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland.

Exhibit hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, in January. For more information, go to www.huronvalleyarts.org or call 248-889-8660.

A quilt-making workshop using free cut piecing/drawing with a rotary cutter, led by McGrath and Mary Bajcz, another art quilter and member of HVCA's The Art Shop artist collective, will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, with a "snow date" of Saturday, Feb. 2. The cost is \$50. For more information about the class, go to www. huronvalleyarts.org/1/257/classes.asp.

'Tinkerbell' at Merguis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville will present "Tinkerbell Visits Storyland" throughout January. Showtimes are 2:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through Jan. 27.

Community Sharing trivia night

The group Community Sharing will host its fifth annual trivia night fundraising event at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road. Attendees can set up their own table of 10 or they can join in with another table.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available at Community Sharing's Duck Lake Center in Highland,or online at www.community-sharing.org. Food and beverages are available for purchase. A 50/50 raffle and a gift basket raffle are also part of the evening. Prizes will be awarded to all 10 members of the winning table.

All proceeds of this fundraiser will benefit Community Sharing's outreach center. Community Sharing is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides food, clothing, emergency financial assistance, tutoring and other services to those families living within the Huron Valley school district boundaries and who qualify based on income level.

For more information, call 248-889-0347 or go to at www.communitysharing.org.

Area Agency on Aging class

Aging Matters, an educational service of AAA 1-B, is kicking off 2019 with a free six-week class titled Powerful Tools for Caregivers, scheduled for 1-3:30 p.m. each Monday beginning Feb. 4 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

To register or to get more information, call 833-262-2200 or email wellnessprograms@aaalb.com.

K. of C. free throw contest

The Knights of Columbus Father Edmund Battersby Council No. 7586 will host a free-throw shooting contest at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at St. Joseph Church, 830 S. Lafayette Street, in South Lyon. The contest is open to boys and girls ages 9-14. For more information, call 313- 550-1990.

AAUW history presentation

The American Association of University Women - Northville Novi invites the public to a presentation by Mike

Northville Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, Feb. 11, at the Cady Inn, 215 Griswold Street. There will be a light lunch ,followed by the club meeting and program. "In the Garden: Stories of Monet/Giverney" will be presented by Northville resident Debra Marcon of the DIA.

Guests are always welcome. For more information, call Suemarie Klimek at 734-459-8327.

Family Valentine's Day party

First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street, is hosting a Valentine's Day-themed evening of food, fun and fellowship Wednesday, Feb. 13. There will have "kid-friendly" food, music and dancing, games, and Valentine cards to make, plus a free dinner and activities for all ages.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., dinner served at 6 p.m., depart at 7:45 p.m. For more information, call 248-349-0911.

Indivisible Huron Valley

The group Indivisible Huron Valley will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the SHAC, 125 S. Main Street, in Milford. The group will celebrate its second anniversary, introduce its newest steering committee members and discuss future plans.

Soles4Souls shoe collection

New Hope Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 57885 Grand River Avenue, in New Hudson is collecting shoes for Soles4Souls during the month of February. Soles4Souls is a nonprofit social organization which distributes shoes around the world to those in need. New to well-worn shoes are acceptable.

You may drop off donations to church members from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, or place them in the box provided by the front door of New Hope.

Barn dance at Kensington

The Kensington Metropark Farm Center, 4570 Huron River Parkway, will host a pair of barn dances Saturday, Feb. 18. There are two sessions to choose The Capernaum Health Clinic, which provides free health care through a coalition of South Lyon-area churches for those without adequate insurance, is scheduled for Monday through Friday, March 4-8, at First United Methodist Church, 640, S. Lafayette Street, in South Lyon. Services that may be available include medical, dental, vision, audiology, podiatry and mammograms.

Appointments are necessary for most services. Call 248-225-4581 or email capernaumhealthclinic@gmail. com for appointments and information.

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.

Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts

The Living and Learning Center, 315 Griswold, in Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house.

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.living andlearningcenter.org.

Smoking is required in this Plymouth eatery

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When discussing the topic of why he doesn't spend a significant amount of revenue on traditional advertising, Max and Bella's Smokehouse owner Aaron Peggs swung open the doors of his Cadillac-sized meat smoker, releasing a plume of smoke saturated with the sweet aroma of smoked brisket.

"That's my advertising," Peggs said one cloudless morning last week, motioning toward the wind-blown smell of success that was headed west, toward downtown Plymouth.

Given the popularity the world-renowned gourmet chef and restaurant turnaround guru has already garnered in the six weeks his smokehouse has been open on Ann Arbor Trail, it's hard to argue with his promotional strategies.

Featuring a quality-over-quantity menu — the five mains consist of babyback ribs (both half and full racks), a brisket meal, pork meal, half-chicken and dirty rice — and unique-to-Plymouth style of cooking, Max and Bella's has already made a significant mark in the community his wife and partner, Kim Lahti, have resided in since 2010.

"Business has been really good so far," Lahti said. "During the five days a week we've been open, we sold out an average of three days a week."

"We're open from 11 (a.m.) to 7 (p.m.) most days, but we tell people that we try to sell out every day," Peggs said. "If we do sell out, we close the place up. Our food is fresh. There's no grease, we don't use gas. We like to keep it simple, old school. Everything is cooked on the smoker."

Remarkable resume

Peggs brings a wealth of five-star credentials to his newest venture.

Born in upstate New York, he eventually moved to Memphis, Tenn., where he graduated from high school.

"While I was in Memphis, I worked for a friend whose parents had a barbecue competition team," he said. "I traveled with them across the South on weekends and helped them out. I learned a lot about cooking."

Peggs' resume includes a stint as a chef at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Park City, Utah, and a six-year stretch in the Florida Keys, where he applied his craft to fresh seafood.

"The restaurants were mostly fineend dining with \$120 plates," he said.



Chef Aaron Peggs and his wife Kim opened Max and Bella's Smokehouse in Plymouth on Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Kellogg Park. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Max and Bella's Smokehouse in Plymouth. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"Although people couldn't afford the \$120 any more, they still wanted the same presentation and quality of food. So I would come in, redesign their menus for smaller plates — generally in the range of \$40 to \$60 now — but still with the beautiful presentation."

When Lahti's father became ill in 2010, the family moved to Plymouth.

"We wanted an excellent education system for our son and Plymouth-Canton was known for that," Lahti said. "We love the four seasons and our son is an outdoors lover — snowboarding, skiing, baseball, soccer, so Plymouth was perfect for us."

Always cookin'

Peggs made sure his restaurant-related expertise didn't go stale when he relocated to southeast Michigan. Among other projects, he hooked up with Matteo Melosi to turn Ann Arbor's Westside Barbecue into a first-place during the ice festival, just to see what kind of feedback we'd get," Peggs said. "It was all positive."

Finding and opening their restaurant in downtown Plymouth proved easier than expected for Peggs and Lahti.

"This place had been empty for eight months. We made an offer and they accepted," Peggs said. "We were originally going to open on Jan. 9 for the ice festival, but everything went so smoothly, we ended up opening six weeks earlier ... which is unusual in the restaurant business.

"I was planning on going down to Florida for the month of December, but everything was ready to go, so we said, 'Let's get it started' and I shortened my trip to one week."

"We already have noticed a good amount of repeat customers," Lahti added. "Sometimes we'll see people twice in the same day.

"Knowing that we sell a lot, we'll have regular customers. Like, for instance, my smoked salmon guy calls in when we open, orders a meal and picks it up later."

Peggs estimated that 75 percent of his business is takeout, which is due in



Max and Bella's Smokehouse owner Aaron Peggs shows off one of the entrees his new business offers.

part to limited seating in the 1,000square-foot building.

"This building is actually a perfect size for us," he said.

Peggs said he fuels his smoker with only apple and cherry wood, which is delivered six cords at a time by a supplier who lives two hours north of Plymouth.

"He has so much stash for me, it's unbelievable," Peggs said.

What does Peggs like the best about his job?

"I can do whatever I want," he said. "If I want to drink a beer, I can drink a beer — nobody's going to fire me (smile). If we want to go on vacation, we have a 'Gone Fishin" sign we hang over the door."

Everything on the menu is selling well, Peggs revealed.

"Everybody raves about the brisket," he said. "As for the five sides we offer, the top seller is the cream corn casserole. However, whenever we give someone a sample of our dirty rice, all of a sudden that goes to the top of their go-to list."

Max and Bella's, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday — or until the food sells out.

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When the recession arrived in 2008, the innovative-minded Peggs was one of few entrepreneurs who benefited from the economic downturn.

"People didn't have money to be ordering \$120 meals and, instead of going out to eat four times a week, they were going out twice a week," he said. eating establishment. "If you Google top restaurants in the

Midwest, Westside will show," Peggs said. Peggs and Lahti also gauged the de-

mand for a smokehouse in Plymouth. "We set up our smoker under the (Saxton's) marquee a couple years ago

Stalker

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assured her that the boy would not have any classes with her or be in the same building. Her sophomore year, the first day of school, the boy followed her to classes. He then showed up at her band activities and stared at her.

On Sept. 18, 2017, the girl and her mother attended a meeting with school officials, during which the girl "repeatedly informed everyone present that she did not feel safe at school."

That next day, the boy crossed paths with the girl between schools, came up close to her and shoved her into a metal fence, bruising her hand.

After this incident, the girl stopped attending school out of fear for her safety. She was treated for anxiety and depression and returned to school weeks later on a lighter schedule. She started taking online classes and wanted to continue marching in the band, though she was told she was not permitted to be

in the band if she wasn't in school full time.

In early October 2017, a school resource officer asked the mother whether she wanted to press charges against the

boy for slamming her daughter into a fence. The mother said yes. That same month, her mother petitioned the court

for a personal protection order against the student, which was issued Oct. 25, 2017.

On Halloween, the mother followed up with Canton police to find out the status of the investigation involving the metal fence incident.

Police told her the case was closed for lack of evidence, though her daughter had never been interviewed by police or anyone else. Meanwhile, back at school, the stalking continued. The boy would show up in hallways and stare the girl down. School officials suggested the girl take a different route through school to avoid him, court records say.

On Nov. 2, 2017, the boy passed the girl on a path between schools and grabbed the sleeve of her sweatshirt. She reported the incident to school officials, with her mother on speakerphone.

That was complaint No. 10. Retaliation followed.

On Nov. 8, 2017, a school resource officer called the mother to tell her that he had concluded his investigation and that he feit the girl had lied. Moreover, he said that he believed the girl was deliberately trying to run into the boy by showing up to school early.

The officer allegedly threatened the girl that if she filed another "false" report, the school would press felony charges against her.

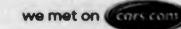
The girl and her mother had enough. They filed a complaint with the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights and the government opened an investigation last year.

The lawsuit followed, alleging the school district failed to protect the girl from ongoing harassment and assaults, scarring her emotionally and academically. Currently, the girl is not able to attend school because of anxiety and stress related to the harassment. The district has offered her 10 hours a week of off-site tutoring, but won't let her participate in marching band.

"This district has utterly failed this student," Salvatore said. "Rather than properly address this family's repeated reports of harassment by a male student, district administrators essentially did nothing. They let my client suffer ... until she tried to kill herself."

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Farmington's Founders Festival to move to park

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Dennis Page is banking on bands, dinner specials and his famed ox roast sandwiches to help draw patrons to his restaurant during Greater Farmington Founders Day Festival, July 18-21.

Drumming up business for Page's Food & Spirits always has been a breeze during the event in previous years since it sits right downtown. But with nearly all of the festival action — from the beer tent to entertainment — moving to Shiawassee Park in 2019, Page is brainstorming ways to keep up momentum.

"In the past years it's been the busiest week of the year for my business," said Page, from his seat at the bar on a recent afternoon. "People would come here to eat before going to the beer tent, after going to the beer tent. If you're going to take it to the park it's obviously not going to help businesses here if it's a mile away in the park.

"My plan is to take care of my business and do what's best for Page's. 'I'm going to have a big party here on Friday and Saturday night during the festival."

Page, whose restaurant is located on Farmington Road approximately a halfmile to the park, is among business owners who oppose the decision to move the festival from downtown. The Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce, which runs the festival, held children's events and Fido Fest dog activities at Shiawassee Park last year, while maintaining musical entertainment and a beer tent in the parking lot at the Downtown Farmington Center on Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road. Art and crafts vendor booths were stationed on Farmington Road, south of State Street.

Next year all but the parade on Grand River will be held in the park. A section of Shiawassee Road from Power to Farmington Road will be closed.

Farmington City Council unanimously approved the Chamber's special event application earlier this month.

Mary Martin, Chamber president, said the park is "logistically good" for a full festival, including entertainment and a beer tent. She told city officials that the children's activities and canine events were successful last year and that sponsors were interested in concentrating all activities at one site, strengthening the festival's exposure. She also noted that public safety costs would decrease with all activities in one place and parking would be freed up in the downtown shopping center. Farmington Road downtown also would remain open. •



Abraham Lincoln and his wife made a visit to last year's Founders Festival parade. TOM BEAUDOIN



Dennis Page says the Founders Day Festival needs improvement, but should stay in downtown Farmington. SHARON DARGAY | HOMETOWNLIFE.CDM

Cowley & Sons Irish Pub & Restaurant, criticized the move in a statement posted on the restaurant website. He wrote that holding the festival in Shiawassee Park would cost downtown businesses revenue and over time would downgrade the event.

"My biggest objection is restaurants are going to pay the price for the moving

of the beer tent to the park. They'll fill the place with food trucks. All that reve-

nue going to food trucks. That is not

the city of Farmington. You don't out-

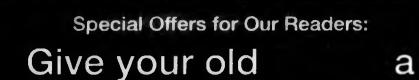
The founders festival is a brand of

economic development," he said.

Beer tent



The Redford Unicycle Club rides in the Greater Farmington Founders Day Festival parade. All of the festival's activities except for the parade will move to Shiawassee Park in 2019. TOM BEAUDOIN



"Certainly, the beer tent is a draw in the evening, but in the day people are looking for entertainment. People are looking for things to do, not necessarily to buy things," she said, during a recent phone interview.

"Some of our members have closed during the festival because patrons can't park easily. Others are more concerned about the lack of foot traffic. Fresh Thyme is one of our members. The impact to them is significant. They had to cut back on staff and throw out product. They appreciate the fact that moving the festival will open up parking."

Mixed reaction

At Joe's Headquarters on Farmington Road north of State Street, hairstylist Brandy Gregg voiced her support for moving the festival to Shiawassee Park. She said some of her clients cancelled appointments during the event when it was held downtown because they couldn't find parking in the area.

Joe and Kendra Mantey, owners of The Cheese Lady, located on the east side of the Downtown Farmington Center, said the festival neither helped nor hurt their business.

"One the one hand you hopefully have some new people come in and that theoretically leads to more business later. But on the other hand there was no place to park. They used up an awful lot of the parking lot to hold the festival," Joe Mantey said.

"It didn't seem like it brought in that much traffic," added Kendra Mantey. "And it's always the hottest weekend of the year. Nobody wants to walk around with cheese. It's just going to melt. They'll come in and taste and say it's too hot to take it. The first year we were here

we tried to get involved. We put all the textiles out there — nothing."

Kristy Libby has worked festival weekends at Farmington Center Florist, which is located on the west end of the shopping center. She said the event generated new customers for the store. "We get a lot of people coming in that

didn't know we were here," she said,. Greg Cowley, a former DDA member, former councilman, and owner of John

source that to a third party to manage and you don't move it out of the downtown. It's a downtown festival." He accused the city council and

Downtown Development Authority of abdicating their responsibility by allowing the Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with an events production company, to produce the festival.

According to DDA Director Kate Knight, a nonprofit organization ran the festival before the DDA took it on in 2009, handing management to the Chamber in 2014. She said the event became "overwhelming" for her predecessor and DDA staff.

"There are no downtown development authorities that run big events. That's not the way it works any more. It's not part of what DDAs do. Either you're going to do economic development and downtown development, capital projects or you're going to be a party planner," she said.

"Would we host events? Absolutely. Downtowns are an obvious venue for bringing people together. We'll help facilitate. We'll help host. But I can either work on capital projects or I can take applications for peanut vendors."

Knight said the festival is a perfect time for downtown businesses to create their own special activities, such as a sidewalk sale or party tent. Miller encourages restaurants to participate in the park or run shuttle buses from the park to downtown.

"Even if people are coming to Shiawassee Park, they are coming home to Farmington," Knight said. "It's a homecoming tradition. What are you doing to bring them into your business?"

Miller said the Chamber is in discussion with Our Lady of Sorrows and Farmington Public Schools for use of parking lots at the church and Farmington High School. Final plans will be announced closer to the event.



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Sports

PREP WRESTLING

Observerland draws top talent

Churchill to host 18-school field Saturday, Jan. 26

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After a four-year hiatus, Westland John Glenn is back in the fold for the Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament.

The Rockets, currently ranked No. 8 in Division 1 by MichiganGrappler.com, will be sending its 'A' team for the 28th annual tournament, set for Saturday, Jan. 26, at Livonia Churchill.

Monroe Jefferson will not return to defend its Observerland title, opting instead to go to the Marysville Invitational.

However, the second- and thirdplace finishers from last year, Novi Detroit Catholic Central Varsity White and

the Glenn 'B' team, both return.

"In the last few years, we've gone out to Yale, an individual tournament, a round-robin, and it's been great, but we won the tournament for four or five years in a row, so I just figured it was time to move on and try something else," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "It seems like Observerland has a few different teams in there than the past. We were wrestling the same people for a while. I searched around and looked at a lot of options and when I talked to the coaches over there (at Churchill) they said I could bring two teams, so that kind of made my decision easy just so I can bring more kids and watch them all wrestle under one roof."

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



COLLEGE FOOTBALL For OSU's Jordan, the decision to go to NFL wasn't easy

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Michael Jordan figured it was time

FIGURE SKATING

Madison Chock and Evan Bates recently competed in Poland, taking a first place, in preparation for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships this week in Detroit, JAY ADEFF | U.S. FIGURE SKATING

Back for a visit Ice dancers Chock and Bates feeling re-energized after move to Canada

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A change of scenery is apparently just what the doctor ordered for twotime Olympic ice dancers Madison Chock and Evan Bates.

The two, who represented the U.S. in See DANCERS, Page 2B

the 2018 PyeongChang Games (placing ninth) and the 2014 Sochi Games (placing eighth), have embarked on a new frontier as they changed their skating operations from the Novi Ice Arena to Montreal, Quebec.

After seven years (2011-18) with



Madison Chock, a 2010 Novi High grad, and Ann Arbor native Evan **Bates ara two-tima Olympians** headed to the U.S. Figure Skating **Championships at Little Caesars** Arena. U.S. FIGURE SKATING

gain to can out the moving frucks.

Whether it's Mayflower, Atlas or North American Van Lines, the threeyear starting offensive lineman at Ohio State - after much thought - decided it's time to load up, with the National Football League as his next destination.

After starting 41 straight games for the Buckeyes, which featured a successful move from

guard to center his junior season, the Canton native and Plymouth High grad now finds himself training in Pensacola, Fla., for the NFL



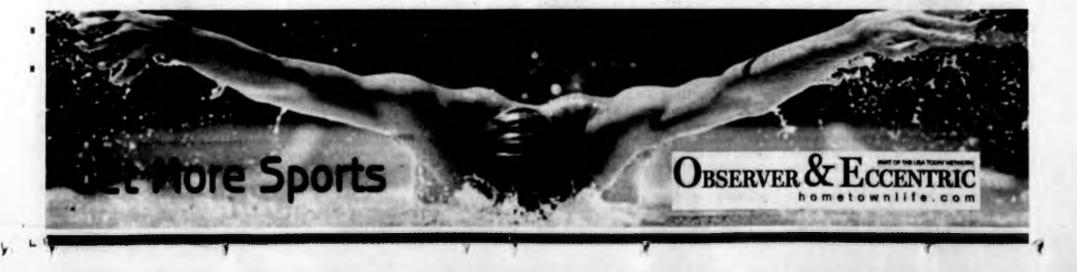
Scouting Combine (Feb. Jordan 26 through March 4 in Indianapolis) in preparation for the NFL Draft (April 25-27 in Nashville).

Leaving Columbus is certainly tough for Jordan, who ended his career on high note after helping OSU to a 13-1 record, including wins in the Rose Bowl and Big Ten Championship game, not to mention a convincing 62-39 victory in the season finale against arch-rival Michigan.

"I just feel I was ready to play at the next level," Jordan said. "I talked with my parents, prayed about it, talked to coaches, talked to a bunch of people. I had a bunch of great teammates at Ohio State. It was so hard to leave them, but I just felt it was the right decision for me."

Making the move from guard to center in 2018, Jordan continued the Buckeyes' recent run of All-America-

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Churchill's Hage up for national award

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Livonia Churchill athletic director Marc Hage is among the state's eight finalists for a prestigious award given annually by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association, the professional organization of school coaches and athletic directors.

Bach of the eight finalists will be honored, along with the Coach of the Year, during the NHSACA's annual conference June 22-27 in Bismarck, N.D., where more than 500 coaches and athletic directors will participate.

Among others from the state nominated for NHSACA Coach of the Year are: Leon Braisted III (Birmingham Marian), girls golf; Dan Griesbaum (Grosse Pointe South), baseball; Emeott David (East Kentwood), boys track and field; Tim Simpson (Lansing Catholic), girls cross country; and Betty Wroubel (Pontiac Notre Dame Prep), volleyball.

The selection and nomination for awards comes from each sports' association and through the Michigan High School Coaches Association. The NHSACA selection of the Michigan finalists is based on the performance of their programs over the years and/or



Hage

their contribution to the sport, school and community.

The 59-year-old Hage is a graduate of Churchill High and Michigan State. He has worked for the Livonia Public Schools district since 1990 and, prior to that, was a physical education teacher at Holt and Berkley.

"I am honored and humbled by this nomination," said Hage, who has been Churchill's A.D. since 1997. "Athletics have always been a labor of love for me and I have been the beneficiary of ardent support throughout the years. This would not be possible without the guidance and assistance of the Livonia community and our parents, the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, the Livonia Churchill coaches, superintendent Mrs. Andrea Oquist, our Central Office staff, the athletic administrators of the KLAA, my own family and, of course, the student-athletes at Churchill."

In March, Hage will also be recognized in Traverse City by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, as he'll receive its highest honor as state Athletic Director of the Year.

During his 22-year run at Churchill, Hage has been named the MIAAA's Region II Athletic Director of the Year twice (2002 and 2011). He also was also awarded the MIAAA's George Lovich State Award of Merit (2014) and was a recipient of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Allen W. Bush Award (2015).

He has also served as past president of the Western Lakes Activities Association and Kensington Lakes Activities Association (2014 to present). He is the KLAA's commissioner for boys and girls soccer. Hage was also instrumental in the transition phase from the WLAA to the KLAA in 2007-08.

The NHSACA is a 54-year-old association with nearly 335,000 members serving as athletic administrators and all levels as coaches in numerous high schools and junior/middle highs throughout the country.

Partnered with the Michigan High School Coaches Association, the NHSA-CA works to promote the educational value of interscholastic athletics and the role of athletic administrators and coaches.

"This nomination is shared with all of you as we have traveled down this road together," Hage said. "Please keep in mind that when the days of educational athletics come to a close for many high school athletes, the word 'student' will always come first in the phrase 'studentathlete.' I am so grateful for all of you and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to grow and prosper, which has been a direct result of my association with each of you."

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Dancers

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coach Igor Shpilband in Novi, the team separated from their long-time coach and began training last summer with three new coaches in Marie-France Dubreuil, Patrice Lauzon and Romain Haguenauer.

The new partnership is in its infant stages as the 26-year-old Chock, a 2010 Novi High grad, and the 29-year-old Bates, an Ann Arbor native, return home for the 2019 GEICO U.S. Figure Skating Championships this week at Detroit's Little Caesars Arena.

The move to Montreal has been really good for us on a lot of levels," Bates said. "First, I think like what Maddie spoke about, things can get stagnant for a while. And for us, it's been training for me in Michigan my whole life and for Maddie for 13 years and so we I think we needed a change just to feel reinvigorated for the next four-year cycle. And then, obviously, there's something really special going on in the camp in Montreal. You see the success that they all have, especially at the Olympics. We knew that if we could move, that would be the place that would spark our passion again and give us the daily competition we were craving." Following the Olympics and the World Championships last March in Milan, Italy, where they placed fifth, Chock underwent surgery for a bothersome ankle, which removed some chipped bone fragments that hampered her throughout that 2018 season. "I needed to put my health first and make that a priority," said Chock, a California native. "I was just kind of holding on last season and pushing through because the Olympics were the most important thing. It really gave me time to focus on my health and some things I needed to do. But also it gave us a bit of a different perspective when we came back." The move to Montreal has been beneficial on many different fronts for the dance pair, who have twice earned a medal in the International Skating Union Worlds (silver in 2015, bronze in 2016) as well as winning the 2015 U.S. Nationals. "It kind of reignited our passion for skating," Chock said. "We realized there's a lot of things we take for granted and I think skating was one of those things. I found since I've been off and had a nice long chance to miss skating. when I came there was some much more joy and just pureness, like I just felt I



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was reliving for the first time when I was a little girl when I learned how to skate and everything was exciting. But of course, it was a bit frustrating because we wanted to go 100 percent right away, but it was a really nice transition into

the next phase of our careers and I'm really happy that we took time off trying to evaluate our careers and appreciate what we've done and set goals for what we want to accomplish in the next few years."

Their return to the ice, however, was delayed. They pulled out of the scheduled competition last November at the ISU Grand Prix in Helsinki, Finland, before officially making their comeback Jan. 8-12 at the Mentor Toruñ Cup in Poland, where they placed first overall,



Ice dancers Evan Bates (middle) and Madison Chock (right) visit with their fellow #TeamNovi skaters and the media during the 2018 Olympic send-off celebration at Novi Ice Arena. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

winning both the rhythmic dance and free dance.

'We had a great time in Poland. It was our first competition in 10 months and I can tell you it felt like a very long 10 months, but it felt really, really great to be back competing again," Chock said. "We had a really good first outing. We felt like we performed our programs well for the first time. We're really excited about our material this season. Our main goal is to get people excited about our skating again as much as we are, because we have a new-found inspiration and passion for skating that we haven't felt in a long time, so we're really excited to share that with everyone this season."

Getting back into the swing of things, however, has proven to be a challenge for the Michigan duo.

"We were really a little nervous for the short dance, especially," Bates said. "There's no simulation for competition and we train a lot and we felt really prepared. The programs feel like they're in a good place, but then when you get to the competition and the moment arrives, there's nothing like it. We were a little bit nervous for the first time out and maybe it showed a little bit, especially in the short dance, but I think the free dance was a really good skate for us. It was something we had been waiting for a long time. We finally got the opportunity to compete and perform and it just felt like a relief, honestly."

Under the direction of Shpilband for seven years, Chock and Bates reached the podium six straight times at the U.S. Nationals. They were also two-time Grand Prix Final silver medalists (2014-15, 2015-16) and a four-time Four Continents medalists (2013, 2015, 2016, 2017) in addition to being the U.S. Nationals champs (2015).

Depending on their draw, Chock and

Bates are scheduled to skate 3:55-5:50 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, in the championship rhythmic dance. They will conclude their performance with championship free dance set for 6:15-8:55 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Little Caesars Arena.

"Our goal for U.S. championships and beyond this season is simply to show the way we're feeling about our own skating, which is why we're very excited," said Bates, a University of Michigan grad. "The passion never dies, we just needed a spark again and feel re-invigorated. We're very excited about the direction it's going for us. We wanted to get other people excited about it. Whatever the placement is at Nationals, we'll certainly be able to live with it knowing that we're heading in the right direction."

The coaching change has given Chock and Bates a new lease on their skating life. It's challenge, but a welcomed one, nonetheless.

"There's no wrong way to skate, but there are different schools of thought," Bates said. "It's interesting, because Maddie and I have been trained by Russians for our entire careers. Marie and Patrice have never been trained by Russians their entire careers, so I think we're seeing a different approach. We're going to find some middle ground between our previous techniques (and) the new techniques that we're learning and it's going to evolve. But there's certainly a lot that we have learned and it's been very exciting. For, I like learning and skating. To be 29 and come to a new school, I feel like I'm learning new things and I'm getting better. It's very exciting and Maddie is feeling the same way. We're just excited to go to the rink in the morning, work on basics, work on stroking and, obviously, in championships and we're in season right now."

The native language in Quebec is French, but the pair have been able to forge new friendships along the way and have made a smooth adjustment to life away from home.

The distance, however, between Montreal to Detroit is 522 miles, a more than nine-hour drive.

"Both of our parents both live in Michigan, so it was especially difficult during the holidays, because we weren't able to be with all of them," Chock said. "His parents came up for Thanksgiving and my parents came up for Christmas, but it's different because we didn't get to see everyone. We were trying to keep our focus, because we had the competition coming up, so we didn't get that real holiday, family, Christmas-time experience that we usually get. We were a little homesick, but it was great that our parents came up to visit us for a little bit."

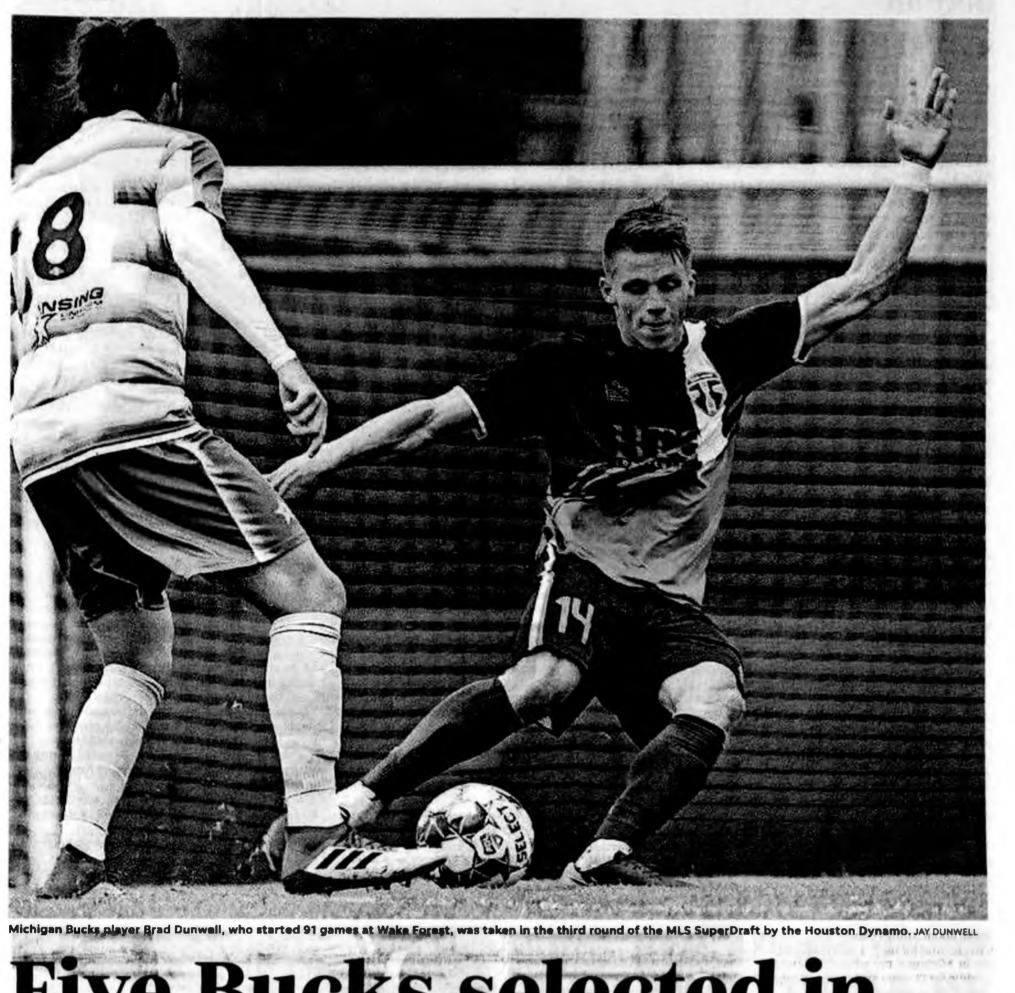
This is the first time since 1994 that the U.S. Figure Skating Championships have been staged in Detroit (then it was at Joe Louis Arena). The last one is best remembered for the national media stir it created following the attack on Nancy Kerrigan while she was at a practice session next door at Cobo Arena.

Chock and Bates will certainly savor their time being back home.

"It's been a long time since the U.S. Championships have been in Detroit and we're really happy to be able to perform in our hometown when they come back to Little Caesars Arena, which we actually got to see a few weeks ago and it's a beautiful venue," Chock said, "and we'll definitely have friends and family out there to support us, so that will be great."

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latest MLS SuperDraft

Former standout MSU goalie taken by new MLS franchise FC Cincinnati

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The Michigan Bucks of the Premier Development League continue to replenish Major League Soccer after five of their players were taken in last week's MLS SuperDraft.

Among those selected was former Michigan Jaguars youth player and Michigan State goalkeeper Jimmy Hague (Walled Lake Western), taken in the second round with the 30th pick overall by the expansion FC Cincinnati.

Hague became the second former Jaguars player drafted into MLS — joining midfielder Ken Krolicki (Canton/ MSU), who appeared in 19 games during his rookie year with the Montreal Impact — and the first product of the Junior Jaguars development program to reach the professional ranks.

Hague will join former Northville High and MSU standout Fatai Alashe on the Cincinnati FC roster.

"Honestly, it feels incredible," said Hague, who was on hand for his selection in Chicago. "This is a dream come true and this is a moment I'll cherish for the rest of my life."

Hague began his soccer career in the early days of the Junior Jaguars program and eventually worked his way up through the Novi-based club.

In 2012, Hague was part of the 1996 Boys Green team, along with Krolicki, that captured the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championship. During that tournament, Hague was awarded the Golden Gloves as the best goalkeeper in the tournament.

"We are extremely proud of everything Jimmy has accomplished thus



Former Michigan Bucks goalkeeper Jimmy Hague was all smiles after being taken in the second round of the MLS SuperDraft by the expansion Cincinnati FC. MICHIGAN JAGUARS

far," Michigan Jaguars Executive Director Paul Tinnion said. "We have known Jimmy since he was a kid and it was rewarding to see him drafted after all the hard work he put into soccer in his years with our club."

After high school, Hague spent five seasons at MSU, where he led the Spartans to an NCAA Final Four berth in 2018. He earned numerous Big Ten honors, including all-Big Ten first team and Big Ten Goalkeeper of the Year in 2017.

"I basically say I got to Michigan State because of the Jags," Hague said in an interview prior to the draft. "My relationship with the coaches, I knew I had them for a lifetime."

Hague started all last summer for the USL League 2 Bucks, the most storied franchise in the history of what was formerly known as the Premier Development League.

The selections cemented the Bucks' annual legacy in the MLS SuperDraft being the only team in the world that has had at least one player selected or signed in every SuperDraft since its inception in 1999, when Jeremy Aldrich (Mattawan/ Butler University) heard his name called by the Miami Fusion. The other four Bucks players going in the MLS Super Draft included:

I Marcello Borges (Kearney, N.J./ Michigan): The attacking defender from U-M was also selected in the second round (28th overall) by the Colorado Rapids.

Borges, a two-time all-Big Ten second team player who led the Wolverines to a 12-6-2 record, became the 78th player in Bucks history to be selected or signed by an MLS team.

I Grant Stoneman (St. Charles, Ill./ Loyola of Chicago): The Missouri Valley Conference Defender of the Year and three-time all-MVC first-team player will stay close to home after being selected by the Chicago Fire with the seventh pick of the third round (55th overall).

Brad Dunwell (Grand Rapids/ Wake Forest): A mainstay with the Bucks and second-team All-America with the Demon Deacons, he was taken with the eighth pick of the third round (56th overall) by the Houston Dynamo.

The midfielder spent four summers with the Bucks as they captured the Hank Steinbrecher Cup, two regular season and two playoff titles, including the coveted 2016 PDL North American Championship.

At Wake Forest, Dunwell was a fouryear starter and team captain, starting all 91 games and leading the Demon Deacons to a 73-11-7 record, more wins than any other Division I program in that time.

Joey Piatczyc (Lee's Summit, Mo./West Virginia): The midfielder was selected in the fourth round (84th overall) by the New York Red Bulls.

Piatczyc is West Virginia's all-time assists leader and guided the Mountaineers to an unbeaten Mid-American Conference record and regular season conference title in 2018.

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Jordan

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quality play at that position. He followed Rimington Award winners Pat Elflein (2016) and Billy Price (2017) and fueled an offense that set Ohio State and Big Ten records for yards total offense per game.

Jordan has started every game over the past three years and is a two-time all-Big Ten selection. As a guard, he was a freshman All-American in 2016 and first team all-Big Ten pick in 2017.

He made the move to center in 2018 and the results for the Ohio State offense were historic. Ten times this season the Buckeyes totaled 500 or more yards total offense, including 567 against Michigan — at the time, the nation's No. 1-ranked defense.

Jordan was named All-America by two organizations. He's a first team pick for SI.com and earned second team honors from the Walter Camp Football Foundation.

'The thing I'll miss most about Ohio State is, No. 1, the family," Jordan said. "The brotherhood there is unbelievable. It's unreal. I'm also going to miss playing in front of Buckeye nation and, obviously, I'll miss my coaches.'

Jordan, who hopes to go in the top 100 picks this April, got the blessings from outgoing OSU coach Urban Meyer to declare for the NFL Draft.

"Urban Meyer is a great coach," Jordan said. "We have a pretty strong relationship. When I declared (for the NFL), he called me and said, 'I'm going to support your decision.' That meant a lot to me and he's always been with me every step of the way. He got the best out of me. Whether I liked it or not, he got the best out of me."

Jordan is one of only six OSU players to start their first game as a true freshman. The last offensive lineman to do it was Orlando Pace, who went on to become an NFL Hall of Fame player.

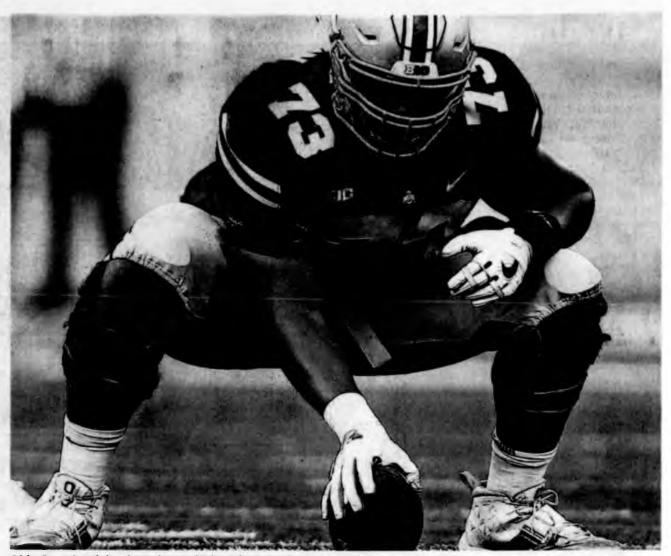
Jordan was born in Farfield, Ohio, moved to Kentucky as a preschooler, but continued to attend elementary school in Ohio until re-locating with his family to South Carolina during the middle of his sixthgrade year.

He arrived at Plymouth as a freshman in high school and showed promise quickly on the gridiron.

'Coach (Mike) Sawchuk is the one who really started it all," Jordan said. "He saw something in me after my freshman year in high school, going into my sophomore year, when he moved me up to varsity and gave me a chance. It was really hard, but each and every day he gave me a chance to compete and start at right tackle when I was a sophomore. I ended up winning the job and starting both ways. He just pushed me to become a better player."

Jordan, who also wrestled and participated in track and field, graduated from Plymouth High a semester early to enroll at OSU in January 2016.

The toughest adjustment was getting used to the college workouts," Jordan said. "And the toughest ad-



Ohio State's Michael Jordan switched from guard to center for the 2018 season. KIRK IRWIN | OHIO STATE DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

justment was managing the football and school at the same time. It's basically like a full-time job."

Jordan was asked to switch to center prior to the 2018 because there was a need. His NFL stock may rise now that he can play two positions, but he prefers one over the other. He is ranked the No. 3 center in this vear's draft class, according to ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr.

"I'm a guard," Jordan said. "The toughest adjustment (to center) was most definitely the repetition, just getting accurate with the snap. It was at first a struggle, but I picked it up right away."

Ironically, Jordan received an scholarship offer from Michigan before getting one from OSU, but growing up in southwest Ohio, he was rooted in scarlet and gray.

"I've always been a Buckeye fan," Jordan said.

Jordan leaves OSU with a 3-0 record against Michigan. A victory in 2016 over Penn State ranks as one of his signature highlights, right along this year's seasonending drubbing at the Horseshoe over the Wolverines.

"It was really just the preparation," Jordan said. "We don't just prepare that week for Michigan. We prepare all year long, January until Michigan week. Against Michigan, it all came together and it was just amazing."

Jordan said he needs 20 more credits to graduate and is currently taking three online classes while training in Pensacola. He is being represented by the Miami-based sports agency Rosenhaus Sports.

During his spare time, Jordan treasures being with friends and family. He occasionally goes out for a movie, likes to roller skate and play video games.

Whenever Jordan's name will be called during the NFL Draft, he'll more than likely have to have the moving trucks on call.

"My favorite (NFL) team growing up was the Cincinnati Bengals," Jordan said. "I would not be upset at all if they drafted me."

And wouldn't that be quite the homecoming for Michael Jordan?

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Wrestling

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Among other hometownlife.com area schools entered in the 18-school field are host Churchill, Wayne Memorial, Salem, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, North Farmington, Northville and Birmingham Brother Rice.

Also in the field are Berkley, Grosse Pointe South, Detroit Mumford Academy, Ortonville Brandon, Rochester and Waterford Mott.

"One of the reasons I decided to go back is just because

> these guys have never wrestled in it," Polk said. "And Observerland was such a strong tradition. For years and years, it was one of the toughest

tournaments around. It

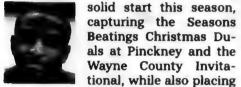


Polk



was kind of the bragging rights for the area. But I think the tournament changed for a while and I don't think it was competitive. And you've got to change it up sometimes ... I figured we'd change it up after four or five years." The Rockets are off to a solid start this season,

second behind top-



Baker

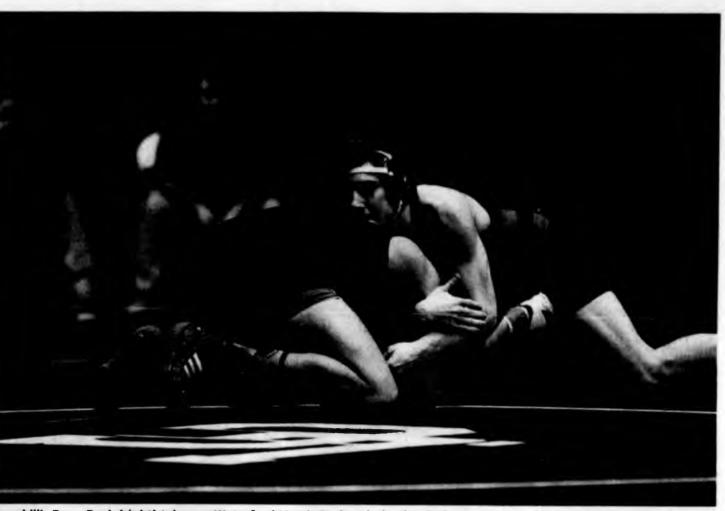
ranked Detroit CC's Varsity Blue squad in the

Rocket Duals.

"I still think we can be better, but we're having a pretty decent year," said Polk, who guided Glenn to a D-1 team state quarterfinal berth last year. "We graduated a lot, but I knew this team would be just as strong and, at the end of the day, I feel that they are. But we've got to stay healthy and we still have a lot of improving to do before the postseason, because we're definitely not ready yet.'

Glenn with be led by a trio of state placers, all ranked in the top 10 in their weight classes by MichiganGrappler-.com

Leading the way is Caleb Meekins, a senior at 125 pounds, who has only two



Churchill's Drew Bush (right) takes on Waterford Mott's Darian Lindemier during last year's 135-pound Observerland championship match. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

losses so far and is ranked No. 4 individually in his weight class by Michigan-Grappler.com. Meekins was fourth in last year's Division 1 individual state finals.

"I think Caleb is going to be a state champ at the end of this year," Polk said. "He's very, very close right now. I think he's in the top three or four kids in his weight class and I feel Caleb is superior. He's just lost a couple of close matches this year, which is only going to make him hungrier at the end of the year. But I think he's really going to have a really good shot of winning the whole thing. Hopefully, he's the next state champ. Who knows?'

Meanwhile, Glenn senior Kyle Borthwell has just one setback all season and is ranked No. 4 at 135. He finished fourth as a freshman and fifth as a sophomore in the state finals, but had to default in last year's regional because of an injury. "Kyle is probably the most talented kid in my room," Polk said. "He's been wrestling a long time. His technique is solid. He was banged up a little bit this year, which kind of hurt him conditioning-wise for a little while. But he seems like he's back on pace and his conditioning the last week or so ... he lost his first match at Catholic Central (Invitational) and I think it was a little bit of a wake-up call. So everybody needs that and I think the top three or four in his weight class can beat each other. I think he's got just as good of a chance of winning as anybody else does."

Polk's nephew Brenton Polk (145) is ranked No. 5 in the state after placing eighth in last year's Division 1 state finals. He is sporting a 26-3 record so far this season.

"It's gone by fast and I can't believe he's a senior already," Bill Polk said. "Brent is kind of the poster child of what our program is all about really. He didn't start until he was in eighth grade. He

went through the ranks of starting as a JV wrestler to building himself up to varsity. Last year, he took eighth in the state so he got up on the podium and this he's having a great season."

Another top 10-ranked wrestler in the mix is Salem senior JaQuan Baker, who is No. 10 at 171.

Yet another wrestler to watch is Churchill's Drew Bush, a returning Observerland champ at 135, who took upper weights MVP honors. He is Livonia city champion this season at 140.

Farmington's Donovan King, a senior, is also back after being out with an injury last year. He placed fifth as a heavyweight in the Division 2 state finals as a sophomore.

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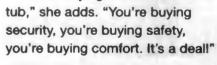
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BOYS BASKETBALL White keys Canton victory over Howell

Chiefs post 74-62 win over Highlanders to take over sole possession of first place

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You would think B. Artis White would want to talk about offense after he scored a game-high 24 points in Canton's 74-62 boys basketball victory Jan. 15 at home over Howell.

But the 5-foot-10 senior point guard had another subject on his mind on why the Chiefs prevailed in a battle of KLAA West Division leaders.

"We defended well and came out with a sense of urgency on defense tonight," said White, a Western Michigan University signee, "and that got our energy up, but the defense wins games. Coach told us that they all can shoot, so we tried to run them off the line and help out on defense, force them into a bad shot."

The win puts state-ranked Canton, now 8-1 overall, all alone in first place in the KLAA West at 5-0.

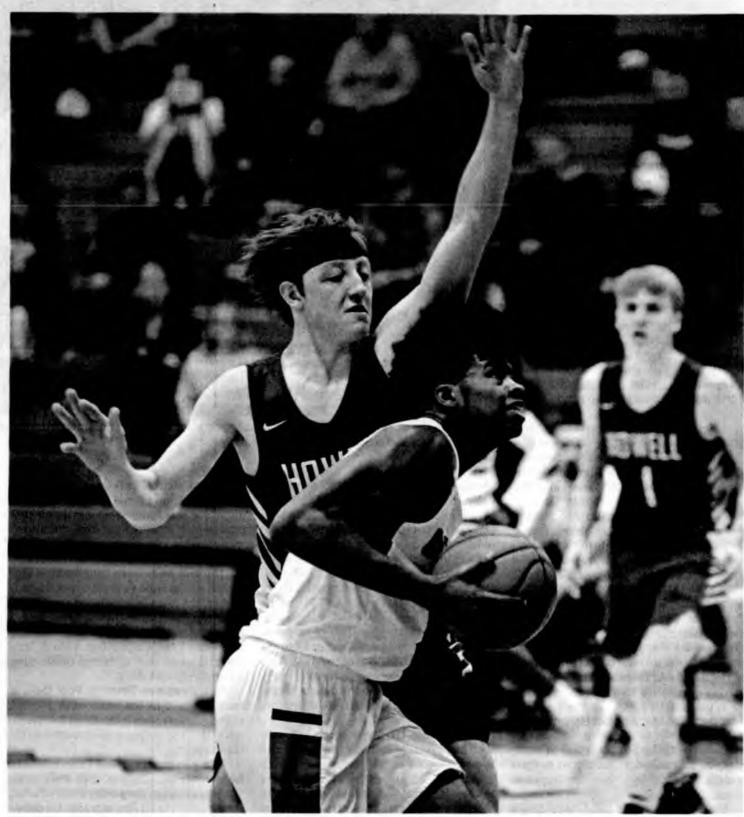
After White hit a 3-pointer and was fouled on the play with 7:23 left in the second quarter, he converted the subsequent free throw for a four-point play to put Canton ahead 23-14.

And Howell (6-3, 4-1) never got closer than six points the rest of the way. The Highlanders hit eight triples and shot 23-of-53 from the floor (43.3 percent), but couldn't overcome the Chiefs and White.

"I thought B. Artis White played a phenomenal game and hit a lot of big shots, especially after we had done some good things defensively," Howell coach Nick Simon said. "He hit some big shots to keep the game in that eight- to 12-point range, so we couldn't get it over that hump down to one or two possessions there. Ton of credit to him and I thought (Jake Vickers) also hit a couple really, really big shots in the same vain when we were trying to cut it down to six and it made it 11."

In addition to White's game-high 24, Vickers, a 6-foot-4 senior center, added 13. Senior forward Kendall Perkins contributed 11, while White's speedy running mate at guard, senior Vinson Sigmon, had nine.





Howell's Luke Russo (left) defends Canton's Kendall Perkins during a KLAA match-up won by Canton. DAN DEAN [HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Artis White goes up for a shot

would be nice if he stayed out of foul Canton's B. trouble for us."

But if there was one constant throughout the night, it was the play of

"In terms of how we played, I love our urgency tonight, our enthusiasm and our effort, because it's been lacking a little bit the last three games. " Canton coach Jimmy Reddy said. "We challenged our guys and they came through tonight."

Howell senior guard Josh Palo, who got hot in the third quarter with 13 points, finished with a team-high 20.

"He's a really good player and did the things we expect out of him, but we also have to have other guys making plays to put so much on his shoulders late in the game either," Simon said.

Junior Tony Honkala chipped in 14, while junior Bobby Samples came off the bench to add eight.

"We just got to rebound the basketball," Simon said. "There were key situations ... the rebounding battle we lost by five, but there were seven or eight offensive rebounds that got them key buckets, especially down the stretch where were trying to cut it to a closer deficit there. (Vickers), especially, had some

clutch rebounds. We just got to do a better job of that."

Vickers, who scored the first five points of the game, including one of Canton's eight triples on the night, got into early foul trouble during the early stage of the first quarter and had to take

a seat on the bench for a majority of the opening half.

"He started off red hot, got an illegal screen call and then got a second one ... which I think he needs to be a little more careful about," Reddy said. "But again, he was strong in the second half and it

White, who shot 7-of-17 from the floor, including four 3-pointers, go to along with 5-of-7 from the foul line.

"It's been a lot better," White said of his shooting. "I work on it every day. I go to Lifetime (Fitness), get some extra shots in before practice, just work on it every day, try and perfect it and keep the same shot."

White has improved his stroke by leaps and bounds during his four years on the varsity.

"He's gradually gotten better every year," Reddy said. "He was good as a freshman, got better as a sophomore. He's gradually gotten better at shooting. When you mature, you become a better shooter. He's gotten older and he's gotten better. I think most of our guys work hard, B. Artis is one of them. He and Vince (Sigmon) are in here all the time in off-season and during the season and the hard work is paying off, for sure."

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COLLEGE SIGNING UM-Dearborn signs Stevenson runner Callison

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Livonia Stevenson senior distance runner Kylie Callison will continue her running career at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Callison, who signed an NAIA letter of intent recently with UMD head coach Joe Horka (Livonia Churchill), was a captain of the Spartans cross country and track teams, where she was a twotime MHSAA Division 1 qualifier in the 3,200-meter relay.

Callison, KLAA conference scholarathlete, plans to major in computer science at UMD.

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Livonia Stevenson senior Kylia Callison has signed an NAIA letter of intent to run at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

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Howell considering move from KLAA to CAAC

Bill Khan Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Howell's time as a member of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association could soon end.

The school district has been in discussions with officials from the Capital Area Activities Conference about the possibility of joining the Lansing-based league as early as the 2020-21 school year.

"The KLAA bylaws state that if we were to leave a year from the fall, we would need to submit to them a notice by the second Monday in March," Howell athletic director John Young said. "It will be a fairly quick turnaround. We want to do the best job we can working through the process and coming up with a decision some time in March."

A final decision hasn't been made by the CAAC to extend a formal invitation or Howell to apply for membership, league commissioner Randy Allen said.

"It looks very positive, but the best way to describe the process is we're right in the middle," Allen said. "We've got more dialogue to have and more official steps to take. They have equally as much experience with schools west of them as they do east of them. They'd be a good fit for us."

Howell, which joined the KLAA when it was formed in 2008-09, has a past and recent history competing in the Lansing area. The Highlanders were members of the Capital Circuit League until joining the Kensington Valley Conference in 1979-80. Howell regularly schedules Lansing-area schools for non-league contests, the boys basketball team having played CAAC members Okemos, Williamston and DeWitt this season. The cross country team competes in the Greater Lansing Cross Country Championship.

Howell would join the CAAC's largeschool division, the Blue. The CAAC Blue consists of DeWitt, East Lansing, Grand Ledge, Holt, Lansing Everett, Lansing Waverly and Okemos.

Howell became a candidate for membership after Jackson left to join the Southeastern Conference this school year. Allen and Young said there were brief discussions between the league and Howell a couple of years ago during a period of uncertainty in the KLAA, but that the CAAC didn't want to expand its top division beyond eight members.

"Last fall, I asked our schools if they



Howell won division championships in football in two of the first three years of the KLAA, but hasn't finished higher than third in the eight years that have followed. TIMOTHY ARRICK | FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

long road trips.

The average trip for Howell in the CAAC Blue is 39 miles, the shortest being to Okemos (29) and the longest to Grand Ledge (48). In the KLAA West, the average trip is 31 miles, the shortest being to Brighton (12) and the longest to Canton (43). Crossover games at KLAA East schools are an average trip of 47 miles.

Howell is the westernmost school in the 16-member KLAA, which has members in Livingston, Oakland and Wayne counties. The recent addition of Belleville, Dearborn and Dearborn Fordson extended the league even farther from Howell.

graphical center of the league, requiring Livingston County teams to make longer road trips for conference events.

"There are a lot of factors to it," Young said. "Those are the things we're sorting through. In terms of distance, the actual mileage might be a wash. Is it easier to go west than it is east? Maybe."

Leaving the KLAA could greatly diminish Howell's rivalries with Brighton and Hartland, the only other Livingston County schools in the league. Those rivalries could continue in non-conference games in most sports, but the limitations of football scheduling could at least temporarily end the Battle for the Little Brown Jug with Brighton or the M-59 rivalry with Hartland. the same division," Young said. "Those are cherished rivalries. Certainly, most sports would have an opportunity to continue if we did make a move."

With an enrollment of 2,387 students, Howell would be by far the largest school in the CAAC. The average enrollment in the Blue Division is 1,347, the largest being Grand Ledge (1,688) and the smallest being DeWitt (1,001).

Size didn't prevent DeWitt from winning the CAAC Blue football championship. DeWitt, East Lansing and Okemos won at least one football playoff game this fall. The average enrollment in the KLAA West is 2,198, with Howell ranking second only to Northville (2.439).

would like me to make some contact with Howell and just do something informal and preliminary," Allen said. "I did that and, before Christmas, a couple of ADs and myself had a little longer talk with John and his principal. They said they were interested in continuing the dialogue."

In either league, Howell faces some

The recent mass departure of KLAA members from Huron Valley, South Lyon, Pinckney, Walled Lake and Waterford school districts gutted the geo-

"That's a very important point and a very serious consideration, particularly with Brighton and Hartland, us being in Howell won football division championships in two of the KLAA's first three seasons, but hasn't finished above third in the eight seasons since then.

BOY'S BASKETBALL Clark proves clutch in North Farmington's win

Raiders earn low-scoring victory against rival Falcons

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It took virtually all of the final 11.6 seconds for North Farmington to come out of rival Farmington's gym Monday

with a 41-39 boys basketball victory. After Farmington's Tariq Shepherd nailed a pair of free throws after narrowly missing layup, North Farmington junior guard Justus Clark took the ball up the floor, probed the Falcons' defense and made his move into the lane against Farmington defender Demarko Coakley as precious seconds were ticking away.

"We got the ball with, like, 11 seconds left on the clock and they didn't pick me up full court," Clark said. "And my coach called a play and we got into the play. I came off a screen, they hedged out hard. I came back. They stopped me from driving and came back in sprint and I did a one-dribble pull-up and they fouled me."

The whistle sounded only 0.01 left and Clark was determined to make amends at the free-throw line after the Raiders had missed six straight, including four in a row during the decisive fourth quarter.

"I was thinking we won because I knew I was going to make the free throws," Clark said. "I had no doubt in mind. We work on that all the time in



North Farmington's Justus Clark (right) dribbles by Farmington defender Tariq Shepherd. CHRIS FLECK | PHLECK PHOTOS

practice. I had to redeem myself. Last year, I missed some free throws to lose the game in the districts and it's always stuck with me and I always work on my free throws now."

After Clark, who finished the night

with 11 points, hit both foul shots, it was time to celebrate as the Raiders improved to 8-3 overall and won their first leg of the city championship quest.

"I'm just happy for Justus," North coach Todd Negoshian said. "Last year, he missed free throws in the district and then, earlier in the year, he had free throws and missed them. The third time is a charm for him, but I was proud of guys. I thought we really battled. I thought we played hard for most of the night, considering the injuries and everybody we've got out right now."

Meanwhile, it was a heartbreaking setback for Farmington, which fell to 6-4 overall.

"I thought it actually should have been decided by the players, obviously, but the official made the call," Farmington coach Terrance Porter said of the final whistle. "That's why I always tell my guys you have to be that much better where a call doesn't decide the game. You have to be eight-to-10 points better than teams and you have to overcome ... I wouldn't say it was poor officiating, but it was a bad call, I thought. But it didn't decide the game."

Sophomore guard Jaden Akins paced Farmington with 17 points, while Tariq Humes and Tariq Shepherd added 10 and eight, respectively.

The Falcons, who overcame a 10point second-quarter deficit, fought back and took a 35-33 after a triple by Akins, followed by two free throws with 7:08 remaining.

But Farmington couldn't get over the hump down the stretch. The Falcons made only 12-of-41 shots from the floor (29.2 percent) on the night, including 4of-19 from 3-point range.

"We didn't finish plays," Porter said. "We didn't hit free throws, we missed a layup down the stretch. At the end of the day, players have to make plays."

The Falcons got back in it with a 13-8 third-quarter run by trying to push the pace.

"We were playing too slow and we were playing to their advantage," Porter said. "We're not the biggest team ... we're athletic, we're fast, but we have to play fast in order to be successful."

Jihad Yusuf, a 6-foot-9 senior center, scored 10 of his team-high 16 in the second half to lead North. Junior guard Jamal Hayes scored all 14 of his points in the opening half as North led, 25-17.

"They want to go up and down and don't want to defend real hard at times and they want to outscore people," Negoshian said of the Falcons. "We had to make them go against our defense ... we have a philosophy to play fast on defense and slow on offense and make them have to guard us."

Clark said he is close to being a 75percent free-throw shooter this season, but admits "that's still not acceptable to me."

And when he stepped to the line with the game on the line, one teammate was certain he was not going to miss.

"When he got fouled, I just knew he was going to make it. I had confidence in him," Hayes said.

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Miller replaces Cotter as new Clarenceville coach

Former Trojans coach Craig Cotter takes assistant coaching position at University of Michigan-Dearborn

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Livonia Clarenceville didn't have to go very far to find a new varsity baseball coach to replace Craig Cotter, who stepped down during the off-season to take an assistant coaching position at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy recently named former **Redford Union coach Bob** Miller Jr. to take over the reins for the Trojans, who are coming off their most successful state tournament run in school history after reaching the **MHSAA Division 2 state** quarterfinals

"Everybody I talked to, he came highly recommended, just being a baseball guy and a love for the game, very knowledgeable of the game, very experienced," Murphy said of Miller. "Cotter was pushing for him. It was an easy decision. He's a local guy and knows our kids. He's worked with some of our kids in the Redford Little League program over the years, so it was a pretty natural. Going from Cotter to him, we won't skip a beat. We might even grow some more. He's superexcited to get going and I think we'll continue the success that we've had."

The 62-year-old Miller is son of former longtime University of Detroit baseball coach Bob Miller, a former major league pitcher was a member of



Bob Miller Jr. (right), with former Tigers first baseman Darrell Evans, is the new Livonia Clarenceville varsity baseball coach after spending five seasons (2013-17) at Redford Union.

where he started Game 4 in the World Series against the New York Yankees. Bob Miller Sr. is now 92 years old.

Bob Miller Jr. spent five seasons (2013-17) at **RU**, guiding the Panthers to four district finals and a pair of Western Wayne Athletic Conference division titles (2014-15). He

In 2014, he was named **District Coach of the Year** and, in his final season with the Panthers (2017), his team finished 18-9, falling ironically to Clarenceville in the district final as the Trojans captured their first district championship since 2000

in about the Redford Union thing is that, when I left, the overall gradepoint average was 3.5 and it started at 1.6, so it's about the kids. It was an opportunity to continue with the tradition they have going at Clarenceville.'

Clarenceville, which "My No. 1 passion is won back-to-back disposted a 21-win season coaching and mentoring trict titles under Cotter,

that finished 17-14 overall and lost to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the Division 2 quarterfinal.

"They have a full varsity and a full junior varsity team and they have a lot of players coming back on the team that won district and regionals last year," Miller said. "That also added to me wanting to coach there."



upgrade to its athletic fa-

Cotter

cilities, which also convinced Miller to apply for the position.

"They're the last Livonia school that completed the artificial turf infield, new dugouts and a whole new facility with the football," Miller said, "so the facilities are outstanding.

Miller runs a foundation called Real Estate Donations, USA, and also established a summer sandlot baseball program called Coach's Kids, where he coached an 18year-old team in the De-Police troit Athletic League.

"There's a real gap for kids that cannot make travel (baseball) ball, where they play, and parents can't afford travel ball and where they play," he said. "This league was comprised of mostly junior varsity kids from Franklin, Stevenson, **Redford Union, Clarence**ville who couldn't make travel teams or parents who couldn't afford it. And so our foundation paid for that and a majority of the cost." Miller said he plans to visit with Cotter this week to learn more about the team and will schedule a meeting with the players sometime next week, when he'll set up an off-season conditioning program. This will be the final year Clarenceville will play in the WWAC before moving into the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference in 2019-20.

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"They're in a new league now and that's a very, very interesting challenge," Miller said.

Meanwhile, Murphy said Cotter, who also guided the Trojans to their first division title since 1994 during his stint, laid a solid foundation for Clarenceville's baseball future.

"Craig Cotter was 100 percent a baseball guy and just brought a ton of energy, a ton of ideas, offseason and just recreated whole program, the brought back JV, started a JV program and just developed from the ground up," Murphy said. "And to go from not winning a district in almost 20 years to winning a regional and being in the quarterfinals. ... He helped redesign our baseball facility. We probably went from the worst baseball facility when he became head coach in the metro area to one of the best baseball facilities, I think. With his guidance, he has just been a huge proponent for our school.

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Obituaries

Sarah Elizabeth "Sally" Bollinger

MILFORD - Sarah Elizabeth "Sally" Bollinger, a former resident of Milford, Michigan and Las Vegas, Nevada, passed on January 16, 2019 at the age of 87.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of over fifty-nine years, Gerald (d. 2009) and her daughter, Mary

Kay (d. 1988). She is survived by her son, Steve (Linda) of Commerce Twp.; her daughter, Debbie (Todd, d. 2017) McDermott of Milford; grandchildren, Roy, Chad, Tiffany, Stefanie, Lauren and Stephen; great grandchildren, Camden and Calee as well as several nieces, nephews, and many dear friends.

A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Burial followed at Milford Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund

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Susan (Kremhelmer) Remsing

HOWELL - Susan N. Remsing, age 58, passed away at home, surrounded by her family, November 3, 2018. Susan was born, September 29, 1960 in Livonia, MI to Robert and Kathleen (Fitzgibbon) Kremhelmer. She was married to the love of her life, Frank Remsing. Susan was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville, MI and worked as a cashier/clerk for Brighton Ford. She loved to knit, especially slippers, making fleece blankets, scrapbooking and enjoyed being able to swim. Susan will be remembered as a loving, caring wife, mother, grandmother and sister. Susan is survived by her loving husband Frank; children, Christine, Katie, Austin and Reilly; grandson, Cameron; siblings, Kevin, Kathy (Doug) Curtis, Kelly (Rod) Hoover, Lisa (Galen) Grimes; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Kathleen.

Services for Susan were held in November. Please leave a message of comfort to Susan's family by calling 1.877.231.7900 or sign her guestbook at borekjennings.com









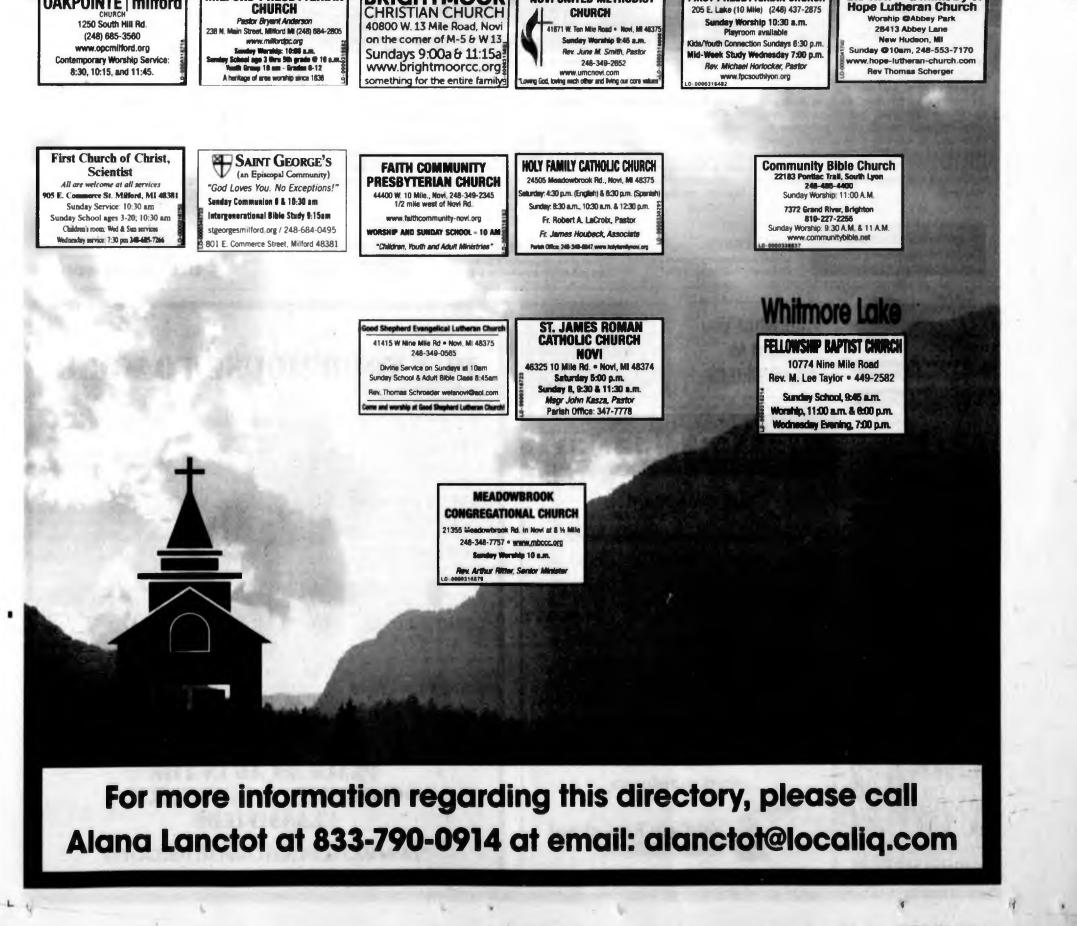
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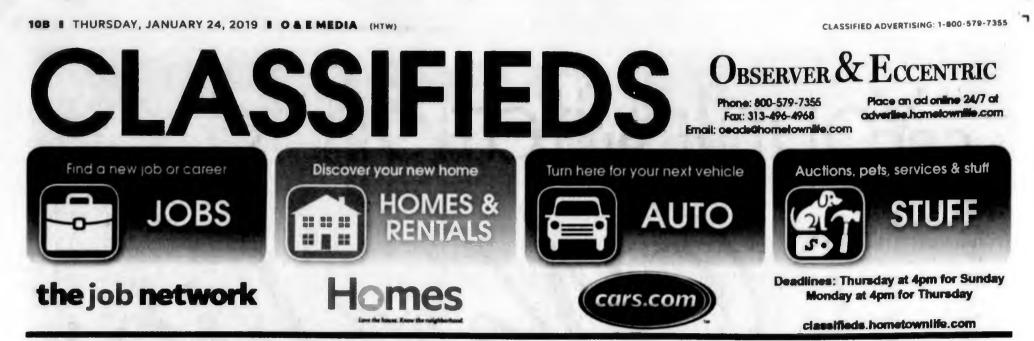
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Great second-stage careers for retiring baby boomers

Kate Lopaze thejobnetwork.com

If you're one of the huge wave of Baby Boomers reaching (or already past) retirement age, you may be thinking a lot about the next phase of your life. For many, continuing to work is a financial necessity. For others, it's about staying professionally active without the same 9-to-5 grind. If you're looking for ways to stay active and stay earning, here are some second-stage careers to consider.

Teach what you know

One of the perks of coming to the end of your first career is that you have lots of expertise and experience built up. What better to do than share that expertise and get paid for it? Many local community colleges, continuing education programs, or online schools can always use qualified teachers who have flexible schedules. Or you could consider substitute teaching. Check with your local school district to see what their requirements are, but many states don't require substitute teachers to have a specific teaching degree.

Be a consultant



Make the world a better place

After all, the Baby Boomers are the generation of Woodstock and '60s social justice. Working for a nonprofit can be a way to keep that social idealism going, while staying professionally active. Nonprofits come in all shapes and sizes, so there's likely one in your area that fits with your worldview and your priorities.

Many Baby Boomers also find that volunteering and giving back to the community is a way to create a new wave of productivity. Like consulting, volunteering capitalizes on your skills, experience, and time to help others.

Find a franchise

Owning a ready-made franchise can be a great way to build a business without building it from the ground up. Franchisees can often be as involved or hands-on as they want to be, directly managing the business or being the boss from a distance. It's also a way to learn new sides of a business, whether it's food service, a retail store, or other venture

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If you've got decades of experience in a particular field, consulting can be a way to transition from the full-time working world to one where you set your own schedule and salary. Many Baby Boomers find themselves in a position to do work for their former companies, and others expand their business to take on new clients. One of the biggest upsides of consulting is that it lets you take the skills and experience you have and use it to create a new business for yourself.

You may find that a hobby can now be a profitable side hustle. GETTY IMAGES

Build a business out of a hobby

If you find yourself with more time after retirement, you may find that what used to be a hobby can now be a profitable side hustle.

Now more than ever, people are seeking out unique or artisan goods, so it may be time to ramp up that home woodworking shop or set up that Etsy store.

With a variety of ways to sell goods and services online, something you've always done for fun can make for a fulfilling and profitable next wave of your career.

Whatever your interests and strengths, there are plenty of options and opportunities for building a second income, developing skills, or filling the time after you've transitioned away from your first career.

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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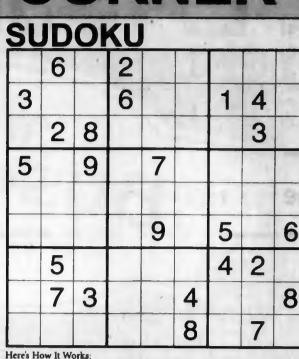
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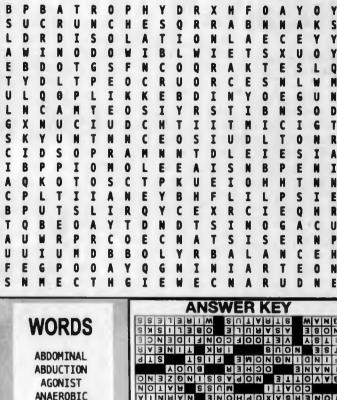
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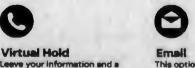
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