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Coworking spaces gain popularity

Ed Wright hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Gathered around a polished wooden conference table on the mezzanine level of Northville's Water Wheel Centre Building, Detroit-based Brooklyn Outdoor Advertising President and CEO Candice Simons led a staff meeting with employees Emily Nelson and Kiersten Hausmann one afternoon earlier this month.

Within shouting distance from the sharply-focused trio of advertising experts sat nurse/entrepreneur Cat Golden, ear buds engaged, laptop balancing on her criss-crossed legs, sunlight illuminating her from a nearby floor-toceiling, building-length window.

As jazz tunes flowed from strategically-placed speakers, a visitor could quickly conclude that the massive, open space was way too hip for a library and a little too laid-back for a typical office setting.

Welcome to Amity Coworking, a twomonth-old business that is thriving thanks to its pleasant work-away-fromwork environment.

Coworking spaces like Amity and

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Amity Coworking operations manager **Gabrielle Guthrie** stands in front of the eye-catching mural in the recently-opened Northville business. ED WRIGHT/ HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Novi marks 50 years as a city



Restaurant violations found in December

Philip Allmen hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Each month, Wayne and Oakland counties send health inspectors to restaurants, food trucks, service organizations and anywhere else where food



The first Novi City Council. Novi will celebrate 50 years of incorporation this month. CITY OF NOVI

Mayor on development: 'What's happened is remarkable'

David Veselenak hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It was the geography that led Ed Kriewall to Novi.

The former Novi city manager was originally working for the state highway department in Detroit when he saw an opportunity for employment in Novi. Looking at a map, he saw the convergence of Interstates 96 and 275 as a major crossroads that would eventually lead to explosive growth. He jumped on the opportunity.

When I saw the confluence of I-96 and I-275 ... I knew the potential was tremendous," said Kriewall, who served as city manager from 1975 to 2000. "That really attracted me to Novi in the first place and kept me there."

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Novi's township hall was built in 1914 after the first building burned down. The hall is one of the city's oldest structures. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

is served to the public.

Those inspectors are checking to make sure the establishments are following proper procedures and laws in an effort to make sure the food you order and eat is safe.

Violations are broken down in to various levels of severity, with "priority" violations the most serious ones: those that can lead to food borne illnesses

Priority violations are varied and can include moldy food or employees not properly washing hands, as well as storing food at improper temperatures or cross-contamination of raw food.

Many violations can be corrected on the spot. Others require return visits to make sure corrections are made. Typically, restaurants are visited twice per year.

In the December round of inspections, 300 local commercial kitchens were inspected. Of those, 158 of those places had priority violations: 13 in Milford/Highland; four in South Lyon; 36 in Novi; 10 in Northville; eight in Farmington/Farmington Hills; 32 in Livonia; eight in Plymouth; 13 in Canton; seven in Westland and 27 in Birmingham.

Complete lists of the restaurants and priority violations can be found online at hometownlife.com.

Contact Phil Allmen at pallmen@ hometownlife.com.

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Lions Club announces poster contest winners



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Each yeer, about 350,000 11-, 12- and 13-year-old students from around the world share their visions of peace through the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, including sixth-grade students at Northville's Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools. The winning posters are first selected at the club level and then judged at the district and state levels before the final judging at the international level of competition. This year the theme was "Kindness Matters" and local students submitted more than 300 posters to the Northville Lions Club. An awards ceremony was held Jan. 16 at the Northville District Library to recognize students who created the winning posters. The first-place winner at Hillside was Ishaan Kundapur and the second-place winner was Evelyn Havristiuc. The first-place winner at Meads Mill was Julia Jin and the second-place winner was Valencia Zhang. The winners from both schools went on to compete at the district level, where Ishaan placed first and Julia placed third. Ishaan's poster was sent to the state level, where he received honorable mention. To see all the posters submitted by Northville students, go to www.northvillelionsclub.org/peace_poster.html. SUBMITTED

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

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

Valentine's Crafts for Kids

When: 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 Details: Kids of all ages get creative making a cute Valentine puppy. Just drop in.

Between the Lines Book Discussion

When: 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 Details: Join us for a discussion of "Invisible: The Forgotten Story of the Black Woman Lawyer who Took Down America's Most Powerful Mobster" by Stephen L. Carter. Just drop in.

Teen DIY Pet Toys

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 Details: Make a omemade toy for your four-legged friend. We will have supplies for dog and cat toys, as well as extra supplies to make toys for shelter animals. For grades 6-12. Register.

Creature Feature!

When: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13

Details: Dan Briere of Little Creatures Co., introduces kids to a variety of fascinating creatures100 free tickets available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to the event.

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located Upcoming events at 215 Griswold, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Buildings will reopen to the public the second and fourth Sundays of each month from June 22 through Sept. 22. 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.

Yoga in the New School Church: 4:15 p.m. each Wednesday. Pay at door. Victorian Lace Tea: 1-3:30 p.m.

Feb. 9. Sold out. Lecture Series – Henry Ford: Relationships with Early and Vital Employees: 7 p.m. Feb. 27. Drop-in event.

No fee. Donations appreciated. Pi Day at Mill Race Village: 3-6 p.m.

March 14. Drop in event. Pay at door. Lecture Series - Vintage Theaters

and Their Importance to Communities: 7 p.m. March 27, Drop-in event. No fee. Donations appreciated.

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General info

clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

Building rentals and school and private tours available: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or church for a wedding or party. You may also schedule a school tour or a private tour. Many dates are available. You may find more information on the website.

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

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

Office: The office is open from 9 a.m.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider the 2019-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing

The draft Capital Improvement Program documents are available for examination and review by contacting the City Manager's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours. Any written comments for the public hearing must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

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Plans are available for review at the Civic Center.



Subject Parcel ID: Part of 50-22-35-101-036

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 27. 2019.

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store

to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@ millracenorthville.org.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2019 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2019 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2019 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. Starting Friday, February 22, 2019 please call (248) 348-5811 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by 11:00 am on March 15, 2019. Postmarks are not accepted.

Tuesday	March 05, 2019	1:00 pm	Organizational Meeting
Appointment Dates for Hearing:			
Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday	March 11, 2019 March 12, 2019 March 14, 2019 March 15, 2019	9:00 am to 12 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm 9:00 am to 11:00 am	

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or on the Township website two.northville.mi.us click on Board of Review or at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

> Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C. Clerk

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2019 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2019 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019: MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019:

d February 7, 14, & 21, 2019

5:00 p.m. Administrative Meeting 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise specified the dates above are for Public Hearings

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed values for 2019, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2019 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. OAKLAND COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 13. 2019 before 4:00 n.m. ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tucsday. March 5. 2019. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2019 taxable or assessed walks value.

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\$2.2M custom home filled with personal touches

Jennifer Timar Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

When it came time to custom build their dream home 20 years ago, Green Oak Township couple Ken and Debbie Abbott wanted each room to be exactly what they wanted.

What resulted was a one-of-a-kind, 21-room home on 10 acres at 9673 Cross Creek Drive in Green Oak Township.

"I looked through books of rooms and found things I liked and we planned it all out," Debbie Abbott said. "And somethings are inspired by places we've seen."

An ornate travertine and copper fireplace in the living room was inspired by the decor inside Copper Creek Tavern, a now-closed restaurant in Farmington Hills the couple liked. The sloped ceiling, made of tongue and groove pine, was also inspired by the former restaurant.

"I always wanted to have a sunken living room floor," she said. "I like the volume it creates."

She said she also had to have four round, windowed alcoves along the back of the home. They serve as spaces for a second dining table off the kitchen, a player piano nook and sitting areas in their enormous lower-level walk-out.

The couple worked with Lindhout Associates Architects president Mike Kennedy to plan each room in the enormous luxury home, which features more than 9,000 square feet of finished living space, five bedrooms and seven bathrooms.

"There is a lot of almost Frank Lloyd Wright-type stuff, like indirect lighting," Ken Abbott said.

The home is lit by a mix of natural light shining through large windows, angled skylights and recessed lighting on custom-designed built-in shelves throughout the home.

The couple's custom-designed pool house features warmly-colored cedar, a wave pool, a hot tub and views over a ravine.

The home's large walk-out basement is designed for entertaining all ages.

A playhouse equipped with childsized furniture under the staircase is a little girl's dream. The pink miniature room is large enough for an adult to en-





Clockwise from top left: A view from the rear of Cross Creek Drive shows the home's expansiveness and many windows that optimize the view; an indoor pool is heated to temperatures in the 90s, while the indoor hot tub sits at more than 100 degrees; Ken and Debbie Abbott sit in the great room of their home in Green Oak Township; a fireplace and ceiling were inspired by one of the homeowners' favorite restaurants. PHOTOS BY GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

ter, but the ceiling is low and features pint-sized furniture and decor. Debbie Abbott's friend Loralee Trinkle, who does faux painting, created a mural depicting the outside of a house.

Trinkle also painted other walls in the home, including a mural resembling an Italian-style eatery. The mural creates a unique, European-inspired space at the entrance of the couple's large wine cellar.

A basement recreation room features a billiards table and 1956 Seeburg Se-

lect-O-Matic jukebox the couple bought from a bar.

The basement also features a large sauna and full second kitchen.

While his wife picked out many of the architectural and interior design features in the home, one room is all about Ken Abbott's love of sports. A large television and movie-watching den in the basement features three televisions and a movie screen, leather couches and a fireplace.

Abbott said.

The couple has put their 21-room dream home on the market.

Listing agent Dan Mulvihill said the couple has done a good job of designing a home that is comfortable despite being massive.

"The layout is well thought out and gives it a homey feel for such a big home," Mulvihill said. "Some people with large homes like them to be like mausoleums, but here you walk in and don't feel like you can't touch anything."



"I designed this room for me," Ken

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One area of available coworking space at The Village Workshop in Northville features tables with computer workstations. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Spaces

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The Village Workshop, its neighbor two blocks south, are booming due to the millennial-generated rise in remote working.

For a monthly fee based on the member's level of usage, everyone from entrepreneurs, start-up developers and even employees who already have a dedicated office (like Brooklyn Outdoor Advertising) can substitute a chair in a crowded coffee shop or the loneliness of their kitchen table, \ while ramping up their productivity alongside other likeminded people in a place too cool for words.

According to coworking resources.org, the number of coworking spaces in the United States has grown from 4,528 in 2016 to 6,219 at the end of 2018 — statistics that don't surprise Amity operations manager Gabrielle Guthrie.

"So far, it seems like each day is busier than the day before," Guthrie said. "Just in the last two weeks, we've been growing rapidly, which I think is partially due to the fact that we've been stepping up the marketing.

"The younger generation doesn't want to necessarily work in a traditional office setting all the time, which makes places like Amity appealing," she added. "With coworking spaces, you can pop in occasionally or work remotely out of." "The younger generation doesn't want to necessarily work in a traditional office setting all the time, which makes places like Amity appealing. With coworking spaces, you can pop in occasionally or work

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Gabrielle Guthrie Operations manager at Amity Coworking

day, seven days a week;

■ Wayfarer (\$210/month), a package that offers unassigned flex-seats that are distributed throughout the space;

Sojourner (\$50/month), a drop-inas-you-need-it membership that offers full access to the space six days a month; and

■ Visitor (\$20/day), a day pass that appeals to professionals who need a moment to break away from routine or access extra resources.

Golden said Amity is a perfect setting for her series of entrepreneurial projects.

"It's the space, it's the natural light,

with a gift set chosen by you





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Providing 'a need for flexible space'

Located at 455 E. Cady St. in Northville, The Village Workshop's eyecatching features include a cafe, event space and a maker's space that allows members to get their hands dirty with metal and wood projects, work on cars and design objects with state-of-theart technology.

"Independent contractors and remote workers are a huge, growing segment of our workforce," director of operations Tracey Fors said. "The owners of our place noticed a need for flexible space and, when I say flexible, I mean people don't want to exclusively go to a traditional office because they want to socialize more. That is why the coffee shops are so busy.

"Every time we would go to a coffee shop, they were packed. A lot of times, you can't even find a place to sit. That's when we started going with the trend."

The Village Workshop offers three membership packages: a one-year, paid-in-full package that runs \$1,419 and provides for full-access ID key and 50 percent off all classes held at the facility (not including costs of materials); a similar one-year membership that allows members to pay monthly; and a \$189 month-by-month payment plan.

The energy flows

There's usually an under-the-radar buzz flowing through Amity's open floor plan setup thanks to the variety of professionals who are generating a noticeable energy.

"It's cool to be able to meet different people doing different things," said Guthrie, who said her members range from architects to developers to owners of clothing lines. "It's a great place to network and build connections."

Amity memberships are divided into four tiers:

• Resident (\$425/month), which includes a dedicated desk, is an assigned work space that is available 24 hours a there's a really good energy and I can be creative here," she said. "It's calm enough that I don't feel stressed, but lively enough that I feel really energized."

Jesse Beeker, founder of start-up Simple Tech Innovation, said the coworking concept came along just in time for him.

"I look at this place as exactly how I want to build my offices once I get going," Beeker said. "It's a very modern environment and a good working atmosphere.

"I'm at the advanced stage of my business, so having a good infrastructure with a low cost is important. I'm not spending a lot of money before I start bringing in revenue. I'm looking to use space more as I bring investors in to showcase some of the technology I have. The mezzanine is a great venue to host special events."

All three Brooklyn Outdoor Advertising employees live in Northville, which makes Amity that much more appealing as a remote meeting place.

"The office that we work out of downtown (Detroit) is occasionally rented out for different things, so it's nice to be here and have a place where we can gather to work remotely," Simons said. "The design is gorgeous; it's an inspiring space for creativity. It's always important to be inspired.

"I love the accessibility, too, that Amity offers. It's easy to get in and out, there are a lot of nearby restaurants and coffee shops we can walk to — although the coffee is great here."

For the right price, members can add storage lockers and have access to the space 24/7 via an access card.

"We have three meeting rooms along with events space upstairs that seats six," Guthrie said. "We also have rooms that seat as few as two people comfortably."

Guthrie said all of the members have been amiable.

"It's actually really cool watching the members get to know one another, interacting and introducing themselves," she said. "I'm planning a mixer so that everyone can come together and connect."

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SPECIAL ADVERTISING SECTION

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, Whirlpool, 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 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.

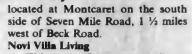
A clubhouse with a fitness center, billiards, great room with fireplace, verandas overlooking the lap and wading pools, locker rooms and a play park is now open. Several townhomes are available for late winter/early spring movein. North Oaks is located minutes. from the University of Michigan's north campus, the VA Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, and downtown Ann Arbor. Children attend Ann and middle schools just 3 minutes away. For details, call 734-224-6686 or visit North-Oaks.com. Luxury Living in Northville

Arbor Schools with the elementary

Toll Brothers at Montcaret is in prestigious Northville, on the south side of Seven Mile Road, 11/4 miles west of Beck Road just minutes from the historic downtown. A range of home designs are available with an exceptional list of features on grand oversized 1/2- to 1+ acre home sites. Prices start in the upper \$700,000s. Call 248-924-2601 or visit TollBrothersAtMontcaret.com for details.

Great Northville Location

Dunhill Park, on the north side of Eight Mile Road, west of Beck Road, features a highlycoveted location in Northville with Northville schools and just minutes to downtown Northville. Stunning home designs offer an array of luxury features and hundreds of options to personalize, priced from the upper \$700,000s. For more information, visit LiveAtDunhillPark.com or call 248-924-2601. The sales office is



This is the final opportunity to own a luxury low-maintenance villa in the heart of Novi at Ridgeview. Several immediate and quick occupancy homes are now available with prices starting in the mid-\$400,000s. Located on the east side of Novi Rd., just south of Ten Mile Rd, the Villas range from 2,041 to 2,676 sq. ft. and most offer a firstfloor master suite. Residents enjoy Novi schools and paved walking paths leading to The Sports Club of Novi, a dog park, and an ice arena. For details, visit RidgeviewVillas. com or call (248) 904-8515.

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Bates Hamburgers, which operated near Grand River, still has two restaurant locations: One in Farmington Hills and another in Livonia. CITY OF NOVI



Walled Lake amusement park on the shores of Walled Lake in Novi. CITY OF NOVI



At left, Twelve Oaks mall in Novi. At right, inside the former dance hall near Walled Lake, where current-day Lakeshore Park stands. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM; CITY OF NOVI





Novi polica officers stand outside the fire station. CITY OF NOVI



Betty Lang, Novi Public Library's collection specialist, talks about Novi's upcoming 50th anniversary of becoming a city. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Novi

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It brought plenty of others as well and led to the city as it stands today.

Novi will celebrate 50 years of incorporation this month, with plenty of celebration and milestone markers to boot.

After becoming a village in 1958, talks of becoming a city were happening on a regular basis Annevation of parts of Novi Township had been done by Wixom and Northville and community leaders were looking to keep more of Novi together. An election saw 35 percent of the eligible voters decide to turn Novi into the city it is today. "The 629-283 vote sets the stage Monday for city government to replace both village and township governments," reads a Feb. 20, 1969, Novi News article. "At that 8 p.m. meeting, Joseph Crupi - easy winner for the mayor's post - and six councilmen will take their oaths of office. And for all practical purposes, a decade of dual government will come to an end as Novi becomes Michigan's newest incorporated city." Novi's city history mirrors many of the other communities in Detroit's western suburbs, said Betty Lang, who runs the history room at the Novi Public Library. It was still relatively rural with plenty of farmland.

"Before M-5 was built, all that traffic would exit at Eight Mile. It was a nightmare," he said. "Novi would have been a disaster if that had not been built."

Of course, one of the biggest questions that come out of Novi is its name. Urban myths proliferate across metro Detroit as to how it was named "Novi," the most popular being that it was the sixth stop (No. VI) on either the Grand River toll road, railroad or stagecoach route.

Those myths have been debunked since those weren't in place for several

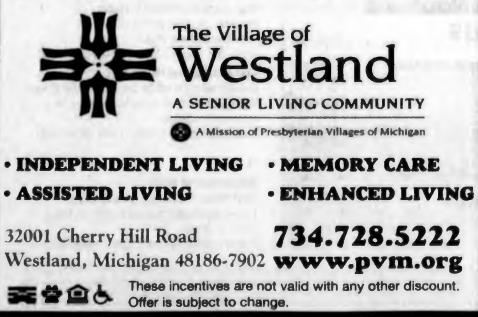


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"Even in the '50s and '60s, it was still pretty bare," Lang said. "Land was very cheap at that point, not like today."

From there, the city has grown exponentially. The population has soared, increasing to an estimated 59,715 in 2017, and business continues to grow and thrive across the community.

It's something, Mayor Bob Gatt said, that would amaze the city's early residents.

"The Novi of the mid-'70s, when I started here, if you showed people a crystal ball of what it was going to be like, nobody would believe you," said Gatt, who worked as a police officer in Novi. "Novi was a small, little rural community with very few paved roads and made up of apple farms and horse barns all over the city.

"What's happened is remarkable, in my humble opinion."

Kriewall cites three major events during his tenure that truly put Novi on the map: the opening of Twelve Oaks mall in 1977, the opening of the Novi Expo Center in the early 1990s and the opening of the M-5 Haggerty connector freeway.

That freeway, which originally was planned as an extension of I-275 before the Michigan Department of Transportation abandoned that project, made it easier for those traveling to the more northern communities such as West Bloomfield or Commerce Township. decades after the name was given in the 1830s.

Those roads, especially major roads, continue to keep Novi as a prime destination for residents and businesses.

"These freeways made us very desirable," Gatt said.

Community events

After the kickoff of the Detroit Tigers caravan that came in January, the next big event celebrating the city's golden anniversary will take place 6-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at the Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile.

There, a reception with light refreshments will be served as event-goers peruse historical photos, artifacts and a modern-day police car showcasing the appearance of the city's police cruisers from 1969.

The city council is expected to meet at 7 p.m., though it's expected to be a short meeting.

Then, throughout the rest of the year, many annual events that typically take place in Novi will all be celebrated with an arc around the 50th anniversary. That includes the Spring Palooza in May, a Peace, Love and Parks block party at the Sizzling Summer Series in June, Summer'60s Music on the Library Patio Series and many more annual events with a 1960s-twist to them.

In addition, the city will also post videos of Novi history each month on its Facebook page and share images from the archive of the Novi News each Friday on social media.

As for the city's future, Gatt said there's room for some growth, but he expects it to continue its run of excellence for businesses and the community. But what Gatt does envision happening is seeing the city work with surrounding authorities such as the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Road Commission for Oakland County to work on a major issue surrounding so many communities: roads.

"I don't see Novi changing dramatically in the future," he said. "What I see is we're going to address our biggest problem, which is traffic."

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Locals brave cold to help others

Susan Bromley hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The most frigid weather of the winter so far kept many people home Jan. 30-31 as schools and government offices closed due to dangerous sub-zero temperatures.

But some hardy souls were braving the freezing cold even with wind chills around minus-30.

Don Campbell, a parking meter technician in Birmingham, was methodically going down Martin Street around 10 a.m., the only person in sight.

Asked what he was doing outside in such ridiculous weather, Campbell responded, "Freezing!"

He explained he wasn't giving tickets, but collecting money so the machines wouldn't jam and also changing batteries and ensuring the meters were communicating with the servers in the extreme cold.

In Novi, firefighters were returning to Fire Station No. 1 after going out on a false alarm.

"With temperatures so extreme, we got an alarm at a vacant building for a frozen pipe," firefighter/EMT David Pieknik said. "In terms of cold, this is a record-setting day."

Pieknik said on days like this, he and his co-workers worry about cold weather injuries to residents and also commonly respond to downed power lines and car crashes resulting from icy conditions.

Gary Baumgardner, a Novi mechanical inspector, was also on the job Jan. 30, bundled in his heavy coat and Red Wings hat to check the safety of heating and cooling systems in new homes.

"I'm just trying to survive," he said, grinning at the Novi DPW complex after putting air in his truck tires. "This is the perfect day to make sure your system is working."

Baumgardner said he had about nine inspections to do, all of which had been scheduled before the polar vortex moved in. He could never remember the wind "kicking like this."

At Tollgate Farm in Novi, the wind and freezing cold didn't appear to be bothering cows or horses out in the pastures, but goats and sheep were taking



At left, LaFontaine Auto employee Todd Cook shovels snow near the Milford dealership in single-digit temperatures Jan. 31. At right, Novi housing inspector Gary Baumgardner prepares to head back out to inspect heating and cooling units after reinflating his car's tires, which were low because of the cold temperatures. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

advantage of windbreaks and barns.

Their human caretakers were much more likely to be suffering from the cold, farm director Mike Mathis said.

He and Sam Stokes, interim livestock manager, dressed in multiple layers with thermal long johns, bibs, flannels, sweats and Carhartts to do the chores, which include feeding extra hay and breaking ice in water troughs.

The troughs have heaters to try to prevent such icing, but even they can't keep up with these kind of temperatures. Stokes used a metal shovel to pound at the thick ice in the trough that provides water to the farm's resident ram and buck, a male goat.

"This is the reality of farming," Mathis said. "It's every day, no matter what the weather."

As they talk in a barn where seven pregnant sheep and four pregnant goats are sheltered, a chicken roosting above kicks down an egg.

Stokes leans down and picks it up, noting that it is frozen solid.

"Thank a farmer, a plow operator, your first responders," she said. "They're out today."

Also out was Westland Animal Control Officer Brenn Dohring, who, with the help of concerned residents, rescued two cats and a dog from extreme cold domestic animals aren't made to withstand.

The cats were strays that citizens were able to capture after Dohring provided cages in which to trap them, while the dog, a pit-terrier mix, was found running loose and climbed gratefully into Dohring's car without much coaxing.

"I've been an officer for three years and this is definitely one of the most dangerous few days that we've had," she said, noting that Thursday's temperatures were forecast to be just as bad or worse.

She planned to be out again, checking on animal complaints she received, many from residents concerned about neighborhood dogs left outside.

In these drastic temperatures, Dohring said, "Animals should just be outside to take care of their business and then brought back in the house. After 20 minutes, make them come in. There is no benefit with it being so cold."

She was grateful to have not seen any dogs outside at the properties she checked that she has received complaints on, adding, "I'm proud of Westland residents. They are bringing their animals in and that's a good thing. This weather is truly the worst I can remember."

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Use down time to get organized moving forward



Money Matters tick Bloom **Guest** columnis

There is no doubt the last week reminded us what winter is like in Michigan. Like most, I was forced to stay home and, as opposed to watching TV, I took the opportunity to take care of some things around the house that have been piling up. I also took the opportunity to organize my 2018 tax records and actually set up a tax file for 2019. With the IRS now accepting 2018 tax returns, if you haven't done so, it's a great time to organize your records and make sure you have all the information you need.

The easiest way to determine if you have all the information you need to complete your return is to start with last year's return. Using last year's return as a guide should help you determine if you received all your W-2s from any jobs you worked and 1099s for other income you earned such as interest and dividends. If, for example, you have not received your W-2 or 1099, now is the time to contact the company and make sure you get the necessary paperwork. Unfortunately, too many people seem to think that if they didn't receive a 1099, there's nothing to worry about. That's not the case. Remember, the IRS also gets a copy of the 1099 and, if you don't report the income, the IRS is going to contact you.

In organizing your records, it's not just 1099s and W-2s you need to be concerned with. If you are going to itemize your deductions this year and you make charitable contributions, it's important you have the proper documentation in order to take the deduction. An example of this is, if you contribute \$250 or more to a charity, you need a receipt from the charity and that receipt needs to indicate the amount of the gift and that you did not receive anything in return. If you have not received a receipt from the charity, now is the time to ask for it. If the IRS ever does contact you regarding that contribution, the receipt will be a necessity.

If you sold stocks or mutual funds in 2018, it is important that you report the transaction. In reporting the transaction, not only do you have to report the sale price, but also your cost basis. For many of you, your cost basis will be reported on a 1099-B. However, in many situations the cost basis will not be reported and you will need to provide it. It is important to make sure you have the information regarding the sales price and the cost basis on all the sales you had in 2018. If your cost basis was not reported on a 1099-B it may take some time to recreate that number; therefore, you should not wait until the last second.

The bottom line is that the earlier you start doing your prep work for your 2018 tax return, the easier completing your return will be. It doesn't matter whether you're going to do your return yourself or hire a preparer, the more organized your records are, the faster it will be to complete your return, which means if

you're hiring a preparer it should also save you money. One question I'm always asked at tax time is wheth-

er it makes a difference when you file your tax return? I have always told people from an audit standpoint that it doesn't matter. Whether you file in February or file for an extension and don't complete your return until October, your audit risk is the same. What does increase your audit risk, no matter when you file, is If your return is inaccurate or sloppy. I believe that still holds true today. However, over the last few years, it has become clear that there is a benefit to filing your return early. It has nothing to do with audit risk; it has to do with identity thieves stealing your refund. Over the last few years, it has become more and more of a problem where crooks file a return on your behalf and then get your refund. Unfortunately, you only find out about it after you file your legitimate return and your refund is denied. The sooner you file your return, the less risk you have of the identity thieves filing a return on your behalf.

Thankfully, the brutal weather is going to ease up, but it's still winter in Michigan. Therefore, it makes sense to organize your tax records as soon as possible and, if you have all the information you need, why not get your tax return prepared as soon as possible?

Good luck!

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AREA EVENTS

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

Detroit RV & Camping Show

The 53rd annual Detroit RV & Camping Show is scheduled through Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, in Novi. Members of the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds will be on hand to showcase 2019 RV models as weil as campgrounds, camping experiences and accessories. More than 350 units will be on display, including travel trailers, truck campers, folding camping trailers, motor homes, toy haulers and fifth-wheel travel trailers.

Tickets are \$10 for adults (ages 13 and over) and \$9 for seniors (ages 55 and over); children ages 12 and under are free. For more information, go to www.marvac.org.

AAUW history presentation

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

The group will also meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, in the community room of the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive. Erica Peresman, an attorney and voting activist, will discuss Proposal 3 and how it will impact first-time voters. For more information, call 248-425-7903.

Valentine's tribute concert

(Northville, MI) Northville's The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Man Street, in Northville will present a Valentine's tribute concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, starring Matt King as Elvis Presley and Gary Sacco as Frank Sinatra. Tickets are \$25. For more information, 248-349-8110 or go to www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Soles4Souls shoe collection

New Hope Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 57885 Grand River Avenue, in New Hudson is collecting shoes for Soles4Souls this month. 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

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 until Feb. 23. This exhibition features figurative and landscape drawings and paintings inspired by human dynamics, animal forms and natural scenery.

The exhibit 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.

Outdoorama at Suburban Showplace

The 46th annual Outdoorama outdoors show will return Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 28 through March 3, to the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, in Novi. Hours are 1-9 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The show will feature hunting and fishing gear, boats, marine accessories, informative seminars and guides and outfitters from across the country. Adding to the show's appeal is the 13th annual Cottage & Lakefront Living Show, which runs concurrently. Patrons to ei-

ther event receive free crossover admission.

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'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 50-plus years as of 2019. For more information, call 248-231-4733.

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.



The Kensington Metropark Farm Center, 4570 Huron River Parkway, will host a pair of barn dances Saturday, Feb. 16. There are two sessions to choose from: 6-8 p.m. (daddy-daughter, mother-son, parent-child) and 8-10 p.m. (adult couples, singles and families with older children).

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

SAGA display

The Smocking Arts Guild of America Great Lakes Chapter will be displaying smocked items at The Lace Museum, 133 W. Main Street, Suite 160, in Northville during the month of February. There will be smocking demonstrations from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18.

There is no charge for admission to the museum. The Lace Museum is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 7-9 p.m. the third Friday of each month. For more information, call 734-414-8297.

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.

Outdoor hockey classic

GLP & Associates has partnered with Detroit Sports Media to present the inaugural Jamie Daniels Outdoor Hockey Classic, set for Saturday, Feb. 23, at On the Dunes, 2055 Haggerty Road, in Commerce. The event, which will feature the Detroit Red Wings alumni team, benefits the Jamie Daniels Foundation, which provides education, resources and guidance to individuals battling drug addiction.

There are special events and games scheduled beginning at 9 a.m. until the featured game at 5 p.m. Tickets at www.facebook.com/ events/1936508089731394. For more information, go to jamiedanielsfoundation.org.

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 248-471-2333.

The first 500 attendees Thursday and Friday receive a free, collectible Dardevle spoon from Eppinger Manufacturing Co. in Dearborn. The first 250 attendees Saturday and Sunday will receive a K&E Bass Stopper lure from Stopper Lures in Hastings.

Admission is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-14; children 5 and under will be admitted free. For more information, go to Outdoorama.com or call 616-447-2860.

New VFAA exhibit

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, exhibits members' artwork in the library Community Room. "Art: A Family Affair" runs until the beginning of March and features the works of Gerry, Lori and Olivia Pas. This free exhibit will be displayed during regular library hours - 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday — unless the room is hosting another event. For more information, go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

'Last Five Years' at Tipping Point

Jason Robert Brown's raw musical creation, "The Last Five Years," will be performed 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. For more ticketing information, go to www.Tipping-PointTheatre.com or call the box office at 248-347-0003.

Capernaum Health Clinic

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.

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

Northville Marketplace

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is accepting registrations for the annual Northville Marketplace event, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. The early bird registration fee of \$75 (chamber members' discount) includes booth space, table, chairs, setup assistance and four tickets to the event. The Northville Marketplace application form is available at www.northville.org or call 248-349-7640.

GoFundMe set for accused spy's legal fees

Kristen Jordan Shamus Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Paul Whelan's family is steeling for what could be a years-long process of trying to free him as he awaits trial on an espionage charge in a Russian prison.

They've started a GoFundMe account to collect donations to help them pay for Whelan's legal fees, which they estimate could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

By Jan. 28, 53 people had donated to the account, raising \$8,005 of its \$100,000 goal.

Whelan, 48, is a former U.S. Marine who worked in global security for Michigan auto parts supplier BorgWarner when he was arrested Dec. 28 at the Metropol hotel in Moscow. He was visiting Russia, he told his family, for the wedding of a friend.

The Russian government alleges Whelan was caught during a spy mission when Russia's Federal Security Service agents took him into custody. Russian media has reported that Whelan was found in possession of a USB flash drive containing classified information.

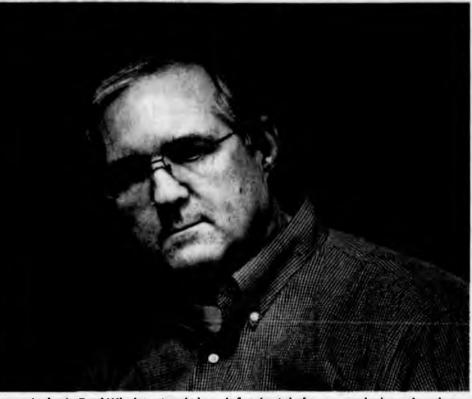
His family insists that Whelan is not a spy and that he was set up. Whelan, who was born in Canada to British parents, holds passports in four countries — the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Ireland. That means the embassies from each country can meet with him in Lefortovo prison and work to negotiate his release.

His twin brother, David Whelan, explained that the family is trying to get power of attorney for Paul's accounts, so they can pay his bills and manage his affairs while he's gone. But that's more difficult than they expected.

"In order to have a document signed, they have to translate it into Russian, then back into English so the prison people know what it says," David Whelan told the Free Press.

"We're in the position that we don't know what he's got in his bank accounts to support his legal defense. We don't have an ability to pay bills, things like that. We're hoping to get that squared away in the next couple weeks."

BorgWarner, David Whelan said, has been very supportive and has continued



Suspected spy Paul Whelan stands in a defendants' glass cage during a hearing of an appeal on his arrest at the Moscow City Court. YURI KOCHETKOV/EPA-EFE/REX

"We still have a hope that there will be a diplomatic solution that will bring him home faster."

David Whelan Paul Whelan's twin brother

to pay his brother's salary — at least for now.

"The head of their legal department called us, called my parents and also has spoken with my sister," he said. "They did say from the very get-go they would continue to support him and up until that point were continuing to pay his salary. So we're under the assumption that will continue."

The company declined to answer Free Press questions about whether Paul Whelan will continue to be paid by BorgWarner or how long his job will be held.

"BorgWarner does not discuss specific employee information," a company

spokesperson said.

Because the family does not have power of attorney to access Paul Whelan's accounts, "it's hard for us to know," David Whelan said. "But in the modern day, it's very likely he's got it all set up to automatically debit and auto pay. There's a very good likelihood it's all taken care of."

The language barrier is a big challenge, David Whelan said. And his brother's attorney doesn't speak English, which adds to the difficulty.

The family got confirmation late last week from a representative from the Canadian consular staff that Paul Whelan did not choose Vladimir Zherebenkov to be his attorney, yet Zherebenkov is representing him in his defense.

"We remain in the dark about who made the choice if Paul didn't," David Whelan said. "Paul's inability to speak Russian continues to make communication in prison difficult and he is concerned that he has only seen his lawyer, who doesn't speak English, twice since he was arrested. I have emailed with Olga Karlova, an English-speaking lawyer who has indicated she is now part of the defense team with Mr. Zherebenkov and Mr. Zherebenkov's son Roman. They are hoping to make more regular visits, including one (this) week."

A list of alternative attorneys has been drafted, "should Paul decide he needs a change of counsel," but it's unclear whether Paul has been given the list, David Whelan said.

"We are hopeful he will be given the list as it is our understanding under Article 50 of the Criminal Procedure Code that it is Paul's right to select his defense counsel," he said. "Our family is not advocating for or against a change in counsel, but we believe Paul's right to choose should be respected."

Bail was denied for Paul Whelan last week. He could serve 20 years in prison if he's convicted.

"It's a little bit clearer now that we know that we're talking six months to a year before the trial, and that it's mostly procedural," David Whelan said. "The difficulty is that you sort of have two fronts going the whole time. You realize you have to fund his legal defense, you've got to support him and make sure the consular visits are going on regularly so he's sort of taken care of over there.

"We still have a hope that there will be a diplomatic solution that will bring him home faster."

Paul Whelan went without essentials such as toilet paper, soap and razors until the U.S. State Department helped the family set up an account for Paul to buy those toiletries in prison more than a week after his arrest. And last week, the Canadian government helped the family get him writing materials and additional food.

The family estimates it'll need \$150 to \$200 a month to keep him supplied with toiletries and other essentials.

Paul Whelan is losing weight in prison, his brother said representatives from the consulates have told the family, and his health is a concern.

"He apparently said he has been pretty short on things like vegetables," David Whelan said. "One of the things we're trying to figure out how to get multivitamins or vegetables, things like

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that, in to him to supplement what he can have in jail. But of course, you can't send in anything that's perishable because it takes a couple of days for it to be searched and processed before it can be given to the detainee, so we're trying to work out what that would be.

He didn't want to detail his brother's medical conditions, but said, "they're typical for people who are closing in on 50

"If you need a particular medication or even something as simple as ibuprofen, it's difficult for him to ask for that because he doesn't have the words for it. And so for more serious things or if he was to have any sort of medical emergency there, he doesn't know how to express it to the Russians in a way they would understand. ... There is a lack of confidence on Paul's side that they understood what his medical needs were."

The GoFundMe account, David Whelan said, was not created to fund his account for supplies in prison, but to help the family pay for his legal fees.

Zherebenkov and Karlova, he said, have not told the family what his costs will be.

'They don't know how much it's going to cost or haven't talked to Paul about that yet," David Whelan said. "So neither Paul nor we know what his actual legal bills will be.

"We've heard a variety of numbers from American lawyers, most in the multiple hundreds of thousands of dollars or higher. We really don't have any idea. ... It's really hard."

He said he's still waiting for details from the Russian government about exactly what evidence it has against his brother.

"The really surprising thing to me is that it's been a month and there's still no indictment, still no details." David Whelan said. "There still seems to be no information about what this is about. I struggle with that as a family member. But even looking at it from the outside, to imagine that an American can go to a country and be arrested and 30 days later no one really knows what's going on or why he's there, it's baffling to me.

"I have only read it in Russian news media called Rosbalt and there were references that Mr. Zherebenkov made in his statement ... that it had something to do with a USB drive, that there were some files on it that the Russian government thought Paul shouldn't have

"It sounds like an entrapment. It sounds like someone he knew betrayed him. But you know, none of that is confirmed yet. And I find that really strange because, until that is confirmed, it's difficult for the American government or any of the governments to proceed because we don't know what's going on.

Even though there have been reports in the Russian media, David Whelan said, "I would still expect the Russian government to confirm it. After 30 days, I would expect an official confirmation.

The Free Press has called the U.S. State Department and sent an email message asking what the U.S. government knows about Paul Whelan's arrest and the charges against him. It has yet to return those messages.

The family is not planning to travel to Russia to try to visit Paul Whelan in prison. It's too expensive and it's unlikely to do any good, his brother said.

"We don't know how much his defense is going to cost," David Whelan said. "Now that bail has been denied and he's going to be detained at least until the end of February - and probably for six months to a year before the trial starts - we're really focusing on keeping the money we have available for things we can do here, in North America, rather than flying to Russia on what's probably a relatively pointless visit because there's nothing we can do for him."

But if and when the time comes for Whelan relatives to travel abroad, David Whelan said they'll be far better prepared.

"I've sent a list of things to my folks that says, so essentially the next time you take a trip, make sure you leave a power of attorney, a good picture for the media for if you get captured," he said. "I mean, there's this whole list of things you have to think about before you go out because if you think about it, if you haven't left power of attorney, there's no way for people to help you.

"Most travelers wouldn't experience it, but if I were going to Russia, I would have all these things prepared in advance."

Damage 'significant' in Northville Twp. fine

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No injuries were reported in the aftermath of a Jan. 20 Northville Township house fire that caused "significant" damage to a structure in the 16000 Block of Forest Drive, according to township Fire Chief Brent Siegel.

In addition to the blaze, township firefighters had to endure sub-zero wind chills.

The cause and origin of the fire re-

mained under investigation Jan. 21. The Northville Township Fire Department was assisted by units from Northville city, Livonia and Novi.

"We would like to thank our mutualaid partners for their assistance," Siegel noted.

Main Street League, a local nonprofit, is collecting donations for the family. Go mainstreetleague.com/hamiltonto

house-fire for more in formation.

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Township clerk to retire

At the January Board of Trustees meeting, Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand announced her retirement after 26 years with the township. She is resigning as clerk so she can recover from major surgery and prepare for twin granddaughters due this July.

Hillebrand was elected township clerk Nov. 3, 1992, and has served the community in numerous ways during her more than 30-year residency, including on the township board, beautification commission and parks and recreation commission.

At that same meeting, Hillebrand recommended Marjorie Banner (current township treasurer) as her successor to complete the remainder of the term (expiring in 2020) effective Feb. 15. The motion was presented by Supervisor Robert Nix and approved by the board.

Banner has been a Northville resident for more than 35 years. She was appointed trustee in March 2001 to replace Bill Pomeroy and was a trustee until November 2012, when she was elected township treasurer. She has been a representative on the Economic Development Corp. and brownfield redevelopment association, has served on the historic district commission, the parks and recreation commission and the zoning board of appeals.

Banner's appointment to clerk left a vacancy for Hillebrand

treasurer position. Nix made a motion for Trustee Fred Shadko to fill the role of treasurer for the remainder of the term (expiring in 2020), effec-

tive Feb. 15, and it was also approved by the board.

Shadko has been a Northville resident for more than 22 years and has been a trustee since November 2012. Shadko has been on the historic district commission since 2011 and is currently serving on the planning commission. He has served on the EDC and BRA in the past and is the current SEMCOG alternate.

He has had perfect attendance at board meetings since being elected.

The chain of events left a spot open for a trustee appointment. Nix recommended Scott Frush be appointed for the remainder of the term (expiring in 2020), effective Feb. 15. It was motioned and approved by the board.

Frush has been a resident of Northville for the past seven years. He has served on the Friends of the Northville District Library and on the Northville Education Foundation and is currently serving on the Economic Development Corp.

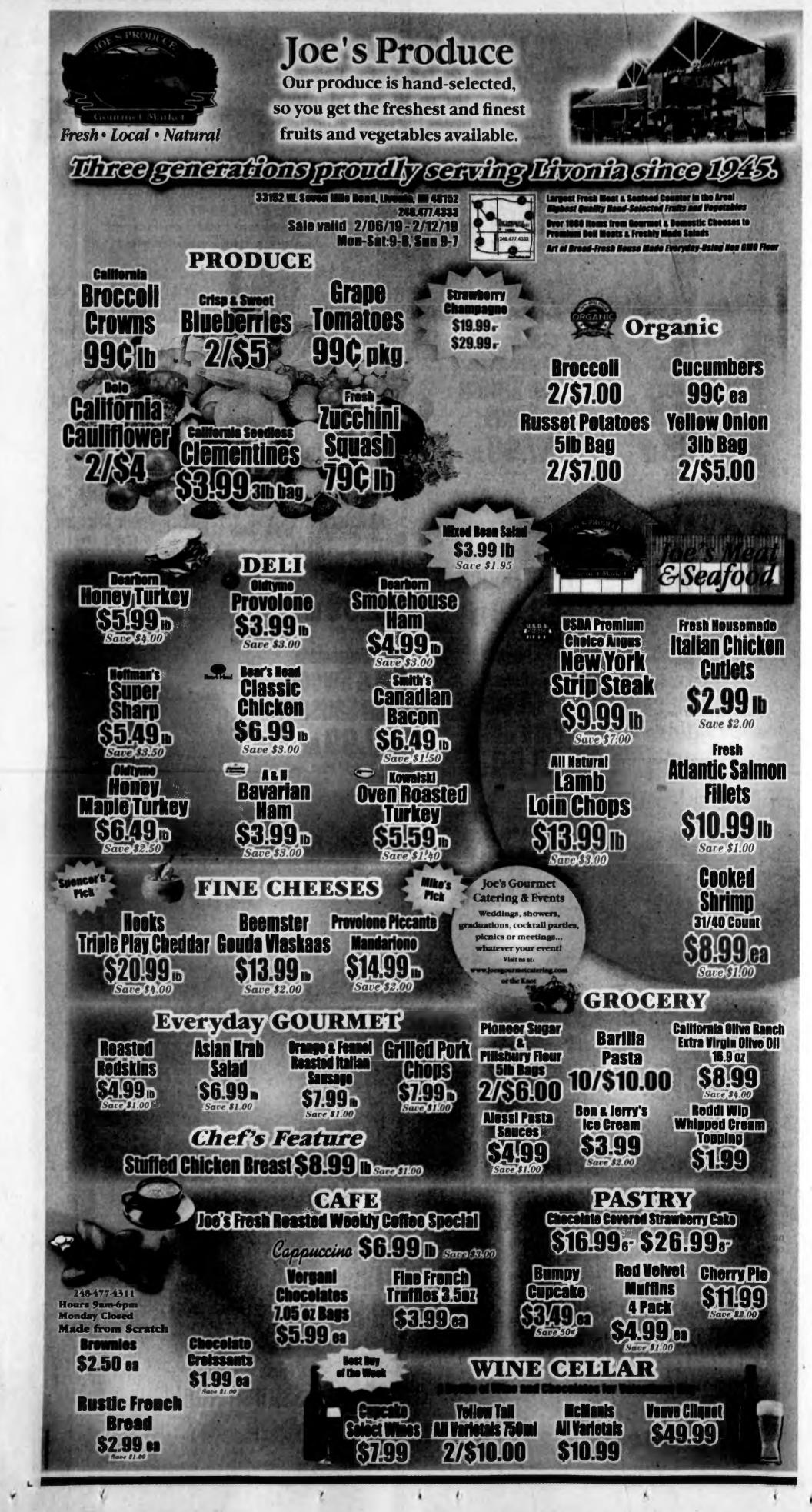


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It was quite a ride in 41 years on the prep beat

No Friday night basketball game to cover the first week of February? Strange feeling, indeed.

Maybe I'll start reading a novel, go out to dinner or catch a movie.

One thing, for sure, I won't be up until 3 in the morning writing up Friday night results and putting them on the world wide web.

I turned in my laptop Friday afternoon after 41 years on the high school sports beat, but now it's time to turn the page and start a new chapter in life. I'm retiring.

So what is it now? Fishing? Shuffleboard? Pickleball?

It seems like only yesterday when I covered my first game for this newspaper group.

I remember it like yesterday: A promising young 6-foot-10 sophomore basketball player at Clarkston named Tim McCormick going up against West Bloomfield. The next game, I saw a great athlete from Southfield High named Vince Bean, who later became a two-way track and football standout at Michigan.

One went to the NBA and the other to the NFL. Not a bad way to start.

I never covered a Super Bowl, but I covered, interviewed and watched some super athletes during my 41 years.

Some were Olympians, even gold medalists, along with others who carved out nice professional careers in the NHL, NFL, MLB and NBA.

I've interviewed well-known boxers, auto racers, gymnasts, swimmers. I once did an interview with a player competing at Wimbledon, and yet another who won the final stage race in the Tour de France.

PREP FOOTBALL

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Coach John Herrington holds the game ball with "431" written on it after defeating Oak Park in October 2017. PHOTOS BY DAN DEAN/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



goes beyond Harrison

Marty Budner hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

I've enjoyed the distinct privilege of covering two of the state's most iconic high school football coaches.

Al Fracassa, the legendary head coach at Brother Rice, retired following the 2014 season after a brilliant career that spanned 54 years and included 10 state championships. He was the state's winningest head coach with 430 victories when he finally called it quits.

Fracassa's tenure as the state's winningest coach lasted three years following retirement.

John Herrington, the only head coach in Farmington Harrison's epic 49-year history, became the new record holder in fall 2017.

Herrington finished his career a few weeks ago with 443 victories. He will not have the opportunity to extend those totals next year.

Fracassa, who recently turned 86, retired on his own terms. He still regularly attends Brother Rice football games.

Herrington, 77, was forced into retirement. He will not have the opportunity to follow Hawks football like Fracassa.

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Former Hometown Life sports editor Marty Budner stands with prep football legends Al Fracassa, left, and John Herrington.

"Coach Herrington is such a good guy and a great coach. He's a role model for guys to look up to. ... He's inspiring." Brendan Flaherty Groves head coach I got to rub shoulders with some famous people, too, along the way.

There was the one-on-one interview in the Clarenceville High School gymnasium with Joe Paterno, while he was waiting for Tim Shaw to get out of class. I had breakfast with Lloyd Carr and dinner with Rollie Massimino. And in the middle of the basketball court at Schoolcraft College, I learned how you defend the pick-and-roll from Tony and Dick Bennett. I interviewed Joe Montana, who had a bad cold, at the Townsend Hotel.

I watched the UCLA football team practice at Schoolcraft College without using goal posts the day before they played Michigan.

I once wrote a story about the Bob Lanier-Dick Vitale Basketball Camp when "Dickie V" himself personally walked out to his car and gave me a camp T-shirt.

Another time I got to play one game — and thank goodness, one game only — when Bobby Riggs was staging an exhibition match in Bloomfield Hills. Of course, the cagey Riggs threw in a couple of spinning drop shots on me for good measure to make me look silly, even though I was a collegiate tennis player.

As a newspaper colleague, I used to sit in the press box at Michigan football games alongside with the one and only W.W. "Eddie" Edgar, better known

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Perseverance pays off for Plymouth's Berger

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On Friday night, a year removed from a season consumed by major minutes on the Plymouth boys basketball team's bench, senior Ryan Berger again occupied one of the sideline folding chairs that line the Wildcats' court.

Unlike last year, however, Berger glistened with high-effort sweat as he sat during a 30-second timeout in the third quarter of the Wildcats' game against Salem — and his seating arrangement was brief ... 30 seconds, to be exact.

Powered by perseverance and a willingness to learn, Berger has emerged from last season's garbage-time shadows to become not only a huge-minutes starter for Plymouth, but one of the most potent two-way big men in the area.

The 6-foot-7 senior has routinely posted double-digit scoring nights while gobbling up nearly as many rebounds — and his shot-blocking skills have made some dribble-driving guards think twice about entering the paint.

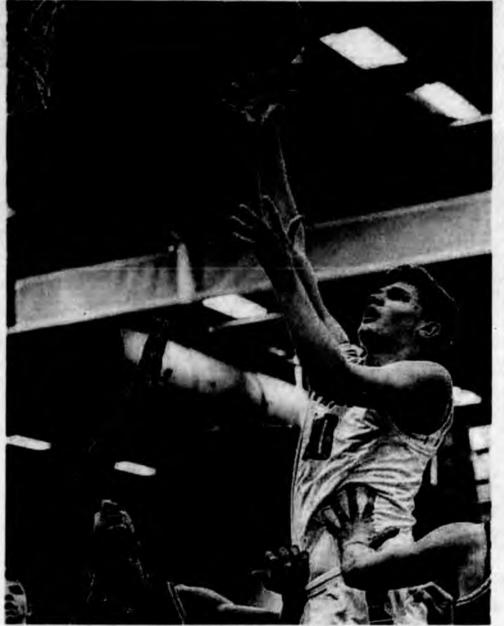
"We've kind of tailored some things for Ryan this year after slowly moving in that direction late last season," said Plymouth coach Mike Soukup. "Looking back, I wish I would have went to him sooner (last year). I'm 10 years in (as the Wildcats' head coach) and I'm still learning lessons. I felt we needed a change and I didn't go with it soon enough. I'm glad I did this year."

Admittedly "a little frustrated" by last year's minimal playing time, Berger never stopped working.

"During the summer league before my junior year, I was getting a lot of minutes, so I was optimistic about playing more than I did," Berger said. "Even though I didn't get a lot of playing time during the regular season, I got a lot of work in practice. Now, this year, I feel the work I did in practice last year has paid off."

Berger praised seniors from last year's squad and Soukup for getting him ready for his senior-season emergence.

"The seniors I played with last season did a great job of leading," he said. "They



Plymouth's Ryan Berger lays in two points during last week's game against Salem. MICHAEL VASILNEK/VASILNEK IMAGES

provided a good example of what it takes if you want more playing time. I was going up against really good players like Jeff Davis and Anthony Crump, which definitely helped.

"Coach Soukup has been a big help, too. This year one of the main things we do in practice is split up the bigs from the guards so we can work on specific skills. I've learned a lot more post moves that have carried over to the games."

The Wildcats' modest 6-8 record (following their 13-point win over the Rocks on Feb. 1) is not entirely indicative of how well they've played as their loss ledger includes a pair of two-point losses and one one-point heartbreaker.

In Plymouth's 52-50 setback at Brighton on Jan. 29, Berger broke out with 23 points and 12 rebounds as the Wildcats nearly pulled off a huge road win.

"I was running the court pretty well that night and my teammates were finding me," he said.

Berger said his rising confidence has been a pivotal component throughout his productive senior season.

"We scrimmaged a lot of really good teams last summer, which showed us what a good team looks like," Berger said. "I started feeling comfortable probably our second or third game this season. We beat Allen Park and we played a great team game. Playing like that against a good opponent helped our confidence."

Chemistry is not an issue with the Wildcats, whose roster is populated by several players who grew up playing together on travel teams.

The on-court bond is especially tight between Wildcat senior point guard Devon Wisniewski and Berger, who turned four Wisniewski passes into easy buckets against Salem.

"Devon and I have been playing together for awhile, so he's great at reading my slips ... and we screen-and-roll, stuff like that. We definitely have a good chemistry together."

An outstanding student with a 3.6 grade-point average, Berger has his sights set on attending Michigan State University in the fall.

Although, the way he's been getting it done on the hardwood, don't rule out an extension of his hoops career at a school looking for an on-the-rise big man.

What advice would Berger offer a player who was in his proverbial shoes last scason?

"I would tell them to keep working and continue to put a lot of effort in at practice," he said. "If you can prove to your coach that you will work hard and that you can excel in the moment, eventually you'll start getting more minutes."

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as "The Stroller," who chronicled Joe Louis during his boxing career.

I covered countless state championship games; some I remember like yesterday.

And I watched my fair share of crazy games.

The most infamous was one sunny Saturday afternoon football game in 1992 at Dearborn Fordson when a riot erupted in - of all places - the press box. With haymakers being thrown literally left and right, I scurried out the front window of the press box for my own safety.

Wayne Memorial won that day, 20-3, but the game never stopped while the action in the press box continued for a good five minutes before the Dearborn police arrived to break it up.

I always enjoyed the change of sports seasons from fall to winter to spring.

However, I used to call spring the "silly season" with the unpredictable weather, senior proms, senior skip day, honors nights and graduation ceremonies. It was about 20 years ago when I decided to adopt my own spring "60-degree rule." If it wasn't 60 or warmer and no press box available, I wasn't covering it. LOL.

I met so many great coaches over the years and there are too many to name. They obviously don't get paid a lot and they do it as a labor of love. I always appreciated the time they took out of their busy schedules to give me all the information I needed to keep me informed.

Two coaches, however, I consider special and I consider great friends former Westland John Glenn football coach Chuck Gordon, who occasionally comes out of hibernation from Central Lake, and Sue Tatro, my (former) running buddy who coached cross country and track at Churchill. (And now she thinks she's a basketball coach.)

And I can't thank enough all the athletic directors who helped me along the way. They work long hours and aren't always appreciated. Livonia Stevenson's Roger Frayer, who I played summer recreation ball for as a youth, helped steer me in the right direction during my early days and always kept me in the loop.

And then that torch was passed over to Churchill's Marc Hage, who became my "go-to guy" whenever certain prep



Detroit Catholic Central Director of Athletics Aaron Babicz, right, honors Hometownlife.com sports reporter Brad Emons during halftime with a plaque commemorating his 41 years covering local high school sports and for his years of providing coverage of the Shamrocks when they were in Redford and Novi. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

sports issues came up.

It's people like them and many others that made the job so enjoyable.

In 1978, I got my first taste of the high school big-time when I covered the Class D boys basketball semifinal between Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Mio Au Sable at Michigan State's Jenison Fieldhouse. I was sitting in the crow's nest high above the court, sitting along side the Swami himself, Hal Schram of the Free Press.

Little did I know then that I would strike up a great friendship with one of Schram's young proteges at the time, none other than Mick McCabe, who somehow became the "Son of Swami."

Even though we were at competing newspapers, Mick and I shared intel, laughed and made inside jokes for all of those 41 years. Our most infamous saying would come during March Madness, when we borrowed a line from one of my former O&E colleagues, the late Doug Funke: "They're dropping like flies!!" And we still talk about when they served shrimp in the press box at Lansing Everett during the state football semifinals.

And speaking of colleagues, I worked with so many great people over the years.

I'd like to thank my boss, Dan Dean, a great photographer, too, who is taking the early retirement offer as well. He understood sports and gave me plenty of rope. We covered that last Farmington Harrison football game together and that was historic.

And I also want thank my most recent sports colleagues, Dan O'Meara, Marty Budner and Tim Smith, for their efforts, along with Bill Bresler, one of the best photographers in the business.

As you know, the newspaper business has changed dramatically over the years and prep sports has been hit hard. The metrics and analytics tell us covering things the traditional way doesn't get the numbers anymore.



Emons, left, stands with former Livonia Stevenson High and Xavier University player Jalen Reynolds, who now plays in Russia. SUBMITTED

It was about 20 years ago when I decided to adopt my own spring "60-degree rule." If it wasn't 60 or warmer and no press box available, I wasn't covering it.

I did my best and adapted to the everchanging 24-hour news cycle. Never thought I would take photos, even videos, but I did! I never considered myself a gifted writer, but I prided myself on being fair, honest and accurate. I hope I created some scrapbooks with many memories for schools, kids and their parents.

The ever-changing world of technology is a challenge, for sure. Even as I was writing this final column, the VPN connection went down.

Maybe they are trying to send me a message that it's time to move on, but it was a great 41 years and I wouldn't have had it any other way.

Time flies when you're having fun, but now it's a wrap.

And, as former Lutheran High Westland athletic director Mike Unger would always end his emails: "Blessings."

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Herrington

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The Farmington Public Schools district decided nearly three years ago to close Harrison High School — the youngest of the district's three schools — following the 2018-19 academic year. That decision signaled the end of Harrison, bringing the nationally-renowned football program to its end.

The end is real and Herrington is left with the memories of a storied run that included an MHSAA-record 28 state playoff appearances with a record 13 state championships, not to mention 28 league championships.

'No reason' for closing Harrison

It is still a bitter pill to swallow for all of Hawks nation.

"It's very bitter. There's no reason for it," Herrington said. "I told them — and I don't mind not holding back — I don't know why they would close the newest school and the one with the best facilities and kind of a namesake athletic program in football.

"It's a brand name in Farmington and around the state and, I hate to brag, around the country. They all know about Farmington Harrison," he added. "It's the most diverse school and, because some accounting firm decided it would be a good one to close and the administration went along with it, it makes no sense to me."

The football numbers are impressive and the success unprecedented. But the Herrington era is about more than numbers.

Herrington literally helped build the two-story high school, located south of 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and MIddlebelt roads. Harrison has been his pride and passion ever since.

Make no mistake about it, Herrington bleeds Harrison green and gold.

Herrington not only influenced his athletes as both the school's football and baseball head coach, but touched all students as a longtime history teacher and a driver's education instructor.

It is all about the legacy

It's all those collective memories which Herrington will both cherish and miss.

Herrington, like Fracassa, touched youngsters in a manner only coaches can do.

They'll both tell you that the on-field numbers and successes are great, but not the major reason why they spent to much time along the sidelines. They will tell you without question the most satisfying part of their careers is the relationships they've built and maintained with students and their parents over the years.

Carolina Panthers wide receiver and former Harrison player Devin Funchess. BOB DONNAN | USA TODAY SPORTS

go out on his own terms. It's tough for him and it's tough for the alumni."

On to the pros

Eight former Hawks have gone on to play pro ball.

Devin Funchess, a 2012 Harrison grad who was on Harrison's last state championship team in 2010, is a member of that elite group. Funchess, now a receiver for the Carolina Panthers, will always remember the impact Herrington and Harrison had on his career.

"He just taught me about strength, toughness and pride," Funchess said after a recent game against the Detroit Lions at Ford Field. "They just taught me how to deal with adversity and move past it. That's what they taught me. It's always next game.

"It's sad that something like (Harrison closing) is happening in this great state. We got another powerhouse going to waste because of population," he added. "But I have nothing but good memories. It's just a blessing I get to be where I'm at right now because of Harrison High School. I just wish (Herrington) good luck and stay healthy."

It's not only former players and students who have gained Herrington's respect. It's coaching colleagues as well.

A mentor to other coaches

spect for coach Herrington and Harrison. We really feel our program, the past five years, has jump-started because we've had so much success against Harrison.

"Coach Herrington is such a good guy and a great coach. He's a role model for guys to look up to," he added. "I'd like to be more like him. He's inspiring."

The numbers don't lie

The on-field numbers are simply amazing.

A combination of consistency and stability by a hard-working coaching staff have fueled Harrison's success.

Dedicated and loyal assistants like Sutter, Dave Thorne, Bob Sallow, John Witkowski, Jon Herstein, Ron Brown and Paul Degebien heavily influenced Herrington's decision-making, scouting reports and film sessions over the years. Former players like Mill Coleman, Mike Ciceri and Billy Slobin also have played key roles in Harrison's good fortunes.

Herrington's final record as a head coach is an astonishing 443-112-1, a .796 winning percentage.

In his 49 years, the Hawks finished with at least 10 victories 27 times. They posted nine undefeated seasons, including back-to-back 14-0 records in 2000-01. During an amazing five-season run from 1997 to 2001, when they won five straight state titles, the Hawks registered an unbelievable 64-4 record, which included four undefeated seasons.

Stability from the start

So time has flown by for Herrington, who started the program in 1970 from the ground up with great support from his late wife Fran.

Herrington founded the booster club, picked the mottos, picked the uniforms, picked the first Hawks mascot and even suggested the green and gold color scheme — which eventually was voted on by the student body and won over purple and gold — partly because of his love for the Green Bay Packers.

After 556 games, it's all over. The end came Nov. 9 in the Division 4 regional championship game with a 21-14 loss to Chelsea. It's a career he's going to miss.

"It's been a fantastic career. When I started, I was age 30 and came over from North Farmington and I was excited about it," Herrington said. "I never felt like it was a job. It was always fun. We just got a program going that people bought into.

"Really, to get a winning program going, you to have to win. In 1974, we won eight games and in '76 we went to the finals and then we just continued to win. You can go on ... about all the great players we've had and the coaches.

"But I think if you have stability and build a good program and stick to your guns and believe in what you're doing, then you can be successful," he added. "But I never thought it would get to the level we did. But I really just believed in the next game and the next season. I really enjoyed molding a team and see what we have. And that's something that bothers me now. We have no next season."

That's what really stands out in their minds.

"When I think of Al (Fracassa), I don't think of how many wins he had, I think about how his players reacted to his coaching and how they still react to him all the time," Herrington said during an interview last season. "I hope I'm remembered the same way once my career is over. The wins are nice, no question about it. But it's what your players think about you that is most important." Joe Pesci is one of those former Har-

tison players who holds **Herring**ton in high regard.

A quarterback on Harrison's 1993 state championship team, Pesci has followed in Herrington's footsteps as a head coach. Pesci now leads the South Lyon East High School football program and said Herrington had a great influence on his career.

Pesci, a 1994 Harrison grad who is 14th on the school's all-time passing leaders list, began his coaching career with the Hawks after graduating from Albion College. He is thankful for that opportunity.

"As I was fortunate that coach Herrington offered me a coaching position when I got out of college," said Pesci, the middle of three brothers who played for Harrison. "That's where I learned how to coach and I was able to see coach Herrington and (assistant) coach (Bob) Sutter and what they did from week to week from that coaching side and not so much from the players' side. That was eye-opening to me.

"I was very fortunate to be part of that program, both as a player and as I coach. I learned how to communicate with the players and build that relationship with them. What was most eyeopening is the amount of preparation that coach Herrington and his staff did prior to game week.

"Our offense (at East) is kind of patterned right after (Harrison's). For 50 years, he's been running that same offense," he added. "It's sad that (Harrison) has to close. There's so much tradition that's there and for him to have to go out that way — he always wanted to The 2018 football season was kind of a Herrington farewell tour.

It started with the preseason Oakland Activities Association football media day at Rochester High School. League coaches to a man, some longer than others, lauded Herrington for what he has meant to the conference, the game and their own careers. Many of

them called Herrington their role model. West Bloomfield High School head coach Ron Bellamy, a former Detroit Lions player and a Louisiana native, befriended Herrington through one of Harrison's all-time leading players, Drew Stanton.

Bellamy thanked Herrington for all he has done for him and what he has meant to the OAA over the years.

"Even before I coached high school football, (Herrington) coached one of my best friends, Drew Stanton, and I got a chance to be around coach Herrington's program and it reminded me a lot of my high school coach in New Orleans," Bellamy said to Herrington and the other players, coaches and media members gathered back in early August. "And some of the same principles that you preach to your kids — your kids are 40 years old now, 30 years old, they are fathers, husbands, it's the same we should do with you.

"This man is a wonderful person, a wonderful human being. You developed this landscape here in the OAA. You set the standard for the coaches that we're all chasing. And ever since I've been here at West Bloomfield, I've always looked up to you.

"I've always wanted to have the same successes that you've had," he added. "I've always leaned on you and I'm forever grateful for all the opportunities and experiences you have given me."

Groves head coach Brendan Flaherty has enjoyed his share of success lately against Herrington. Flaherty said the victories over Harrison helped vault Groves into its current status as one of Oakland County's premier programs.

Flaherty reflected on Herrington's legacy following his Division 2 state semifinal loss to Warren De La Salle.

"John Herrington is just one of those icons you can't replace," Flaherty said. "I think for us, we just have so much reHe's only had five seasons with a losing record, the worst at 3-6 in 1972.

"I never thought about records. I would just think about one year after the other," Herrington said. "And then that one stretch where we won five state championships in a row, I look back at it and can't believe it. It almost got to be like it was expected. Even this year, I thought we had a good chance at

Three losses that stung the most

Herrington recalls many of those seasons and games.

Wins over Westland John Glenn (7-6 for Herrington's 200th victory in 1993), Saginaw Arthur Hill (34-18 in 1989 season opener), DeWitt (28-27 in 1989 state championship game) and Dearborn Fordson (17-14 in double OT on Dave Blackmer's memorable winning field goal for 1982 state title), quickly come to his mind as highlights.

However, three stinging defeats still haunt Herrington — the ones he calls his most disappointing losses:

■ The 1983 regular-season loss to Livonia Churchill. The 13-12 defeat not only ruined a perfect season during which Harrison won eight games — six via shutout — but also deprived the Hawks of a state playoff berth in an era when one loss resulted in postseason wanting.

■ The 1984 loss to Dearborn Fordson in the Class A state semifinal game at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium. In John Miller's senior season, Harrison had won 10 straight games and was seeking its third state title in a four-year span. The Hawks fell, 9-7.

■ The 2014 loss to Muskegon Mona Shores in the Division 2 state semifinal game. Herrington felt his team was on the bad end of a few flags. The Hawks lost 25-24 in a controversial battle.

"As far as wins, I guess all the state championship games are something special and all of our other big games," Herrington said. "I probably remember our three worst losses more than anything. They just stick out."

Thank you for the memories, coach

The head coaching part of Herrington's career is history.

He's slowing cleaning out the football room at Harrison and will continue his duties as president of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. But Herrington's sentiments for Harrison, like a Hail Mary pass, run too deep and are too personal for him to take over another school's program.

It's that innate passion and pride that galvanized Herrington's legacy at Harrison. It just wouldn't be the same at another school. The bittersweet ending will always resonate.

Like Herrington consistently reiterated prior to Harrison's closing: "You can celebrate our (football) legacy, but not the closing of our school."

"Harrison is just in my blood and that's why I really couldn't go and coach as a head coach at another school," Herrington said. "Harrison is everything to me. And it wasn't just football. Coaching at Harrison was something I just really enjoyed. It made life great for me."

Those emotions were on display at Harrison's final team banquet.

Herrington choked up a bit when he addressed the team, thanking them for sacrificing their last season with a lameduck program, reminding them of the STP (strength, toughness, pride) values they learned and instructing them to never let go of their high school experience.

Once a Hawk, always a Hawk. Green and gold forever.

Coach, the sport will miss you. Your kind and gentle manner, your bustling laugh and the willingness to give of your time will never be forgotten.

But the Harrison family, which you molded, will always be there for you.

It was an absolute pleasure. Thanks for the memories.

Plymouth sweeps Salem in boys hoops

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Just three weeks after Plymouth's boys basketball team edged Salem 45-44 on a buzzer-beating, three-point dagger delivered by Curtis Moore, the two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals were at it again Friday night at Plymouth.

Fueled by senior guard Bryce Amison's 14-point night and a double-double from senior center Ryan Berger (11 points, 13 rebounds) the Wildcats held off a late Rocks' charge to post a 55-42 victory.

Nothing like a 22-4 blitz to find your mojo

Trailing 13-10 after the first quarter, the Wildcats owned the second stanza, outscoring their guests 22-4 thanks to a nine-point flurry by first-man-off-thebench Matt MacLellan and five points each from Moore and reserve guard Ethan Farrugia.

"We didn't turn the ball over; that was the key to the run," said Plymouth coach Mike Soukup.

Angelo Crespo, who tallied a teamhigh 13 points, scored the Rocks' only four points during the eight-minute stretch.

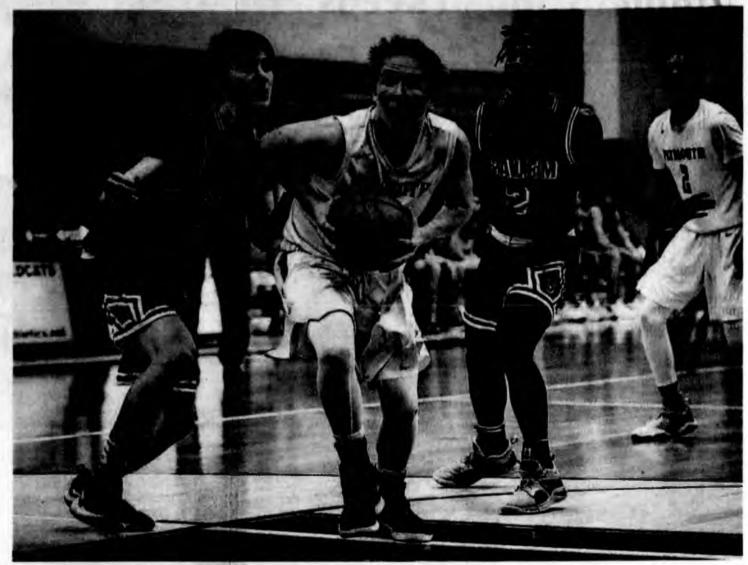
The 'bigs' made quite an impression

Both squads' big men - Salem's 6foot-3 forward Ben Dierker and Plymouth's Berger, a 6-8 senior center, made their presence felt.

Dierker scored 12 points and snatched 12 rebounds while Berger was a mainstay at both ends of the court.

Longtime AAU teammates for a variety of Plymouth-Canton-based teams, the duo battled toe-to-toe in the paint in what turned out to be a dead-heat draw, looking at the post-game stat sheet.

Dierker was also active on the perimeter, piling up three steals while knocking down a triple in the fourth quarter when he scored eight of his points, while Berger ran the court like a guard and set screens to create open shots for teammates



Plymouth's Devon Wisniewski splits a pair of Salem defenders on the way to the basket. MICHAEL VASILNEK/VASILNEK IMAGES

A dish (or 11) to pass

Plymouth senior point guard Devon Wisniewski pulled off a pretty sweet Steve Nash impersonation by distributing 11 assists — an eye-popping total in high school basketball.

Four of the unselfish Wisniewski's dimes went to Berger. The crafty 5-11 pass-first maestro also found Amison alone near the basket for two other crowd-pleasing helpers.

Size doesn't matter for Rock duo

Although standing at least three inches south of the 6-foot mark, Salem senior guards Julius Nelson and Crespo made a big impact on the outcome.

Nelson ignited the Rocks' impressive first quarter with four points and a couple of steals, while Crespo's contributions were evenly divided throughout the contest.

One or both of the diminutive duo seemed to be in the mix - whether securing a key rebound, igniting a fastbreak or providing an emotional spark during crucial moments of the game.

Final quarter worth price of admission

Just when it appeared the Wildcats 375-1113.

were on their way to a comfortable triumph, leading 42-31 with eight minutes to play, the Rocks ramped up their effort and cut the deficit to 46-42 on a leftwing trey from Dierker with 4:40 left.

The Wildcats seemed more locked-in following a timeout from Soukup and closed out the game on a 9-0 run.

Salem slipped to 3-10 overall while Plymouth improved to 6-7.

In the wake of the KLAA's divisional realignment, Friday marked the first time the two PCEP teams have squared off in two regular-season games.

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PREP WRESTLING

Dramatic finish keeps Franklin's Swirple unbeaten

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Jake Swirple refused to give up. Not when he was nearly pinned in the first minute of the match.

Not when he laid on the floor in pain, having been thrown off the wrestling mat.

And not when he trailed by two points in the final 20 seconds of his match with Dearborn Fordson's Mahdi Hazime.

By the conclusion of the match, the final one of a long day, the crowd at Howell High School was chanting "Swirple ... Swirple ... Swirple" after the Livonia Franklin junior staged a dramatic 7-6 victory in a clash between two of the top 285-pounders in the state.

Hazime, ranked fifth in Division 1, was nursing a 6-4 lead when he was called for stalling. Swirple was awarded a point, then got a takedown with six seconds remaining to win the KLAA heavyweight title and stay unbeaten.

"I just kept shooting and shooting," said Swirple, who is ranked No. 3 at 285. "I've got that motor that when the third period hits, it's go time for me. I've just got to keep going. I knew that was what I had to do."

Swirple was able to escape a near fall in the first minute, but he fell behind 5-0 against a wrestler he beat 4-1 on Dec. 15 and 3-1 on Dec. 29. All three of Hazime's losses have been to Swirple.

Swirple's chances of coming back appeared to be in jeopardy when he was thrown out of bounds and couldn't get up immediately with 1:32 left in the second period.

After a lengthy delay, during which a wrestler on the adjacent mat knelt in prayer for Swirple, he got up and was able to continue the match.

"I kind of hit my neck and my back a little bit and my head," Swirple said. "I just came up. I wanted to get back out there. I love wrestling. I love going out there. I fought through the pain. That was about my toughest match all year so far. He wrestled great. I just had to battle back."

Swirple also had to beat a stateranked wrestler in the semifinals, win-



Livonia Franklin's Jake Swirple, left, left, defeated Brighton's Colby Ford in a semifinal match at the KLAA wrestling tournament Saturday at Howell. BILL KHAN/LIVINGSTON DAILY

ning 15-3 over ninth-ranked Colby Ford of Brighton.

Swirple's championship was one of only three that weren't won by state powers Brighton and Hartland. Franklin's Christian Gerber was the 112-pound champions, while Westland John Glenn's Brenten Polk won at 145.

John Glenn's Caleb Meekins, ranked No. 2 at 125, lost a 3-2 decision to topranked Eddie Homrock of Brighton. Brighton won the tournament and

d season championships after going 9-0 in duals and outscoring Hartland, 287 to of 252.5. John Glenn was third with 147.5 e points, while Howell was fourth with 120.

"The last couple of weeks, it's almost like everyone's ready for the postseason," Brighton coach Tony Greathouse said. "It's been a little bit of a challenge to keep everybody's intensity up. I thought we did a good job, especially in the last round, of responding."

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103 - Quaylon Newton (Brighton) d. Zach Phifer (Howell) 5-1; T2 -Christian Gerber (Livonia Franklin) d. Ty Cowen (Westland John Gienn) 4-1; T9 - Sam Freeman (Brighton) d. Wyatt Nault (Hartland) 6-1; 125 - Eddie Homrock (Brighton) d. Caleb Meekins (Westland John Gienn) 3-2; 130 - Kyle Kantola (Hartland) d. Aaron Garcia (Dearborn) 3:17; 135 - Corey Cavanaugh (Hartland) d. Zach Johnson (Brighton) 14-5; 140 - Rhett Newton (Brighton) d. Bryce Cheney (Hartland) 10-5; 145 - Brenten Polk (Westland John Gienn) d. Ryan Heur (Novi) 5:05; 152 - Victor Grabowskii (Brighton) d. Avery Dickerson (Hartland) 4:7; 160 - Reece Potter (Hartland) d. Blake Williams (Belleville) 9-5; 171 - River Shettler (Brighton) d. Dean Elder (Dearborn) 2:35; 275 - Luke Stevens (Brighton) d. Logan Kozarian (Howell) 152; 285 - Jake Swirple (Livonia Franklin) d. Mahdi Hazime (Dearborn Fordson) 7-6.



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

State-ranked Wayne makes rival Glenn its latest victim

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Since losing 74-62 to Detroit Edison on Dec. 29 for its only setback of the season, the state-ranked Wayne Memorial girls basketball team has run roughshod over the KLAA East Division.

The Zebras, ranked No. 7 in Division 1 the latest Detroit Free Press poll, made it seven in a row with another convincing 68-28 victory Jan. 29 over visiting Westland John Glenn.

Wayne, 11-1 overall and 9-0 in the KLAA East, has enjoyed an average margin of victory of nearly 42 points per game against its division foes since losing to Edison, ranked No. 1 in Division 2 and the Super 10.

But Zebras coach Jarvis Mitchell said there's always room for growth and improvement despite the lopsided victories.

"We are getting tested; we turned the ball over 24 times tonight," Mitchell said. "So we are being tested, it's just the score doesn't reflect it. You're being tested every day you don't get better. And that's where we're falling into that realm of getting better, because we're making careless mistakes."

Wayne, which jumped out to a 42-16 halftime lead, had three players score in double figures, led by Alana Michaeux with 17.

"Alana Micheaux is just coming into her own," Mitchell said. "She comes in every day and works her butt off. It's a joy to see a kid who competes every day. I never have an effort conversation with her. She just plays hard every single time."

Meanwhile, Jordan Wright and Jeanae Terry chipped in 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Terry, a senior guard who has signed with Illinois, was honored at halftime for breaking the 1,000-point career mark.

Meanwhile, Jayah Hicks and Sammiyah Hoskin both added eight points. "When you don't get better, you're being tested, regardless of the competition," Mitchell said. "The next test is going to be tomorrow at practice. It's girls basketball. You'll never have a consistency of effort. You always have to coach that part, because they're emotional. I'm not saying boys aren't, but girls are a little more emotional when it comes to this game. So sometimes, the practices are a test. We're still making the same turnovers that we made in Game 2 in December."

John Glenn (5-8, 3-6) got 12 points from Jasmine Edwards and seven from Kyanna Stribling.

"I like the energy we showed the second half of this game," said Glenn coach Derrick Jordan, whose team lost to Wayne 62-24 on Dec. 20. "Although the scoreboard doesn't show any improvement, I think what it does do for the girls is give them confidence."

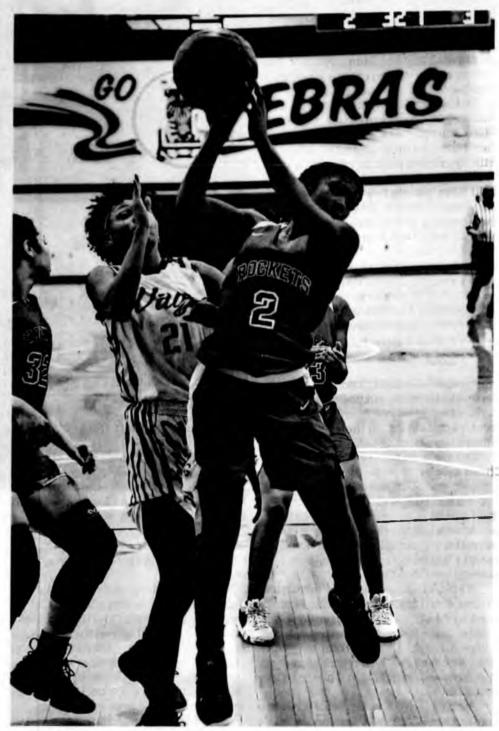
The two teams will square off for a third time in the opening round of the Division 1 district Monday, March 4, at Wayne.

"We've got to play this team first game in districts," Jordan said. "Just like last year, they beat us by 34 and 33, but then we were down four points with a minute to go in the district game. So I'm hoping a little bit of that same growth from the girls, but Wayne is a very good team.

"They're well-coached, they have a bunch of good players on their team and they play hard."

The Rockets hope to generate more of an offense going forward.

"I've got confidence in my girls and I thought that was going to be a sticking point was defense," Jordan said. "I felt like we were athletic enough to cause turnovers. The difference is, we're not scoring off turnovers. If we clean that up, maybe we can give Wayne a better game. But it's a work in progress. If I can get more consistent scoring from three or four different girls, we'll be in a better place."



John Glenn's Taylor Watkins-Johnson pulls down a rebound in front of Wayne's Sammiyah Hoskin. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Foos-ball era kicks off for Madonna University

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Already into his 27th day on the job, new Madonna University football coach Brian Foos took a brief timeout Jan. 29 to be formally introduced during a press conference at the Sr. Mary Danatha Suchyta Gathering Center.

The 39-year-old Tiffin, Ohio, native, who was named the school's inaugural coach Jan. 2, is already putting together a recruiting class as the Crusaders plan to launch their first season in 2020.

"It will kind of be an involving thing," said Foos, who played football at Otterbein (Ohio) University. "We'll work toward national signing day (Feb. 6), which is coming up obviously very quickly here. We're going to just try and recruit as many qualified student-athletes as we can."

Foos, who was an assistant coach at four different small colleges, including most recently at NCAA Division III Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio), has been overwhelmed so far by the support he has received.

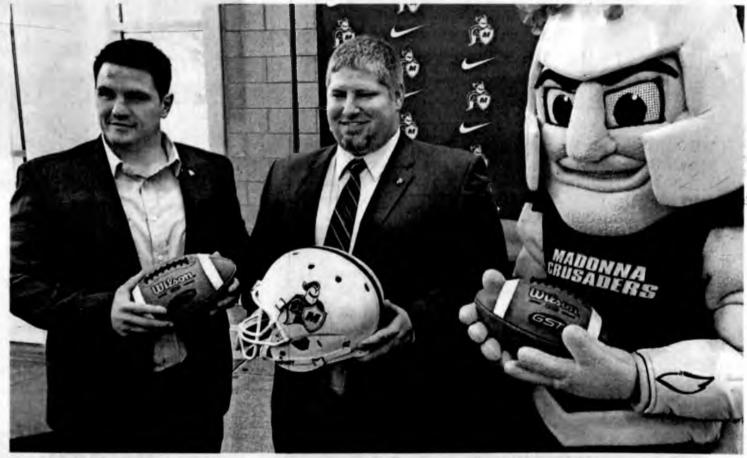
"I've been able to bring people into campus now and seeing the interest behind the program," Foos said. "And starting a football program is fun to watch happen."

Madonna will have a practice season for fall 2019 and Foos already sees the benefits as he tries to "microwave the process."

"That red-shirt year is tough, but we also have that opportunity to be the first to do something," he said. "That opportunity doesn't come many times in life, so it's an easy thing to sell being a part of a start-up program. You will not use a year of eligibility, so that's a big part of it. A lot of programs go, start and play a JV season and they end up losing a year of eligibility, but we won't do that."

Foos said his recruiting philosophy is to "take care of business in your home state," but he'll also reach out to prospective players in Ohio and Indiana, as well as making stops in Georgia and the Tampa, Fla., area.

"The focus is on this area and home



New Madonna football coach Brian Foos, center, center, and offensive coordinator Matt Wright were greeted by mascot Crusader. BRAD EMONS/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

turf first," Foos said.

Foos said has three main goals as he takes over the start-up program, which will be a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

"First, get an outstanding education. We'll have class checks and we'll go to class," Foos said. "We want to develop them as people. They'll have to learn to shake somebody's hand. You have to do that when you go out and do a job interview. Eventually, they'll become husbands, fathers and I want them to give back. That's important to me and Madonna University. There's a soup kitchen 10 minutes from here and we'll go there once a month in the off-season. We also have a nursing home here, so we'll reach out there. And, of course, we want to win a conference and a national championship."

Foos was introduced by MU President Dr. Michael Grandillo, who called it a "transformational day."

Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright was also in attendance, along with NFL Hall of Fame player Kellen Winslow, who is MU's assistant to the president for community relations.

Foos also introduced his wife Sara, along with 4-year-old daughter Leah. Both his parents, Gail and Denny, were in the crowd.

Foos, who grew up a Cleveland Browns fan, introduced new offensive coordinator Matt Wright, who spent the past two seasons at Austin Peay (Ky.) University as a tight ends coach. "We'll be up-tempo, run the spread and get after it," Foos said. "We'll be aggressive on defense, run a 3-4 or 4-2-5, but we'll let the defensive coordinator do what he wants to do. We'll put an exciting product on the field."

Foos, who has 17 years of college coaching experience, was among 100 applicants for the job and eventually became one of three finalists. He was called "a top recruiter" by Madonna athletic director Scott Kennell.

Foos said he couldn't estimate how many perspective recruits he's talked with so far, but added, "It's been quite a few, but we need more and we're looking for more to get in touch with us. Send us your video, we'll get you graded and, hopefully, have you at campus." (NNNR) HOMETOWNLIFE.COM & THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019 & 78

BOXING

Dynamic Boxing Club's Soucy still going strong at 80 years old

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To say Dynamic Boxing Club is Paul Soucy's home away from home would be a gross understatement.

So when the trainer, coach and director got a call Jan. 19 that there was an emergency at the Westland gym, he headed right over with his wife Rita.

Little did the 80-year-old know that, when he turned on the lights, a surprise birthday celebration was awaiting him.

"It was great, a lot of fun and saw a lot of old faces, people I've known over the years that I haven't seen," said Soucy, who has been in the fight game for more than 50 years. "It was great and we should do it at least once a month. You see a lot of familiar faces that you haven't seen in a while. It was interesting."

The Livonian arrives daily at the Dynamic Boxing Club around 3 p.m. each weekday until close. He's also there each Saturday as well to lend his expertise.

"It keeps me young," Soucy said. "I work with amateur and professionals. I work mitts with them, everything it takes a fighter to get to the top, and I'm there."

Club's origin

Dynamic Boxing Club owner Chuck Phillips, whose landscaping company is located next door to the Westland gym on West Warren Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster), met Soucy when he was 15.

"It was the second gym that I ever went to," Phillips said. "At that time, it was the Livonia Boxing Club, so that was my introduction and, since then, (I've) followed him around until I was probably 25. I think he had four gyms after that at four different locations."

Phillips opened Dynamic in 2005 and it remains at staple in the neighborhood.

"Thirteen years ago, Paul was walking his dog in the neighborhood," Phillips said. "I bumped into him. I hadn't seen him in many years and, at that time, I had just acquired a building next to my landscaping company and right then we just started talking and had the



Celebrating a surprise 80th birthday, boxing trainer Paul Soucy, center, reunites with his former fighters from the Livonia Boxing Club. PHOTOS COURTESY OF SCOTT SOUCY



idea to get a gym going and that's how Dynamic started 13 years ago and we've been going at it ever since."

The two have remained close and Phillips gives Soucy plenty of rope to run the gym the way he sees fit.

"What keeps it going is Paul Soucy," Phillips said. "That's what keeps it going. He's just an extremely genuine man and I like to call him the real deal. I know that was Evander Holyfield's fight name, but he's the real deal. His heart toward the craft and his heart toward helping others is just phenomenal. He's in there every day it's open. That's what really makes him unique, is his drive and his spirit."

Early years

Soucy grew up in New Hampshire and started his boxing career in 1957, when he was 19, in the Golden Gloves.

When he ran the Livonia Boxing Club back in the 1980s, Soucy coached several promising amateur and pro fighters, but he is best remembered for training one of boxing's greatest trivia questions.

It was there when Soucy coached an amateur heavyweight named Craig Payne, who defeated a then 16-year-old Mike Tyson for the National Golden Gloves title, along with Cuban legend and three-time Olympic gold medalist Teófilo Stevenson and 1984 Olympic Gold medalist Tyrell Biggs, whom Payne lost to on a controversial judges' decision to go to the L.A. Games during the finals of the U.S. Trials. (Payne died in May 2017.)

Fast forward to 2019 and Soucy is in another corner, along with fellow trainers Chad Jacquillard and Tony Colino, for the O'Quinn brothers — Ja'Rico, who sports a 10-0-1 record, and Robert, who is 3-0.

The 23-year-old Ja'Rico, a junior welterweight (118 pounds), will be facing Alex Rangel (17-8-4) of Sonora, Mexico, as part of a card Friday, Feb. 8, at the Motor City Casino.

Robert, 24, a junior welterweight (140 pounds), returns to the ring Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Dearborn Heights Performing Arts Center, where he faces Charles Johnson of St. Louis, Mo.

Additional work

Soucy will be in the corner for O'Quinn brothers Robert, left, and Ja'Rico for their upcoming cards.

When they're not sparring at Dynamic, the brothers can also be found twice a week at Pryde Athletics in Canton, where the do their strength and conditioning training under Colino, who is experienced with pro and amateur fighters alike.

Soucy discovered the O'Quinn brothers when they were 13- and 14-year-olds playing basketball at the O'Shea Recreation Center in Detroit, where Soucy and a few of the Dynamic coaches put on an exhibition.

"Paul actually boxed with my brother ... that's how I got started," Ja'Rico O'Quinn said. "I said I can fight and get paid for it. I was getting in trouble because I was fighting a lot in the streets, getting in fights at school, running around in gangs and stuff. That saved me. I figured that I could fight and not get in trouble, literally. When I stepped in the gym, it was, like, love at first sight. I fell in love with it and I haven't turned back since."

O'Quinn said Soucy has always been in his corner inside and outside the ring every step of the way.

"He saw the potential and took me places that I thought I'd never go," O'Quinn said. "I didn't have the money to go. My parents didn't have the money to take me and he looked out for us and we brought back championships. That's a blessing right there. I can't thank him enough."

Masters champion

When he was 73, Soucy became a four-time Ringside World Champion in 2012, when he captured the 165-pound age division by defeating Bill Cruze, also 73, in the third round. It was his fourth Ringside title after winning previously in 2005, 2006 and 2008. It was an incredible feat considering he had undergone quintuple bypass surgery, while also having metal plates in his ankle and neck.

Some may consider Soucy, who is also a diabetic, the proverbial "Cat with Nine Lives."

"I haven't fought in a while, but I intend to one more time," Soucy said. "They have this big tournament for the masters division and, as far as I know, I'm one of the oldest guys who have ever fought in the masters division, but I want to make sure my record is not threatened, so if I go at 80, I don't think there's too many people fighting at that age."

Family ties

Soucy and his wife Rita raised five children, four sons and a daughter. The have nine grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

"The only one that doesn't think I shouldn't be doing this anymore is my wife (Rita) and I got to be careful what I say after 58 years of married life," Soucy said with a laugh. "I turned 80 a couple days ago and I'm still doing things the average person can't do. And if I ask my fighters to do something, it's going to be something I can do, too. I'm not going to ask them something that I can't do, so it keeps me shape."

Ja'Rico O'Quinn calls Soucy "a special guy."

"He's been here 10 years since I've been here and even longer than that and he still doesn't act like he's 80 years old," the Detroit pro said. "He's got heart monitors on his chest and stuff like that and he still wants in the ring because he's a true champion and that's what a true champion is." Dynamic Boxing Club owner Chuck Phillips, left, has a long history with Soucy.

Ring knowledge

Jacquillard, a Toledo native who works construction by day and trains fighters at night, just marvels at Soucy's staying power as a boxing trainer and coach.

"Paul is just a great guy. He's been around the boxing game for 50 years, he's well-respected in the sport," Jacquillard said. "He has a lot of knowledge. He's 80 years old now and he doesn't move around like he used to, but his knowledge doesn't fade. He's always there and that's what make him so great, all the experience he's had with boxing."

Soucy is not ready to pull out his AARP card anytime soon.

"He's not slowing down," Jacquillard said. "Sometimes, I wish he would. He's stubborn and you can't tell him what to do. He works the mitts with guys. He hasn't been in the ring sparring for a while, but he said he's itching to get back in there, but we'll see."

Being at Dynamic, his home away from home, six days a week keeps Soucy young at heart.

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"(Phillips) is a sweetheart, I just love him," Soucy said. "He lets me run the gym the way I want to run the gym. That's the way it's got to be. Chuck used to fight for me when he was a little guy and he worked his way up and I'm very thankful that when he needed somebody in that gym, that he called me up. And I'm very, very thankful and he's one heck of a nice guy. I'm appreciative that he remembers what I did for him when he was coming up the ranks and wanted to get into boxing. He could have called me and that's loyalty."

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Obituaries

Curtis Joseph Behnke, Jr.

MILFORD - Curtis Joseph Behnke, Jr., a longtime resident of Milford, passed away at home in the loving care of his family on January 31, 2019 at the age of 65.

In addition to Cathleen, his beloved wife of 29 years, Curtis is survived by their daughter, Victoria (fiancé Ryan Weisfeld) and their son, Joseph Behnke; brother, Keith Behnke as well as extended family and

dear friends. Curtis was a dedicated and active member of St. George Episcopal Church in Milford where he served on many committees. He spent the last part of his career with the Huron Valley School District as custodian and maintenance personnel.

Memorial contributions encouraged to: St. George Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce St., Milford, MI 48381.

A Memorial Service will be planned in the spring at St. George Episcopal Church.

Details will be made available on the Lynch & Sons, Milford website at www.Lynchand-SonsMilford.com 248-684-6645

Fred Harris

MILFORD - Fred Harris, husband of the late Carol (Steeves) Harris, passed away January 29, 2019. Fred is survived by his

daughter, Molly Harris & granddaughters, Taylor & Avery, stepson Joe Bice, stepdaughter Christine (Duane) Bonnell, granddaughter Lauren & stepson William, four brothers & seven sisters.

Fred was a very loving & caring person, with a fabulous sense of humor & had a way of making us smile. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother & friend to all who knew him. He will be missed.

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Betty Jean Burrow

MILFORD - Betty Jean Burrow, a long time resident of Milford and former assistant supervisor in the Milford Village & Township offices, died on February 3, 2019, at the age of 78 after a year-anda-half battle with lung cancer. She is survived by Paul, her beloved husband of nearly sixty years; her daughter, Kim Renko; her sons, Paul "Dave" Burrow II, and Bill (Kelly) Burrow. Grandmother of Amanda Chaffee, the late Tayler Mackenzie, Drew, Alison, and great grandmother of Alexandrea and Asher. She is also survived by her brother, Robert L. "Buddy" McCain (Beverly); in-laws, Randy Burrow (Mildred), Sammy Burrow (Judy), and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Friday, February 8, from 3-8PM. A Funeral Service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Milford, 133 Detroit St., Milford, on Saturday, February 9, at 10 AM, with visitation beginning at 9 AM. Burial will follow at Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to the First Baptist Church of Milford or to the American Cancer Society. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com

Frederick Rice, unexpectedly passed on February 1, 2019. Born in Detroit, Michigan on October 6, 1951; son of Frederick and Angalee (nee Webb) Rice. He was united in marriage to Rita C. Mc-Guire on March 25, 1977;

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devoted to each other for more than 41 years. Tom owned and operated The Gitfiddler Music Store in Northville from 1973-1996. He then began a career as a Commercial Real Estate Broker. He enjoyed golfing, camping, and being outdoors. His motto was Ready, Shoot, Aim. Tom was an incredible bowler and a true adventurer. When he had a dream, there was no one that could stop him from bringing that dream into reality. Tom will be remembered for having the biggest heart and giving love to all. Tom was a God-loving, guitar-picking eternal optimist. Tom loved music and believed it healed our souls.

Thomas (Tom) Frederick Rice

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Rita Mc-Guire Rice; his sons, Justin (Jennifer), Brian (Angela) Clark, Danny (Amity), Scott (Angelica) and Timmy (Bree Vossen); his 9 grandchildren, Felicity, Owen, Rayella, Declan, Calahan, Torin, Keegan, Arlo and Juniper; and his sisters, Susan Cyrulnik and Karen (Gus) Kanakis. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Tom was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Donna Broughton and Cheryl Rice; and his nephew Shawn Jarski.

The visitation will be held Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 2pm until 8pm with a scripture and sharing service at 7pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville, MI 48167. A funeral mass will be held Friday, February 8, 2019 at 11:30am, instate at 10:30am at St. Mary, 1955 E. Commerce, Milford, MI 48381.

For memorial contributions, a GoFundMe account has been made in honor of "Tom Rice the Music Man's Legacy". The money will be donated to some sort of musical charity. Charity will be local and will absolutely be music-oriented. Or to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, PO Box 772091, Detroit, MI 48277-2091



Sandra A. Rollins

PREP ATHLETICS

Pros and cons of Howell leaving KLAA for CAAC

Bill Khan Livingston Daily **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

If it were an easy decision, Howell administrators would've already made up their minds.

But switching athletic conferences can be a complicated issue, leaving the known for the unknown.

Howell is considering a departure from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association to join the Lansing-based Capital Area Activities Conference.

Highlanders athletic director John Young said that a decision needs to be made by early March if Howell is to join the league by the fall of 2020.

Howell officials will weigh the pluses and minuses of making a move or staying put. Here are what I believe to be the biggest pros and cons of making a switch.

Pros

With the exception of a handful of sports, Howell has struggled to compete in the KLAA, particularly after the departure of Milford and Pinckney from the West Division in 2017.

The KLAA seems to have multiple state-ranked teams in every sport. Howell hasn't been able to keep up, for the most part. Notable exceptions are baseball, softball and boys and girls basketball. While football seems to drive the discussion when a change in leagues is considered, it's refreshing that Howell is looking at what is best for its entire program.

Howell would be by far the largest school in the CAAC Blue Division. While that doesn't necessarily guarantee success - the league's smallest school, DeWitt, dominated in football in the fall - it's certainly a good first step. Howell is one of the largest schools in the KLAA, but most schools have comparable enrollments.

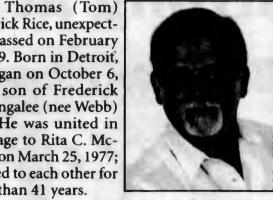
The Highlanders have a history of competing in the Lansing area, so the concept won't be foreign to people in Howell.

Howell was part of the Capital Circuit League through the 1978-79 school year. The school also competes in the Greater Lansing Cross Country Championships and regularly plays CAAC schools in non-league competition.

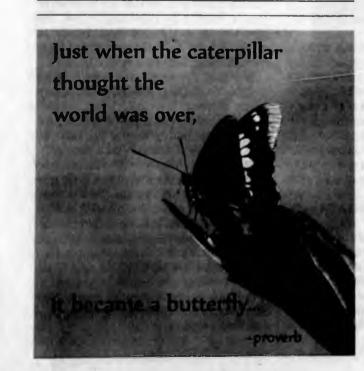
The loss of rivalries with Brighton and Hartland in several sports wouldn't be any great loss, because a rivalry doesn't actually exist if the outcome is consistently one-sided. In sports like soccer, hockey, lacrosse, volleyball, cross country and track and field, Howell is annually dominated by one or both of its county rivals.

Howell teams would have more flexibility to schedule non-league opponents based on the needs of each particular team.

The baseball and softball teams would obviously look for stronger competition to prepare for long ostseason runs, while Howell teams that are strug









SOUTH LYON - Sandra A. Rollins, age 73, longtime resident of South Lyon, passed away January 22, 2019. She was born on April 11, 1945; daughter of Robert and Alma (nee Stecker) Elston. Sandra graduated from Flint Central High School; Class of 1963. She was united in mar-

riage to Donald A. Rollins on February 4, 1967; they spent 51 loving years together as husband and wife.

Sandra worked as a church secretary for First Presbyterian Church of Northville, retiring after 16 years. She was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Hamburg, where she volunteered for Sunday school. Sandra liked spending time outdoors gardening, walking, and biking. She was an avid reader of all types of genres. A talented seamstress, Sandra made many of her children's clothes when they were younger. She enjoyed genealogy and was able to trace both her and her husband's families back many generations. Sandra took pride in caring for her home and family; she cherished the time they spent together.

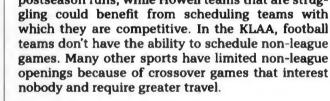
She is survived by her loving husband, Donald Rollins; her children, Michele (Eric) LeBlanc and Scott Rollins; her granddaughter, Shaylin LeBlanc; her sisters-in-law, Patricia Elston and Gail Elston; and her nephews, Ward, Eric, Robert, Jared, and Duane. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers Robert Elston, Jr. and Keith Elston.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with a time of gathering beginning at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Hamburg, 7701 M-36, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189. Mrs. Rollins will be laid to rest at South Lyon Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to St. Paul Lutheran Church of Hamburg.

Please share condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com





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A switch to the CAAC could very well kill Howell's football rivalries with Brighton and Hartland.

Currently, KLAA teams don't have the ability to schedule non-league football opponents. Brighton and Hartland might get that opportunity if they are part of a seven-team West Division, but would another school fill the void created by Howell's departure? Certainly, both Brighton and Hartland wouldn't be in a position to schedule Howell. The Little Brown Jug could be put in mothballs for a while until the next big league shakeup.

Howell would face more travel by going to the CAAC. On the face of it, the difference isn't that great a 39-mile average trip to CAAC Blue opponents vs. a 31-mile average trip in the KLAA West.

However, Howell gets some relief in the KLAA by having short trips to Brighton (12 miles) and Hartland (13). The range of trips in the CAAC Blue is 29 miles to Okemos and 48 to Grand Ledge.

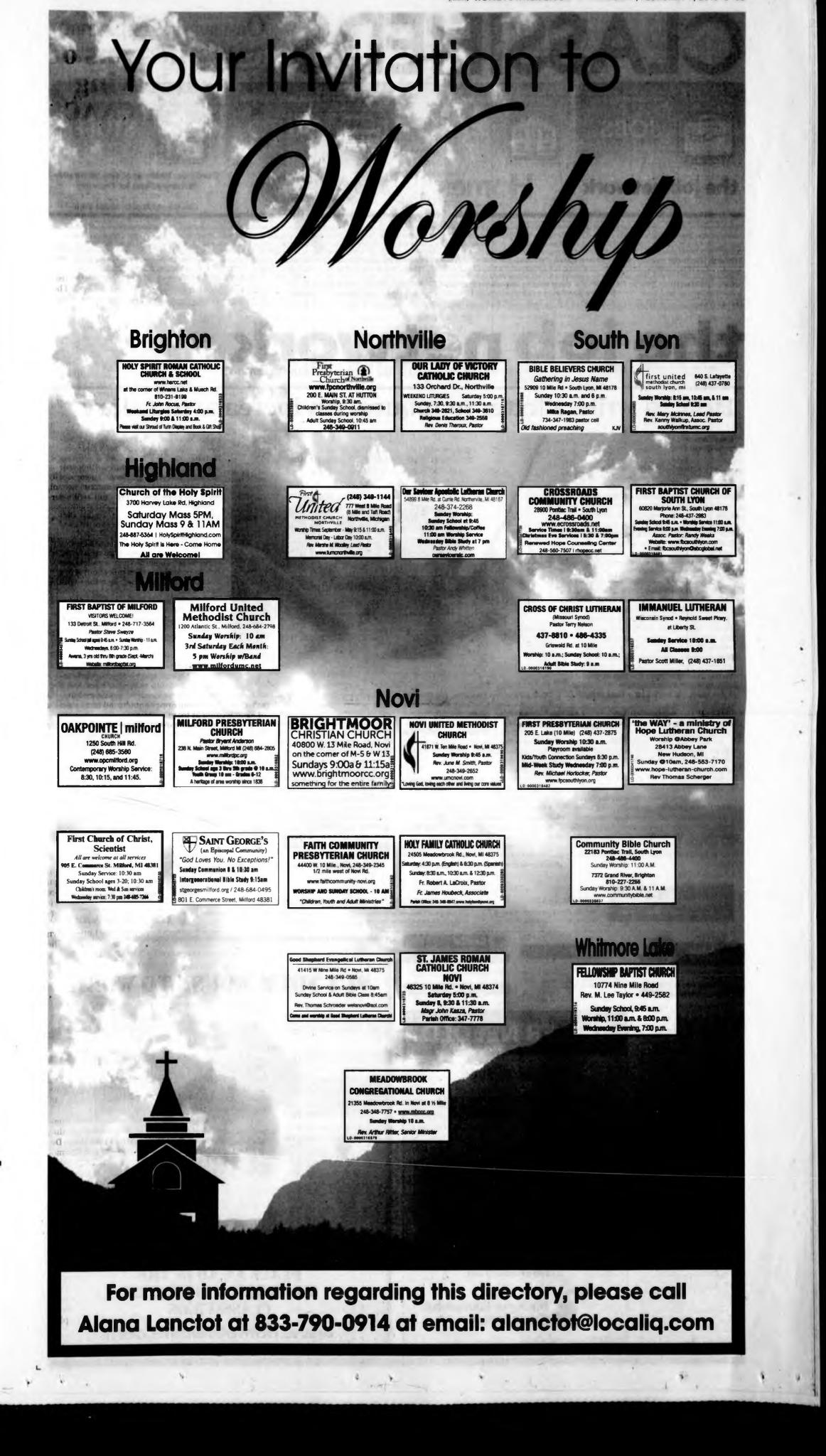
Nobody thinks about the freshman and junior varsity levels, but it's important when considering a league switch. Some CAAC Blue schools, because of their smaller size or other factors, may not offer freshman teams in certain sports. That would leave Howell teams at the lower levels scrambling to fill gaps or simply playing a reduced schedule.

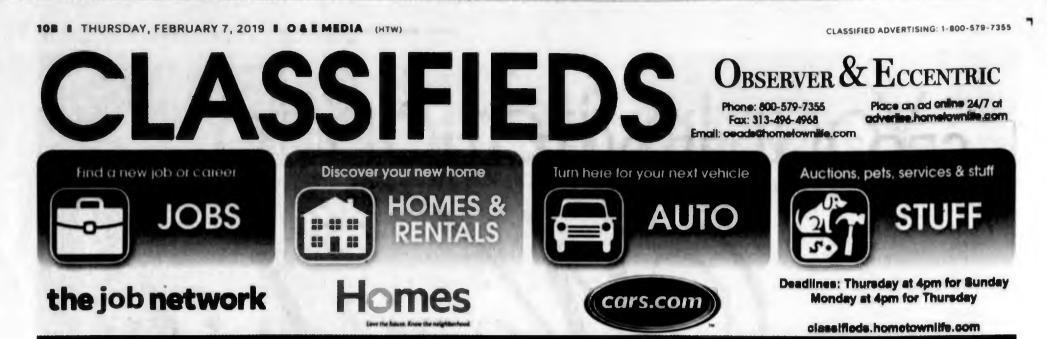
Going to the CAAC Blue won't necessarily guarantee athletic success for Howell. Even though they are smaller schools than those in the KLAA West, De-Witt, East Lansing, Grand Ledge, Holt and Okemos have some of the best athletic programs in the state. Beating those schools on a consistent basis won't be much easier than trying to beat Brighton, Hartland, Northville or Novi.

This may or may not be important, but media coverage for Howell teams could be diminished by playing against teams from the Lansing area.

When I worked at the Flint Journal, coverage of Grand Blanc sports dropped considerably when the Bobcats joined the KLAA in 2009. Even though Grand Blanc was the largest school in Genesee County, there was less interest locally in games that weren't against rivals like Carman-Ainsworth, Davison and Powers Catholic. You think Brighton and Hartland already get most of the coverage? That could become compounded if they were the only local schools playing head-to-head in meaningful games.

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How to write a letter to request an increase in salary

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You've been plugging along at your job, picking up responsibilities, and rocking it for a while now-and even if you don't have an annual review coming up for a while, maybe you feel like it's time to start thinking about a raise. But unless you're a seasoned negotiator, that may be no small task. If you don't feel ready to sit down with your boss and talk it out, it's best to start with a basic pay raise request letter or email to get the process started.

Most negotiation tips are created with a face-to-face interaction in mind-how to use effective body language, how to use active listening strategies, and how to frame your verbal request. However if you're not quite at that stage yet, putting your request in writing gives you a chance to collect your strongest talking points (and spin them exactly how you want to) without having to worry about the ebb and flow of a negotiation conversation. It's also a paper trail, for better or worse, which can help you later.

What to include in your letter

Always start with a friendly professional greeting and some background about your history in your job or with your company. For example:



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Once you've set the tone, it's time to touch on the specific achievements that you think merit a raise. You don't need to go into great detail on each one-succinct, specific bullet points are the way to go. The letter shouldn't be a long slog for the reader. Instead, think of it as a highlight reel. For example:

Then tell 'em what you came for: what you're seeking, and why. When you're writing this, be sure to stay focused on your own achievements and growth. It's not about what your colleagues get or what you feel like you're owed—it's about building a case for your value to the company. For example:

point. You should definitely have a number in mind, even if you don't feel comfortable spelling it out as a starting point. Before you even start writing your request, do your research: check out sites like Salary.com or Glassdoor to see what people like you are making throughout the industry. If you make an unreasonable request, it could shut down your negotiation before it even really starts.

Next, having made your initial pitch, it's time to start wrapping up your letter. Offer to set up some time to talk about this in person or ask to talk about it in a standard one-on-one meeting with your boss.

For example:

I look forward to speaking with you in more depth in our next monthly meeting, and am excited about the projects we have on the horizon.

Best, Jo

Your letter doesn't have to be hyperformal, especially if you have a fairly casual relationship with your boss. But it should always be direct, polite, and professional. Even if you're buddies with your boss, now is not the time for jokes or sarcasm. This letter or email should show you at your career best, and highlight you as a competent and productive professional The note you write now will help set the tone for the negotiations to come and help you pull your thoughts together to ensure that you're in a good position to get the raise you deserve.

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Good luck!

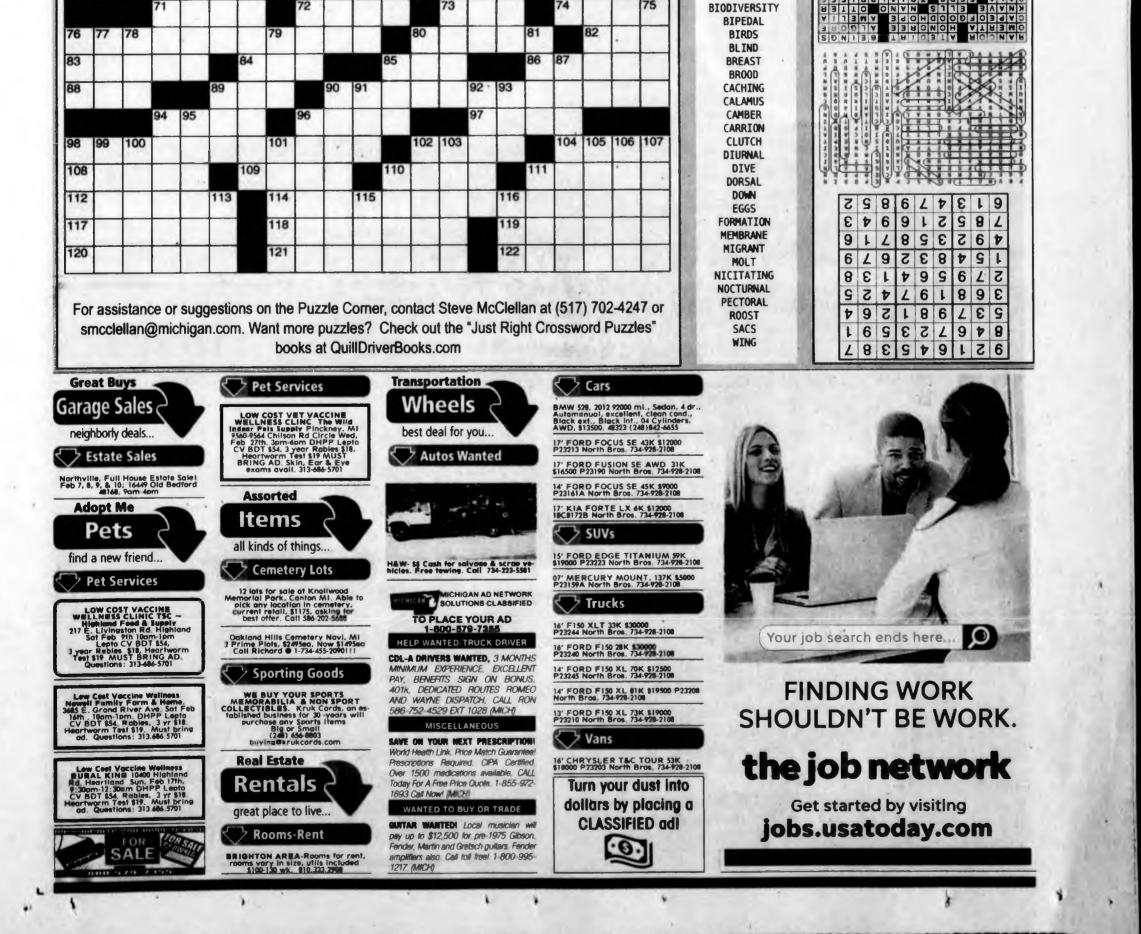
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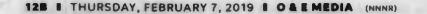


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