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Cheers! Bartender's drink goes national

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Inside the “Cheers”-esque Rusty Bucket restaurant in Northville, everybody knows bartender Graeme McDonald's name.

Now, thanks to a magical blend of ingredients the 20-year veteran of mixology created, everybody also knows McDonald's cocktail: the Blackberry Kentucky Mule.

A native of Canton and an employee at the Northville Park Place Rusty Buck-

et, McDonald's creative juices out-performed over 100 other bartenders' entries to win the chain restaurant's inaugural Associate Cocktail Feature competition.

McDonald's cocktail will be served throughout April — and possibly be-

yond — at all 23 of the Rusty Bucket's locations in Michigan, Ohio, Florida, Indiana, North Carolina and Colorado.

“There goes one now,” McDonald said on a recent Friday afternoon,

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Lyon Twp. pizza recipe named 12th best in world

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What does it take to make the 12th best pizza in the world?

Fig, pig, and great-grandma's rolling pin, for starters.

Brandon Davis, owner of Novella's Pizza in Lyon Township, has first-hand knowledge as the creator of the fig and pig pizza.

The pie was determined to be among the top dozen non-traditional pies in the world by judges at the International Pizza Challenge in Las Vegas last month.

“We have work to do,” Davis said. “At Novella Pizza, this is one we sell every day. We took 12th in the world, now we have that base and it can only get better.”

It's been a fairly quick journey to the top tier of pizzas for the Northville native. While he has managed restaurants since 2005, Novella's Pizza is Davis' first venture into ownership.

He created the menu of unusual creations just before the restaurant's opening in February 2018. At that time, he was still trying to perfect a dough.

Fast forward several months to last fall, when he was crowned champion during a Michigan Pizza Challenge with his fig and pig pizza. That honor earned him the right to compete against 61 others in the non-traditional category at the International Pizza Challenge on March 6 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

The World Championship of Pizzas has been held there for more than two decades, Davis said, at the International Pizza Expo with more than 200 competitors in multiple categories.

He flew out to Vegas on March 4 with all the ingredients for his special dough as well as the toppings for his fig and pig pizza, made with mozzarella and provolone cheese, slow-roasted pork belly, caramelized onions, fresh figs, goat cheese, arugula and a balsamic reduction.

While he would be supplied with some equipment in Vegas to make his pizza, another item he intended to bring, his marble rolling pin, was foiled by



Brandon Davis, owner of Novella's Pizza in New Hudson, tosses some dough as he makes his award-winning Fig and Pig pie. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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“I learned that our pizza is the real deal. There were super legit pizza makers out there and Novella's from New Hudson beat almost all of them.”

Brandon Davis Owner of Novella's Pizza in Lyon Township

Bars sued for over-serving driver who killed Northville family

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
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They lost five family members in a wrong-way collision on Interstate 75, and now they're suing the two Kentucky bars that served alcohol to the other driver before the crash took his life, too.

Relatives of the Abbas family filed a wrongful death lawsuit Tuesday against Roosters Wings in Georgetown, Kentucky, and Horseshoes Kentucky Grill & Saloon in Lexington, Kentucky.

Authorities have said Joey Lee Bailey, 41, of Georgetown, Kentucky, had a blood-alcohol content of .306, more than three times Michigan's legal limit of .08, and was at fault in the crash that happened Jan. 6 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Roosters had served Bailey two 22-ounce beers and three double White Russians. From Horseshoes, Bailey had ordered a beer and four double White Russians, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit alleges the bars behaved “negligently, recklessly and carelessly” by serving an obviously intoxicated Bailey. It also claims the bars' decisions to keep bringing him drinks played “a substantial factor” in the injuries that killed the Abbas family of Northville.

Attorney and real estate agent Issam Abbas, 42, his wife, Dr. Rima Abbas, 38, and their three children — Ali, 13, Isabella, 12, and Giselle, 7 — were returning from a Florida vacation in their Cadillac Escalade when Bailey's white Chevrolet pickup crashed into their vehicle.

“For the surviving family members, as well as for their many friends left behind, the nightmare and grief caused by that crash will never go away,” said Greg Bubalo, a Kentucky attorney representing the Abbas family, in a statement. “By filing the lawsuit, the family hopes to hold those responsible accountable and ensure that this type of tragedy does not occur to another family.”

Relatives are seeking compensation and damages from the bars and Bailey's estate. Family attorney Andrew Mayoras said a portion of any proceeds will go to the Abbas Family Red Wagon Fund.

The fund was established to honor the family and continue their legacy of helping the less fortunate and

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Live wire lands on PNC Bank in South Lyon

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A downed wire on PNC's South Lyon branch caused employees to evacuate the building late Thursday morning.

South Lyon Fire Chief Robert Vogel said he heard three loud explosions around 11 a.m. and, soon after, a call for service at the bank branch, 200 W. Lake St.

Firefighters quickly gleaned a downed utility line was laying in the dumpster, on fencing and on the bank's drive-thru facilities.

Smoke filled the bank, which was evacuated, and a small fire in the ceiling caused about \$5,000 in damage.

Vogel said winds probably snapped the line. Police temporarily closed the area to traffic.

The bank is supposed to remain closed until DTE Energy gives its approval to reopen the building. Bank personnel could not be reached for comment.



South Lyon, Lyon Township and Green Oak firefighters responded to a downed wire at PNC Bank in South Lyon on April 11. The bank, which had been filled with smoke, was evacuated. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Flex Tech High School - Novi will hold a public hearing on May 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 24245 Karim Blvd, Novi, MI 48375 to review the proposed 2019-2020 operating budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the following topics:

1. Add ordinance language, including definitions (Sec. 26.01), which will allow a front porch in the front setback on an existing or new single-family home as long as the garage is located in the rear of the house (attached) or behind the rear building line of the house (detached). The portion of the porch in the front setback will not be included in the maximum lot coverage calculation (Sec. 18.11.8 and 15.02).
2. Add ordinance language, including definitions (Sec. 26.01), for porte-cocheres on single-family dwellings (Sec. 18.11.9.2).
3. Add single-family dwelling unit standards (Sec. 18.26).

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. A draft of the proposed text amendments are available through the Building Department during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and are also available on the City's website (www.ci.northville.mi.us). Written comments will also be accepted at the above address.

STEVE KIRK, CHAIRPERSON
CITY OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

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South Lyon man gets chance to win \$1B

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Life sometimes offers second chances.

On Tuesday, Norm Reece, of South Lyon, got a second chance at becoming a millionaire, or possibly a billionaire, when he was expected to play in the Billion Dollar Challenge in Las Vegas.

"I've never won anything in my life. I think I won a turkey once," Reece, 67, a retired heavy equipment operator and musician, said. "Occasionally I enter something and I might win a coupon. I'm extremely excited."

Reece played the Golden Ticket 2 instant scratch-off game for the chance to win \$1 million and lost, but entered the ticket number in a second chance drawing. He was selected, along with about 100 others from across the country, including 15 from Michigan, to play a game with higher stakes.

He learned last fall that he won a trip to Vegas, with airfare and three nights' hotel accommodations for himself and a guest, as well as \$1,000 spending money and the chance to win millions more. He has had to wait months for this, but it took nowhere near as long as another second chance in his life.



Norm and Michelle Reece sit together on their wedding day in 2014. On Tuesday, Norm competed in the Billion Dollar Challenge. SUBMITTED

That one came in 2013, when he reconnected with a former girlfriend he hadn't seen in 35 years and married her. He and his wife, Michele, will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary in May and left Sunday for the honeymoon they never got, partly because "money was tight."

The trip is even sweeter after Michele beat cancer last year, and is able to get around again after fracturing two vertebrae.

Jeff Holyfield, spokesman for the Michigan Lottery, said Norm Reece and the other players

would enjoy a grand evening Tuesday at the LINQ Hotel in Vegas with a fancy dinner and participation in a lengthy game show.

Each player is given a random number, and as their numbers are called, goes up on a stage to select one of 100 envelopes.

The envelopes contain various cash prizes, and each player is guaranteed to win at least \$1,000.

A few of the envelopes also contain a Golden Ticket, advancing the holder to the next round of play, when prizes increase.

In final rounds, a prize wheel with various cash amounts is spun, with totals mounting in three spins.

In last year's inaugural Billion Dollar Challenge, a Georgia player was the last man standing and walked away with \$2 million.

The top winner from Michigan was Susan Kosikowski, of Belleville, who won \$50,000, with other Michigan players winning amounts ranging from \$25,000 to \$1,000.

Reece knows the billion dollar win is "long odds," and the game, often like life, is just luck of the draw, with different hands dealt.

He thinks of what he might do if he wins a significant amount of money, sharing with his family, perhaps a trip to Europe and a permanent move to the Florida Keys.

But regardless of what happens, he has already been pleasantly surprised.

"If nothing else, we get a free trip to Vegas and a couple thousand and that is pretty cool in itself," he said. "This was totally unexpected and in our situation, it's one of the nicest things that could possibly happen at this time in our lives."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS "NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS"

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 2019, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Charter Township of Northville, Michigan to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done.

The above notice is issued pursuant to the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Northville, Chapter 58.2 Article II, Property Maintenance Code.

Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

The City of Northville Local Historic District Study Committee will meet at 7:00p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902, regarding the Local Historic District Study Report (Volumes I and II). Volume I is a summary of the 2018 historic district survey conducted by professional historic architects and preservation planners at Commonwealth Heritage Group. Volume II includes the full inventory of all of the resources surveyed in the Historic District.

At this meeting, the Study Committee will continue its discussion of the Study Report, review public comments received since its last meeting (November 8, 2018), provide the opportunity for the public to bring their thoughts and concerns regarding the Study to the Study Committee, set a final deadline of May 17, 2019 for the public to supply new information to be included in the Study Report, and set a final public hearing date for June 6, 2019.

The Study Report (Volume I), and the Full Survey Inventory (Volume II) are available for review on the City of Northville's website www.ci.northville.mi.us (Services, Building and Planning, Historic District, Historic District Survey Project) or at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time.

Comments for the May 2, 2019 Study Committee meeting may be sent via e-mail to: Historicsurvey@ci.northville.mi.us. Emailed comments must be received by 4:00p.m. May 2, 2019. Written comments may also be mailed or submitted to the Northville Municipal Building at the street address listed above.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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Don't forget spring cleaning for finances



Money Matters

Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

At times it may not feel like it outside, but it is spring, which means it's not a bad idea to do some spring cleaning of your financial records.

I know some people save every bill they ever received.

Why someone thinks they'll ever need their electric bill from 1995 is beyond me.

In addition, let's face facts — the more stuff you save the more difficult it is to find something if you actually need it.

Therefore, since most of you have filed your tax returns, this is a perfect time of year to prune some of your financial records.

When it comes to taxes, at a minimum, you need to save your tax information for at least three years. The IRS typically has three years to audit your tax returns.

Therefore, if you filed your 2015 tax

When it comes to taxes, at a minimum, you need to save your tax information for at least three years. The IRS typically has three years to audit your tax returns.

return by April 15, 2016, it means that the IRS has until April 15 of this year to audit you for 2015. The exception is if you severely unreported your income where they can go back seven years, or if there is fraud then they can go back indefinitely.

My general advice for people is that I would save my return and backup information for seven years and dispose any of the previous years' tax information other than the return.

I know people who have their tax information since the '70s and there's no reason to do that.

Get rid of it; all it does is add to your clutter.

How long should you save monthly recurring bills such as your cable or utility bills? For many people they don't have to save those at all, after all, you can go online for those.

However, if that's not your cup of tea, my recommendation is that you save just the last month's bill. Once you get the current bill and inspect it for accuracy, you can dispose of the last month's bill.

I also don't have a problem if you dispose of the bill as soon as you pay it. After all, if you ever needed it you could always get it from the company.

Every year when I renew my auto and homeowner's policy I get a brand new policy. At that point in time I dispose of my old policies. As far as I'm concerned there's no reason to save old policies as all they do is take up space.

There are people who save every warranty for every item they ever purchased. It is important that if you own the item and the warranty is still in effect that you do save that item; however, why would you need your warranty for a

refrigerator you purchased 30 years ago and you got rid of 10 years ago. There is no reason. Once again, all it does is add clutter and we all have too much of that.

One last note and that is when you dispose of items that may contain sensitive information like your charge card bills or backup tax information, it is important not to just throw them in the trash; those you should shred. It would be much easier if you could just throw it in the trash; however, we all know life is not that easy. Therefore, if you don't have a shredder, buy one; it's one of the best investments you can make.

For those of you who have lots of stuff to dispose of you may want to look for one of those free shredding days offered by many cities. For example the BBB is having a free shredding event on May 18th. For more information contact them at 248-799-0305.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

School budgets focus on people who can help kids thrive



Super Talk

Steve Matthews
Guest columnist

How does the Novi Community School District spend its money?

Carefully! And, primarily, on people. Teachers, principals, bus drivers, secretaries, tech support, before and after school, early childhood, adult transition, food service, custodial. The money in the Novi Community School District budget goes to these people.

And rightfully so. We receive funding to pay people to support our children so that they can be successful.

In Michigan, the money for schools comes from the state. Before 1994, most of the money for schools came from local property taxes. Each community

voted on property taxes that went to the school district in their community. However, this created inequity in school funding and, at times in some communities, some very high property tax rates.

In 1993 and 1994 the state reformed school finance with the passage of Proposal A. Since that time, the majority of school funding comes from taxes paid by homeowners, - a 6 mill tax assessed on the state equalized value of all property. Businesses, rental property and vacation homes are taxed an additional 18 mills. In addition, the state sales tax increased from 4 cents to 6 cents with that additional 2 cents going to the school aid fund.

Local districts can no longer vote to increase local taxes to pay for the daily, ordinary operations of schools.

With the advent of Proposal A every

school district gets a per pupil allotment from the state. This per pupil allotment makes up the majority of each schools revenue for school operations. In Novi during the 2018-2019 school year we receive \$8,719 per student.

What will our budget be for next year?

At this point, we do not know. The state is required to pass its budget by Oct. 1 of each year. However, school districts are required to pass their budgets by June 30th of each year.

To get the budget process started, in February Gov. Gretchen Whitmer revealed her fiscal year 2020 budget priorities for the state of Michigan. As of this time, neither the House nor the Senate have revealed their budget plans.

What we know is that there will be some interesting and difficult negotiations before a final budget is created.

It is hoped that over the next few weeks the Governor, the Senate and the House will reach agreement on the 2020 budget. School districts are anxious to know what their revenue will be so that they can plan for the 2019-2020 school year.

In Novi, our budget process focuses on ensuring that we put our money in places where it will do the most good. Hiring great staff, compensating our staff, maintaining low class sizes — especially in the elementary grades — providing opportunities for our students, making sure we have the resources needed — books, supplies, and materials — to provide high quality classroom experiences.

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is the superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He can be reached at steven.matthews@novik12.org

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The Northville District Library has launched a new initiative for local writers — the NDL Writers Group.

This group will meet once a month on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 7-8:45 p.m. at Northville District

Library in the Friends Community Room. It held its inaugural meeting March 27. The next meeting is April 26.

Local writers can network with other writers, share stories, experiences, lessons learned and give and receive sup-

portive feedback.

The group will discuss all types of writing, from fiction, poetry, memoir and non-fiction. Author Pat Gibson will present a series of workshops on various writing topics: the first session was

titled "Everyone Can Write."

Contact Adult Services Librarian Vicki Dixon with questions at 248-349-3020. The Library is located at 212 West Cady St. Visit northvillelibrary.org for more on the library.

Chick-fil-A plans to bring restaurant to Novi

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Chick-fil-A is hoping to lay an egg, er, a stand-alone restaurant, in Novi.

"We're happy to share that we are pursuing expansion into Novi, Michigan," Chick-fil-A said in an emailed response to an inquiry. "We have applied for zoning approval and look forward to working with the city and meeting with our future neighbors to understand how we can best serve the area."

The popular fast food chain is proposing a new franchise location on Novi Road, north of I-96, near Twelve Oaks Mall where the former Denny's Restaurant sits vacant.

"They would demolish Denny's and build a 4,900-square-foot restaurant," Assistant City Manager Victor Cardenas said.

Chick-fil-A's plans call for demolition of the vacant Denny's restaurant and replacement with a 4,990-square-foot Chick-fil-A that would have seating for 114 inside and 16 additional outdoor patio seats. The restaurant would also have a drive-thru, requiring the PD-2 rezoning.

"The biggest thing will be the drive-thru," Cardenas said. "There are a lot of people in the city, administrators and elected officials excited about it, but like any development, we need to make sure it works with traffic. Everything needs to be met to make sure this is a successful development."

Cardenas noted that this would be the only Chick-fil-A restaurant on this side of the state, similar to the Cheesecake Factory restaurant, which is located in Twelve Oaks Mall.

According to their website, Atlanta-



Chick-fil-A has been expanding across the country, and plans to open in Novi at the former Denny's near 12 Oaks Mall.

SCOTT ASH/NOW NEWS GROUP

based Chick-fil-A, founded in 1967, has more than 2,400 restaurants in 47 states and Washington, D.C. Last year they opened their first restaurant outside of the U.S., in Toronto.

In Michigan, the restaurant has only six stand-alone locations, none closer than the Lansing area. In Oakland

County, Chick-fil-A has a restaurant inside of the Somerset Collection mall in Troy, and at Oakland University in Rochester.

Among the Chick-fil-A menu items are a variety of chicken sandwiches, as well as waffle potato fries, and milkshakes.

"We are excited to join the community and hope to have the opportunity to serve everyone our signature food with genuine hospitality," Chick-fil-A wrote in the email.

Contact Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com. Follow her on Twitter @SusanBromley10.

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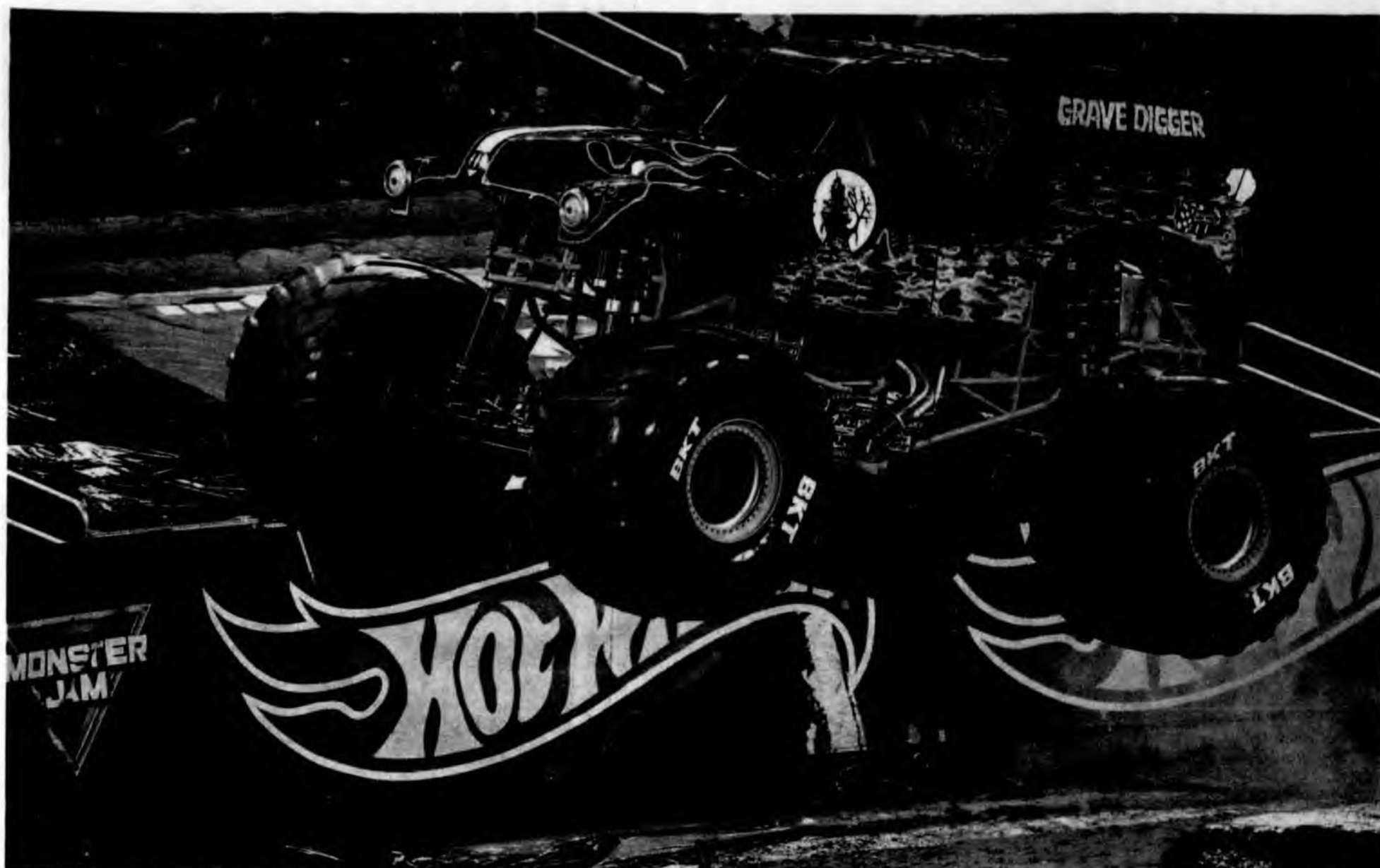
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Grave Digger, one of the trucks slated to be at Cedar Point, gets some air at Monster Jam 2018 at Ford Field in Detroit. CHRISTOPHER M. BJORNBERG/SPECIAL TO THE FREE PRESS

Monster Jam trucks roam Cedar Point

Frank Witsell Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Cedar Point's newest thrill, Monster Jam Thunder Alley, will put you inside a monster truck to experience a freestyle-inspired course.

The Sandusky, Ohio, amusement park announced the new ride Thursday.

It aims to let you feel the engine's raw power and tires' traction as you tear it up in the Grave Digger, Max-D, Megalodon, Zombie and El Toro Loco, some of

the most popular trucks.

And, the park said, it also will give you a chance to build a mini Monster Jam truck.

"We are thrilled to be working with Cedar Fair on Monster Jam Thunder Alley," said Kenneth Feld, the CEO of the Feld Entertainment, the company putting on the Monster Jam experience at park. "Over the past 10 years, our strategy has been to evolve Monster Jam into a brand that reaches our fans year-round."

Monster Jam Thunder Alley debuts at Cedar Point on May 18 and runs through June 30.

The event also is scheduled to open at Kings Dominion in Doswell, Virginia, on July 20 and run through Sept. 2; and then open at Dorney Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on Sept. 14 through Nov. 3.

Entry to Monster Jam Thunder Alley is included in park admission, the amusement park said. Some features of the event, however, may require ad-

vance reservations or an additional fee.

Cedar Point is offering discounted, unlimited admission for a limited time for \$59.99 — a deal since daily admission passes start at \$49.99. It will be valid from May 11 through June 30. It doesn't include Cedar Point Shores or parking.

Other new attractions at the park include Forbidden Frontier on Adventure Island, an immersive experience for interactive gaming and Steel Vengeance, the park's newest roller coaster.

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Here is a look at the formal family room and dining room from the second-floor walkway at this 10,418-square-foot Southern-style plantation home in Plymouth. The large home includes a 3,200-square-foot health spa with a large indoor pool, sauna and workout area, a four-car garage and five bedrooms. ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS

A mansion and all the trimmings

Spacious Plymouth Township home features a health spa with pool, hot tub

Judy Rose Special to Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

A 3,200-square-foot health club is part of this house in Plymouth Township, designed and built as part of the residence.

It's just one item in a long list of special features here that reads more like a wish list than a spec sheet.

The owners, who include a lifelong Plymouth resident, looked for a large piece of land around 1990 and planned for 2½ years.

They aimed for high-ceiling openness, privacy, a comfy setting to raise three kids, plus further tweaks.

"We got everything we wanted," the owner said.

The features range from automatic sprinkling for the whole 3 acres to an in-

visible fence installed indoors. That keeps dogs off the carpets.

The health club is modeled on a national chain and includes a pool large enough for exercise swimming, a cedar

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The Southern-style plantation home sits on 3 acres in Plymouth. The features range from automatic lawn sprinkling for the whole 3 acres to an invisible fence installed indoors to keep dogs off the carpets. ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS

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sauna, a hot tub, a workout center and his and her locker rooms with showers. It's entered just off the kitchen as well as from the recreation area below. Folks in the kitchen can keep an eye on the pool.

There's an automatic pool cover that closes as a safety feature for kids. It's a gunite pool, purified with an ozone system that keeps the need for chlorine low.

This area's heating and cooling is a geo-thermal system separate from the residence, which holds down humidity and helps reduce costs, the owner said. The rest of the house has three conventional furnace and AC units.

Other fine-tuning includes the 3-acre watering system, which has two parts. Most of it runs off of well water, which eliminates the city's water-sewer charges. But as folks who've tried this know, well water leaves rust stains on your house. So the close-in system runs off city water.

On that note, the owner believes Plymouth has no more space where you could get 3 acres with city water and sewer service. Now such spreads are only outside the city, using wells and septic tanks.

The interior here is wide open with tall ceilings. In the living room and dining room, for example, the slanted ceiling is about 22 feet high. Those two rooms are divided only by a two-story fireplace with Turkish marble. It opens on three sides to the living room, dining room and foyer.

In the level below it, another fireplace opens on two sides. It's the handsome divider between a large family room and TV area and a game room. Unusual for a lower level, these spaces have a ceiling that's rich wood coffer.

"We didn't want it to look like a lower level," the owner said.

There's also a large full second kitchen here with a bar.

The house is built with 2-by-6-inch framing, not the usual 2-by-4.

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Birmingham actress, 4, will debut in 'Waitress' national tour in Detroit

Susan Bromley HometownLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Leyna Harris likes to play with her dollhouse, perhaps not surprising for a 4-year-old.

But the Birmingham preschooler will take child's play to an extraordinary level when she steps on the Fisher Theatre stage in front of thousands of people to act in "Waitress" in May.

Leyna was chosen from three dozen 4- and 5-year-old girls who auditioned for the part of Lulu, and will make her stage debut in the Broadway in Detroit production of the nationally touring musical.

She seems pretty unfazed when asked about it on a recent morning.

"I feel good," Leyna says, and then moves on to plans for her June birthday — a unicorn party.

She also explains her choice of apparel for this sunny day, pointing to her shirt, and adding, "I like butterflies."

What she really wants to do is show off her dollhouse and play blocks with brother, Sam, 2.

Julia Harris, their mother, and her husband, Steve, aren't planning a career for their daughter as an actor just yet — they want her to have a normal childhood. But when a friend who keeps up to date on theater news told Julia about the Lulu auditions, she thought she'd take Leyna and see what happened.

Broadway aspirations

Julia describes her daughter as outgoing and confident and said she has always had a propensity for being creative and passionate. Leyna closes her eyes when she sings, places her hand on her heart, and puts her all into dance, for which she takes lessons.

Her mom notes she didn't have that confidence herself as a child, but Steven is musically inclined, singing and playing piano at home, particularly favorites from "Les Miserables" and "Phantom of the Opera." Leyna's parents both love musical theater and their daughter appears to be developing a fondness for it as well.

Julia recalls watching the performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert" starring John Legend and Sara Bareilles (who wrote the music for "Waitress") on television with Leyna, who loved the song "Could We Start Again Please?" performed by Mary Magdalene.

Some time later, when the family was on vacation in Mexico and saw a stage at their resort, Leyna turned to her mother and said, "I want to be Mary on stage."

This out-of-the-blue, unprompted wish wasn't one that could be instantly fulfilled, but Julia thought the opportunity to pursue dreams of the stage was worth a look.

"I would never have pushed her to perform if she didn't show interest," Julia said.

She had missed a sign-up deadline for "Waitress" auditions, but Julia emailed a picture of her daughter and inquired whether the staff for the musical could find a slot for Leyna.

Finding young stars

Casting director Dayna Dantzler, who travels from city to city to oversee auditions for the part of Lulu in each place on the musical's national tour, was accommodating.

She has been casting children in Lulu's role for two years for "Waitress," which tells the story of Jenna, an expert pie baker working at a local diner and stuck in a loveless marriage. Jenna's salvation comes in the form of her daughter, Lulu.

Dantzler had already seen 35 girls audition in Detroit, all under the age of 5 years and 3 months, none more than 4 feet, 2 inches tall. Their hair and eye color did not matter, and in fact, Leyna and Caroline Hubbard, 5, of Chelsea, who will alternate performances in the role, look nothing alike.

Leyna's big moment was the last audition Feb. 5.

What Dantzler is looking for when casting Lulu is charisma, and each girl has just a few minutes to display it in an interview and some role play.

"It's really about personality and how quickly these young ladies can pick up the material I give them, and if they are able to take direction at all," Dantzler said, adding that she starts by asking what they did at school that day, or about their favorite colors and animals.

She then watches for reactions that vary. What she doesn't want is a child that shuts down, or gets too excited and loses focus. Some want to chat, but don't want to act. Some carry on long extended conversations where Dantzler said they want to tell their life story in seven to eight minutes.

After the conversation, she asks them to do a few things that they will have to do for the three minutes they would be on stage — including a little dance and a big belly laugh — without prompting.

"The rehearsal process is very short for them," she said. "Unlike Broadway, I have to make sure they are able to retain all the info and focus at the same time. ...



Leyna Harris, 4, perches atop her parents' piano in their Birmingham home on March 26. Harris auditioned for and got a small role in the upcoming production of the musical "Waitress" at Detroit's Fisher Theatre.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

If you go

■ **What:** "Waitress"

■ **When:** May 7-19

■ **Where:** Fisher Theatre, 3011 West Grand Blvd., Detroit

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■ Leyna's performances will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays.

If I tell them what to do and they get it right the first time, that's in their favor. Sometimes I can see something in them, and if they can do it several times in a row, that's always good."

What she sees in contenders is serious maturity for a 4- or 5-year-old who blows her away with their intelligence.

Dantzler was exceptionally impressed by Leyna.

"There was something so grounded about her," she said. "We chatted, she was sweet and kind and she made us giggle a few times and then we changed to the actual material part of the audition. She nailed it, and it was a no-brainer. We reviewed the tape (of the audition) and she was a standout."

Getting ready for the spotlight

Julia Harris was notified by email about a week later that Leyna had been chosen to play Lulu. The process included signing a contract and getting Leyna's W-4 forms filled out. She will earn about \$3,000 total for her eight performances, with the money deposited into her college fund or a savings account. Nothing will be altered for her appearance and Julia laughs as she said she would not have allowed them to cut or dye her daughter's brunette locks.

Julia was given a script with which to practice Leyna's lines with her, which includes the words "a lot" and "Hi, Mama," and for actions, includes kissing the cheek of the woman who plays her mother.

Julia admits they practiced a lot in February, but

have relaxed somewhat in the past month. Leyna will not have a formal rehearsal with cast on stage until just a few hours before her first performance in the show, which runs May 7-19 at the Fisher, and in which her performances will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays.

"I was excited, but I started to be nervous about making sure it wasn't too much on her," Julia said. "Then I realized, these people know what they are doing and they work with Lulus and know what they can handle and can't. They picked her for a reason and it's going to be fine."

Julia is planning as much as possible for her daughter's appearance in the final scene of the show, which will put Leyna on stage at about 10:30 p.m. for shows that start at 8. The 4-year-old doesn't take naps anymore, but does fall asleep in the car, so she is planning drives before the performances.

Julia will be backstage at every show except for the performance which she will view as part of the audience, and she will have cookies for bribery if needed.

Four-year-olds, like live performances, can go off script. Dantzler said there is a contingency plan in case a young actor is having an off moment or doesn't react to the spotlight as desired.

She doesn't seem worried about it, confident in Leyna's ability. Julia has high hopes as well, but isn't looking too far into the future.

"I'm going to watch and see what happens," she says. "If she says, 'Mom, I really liked that,' I will pursue having her in community theater."

Leyna currently participates in the program Drama Kids, and Julia said a larger dream musical role might be "Annie" or Cloisette in "Les Miserables."

For now, Leyna as Lulu is just right.

"This is a wonderful opportunity and if she wants to pursue theater, what an amazing beginning to a career," Julia said.

There is a knock at the door and a photographer enters. After posing for pictures on the family's piano, Lulu carries on with the day-to-day business of a 4-year-old:

"Want to see my dollhouse?"

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The owners wanted the look of a southern plantation with imposing two-story pillars.

But they also added a one-story wrap-around porch for sitting out.

There is an office-library room on the main floor and another in a loft upstairs for the kids to do their homework. All five bedrooms have a full bath and a walk-in closet.

A final note – location. The husband, whose work included traveling, notes that Detroit Metro Airport is just 20 minutes away.

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The kitchen area in this 10,418-square-foot Southern-style plantation home provides plenty of space. There's also a full second kitchen on the lower level with a bar.

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Woman's invention empowers the disabled

Micah Walker Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Last year, Gina Adams and her 15-year-old daughter made a visit to the mall. It was, however, more work than your usual mother-daughter shopping trip.

They two spent hours visiting several shops, measuring hundreds of shirts and buttons as research for Adams' latest venture: magnetic buttons.

The Farmington Hills resident and single mother of two is the founder and CEO of Wareologie, a company that designs products for disabled people. The startup's first product is Buttons 2 Button, set to launch in June. The magnetic adapters can be attached to button-down shirts for those suffering from limited hand dexterity.

People with arthritis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or repetitive stress injuries, or those recovering from surgery can struggle with the simple task of buttoning up.

Installing the adapters is simple. One magnet is attached to the shirt button while the other is placed over the buttonhole, instantly closing the shirt. While initially applying the buttons to clothing may require assistance, said Adams, it's easy for people to button up after that.

"This way, people can really express themselves and be their own, unique individual," said Adams.

Buttons 2 Button can be transferred to other shirts, but are safe to put in the washer and dryer.

The idea

Adams got the idea of magnetic adapters a couple of years after seeing her stepfather lose dexterity as the result of Parkinson's. Previously, she'd seen people struggle when she was a ski instructor to disabled people when she was living in Colorado working for The North Face.

"Living out in Colorado helping people ski, I realized that apparel made for able-bodied individuals does not work for people with disabilities, and that was over 25 years ago," she said. "It wasn't until my stepfather got Parkinson's that I realized, 'Nobody has done



Gina Adams, of Farmington Hills, is the founder and CEO of Wareologie.

this yet? Nobody has addressed this issue?"

Limited dexterity is one of the most common symptoms of a disability, such as those living with arthritis. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 24 million people are limited in their activities with arthritis.

The plan

After coming up with her idea, Adams began outlining her plan while pursuing a master's in business administration at Wayne State University. She said many of her classes helped her develop her business model, and has gained support from her advisers.

One of those supporters is Edward Kim, a professor who teaches entrepreneurship and innovation at the university. Kim has since joined the Wareologie team as an adviser.

Along with receiving guidance from

Wayne State, Adams joined Lawrence Technological University's Centrepolis Accelerator program last year, which is part of the school's LTU Collaboratory initiative. The innovation center helps startups by connecting business leaders with mentors, corporate contacts, workshops, and technologies.

The director of the Centrepolis Accelerator, Dan Radomski, is also an advisory member.

Rounding out Adams' team is Chief Innovation Officer James Murtha, Chief Operating Officer Rochelle Osbourne and adviser Siobhan Gregory.

With the help of the two universities, Buttons 2 Button has been in development for almost two years. To ensure the buttons can endure a cycle in the washing machine and dryer, Adams ordered corrosion-resistant magnets that will be embedded in plastic to provide protection.

The magnetic buttons will come in

sets of nine, since most shirts have seven buttons on the front and two on the cuffs, said Adams. The price of a set will be \$30. The entrepreneur knows the product is a little pricey, but said the company has to start making revenue first before she can bring down the cost.

Raising money

To raise money for the company, Adams participates in pitch competitions for startups. In February, she attended the Empower Change Michigan Competition for social venture enterprises created by women.

Adams won the launch prize of the competition, where she was awarded \$7,500. She said the grant is helping her buy the first 100 sets of buttons that will soon be tested by occupational therapists.

Next month, Wareologie will create a crowdfunding campaign with a goal of \$10,000.

"I'm nervous because I've been told that people who support crowdfunding campaigns are younger people who want tech gadgets," she said. "We're hoping this younger group will see the benefits and purchase for a loved one like their grandparents or parents."

Adams is also hoping the magnetic buttons will attract caregivers, particularly employees for senior living complexes.

"Not only does our product provide value to the user, but also to the caregiver because it's restoring time," she said. "So you have senior living facilities that spend countless hours dressing their clients, and now their clients can dress themselves."

Ready to launch

Adams and her team plan to present Buttons 2 Button in June at the Abilities Expo in Chicago, an event that features disability products, as well as workshops, sports and other activities. Pre-orders are available on the company's website, buttons2button.com.

"Maybe this will be something that can help 5,000 people," said Adams. "It's better than where I was yesterday. It's just about helping people; that's what keeps me going."

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**Commission says
Brennan should have
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Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission has asked the Michigan Supreme Court to remove District Court Judge Theresa Brennan from the bench for misconduct.

The JTC, in a 34-page decision, ruled that Brennan should have disclosed her relationship with then-Michigan State Police Sgt. Sean Furlong, a key witness in the murder trial of Jerome Kowalski.

Additionally the JTC ruled Brennan failed to immediately recuse herself from her own divorce case, tampered with evidence in her divorce case, lied under oath and failed to disclose her relationship with an attorney who represented clients in her courtroom.

The JTC also asked the Supreme Court to assess "costs, fees, and expenses" of \$35,570.36, based on her "intentional misrepresentations and misleading statements made to the Commission."

Brennan's term is set to expire on Dec. 31, 2020, and the commission asked the Supreme Court to remove Brennan from office and that "the removal extend through the next judicial term." Her attorney, Dennis Kolenda, did not immediately respond to a message left seeking comment.

The Tenure Commission filed its formal complaint against Brennan on June 12, more than a year after an alleged affair with Furlong was uncovered through depositions in her divorce case. Furlong was the lead investigator in a murder trial Brennan oversaw.

Retired judge William Giovan held an evidentiary hearing that spanned nine days in October and November on the misconduct complaint.

Giovan concluded that Brennan, 61, was in a romantic relationship before and during the Kowalski trial. Brennan has argued the relationship was not romantic during that time and that the affair began after the trial.

In its request to the Supreme Court,



Judge Theresa Brennan confers with her attorney, Dennis Kolenda, in October.
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the JTC said it was unnecessary to determine whether the relationship was romantic.

"Regardless of whether the relationship was 'romantic,' as found by the Master, or a close friendship, the evidentiary record shows Respondent was engaged in what was clearly a very close, personal relationship with Furlong during the relevant time period. The relationship required, at a minimum, the Respondent disclose the fact of her close, personal relationship to the parties in the Kowalski case so that the parties could determine whether to move for disqualification..."

The JTC took issue with one of Giovan's findings. It said while it did not adopt his finding that "the universal opinion of any witness who testified about the judge's demeanor" that she was consistently abusive to the attorneys, litigants, and witnesses, it found that "...the evidence shows that Respondent was persistently impatient, undignified, and discourteous to those appearing before her."

Kolenda had argued Giovan's findings were sexist, and asked the JTC to reject his report, order a new hearing

and replace him.

"At least two of the Master's findings are blatantly sexist and at least one of his findings is unconsciously sexist, perhaps worse, irreparably tainting his entire report," read an earlier filing to the JTC.

The commission said while Giovan's "choice of words was unfortunate" it did not change the facts of the case which support Giovan's findings.

Currently suspended with pay

The JTC asked the Michigan Supreme Court in February to suspend her without pay. The court did suspend her, but declined the request to stop her salary.

Brennan, who earns more than \$148,000 a year, has received approximately \$111,000 since being removed from her case load June 13 by Livingston County Chief Judge Miriam Cavanaugh.

Brennan also faces three felony charges including perjury brought by

the Michigan Attorney General's office.

The Attorney General's office charged Brennan with perjury and two other felonies last year, accusing her of giving false testimony during her divorce deposition about a cell phone that was considered a marital asset.

She faces up to 15 years in prison on the perjury charge.

New charge being considered

Assistant Attorney General William Rollstin said in a hearing last month that his office hopes to add a second perjury charge related to testimony Brennan gave during the Judicial Tenure Commission hearing last fall.

Rollstin did not specify what testimony he was referring to.

She faces up to 15 years in prison on the perjury charge. Tampering or destroying evidence is punishable by up to four years in prison and a common law offense is punishable by up to 5 years in prison.

A preliminary hearing, the purpose of which is to determine whether the case proceeds to trial, is scheduled to continue on April 25 in Livingston County.

Livingston County Administrator Ken Hinton said as of March, the county has paid about \$72,000 in legal bills for Brennan related to the JTC complaint.

Hinton noted the county is not paying Brennan's legal bills as she defends herself against the criminal charges brought by the Attorney General's office.

What's next

Brennan has 28 days to respond to the Commission's recommendations and the Commission has 21 days after that to respond to any petitions.

Either side can request oral arguments before the Supreme Court, according to Lynn Helland, an examiner for the JTC.

"The Court can accept the recommendation, modify the recommendation, reject the recommendation, or send the case back for more factfinding or additional analysis," he said.

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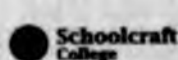
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Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress addresses the gathering on March 27 honoring apprenticeship program graduates Jesse Dennis and Tim Buffett. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Duo complete Schoolcraft apprenticeship

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Jesse Dennis has spent the last several years taking classes and learning more about the tool and die trade. He took the next step in his career as he and Royal Oak resident Timothy Buffett each completed a multi-year apprenticeship through Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

"It feels good," the Monroe resident said. "Accomplishment is always a good feeling."

The two men, who work at Wellington Industries in Van Buren Township, are the first to complete the apprenticeship program launched between Wellington and Schoolcraft College. Launched in 2015 as a tool and die apprenticeship through the Department of Labor's (DOL) Office of Apprenticeship, Buffett and Dennis are the first two to complete the program. The two were recognized during a ceremony in the VisTaTech Center on campus.

The two were required to complete 48 credit hours through the college,



Dennis was one of two Schoolcraft students honored for completing its apprenticeship program with manufacturer Wellington Industries.

earned after spending 8,000 hours in on-the-job training.

The pair work as tool-and-die makers.

There are about 30 students working through the apprenticeship program at the college, said manufacturing instructor Gene Keyes. He said such a program



Tim Buffett talks about completing the apprenticeship program through Schoolcraft College on March 27.

is just another way the college prepares students for careers in manufacturing.

"It's a win-win for everybody," he said. "It helps us put workers in plants. They're desperate. They're crying for workers, qualified workers, and this is one way that helps."

Buffett has worked at Wellington in

tool and die for 10 years. He said he was interested in applying for the program after going through the interview.

"It's good pay and it's faster than going to college," he said. "I know Gene's got a few programs that only take a few weeks of school to get into it."

Having such apprentices is beneficial to the companies as well, allowing workers to find their way up the business' ladder to a higher-paying job.

"As they get more skilled and go through the program, now that he's a journeyman, now he can work on details," said Anna Harris, director of operations at Wellington. "There's a lot that goes into tool-and-die making."

Keyes said such an honor will allow the men to have recognition and help them in their careers for the foreseeable future.

"They've got a national credential. It helps," Keyes said. "They're on a pathway for the rest of their life."

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Developer who changed local landscape dies at 92

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William "Bill" Walter Bowman III, a builder, developer and realtor instrumental in changing the landscape of southeast Michigan, died April 3.

He was 92.

Bowman played a role in many area mainstays, including Providence Hospital, the Novi Town Center, and the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park, as well as thousands of residential housing units and a dozen industrial and business parks.

"He would always say his kids and grandkids were his greatest accomplishment, even though he was so successful in business," Blair Bowman Sr., his son, said.

He adds that he thinks his father will be remembered fondly as a "very prolific and thorough communicator," and laughs as he recalls one voicemail message Bowman left him that lasted over 20 minutes.

As he was concluding the message, he could be heard fumbling the phone as if about to put it down, before bringing it back up to say at the end, "Oh, by the way, this is Dad."

"He could be a little long-winded, but in such a nice way that no one minded," Blair said. "He was extremely thoughtful and everyone I ran across just always thought he was the nicest guy."

Bill Bowman was a resident of Farmington Hills for the majority of his life after coming to Detroit in 1954 at age 28 for a part-time summer job selling vacant residential lots for Thompson-Brown realtors.

He had grown up in Topeka, Kansas, served in the U.S. Marine Corps for two years, and then earned a bachelor's degree in administration from William Jewell College in 1952, where he had been a standout athlete.

When he came to Michigan, he was on a summer break as dean of admissions at Northwestern University, and just never returned. Instead, he hit his stride in real estate.

In 1970, the 250-acre Farmington Freeway Industrial Park became the first Class A-certified industrial park in



William Bowman III, a real estate developer who changed the face of southeast Michigan, has died.

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the Michigan Commerce Department Certified Industrial Park Program.

Later that decade, Bowman brought Providence Hospital to Novi.

He kicked off the 1980s by assembling and rezoning the property for Trammel Crowe for development of the Novi Town Center.

Following his success with the 12 Mile Corridor development in Farmington Hills, he led development of the OST zoning ordinance, which paved the way in Novi for the Haggerty-M5 corridor major corporate development.

"For me personally, his legacy is right in front of us as a family, nothing we have accomplished would be possible but for him," Blair Bowman said. "I get to remember and was mentored by one of the most incredible business people in the world."

"I can't think of or ask for a better man to live up to and respect."

The funeral was held April 10 at the Suburban Collection Showplace Diamond Center in Novi.

Celebrate Easter at these weekend events

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Easter: It seems really late this year, doesn't it?

But it could be even later: Easter, the day Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, is a movable holiday on the calendar. For most churches, it typically falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. It can be as early as March 22 and as late as April 25.

Point is, Easter is later this year, and hopefully that means the weather will cooperate with all your holiday plans. If you're still looking for something to do to get into the holiday spirit, check out one of these three events happening around town.

Egg hunt in Livonia

Rotary Park will be the "it" spot in Livonia for children looking to pick up some sweet Easter treats this weekend.

The annual egg hunt at the park, located at Six Mile and Hubbard in Livonia, will play host once again to the annual egg hunt. Children 10 and under are encouraged to come with their parents to hunt for eggs in the city's largest park.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and runs through 11:30 a.m. at the park. The hunt begins at noon. After the little ones are done searching for eggs, they will be able to visit with the Easter Bunny.

For more information, contact the Livonia Parks and Recreation department at 734-466-2900.

Marshmallow drop in Westland

A Wayne County tradition will soar over the Westland sky Friday.

The annual Marshmallow drop returns Friday morning to Nankin Mills Park, 33275 Edward Hines Drive. A helicopter will fly over the park at 11 a.m. and release thousands of marshmallows for youngsters of all ages to run and pick up. Be sure to bring a special bag or basket to collect marshmallows once they land.

For those who can't make it to Westland, a drop will take place at 9 a.m. Friday at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.

For more information, visit the Wayne County parks website.



There are several fun, family-friendly Easter events happening this weekend across the region. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE PHOTOS

Kensington egg hunt

If you'll be in western Oakland County and want to spend Easter weekend with some live animals, Kensington Metropark is where you'll want to take the family.

The park, 4570 Huron River Parkway in Milford Township, hosts its annual Fun on the Farm: Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Martindale Beach.

Bring the kids for the annual egg scramble, enjoy visiting with farm animals and get photos taken with the Easter Bunny.

Cost is \$5 per child and children under a year old are free.

A Metroparks pass is required for entry to the park. For more information, visit metroparks.com.

South Lyon egg hunt

South Lyon's egg hunt, organized by the South Lyon Kiwanis Club, is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. That event takes place at Volunteer Park, 2162 N. Dixboro Road.

The Kiwanis Club of South Lyon will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Volunteer Park. The event is free to the community and open to all ages. Easter Bunny, fire trucks, police and more will all be on hand for the kids to enjoy.

The egg hunts themselves will begin at noon, divided by age with differing start times.

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The Marshmallow Drop helicopter drops its cargo of gooey treats.



Brandon Davis adds some balsamic glaze to his specialty fig and pig pizza. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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airport security, who deemed it too heavy.

He would improvise by having his wife Karissa, who was not joining him in Vegas until the following day, bring his great-grandmother's wooden rolling pin.

His checked bags made it safely with him to Vegas, where he was designated refrigerator space at the convention center, like other contestants. But when he opened his cooler to get the ingredients to make his pizza dough, he found the olive oil was frozen solid.

"I was freaking out," Davis recalled. "It was one of the scariest moments of my life."

He had already spent many sleepless nights wondering how he was going to make his dough in Las Vegas, which needed to be done the day before the competition. He learned later that other competitors, well-connected in Vegas, were using local restaurant kitchens.

Davis ran hot water over the olive oil container and managed to thaw it and then began making his dough in a most

unconventional way: With an old mixer placed on top of a 1970s pallet in the back of the convention hall.

With the dough made, he placed it and the rest of his ingredients in one of the refrigerators designated for competitors, ready to go for the following day.

The next morning, competitors were each given a number, and put into groups of six. They each had their own cooking station with an oven, and had 30 minutes total to assemble and bake their pizzas and then clean their stations. Davis was in the third group to go at a packed expo, where onlookers milled about, talking while the bakers worked.

Davis was a little starstruck seeing the competitors he was up against, including chefs he had seen on the Food Network and on his favorite show, "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives."

He also got a selfie with one of his idols, Tim Silva, a former world pizza champion who operates Pizza My Heart out of San Francisco.

"I was nervous," Davis said of his time to shine in the kitchen. "I didn't know how the dough would roll out with a 1920s rolling pin, but once I got the

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dough onto the pizza screen, it was no problem. I had to make two pizzas and then choose which one goes to the judges."

The five judges from around the world scored each pie based on various components, he said, including proper browning, gluten consistency, stretch of the pizza, crunch, and taste of all ingredients combined.

Davis felt good about how his pizza turned out, even with the challenges he had faced. He would wait several hours before learning the top four pizza makers who would advance to the next day, and even longer to learn where he ultimately placed.

When that moment came, his reaction and his wife's were very different.

Karissa was excited, and encouraged her husband to stand next to a scoreboard that showed the points each competitor had received for their pizza. In Brandon's case, it was 26.27. His name is listed right next to the eventual champion, Federico De Silvestri, a baker from Pizzeria Tocacceria in Quattrocentro, Marzara, Italy. De Silvestri would also win Pizza Maker of the Year.

In the initial photo Karissa took of Brandon next to this scoreboard, he said, he looked miserable. She told him that 12th in the world was amazing, and retook the photo, with him bearing what he describes as a "cheesy grin."

What's next for the pie maker?

Davis' disappointment has only fired him up to try again. He is currently working on a new creation which he will offer as part of Novella's menu, as well as potentially his next competition entry as he plans to return to Vegas.. He



Joe Ellis tastes a piece of the fig and pig pizza. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

doesn't want to reveal too much, but said it would be Michigan themed and he has been experimenting with maple syrup and honey as pizza ingredients.

Whatever it is, it will be "something completely different" as Davis looks for what no one else is doing.

In the meantime, he has a better per-

spective now on his first experience in international pizza competition.

"I didn't get any money or a prize, but I got a free trip to Vegas, and I learned so much," Davis said. "I learned there are more styles of pizza than I had ever even heard of. People do dough a thousand different ways and people from all over

the world are trying really cool, weird stuff. I learned that our pizza is the real deal. There were super legit pizza makers out there and Novella's from New Hudson beat almost all of them."

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Bars

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supporting their community.

"The family did not come to the decision lightly," Morayas said. "Their goal is to stop this from happening to any other families."

He added that the family became determined to take legal action once they learned that Horseshoes, in 2015, was alleged to have over-served another person who left the venue and fatally struck someone. The incident is mentioned without detail in the lawsuit.

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Northville Township Rusty Bucket bartender Graeme McDonald, of Canton, stands with his Blackberry Kentucky Mule cocktail. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Drink

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pointing at an inviting pinkish drink being delivered to a customer at the Northville Rusty Bucket.

"It was definitely a good feeling when I found out I won, especially knowing that there were 23 final entries (one from each of the chain's restaurants)," McDonald said. "When you've been doing this as long as I have, you start getting your creative juices flowing when it comes to thinking about creating new cocktails."

When it came to selecting the ingredients and slapping a name on his creation, McDonald used a multi-step approach.

"The blueberries go along with the spring season and Kentucky is obviously famous for bourbon," he explained. "I didn't want to get too fancy with the name, but I wanted it to be catchy."

"As far as testing the cocktail before I came up with the final ingredients, I was lucky enough to have our general manager and regional manager here at the right time to help me finalize it."

As an added bonus to his victory, McDonald's image will appear on the table tents — the tent-shaped cardboard promotional ads placed on tables throughout the Rusty Bucket's restaurants — throughout the month.

The Blackberry Kentucky Mule vaulted past its 22 competitors by "going over well" at a Jack Daniels event held at the chain's Charlotte, North Carolina, site.

Magic Ingredients

Flavored with fresh lime juice and simple syrup, along with the above-listed ingredients, the drink is shaken with Woodford Reserve Personal Selection Gary's Blend No. 14.

It's topped off with the ginger beer and blackberry garnish to give customers a refreshing spring alternative on the traditional Moscow Mule.

The Rusty Bucket franchise has become synonymous with award-winning cocktail creations. It was recently honored with a pair of VIBE Vista Awards in the multi-unit chain division in best overall and best spirits program.

McDonald takes pride in connecting regular customers' faces with their drinks of choice.

"I'm not great with names, but when a regular comes in and says, 'The usual,' I know what he or she is referring to," he said. "After doing this for as long as I have, I don't think I could start working in a typical office, in a cubicle."

"I'm a people person, so this job is perfect for me because I'm able to interact with people daily. Every day is fresh and new."

If an opportunity presents itself down the road, McDonald said he would jump at the chance of creating an encore to his ultra-popular initial entry.

"After mixing other people's drinks all these years, it's kind of nice to be on the other end and coming up with my own stuff," he said.

McDonald's cocktail will be served at all Rusty Bucket locations throughout April or until the batch of bourbon runs dry.

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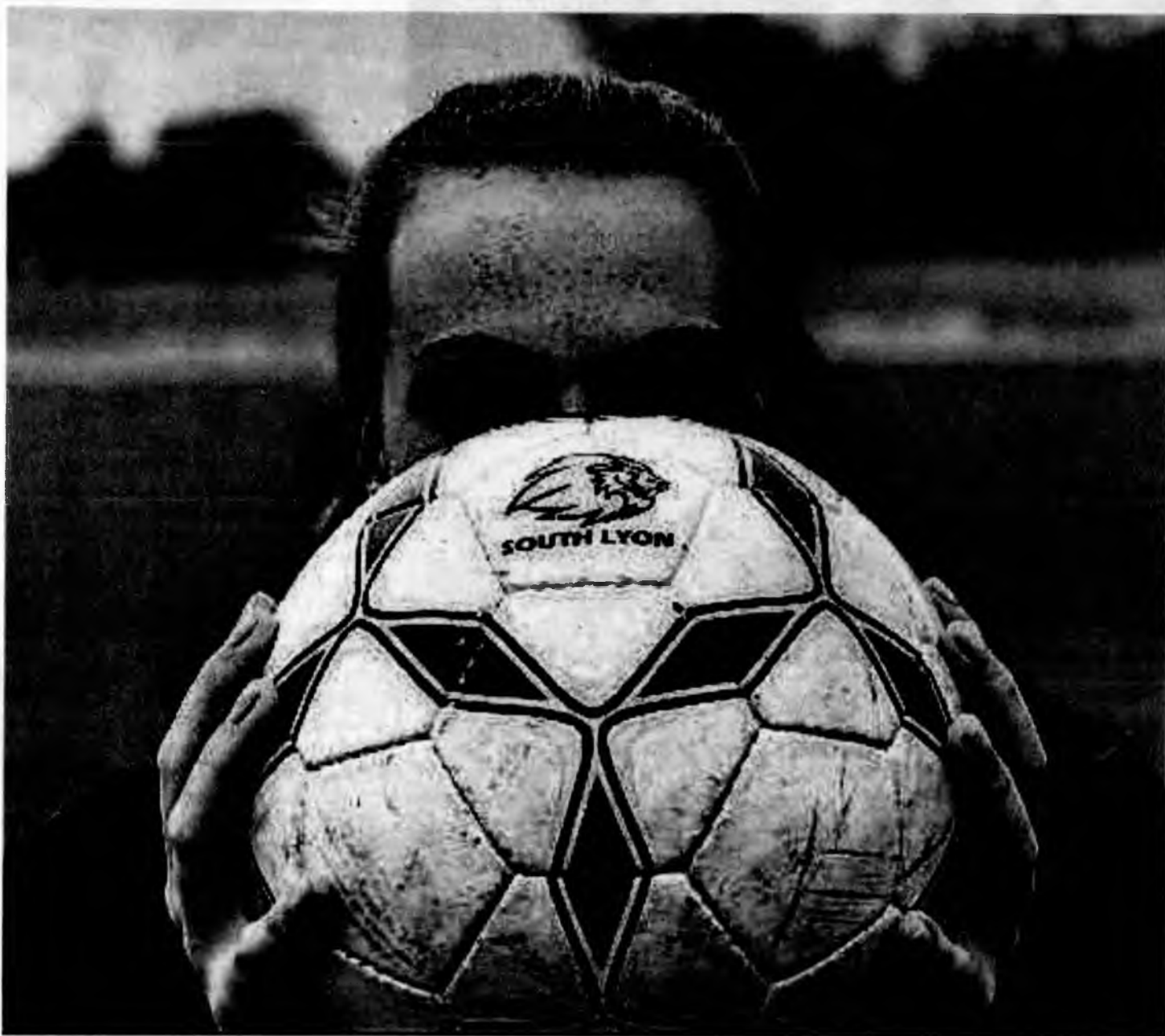
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PREP GIRLS SOCCER



South Lyon senior soccer player Carmen Sweigard will lead her team against Milford in a charity game she planned.

South Lyon, Milford join to support charity

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The last several years, the South Lyon boys soccer team has raised awareness for breast cancer through its pink-out game. The girls team hasn't held its own charity fundraiser.

This season, South Lyon senior Carmen Sweigard set out to change that.

She went to her coach, Brian Elliott in early March with an idea — to hold a charity game that raises funds for Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, and he enthusiastically supported her mission.

"I have to give credit to Carmen, she really is the brainchild of this whole thing," Elliott said. "She came to me and

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South Lyon will play Milford 6:30 p.m. April 23 at South Lyon High School. Funds will be donated to Mott Children's Hospital. PHOTOS COURTESY OF CARMEN SWEIGARD

PREP BASKETBALL

KLAA names all-conference hoops teams

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The Kensington Lakes Activities Association (KLAA) has released its boys and girls basketball all-conference teams.

Numerous area teams are represented. Canton and Wayne Memorial led the way on the boys' side, with four selections each, while Wayne Memorial, Brighton and Hartland were tops on the girls' side with four picks each.

Each selection is listed below along with a quote from their head coach.

KLAA Boys All-Conference Team

West Division

■ Canton senior B. Artis White

"Four-year starter who has grown into a great two way player and without question is one of the best guards in the state. Is an outstanding person and teammate and has been a pleasure to coach." — Canton coach Jimmy Reddy

■ Canton senior Vinson Sigmon

"Three-year starter who has been an elite defender for all three years. His ability to handle the ball and score in different ways has been a great asset. He is a great person and is our team leader." — Reddy

■ Canton senior Kendall Perkins

"Kendall has really come on as of late and has been a big part of our team in scoring and rebounding. He is an outstanding young man with a bright future." — Reddy

■ Canton junior Ben Stesiak

"Ben has done a lot of the little things for our team and has the ability to knock down the open three. But his best attribute is his toughness and ability to complete." — Reddy

■ Howell senior Josh Palo

"Phenomenal scorer and four-year varsity starter." — Howell coach Nick Simon

■ Howell senior Kip French

"Great leader and a true glue guy." — Simon

■ Howell junior Tony Honkala

"Can shoot from anywhere and is a solid shot blocker." — Simon

■ Northville senior Steven Morrissey

"What a tremendous senior season for Steven. We often went as he did, and he scored in doubles every game starting in game five. He really understands the game and sees the floor tremendously well. Steven would score even more on some other teams, but balance was one of our strengths this year. We are certainly going to miss

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PREP ATHLETICS

Franklin's Fournier signs to play baseball at Madonna

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Livonia Franklin senior Cal Fournier is in a pretty unique situation compared to most other high school athletes in the area. He plays outfield and catcher for the Franklin baseball team, where his dad Matt is the head coach.

That hasn't stopped him from having an outstanding high school career, culminating in the opportunity to play baseball next year at Madonna — making his dad proud.

"He is a hard-working kid," Franklin baseball coach Matt Fournier said. "He always has been, and he gets that from his mom."

Matt added that while his son isn't

the biggest or strongest kid, he out-works people and has great athleticism.

Cal was named after Cal Ripken Jr., the former major league baseball player who was known as "The Iron Man".

Cal says he picked Madonna for a number of reasons, but knowing members of the team was a big factor.

"I talked to other Franklin kids that play at Madonna and they talked very

highly of the program and the people around it," Cal said. "Obviously going on the visit and being on campus, it had a good feeling to it. It's right down the road from where I grew up which is a plus too."

He is a three-sport athlete at Franklin. He was a captain of the football team

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Howell's Kip French, right, and Canton's B. Artis White fight for the ball during a KLAA matchup. Canton won 74-62. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

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having Steven in our program; he comes from a great family, and he and his two older brothers won a lot of games for us the past 6 seasons." — Northville coach Todd Sander

■ Northville senior Ryan Pumper

"Ryan has started all but two games for us (the first two his junior season) over the course of his fantastic career. He's extremely durable, and maybe the toughest player that I have ever coached. You definitely want Ryan on your team if you are in any type of competitive situation. He converted three out of every four shots he attempted from the floor and always drew one of the best players on defense for our opponents. We wish him the best." — Sander

■ Novi senior Giovanni Miles

"Gio had a great all around year, and his most efficient games were our most efficient and successful games. He has a high basketball IQ, and he received the majority of attention against opposing defenses and still lead us in scoring." — Novi coach Chris Housey

■ Novi senior Jacob Clay

"Jacob ended the season as one of our best defensive players and one of our most valuable overall players. He is a student of the game, he willingly played multiple positions, and he always maximized his potential on both ends of the floor." — Housey

■ Brighton senior Keenan Stolz

"Keenan is a terrific low post player who is able to score against bigger defenders. He is a very good offensive rebounder that can finish in traffic." — Brighton coach Michael Griest

■ Brighton senior Noah Bennett

"Noah is asked to guard every teams best player and still is able to shoot and rebound at a high rate." — Griest

■ Plymouth senior Ryan Berger

"Ryan has worked extremely hard to have a successful season this year. He was the focal point of many teams defenses and still was able to produce on a nightly basis. We will miss his steady presence on the block for the team next season." — Plymouth coach Mike Soukup

■ Hartland senior Kyle Hamlin

"Kyle has lead the Eagles in scoring and offensive rebounds this season. Has come up with big scoring games in wins this season." — Hartland coach Kevin Blouin

■ Salem senior Julius Nelson

"Julius plays with tremendous heart and energy and was our lead guard this season at both ends of the court. Defensively, he was very active in the passing lanes and always guarded the other teams best guard. Offensively, Julius lead our team in assists and had a good ability to get to the basket and finish around the rim." — Salem coach Robert Brodie

Honorable Mentions: Canton junior Jake Vickers, Howell senior Cody Deurloo, Northville senior Daniel McLaughlin, Novi senior Aryan Verma, Brighton senior Jacob Dunn, Plymouth senior Bryce Amison, Hartland senior Evan Metz, Salem senior Ben Dierker

East Division

■ Wayne Memorial senior Isalah Lewis

"He is a four-year starter, two-time Division Champ, Conference Champ and Association Champ and has a District Championship. He was a leader." — Wayne Memorial coach Nkwane Young

■ Wayne Memorial senior Cartier Muse-Suber

"He is a two-year starter on the team.

Cartier is the muscle on the team." — Young

■ Wayne Memorial senior Dreyon O'Neal

"Dreyon was the most gifted player on the team. He was a match up problem." — Young

■ Wayne Memorial senior Kenneth Bowie

"KJ was the general of the team." — Young

■ Belleville junior Connor Bush

"Third-year varsity player. Tremendous athlete who really improved his overall game second half of the season." — Belleville coach Adam Trumpour

■ Belleville senior Andrew Leamy

"Second-year varsity player. Excellent shooter who improved greatly as a defender his senior year." — Trumpour

■ Belleville junior Lorenzo Wright

"Third-year varsity player. Lead guard who not only disrupted but scored for us. Often guarded the other team's best ballhandler." — Wright

■ John Glenn senior Joe Moon

"Four-year starter, always guards opponents best player regardless of position, has the ability to score in a multitude of ways - behind the arc, mid-range, post and in transition, arguably the best two way player in the state. Joe leads by example by having a strong work ethic, shown by him being the first in the gym and the last to leave, maintaining good rapport with his teammates and is well respected throughout the state." — John Glenn coach Rod Watts

■ John Glenn senior Rennel Thrasher

"One of the best scorers in the conference - has the ability to score in a number of ways. Rennel has the ability

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Charity

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told me she was passionate about this cause and wanted to put a fundraising event together.

"I have a lot of pride. When you sign up to coach high school sports, you want to make an impact and obviously share your passion for the sport with your players, but even more important is to help make them better people and the fact that Carmen wants to raise money for such a great, noble cause, it just makes me feel pride. I'm very proud of her."

Now, after a month of planning, the event is coming together. South Lyon will play Milford 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, at South Lyon High School (the JV will play before the Varsity), and there will be giveaways, raffles, face-paint, cotton candy and more that all supports the children's hospital.

There will even be a special half-time show that fans can look forward to.

The game was originally supposed to feature South Lyon East, but it backed out due to scheduling concerns. Milford happily took its place.

"I reached out to Milford because a girl on our team knew their coach, and I played club soccer with two of their captains," Sweigard said. "Girls on our team knew girls on their team, and I thought this would be a great opportunity to bond with another school. Milford was all for it and has been nothing but supportive."

Sweigard set up a committee with players from both teams as well as a couple parents to help plan the event. They met three times. She's hoping that this event can become an annual one, and believes her team members are returning will be able to continue it.

"I hope we do this every year with Milford," Sweigard said. "They're a great team and I hope we continue this every year and it grows and gets bigger."

At the game, both the face-paint and cotton candy will be available for donations. The team received a cotton candy machine thanks to Peter's True Value Hardware in South Lyon, and will have plenty available for fans. Bracelets can be purchased for \$1. Some of the giveaways will take place at halftime, and include packages from local businesses.

"I think it'll be a great game," Sweigard said. "We're on such good terms with Milford and I think it'll be a fun game. We have t-shirts, our jerseys will be t-shirts and it'll be lots of fun. It'll be competitive of course, but in the end we're all coming together for a good cause."

The team also has a tour scheduled this week to visit Mott Children's Hospital to meet some of the kids and see where their money is going.

Sweigard, who will play soccer at Trine University next year, says she hopes the game shows people that anyone in the community can make a difference.

"I think it shows that if you have an idea and you set your mind to it, you'll hit some obstacles, but in the end you can make it happen," Sweigard said. "There are people around you that will help you."

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Fournier

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and played basketball. Despite having college opportunities in football, he decided that baseball was his true favorite sport and chose that instead.

Through four games this season, Cal is hitting .400 with a double, triple and six RBIs.

Last season he hit .315 and in his sophomore season he hit .287.

One of his goals for this year is to hit .400 for the season. He also wants to win a city championship and win a district title.

He admitted that having his dad as a coach has its benefits, but that it also brings more pressure.

"It's cool because it's not something every kid gets to have, but it comes with a little more weight on your shoulders," Cal said. "Everything I do is magnified, just because he's my dad."

Matt said it's been a fun journey coaching his son and that as the season goes on and nears its end, he'll be able to reflect more upon the last few seasons.

"Our goal for all of our kids wasn't

"I talked to other Franklin kids that play at Madonna and they talked very highly of the program and the people around it."

Cal Fournier

On why he chose Madonna

necessarily to be a college athlete, that was a goal of his," Matt said. "His mom and I are both proud of him."

Both of his parents played college sports, his mom at Eastern Michigan and dad at Wayne State. Now, Cal will continue the family tradition while studying education.

Matt said that he wanted Cal to pick a school that lined up with what he wanted to study, since his baseball career can't last forever. He's happy he'll be close to home and thinks it's a great match.

"We've sent a number of kids over to that program, we have three that are playing for them right now, so there are some kids that he was teammates with that are already there," Matt said. "It was a nice fit for him."



Franklin's Cal Fournier signs to play baseball at Madonna next season.

COURTESY OF MATT FOURNIER

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to take over a game, especially when the game is on the line. He is well respected throughout the KLAA." — Watts

■ **Livonia Stevenson senior Nick Knoph**

"Nick was a great leader on and off the floor. A sensational scorer." — Stevenson coach Kareem Smartt

■ **Livonia Stevenson junior Evan Bradford**

"Evan is a do it all player. Whatever is asked he tries to accomplish." — Smartt

■ **Dearborn senior Ben Clark**

"Two year starter and senior captain. Ben was our true leader both on and off the court." — Dearborn coach Kevin Barkoff

■ **Dearborn senior Aliou Kah**

"Two-year starter and senior captain. Aliou was by far our most versatile player. He was asked to do a lot on the court for us - both offensively and defensively." — Barkoff

■ **Fordson junior Zak Malsari**

"Zak moved to the PG spot after an injury early this year and immediately led the team. He was the consistent offensive threat who could create for himself and others. He also made the big shots for us down the stretch." — Fordson coach Osama Abulhassan

■ **Livonia Franklin senior Chase Crespi**

"Chase was our strongest scoring threat and played with emotion on both ends of the floor. Playing hard on both ends, he was able to manufacture points and force opponents into turnovers. Chase would be the other team's primary focus on the defensive end and was able to make plays." — Franklin coach Thomas Hurley

■ **Livonia Churchill senior Joel Forgacs**

"Joel was one of our leaders and a do it all player for us. He was our go to guy on both ends of the floor. He played all positions 1-5 and would do anything the team required to help us be successful." — Churchill coach James McCulloh

Honorable Mentions: Wayne Memorial senior Chayce Leslie, Belleville junior Brandon Jackson, John Glenn junior Xavier Miller, Stevenson senior Daley Cobb, Dearborn junior Niemer Hamood, Fordson junior Ryan Abbas, Franklin senior Jack Cronyn, Churchill senior Ethan Gyurnek

KLAA Girls All-Conference Team

West Division

■ **Brighton junior Sophie Dziekan**
"Sophie is a D-1 prospect who was our leading scorer and rebounder. She is also able to control the paint on the defensive end of the court. Sophie is verbally committed to Bowling Green State University." — Brighton coach Paul Ash

■ **Brighton senior Lauren Brown**
"Lauren is a three-year varsity player. As one of our captains, she lead us in assists and steals. She was our 2nd leading scorer. She has been a valuable leader on and off the court this season." — Ash

■ **Brighton junior Isabella Vogt**
"Bella is a three year varsity player. She is 2nd in assists and 3rd in steals for our team. She has really improved her court awareness and defense." — Ash

■ **Brighton junior Martha Pietila**
"Martha is a two year varsity player. She is our best on-ball defender. She has done a great job taking our opponent's best guard out of the game." — Ash

■ **Hartland junior Madi Moyer**
"Madi is a junior who is currently our leading scorer through 18 games. Madi averaged 8.7 points per game and also grabs 6 rebounds per game. She also leads our team by being a captain." — Hartland coach Don Palmer

■ **Hartland junior Nikki Domplierre**
"Nikki is a junior who averages eight points per game and leads us in assists as well. She is our top defender and shoots 75 percent from the free-throw line. She also leads our team as a captain." — Palmer

■ **Hartland junior Whitney Sollom**
"Whitney started the season late due to an injury, but is now averaging 9.9 points per game and 6.9 rebounds per game. She has a great shot blocking ability and leads the team as a captain." — Palmer

■ **Hartland freshman Amanda Roach**

"Amanda is very talented and has scored 145 points through 17 games. She has a great ability to get to the basket off the dribble. She is an intense competitor who is already getting attention from numerous colleges." — Palmer

■ **Howell junior Kaylee Wendel**
"Kaylee is a three-year starter and captain. One of the toughest players I have ever coached." — Howell coach Tim Olszewski

■ **Howell sophomore Meagan Tucker**

"Meagan allows us some diversity



As Pioneer Ilena Garrett, right, tries to guard her, Wayne Memorial player Jeanne Terry drives for the basket.

HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

from her position. she can post up as well as drop the 3 pointer. Very coachable young lady." — Olszewski

■ **Plymouth sophomore Kyra Brandon**

"Kyra is our floor general. She sees the game and has a feel for the game better than any other player we have had. She's a dynamic passer and her ability to change speeds to quickly makes her a tough check. We always count on her to make the big play for our team in crunch time." — Plymouth coach Ryan Ballard

■ **Plymouth junior Sydney McCalg**
"Syd is tough to guard because she can score from the three-point line, mid-range or in the post. She's crafty around the rim and is able to score in a variety of ways. We love her on defense because of her toughness and willingness to sacrifice her body to take a charge for the team." — Ballard

■ **Novi junior Jenna Daschke**
"Jenna is our point guard and leading scorer. She commands the defenses full attention and has lead a second half of the season team resurgence." — Novi coach Charles Aro

■ **Novi senior Anna Beberstein**
"Anna is a senior leader for us and does all the little things our team needs. She always guards the other teams best player and occupies great space in the middle on defense." — Aro

■ **Northville junior Ellie Thallman**
"Ellie was our top scoring threat. Solid jump shot but can also take you off the dribble. Led us in scoring despite missing three games. Made big plays when we needed them most." — Northville coach Todd Gudith

■ **Salem sophomore Mattison Joyner**

"As a sophomore Joyner has been an offensive and defensive spark plug for our program this year working hard daily. Joyner was our leading scorer this season. We are excited for her to step into a leadership role as a junior." — Salem coach Lauren Evans

■ **Canton senior Carly Schwinke**
"Carly is our go-to player and has played more minutes this season than any other varsity player. She always displays a positive attitude and will be attending the university of Michigan next fall." — Canton coach Robert Heitmeyer

Honorable Mentions: Brighton junior Elaine Halonen, Hartland sophomore Syd Caddell, Howell senior Allison Pennala, Plymouth junior Sophie Zelek, Novi senior Lauryn Burgess, Northville junior Morgan Thompson, Salem senior Lyniah Willson, Canton sophomore Noel Blain

East Division

■ **Wayne Memorial senior Jeanne Terry**

"One of the most versatile players in the conference. Four year starter that has engineered Wayne's resurgence. Has only lost five KLAA games in her four years. Signed with University of Il-

linois." — Wayne Memorial coach Jarvis Mitchell

■ **Wayne Memorial senior Jayah Hicks**

"Second-year 1st team All-conference player. Has one of the best motors in the conference. Plays to the last bell. Signed with South Carolina State University." — Mitchell

■ **Wayne Memorial senior Sammiyah Hoskin**

"Sammiyah did a great job scoring and rebounding for us this year. Extremely craft utility player that can match up against anyone." — Mitchell

■ **Wayne Memorial junior Makailah Zeigler-Griggs**

"Emerged as one of the top juniors in the country this year, the 6'0 point forward has done a little bit of everything. She's committed to the University of Michigan." — Mitchell

■ **Dearborn sophomore Erin Moran**
"Erin is a hard working forward. She logs in a lot of minutes and is a rebounding specialist. Erin is always around the ball on defense and able to grab rebounds consistently." — Dearborn coach Eric Quine

■ **Dearborn sophomore Malak Alhajj**

"Malak is a point guard that is able to create offense. Malak has improved throughout the season and had a very good sophomore season as her role was expanded." — Quine

■ **Dearborn senior Sarah Campbell**
"Sarah is a three year varsity player that plays the forward position. Sarah took on the leadership role as a senior. Sarah has progressed throughout the year and became a scoring, and rebounding threat." — Quine

■ **Fordson senior Rana El Hussein**
"Rana is the constant team player who can take over any game. She is able shoot and break down defenses. She is one of the best point guards in the state and one of the best players in school history. She will leave Fordson owning just about every record and shattering the points record." — Fordson coach Saleh Abazeed

■ **Fordson junior Diana Saleh**
"Diana was a double-double machine for us this season. She was able to take her game to another level with a strong post game and would snatch any board that was in her vicinity. She was also a force on the defensive side, leading the team with 4 blocks and altering shots in the paint." — Abazeed

■ **Fordson freshman Batoul Reda**
"She really helped us reach another level once she was inserted into the lineup. She has an outstanding inside/out game and became our best on ball defender, where she was asked to guard the opponent's best player every night." — Abazeed

■ **Livonia Stevenson junior Tara Bourdage**

"Tara is a consistent scorer for us ev-

ery game and is our lock down defender. She is the one we always put on teams best players when needed. Her length and ability with on and off the ball defense has been huge for us this season. She leads the team in points per game and is second in steals." — Stevenson coach Karen Anger

■ **Livonia Stevenson senior Kimmy Freed**

"Kimmy is a great 3/4 player. Her ability to block shots both on guard drives and on posts makes her hard to figure out for other teams. She is also the most accurate three-point shooter we have, leading the team in three-point percentage. Kimmy also leads the team in free-throw percentage, assists per game and rebounds per game." — Anger

■ **Livonia Churchill senior Maria Targosz**

"Maria is a four year starter who has really helped set the foundation of our team since I have taken over. A three year captain who is tough as nails and has been one of the best shooters in the league." — Churchill coach K'Len Morris

■ **Livonia Churchill senior Mary-Clair Yost**

"Mary-Clair is another four year starter who has been an anchor for our defense since day one. She brings a level of toughness and intensity that coaches love. She is a game changer on defense due to her versatility." — Morris

■ **John Glenn junior Jasmine Edwards**

"Jasmine is a three year varsity starter for us. She has shown that she can be our leading scorer, rebounder, and also the leader of her team in highly contested games. Jasmine has improved just about every part of her game which she has worked diligently on in practice and in the off season." — John Glenn coach Derrick Jordan

■ **Belleville senior Che'Lyn Wilson**

"Che' Lyn is an excellent competitor at both ends of the court. She is great at attacking the basket and creating for teammates as well a great on and off the ball defender." — Belleville coach Phil Freeman

■ **Livonia Franklin sophomore Hunter Conway**

"Hunter is a two year varsity starter that has bounced back from a knee injury last year. She is a smooth ball handler and finishes around the basket. Hunter rebounds well for her size and does an excellent job against pressure." — Franklin coach John Santi

Honorable Mentions: Wayne Memorial sophomore Alana Micheaux, Dearborn junior Emma Obermill, Fordson senior Ayah Zaban, Stevenson junior Josie Piergentili, Churchill junior Kayla Osen, John Glenn sophomore Taylor Watkins-Johnson, Belleville senior Arianna Crout, Franklin freshman Erin Young

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OUTDOORS

Criticism follows bill that could repeal ban on deer, elk baiting

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Hunters may be allowed to bait deer and elk again if Senate Bill 37 becomes law. But the measure has drawn criticism, with opponents saying it could undermine the prevention of chronic wasting disease.

Baiting deer and elk was banned effective Jan. 31 by the Natural Resource Commission in an effort to combat chronic wasting disease.

The Natural Resources Commission is a seven-member, governor-appointed body that has the exclusive power to regulate the taking of game in the state, established by Proposal G in 1996. The commission is intended to use "principles of sound scientific management in making decisions regarding the taking of game," according to the proposal.

The bill was introduced on Jan. 16 and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. A legislative analysis was completed on April 8.

Michigan Untied Conservation Clubs Executive Director Amy Trotter said the group opposes the bill's bypass of the NRC's ban.

"This is in direct reaction to the baiting and feeding ban the NRC enacted because of chronic wasting disease," Trotter said.

Founded in 1937, the Michigan Untied Conservation Clubs' mission is to unite residents to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage, according to its website.

Trotter said the bill lacks clear parameters on the kind of feed or bait permitted, the time of year feed or bait can be used and other details. She also said the bill could set a precedent of the legislature getting involved in wildlife management issues, which are currently under the purview of the NRC.

"We don't believe that this should be a decision of the legislature," she said.

Sen. Curtis VanderWall, R-Ludington, is the bill's sponsor. He said he did



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his own research on chronic wasting disease, and found he did not agree with the NRC's reasons for the ban.

"It's hypothetical that (CWD) can be transmitted through baiting," VanderWall said.

He said he regularly hears from farmers and hunters in his community about

the issue, and said he wants Michigan to have a strong hunting heritage.

VanderWall said he knows the issue is controversial, but his motivation is ensuring the health of the deer herd, hunting traditions and farmers' business. He said he believes the bait ban could further reduce Michigan's hunt-

ers, leading an overpopulated herd.

"What's the difference to a deer if there's an apple under an apple tree or an apple under a maple tree?" he said.

To read up on the bill and track its progress, check out its page on the Michigan legislature website at bit.ly/2U8xhEE.

OUTDOORS

Grand Traverse Bay trout limit cut in half

Maryann Struman Detroit Free Press
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Bad news for trout lovers fishing in Grand Traverse Bay.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is reducing the daily lake trout possession for those waters by half after the recreational harvest limit was exceeded last year.

Lake trout harvest limits are required by a 2000 consent involving certain tribal governments, the federal government and the State of Michigan aimed at maintaining a sustainable harvest.

Last year, anglers were allowed to keep two 15-inch or larger lake trout per

day during the harvest season.

The new one-trout restriction started Friday and remains in effect for the rest of the lake trout season, which ends Sept. 30.

The agency is encouraging anglers to target fish other than trout.

"Lake trout are not good targets of catch-and-release fishing, because about 40 percent of those that are caught and released won't survive to be caught again," said Heather Hettinger, a local DNR fisheries biologist.

Officials noted that the new trout restriction is not in listed in the print version of the 2019 Michigan Fishing Guide but is reflected in the electronic version.

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PREP ATHLETICS

Students back teacher put on leave

Sean Bradley Livingston Daily
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Hartland High School students said they plan to show up to the district's Board of Education meeting this week in support of Brian Morrison, a gym teacher and varsity baseball coach who is on paid leave after an incident involving a student.

Morrison has been on paid leave since March 3 after an incident on March 1 where he allegedly "rough-housed" with a student during gym class, putting the student in a headlock and ripping the student's shirt in the process, according to seniors Griffin Neuer and Michael Harris.

"It wasn't meant to be aggressive at all," Harris said of the incident. "He was messing around with him. He's just super friendly."

Morrison declined comment on the incident. Hartland Superintendent Chuck Hughes said last week that Morrison is on paid leave.

"Out of respect for the parties involved, the district is not at liberty to share details of a personnel issue," Hughes said Monday.

Aaron Bell took over as interim varsity baseball coach after Morrison was put on leave. Bell has been an assistant coach on the team for the past seven years.

On Friday, hundreds of students walked out of the high school in support of Morrison.

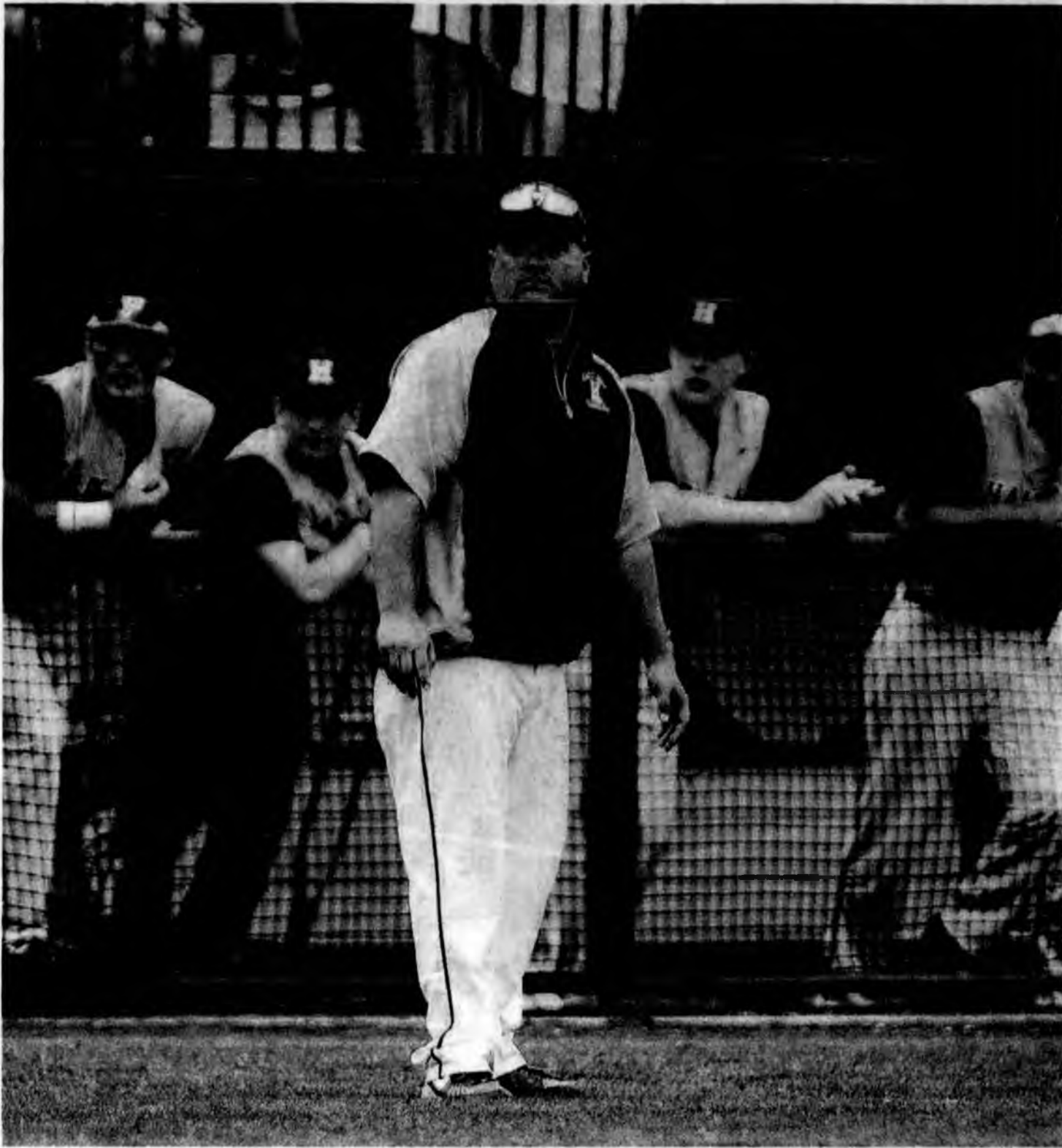
"It was more of showing support for a teacher who has put hard work and dedication into the schools," Neuer said Friday.

The walkout started about 9:45 a.m. and students left school and gathered at the baseball stadium. It lasted approximately 30 minutes and all students returned to class, Hughes said.

"We believe he's been treated unfairly," Neuer said.

Harris was asked if it's OK for a teacher or faculty member to put their hands on a student in any way.

"To a certain extent, no. You really have to know him to understand," Harris said. "He would never put his hands on a student to cause them harm."



Hartland High School baseball coach and gym teacher Brian Morrison is on paid administrative leave after an incident where he allegedly "roughhoused" with a student during gym class, putting the student in a headlock. LIVINGSTON DAILY FILE

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Air it out: Office may be making you sick

Maurie Backman
The Motley Fool

When you work in an office, germs are unavoidable – especially during the winter months, when there always seems to be something going around from the latest cold to the flu.

But it's not just germs that might be plaguing you physically when you're trying to plug away at your desk. It could be that your office itself is making you feel unwell.

It's a problem known as sick building syndrome, and it happens when your physical environment (in this case, your place of work) makes you feel ill. It's also something you should feel free to speak up about before your health worsens.

The problem with office buildings

Many office buildings – especially high-rise ones – have pretty poor air quality, due in part to the fact that windows are perpetually closed and nothing but recycled air circulates. Furthermore, dust can accumulate in untreated vents, causing you (and workers like you) to regularly breathe it in.

And let's not discount the possibility of mold and other allergens taking up residence in your place of work. Your office building might have a mold problem even if it appears clean and uncontaminated.

The result? A host of symptoms from respiratory problems to headaches to dizziness. On a basic level, those symptoms might impede your productivity, causing you to fall behind at work through no fault of your own. On a more serious level, you might be putting your health at risk simply by going to work.

Speak up

If you're concerned that your office environment is making you feel ill, you shouldn't stay silent about it – especially if colleagues of yours have similar complaints. If you bring the problem to the right people's attention, they can check with the building management team (assuming your company rents space) to ensure that proper health protocols are being maintained.



Many office buildings have poor air quality because the windows are perpetually closed. GETTY IMAGES

If your company owns the building, it might need to sink resources into running air-quality tests and addressing issues that are plaguing employees – but that's a cost it will need to bear if it wants to continue running.

Of course, some people are just naturally sensitive to environmental triggers that aren't necessarily dangerous – such as recycled air as opposed to the fresh kind that flows in through windows. If that's the case, and the folks who are in charge of your office building are doing everything right, you might ask for the

option to work from home, at least on a partial basis. And for the days you do go to the office, schedule time to step outside and take some breaks.

Still, if, despite your efforts and those of your company, the situation doesn't seem to improve, your best bet might be to dust off your resume and find work elsewhere.

You deserve to feel healthy at the office, and if your current setup doesn't lend itself to that, you're better off moving on than compromising your health.

One final thing: If you have docu-

mented health problems and your company refuses to address your complaints, you might consider taking legal action. This especially holds true if a medical professional warns that your current ailments might have long-term repercussions, and nobody in charge took steps to do anything about it.

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HOW I BECAME A ...

'Queer Eye' star serves advice

Food expert Porowski follows his passions

Susannah Hutcheson
Special to USA TODAY

As the food and wine expert on Netflix's "Queer Eye," Antoni Porowski spends his time connecting with people over the ultimate equalizer: the dinner table.



Antoni Porowski

USA TODAY caught up with Porowski, 35, to discuss everything from a healthful lifestyle to the new season of "Queer Eye," which premiered on Netflix March 15.

Question: How did you get your start in cooking?

Porowski: Of all of the passions I've pursued in my life, cooking was the only one that was never in a professional capacity. I wanted to be an actor, so I took acting lessons; I wanted to be a therapist at one point, so I finished a major in psychology; I loved art history and was thinking I would possibly be a curator, so I took every elective possible in art history when I was in university. But cooking has always been something that was very important in my home growing up. I come from a pretty dysfunctional family, but the one time we all really got along was when we were all sitting at a dinner table and just enjoying each other's company, having a really lovely meal. I've always had a very strong emotional tie to it, and at a very young age, it taught me that for me, personally, it's the easiest way to connect with people ... whether I was dating and trying to impress someone with the perfect risotto, whether I was apologizing to my family, or making meatballs and tomato sauce with my best friend Reema (Sampat).

I realized recently actually that it was also, work-wise, sort of always there. The longest job I've ever held was that of working at a restaurant, whether I was a busboy, waiter, or manager here in New



Karamo Brown, Jonathan Van Ness, Tan France, Antoni Porowski and Bobby Berk on "Queer Eye." CARIN BAER/NETFLIX

About the series

Our series "How I became a ..." digs into the stories of accomplished and influential people, finding out how they got to where they are in their careers.

Editor's note: This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

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Q: What does a typical workday look like on the 'Queer Eye' set?

Porowski: Every episode takes a week to film. The first day is usually a production day where we get together, get a little bit of information about the hero – very little, because the producers like us to have that moment of discovery. Logistically, the first day of the week, we all go downstairs from whatever apartment we're living at. We pick up a coffee and drive to set, where we discover everything at our hero's home.

We get together when there are little lulls and we discuss "What did you learn?" and debrief, because some scenes we're together and other scenes we're separate. We give each other as much information as we can to make sure we're all on the same page and real-

ly figure out: What does this person need this week?

Then there's Tuesday, the first day that we film, and for the following two days we have our field trips sort of spread out. When we're not filming, we go to the production office and do our little interview segments. The week ends with the big reveal, which is always my favorite, watching somebody step into their new home. My second favorite is the following day, where we all sit in the loft and actually watch a video of what their event is like. We see if they've picked up our advice or if they haven't, and that's always nice because we get dressed up a little better, we eat pizza that day, and I make something for the boys in the kitchen that's usually pertaining to the episode. It's literally like watching TV with your friends, except you're dressed a little better.

Q: How do you juggle a busy schedule with a healthy lifestyle?

Porowski: I'm still figuring it out, especially on set. We do have healthy options – they're not bringing in fast-food all the time – but it is more difficult to eat fresh. The first season we didn't have any requests, and we just would eat whatever was given.

I tend to eat between a certain block of the day unless I work out really early in the morning. Then, I make myself a smoothie with different types of fruit and vegan protein powder. I usually only start eating as of noon, and I make sure to have a lot of fiber-y vegetables, a big handful of fresh fruit (especially berries), and then in the afternoon I'll have a snack of a protein bar, more veggies if I can, and I snack on almonds all day – that's my favorite snack. My biggest challenge is not drinking enough water, so I try to remember to always have a bottle in my hand. At night, the most important thing for me is either chamomile tea or rooibos. It calms me down.

Q: What's been your most memorable experience on 'Queer Eye' so far?

Porowski: My most memorable was in Season 1, when I was watching A.J., when he told his stepmom – he was basically coming out to her. We were all convinced that she knew, because a mother – whether biological or not – always knows, but she didn't. She was surprised, and this is a very Catholic woman. She welcomed him with open arms. The cathartic cry that he had was almost not of this world – I've never heard that kind of noise come out of a person. He really needed to have that.

Q: What are you looking forward to most in the new season?

Porowski: Not all of the world's problems, but I think most of the world's problems, can be attributed to a lack of diversity. When there's more diversity in any given setting, it's only an opportunity to learn about a different culture or a different way of thinking or a different way of living. With the heroes that production has chosen, we continue that conversation. It's not "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" – it's just "Queer Eye" – we really have to live by that, and I think that we are, which I'm super proud about. Especially in today's times, where everything is so polarized.

Tools, care help in digital divorce



Tech Talk
Kim Komando

Facts are facts: Nearly half of American marriages end in divorce. Many married couples end up separated. In the past, the end of a relationship meant dividing up physical objects, like furniture and photo albums. Now that we live in the 21st century, former sweethearts find themselves tangled up in gadgets, passwords, and online accounts.

If the breakup is an ugly one, a vindictive ex might cause a lot of digital damage. Moving out already is a hard and emotional decision, and now that things might get hostile, there are some precautions you should take — right away.

Start at the beginning

It's highly likely that your ex knows just about all of the important passwords you use daily. Perhaps you share an online banking account, use one Netflix account, or even share a Reddit username.

As soon as divorce enters the picture and you decide it's time to go along with it, you should change any and all passwords to the accounts you plan on keeping solo.

This step will mitigate potential damage your ex could do in the future, by way of a meddling new boyfriend or girlfriend, irrational behavior, or curiosity that comes on after the break-up.

Make a list of all the passwords you could have shared and create new ones for each one. Use a service like the strong random password generator to create secure passwords, and then a tool like LastPass or KeePass to organize them all. This way, you'll feel better knowing you're keeping your lives separate from here on out — at least, in the digital world.

Get a clean slate

It can be easy to slip into a routine when you share technology. Say you and your partner keep a shared tablet in the



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living room for when you want to look something up while watching a movie or log in to pay bills. It likely has all of your passwords saved, an extensive history of all your browsing and even images on it you may not want to keep.

Before you decide who gets to keep your shared devices, back up what you want and then factory reset it. Go ahead and wipe it completely clean so that it starts as fresh it was when it came home from the factory.

Follow the same steps with computers, phones, and other electronic devices with the capability of saving data such as banking info, tax returns, instant messages, or anything you don't want the other person taking with them. Make sure you have what you need, and then destroy it all.

Tip in a tip: Deleting data isn't good enough if your ex is keeping the laptop or computer. You'll want to delete data for good on your PC or Mac.

Think about the kids

If you have children, you may end up splitting custody. It can be challenging

to figure out how to organize meetings, schedule time, or keep track of upcoming mandated visitations and failing to keep your end of the bargain can have serious consequences. Enter CoParenter, an app meant to help take the guesswork out of separation when it comes to the little ones.

The app is available to download via the App Store and on Google Play for both iOS and Android users. It collects data while you use it, including communication between you and your ex-partner, location information of both users and other relevant data points. It does that so that information can be used in court should things become heated when discussing whose turn it is to get the kids.

CoParenter features a 30-day trial period with a \$12.99 monthly fee or \$119.99 yearly plan. The app will also help you filter out hostile language if things get testy. Better communication, after all, is good for everyone.

Tackle your social media

Perhaps you and your ex shared a

Facebook account where you kept mutual friends, photos, or conversations. Maybe you went on Twitter and posted fun status updates in brighter times. It's time to go ahead and close down those accounts, and create your private profile, even if you're staying friends with your ex-significant other.

After you've locked down the old accounts, you can consider making a new, private profile, taking precautions not to post anything inflammatory or incriminating.

If you decide to create a new profile and you don't want to potentially invite drama or your ex into your life, make sure all your social media privacy settings are up to date and think about taking your entire profile private for a while.

If you have a private account, do some pruning to make sure everything is squeaky clean. Delete potentially problematic posts you may have made and start fresh. You don't want anything you may have slung up during a vacation when you'd had too many drinks to haunt you later.

Gmail has features you may not know

Jefferson Graham
USA TODAY

There's a reason Gmail is far and away the world's most popular e-mail program with 1.5 billion users. It has way more features than rivals.

Are you using them?

Wouldn't you like to make free phone calls from your e-mail program or translate a French e-mail into English, right from within Gmail? Google's free e-mail program, which turned 15 this week, continues to innovate.

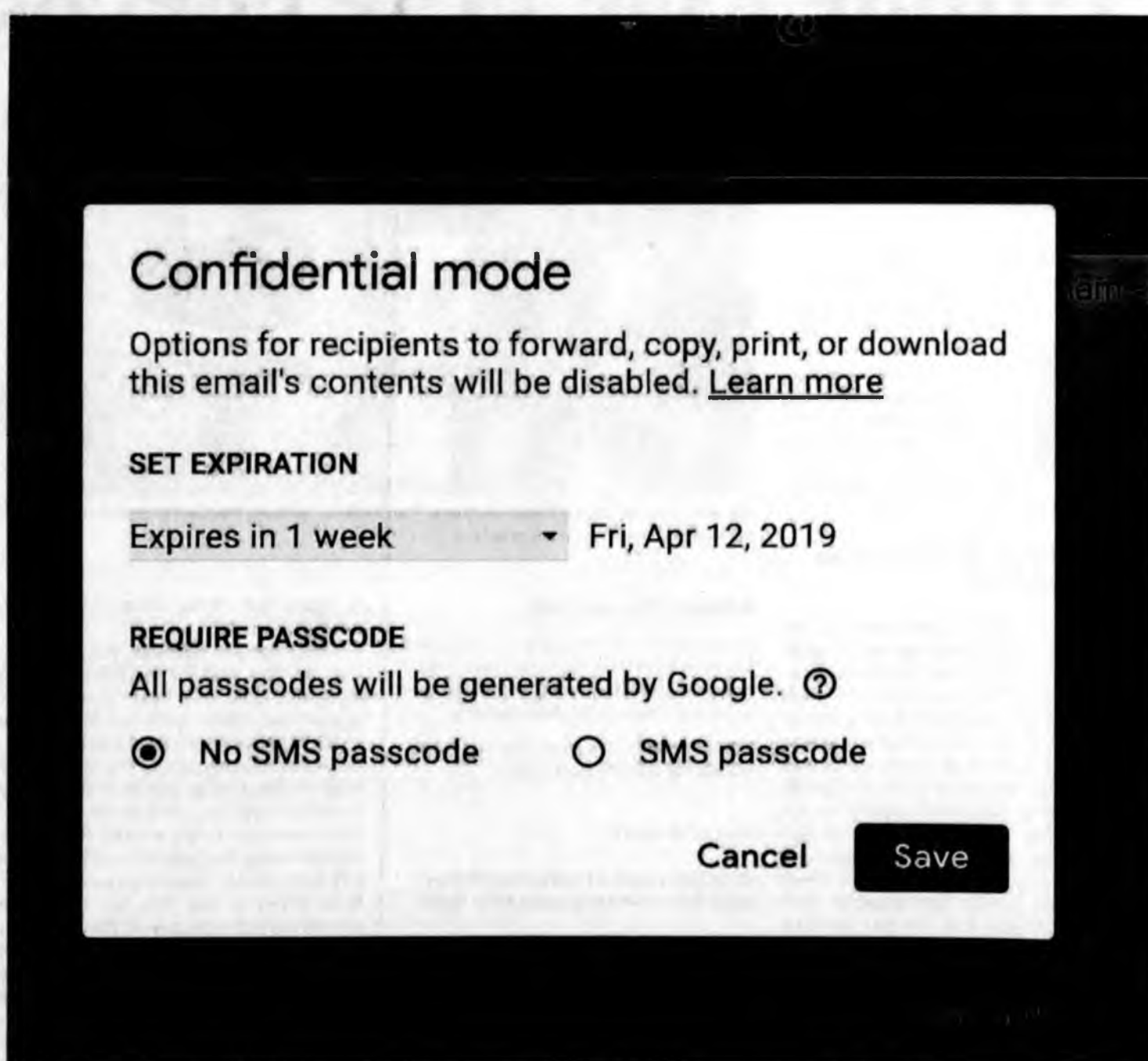
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■ Translate to other languages: When an e-mail arrives in a foreign language, depending on which version you are using, you can click "View translated message" at the top of the e-mail or click the three stacked dots on the right of the email and select "Translate message" to reveal that option — and voila, right on the spot Google will put it into English, or any number of languages from Afrikaans or Albanian to Yiddish or Zulu.

■ Have the robot help compose your sentences: With Google's Smart Assist, Google's artificial intelligence figures out what you're trying to say and auto-completes the sentence for you. It also offers suggested responses in an e-mail to save you some keystrokes. For instance, in the example below, we typed "What time do you want to meet" and Google added "tomorrow?" On another e-mail, it throws in "will do" and "got it," as appropriate responses.

■ Send disappearing Gmails: It's not Snapchat, but it's a similar idea. You can put an expiration date on your Gmail and have it expire within a certain period of time. You can even add an extra layer of confidential protection by re-



You can put an expiration date on your Gmail message or require a passcode.

quiring a passcode that's sent to the recipient by text message.

■ Request money or pay a friend directly within Gmail: Apple has this feature in the iChat program, but Google has it built directly into Gmail. You can request money or pay a friend directly from within the mail — but first, you and your friend will have to be registered for

Google Pay.

■ Only see the good stuff: In Gmail, Google separates the most important communications into the "Primary" folder and puts the rest into two other, rarely viewed categories, Social and Promotion. That way, all of those endless offers on sales, and forum updates, don't clog up your main inbox.

■ Schedule e-mails in advance: This is a feature that is coming to Gmail shortly, according to the company. When you click send, you'll be given a choice of sending it now or having it go out at a later date.

Readers: What's your favorite Gmail feature? Tell us about it on Twitter, where I'm @jeffersongraham

The *Anti* Diet



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How eating what you want can be better than dieting

Rasha Ali
USA TODAY

Is intuitive eating the simplest diet plan?

Here's the theory behind it: You eat what you want, when you want, all while being mindful of your body's needs. You eliminate the traditional idea of dieting that categorizes foods as "good" and "bad."

It's actually not even a diet at all.

"It is a mind-set about the experience of eating," said Audrey Heist, registered dietitian and director of health engagement at AtlantiCare in New Jersey. "It is an approach to eating in a healthy way as part of a balanced diet."

Desiree Nielsen, a registered dietitian and host of "The Urban Vegetarian," says intuitive eating focuses on a more positive relationship with food and

making peace with your body.

"It is also about tuning into your true appetite and relearning how to recognize both hunger and fullness and taking steps to better listen to your body's signals," Nielsen told USA TODAY.

Instead of eating based on our emotions, intuitive eating encourages eating based on your body's needs.

"This means paying attention to physical and emotional senses, feelings and cues when we eat and being aware of how, why and what we consume," Heist says.

Nielsen says adopting this style of "dieting" helps people rediscover the pleasures of food and relieves people of the stress associated with feeling guilty for eating something "bad."

This doesn't mean eating doughnuts and pizza for every meal because you feel like it, though. Heist says people

should focus on nutrient-rich foods.

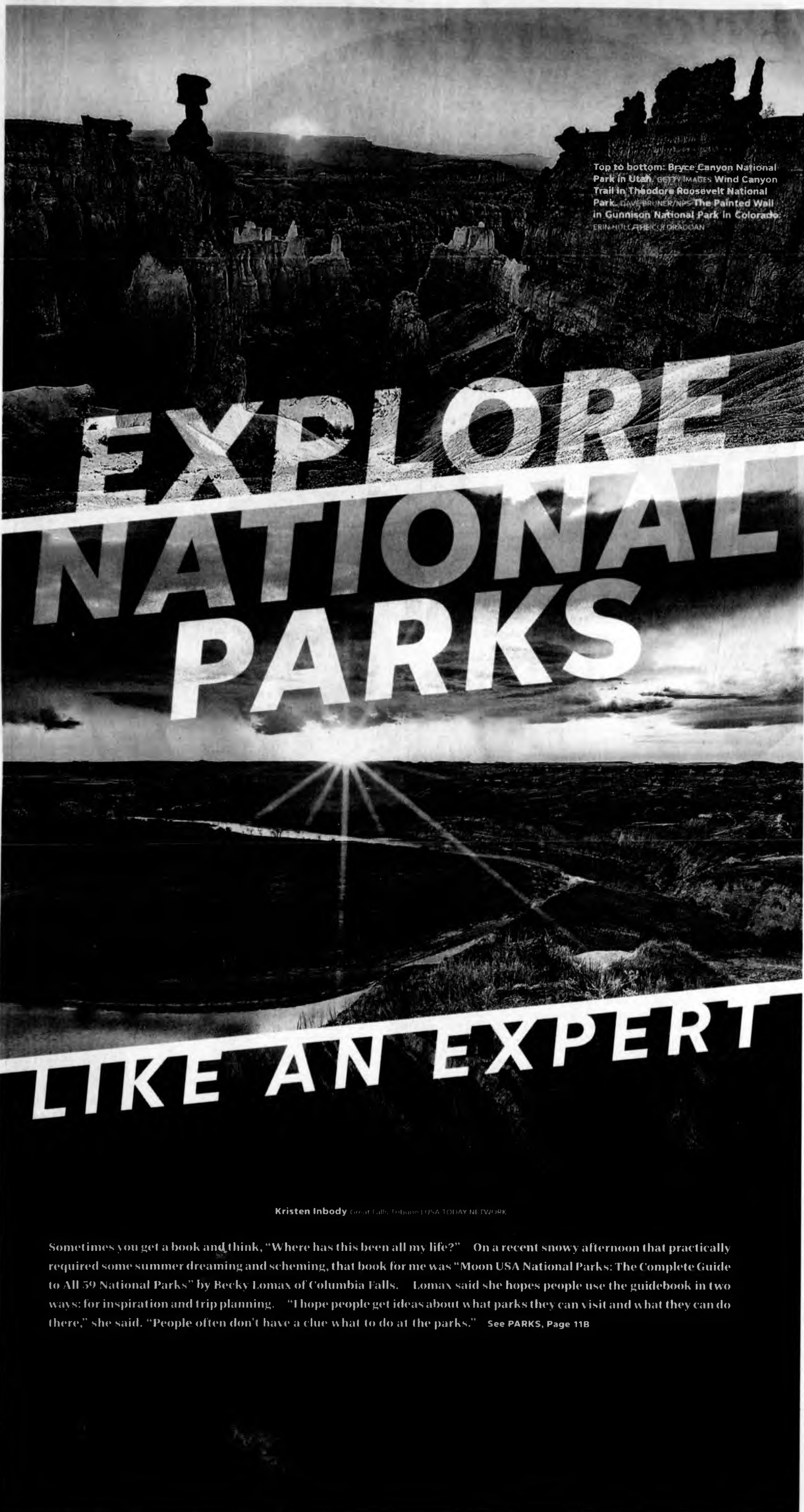
"Eating intuitively is responding to our body's need for fuel. We will be less likely to overeat or to be malnourished," Heist says.

Nielsen recommends turning to how kids eat as a way of practicing intuitive eating.

"When they are hungry, they want to eat, and when they are done, they are done," Nielsen says.

Nielsen notes that regular diets are restrictive and don't end up being sustainable or fostering a healthy mind-set about food. She says depriving yourself of a certain food can lead to binge eating, which in turn can make you feel like you "ruined your diet" with a single meal or snack.

"A single meal doesn't make or break your health; it's what you do consistently that counts," Nielsen says.



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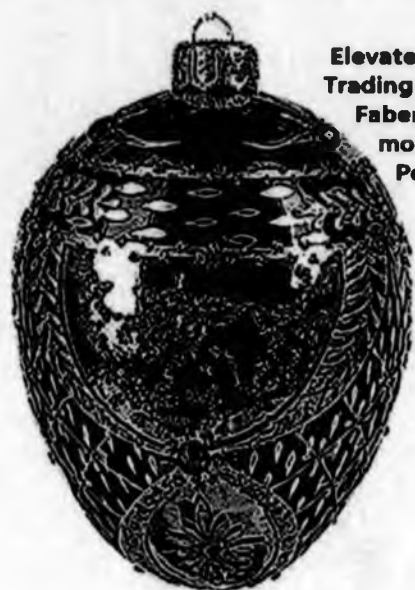
Sometimes you get a book and think, "Where has this been all my life?" On a recent snowy afternoon that practically required some summer dreaming and scheming, that book for me was "Moon USA National Parks: The Complete Guide to All 59 National Parks" by Becky Lomax of Columbia Falls. Lomax said she hopes people use the guidebook in two ways: for inspiration and trip planning. "I hope people get ideas about what parks they can visit and what they can do there," she said. "People often don't have a clue what to do at the parks." See PARKS, Page 11B

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Parks

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And she hopes the practical information on lodging options, recreation possibilities, sightseeing and driving routes is useful. She also shows how to link up multiple nearby parks. The guidebook is color-coded by region and full of maps.

"Every way you can see a park, it's in there," she said.

Particularly helpful features are the Top 3 lists. Here's a representative example from Bryce Canyon National Park in southern Utah (only a 13-hour drive from Great Falls): Lomax recommends taking in panoramas from Sunrise and Sunset points, which are connected by a .5-mile section of the Rim Trail, driving to Inspiration Point for a view of hoodoos in the Silent City and reaching the highest elevation in the park (9,115 feet) at Yovimpa and Rainbow Points.

Lomax also highlights the best hikes in parks. For Grand Teton National Park (fewer than seven hours away!), she picked the 2.4-7.2-mile moderately strenuous hike to Hidden Falls and Inspiration Point.

For Glacier National Park, it's, of course, Highline Trail and Granite Park Chalet, a strenuous but stunning hike.

The book even has a place for passport stamps, which is why it would have been handy to have before I ran out of room in my national parks passport.

Some of the national parks are harder to reach. The parks system has six island parks, Dry Tortugas in Florida, American Samoa in the South Pacific, the Virgin Islands in the Caribbean and in Hawaii (Haleakala on Maui and Hawaii's Volcanoes on the Big Island). Visiting them would mean, oh darn, a tropical vacation. Not so tropical is the island park of Isle Royale in Lake Superior.

And, of course, visiting the eight national parks of Alaska is a trick, too, with four accessible only by air. Want to see them all? Lomax recommends three weeks at least, with reservations for lodging made a year in advance.

She recommends splurging on a flightseeing trip over Denali National Park, especially with the option to land on a glacier, and entering the "road lottery" and the chance to drive farther into the park than Mile 15.



Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve is an adventurer's paradise. Stretching over 100 miles, the Killik River meanders through Alaska's Brooks Range and is home to migrating caribou. The park is considered by many to be "Alaska's Ultimate Wilderness" with no roads or trails into the park. Those who seek out solitude and wilderness are not disappointed.

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On isolated Isle Royale National Park in the middle of Lake Superior, every trail is a remote trail. It's one of the least-visited national park, outdone only by three Alaska wilderness parks. ELLEN CREAGER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

For Kenai Fjords, spring for a boat tour to Resurrection Bay for the bird rookeries and tidewater glacier at Aialik Bay. Whale watching is recommended for Glacier Bay as humpbacks are there late June through September.

Alaska, too, is home to two parks above the Arctic Circle: Gates of the Arctic and Kobuk Valley. They don't have entry fees — or entrances. Or roads, campground, lodges, etc. Expect to hire a bush plane.

Lomax said yes, visiting the Alaska parks can be expensive, "but it depends how you do them. You can drive up there and do quite a few, and those are wonderful."

As for the parks you must fly to, well those are a great chance to get away from it all, and to rough it.

For Montanans ready to branch out but with a smaller budget, Lomax recommends driving across eastern Montana to Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota.

"The wildlife watching is on-par with Yellowstone," she said. "Bison walked next to our campsite. Eagles flew overhead. We walked up to the road to a prairie dog town with 300 prairie dogs screaming at each other. As we're laughing at their antics, in came two coyotes and then a herd of wild horses ran through. It's like a safari wildland."

Add in TR's neat geology and you've got yourself a nice getaway destination.

The southwestern parks aren't that far, either. Zion, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Bryce Canyon in southern Utah are worth traveling around the

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Book: "Moon USA National Parks: The Complete Guide to All 59 National Parks"

Author: Becky Lomax

Publisher: Avalon Travel

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Additional reading: "Dear Bob and Sue: Into the National Parks" by Karen and Matt Smith, who quit their jobs to visit every national park, which they describe in dispatches to their friends

world to see, let alone rolling down I-15 for a day.

"The southwest parks to me are just phenomenal. We're just starting the season where it's good," she said. "April and May are awesome, with cactus blooming, stellar hiking, not too hot and less crowded."

Badlands in South Dakota is great, too, she said. Colorado has great diversity, with the peaks of Rocky Mountain National Park, the cliff dwellings of Mesa Verde and the dramatic canyon walls of Black Canyon of the Gunnison.

If seeing all the national parks seems like an overreach, Lomax also has Moon-brand guides for Yellowstone and Glacier.

Advice for avoiding crowds in Glacier

Lomax's guide has six tips for avoiding the crowds in the country's 10th most popular national park:

1. Visit in June or September
2. Drive Going-to-the-Sun Road early or late (fewer people and better light for photos)
3. Spend the evening at Logan Pass (pack a picnic supper and be off the trails, but enjoying the views, by dusk so you're not tangling with a bear)
4. Hike off the beaten path (think Two Medicine and the North Fork)
5. Apply in mid-March for summer backpacking permits
6. Camp in one spot and use it as your base for day trips in the park instead of trying to fight for a new site every morning.



Matthew Lyson and his wife, Theresa, run the Michigan Duck Rescue out of their Northville home. They always get concerned this time of year, near Easter, about how many chicks are given to children at the holiday. PHOTOS BY MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Obituaries

Reola Graham

- - Reola Graham, age 80, passed away April 7, 2019. She was born May 23, 1938 in Weirton, Virginia, daughter of the late Earl and Pauline Kennison. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Tuesday Club and Red Hat Society. Reola enjoyed bridge, loved traveling with her husband and she never turned down the chance for a round of golf. She is survived by her daughter-in-law Carol Graham and sons: Richard Graham and Robert Graham; her grandchildren: Nicholas, Samantha and Alex. Reola is also survived by her brother, Richard Kennison; her nephews, Mark Kennison and John Kennison and her niece, Beatrice Rehfus. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert in 2012. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 11:00AM at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi. www.phillipsfuneral.com



Ortha Darkis Hornsby

MILFORD - Ortha Darkis Hornsby, a resident of Milford since 1955, died on April 14, 2019 at the age of 92.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Henry Hornsby in 1978, and sons, John Mitchell Hornsby and David Wayne Hornsby, and grandchildren, Darla and Barry.

She is survived by her son, William E. "Gene" (Dianna) Hornsby; daughters, Freda (Jan) Olmstead and Shirley (Barry Whitehead) Valentine, and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, and great great great grandchildren.

A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty Street, Milford, on Saturday, April 20, at 10AM. Burial will follow in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Friends may visit at the funeral home on Friday, April 19, from 3-8PM. Memorials may be made in her name to the Michigan Humane Society or to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com



Gifted chicks, bunnies often end up unwanted

Ann Zaniewski Detroit Free Press | USA TODAY NETWORK

That fuzzy little duckling that seemed like a cute Easter gift will grow quickly.

So will the number of calls to Michigan Duck Rescue in the days and weeks after the holiday. The sanctuary near Northville has several hundred domestic ducks that roam the grounds during the day and at night, waddle en masse into the large barn where they sleep.

"It's getting big now, I can't hold it in my hand. I can't have it in my house. It's pooping all over the place. ... I shouldn't have gotten it. Will you take it?" said Matthew Lyson, who runs the sanctuary. "It's the same old story all the time."

Animal welfare groups and health officials have long warned against putting ducklings, chicks, and bunnies in Easter baskets. For one, live poultry can carry salmonella.

But there is also the stress that an annual influx of no-longer-wanted critters places on animal sanctuaries with limited resources.

"We do what we can to help as many as possible, then we get to a point to where there's just no more room," said Tim Patino, the president of Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary in Willis, near Ypsilanti. "We can't take them if there is no room."

The nonprofit sanctuary has more than 60 rabbits, all of which are spayed or neutered, on a 5-acre farm property that includes an adoptions barn and a medical facility.

ical facility.

"I think what happens is people are seeing all these TV commercials, they see all these cute Easter bunny type things, and so they want a rabbit at Easter and don't give it a lot of thought," Patino said. "They should make sure they're not an impulse buy, though. They are a 10- to 12-year commitment."

If someone calls and the sanctuary is full, Patino will tell the person to check back at a later date, list the rabbit on the site Petfinder or refer them to other organizations that take rabbits.

Some people release unwanted ducks or rabbits into the wild, but domesticated animals are far more likely to fall prey to predators or illness than their wild counterparts.

Nancy Barr, assistant veterinarian for the State of Michigan, said rabbits, chicks and ducklings have unique — and potentially costly — housing, nutrition, and health needs, so would-be buyers need to do their homework.

For instance, female rabbits that aren't spayed have a high likelihood of developing cancer.

Even chicks and ducklings that look healthy can carry salmonella, a bacteria that is shed through feces and can cause severe diarrhea and abdominal cramps in humans. Barr said young children are more susceptible to getting sick than adults because their immune

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Ducks mill around as they wait for feeding time at the sanctuary.



Matthew Lyson holds his duck, Coconut, who was rescued as a duckling along a roadside near Walled Lake. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Easter animals

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systems aren't fully developed.

In 2017 and 2018, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued alerts about multi-state salmonella outbreaks linked to live poultry and an increase in the popularity of backyard flocks.

CDC officials advise people to wash their hands thoroughly after touching live poultry. The birds should not be allowed inside a house, and children under 5 should not handle chicks or ducklings without adult supervision.

Potential buyers should also take note of local ordinances that may ban or limit live poultry.

Driven by a love of ducks, Lyson started the rescue in 2006 and made it a nonprofit in 2014. He said he has

stopped publicizing his address to discourage people from just dumping ducks on his property, like the person who left a handful of young ducks — one of them dead — in a Tupperware bin outside his front gate.

But every person who contacts him, he tries to help.

Lyson said most people who buy ducklings "have no knowledge of what they're getting into." Like domestic rabbits, domestic ducks can live a decade

or more.

"A lot of time, stores will say, 'Buy these ducklings, and when the weather changes, they will fly south,'" Lyson said. "That's not true. They are domestic. They cannot fly."

To be sure, Lyson and Patino said ducklings and rabbits can make good — even great — pets for owners who do research and are committed to providing proper care.

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How to overcome and find success after failure

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Failing at something triggers a ton of different emotions: the shame spiral, mountains of self-doubt, and fear-induced projections far into the future. The nagging perfectionist within can often take a small failure and blow it up exponentially.

But while most of these perceptions are exaggerated in the moment, a setback can, in fact, have lasting effects on your future behavior. Whether these effects are positive or negative is up to you. Yes, the fear of failure can hold you back from future endeavors, like making a career move or taking risks in your job. But most successful people can take failure and turn it into opportunity. Mistakes are one of the primary ways that people learn. Dare I say, mistakes are good — and failure can be a powerful motivator that spurs on future success and keeps you moving forward, rather than holding you back.

Dissecting failure

You don't want to internalize failure, let it define you, or wallow in any single setback too long. Still, oftentimes when you face failure you have to be able to take a step back and really dissect the factors that contributed to the event. We tend to assign fault to ourselves pretty easily, but this is really a time where you want to let logic take over.

Make a list of what factors were beyond your control. At work, there can be industry factors that lead to a bad string of luck, new competition, or a market downturn. But if a setback resulted from things that were in your control, what would you do differently?

Once you assess the factors that led



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to the failure, you're ready to plan for next time. How can you better anticipate factors outside your control? (Sometimes you can't.) What new approach would you take if you could redo everything? By planning to take practical measures over an extended period of time, you can set yourself up for future success in similar situations.

Defining failure

Sometimes, especially when factors are out of your control, you can't prepare for a similar situation in the future. The only way to make it better is to build your resilience in overcoming a setback. How you respond to it and define it are equally important. A "failure" is often felt differently depending on your perspective. Walk through how you might

perceive what happened if you heard the story from a friend or colleague. How would you reassure someone else that this setback wasn't the end of the world?

Another way to approach the problem is to alter your perception of your mistakes. Were you expecting too much of yourself? Let's say, for example, the setback was not landing a new job that you really wanted. Because there are many factors that lead to a hiring manager choosing Candidate X over Candidate Y, your success or failure in landing a job may not be determined by any of your actions.

You should redefine this situation in a positive light. If you made it to the interview stage of the process, you were a strong candidate.

That should count as a success. The

ability to redefine the situation is an integral part of the process of building your resilience.

Defining goals

Another important response to any setback is to look to the future. If you're not where you want to be right now, picture your dream job or what success looks like in your current job. Then, consider one small practical goal that can get you moving in that direction.

The setback can be motivation to set your sights on your next goal — and your next goal should not be, "I want to avoid x." You want to take a positive track and work toward something (rather than running away from something).

This is an important distinction, as the goal you have in mind should not be defined by past failures (or a continual reminder thereof).

Defining fears

Lastly, the main thing to avoid after facing failure is to let the fear of future failure govern your behavior. Make a list of your fears. Sometimes fears can also be closely aligned with your goals. Sometimes, overcoming fear and running towards what scares you most can be your next goal, and can help you get on a path toward success.

The point of failure and the fear that surrounds it is to fuel the fire that moves you forward. Allow failure to motivate you to take actions that will ensure your future success.

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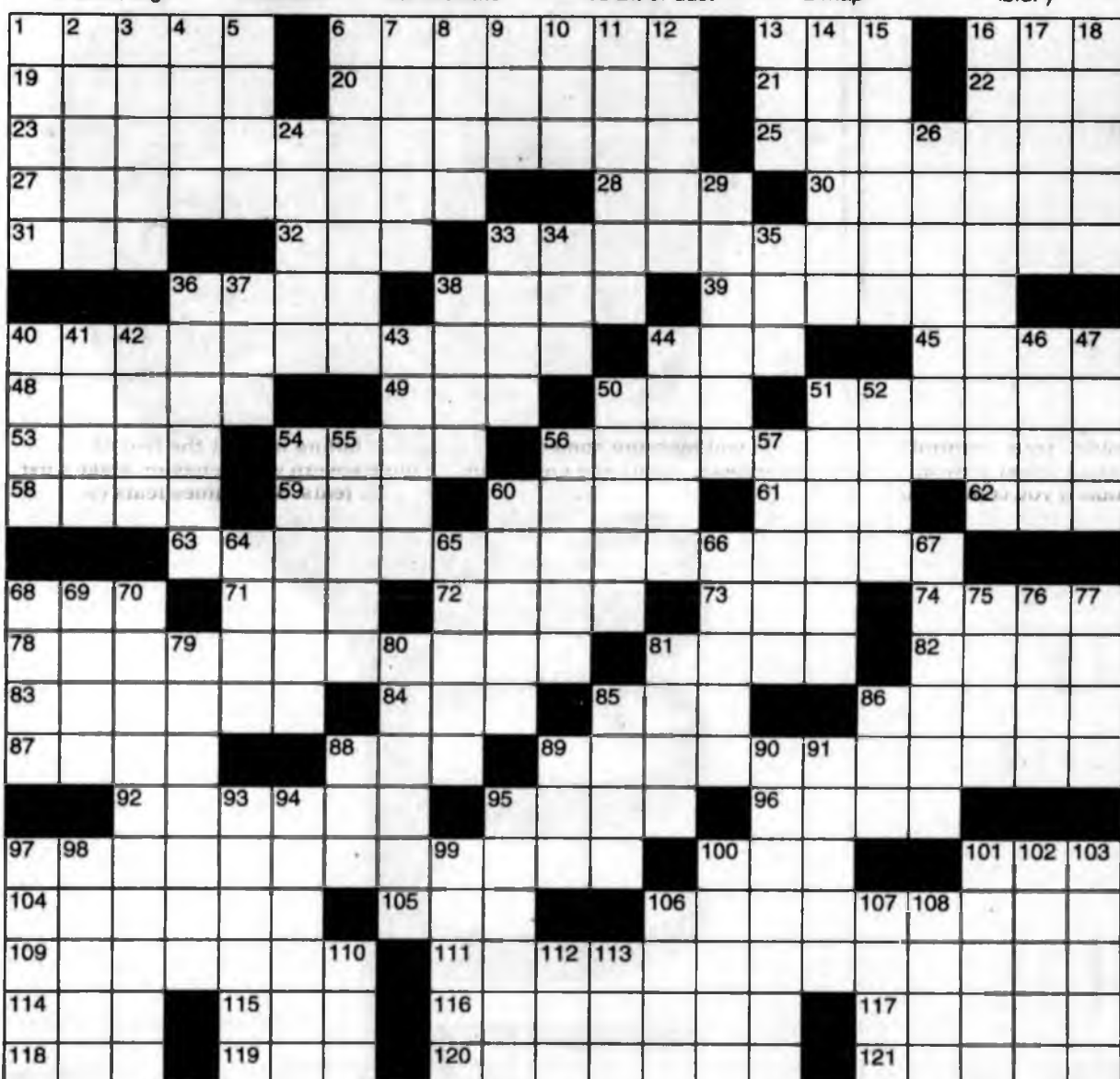
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54 Tilted text: Abbr.
56 "Material Girl" singer of high birth?
58 "— chance!"
59 Neither's partner
60 Bit of dust
61 Galena, e.g.
62 Ending for peer
63 "Every Breath You Take" singer working as a spy?
68 — -TURN (traffic sign)
71 Suffix with mountain
- 72 Writer Haley
73 Clutch sitter
74 Moby Dick's pursuer
78 "Have You Ever?" singer doing commercials for Mac computers?
81 Brazilian soccer great
82 See
83 38-Across
84 Make an exit
85 Negatives
86 In the style of
87 Readily bent
88 — deuce
89 Needle hole
92 "Yeah!" singer as a deacon?
95 Co. leaders
96 Cry of pain
97 "Hot in Herre" singer on edge?
100 Vehicle navig. aid
101 Bar bill
104 UFO pilots
105 Outer: Prefix
106 Decided by ballot
109 Deviate
- 111 "You Were Meant for Me" singer whom everyone treasures?
114 "Sort of" suffix
115 Sharp bark
116 Most ethereal
117 Popular font
118 No longer active: Abbr.
119 Ocean
120 Frightful flies
121 Shabby
- 24 "Wake Up Little —"
26 Hitter of high notes
29 Revealing, as a bikini
33 Dial or Coast
34 Actor Linden
35 See
49-Across
36 Africa's Guinea-
37 ER workers
38 Not fake
40 Bed size
41 Nevada city
42 "— I a stinker?"
43 Ringo who was knighted
44 Downy duck
46 Air blowers
47 "Ah, me!"
50 Kind of paint
51 Nautical
52 Shangri-la
54 Seeing red?
55 "— is human ..."
56 — -dovey
57 Super 8, say
60 Sculpt
64 At no time, to bards
65 Lake craft
66 Crop off
67 Too gaudy
68 Not a thing
69 Big oil gp.
70 Northeast, on a map
- 75 Doth own
76 It's a pain
77 Lager, e.g.
79 Time between flights
80 "Do I have a volunteer?"
81 In addition
85 "Hey, sailor!"
86 Filmmaker Jean-
Godard
88 Nav. rank
89 Cartoon pic
90 Cowardly evasions
91 Shucks
93 Fiscal sums
94 Oz resident
95 Leachman of "Phyllis"
97 Lowest point
98 "Beloved" actress
Kimberly
99 Yank in Europe, say
100 Skein bird
101 "Namely ..."
102 Really got to
103 Tummy
106 Connections
107 Open a bit
108 Lynn or Miles
110 Hot tub site
112 Afore
113 Op. — (kin of "ibid.")



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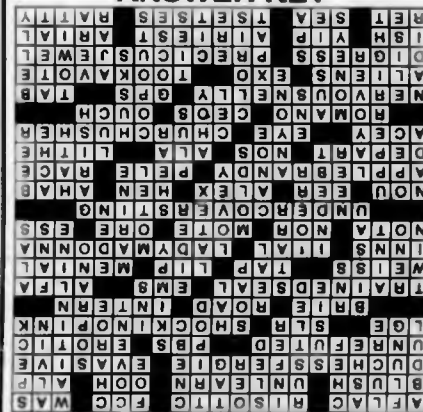


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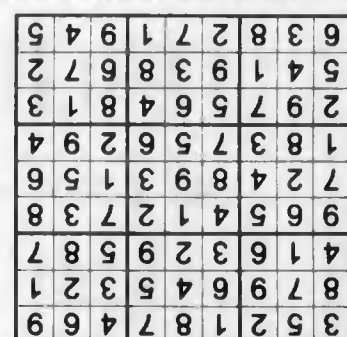
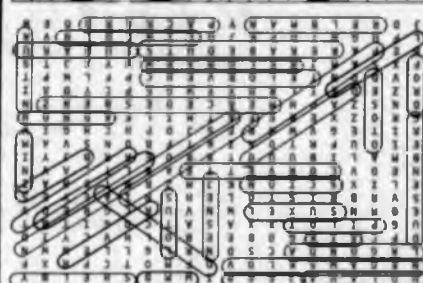
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