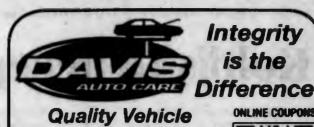
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Corner Caffe plans cocktails, small plates menu

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Customers of Corner Caffe will soon be able to order beverages stronger than a cup of coffee.

The South Lyon coffee shop was approved by the city for a liquor license.

Corner Caffe co-owners Mike Carano and Rhonda Bifano are excited to make plans for new offerings this summer, including renovations to the business at 101 S. Lafayette St.

The pair took ownership less than a year ago and are ready to expand their "cool, unique place" in South Lyon.

"We want to incorporate both the More information wine bar/small plates restaurant in with the coffee shop/restaurant theme," Carano said. "What we hope to create is a place that will add to the downtown and make it more robust."

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■ Corner Caffe is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

■ For more information, call 248-437-0686 or visit www.cornercaffesl.com.

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Jim Wren, right, works with trainees April 13 at the Farmington Hills DPW training house. Farmington Hills, along with fire departments in Milford and Lyon Township, are seeking paid on-call firefighters. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

firefighter shortage

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK -- MICHIGAN**

On Easter Sunday, Lyon Township firefighters responded to four separate emergencies, including a structure fire in which four dogs died.

The township has only four full-time fire department staff and relies on paid on-call firefighters, a challenge in a growing township in which the department responded to more than 1,400 calls last year.

Lyon Fire Chief Ken Van Sparrentak wants to change that.

"We do the best with what we have, and usually that works out, but it's like turning on a faucet and people expect water," he said. "It's the same when calling 9-1-1, they expect a fire department response. It may not be as fast as the community they came from.

"We are making strides to meet the demands of the community and we

See SHORTAGE, Page 7A



Lyon Township firefighters Doug Moebs, left, and Brian Holzheimer check out their new ladder truck's battery-powered vehicle extrication units April 13. The old units were powered by hydraulics. The township has only four full-time fire department staff and relies on paid on-call firefighters, a challenge in a growing township in which the department responded to more than 1,400 calls

Rezoning denied for 121 homes in Milford Twp.

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Rezoning of 80 acres of land in Milford Township that would drastically reduce lot sizes is not recommended, per the planning commission.

A developer that wanted to place 121 homes on the property located north of Muir Middle School may pursue a project with smaller density in the area.

The township planning commission unanimously voted to recommend denial of rezoning four parcels of land on the east side of Weaver Road, north of East Summit.

The property is currently zoned suburban residential.

The applicants, members of the Stricker family, proposed several weeks ago that the property be rezoned to single family residential, which would allow for more homes on

Tim Brandt, building and zoning administrator for the township, said an April 25 public nearing on the matter was the first step in the process for rezoning.

A large crowd attended the meeting, and he said about 30-35 township residents opposed to the plan spoke.

"They were not in favor, there were many concerns about traffic and the safety of the kids at Muir that walk back and forth to school," Brandt said. "They want to stick to the master plan. There are folks in the north end of the township that bought one-and-a-half acre parcels of property believing it would stay that way, and they don't want additional people on the road and cut-down properties.'

The current zoning, which is in accordance with the longtime master plan, requires 11/2 acres to build a home. The proposed rezoning would cut that to 11,200 square feet, a quarter of the previous size.

Terry Sever is a realtor representing both the property sellers, as well as the buyer, a residential home developer who he declined to name.

He said the request for rezoning was part of due diligence to determine use for the land.

Current zoning, he noted, would allow for the developer he represents to build about 40 homes on the property.

See DENIED, Page 9A

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Kohl's to accept Amazon returns

Frank Witsil Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Kohl's department stores, which have had an agreement with online retail juggernaut Amazon since 2017, announced Tuesday that it will accept Amazon-purchased returns at all stores nationwide starting in July.

"This unique partnership combines Kohl's strong nationwide store footprint and omnichannel capabilities with Amazon's reach and customer loyalty," said Michelle Gass, Kohl's CEO. "This new service is another example of how Kohl's is delivering innovation to drive traffic to our stores and bring more relevance to our customers."

Kohl's is seeking to enhance its appeal to customers as traditional retailers struggle to compete with online sellers and shoppers seek more personalized and direct-to-their-door experiences.

Kohl's did not give a specific date when the service would begin or details how it will work.

The free returns service is expected to offer added convenience to Amazon shoppers who already can order items online and have them arrive in a day or two, while at the same time, giving the shoppers a reason to come inside Kohl's.

The service expands the Menomonee

Falls, Wisconsin-based retailer's partnership with Seattle-based Amazon.

Kohl's said it will accept items whether they are packaged for shipping

Kohl's announcement also comes about a month after Amazon said it will close more than 80 of its small retail locations - pop-up stores, as Amazon refers to them - inside Kohl's, Whole Foods and shopping malls.

And in March, Kohl's said it is deepening its product relationship with Amazon by carrying Amazon products in more than 200 stores and that it would be shrinking the size of some of its

Kohl's rolled out its pilot returns program with Amazon about two years ago. It is now operating it in 100 stores in the Los Angeles, Chicago and Milwaukee markets. The expansion adds more than 1,000 Kohl's stores to the return pro-

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SYNOPSIS APRIL 18, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Thursday, April 18, 2019 7:00 p.m. 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk Fred Shadko, Treasurer

Scott Frush, Trustee Symantha Heath, Trustee Mindy Herrmann, Trustee Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Agendas:

A. Regular Amended Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - Approved

Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: A. Plante Moran Audit Presentation - Received and Filed B. Landfill Working Committee Report - Presented

Public Hearing: None

Brief Public Comments: One member of the audience had a question or comment for the Board of Trustees.

New Business:

A. 7 Mile Property Plan for Trails - Approved

B. Nonpartisan local elections - Approved C. Transfer of 5 Mile Property to BRA - Approved

D. Charitable gaming license - Approved

E. Northville Park Place Traditions Drive Extension - Non-Motorized Path Maintenance Agreement Resolution - Approved

F. Northville Park Place Traditions Drive Extension - Stormwater Maintenance

Resolution – Approved
G. Parks & Recreation By-law Amendments – Approved

Unfinished Business: None

7.

A. First reading of Ordinance § 67-44 as written - "Vaping" - Approved

A. In the amount of \$3,266,703.57 for the period of 3/9/19 to 4/5/19 - Approved **Board Communication & Reports:**

A. Robert R. Nix II, Marjorie Banner, Fred Shadko, Scott Frush, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider

Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available on May 1, 2019

Respectfully submitted: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk Publish: May 2, 2019

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE** INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE \$67-44

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will be considering adoption of the proposed Ordinance \$67-44 (Possession or use of tobacco, vapor products or alternative nicotine products by a minor) at their Regular Meeting on May 16, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. This ordinance was introduced at the Board of Trustee meeting of April 18,

The proposed ordinance will include the following:

Sec. 67-44. - Possession or use of tobacco, vapor products or alternative nicotine products by a Minor.

(a) Definitions. As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply:

Chewing tobacco means loose tobacco or a flat, compressed cake of tobacco which is inserted into the mouth to be chewed or sucked.

Vapor product or alternative nicotine products means a noncombustible product containing nicotine or not that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine or not in a solution or other form. Vapor product includes an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and a vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form than is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device. Vapor product does not include a product regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") under subchapter V of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 351 to 360FFF-7.

Tobacco snuff means shredded, powdered or pulverized tobacco which may be inhaled through the nostrils, chewed or placed against the gums.

(b) Possession or use in public place prohibited. A person under 18 years of age shall not possess or smoke cigarettes or cigars, or possess or chew, suck, or inhale chewing tobacco or tobacco snuff, or possess or use tobacco in any other form, or possess or smoke vapor product or alternative nicotine products on a public highway, street, alley, park, or other lands used for public purposes, or in a public place of business or amusement.

(c) Penalty. A person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine for each offense and/or jail of up to 30 days and costs. If the court determines it is appropriate, eligible juveniles may be referred to a diversion program. Pursuant to a probation order, the court may require a person who violates subsection (b) of this section to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program, if available. A probationer who is ordered to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program under this section is responsible for the cost of participating in the program. In addition, a person who violates this section is subject to the following:

(1) For the first violation the court may order the person to do one of the following:

a. Perform not more than 16 hours of community service.

b. Participate in a health promotion and risk reduction program, as described in

(2) For a second violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion risk reduction program, the court may order the person to perform not more than 32 hours of community service.

(3) For a third or subsequent violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion and risk reduction program, the court may order the person to perform not more than 48 hours of community service.

State Law reference—Similar provisions, MCL 722.642.

A copy of the full Ordinance can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Michigan 48168.

Marjorie F. Banner

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, MAY 8, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider HURON-ROUGE SEWAGE RETENTION FACILITY JSP 19-10 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN. WETLAND PERMIT. WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT APPROVAL THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS ZONED I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) AND IS WITHIN THE CITY OF NOVI'S ROTARY PARK. The property in Section 35, east of Novi Road, south of Nine Mile Road along Roethel Drive. The applicant is proposing to install 1,000 feet of underground box culvert pipe with a 1-million gallon capacity, accessory pump nouse and restoration of the pedestrian pathway. The project is proposed to be located in the northwestern area of Rotary Park.

CITY OF NOVI

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE



Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic

Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-35-176-019 and 50-22-35-200-008

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

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-16-226-003

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

> Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Four dogs perish in Lyon Township fire

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The owner survived a Sunday kitchen fire on Martindale Road but four dogs died because of the blaze, Lyon Township Fire Marshal Brian Holzheimer

A passerby noticed smoke coming

from a house shortly after noon Easter blaze but were not able to save all of the Sunday and called 9-1-1.

Arriving crews realized there was a fire in the kitchen, and that the resident had been going back into the home to remove his dogs.

One of the collies may have turned a burner on.

While firefighters extinguished the

One was rescued with a donated pet oxygen mask and transported to an emergency vet. He seemed playful and bent on recovery.

Paramedics checked his owner, who was released from treatment while at

There was smoke damage throughout the home, which did not have a working smoke detector.

If residents need a smoke detector, Holzheimer invites them to call 248-

Contact Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susanvela.

Fire destroys Superior Sanitation building in Green Oak Township

Sean Bradley Livingston Daily **USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN**

A fire destroyed a workshop owned by sanitation company Superior Sanitation in Green Oak Township on Thursday afternoon.

"It appears as though an individual was using a cutting torch and there was some sort of malfunction regarding that," Kevin Gentry, Green Oak Township fire chief, said Friday.

The fire caused welding tanks inside the building to explode, he said.

No injuries occurred from the fire, which was fought from 4:11-7:30 p.m.. Gentry said.

In addition, a county hazardous materials team was dispatched to control the runoff of hydraulic fluid in the water that drained toward the Huron River Watershed, Gentry said.

"No chemicals reached the watershed," he said.

Patrick Conely Jr., owner of Superior Sanitation, said before the fire occurred, an employee was in the building cutting a chain. Within 10 minutes of the employee cutting the chain, the fire started.

"At this time, we're very happy no one was hurt," Conley said. "We're appreciative for the men and women of the fire departments.

The building - which is where maintenance on the company's trucks was done and is adjacent to the company's main office — is a total loss, but a dollar amount on the loss has not been deter-



A firefighter works to put out a blaze that erupted at a Superior Sanitation workshop on Rushton Road on Thursday. No one was injured in the incident. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

mined, he said.

Conley owns both workshop and main office buildings, he said.

A truck also suffered paint damage,

Conley said. Katy Taylor is an employee of J.D. Beavers Recycling, which is located near the workshop on the 7000 block of Rushton Road.

"We saw smoke first," Taylor said.

"We came out here and then we saw the flames, and then heard the explosions and saw the roof cave in."

Firefighters from the Brighton Area Fire Department, South Lyon, and Northfield, Hamburg and Putnam townships responded to the fire, as well as Livingston County EMS and the Livingston County Disaster Assistance Response Team.

Two in custody after car chase near Brighton

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily

Multiple law enforcement agencies were involved in a pursuit of a Washtenaw County man and woman who fled police in a vehicle near Brighton on Saturday evening.

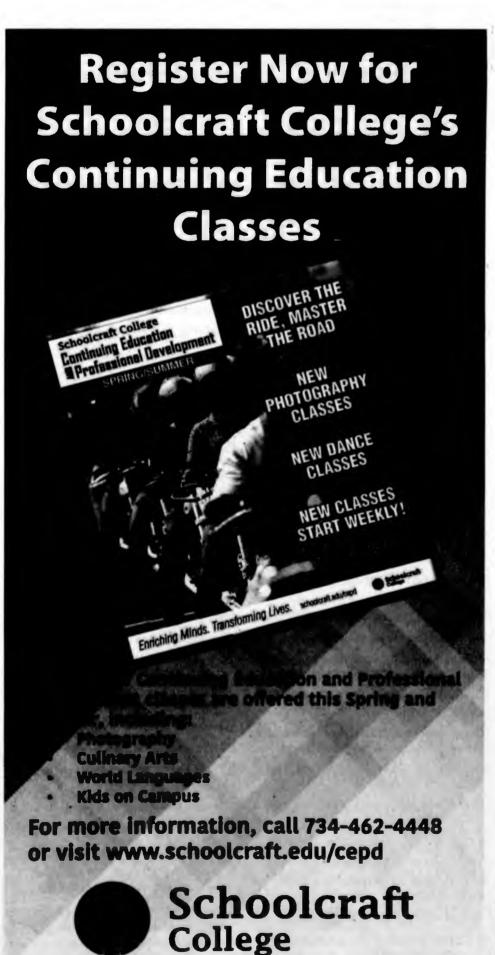
Green Oak Township Police Chief Jason Pless said the incident started in Washtenaw County after a drug transaction and his department was alerted as the suspects entered Livingston County. He said a township resident reported a black 2012 Dodge Avenger around the area of Fieldcrest Road. The vehicle was spotted driving recklessly throughout the three roundabouts over US-23 near Lee Road.

A Green Oak Township officer attempted to stop the vehicle at Whitmore Lake Road and Grand River Avenue in Brighton Township about 5 p.m.

Green Oak Township officers as well as deputies from the Livingston County Sheriff's Office pursued the vehicle west after it failed to stop.

The vehicle was eventually involved in what police said was a minor property damage crash at Grand River and Kane Road near Fowlerville. Both occupants were taken into custody.

The driver, a 27-year-old Ann Arbor area man, is lodged at the Livingston County jail. The passenger, a 32-yearold woman from Coldwater, was arrested on outstanding warrants and turned over to another jurisdiction.



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Michiganders excel at robotics championship

Micah Walker Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

A number of teams from Michigan won awards in the four-day FIRST Robotics Competition and the FIRST Tech Challenge world championships, which concluded with final matches Saturday night at Ford Field.

More than 17,000 students ages 6 to 18 from 37 countries competed, according to a news release from For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST).

Teams used robots to complete tasks such as sealing a chamber with a hatch, inserting a large dodge ball into a cylinder and climbing a step 19 inches high under the theme "Destination: Deep Space."

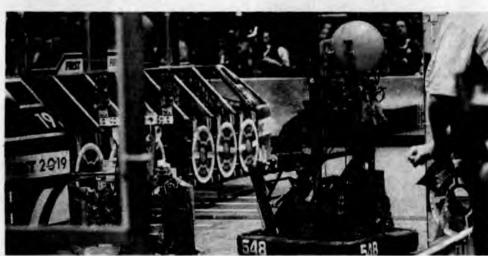
Participants also learned how to develop skills ranging from engineering and coding to marketing, fundraising, brainstorming and teamwork.

In addition to the robotics competitions, FIRST held a Lego League World Festival, which had younger students build LEGO-based autonomous robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface.

"This is the age when a passion for innovation starts with STEM," said Angela Baker, director of Corporate Responsibility at Qualcomm, the event's presenting sponsor. "We are committed to giving today's students the foundations they need to invent the future and are proud to support FIRST."



From left, Team 548 Robostangs from Northville's Rachel Reiz, May Murray and Nikith Ganan compete during the FIRST Robotics World Championship semifinal at Cobo Center in Detroit on April 27. PHOTOS BY JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS



Robots from Team 548 Robostangs of Northville, and Team 1310 from Runnymede Robotics of Toronto compete in the semifinal.



Teams used robots to complete tasks such as sealing a chamber with a hatch and climbing a step 19 inches high under the theme "Destination: Deep Space."



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Michigan winners of FIRST **Robotics Competition** Championship

■ Paige Drob of Team 1718 from Armada won the Dean's List Award, which celebrates outstanding student leaders.

■ The Brighton TechnoDogs and the ThunderChickens of Sterling Heights, were two of the several teams that were a part of the Winning Alliance

Subdivision Winners

Archimedes Subdivision

■ Team 4004, M.A.R.S. Rovers, Muskegon

Curie Subdivision

■ Team 3538, RobøJackets, Auburn Hills **Daly Subdivision**

■ Team 4003, TriSonics, Allendale

■ Team 862, Lightning Robotics, Canton

Darwin Subdivision ■ Team 3707, Brighton TechnoDogs, **Brighton**

■ Team 217, ThunderChickens, Sterling Heights

Tesla Subdivision

■ Team 548, Robostangs, Northville **Engineering Inspiration Award**

■ Curie-Darwin Division: Team 2834, Bionic Black Hawks, Bloomfield Hills

Autonomous Award sponsored by Ford

■ Archimedes-Daly Division: Team 910,

The Foley Freeze, Madison Heights ■ Carson-Tesla Division: Team 4362, Gems, Brighton

Entrepreneurship Award sponsored by Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers

■ Carson-Tesla Division: Team 27, Team RUSH, Clarkston

Excellence in Engineering Award sponsored by Delphi

■ Carson-Tesla Division: Team 548, Robostangs, Northville

■ Curie-Darwin Division: Team 2767, Stryke Force, Kalamazoo

Imagery Award in honor of Jack Kamen Carson-Tesla Division: Team 1481, The Riveters, Farmington

Michigan winners of the **Lego League Junior World Festival Expo**

■ Team 16, BeeCoders, Memphis **Innovative Poster Award**

I Team 9, Mercury, Rochester

Design and Show Awards

■ Team 60, Stadium Drive Dragons, Lake Orion

Cooperative Poster Award

■ Team 28, Milky Ways, Ann Arbor **Explore and Discover Award**

■ Team 10, Moon Muskrats, Algonac

■ Team 16, BeeCoders, Memphis

■ Team 54, Flat Rock 2, Flat Rock

Creative Explorers Award

■ Team 21, Bulldogs Eating Moon Rocks, Oakland

Explore and Design Award

■ Team 7, Team Laser, Ann Arbor

Cooperative Explorers Award

■ Team 38, MooMerangs, Port Huron

■ Team 15, A.P.I.G. – Awesome People

in a Group, Harbor Springs **Creative Model Award**

■ Team 17, Awe-Sum LEGO Creators,

■ Team 55, Space Glam, Detroit

Cooperative Model Award

■ Team 40, Andrea's Asteroids, Detroit ■ Team 30, Bep Beep Robotics, Detroit

Innovative Programming Award ■ Astro Aliens, Detroit

I Team 53, St. William Crusadernauts, Walled Lake

Discover and Program Award

■ Team 32, CBA Robokings, Midland

■ Team 42, Robotic Wreckers, of Sterling Heights

Cooperative Programming Award

■ Team 43, Flat Rock 1, of Flat Rock



An employee drops breaded strips of chicken by hand into boiling oil to begin the process of cooking Lee's famous chicken. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Lee's chicken joint brings the hungry masses to Plymouth

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The landscape of Plymouth's Ann Arbor Road has changed immeasurably over the past four decades, with businesses opening, closing, expanding and disappearing like clockwork.

The one constant on the road dominated by transition is Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken, a take-out mainstay that rarely alters its menu, let alone the modest aluminum-sided structure that has served as a tasty-food hot spot for as long as most can remember.

'The way we look at it is, 'If it's not broke, don't fix it,' " current owner Brian Langkabel said, who took over the reins of the eatery from his father, Joe, four years ago. "There have been times we've thought about moving or expanding. But then we realize this is the best location we could ever hope for.

"We don't change our menu much either — we recently added turnovers, which is rare - because new items give us less time to do what we do best: chicken."

The franchise does chicken so well that on any given afternoon between 4-6 p.m., a line of loyal customers can be spotted streaming outside the store's quaint lobby - regardless of whether the sun is shining or the wind chill is 30 below zero.

week for as long as I can remember," said Canton resident Kristen Mann, who stopped by the restaurant with her husband, Patrick, just before 5 p.m. last week. "We've waited in line many times. but it always goes incredibly fast. They have a great system.

drive-thru at McDonald's."

place around, even the Colonel's," Patrick Mann said. "When there is a wait, the food's worth it."

The restaurant's staff, which numbers between 30 and 35, is populated by several employees who have been creating finger-food magic since the '70s, said Langkabel, who some days works alongside his mom, aunts and other unrelated crew mates who seem like fam-

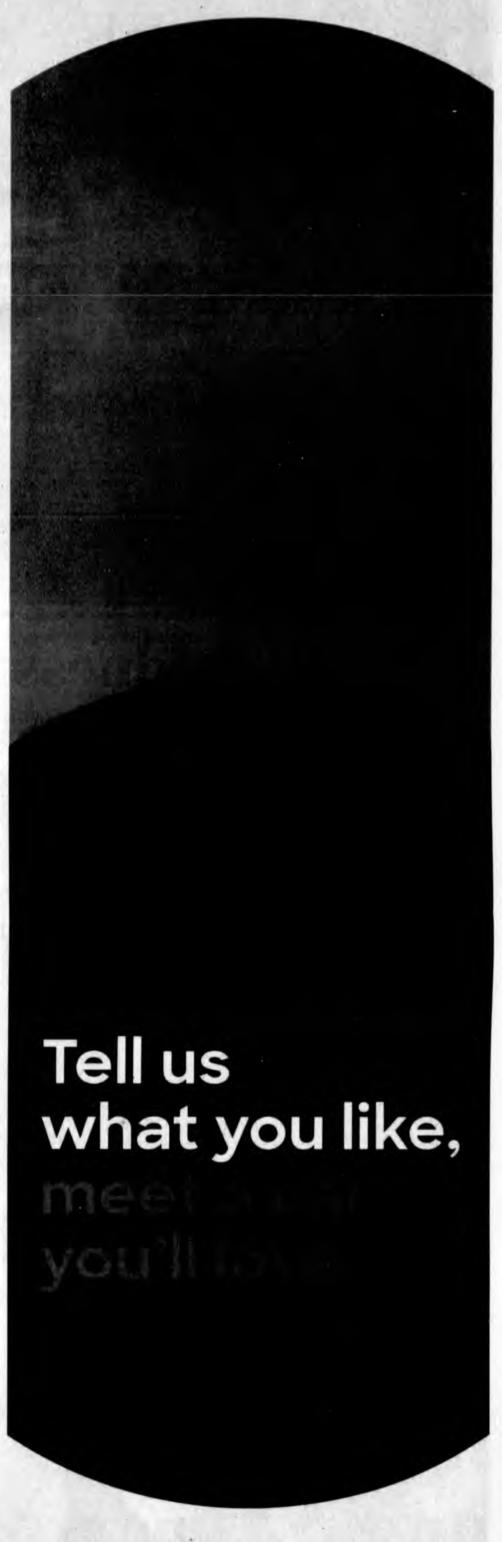
"Some of our regular customers know our longtime employees by name," Langkabel said. "We're all like family. When someone is having a hard time in life, we listen to them and give them a hug."

During the peak graduation-party and wedding-reception months, Lee's will crank out 2,000 to 2,500 pieces of chicken an hour, Langkabel shared.

"We provide dinners to the Canton Cup (soccer tournament), which is one of our biggest events, along with grad parties and weddings," he said. "Each day we usually provide them with 600 boxed lunches, which, along with the chicken, includes 600 biscuits, 600 orders of mashed potatoes and 600 cole



line of family members to run the Plymouth business. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Wixom's Teriyaki Madness is the first business venture for owner Matt Jones, of Plymouth, a former insurance claims manager. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Teriyaki Madness brings fast-casual Asian food to west Oakland County

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Teriyaki Madness, offering fast-casual Asian food, opened last week in Wixom.

The restaurant is only the second franchise location in the state and offers fresh, made-to-order terivaki.

It is the first business venture for owner Matt Jones, a Plymouth resident and former insurance claims

"In this area, it is pretty unique and I think it will do really well here," Jones, 47, said. "You don't see this on every corner like you do a burger place. With fast-casual Asian food, there is Panda Express, but our food is prepared to order. It isn't sitting under a heat lamp."

In building their own bowls, customers can choose a base of rice or Yakisoba noodles, and add fresh vegetables including cabbage, broccoli, zucchini, and onions. Proteins are fresh chicken, beef, salmon and tofu.

Nearly all sauces are made in house and include teriyaki, spicy, sweet and sour, stir-fry, orange, goyza and

The restaurant offers appetizers including crab Rangoon, chicken egg rolls, chicken pot stickers, and edamame, as well as side salads. Rice options, which include stir-fried, brown, and white, as well as noodles, can also be ordered as sides.

The first Teriyaki Madness restaurant opened in 2003 in Las Vegas, and there are currently about 150 franchise agreements in 14 states. The only other location in Michigan is in Macomb County.

"I am excited to be a part of this community and to watch the business grow," Jones said. "It's a great place to be and I'm excited for customers to experience the food and service. We've only been open a couple days and have had several repeat customers. Come in

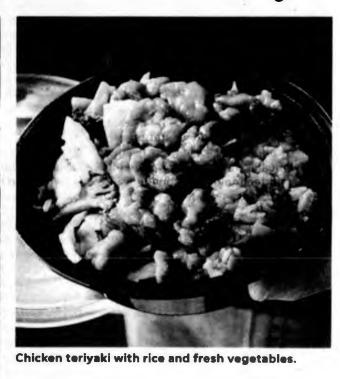
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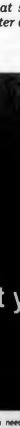


Jones displays a bowl of the restaurant's popular chicken teriyaki, rice and fresh vegetables.

is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Call 734-892-6850 or visit teriyakimadness.com.

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have some catching up to do."

Toward that end, a committee is exploring adding full-time firefighters to the department. Van Sparrentak has also applied for a federal grant that would fund six full-time firefighters.

He is looking to be more prepared in the event of a crisis. So are fire departments in other area communities, including Milford and Farmington Hills, who are searching for more paid-on-call firefighters.

Paid on-call not a sure-fire thing

Fire departments everywhere rely on paid on-call firefighters to a greater or lesser extent.

Lyon Township relies on paid on-call firefighters as a combination fire department and uses individuals who live outside the community — district firefighters — to respond to emergencies.

The township has 24-hour staffing with paid on-call firefighters to provide 24/7 coverage, but Van Sparrentak calls that a "Band-Aid solution."

"We are addressing the problem better than we used to with staffing," he said. "In the past, there have been shifts where no one was working (at the station) or one, and that firefighter may have had very little experience.

"We have addressed that somewhat, but the combination departments are revolving doors for career fire departments."

Milford relies almost solely on paid on-call firefighters. Fire Chief Tom Moore is the only full-time employee.

Those paid on-call firefighters respond to emergencies in the 36-square-mile village and township with about 16,500 residents. In 2018, they went on 1,711 calls, including 1,148 for medical emergencies. Other calls include vehicle accidents, grass fires and "citizen assists." When Moore first came on board in 1986, the department responded to about 325 calls, 40 of them for grass fires.

"We are getting into an era now where there are multiple calls," he said. "They are heading to one call, and before or after they get there, we have another call, then another. And that starts taxing the system."

The department has a 24/7 "duty crew," which is at least two paid on-call firefighters assigned to a station per shift. Any additional firefighters needed to answer calls come to the station, but Moore said technology has made a big difference in helping him see who is responding and "the duty crew gets out the door pretty dark quick."

the door pretty darn quick."
Farmington Hills, a city of more than 80,000 residents, has about 50 full-time firefighters, but also relies on paid on-call firefighters to respond to the roughly 10,000 calls they receive per

year.

Up to 21 full-time firefighters work any given day, but with multiple calls coming in at the same time, it doesn't take long to run out of full-timers.

It can be a particular strain in the winter, with expressways surrounding the city including Interstate 696, I-275 and M-5.

For each highway crash, the department sends a truck with at least two firefighters to block traffic, as well as a fire truck and a medical truck with multiple firefighters. Capt. Jim Donovan said the department could be out of full-timers just on that call. Meanwhile, the rest of the city still has to be covered.

Where did all the volunteers go?

The highest number of paid on-call firefighters in the city reached its high of about 120 more than five years ago. Donovan said the city would be comfortable with averaging between 80-100. Currently, they have about 65.

"People aren't coming in, and we don't know why," he said. "We don't have people applying. Is it because the economy is good and a lot of people are still working? Or is it because it's not what they expect?"

what they expect?"
Paid on-call firefighters in Milford and elsewhere receive a "tone" on a pager when there is an emergency in the community they serve. Donovan said that tone will wake anyone from a dead sleep, but there is no mandate that they must respond to that call.

The only expectation of a paid on-call firefighter is that they will respond to a certain quota per month. In Farmington Hills, that is about 35% of all calls. In Milford, that number is even lower — 15% of all calls.

"That takes into account that they have jobs and family obligations," Moore said. "Somewhere in there, you fit 15%."

The Milford fire budget accounts for funding a maximum of 40 paid on-call firefighters. Currently, the department



Between calls, Lyon Township Fire Station No. 1 firefighters keep their turn-out gear in assigned lockers.



Mark Peters, right, of the Commerce Township Fire Department, teaches trainees how to tie knots April 13 at the Farmington Hills DWP training house. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Milford firefighter/EMTs Derek Gilley, left, and Chris Chappell practice taking a stretcher from a rig at Fire Station No. 1.

has 30, but it has been as low as 19.

Moore, who has been a firefighter for 33 years, said it is getting harder to find individuals to answer the call to serve the community. He attributes that to a difference in generations, in which those in the 1940s, '50s, and '60s had a stronger sense of community and desire to help. Now, he said, no one wants to give time, even with compensation.

"About 10-15 years ago is when the attitudes started to change," he said. "A lot of new kids have no mechanical aptitude unless you want them to program your smartphone. The sense of community has taken a back seat. It's 'me, myself and I' instead of community."

Moore acknowledges that the "stereotypical" family of the '40s and '50s, in which fathers worked and mothers stayed home, is also "out the door" with both parents having to work now, leaving little time for anything else.

"This is a very large commitment, I will admit that," he said.

Wanted: Paid on-call firefighters

That commitment involves extensive training: about one year to obtain fire-fighter I and II certificates and an emergency medical technician basic license. But not only is it a free education, students are actually paid for attending classes, which run for two nights per week from 6-10 p.m. and a Saturday class from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for several months.

To be eligible to be a paid on-call firefighter are the same as many other public service jobs — you must be at least 18 and a high school graduate; able to pass drug tests, physical and psychological exams and a background check with no criminal convictions.

Moore said the most frequent problem he runs into with applicants is their driving record, but exceptions can be made depending on the situation.

As an example, he points to a 21-yearold who might have had points on a driving record from mistakes made when 16 and "their frontal lobe had not developed."

"We will look at what happened since," Moore said. "Did that brain develop and they didn't repeat the mistake? OK. But if your driving is horrendous, I can't put a reckless driver behind a million-dollar fire truck. I can't and I

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First, they are planning some renovations to the shop, which will be enlarged now that Glazy Days, which had sublet about 1,000 square feet of space from Corner Caffe, moved out of the building and in to its own larger space.

Corner Caffe now has approximately 2,300 square feet in the oldest building in town, originally constructed in the 1870s.

Carano said renovations will including building a bar area with stools, adding tables, and improving the fire rating while keeping as much of the historic nature of the building as possible.

After the work is completed, Carano can apply for a liquor license from the state, and then the real fun starts with menu expansion, which he hopes will be done in June or July.

Corner Caffe plans to offer "really, really good martinis," as well as other high-end cocktails, and a great wine selection.

Also coming soon are lunch and dinner "small plates," a popular trend in restaurants, which tends to be more appetizers and which Carano describes as a higher quality dining experience in a casual setting.

To facilitate this, hours will also be expanded.

Offerings will include unique deviled eggs, cheese platters, potato or ricotta gnocchi, Italian meatballs, and heirloom tomatoes with a balsamic glaze.

Carano hopes to copy a smoked brisket spring roll he had at the Union Street Station in Detroit and will also offer desserts including tiramisu and cheesecake, in addition to keeping the beloved Guernsey ice cream offered now.

"I don't want to limit it," Carano said. "What we have on the menu will continue, pretzel sliders, panini, pulled barbecue pork with Vermont cheddar.

"I love good tacos — soft tacos with mahi filler or options with the way you can order.

"We want it to be a fun and unique experience when people come in, so their eyes light up with things they have never tried before."

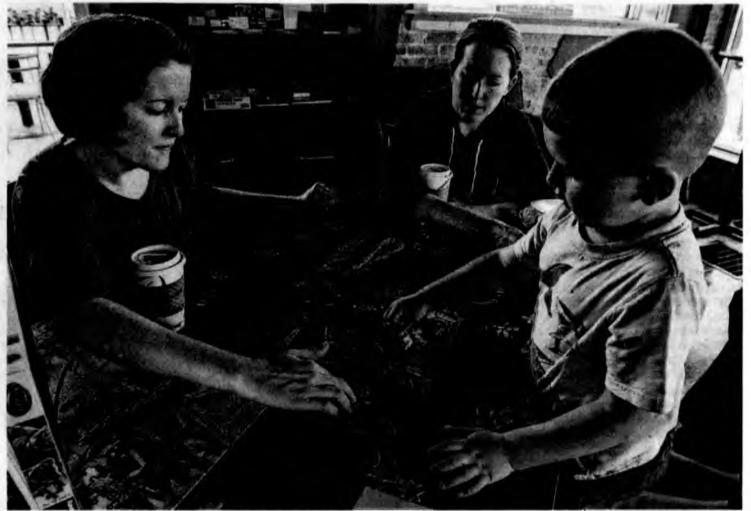
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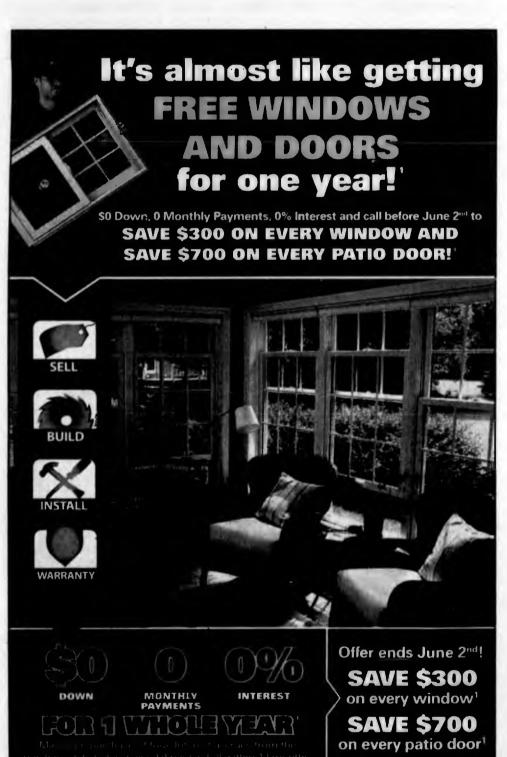
Victoria Pearson works on creating a triple shot of espresso for a customer. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The Corner Caffe is on the corner of South Lafayette and Ten Mile Road in South Lyon. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE



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Donovan, who trains firefighters for departments all over the area, said the biggest class he ever had was 38.

Some will start but not make it to graduation in what he calls a "tough class." Currently, he is training 12. The goal is 20.

When he interviews applicants, he asks why they want to be a firefighter. The response is always the same: "Because I want to help people." Donovan says that is a great answer, but when he asks the follow-up question, "What have you done to help people so far?" they are often stumped.

Still, that desire to help is what is needed.

"Come help your community, come make a difference," Donovan said. "You have an opportunity to make a difference in somebody's life. We need people."

Moore agrees and said the day will come when paid on-call is not enough for Milford, although it is unknown how far in the future that day will be.

As the community ages and senior community housing and assisted living facilities grow, he expects call volumes to increase.

"We have two primary age groups (that are serviced) — the young who do something really stupid, and the old, who are just old," Moore said. "If your community as a whole is younger, you don't have that many calls, but as a community ages, the run volume goes up."

Moore currently predicts Milford has about five years until it will need to transition to a combination fire department, adding full-time firefighters to the current paid on-call, although he said it could be longer, perhaps eight years.

"If we get to the point where I can't recruit and maintain 20-25 people, that is where we need to have a good heart-to-heart, but that will require extra funds," he said. "I will not lower hiring standards just to say I have the numbers.

"We go in people's homes and if I want a quality product, I have to hire quality people.

At the end of the day, Moore said, the level of service will be dictated by the taxpayers and what they are willing to pay for a millage.

Full-time firefighter grant to ensure coverage

Van Sparrentak has applied for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with the hopes of getting funding for six full-time firefighters. He estimates a \$42,000 annual salary for each with benefits. If approved, the grant would give Lyon Township a total of 10 fulltime employees in the fire department, with nine firefighters to respond to emergencies.

FEMA should give a response on the grant by July.

The current fire department budget is about \$1.7 million, made possible after voters approved a 2014 millage that runs for 10 years.

The three-year SAFER grant would supply 75% of funding for new firefighters' salaries, benefits and equipment in the first and second years, and then 35% of funding in the final year.

"Our plan, and the board supports the idea, is that the firefighters will be permanent employees," Van Sparrentak said. "Some communities have laid off firefighters after the SAFER grant expires.

He added that in the summer months, the department finds it does not have the shift coverage needed. Last year, Van Sparrentak said there were about 30 open shifts per month and in the first four months of this year, there were 79 total open shifts.

What they seek is four paid on-call firefighters covering two stations for both the day and afternoon shifts. At night, coverage at each station is two firefighters.

"(Paid on-call) are not career employees, so vacations, school breaks, all those things have an impact," he said. "If something is more than a simple medical, we are toning out, need to have others standing by to protect the rest of the community."

An informational meeting for paid on-call (part-time) firefighter recruitment is planned for 7 p.m. June 19, at Farmington Hills Fire Station No. 5. 31455 W. Eleven Mile. For details, visit the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

For more information about firefighting in Lyon, visit Lyon Township Fire Department.

To learn how to help in Milford, visit Milford Fire Department.

Glazy Days moves south for more space

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

After a decade of success, Glazy Days continues to move on up the ladder to bigger and better.

The paint-your-own-pottery shop has relocated from downtown digs that were shared with Corner Caffe into a new larger studio in the King Plaza, less than a mile away.

"We have truly been outgrowing that space for the last several years," Glazy Days owner Jill French said. "When we had to turn away customers because we didn't have enough seating, I knew we needed something bigger. ...

"My biggest priority was staying in South Lyon, I wouldn't have left."

French, who celebrated 10 years in business last fall, has moved her shop to 22896 Pontiac Trail in Lyon Town-

The new space is 1,200 square feet and doubles the seating capacity she had at her former location from 20 seats to 40.

Glazy Days' move came late last month in a stroke of good timing as Corner Caffe has been approved for a liquor license and will expand into the space formerly occupied by the pottery artists. Both businesses consider it a win-win situation.

French has been readying the new location, putting in new flooring, painting, renovating a bathroom, and preparing a space for the kiln.

There is all new shelving for a greatly expanded inventory of bisque, pre-fired items that customers will paint, as well as 22 new paint colors.

We are going to have so much more bisque inventory, and also, our parking is great," French said. "This is absolutely huge for us and so exciting. It's so much bigger here, and brighter.

"People love to come and hang out with friends and family and paint ceramics, and it's a good thing for South Lyon."

Glazy Days should be open at the new store, 22896 Pontiac Trail, by the end of

New hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.



Jill French, owner of Glazy Days, displays a painted pottery bowl she created. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

More information

Call 248-446-8002 or visit the Glazy Days Paint Your Own Pottery Facebook page.

Glazy Days will continue to charge only for the items customers want to paint, with no hourly rates or studio

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Area dads create app to help parents

SafeSub allows children to safely share location

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Imagine it's 5 p.m., and you're on your way home from work. Do you know where your kids are?

Chris Pagett and Chris Ross do.

The dads teamed up two years ago to create an app for parents so they always know where their children are, without having to supply children with phones or trackers.

Pagett, 44, said the idea came to him after another child from the neighborhood came over to play with his son, 7.

He said the child asked him to text his mother letting her know where he was. Pagett didn't have the mother's number.

That's when the wheels got spinning," he said. "Why couldn't there be a something, not on social media, where you can check in? I want to know where my kids are and other parents want to know where their children are."

Ross, 43, also experienced being caught in the middle of a kid search. He said he was added to a group chat with the whole neighborhood by a parent looking for their child.

Pagett, of Oceola Township, said Ross is technically savvy, and also an

Every now and then we throw ideas at each other," he said.

This idea stuck. Fast forward two years and SafeSubs was launched.

The technology

The app allows parents to notify other parents when a child comes to their house without needing the parents' contact information.

Ross said SafeSubs is "really a parent focusing neighborhood app" and a "good solution for a certain age range ... elementary school and middle school."

Parents are able to "check in and out" kids who arrive at and leave their

Pagett said parents can also request their children be sent home by clicking a single button in the app.



Oceola Township resident Chris Pagett recognized the need for SafeSub.

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After deciding to move forward with SafeSubs, the two men developed other ideas such as a a section for parents to display curfew and allergies.

A "hangout" section was created to

set up play dates. "It's a way to set up instant play dates," he said. "It's like that old-school approach, come home when the street

lights come on." Pagett said he likes the hangout section because he would rather his children be out playing than sitting at home on their electronics.

The men worked with a college student studying application user interface to design the app and paid an independent developer to create the platform.

"As much as I would love to have that knowledge, I don't," Pagett said.

The app is primarily for families with children who don't have cellphones, he said. SafeSubs also eliminates the need for parents to purchase smart watches or trackers for their children.

"Phones and trackers require charging," Pagett said "They can get damaged

Pagett said all the app requires is

"like-minded parents who want to encourage play and get kids off the computer or tablets."

Safety and play dates

'We are legitimately developing this for our own kids," he said. "We took safety seriously."

He said some parents have raised the issue of child safety and location sharing, but the way the app is designed, "no one is going to see where your kids are."

Pagett said children's locations are only available to the children's parents and the parents who "check in" the kid.

"It doesn't track the child anywhere. This is just a, 'Hey, your kid's over at my house; hey, they left' tool," Ross, who now lives in Houston, Texas, said. 'We're all dads ... so we thought about this. We built on a whole bunch of features to prevent abuse."

He said users are able to block others and the app verifies cellphone numbers as well.

"The concern is legitimate and people think of our app and worry about safety," Pagett said. "But people are unknowingly sharing so many things on social media.'

Babysitters and caregivers have the option of joining locations with permission from the parents.

"People might think this dad created an app to track children, that's not what we are doing here," he said.

What's next

Between Android and iOS, approximately 2,000 users have downloaded the app. The app is free.

"We wanted it to be free," he said. We didn't want to have them pay for

Pagett said he would like the app to gain so many users that the two men could monetize it, but if that doesn't happen, he's OK with that too.

"Ultimately it was a side project we are very passionate about," he said. "Even if it doesn't make us any money, I feel very proud."

Learn more at safesubs.com/about-



Signs posted throughout Milford Township last year called on officials to reject a developer's rezoning request. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Denied

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The developer sought to construct 121 homes on lots that ranged 80-100

"The issue is over density. We are taking another look to see what can be done," Sever said, adding that the property has been vacant for a long time, with only one house on the parcel for at least 50 years. "There may be some other options, but we are just looking at those right now, we don't want to disclose them."

While the planning commission's vote to deny a rezoning recommendation was "painful," Sever added he believes the commissioners did what they felt they needed to do.

'We'll be back with something shortly," Sever said. "Hopefully within two weeks. Our next step would be to go to the board, but we may need to look at some other plan and go back to the planning commission. We will try to address their concerns."

Brandt said it is common for the planning commission to recommend denial of rezoning requests if it is not in accordance with the master plan.

"I have been here 20 years and there has been only one or two approved," Brandt said.

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Candidates file for Novi mayor, council

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There is competition for all electable seats on the Novi City Council this year, including mayor.

In total, Il candidates filed by Tuesday's deadline to be on the August ballot, but the election will not be held until November.

"The August election will not occur because a certain number of candidates in each race would have to file, and we didn't reach those numbers per the city charter," explained Clerk Cortney Han-

That benchmark is more than three times the number of candidates per open position. Additional candidates could file to be write-ins, Hanson said.

Two candidates filed for the two-year term for Novi mayor. Incumbent Bob Gatt, who is seeking election to his fifth term, will face off against newcomer Christine Ingles.

On city council, three four-year terms are available. Incumbents Laura Marie Casey and Dave Staudt, currently serving as mayor pro-tem, are seeking reelection. Staudt has been on the council since 2007, and Casey since 2011.

Hoping to return to the council after a lengthy absence is Hugh Crawford, who



was a councilman for 15 years prior to

serving eight years as an Oakland Coun-

ty commissioner and six years as a state

Sanders, a Novi Educational Founda-

tion trustee and member of the Novi Ro-

tary Club; and Bin Qamruzzaman, who

previously ran unsuccessfully for

mayor in 2017, and sought appointment

to the council last fall after the death of

Rounding out the field are Tia Marie







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Wayne Wrobel.





Ramesh Verma was ultimately ap-

pointed to that seat, the term of which

ends this fall. He is not seeking election.

Doreen Poupard was appointed to Gwen

Markham's seat, after she was elected

to the Oakland County Board of Com-

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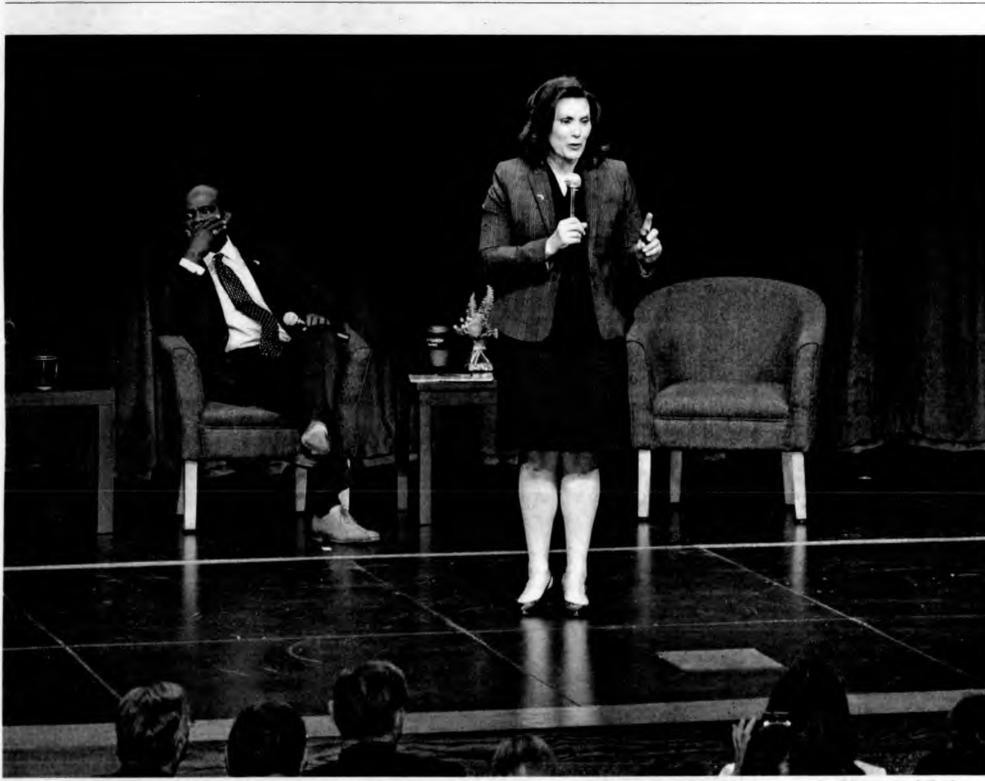
Instead, hoping to land that position

which will end in November 2021.

are newcomers Alexandra Dinser and Carolyn Upton, joined by former council member Justin Fischer, who was first elected in 2009, but resigned his seat in 2014 to take a position overseas with Ford Motor Co.

Hometown Life will provide more information on all the candidates prior to the November election.

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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer brought her Budget Town Hall Tour to Livonia Stevenson High School on April 25. To her left is state Transportation Director Paul Ajegba. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Whitmer visits Livonia Stevenson to talk roads in her town hall tour

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer visited Livonia on Thursday, reminding hundreds she wants to "fix the damn roads."

As part of her proposed 2020 budget, the Democratic governor has proposed a 45-cent increase to Michigan's fuel tax that potentially could raise about \$2 billion for road repairs.

The fliers handed out in the latest stop of her Budget Town Hall Tour said Eight Mile and Ecorse roads, along with Ashton Avenue, are some high-priority Wayne County thoroughfares that could benefit.

"Let's just jump right in," said Whitmer, who took office in January. "Of course, I call the budget the road to opportunity because well, I hope you've learned by now, I just can't stop talking about those damn roads, right?

Laughter filled the Livonia Stevenson

High School performing arts center, where Whitmer and state transportation director Paul Ajegba emphasized that fixing Michigan's roads - and fixing them properly with quality materials — is a fundamental need.

The governor spoke of the state's general fund and a "shell game" that happens in Lansing. According to Whitmer, potholes are being filled by borrowing money from the general fund. Money from the school aid fund is shoring up the general fund.

"We're not rebuilding roads like we should be," Whitmer said. "We're just filling potholes. Our kid are ultimately the ones that are paying for this because

it's all balanced on the school aid fund." The governor prompted another round of laughter and applause during the question-and-answer session when she said it wouldn't be realistic to use marijuana sale proceeds for roads since there wouldn't be enough dollars to cover the necessary repairs.

Yes. I love it! Thanks for going right to it," she said. "It comes up every single time. I know ... pot for potholes sounds

Potholes are an obvious problem throughout the region. Whitmer and those behind the fuel tax increase hope taxpayers would have fewer car repair costs as the roads get better.

Livonia resident Jacquelyn Dygert avoids right lanes that seem to be more damaged. She's glad she was part of the Town Hall Tour that began in March.

"I'm a Democrat, and I'm a supporter of Gov. Whitmer," she said. "I know that we're in a huge hole, no pun intended, but I have a lot of questions on how the money is going to be distributed to counties and how that's going to be managed."

Scott Sobas said he likes that Whitmer is concerned about Michigan's roads. However, he's worried about the potential impact on his family's travels.

"I hope that there's a progression to it and it's not all at once," he said of the potential fuel tax jump. "We like to travel. We take advantage of all these roads here in Michigan and the state parks. It may put a damper on travel."

The state fuel tax is 26.3 cents per gallon for both regular and diesel fuel, according to the American Petroleum Institute. If approved, Michigan would have the highest fuel taxes in the country. The increase would be phased in

over a one-year period. Whitmer's commitment to fix the roads speaks to Clinton Township resident Toni McIlwain

"It's very bad," McIlwain said of driving conditions. "It's across the state. It's across the city. The bottom line is they ... need to be fixed properly."

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GIRLS PREP SOCCER

South Lyon beats Milford in charity game

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The fight against childhood cancer had the support of both the South Lyon and Milford girls soccer teams Tuesday night at South Lyon High School.

The two squads used their game as a way to raise funds and awareness for Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

South Lyon won the game, 1-0, after a goal by sophomore Lexi Nabozny with two minutes remaining.

With the win, the Lions remain undefeated with a record of 7-0-1. Milford drops to 4-2-1.

The evening, which featured an entertaining game, was an overall success with more than \$2,000 being raised. None of that would have been possible if it weren't for the efforts of South Lyon

senior goalie Carmen Sweigard, who was the mastermind behind the fundraiser. She had help from teammates, coaches and members of the Milford team, but led the way after coming up with the idea at the beginning of the season

"I think it came together perfectly," Sweigard said. "We had a great turnout. The game was really close, but we came out with a win so that was awesome."

Money was raised through gift baskets and other giveaways, face-paint, cotton candy, bracelets and more.

"I'm super proud of her and all the work she did," South Lyon coach Brian Elliott said. "I think if you were to add up all the hours that she put in, it would be staggering. This has been in the making for months."

At halftime, the South Lyon boys soccer team performed a dance routine to

Britney Spears music and rising boxing star Joey Spencer was interviewed.

Spencer, who trains in Linden, is undefeated in his professional boxing career and has long been a supporter of children's hospitals. He has a young man that travels with him to all his matches who is a cancer survivor.

South Lyon East, which was originally asked to play South Lyon in the contest but had to decline due to scheduling conflicts, gave a check to Sweigard on behalf of the team to show its support.

"I thought the event was awesome," Elliott said. "It was a great turnout. ... It was an incredible event. I can't remember the last time we've had more people at a soccer game. It was fun and good to have everybody out for a great cause."

On the field, it was largely a defensive

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Regan Dancer, right, tries to turn towards the Milford goal.

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BOYS PREP TRACK

Northville track and field starts season strong

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The Northville boys 400 meter relay broke the Northville High School stadium record on last week as the host Mustangs defeated Howell in a KLAA West Division dual meet.

Seniors Ben Shuart, Zack Phillips, Demetri Zervos, and Brandon Kearney teamed up to best the mark in the relay which was set last year by Novi.

"It's nice to break records, especially when they're held by another school, particularly our rival," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "I'm really happy for these four young men and I think the best is yet to come for them this season."

Howell proved to be no match for the Mustangs, as Northville won the meet 128-9 and improved to 3-0 in their division this season.

Senior Ben Shuart continued his impressive season by setting personal bests in the IIO and 300 meter hurdles with times of 15.51 and 41.38, respective-

Junior Demir Tagani had a big day in the throwing events, tossing personal bests in the shot put (44.-7.00) and the discus (123-06).

Sophomore Zach Helner won the high jump clearing the bag at 5-8.00 for his best performance in the event, and junior Jacob Pichler set his best mark in the long jump with a leap of 19-10.75.

"We had a lot of really, really good performances in all of the events today," Dalton said. "If these boys continue to work hard and we keep on improving, this will be a successful season."

The girls track team downed Howell 99-38 in a KLAA West Division dual meet last week as well, improving to 3-0

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NFL DRAFT PICK



NFL draft prospect and Plymouth High graduate Michael Jordan greets a friend on April 26 at Canton's Hampton Inn as he awaits possible good news from a team that wants his talents. Jordan was an offensive guard end center at Ohio State University. Jordan's girlfriend Dominique Clark is at right. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Plymouth's Michael Jordan drafted by Bengals in 4th round

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The long wait was worth it.

Michael Jordan, an offensive guard/ center from Ohio State and graduate of Plymouth High School, was selected by the Cincinnati Benagls in the fourth

round of the NFL Draft Saturday afternoon at pick No. 136.

The Bengals traded up with the Dallas Cowboys to take Jordan.

To make it even more perfect, Jordan was born and grew up in Cincinnati and rooted for the Bengals. He said before the draft began that he'd love playing in Cincinnati and it would

mean he'd be pretty close to a lot of family members. He gives his family a

lot of credit for helping him succeed.

"I have such a great support group so being around them makes it easier to go through this entire process," Jordan

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BOYS PREP BASEBALL

CC baseball are Chocolate Milk Mustache Celebs

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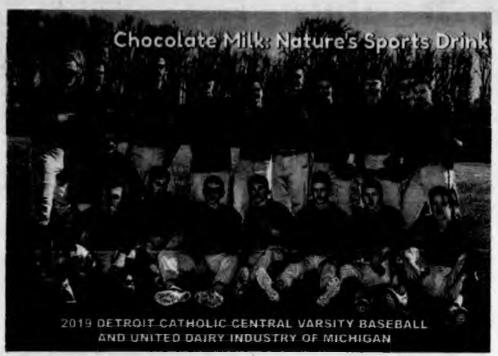
It's not often local high school students become celebrities, but the United Dairy Industry of Michigan is out to change that.

The Detroit Catholic Central baseball team has been named Chocolate Milk Mustache Celebrities by the UDIM after the team received the Chocolate Milk: Nature's Sports Drink grant, which gives money to state high schools to promote good nutrition.

This spring, 64 Michigan high school sports teams were awarded funds to purchase and provide low-fat or fat-free chocolate milk to help their student athletes get the nutrition that they need after practices, games and competitions.

Chocolate milk is one of the most nutritious choices that students can make at home or at school, says the UDIM. It's a natural, nutrient-rich beverage and an excellent source of nine essential nutrients — calcium, potassium, protein, phosphorus, vitamins A, D and B12, riboflavin and niacin — nutrients that students need for good health.

"According to the 2015 Dietary Guidelines, Americans of all activity levels over the age of eight should include



The Catholic Central baseball team has been named Chocolate Milk Mustache Celebrities by the United Dairy Industry of Michigan. COURTESY OF MARY HARDENBERGH

three servings of low-fat or fat-free milk or milk products in their diet every day. Chocolate milk is a nutritious option to help meet these recommendations," UDIM registered dietitian Melissa Ger-

harter said. "And what's really great about chocolate milk is that it packs a powerful nutrient punch, it's affordable, and it tastes great."

UDIM has awarded more than 800

"...what's really great about chocolate milk is that it packs a powerful nutrient punch, it's affordable, and it tastes great."

Melissa Gerharter

grants to state high school teams since 2011, and hopes to continue the program. Catholic Central's baseball team will receive promotional posters and educational materials, as well as chocolate milk.

"CC varsity baseball is proud to take part in this initiative to bring awareness of the benefits of chocolate milk and the importance of proper nutritional recovery after practices and games," Catholic Central coach Dan Michaels said. "The team is excited to represent the Chocolate Milk: Nature's Sports Drink grant and plan to have chocolate milk in the cooler to grab instead of sugary energy drinks after competitions."

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Draft

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He joins an offensive line group in Cincinnati that features another former Ohio State lineman, Billy Price, who the team took in the first round last season.

He celebrated the next step in his football career at a draft party at a Hampton Inn in Canton Friday night, surrounded by friends and family, and had a private draft gathering with family on Saturday.

"I'm looking forward to competing against the best football players in the world," Jordan said. "To me, that's fun and embodies who I am. I'm a competitor."

He declared for the draft following the conclusion of his junior season, in which he was named an All-American by Sports Illustrated and the Walter Camp Football Foundation.

At Plymouth, he played for coach Mike Sawchuck and had an outstanding career with the Wildcats, leading to plenty of college attention.

"Coach Sawchuk was such a fierce, hard-working coach," Jordan said. "He really instilled what you want in a football player, and that's does he want to win, is he a competitor and is he tough. You have all three of those and you're going to do well in football. So I think that coming from Plymouth High School kind of started that up and Ohio State, they really polished it off."

The build up

At the beginning of the draft, Jordan mother welcomed everyone there and told a story about how her son had decided he was going to play in the NFL at age 6, and at age 8, he knew he was going to Ohio State.

That determination has helped get him to this point, and now he'll have the chance to build on his football success.

There were more emotions than just excitement, however, before the night began.

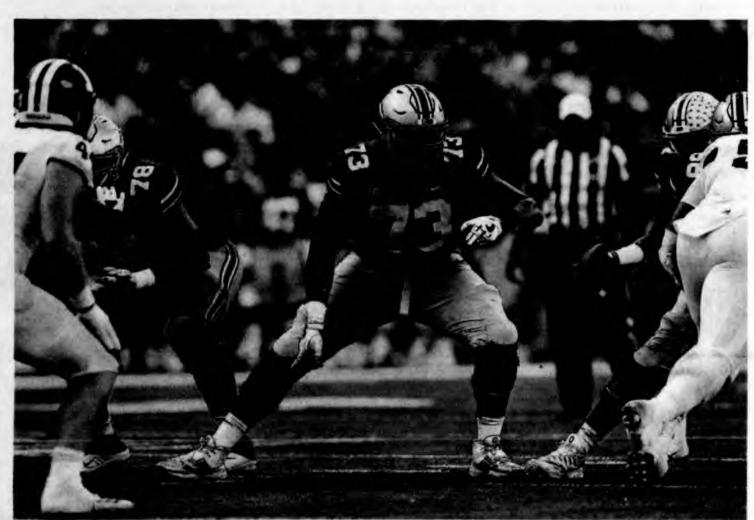
"I'm really nervous, because you don't know who is going to choose you," Jordan said. "I know I'm excited to play in the NFL."

During the pre-draft process, he

During the pre-draft process, he learned from several former Buckeyes who have gone through the process before. He said he learned the most from offensive lineman Pat Elflein of the Minnesota Vikings, who played center at OSU during Jordan's freshman year.

Thursday night during the draft's first round, he watched as former teammates Nick Bosa and Dwayne Haskins were picked No. 2 and No. 15 overall by the San Francisco 49ers and Washington Redskins, respectively. He was close with Haskins, given the fact he handed him the ball on every offensive play this past season.

"Watching Dwayne go No. 15 was really incredible because he's had this dream to play for Ohio State since he was a kid and to see him get drafted in the first round is a huge accomplishment and a milestone," Jordan said. "For Nick Bosa to go No. 2, that's a huge accomplishment too. Nick's worked hard his entire life. From knowing him personally, I can't wait to see what he does



Ohio State University center Michael Jordan watches Indiana Hoosiers during game action at Ohio Stadium last season.

JOE MAIORANA/USA TODAY SPORTS



Michael Jordan, left, poses for a selfle with his pee-wee football coach from Florence, Kentucky, Chuck Hendrix, on April 26.

in the NPL."

Several other Ohio State players were selected Friday night, including wide receiver Parris Campbell, defensive tackle Dre'Mont Jones and wide receiver Terry McLaurin.

On Saturday, Ohio State's Kendall

Sheffield was taken early in the fourth round. Jordan was the seventh OSU player to be picked overall in the

To land with the Bengals is simply a dream come true. It's not often a player gets to play for his hometown team. He



Friends and family sign a photo of Michael Jordan, wishing him well in the NFL draft.

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lived in Cincinnati for about 11-12 years before moving to South Carolina for two. He moved to Plymouth when he was 14.

His first NFL contract is expected to be for four years and \$3,006,531 with a signing bonus of \$486,531. Drew Rosenhaus is his agent.

He already has one big purchase in mind.

"One of the things I look forward to is switching from Sprint to Verizon or AT&T," Jordan said.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Stevenson's Reed had huge week at the plate

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It was an Athlete of the Week poll for the ages.

Livonia Stevenson softball player Autumn Reed was voted the winner, just topping Novi soccer's Abbey Pheiffer. Nearly 87,000 votes were cast — the most ever in a Hometown Life Athlete of the Week poll.

Reed earned the honors thanks to a huge week at the plate, going 8-for-9 against rival Churchill, hitting seven doubles and collecting nine RBIs.

She received 35,337 votes (40.62%) edging Pheiffer, who totaled 33,476 votes (38.48%). Both players would have normally won in a landslide with that many votes, therefore, due to the unprecedented turnout and support both girls received, we will be posting a story on each girl.

Alas, Reed was the victor and helped move Stevenson closer to a division title with a pair of wins.

With a pair or wins.
We caught up with her and asked her

a few questions:
Your team recently helped raise
money for Gift of Life, what made
playing in those charity games
against Churchill so special and what
was your favorite part of the experi-

ence?

"Playing for a great cause, having a team with such great coaches and teammates makes the experience the greatest."

Who is your favorite sports role model or athlete and why?

"Miguel Cabrera is my favorite athlete because he's a great hitter in the MLB, and a great team player."

Who is your favorite musical artist/band and why?

"My favorite musical artist is dan + shay. I really like their music because it's my favorite type of music and the songs are great."

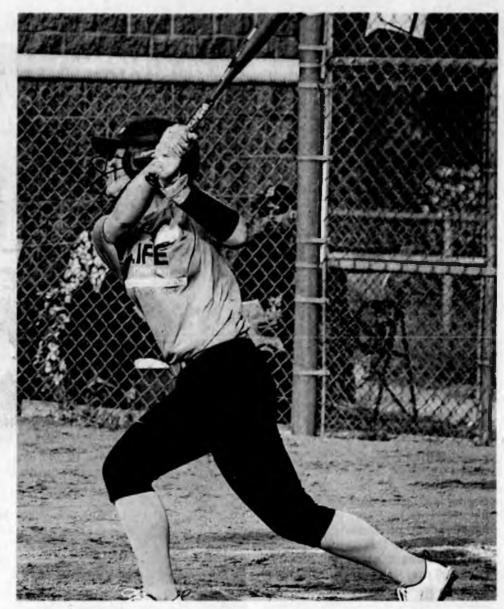
What is your all-time favorite movie (or series) and why?

"My favorite show series is Grey's Anatomy because when I'm older I want to go into the medical field and it's very addicting to watch and keeps you on your toes."

What are your future plans after high school and do they include softball? What year in school are you?

"After high school I plan to attend college and play at the collegiate level and pursue a nursing career. Currently I am a junior in high school."

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Livonia Stevenson's Autumn Reed had a big game with some big hits.

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South Lyon East's Rachel Craig, girls soccer booster VP, presents a \$100 check on behalf of the team to South Lyon senior captain Carmen Sweigard for their upcoming Gold Out to support Mott's Children's Hospital.

Charity

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struggle. Neither team was able to generate many scoring chances. It was 0-0 at halftime and remained that way until late in the second half.

The best scoring chance of the first half came with 11:45 left to play.

After a scramble in the Milford box, the goalie fell down and was unable to grab the ball, leaving a wide open net with two South Lyon players nearby. However, the Lions weren't able to get to the ball before a defender got a foot on it, and the ball sailed wide right of the open goal.

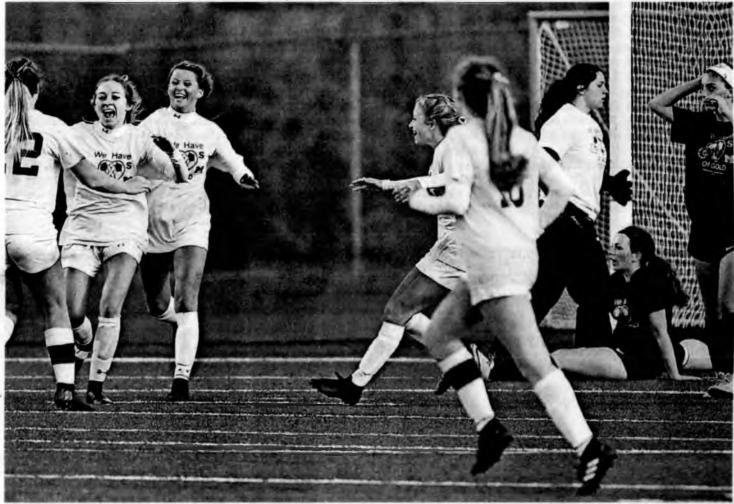
"It wasn't our best game," Elliott said. "From a coaching standpoint, that was probably the worst game we've played all season in terms of our first touch on the ball, our movement off the ball, our passing accuracy up and down the board it was bad on our part. Being able to squeak out the win at the end is just a testament to the fact that we didn't give up. Credit to Milford for making everything we tried to do difficult."

Things heated up a little bit in the latter portion of the second half. South Lyon started to get a few more opportunities before Nabozny found the back of the net with 2:03 left to play after the ball slipped free of the Milford goal-keeper. The crowd went crazy and the

Lions went on to earn the victory.

"It was amazing,"Sweigard said.
"Yeah it wasn't our prettiest game, but
when we got that, it was just relief.
With two minutes left, we knew we had
to keep it that way."

South Lyon star freshman Regan Dancer didn't record any points in the



South Lyon Lions begin to converge on Lexi Nabozny, second from left, after she scores the game-winning goal April 23 against Milford. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The South Lyon and Milford girls soccer teams pose together after their game that raised money for Mott Children's Hospital. ANDREW VAILLIENCOURT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

game, but still had several chances. Before Tuesday's game, she had scored 11 goals and recorded six assists in just seven games. She's nominated for this

week's athlete of the week award.

"She's a game changer," Elliott said. "I think if she sticks with it and continues to work, there's no doubt in my mind

that she'll shatter every record here."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Novi girls goalie Pheiffer named runner-up in poll

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Unprecedented could almost be an understatement.

This week's Hometown Life Athlete of the Week poll totaled nearly 87,000 votes, with almost 80% of them going to two candidates: Livonia Stevenson's Autumn Reed and Novi's Abbey Pheiffer.

Usually, we only do a write-up on the winner; however, this week's poll had the most votes in the history of the honor, so we decided that both girls deserved a story.

Reed edged out Pheiffer, taking 35,337 votes (40.62%). Pheiffer recorded 33,476 votes (38.48%) which was more than 23,000 votes more than Livonia Churchill's Alex Forry, who took third-place.

Pheiffer, who plays goalie for the No. 1 ranked Novi soccer team, earned the honor after posting a five-game shutout streak, with all five games coming against top 20 teams in the state. Three of them came against top 10 teams (No. 6 Hartland, No. 9 Plymouth and No. 10 Brighton). Over the five games, Pheiffer saved all 30 shots she faced (including two penalty kicks). To make it all even more impressive, she's only a sopho-

We caught up with her and asked her a few questions:

What are your personal and team goals for this season? Can this Novi



Novi goalkeeper Abbey Pheiffer has shut out five straight opponents. COURTESY OF TODD PHEIFFER

team win another state championship?

"My personal goal is work together with my back line to prevent as many goals as possible. My team goal is for our team to make it back to the state finals. I think if we give 110% every game and play together as a team, things can go our way.

My coach always says, 'when you work hard and do things the right way, good things will happen.' We have some really good competition and will have to work very hard and play well every game."

Who is your favorite sports role model or athlete and why?

"Mallory Weber, Portland Thorns Professional Soccer Player, Northville High School graduate and Penn State Alumna. Mallory would help coach and train me when I was young and I have always looked up to her. She is one of the hardest working players I have ever watched play the game and she's the perfect example that hard work pays

Who is your favorite musical artist/band and why?

"Thomas Rhett because he has really good and relateable music and I'm a country fan."

What is your all-time favorite movie (or series) and why?

"I don't watch very many movies but I'd have to say Wonder. The movie just has a great message and its really cute and pulled on my heartstrings."

What are your future plans after high school and do they include soc-

"I'm not one hundred percent sure on what I want to be when I'm older but i know I want to do something with athletics and be involved with sports in some way. (Playing soccer) is definitely the goal. I would love for an opportunity to play in college one day."

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Demetri Zervos was on the winning 400 and 800 meter relays for Northville in the team's meet against Howell. PHOTOS COURTESY OF JACK DALTON

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on the season.

The Mustangs took first place in 13 events and swept all points in five events.

"We tried out some different things today's meet," Dalton said. "We have some things to work on but we have a strong team with contributors in all areas."

Junior Lauren Marshall set a personal record in long jump with a mark of 15-3.50.

"I'm really happy for Lauren," Dalton said. "We ask a lot of her because she is so versatile. She is a huge piece of our varsity team."

Sophomore Delaney Hopkins had her best showing in the discus 102-3.50 and Anna DeHenau cleared the crossbar at 6-6.00 in the pole vault for her best



Abby Dunn won both the 100 and 300 meter hurdles for Northville against Howell.

vault ever.

The success for both team's continued over the weekend.

The Northville boys track and field team notched four first place finishes en route to winning the Spartan Classic hosted at Michigan State University.

The Mustangs, scoring 206 points, outdistanced second place Greenville who scored 155.

"It was really exciting for the boys to win tonight," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "We're keeping it in perspective, though. We have bigger goals we want to accomplish this season. There's a lot of work still to do."

Kearney won the 100 meter dash before teaming up with Nolan Knight, Zervos, and Phillips in the 800 relay for another first place finish, while Nick Couyoumjian, Raymond Jiang, Alex Beloui, and Ryan Vig won the 3,200 relay.

Shuart won the 110 meter high hur-

dles in a time of 15.70 and also took second in the 400 relay with Phillips, Zervos, and Kearney.

"Our senior sprinters have grown and improved since they began high school," Dalton said. "They are a lot of fun to watch."

Other top finishers for the Mustangs included Couyoumjian, second, 800 (1:57.46); Jacob Pichler, second, long jump (20-4.25); and Knight, second, 400 (51.09).

In the women's meet, Northville finished runner-up for the second year in a

Rockford won the team title with 328 points. Northville scored 188.

"We had a very high score tonight," Dalton said. "To finish second after scoring 188 points shows how good and deep of a team Rockford has."

Northville's 400 relay of Claire Wan, Angel McCray, Marshall, and Melanie Sarafian finished in 49.82, their best this season and the third fastest time in school history.

McCray also anchored the winning 1,600 relay of Wan, Abby Dunn, and Alia Bournay.

"We had a number of girls really step up tonight," Dalton said. "We have some young girls who are realizing how good they can be this year."

Other top finishers for Northville included Sarah Herring, third, high jump (4-10.00); Sarafian, second, 100 (13.06), and third, 200 (27.52); Dunn, second, 100 hurdles (16.80) and third, 300 hurdles (48.86); and the 800 relay of Wan, McCray, Marshall, Sarafian, second (1:51.32).

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The 2001 Airstream Classic is owned by Wendy Lewis, right, and Errol Lewis of Ontario, Canada. COURTESY OF ERROL LEWIS

More millennials hitting the road in trailers, RVs

Micah Walker Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Whether it's Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz traveling across the country in "The Long, Long Trailer" or Iggy Pop spending time at home with Mom and Dad, Americans love their campers.

Now the iconic symbol of middleclass success is gaining ground with a new audience: Millennials, who not only are traveling the country in them but renting the wheeled living quarters through Airbnb.

According to the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association, RV shipments saw their second-best year in 2018, with 483,672 units. Shipments were down only 4.1% from 2017's record-setting year of 504.600 units.

The surging demand also is fueling the market for classic campers.

Organizations like the Tin Can Tourists (TCT), a nationwide group celebrating its 100th year in 2019, draw collectors looking for vintage style and design.

"I like the design, the shape of the unit, to the fabrics used inside, to the woodwork," said TCT member and hall of famer John Truitt, regarding vintage travel trailers. "I like how it reflects past eras of design and workmanship."

Millennials move in

More than a million American households have started camping each year since 2014, with millennials making up 38% of the 75 million active camper households, according to the New York

Truitt said the group is seeing more interest from younger members, with many in their late 20s and early 30s.

Lauren Albrecht of Holly became fascinated with vintage trailers after her family traded in their pop-up camper with her grandfather's Avion camper. The 26-year-old is in TCT with her parents and is "obsessed with all things

"It's cool to see the trailers restored," she said. "That's the most fun aspect of our group besides of the people we camp with. Everyone is so creative, and they really care about preserving the history of these trailers."

Edward Byrnes 38, of Commerce Township first became aware of TCT after a member happened to be walking by while he was working on a 1959 Fan trailer in his driveway. Byrnes and his girlfriend, Jessica Neff, ended up going to their first TCT rally at Camp Dearborn in 2017.

"One of the reasons Jessica and I got



Sharon and Kevin Sopata, of Macedonia, Ohio, relax in their 1964 Shasta Airflyte. COURTESY OF JOHN TRUITT

together was our affinity for vintage campers," he said. "After the rally, we were hooked, and attended as many rallies as we could. That is, until we purchased an aging home that now requires much of our time for renovations."

When the couple is able to go camping, Byrnes said he enjoys the "smell of campfire smoke in the air, making memories and enjoying the company of other TCT members."

RV brands are taking notice of the demographic shift and are designing trailers geared toward 20- and 30-somethings.

Perhaps the most iconic of all the RVs on the road is Airstream, resembling a gleaming silver bullet.

Airstream — which saw its fifth consecutive year of growth, with sales increasing to 218% — offers a compact RV called the Nest. Weighing 3,400 pounds, the midsize trailer offers a two-stove burner, microwave and bathroom. Users can also change the colors of the interior lighting with a smartphone app. Prices start at \$45,900.

Another popular choice is the TAG Teardrop Boondock by NuCamp RVs. The compact towable, which weighs 2,900 pounds, starts at \$15,000.

Even car companies such as Volkswagen are jumping back into the camper game with the launch of its California Camper Van last year. In addition, VW is making sure its conventional vehicles have enough power to carry trailers. The Atlas SUV has a 5,000 pound towing capability.

pability.
Can't afford an RV? Airbnb offers RVs to rent. Spend the weekend "glamping" or glamorous camping in Los Angeles in a 1969 Airstream Globetrotter. Located in the San Gabriel Mountains, campers can take in the sights of L.A. such as the Hollywood sign, and the city skyline. The cost? Two hundred thirty-six dollars per night.

For something more rustic, Airbnb offers a vintage Airstream in Wimberley, Texas, near San Antonio and Austin. For \$130 per night, the RV includes a hot tub, outdoor shower, patio grill, fire pit and a selection of Western movies.

Campers in pop culture

Campers and RVs over the years have come to symbolize Americana.

The 1954 film, the "Long, Long Trailer" and Lucille Ball's vacation rock collection set the standard for comedy.

James Osterberg Jr., better known as punk rock artist Iggy Pop, grew up in a Coachville Mobile Home park in Ypsilanti. He talks about growing up in the 500-square-foot trailer with his parents in the Jim Jarmusch film, "Gimme Danger," released in 2016.

Robin Williams celebrated camping life in the 2006 film, "RV," and they've been featured in other movies ranging from "National Lampoon's Vacation" to "Meet the Parents."

Tin Can living

The Michigan chapter of TCT will kick off the start of the camping season

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this weekend with an open house in downtown Wyandotte. The event, featuring 38 classic trailers and motorhomes from the 1930s to the early 2000s, will be held from 5-9 p.m. Friday and 4-6 p.m. Saturday at the corner of Elm and First.

"Our tour of these classic campers is a reminder of a simpler time and place," Bone said in a news release. "Our members are eager to display their own personal campers and motor coaches. ... Each one is a beautiful example of America's love affair with the emerging concept of leisure time, family vacations and freedom on the open road."

Visitors can check out the vehicles' decor, luggage, and appliances. Some members will wear period attire, said Truitt, who will be bringing a 1974 Hunter I and a 1998 Casita to the event.

Truitt has been a part of Tin Can Tourists for about 16 years. He first found out about the group while doing an online search for a small, vintage trailer. Truitt eventually bought an Airstream, with the former owner being TCT President Forrest Bone. He invited Truitt to a rally, and has been a part of the club ever since. Truitt likes the friendly environment of the organization, as well as the shared bond of vintage trailers and collectibles.

The trailers are a starting point for conversation," Truitt said. "We get more interested in the person and each other than our stuff. There's no hoity-toity, there's no 'thumbs-up, thumbs-down' kind of thing. You agree to have a good time and be a good time."

While admission is free, visitors are asked to bring canned food to benefit the Wyandotte Soup Kitchen or bring clean plastic bags to be recycled and repurposed into sleeping bags for homeless people.

Where te buy a RV

Airstream, Winnebago and other brands of RVs can be found at various RV stores across metro Detroit. The General RV Center has locations in



An Airstream RV was one of many on display during the 29th Annual Fall Detroit RV & Camping Show at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi in October. ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Brownstown Township, Mount Clemens, Wixom and Clarkston.

New trailers, such as a 2019 Tracer Breeze, can be found for as low as \$19,000. Used trailers and motor coaches are also available, where potential buyers can find a 2018 Shasta for \$8,999.

Chain store Camping World also sells RVs at select locations, as well as RV parts, repair services and camping supplies. The lone metro Detroit location is in Belleville and only offers repairs and RV supplies. The nearest dealership is in Grand Rapids.

Like, the General RV Center, users can shop for new and used RVs online on its website.

Another option is website RV Trader, which offers more than 200,000 used and new motor coaches, trailers and campers for sale from private sellers and dealerships across metro Detroit. Prices can be as low as \$895 to as high as \$705,000.

In addition, owners looking to sell their RV can place an ad on the site for as low as \$29.95. Other features include

being able to set up price alerts, estimating monthly payments, and receiving insurance quotes.

For those looking for a vehicle even cheaper than the ones on RV Trader, Facebook has become a source for buying and selling RVs. There are groups selling RVs and trailers for less than \$5,000,camper vans, or travel trailers.

TCT also sells campers on its website from as little as \$500 to as much as \$125,000.

However, good deals on RVs may soon come to an end, because of President Donald Trump's increased tariffs on imported steel and aluminum last year. Steel tariffs rose to 25% while aluminum increased 10%.

Thor Industries, the manufacturer for Airstream, said in a release that the increases led to more expensive costs for the two resources and dented the company's profit margin.

How to get a CDL license

Before campers go out onto the open

road, first, some must obtain a Commercial Driver's License.

In the vast majority of cases, CDLs are not required for personal use of a trailer.

In Michigan, a CDL is required when "towing a trailer or other vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,001 pounds or more when the gross combination weight rating (GCWR)** is 26,001 pounds or

In those cases, Michigan, drivers must take a knowledge and vision test before receiving a learner's permit. This allows you to practice driving under the supervision of a driver who has a CDL for the type of vehicle you wish to drive. A permit is also required for the CDL skills test, which is through an approved third party test-

Once a driver passes the test, they must visit a Secretary of State branch office to pay a correction fee of \$25 to add CDL privileges to their license. An enhanced license is \$45.



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Obituaries

Don Geise

BROOKLYN - Don Geise, age 61, of Brooklyn, went on his last ride on April 24, 2019, in Jackson County, MI.

He was born August 6, 1957, in Detroit, MI to Don and Sandra Geise. Don owned Geise Construction doing Finish and Framing Carpentry. He truly had a gift for building anything.

Don loved the Lord, his family, his grandchildren, fishing, NASCAR, sports, riding his motorcycles, and going to the race track.

In addition to his mother, Sandra Anna Jean Geise, he is also survived by his son and best friend, Hans Geise (Stacey) of Brooklyn; and his daughter, Chelsea (Nick) Camp, of Columbus, OH; one brother, Dave Geise; 4 sisters; Linda Meloche, Chris Upshaw, Karen Geise, and Anne Geise; 3 grandchildren, Max, Hattie, and Jack Camp; and loving friend, Sara. He was preceded in death by his father, Don Geise.

Visitation for Don will be held on Wednesday, May 1,2019, from 2-8 p.m. at the Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St, South Lyon, MI 48178. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. at the Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St, South Lyon, MI 48178. Cremation will follow.

You may send condolences to the family at www. andersonfuneralservices.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society. Envelopes are available at the Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

Frederick "Buddy" Johnson Robinson

- Buddy was born in 1921 in Detroit to the late Frank and Charlotte (Johnson) Robinson. The family moved to Northville, Michigan in 1934. Buddy was a graduate of the 1940 class at Northville High School.

He served his country during World War II as a gunner on a B-25 Lib-

erator with the 783rd Bomb Squadron. During a mission over Europe, his plane was shot down, and he became a P.O.W. He returned home unannounced. His homecoming was spoiled to the delight of his sister Clara who spotted him walking up Taft Road trying to surprise his family by letting them know he was home safe and well.

In 1985 he married Patricia June Hanson, and they made their home in Walled Lake, Michigan. Pat and Buddy enjoyed spending many good times with family and friends.

Buddy is survived by several nieces and nephews: Bruce (Gilbert) Varella-Irland, Marlene (Rich) Kayfez, Gerry (Ellen) Irland, the late Colleen Irland-Mitchell, Michelle (Ray) Wildey, Dean (Nancy) Robinson, Patsy (Rick) David, Cheryl, Roger and Troy Bidwell.

Buddy will be interned with Pat at Oakland Hills Memorial Garden in Novi, Michigan.

A Memorial Service is being held at 11 am on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at Oakland Hills Memorial Garden, 43300 Twelve Mile Rd. (at Novi Rd) in Novi.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Post 4012 in Northville in his name.





Leonard Kotarski

SOUTH LYON Leonard Kotarski, 86, of South Lyon passed away Thursday, April 25th. Born in Detroit in 1932, Len met his wife, Agnes, at a wedding in 1949. The two spent nearly 68 years together having two children, Deborah (Kotarski) Higgins (South Lyon, MI) and Randy Kotarski (South Lyon, MI). He is also survived in death by his grandson Jason (Lisa) Higgins (Minneapolis, MN) and brother, Kenneth Kotarski (Warren, MI). He was preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Lillian Kotarski. Len loved people, golf, and most importantly his family. A skilled artist, his home was decorated with his many paintings and wood carvings. His sense of humor and jolly per-

sonality will be sorely

missed by those who

held him dear. A mass

will be held at St. Joseph

Catholic Church, 830

S Lafayette St, South

Lyon, MI 48178, on

Thursday, May 2nd at

11am. Family gathering

will be in the vestibule



Dave Kozora

MILFORD - Dave Kozora, a resident of Milford and a former longtime resident of Dearborn Heights, died peacefully in his home on April 23, 2019 after a valiant battle with cancer. He was 63 years old. He is survived by his loving wife, Susan (nee. Bican) Kozora; his

children, George (Stacey) Kozora, Shylah (Jim) Melvin, Jesse (Candice) Kozora; step-son, Kevin (MaryBeth) DeGrood; grandchildren, Madelyn, Kaila, Jordon, Zach, Maddy, Nathaniel, Nevaeh and Emmett; mother, Joan (the late Ray) Kozora; his siblings, Ray (the late Lisa), Jan (Mark) Less, Judy (Dave) Armstrong, Ken (Nia) Kozora, Mary (Bobby) Hall; mother-inlaw, Joyce (the late William) Bican, as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family members, dear friends, fellow Knights and friends at St. William Parish and his karate brothers. A Funeral Mass was be held at St. William Parish, Walled Lake on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. For further information, visit

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Carol A. Matlega - - Carol A. Matlega, age 62, passed away April 22, 2019. She was born May 8, 1956 in Detroit, Michigan, daughter of Olga and the late John Matlega. Carol devoted her entire professional career to the University of Michigan where she was the Senior Financial Manager for Health Information Management. She took great pride in her career and no words can describe her dedication to her work. She will always be remembered as a loving daughter, sister and aunt. Carol was devoted to her four nephews and her constant presence in their lives is evident in the countless fond memories each of them have. Her love and support will never be forgotten by her family. She is survived by her mother, Olga Matlega; her sister, Diane (Ray) Dennis, her nephews: Raymond, Brian, Brad (Megan), and Nicholas. She is also survived by her aunt Stephanie Vermeer. Carol was preceded in death by her father, John Matlega in 2003. Visitation was held on Thursday, April 25 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, April 26 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. www. phillipsfuneral.com

John J. Stafiej

HIGHLAND - John J. Stafiej, of Highland, MI, died, while in the loving care of his family on Sunday morning, April 28, 2019. He was 70 years

John is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Marie; children, Jason (Jennifer) Stafiei, Alicia (Kent) Riser and Megan (Matthew) Vasas; grandchildren, Tyler, Jacob, Mackenzie, Adam and Mason; brother, Ron (Denise) Stafiej; goddaughter, Jessica Stafiej; father and mother-in-law, Walter J. and Rose Dubicki as well as many close friends and extended family members.

John is preceded in death by his father, John Stafiej (d. 2012) and mother Martha Stafiej (nee. Czarnota, d. 2004).

Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, MI on Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 1-8 PM. Scripture Service -

Funeral Mass at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 2201 South Old U.S. 23 Highway, Brighton, MI 48114, on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 11 AM with gathering beginning at 10AM. Father David Howell to officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association, the American Liver Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

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How to explain employment gaps in your resume

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It's easy to picture your career as one long, unbroken path, from the start of adulthood to the day you retire. You know what's not so easy? Reality. Life can get in the way of even the bestplanned career paths, causing gaps and disruption in your employment history. Maybe you took time off for personal health reasons or to take care of a child or family member. Maybe, at one point, you decided to go backpacking through Lithuania for a year. Whatever the cause, you're not alone. And a gap isn't a deal breaker—we promise. So, let's look at ways to approach breaks in your work

history as you're looking for a new job. 5 rules to explaining a resume gap

1. Be honest

Lying on a resume is always going to be a huge no-no. (And in these days of easily Googleable personal info, it's a fast way to self-sabotage.) If you're trying to spin a work gap, don't put dates on your resume that don't exist.

What you can do is format your resume so that brief gaps aren't so glaringly obvious. For example, instead of saying that you worked at X company from March 2014 to February 2018, you can use just the years (2014-2018).

2. Be selective

Your resume doesn't necessarily need to include every single job you've ever held, especially if you've already been working for a long time. It's acceptable to omit jobs (especially farback ones or jobs that are not super-relevant to the job for which you're applying now) and focus on the most relevant.

3. Be a format rebel



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your resume needs to follow the oh-sotraditional format of header, opening line/objective, then work experience. Instead, if you're trying to spin an employment gap, consider using a skillsbased resume format, which puts the Skills section front and center before your work history.

Remember: your resume is a professional narrative, and you control that. If you want to make the story your skills and qualifications rather than the amount of time spent in other jobs, you can make that the focus.

4. Be productive during your time

If you're anticipating an upcoming break or you're still in one as you start to think about what comes next, make sure you're using your time to stay cur-

There's no hard-and-fast rule that rent on any necessary skills or certifications you'll need. Keeping your toe in the water can make for a much easier narrative to sell when you're ready to get back to the full-time grind.

Be prepared to talk about it

However you decide to frame the gap in your resume, it may come up in the interview. This shouldn't be a "hide your shame" situation. People understand that life throws challenges that require us to make choices or adjustments. Whatever caused the break in your resume, it happened. It's okay to own that. But do keep in mind that potential employers aren't allowed to make hiring decisions based on your personal or family status, so you're not obligated to

give details. It's okay to keep it general. Like with your resume, this is your chance to make the narrative what you want it to be and emphasize the positive aspects. Emphasize what you learned from the experience, and what makes you ready to pick back up with this new

If you were fired or laid off: "I wasn't expecting things to shake out that way, but it gave me a chance to dig deep into my career goals, build new skills, and refocus my energies."

If you chose to take time off to travel or similar: "I'd reached a point where I needed to take a breather and re-evaluate my career path. It helped me build my skills and taught me so much about working with people from different cultures and perspectives. And now I'm back with more energy and focus than

If you had health issues: "I was going through a tough time, and decided to take the time to concentrate on getting better. I'm a stronger person for devoting that time to my recovery, and I'm ready to take on what comes next.

If you were taking care of family: "I decided to prioritize my family for the past two years. Now I'm in a position to pick up my career and focus on my professional goals. Plus, after juggling this care and other responsibilities, my time management and organizational skills

are stronger than ever!" Explaining gaps in your employment history may not be your ideal situation, but it shouldn't be a source of despair, either. Be positive and make sure you're emphasizing all the things that make you a great candidate, and you'll be

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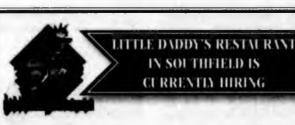
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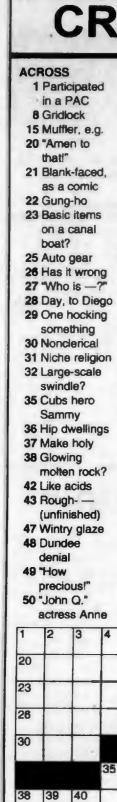
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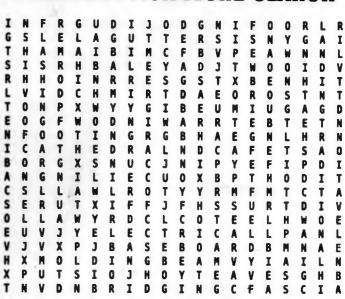
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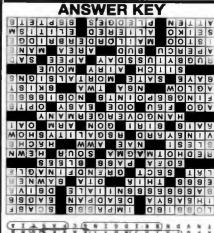
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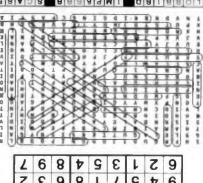
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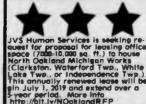
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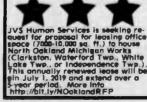
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