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## Novi hits snooze on later school start times

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Novi is hitting the snooze button on changes to school start times that were planned for this fall.

District officials stopped plans to implement new school start times in the upcoming school year, intended to give secondary students a later start and

earlier starts to younger students.

The changes were originally approved by the school board in December following a year of research. Those changes were approved pending an agreement with the teachers' union.

"We are going to delay implementation of start times to the 2021-22 school year," Superintendent Steve Matthews said. "It was all related to school mental

health and trying to create less stress and anxiety for students. As we talked to teachers ... a host of other issues arose that needed to be examined. Instead of pressing forward with one issue, we will try to address all issues at once and try to implement (changes) in the fall of 2021."

Matthews was joined by Novi Education Association President Heather

Burnside in making the announcement.

"The teachers are in support of doing what is best for kids and we want to take a really close look at all of it, there are other components important to student well-being," Burnside said. "We wanted to look at all of it and wanted our voices heard in that conversation as well."

See **START TIMES**, Page 10A



Kaitlyn, 7, left, and Elle Soltis, 11, hang out in the mermaid-themed sleepover setup in their Green Oak Township home. The theme was created by their mother, Stacey Soltis, who recently launched a sleepover supply rental company.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Green Oak woman starts sleepover supply rental co.

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It took Stacey Soltis' children getting older and some inspiration from television and Pinterest to bring her latest idea to fruition, launching a sleepover supply business.

The Green Oak Township woman taught English at both Concordia University in Ann Arbor and Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills when a family issue kept pulling her away from the classroom. She began seeing other small businesses online supplying elaborate sleepover items for children and thought the sporadic Michigan weather was reason enough to launch a business she could run on her own terms.



Some of Soltis' sleepover setups come with playful toy camping accessories.

See **SLEEPOVER**, Page 10A

## Huron Valley Schools drowning in pool costs

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Vivian Upton is a self-described old lady with arthritis and Type 2 diabetes.

But she's lost 40 pounds and is missing her swimming regimen after Huron Valley Schools closed the district's leisure pools nearly a month ago over safety concerns.

She can't swim in the competitive pools that remain open.

"I'll freeze," she said at the Feb. 10 school board meeting. "I wish you would open them up."

She isn't alone in her unhappiness. Kathy Kubik also sought answers from the school board on when the leisure pools at Milford and Lakeland high schools would reopen.

"(There is) an issue right now, because the pools are down and we aren't getting information," said Kubik, noting she and up to 90 others, including medical patients, are members of a morning swim group. "Help us get back in the pools, it's not the same as the lap pools. There are usually 20 to 30 people at a time and there were four people today."

"We are not getting the exercise or the community we need. There has to be a way to fix this."

Superintendent Paul Salah deep-sixed questions about when the leisure pools might reopen, saying that in the short term, experts still need to be brought in.

What is known is that long-term, the current fiscal model for the pools is unsustainable. Expenditures far outweigh revenue, to the tune of a \$1.6 million deficit since 2015.

Salah pointed to long-term analysis of the leisure pools recently conducted by consultant Jeff Rahmberg, who will present his information during a community forum at 6 p.m. March 9 at the Oak Valley Middle School auditorium.

Rahmberg, who toured the pool facilities at both Milford and Lakeland high schools, interviewed staff, students, and community members, and reviewed a dozen years' worth of financial reports on pool operations, including salaries, maintenance costs and equipment needs.

See **POOL COSTS**, Page 10A

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"Presently, our public health nurses do the best they can to link people with other services. But so often, it falls through the cracks."

**Helene Zack** Oakland County commissioner

# Oakland County to expand health care program over next three years

**Bill Laitner** Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Oakland County officials announced a new one-stop health program aimed at bringing together a wider range of services under one roof than any county offers in Michigan for those who are uninsured or under-insured.

The program will offer not only traditional county health services — such as child immunizations and tuberculosis checkups — but also will add full primary health care, women's care including low- and no-cost contraceptives, dental care, substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment. The expanded care will be phased in over the next three years at the county's existing health clinics in Pontiac and Southfield.

It's aimed at the nearly quarter million Oakland County residents who are uninsured, on Medicaid or are on a marketplace exchange health plan, officials said.

After an initial investment not to exceed \$4 million over the three-year phasing-in period, the county expects additional federal funding to be obtained by its nonprofit partner — Pontiac-based Honor Community Health.

"So that we believe this program will be sustainable without the need for local taxpayer support," said County Executive David Coulter.

"We don't know of any other county in Michigan doing this," he said, calling the program "transformational."

For too long, services have been separated by miles between agencies, "keeping them in silos," he said. That has kept needy county residents from getting the full range of care and assistance that could ultimately cut health care costs by, for example, reducing the frequency of their visits to hospital emergency rooms, Coulter said.

In addition, by collaborating with another nonprofit — OLHSA, the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency — the same locations will offer OLHSA's array of social and economic aid.

It includes aid to early childhood education, home heating and weatherization assistance, housing assistance for homeless people, food assistance and nutrition counseling, financial counseling and special services for seniors, said Susan Harding, CEO of OLHSA, who joined Coulter and several Oakland County commissioners at a morning news conference in Pontiac, at the Oakland County Health Division building.

"We're excited because breaking down silos is a passion of ours," Harding said.



Oakland County Commissioner Helene Zack, who represents Huntington Woods and neighboring communities, stands with County Executive David Coulter in front of maps showing the gaps they plan to fill in the county's delivery of primary medical and mental-health care. BILL LAITNER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Oakland County Commissioner Helene Zack, D-Huntington Woods, a social worker with an office in Birmingham, said she had long dreamed of making county health care a one-stop, multi-service program.

"Presently, our public health nurses do the best they can to link people with other services. But so often, it falls through the cracks" because patients must make appointments elsewhere and find the time to keep them.

As chair of the bipartisan county Board of Commissioners' finance committee, Zack said, "We did set aside, in our year-end budget, \$4 million for this — that's the maximum" that may be spent on the projected three-year expansion of services.

Also at the news event with Coulter and Zack was county Board of Commissioners Chair Dave Woodward, D-Royal Oak, who predicted that the expanded program would win bipartisan support from commissioners when it comes to a vote.

"It's been a priority of the board for a long time to improve health care to the county," Woodward said.

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## 2020 PAVING BID

Northville Public Schools is seeking bids for paving at Amerman and Winchester Elementary Schools. Bid documents are online by going to the District's web site, [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us) or [www.michigan.gov/sigmavss](http://www.michigan.gov/sigmavss). Bids are due Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 11:30AM at the Administration Offices, 405 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Late or faxed bids will not be accepted. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Monday February 19, 2020 at 10:00AM at Winchester Elementary School 16141 Winchester Drive, Northville, MI 48168. For information regarding the project contact Steve Banchero at (248) 231-9879 or [bancherost@northvilleschools.org](mailto:bancherost@northvilleschools.org).

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Closed Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The election will be conducted in all polling places in the City of Northville for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following office:

**Presidential:** President of the United States

and voting on the following ballot proposals as presented and listed below:

**Authority:** RENEWAL OF WAYNE/OAKLAND COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY MILLAGE - 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 taxable value) for a period of 10 years

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Northville City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167-1582, telephone: (248) 349-1300 or on the City's website [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us)

**School District:** NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL .9519 MILL FOR 5 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 405 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167-1582, telephone: (248) 344-3500.

### Polling Place Locations

Precinct 1 (Wayne County) Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St.  
Precinct 2 (Oakland County) Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

The polls open at 7am and remain open until 8pm. Polling places are ADA accessible and each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment.

### Absent Voter Ballot Deadlines

- Friday, March 6, 2020 by 5pm is the last day the City Clerk can mail an absent voter ballot (exceptions apply).
- Saturday, March 7, 2020, the City Clerk's Office will be open from 8am to 4pm. Voters may obtain an absent voter ballot in-person.
- Monday, March 9, 2020, by 4pm, AV ballots are available for voters that are already registered to vote. The ballot must be voted at City Hall.

Absent voter ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us), or by calling 248-449-9914.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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## CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF MARCH 2020 BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the March Board of Review shall convene for the Organizational Meeting at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 in the Mayor's Conference Room/Civic Center at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll. Appointments are not taken at this meeting.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Mayor's Conference Room at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 9, 10 and 11, 2020.

If you or your representative want to appeal in person, you are strongly encouraged to come into the assessing department on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 6, 2020 in order to schedule an appointment to ensure your time before the Board of Review. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less.

Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org).

**NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.**

Written Appeals: Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 3:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property other than their own MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org).

### BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 9, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mayor's Conference Room  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mayor's Conference Room  
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mayor's Conference Room  
Located in the Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485.

Cortney Hanson  
CITY CLERK

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# Green Oak dad's bike trek to benefit autism aid

**Jennifer Timar**  
Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICH.

A local father is gearing up for a 1,000-mile adventure by bicycle.

And after his ride ends, he plans to rappel down an 18-story building.

Ganesh Shenoy said he's doing it all to support two charities he cares deeply about.

The 50-year-old father of two boys, who lives in Green Oak Township near South Lyon, aims to raise \$500,000 in donations by this summer by doing an approximately month-long charity bike ride in August and September.

Most of the funds Shenoy raises will support Easterseals Michigan's programs that support children living with autism and their families.

"Every time I drop kids to school, I see a lot of families with challenges and I feel sad certain families are struggling and have an uphill battle," he said.

A small portion of the funds will help his 11-year-old son, Auysh Shenoy, in the youngster's effort to build tiny houses for homeless veterans in Detroit.

Auysh, a student at Maltby Intermediate School in the Brighton school district, wants to work with city officials to

identify properties with vacant homes that could be demolished to make room for the tiny houses and homeless veterans in need of housing, Ganesh Shenoy said.

"Our family goes to downtown Detroit to feed the homeless," he said.

He said he, his wife, Rekha, their 16-year-old son, Aditya, a Brighton High School student, and Auysh regularly volunteer together as a family at Capuchin Soup Kitchen in the city and do other volunteering.

"Auysh saw a family when we were serving at the soup kitchen, a young family, and we realized (the father) was a veteran. He said he would love to build tiny homes for people," he said. "He's all about heart. He's never about mind. I told him, you don't have to be an adult to do things to help."

Shenoy grew up in Mangalore, India, a southwestern coastal city



**Ganesh Shenoy rides his bike around his Green Oak Township neighborhood Jan. 4 to train for a 1,000-mile bike ride for charity.**  
JENNIFER TIMAR/LIVINGSTON DAILY

on the Arabian Sea.

"In India, bicycles are a main mode of transportation, where here it's more about exercise. So, I've always done it. When I came to America, it went to the back burner a little, but I want to do something that will challenge me and bring the best out of me," he said.

He said he is training to be ready to ride about 40 miles a day for about a month. It is approximately three miles around the lake he lives on, Hidden Lake, and 13 rounds is equal to about 40 miles.

Once the weather warms, he plans to train on pavement and park trails in the Chelsea area.

He also exercises in his home gym and swims to build strength and endurance.

He plans start his route Aug. 14 at the "Freedom Tower" in New York City, at the rebuilt One World Trade Center.

Continuing on to Niagara Falls and into Sarnia, Canada, he will cross back into the U.S. at Port Huron.

He will end his ride in at the Amway World Headquarters in Ada Township before heading into Grand Rapids. He works as a distributor for Amway.

He said he hopes to arrive by mid-September and make it to Grand Rapids on Sept. 18 for the beginning of a two-day charity event for Easterseals Michigan.

"That day they have a fundraiser where people rappel down a building, and I plan to rappel down the building," he said.

The event, Over the

Edge, will be held Sept. 18-19. People will rappel down the 18-story Bridge-water Place building on the river.

He said he hopes to have at least 100 people join him on bikes for the last leg of his ride. He said different people will join him on other parts of his ride.

Director of West Michigan for Easterseals Michigan Denise Durkee called Shenoy's goal of raising \$500,000 for charity "aggressive."

Durkee said a \$500,000 donation would surpass what the organization raises during its regular fundraisers.

Shenoy said he will also film his ride and other adventures he discovers along the way and post his progress on Facebook, at facebook.com/The-Epic-Bike-Ride-10153736413210, sometimes live-streaming from the road.



### ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Northville Public Schools will be receiving sealed bids for "Asbestos Abatement at Hillside Middle School Prior to Demolition". These projects will be completed in June and July 2020, prior to building demolition activities and will include the removal and disposal of thermal system insulation including asbestos pipe fitting insulation on fiberglass lines, asbestos straight pipe insulation, asbestos duct insulation, non-asbestos carpet, asbestos flooring, asbestos floor tile, asbestos floor tile mastic, asbestos laboratory tabletops, asbestos fume hoods, sinks with asbestos undercoating, interior asbestos transite panels, interior asbestos transite panels associated with doors and windows, exterior windows with asbestos caulk and asbestos fire doors. Bids will be RECEIVED until 1:30 P.M. local time Thursday, February 27, 2020. Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered to: Sealed Bid: Asbestos; Asbestos Abatement - Asbestos Abatement for Hillside Middle School Prior to Demolition; Attn: Mr. Steve Banchemo, Director of Operations, Northville Public Schools; 405 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. The OPENING of the bids will take place at that time. Bid documents are available from Arch Environmental Group, 37720 Interchange Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, (248) 426-0165, [www.archenvgroup.com](http://www.archenvgroup.com), starting Monday, February 17, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement, in accordance with MCL 129.313, certifying that the bidder is not an Iran linked business. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include sworn and notarized copies of the familial relationship disclosure statement and affidavit of compliance with the Iran Sanction Act. Northville Public Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids either in whole or in part or to waive any informalities or irregularities that may be in the best interest of the School District.

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### CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2020 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2020 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020: 6:30 p.m. Organizational Meeting (No Appeals)  
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise specified the dates above are for Public Hearings

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed values for 2020, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2020 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. OAKLAND COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 11, 2020 before 2:00 p.m. ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2020 taxable or assessed value.

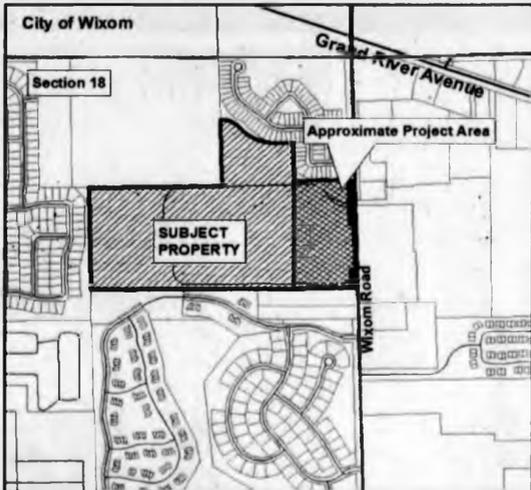
BOARD OF REVIEW

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### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider CATHOLIC CENTRAL FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENTS JSP 19-48 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS ZONED R-1, B-1 and I-1. The subject property is approximately 70.88 acres and is located at 27225 Wixom Road, south of Grand River Avenue (Section 18). The applicant is proposing changes to the frontage of the property, including berms, landscaping and a new sidewalk. Entranceway features would be added at both driveways, and a new gateway arch would be constructed along the northern driveway, approximately 400 feet west of Wixom Road.



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

Subject Parcel IDs: 22-18-200-027.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

#### Northville Public Schools - Freshman Baseball Renovation 2020

**Project Description:** The Northville Public School District's Board of Education is accepting bids to provide renovations to the freshman baseball field (Hillside Field) at Hillside Middle School. Proposed work includes general construction, dugouts, fencing and irrigation.

**Architect & Project Contact:** Foresite Design, Inc.  
3269 Coolidge Highway  
Berkley, MI 48072  
(248) 547-7757  
Michael Sims [mike@foresitedesign.com](mailto:mike@foresitedesign.com)  
Questions addressed ONLY to Foresite Design during Bidding Period. Failure to follow instruction may lead to rejection of Bid. Use Clarification Form Section 01 2619.

**Bid Documents:** Bid Documents including Bid Forms may be obtained directly from Foresite Design. Please email Christy O'Berry at [christy@foresitedesign.com](mailto:christy@foresitedesign.com) for access. Bid Documents may also be obtained from local plan rooms (GRBX, CAM, etc.). Bid Documents will be available on or after February 11, 2020

**Non-Mandatory Prebid Walk-Through** No Pre-Bid Walkthrough scheduled. Bidders are encouraged to visit site on their own. Bidders requiring access to any buildings shall coordinate with Foresite Design Inc.

**Bid Due Date:** 11:00 a.m. (EST), Wednesday February 26, 2020  
Each proposal shall be submitted in duplicate on the forms provided and must be completed in full. The proposal shall be sealed and marked with the name of the bidder and project name. Proposals are to be addressed and delivered to:  
Northville Public Schools  
Attn: Michael Zopf  
405 W. Main Street  
Northville, MI 48167

**Public Bid Opening:** Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Northville Public School District (405 W. Main St, Northville, MI 48167) on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. (EST). The Board of Education will not open, consider, nor accept a bid received after the date and time specified. All late bid proposals will be returned to the bidder unopened.

**Bid Bond:** A Bid Bond executed by a Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the Northville Public School District or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal shall be submitted with Bid. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

**Labor and Material & Performance Bond** Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance and Payments Bonds by a Treasury listed surety in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of Bond(s) shall be included in each proposal.

**Nonexempt:** This project is a non-prevailing wage project and is not tax exempt for State sales tax and/or use tax. All materials and supplies incorporated and used in construction of the work and becoming a permanent part of this project will not be exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. All required Sales Tax/Use Tax shall be included in the bid price.

**Disclosure Statements:** Bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner and any employee of bidder and any member of the Board of Education or the superintendent. Additionally, bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement for the Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit of Compliance. Bids not accompanied with these sworn and notarized statements will not be accepted by the Board.

**Contract Award:** The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part and waive any informality or irregularity therein, or to award the Contract to other than the low bidder, in its sole discretion. Northville Public Schools reserves the right to accept the bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

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# Learn about Michigan's no-fault auto insurance

**Kristan Obeng** Lansing State Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The state has rolled out new resources to help Michigan drivers understand the new no-fault auto insurance law that will take place after July 1.

They include a new website, consumer guides, a call center and email address to educate drivers and allow them to ask questions.

"We are trying different ways to educate people. We are doing outreach to urban areas and are working with legislators with all districts. We are also going to do town halls," said Anita Fox, director of the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, which is charged with implementing the law on behalf of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration.

The agency's new offerings follow findings on a Michigan Health & Hospital Association-commissioned study, which showed that 53% of 1,005 insured

## More information

■ Online: Visit [www.michigan.gov/autoinsurance](http://www.michigan.gov/autoinsurance)

■ Talk to a person: Call toll free at 833-ASK-DIFS (275-3437)

■ Email: [autoinsurance@michigan.gov](mailto:autoinsurance@michigan.gov)

drivers recently surveyed were not too familiar with the law or had only heard of it. The association represents health care providers.

Both the Department of Insurance and Financial Services and Michigan Health & Hospital Association are planning campaigns to educate drivers about the law.

"We are happy to see DIFS is providing additional information for drivers," said John Karasinski, assistant director of communications for Michigan Health & Hospital Association. "We look forward to coordinating our offices moving

forward. But we don't know the details of their plans at this time."

The new Department of Insurance and Financial Services website details changes in the law, new coverage options and shopping tips and helps explain the new reforms and how they will affect auto policies in Michigan.

Speaking to a live person is also possible at the department's call center.

"You can talk to them about what if you if you forgo (personal injury protections) in favor of health insurance, how their benefits will be impacted and the differences between bodily injury coverage," Fox said. "You can't talk to (agents) about exact pricing because there are more than 100 auto insurance companies doing business in Michigan."

Following the signing of no-fault reform, the department began taking steps to implement the new law. These measures include:

■ Fraud Investigation Unit: the De-

partment of Insurance and Financial Services has established a new unit to investigate criminal and fraudulent activity related to the insurance and financial markets and work with Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and law enforcement to prosecute these crimes.

■ New Consumer Forms on Coverages: The department developed new forms for insurance companies, agencies and agents to provide to drivers when choosing new coverage options.

■ Independent Actuaries: In anticipation of an increase in auto insurance company rate filings, the department's rate review staff is working with independent actuaries to ensure the filings are reviewed and actuarially sound.

■ Industry Bulletins: The Department of Insurance and Financial Services has issued more than 10 bulletins to the insurance industry regarding compliance in rate filing, reimbursement rates, and other enforcement issues.

# Taking IRA minimum distributions can't be avoided



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

**Dear Rick:**

I have a couple of retirement questions that I hope you can help me with.

A little bit about myself: I am a widower who is 71 years of age. I retired at the end of last year, and this year I've begun to collect my pension and Social Security. I have no debt, and my pension and Social Security more than covers all my needs and wants.

My question deals with my minimum required distribution. I didn't take it last year as I was waiting until April 1 of this year to take it. Since the law changed and raised the age of the minimum required distribution, my question is do I still need to take it, or can I delay it?

My second question is, since I won't need the money in my IRA, is there any-

thing I can do to avoid having to take distributions out every year?

*Thank you, Ben*

**Dear Ben:**

Congratulations on your retirement. You are one of the lucky few Americans who have more than enough in retirement. I hope you enjoy it.

With regard to your required minimum distribution, you are not covered by the new law. The new law, known as the Secure Act, took effect at the beginning of this year, and one of the major changes in the law is that the age for required minimum distributions has been raised to 72 from 70½.

However, since you were over 70½ at the beginning of this year, you are still governed by the old law, which calls for you to start taking minimum required distributions at age 70½.

Since you elected to defer your distribution to April 1 of this year, it's important to remember that in addition to the April 1 distribution, you also have to take

an additional distribution this year. The April 1 distribution is technically your 2019 distribution.

Under the previous law and the current law, in the first year that you must take minimum required distributions, you can delay the initial distribution until April 1 of the next year. The benefit is you can defer taking distributions; the downside is you will have two distributions in one year, and that can have an adverse effect on your taxes.

With regard to your second question, there are two things you can consider. The first is to begin to convert your IRA from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Once the money is in the Roth IRA, you no longer have to take any distributions. One of the benefits of Roth IRAs is that there are no required distributions.

Another option is to consider donating your minimum required distribution to a charity. This strategy works particularly for those who are currently making charitable contributions, but be-

cause of changes in the tax law are no longer itemizing their deductions. By donating your minimum required distribution directly to a charity, you're getting a tax break because you're avoiding paying tax on your distribution.

For those who choose to follow this strategy, you can donate any portion of your minimum required distribution, and you can use multiple charities. In addition, if you do it one year, you're not bound to do it in the next year.

For those who are thinking of converting traditional IRA money into a Roth IRA, you don't have to wait until the end of the year; the sooner the better.

After all, the sooner you convert the money, the longer it can grow tax free.

Good luck!

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A 1940 photo shows the Canton home that may have served as a station in the underground railroad. PHOTOS COURTESY OF JAMIE AND LAURA FLORA

# Canton home may have been part of Underground Railroad

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The red-brick, two-story house with the unusually expansive (for Canton Township, at least) three-acre yard sitting near the intersection of Warren and Morton-Taylor roads is an eye-catcher simply because it doesn't fit into its surroundings.

It's also a magnet for Civil War-era historians who believe it may be a former Underground Railroad station that temporarily housed runaway Southern slaves whose dangerous multi-state trek to Canada would have been just a two-day journey away if they made it as far as the home.

Bordered by semi-modern subdivisions, an apartment complex and a 7-Eleven, more than century-old structure on the southeast corner of the two busy township roads possesses indicators that many historians believe point toward it being used for the Underground Railroad as a complex and potentially fatally dangerous path to freedom for slaves fleeing to Canada.

Given the Underground Railroad's stealthy-as-possible existence, hard-evidence that the property temporarily sheltered slaves in the mid-1850s appears impossible to find, but the circumstantial clues are pretty convincing.

Longtime owners of the house Jamie and Laura Flora have researched the building enough to believe that their former property at 43425 Warren Road served as a temporary resting place for escaped Southern slaves on the brink of freedom that Canada offered.

Canton historian David Curtis, who has invested roughly 200 research hours into the property, is compelled by the idea that the house was an Underground Railroad stop, but acknowledged that it will probably never be proved to be so beyond a doubt.

"Proving a house was part of the Underground Railroad (UGRR) is difficult because, by its very nature, it was something that was not heavily advertised," Curtis said.

Curtis uncovered tax, census and ownership documents dating back to the mid-1850s, none of which were 100% conclusive.

"The property was sold to John Kinyon in 1852 for \$3,000," Curtis said. "This increase in the price of the property indicates major improvements to the



The interior of the home at 43425 Warren Road has kept its 1800s ambiance.

property, probably a barn or house were built.

"In 1858, Issacher Hughes purchased the property. Issacher came from an area in Steuben County where some Quakers did live. In that most Quakers were very much in favor of slaves being set free, this has been the only lead that I have found that the house was involved in the UGRR."

The Floras, who owned the home from 1988-2018, have uncovered documentation that the Godwin family, who owned the home for several years in the 20th century, found Civil War-era newspapers that were used for insulation in the back room of the home.

"The (documentation) also included the barn as a possible refuge for runaway slaves," Laura Flora said.

One fascinating feature of the home is a rear-of-the-building crawl space that was designed so that, in theory, fleeing slaves could have entered the home by scaling a short wall and escaped into the night if a posse of bounty hunters entered the home.

A history student from Eastern Michigan University, whom the Floras gave permission to inspect the house, said she believed the remains of stepping stones next to a filled-in well on the west side of the building provides more evidence of the home being used in the Un-

derground Railroad.

"She told us that it was common to use a clover as a symbol of a safe house," Laura Flora noted. "And she identified the corner of (that) area as what could have been a clover."

Harboring runaway slaves was incredibly dangerous for the owners of the safe houses, an overwhelming mountain of evidence suggests.

Property owners who were caught hiding slaves were often executed in high-profile ceremonies that pro-slavery enthusiasts hoped would dissuade others from doing the same.

The Warren Road structure seems to be at most the third-oldest building in Canton, the Floras said.

"We have heard there was an old house that was recently demolished; if that was the first or second oldest home, then this one is among the top-two oldest in the township."

The house still stands in large part because of the Floras' persistence.

In early 1989, just a few months after the Floras purchased the historic building, Laura Flora arrived at the site to find that the 1940s-era windows that her and her husband had recently renovated were boarded up.

Flora quickly discovered that a fast-spreading fire had caused extensive damage inside the home the night before, creating a dilemma as to whether she and her husband would restore the home or demolish it.

"It was a tough call," Laura Flora said. "But we take pride in restoring history, not destroying it, so we made the decision to renovate."

When the Floras' children weren't residing in the home, they rented it to strangers, many of whom they said were drawn to the site's history and potential ties to the Underground Railroad.

"The last four years we owned it, there seemed to be interest in the home from graduate students who were working toward their master's degrees," Laura Flora said. "You could tell they had an appreciation for the historical angle of living in the home."

Flora said she shudders at the thought of the era of slavery in the U.S.

"Just to think of what people would do to other people is just horrifying to me," she said.

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Kyle Clinton, center, looks over a just-processed clip of the travel show by internet-based production company Great Lakes TV. PHOTOS COURTESY OF GREAT LAKES TV

# Plymouth millennials launch Michigan-themed travel show

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Leave it to a couple of sharp-witted, social media-savvy millennials to hatch an idea that may completely change the way people look at the Michigan travel industry.

With a friendship forged as students at Canton High School – the pair first met as teammates on a third-grade recreation basketball team – Kyle Clinton and Jay Jasinski, both 28, recently launched Great Lakes TV, an internet-based production company that unveiled its first project on YouTube.

The duo's motivation is straightforward: convince Michiganders to replace vacations to exotic overseas locations with treks within "The Mitten," which has everything you need to create an enviable Instagram post.

"We call it low-stakes travel," said Jasinski, who like Clinton, graduated from Michigan State University in 2013 before moving to Los Angeles to room with another Plymouth-Canton Educational Park buddy, Joe Posler. "A lot of people our age like to travel halfway around the world for those high-stakes trips that give you plenty of awesome photos for social media. We want to let people know that there are plenty of low-stakes trips you can make right here in Michigan that are just as fun and a fraction of the cost."

The company's Instagram page already has over 10,000 followers.

When it came time to produce a pilot episode that they could distribute to potential sponsors and advertisers, the group hauled their recording gear to the Howell Melon Festival.

Why start the voyage with melons? "It was logistics," said Clinton, who is a filmmaker for The Onion, a satirical digital media company based in Chicago. "A few of my work colleagues were able to help us out one weekend last summer. We looked at a calendar, saw the melon festival was happening that weekend and it was only a half-hour drive from Plymouth. ...

"We had a blast and, hopefully, our pilot episode reflects that."

Jasinski and Clinton's ultimate goal is to produce a 20-minute show for every city in the state.

"Coming up with a theme for Plymouth is going to be tough because we both grew up here, so it's personal," Jasinski said. "We'll come up with something, though."

Both filmmakers paid their dues, earning filmmaking-related degrees at MSU before making the no-guarantees move to Hollywood.

"Joe (Posler) was going for his master's degree at USC, so we decided to move out there, live with him and see what we could secure job-wise," Clinton said. "We had both worked in the movie

industry for short periods while at Michigan State, so our resumes weren't bare."

Just a few days after settling in at their southern California apartment, Clinton struck professional gold with just one cold call.

"There was a job opening for the 'Adult Swim' TV show, so I called the number, the guy interviewed me and basically asked me if I could start the next day," Clinton said. "I thought to myself, 'It isn't supposed to be this easy.'"

"While Jay and I both found work pretty quickly, the work wasn't easy. We were both putting in 14-hour days."

Jasinski and Clinton want to produce their shows for the YouTube audience and generate their salaries by recruiting advertisers, as opposed to trying to secure a slot on cable television.

They will also maintain their current full-time jobs, Clinton at The Onion and Jasinski as a digital marketing manager for the Environmental Media Association in Los Angeles and the Michigan Theater Foundation in Ann Arbor.

"One of the appeals of our show is that it will appeal to a couple of generations of people," Jasinski said. "Our generation prefers to watch shorter shows on social media. We use a lot of dry humor mixed in with useful information. For instance, while we were filming the pilot in Howell, someone came up to us and let us know about an old depot in town that is now a museum."

"We went over there and, unfortunately, it was closed, but we still included it in the show."

The pilot debuted in December at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex in downtown Plymouth.

"There were probably 220 people there, most family and friends," Jasinski said. "It went over really well. We're looking forward to making many more shows."

Longtime friend Dan Stoney and his wife, Kara, are mainstays in the first episode. Jasinski's dad, Lee, has also volunteered for cameo appearances.

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Pictured from left are Dan Stoney, Matt Skubik, Kyle Clinton, Jay Jasinski and Jessica Estes during an episode of the show.

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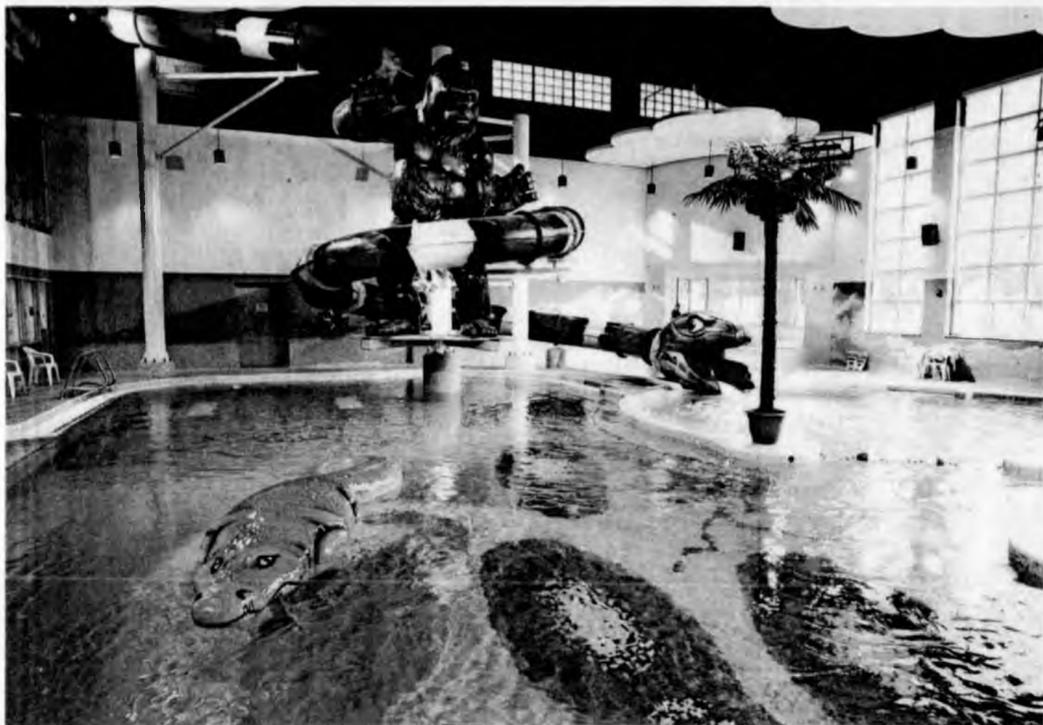
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The leisure pool at Milford High School is closed due to concerns over the effects of humidity on ceiling tile supports.

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## Pool costs

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The results are staggering.

The operational cost of just the leisure pools is \$750,000 annually. Last year, this resulted in a loss to the district of \$500,000 for the entire fitness area, much of the deficit coming directly from the leisure pools.

This does not factor in the capital improvements that will be required to fix the humidity controls that have failed and create safety issues, he said, which are estimated to be between \$4 million and \$6 million.

"That is why the pools are closed," he said. "We would be minimally required to take four to six million of bond dollars to get the leisure pools to a condition that is appropriate."

In addition to the air handling systems, improvements are also needed to the pump room, mechanical systems, scoreboards, underwater lights, water-park features, clouds, ceilings, pool decks, locker rooms and cleanliness of the facilities, in addition to ADA compliance requirements.

Security is also an issue that needs to be addressed, as it was noted there is concern over students co-mingling with community members using the pools.

Huron Valley, which constructed the leisure pools in 2004 with money from a 2001 voter-approved bond, is also a rarity among school districts in offering such amenities.

Most districts have competitive pools for students, but very few have leisure pools. Hartland and Waterford, both neighboring districts to Huron Valley, are exceptions.

Although the feature is unique to the district and several community members who spoke at the board meeting said it should be marketed better to re-

**"A community pool is above and beyond and when we are the lowest funded district and have a deficit without a plan to break even, those dollars have to come from somewhere and they come from the classroom. ... As we look through this process, it has to be a model that doesn't take limited resources away from the classroom."**

**Tom Wiseman** President, Huron Valley school board

sult in increased revenue, the pools appear to have suffered from increased competition.

Rahmberg's report showed only two other fitness centers in the Huron Valley area in 2000. Since then, 34 other fitness facilities have opened in the area.

"Competition drives down membership, and that has an effect on the deficit that continues to grow year after year," Salah said.

He then said the board would need to consider various options, all of which would require meaningful investment "regardless of what happens" as well as development of an acceptable financial model for ongoing reductions and additional revenue sources, including a potential recreational millage.

Trustee Jeff Long said student security needs to be a priority.

"More and more mingling of the students and the public, that concerns me," he said. "In no way can I support the students and public mingling when (students) are supposed to be getting education. ..."

"I'll never support a millage for a program that isn't cost neutral or has expenditures over revenues."

Board President Tom Wiseman said the district would work through the process. The competitive pools are certain to remain as something the community members expect, he said.

"They are a teaching station for athletics and for students, and when they are not used by students, the community can utilize them," Wiseman said. "A community pool is above and beyond

and when we are the lowest funded district and have a deficit without a plan to break even, those dollars have to come from somewhere and they come from the classroom. To cut to the chase, it comes from the general fund.

"As we look through this process, it has to be a model that doesn't take limited resources away from the classroom."

Taking money from the early childhood program to subsidize leisure pools is unacceptable, he added.

Kubik did not appreciate any insinuation the leisure pools might not stay.

"If people knew you were going to get rid of this, I don't know if they would have passed the bond," she said. "You're going to do what you're going to do. Eighty kids have lost their (leisure pool) parties already. You brought something great to this district, you brought a family atmosphere."

"It's sad you're going to get rid of it." Cassie Lynar, who said she works at the Lakeland Pool and Fitness Center, said employees pressed hard for patrons to support the recently approved bond for the district, because they realized things such as the pool's air handling systems were failing.

"I think this is a bad move for future support," she said. "This (the leisure pools) might be the only thing that ties the elderly to the school district."

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## Start times

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Teachers are currently bargaining as their contract ends in June.

Burnside noted there could be individual staff members with childcare issues as a result of the start time change, a concern also raised by parents of students.

"I'm not saying we wouldn't do it because of that, but we want to make sure there is enough time for the staff to make changes to their own schedules and they could be changing to other buildings as well..." she said. "It's not a problem with changing start times if we do it correctly and we want to have time for implementation."

The district's main goal in changing start times is to better align with a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendation which states classes shouldn't start before 8:30 a.m. for adolescents.

Novi High School currently starts at 7:15 a.m.

Matthews said his plan is to still eventually implement the start times approved by the school board:

■ 7:30 a.m. to 2:22 p.m. at Novi Meadows (fifth and sixth grades)

■ 8 a.m. to 2:44 p.m. at Novi High School

■ 8:30 a.m. to 3:11 p.m. at Novi Middle School

■ 9 a.m. to 3:52 p.m. at all elementary schools in the district

But in the next year, he and Burnside said other issues of concern will be discussed, including:

■ Examining the purpose and importance of homework.

■ Evaluating potential benefits of alternative schedules at the high school.

■ Discussing what grades represent and how they should be reported.

■ Exploring tolerance for and support of students redoing work.

■ Connecting class outcomes to formal reporting to parents.

■ Examining use of student accommodations.

■ Thinking through the use of technology.

■ Exploring classroom instructional and assessment practices.

The aims, according to the two, are to reduce stress and anxiety for both students and parents.

"We need to talk about how much time students spend outside of school on school work," Burnside said. "We want to make sure activities we are asking them to do outside of school are ones that are necessary for their own education."

"There really should not be that much."

A reduction in the amount of homework and more sleep probably can't come soon enough for some Novi families, but Matthews said he believes the delay in changes will be worth it in the end.

"Some students and families may be disappointed, but if we take the time to examine these other issues, we can create positive outcomes as we move forward," he said.

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## Sleepover

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"It was on a show on TV and they were doing them on the West Coast," she said. "I kinda figured it's gorgeous out there and they're bringing people in ... so why not give it a shot?"

She launched Lights Out! Sleepovers earlier this year, a sleepover supply rental company she runs out of her home.

The concept is simple: bring all the supplies for a child's sleepover to the customer, including fun themed tents, mattresses, accessories and even gifts for children to take home the next day.

So far, she has several themes, including camping, enchanted forest, under the sea, unicorn and glam girls.

Soltis delivers the equipment to customers, sets it up for them, and returns the next day to take it down.

She said she's not familiar with any other types of businesses like hers in southeast Michigan. Another operates on the west side of the state, and others are located elsewhere throughout the country.

Given the unique nature of the business, she said she has already gotten inquiries from across the region, including from as far away as Rochester Hills.

While she's open to traveling to set up the supplies (for some additional

cost), Soltis said she expects most of her clients will be located in and around South Lyon, Novi, Northville and Brighton.

It took her several months to construct the tents and accessories, a process that, while time consuming, was enjoyable. Using skills learned from family, such as woodworking and sewing, Soltis crafted the tents to make them a unique fit for sleepover parties.

"I'm not an artist at all, but when it comes to crafty art, I love that," she said. "I love making jewelry, I love scrapbooking. So this is something that was really, really fun."

Soltis hopes to add themes in the future, including a sports theme and medieval dragon theme.

The reaction she's had in the infancy of her business has been positive. She said whenever children see the setup, their reactions are priceless.

"When you bring these kids into these scenarios, they just light up," she said. "This kind of brings it to life. It's amazing to see that."

It's a proven hit with both of Soltis' daughters, 11-year-old Elle and 7-year-old Kaitlyn, along with their friends.

Elle Soltis said she was ecstatic when her mom talked about creating such a company.

"I was really excited," she said.

A full list of themes and pricing can be found at [lightsoutsleepovers.com](http://lightsoutsleepovers.com).

Soltis also hopes to provide her sleep-



Stacey Soltis said she can normally set up a four-kid indoor sleepover party within 45 minutes and provides inflatable mattresses with sheets and blankets, pup tents and small tables with themed gear. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

over supplies for charitable events in the future. She has already committed to providing a sleepover rental package during an auction at Brummer Elementary School later this month.

She hopes to potentially expand her business as it continues to catch on in popularity.

"I never thought I'd turn it into a business," she said. "It just looks so cool. Why not? Let's give it a shot. And it went well."

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## Ski teams advance to state competition

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 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The Lakeland High School girls ski team finished in first place at the Region 3 Ski Championship on Feb. 13, finishing in first place and advancing to the state competition.

The girls team finished in first place after the slalom race with 54 points.

The top four scoring slalom results for the girls came from freshman Molly

Lynch in eighth, junior Brooke White in 11th, senior Angela Salmeto in 15th and senior Chloe Lynch in 20th. Senior Autumn Christensen finished in 22nd, with freshman Natalie Hoyer in 36th.

The Lakeland girls ski team finished in first place in the giant slalom race, finishing with 41 points.

The top racers were Brooke White with the bronze medal, Chloe Lynch in her first top-10 finish at ninth place, Molly Lynch in 14th and Salmeto in 15th.

Milford High School girls came in a close second place to reach states. South Lyon girls finished third and advance to the state competition, as well.

The Milford High School boys team placed second for a spot at states. The Lakeland High School boys team finished in eighth place, failing to qualify for the state finals as a team.

Lakeland Senior Zach Massey qualified for states for the boys team with a sixth-place finish in the slalom race.



Zach Massey races for the Lakeland High School boys ski team. SUBMITTED



Detroit Catholic Central came in with an eight-game win streak, looking to beat Stevenson, the No. 1 team in Division 2.  
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## CC continues dominance by shutting out Stevenson

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Dylan Dooley found an opening. After 10 minutes of scoreless hockey with Detroit Catholic Central and Livonia Stevenson each trading shots on goal, the Shamrocks senior forward retained possession of the puck off passes from Eli Brown and Blake Salamon.

Dooley tucked it in the back of the net, racing in celebration to the ice in front of the Stevenson student section, waving his hands up and taunting the Spartan faithful.

That's the energy this game brought: a meeting between the No. 1 team in Division 1 and the No. 1 team in Division 2, according to the MSHCA Coaches Poll.



Stevenson goalie Brenden Stroble keeps the puck tight to his left pad as Salem applies some pressure during a previous game this season.

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## Wayne Memorial investigates crash that involved wrestlers

Colin Gay [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
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Wayne-Westland Community Schools is investigating a Feb. 8 car accident involving a Wayne Memorial wrestling coach and a few of his athletes.

A vehicle transporting team members was involved in a rollover car accident on the way to the KLAA individual conference tournament in Howell. A parent told a Detroit television station the wrestlers were told to keep quiet after the accident, leaving the scene of the accident on the bus, and later wrestling in a tournament that day.

According to media reports, a bus cancellation led the coach to drive three wrestlers to the tournament. The car reportedly crashed on Interstate 96 near Howell, rolling over and landing on its roof.

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## Novi diving coach to judge event in Germany

Andrew Vaillencourt [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Novi boys and girls diving coach Don Mason has a busy week ahead.

The Wildcats coach, in his eighth year with the program, is traveling to Europe to serve as a judge for the German Grand Prix diving competition in Rostock, Germany.

The Grand Prix is a high level competition between athletes from all around the world. It's the third-highest level of competition behind the Olympics/World Championships and World Series competitions.

Mason was selected as the United States judge representative. He has served as a USA judge for nine or 10 years and said he was pleasantly surprised to receive the email asking if he was available to judge the event.

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## Coach

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"This is an honor," Mason said. "I'm thrilled to be invited, I didn't expect it. It's really nice that they asked. It's a great opportunity for me to go out there and mix among other judges and watch some great diving and learn myself. I'm thrilled, I'm fortunate."

The competition is Feb. 20-23. "Judging at this level, it's not just a vacation or anything," Mason said. "Judges are evaluated throughout the contest. Every dive you judge, you either do good or bad or whatever, so you have to be a quality judge that gives a high percentage of what the observers feel is correct. There's a little bit of anxiousness to go and do a good job. Any meet I go to, I want to organizers to feel like the USA sent a competent judge."

Mason said he typically judges a lot in the summer when the high school season isn't in season and that a previous highlight for him as a judge came two years ago when he judged at the Canadian Cup.

Some of the best divers in the world will be at the Grand Prix, as they jockey for position on their respective Olympic teams.

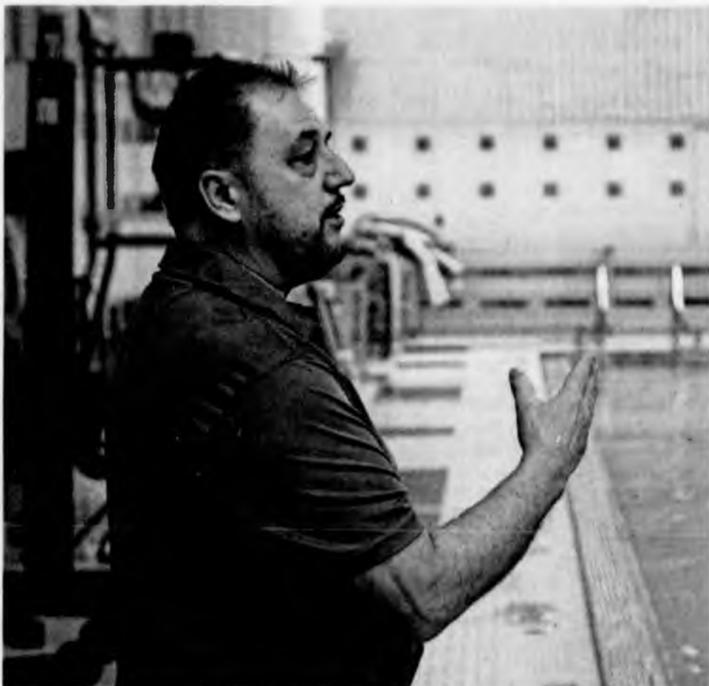
"Grand Prix's are usually attended by very strong divers," Mason said. "The only difference between Grand Prix's and World Series is there's no money involved for the winners. They aren't diving for money, they are diving to do the best they can and position themselves among their own teams to make their Olympic teams."

One thing Mason always tries to do while judging is to pick up something he can take with him back to Novi and teach his young divers. With no shortage of talent around him at the Grand Prix, he is sure to have ample opportunities to learn from other judges, coaches and divers.

"My kids kind of make fun of me because every meet I go to, I come back with something," Mason said. "Whether it's listening to some of the world's best coaches, whether it's talking to other judges or whether it's in our meetings."

"I come back with something all the time, and sometimes it's look at the balance they have. The control, how did they get that control, what are we doing, things along those lines. These kids are so good compared to where we're at. High school is a beginning stage and these kids are usually out of college and been diving for 10 or 12 years."

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Novi High School diving coach Don Mason talks to a student about their form during a Feb. 11 practice at the school. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Crash

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Wayne Memorial released the following statement to families that attend the school:

"We have learned that certain of our students and staff were involved in a car accident while traveling to an athletic event this past weekend. The District is currently investigating the incident and taking appropriate steps to address this issue with those involved."

Wayne Memorial Athletic Director Jason Malloy has not responded to requests for comment.

The Wayne Memorial wrestling team participated Wednesday in the district semifinal against Dearborn, losing to the Pioneers, 65-6. way

Wayne Memorial head wrestling coach Andrew Hein was not in attendance for that final team match of the year. The Zebras also carried only five wrestlers in the district semifinal loss.

When asked about the previous Saturday's incident, the assistant coach, who would not disclose his name, declined to comment.

Hein was hired as the head wrestling coach at Wayne Memorial in November 2019 and has also served as a physical education teacher in Wayne-Westland Community Schools since April 2019.

Hein previously served as an assistant wrestling coach at John Glenn High School from November 2011 to March 2016.

Hein has not responded to a request for comment.



The Wayne Memorial wrestling team competes in the district semifinals at Dearborn on Feb. 12. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Hockey

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In that playoff atmosphere at USA Hockey Arena, Catholic Central (18-5) ended Stevenson's (22-2-1) 21-game win streak, defeating the Spartans, 4-0, Saturday night.

Stevenson recorded its first loss of the season against a team based in Michigan, losing to Lake Forest Academy (Illinois) in the first game of the season.

Catholic Central, the No. 1 team in Division 1, earned its ninth-straight win, last falling to Brother Rice on Jan. 22.

"For us, it was a little bit of a dry run going into playoffs," Catholic Central head coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "You are testing yourselves against one of the best teams in the state. You want to learn a lot about your team those nights. Tonight, I thought we did."

After Dooley's goal to begin the scoring, things were not smooth sailing for the Shamrocks.

Catholic Central junior forward Nich Borchardt was called for a five-minute major penalty for boarding, giving the Spartans a man advantage for the final 3:27 of the first period.

Stevenson ramped up its attack, but Shamrocks goalie Adam Blust stood strong, securing a save at the end of the first period to keep Catholic Central's one-goal advantage.

Blust ended the game with 19 saves, including a penalty shot save in the final minute of play to secure Catholic Central's ninth shutout of the season.

"All year long, Adam has just been the energizer, locking it down in the back



Stevenson celebrates one of its goals against Salem earlier this season. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

end," Salamon said. "We build off their energy and we try to just get the puck as far away from him as we can."

After erasing any chance at momentum for Stevenson on the five-minute penalty kill, Catholic Central began to thrive.

Shamrocks forward Tommy Shea took a pass from Gordie Husted, hitting

the crossbar, but watching the puck go into the net off an unintentional rebound by Stevenson goalie Brenden Strobie.

Catholic Central forward Kyle Gaffney gave the Spartans a three-goal deficit off with 11:21 left in the second period, off assists by Dooley and Salamon.

It was the third time Stevenson had

allowed three goals or more in a game during the 2019-20 season, and the first time since a 5-3 victory against Canton on Dec. 7.

But the Shamrocks were not done, finishing off with a Salamon goal, his eighth of the season, with 5:07 left in the game.

"It's one day. It's one game," Stevenson head coach David Mitchell said. "It's not a one-and-done, but it was a great learning experience. It needs to be a learning experience for us."

Kaleniecki had the same mentality as Mitchell: that his team's season wasn't going to end Saturday night, win or loss.

He said he knew his team was good coming into the game and that he had the same thoughts after the 4-0 win.

However, for the players, this one felt different.

As he walked off the ice, Catholic Central defender Enzo Tarducci yelled at his teammates at the top of his lungs, "That felt good, didn't it?"

For the Shamrocks, it was a taste of what their future could be in March, aiming to earn their second straight Division 1 state title, even when, earlier in the season, it seemed hard to think about.

"We had a saying: 'Won't be beat,'" Catholic Central forward Dylan Dooley said. "This year, we came in, we got beat. We got knocked down, people kicked us around. Then we had to pull each other as a family and then just realize that no, we are a good team too."

"We can push back."

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# Churchill wins district as Franklin's streak ends

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For 14 consecutive years, Livonia Franklin wrestling has captured a district title.

Entering the opening round of the playoffs Feb. 12, it seemed likely the Patriots would once again add to their trophy case in a district with Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill and Farmington.

Stevenson had other plans. The Spartans took down the Patriots in the opening round in stunning fashion and advanced to play Churchill in the district final, where the Chargers came out victorious by a score of 35-33.

"Words can't even describe this right now," Churchill assistant coach Jake Meadows said. "Everyone on this team works so hard, every one of us is scrappy. We work so hard in the room. We got 20 kids on the team and we won this tonight with 12, it feels great."

To reach the district final, Churchill first defeated Farmington, 42-39. Invi Bella was the key wrestler for the Chargers, both against Farmington and Stevenson. He wrestled up a weight class compared to normal and secured wins in each dual at 145 pounds.

"It's not just that I won, I'm happy that hard work paid off," Bella said. "Over the summer I didn't take a day off, two times a day, it sucked, but here I am winning."

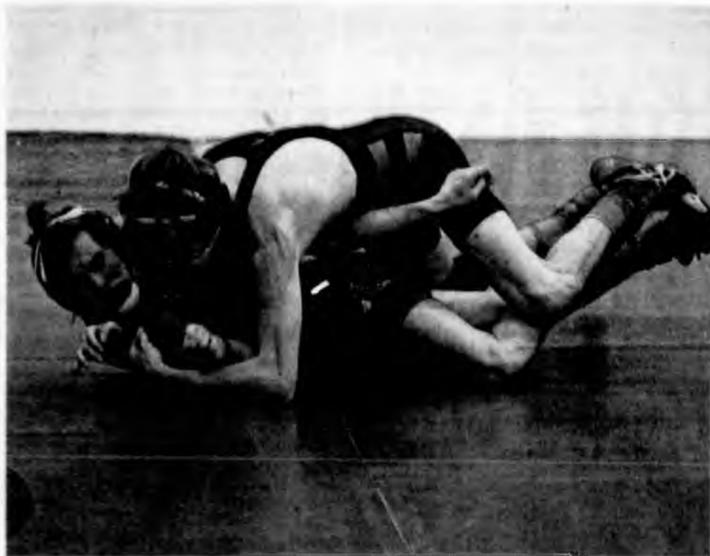
He added that wrestling up a class was no big deal.

"I'm not surprised, I've done it before and I'll keep doing it," Bella said. "Going up a weight class doesn't really matter (to me)."

In the final, Stevenson got off to an early lead after a pin in the 119 weight class gave the Spartans a 24-13 advantage. It was mostly downhill after that, however, as the Chargers surged back winning matches at 125, 130, 140 and 145.

"Stevenson looked great, they won some matches that honestly I wasn't expecting and we won some matches we weren't expecting," Meadows said. "It was a battle and it came down to the end there. That's what we work for."

Stevenson coach John McCurdy took



Farmington and Churchill wrestlers compete in a 125-pound match Feb. 12. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the blame for his team's loss.

"(Churchill has) a great team," McCurdy said. "We wrestle with a lot of these kids in the summer, so I'm happy for a number of these kids. Obviously, we're disappointed we fell a little bit short. I'm not disappointed in my kids, I'm the coach, it's my job to make the matchups the way they should be and I didn't put our kids in the right places to win and that's on me. I'm happy for Churchill."

### A gorilla in the room and a controversy

There was no question coming into the night that Franklin was the favorite. Churchill had anticipated wrestling the Patriots if it got past the Falcons, but had to adjust when the Spartans came out on top.

"They're a tough squad, they have our number every single year," Meadows said. "We were prepared for them, we had to make some quick decisions once we saw that Stevenson was going to take it."

Stevenson had first crack at the Patriots and got the job done, winning, 35-27, after a pin in the final match of the meet.

"The 10,000-pound gorilla in the room was Franklin," McCurdy said. "They've won this district for a hundred years. Coach (Dave) Chiola is a legend. We geared up to beat them, but we knew we had to win a second dual. We didn't overlook anyone, but you have to beat the first team first."

The win didn't come entirely without controversy, however.

In the ninth match of the meet, the two squads sent their 119-pound wrestlers onto the mat with Stevenson holding a 17-12 edge on the scoreboard. In a matter of seconds, the Stevenson wrestler was slammed to the floor and was injured. The official ruled that the take down was unnecessary roughness, which meant that Stevenson would be awarded a six-point injury default win should its wrestler not be able to continue.

He was evaluated by Franklin trainers and determined to have concussion-

like symptoms. Unable to continue, Stevenson was awarded the points, giving the Spartans a 23-12 lead with just five matches left.

"It's a big win for our program," McCurdy said. "I want to say this up front: I have a tremendous amount of respect for Franklin and their program, and we wanted to beat them fair and square. You saw the dual, to have a kid get slammed, and I've never taken a slam in my coaching career, I have too much respect for the sport, so I wish it didn't come that way. We beat them in several matches that were big upsets, 152, 189, we avenged losses. ... I wish it would've come a different way."

The decision though, was out of his hands. He obviously could not make his student wrestle with a concussion.

"I wanted to beat them, and we beat them, but I have mixed emotions about it, I'll be honest," McCurdy said. "My kid didn't do anything wrong, the kid that slammed him is an excellent wrestler, he's a good kid. I hope he does great at the state meet, it was an unfortunate situation."

Despite the tough break, Franklin got within two entering the meet's final match by earning pins in both the 130 and 140 weight classes. Stevenson's Owen Atienza got a pin of his own to defeat the Patriots and send his team to the final. It was a poetic finish for Atienza, who has plenty of connections to Franklin.

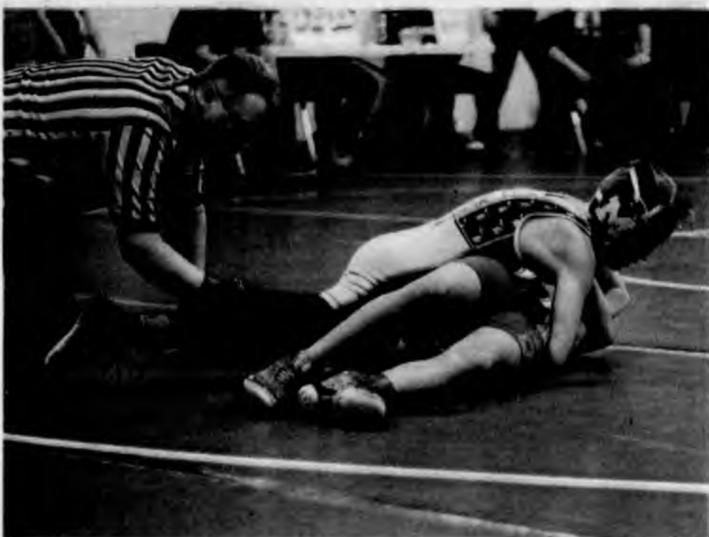
"His brothers both wrestled here at Franklin, so that was an especially meaningful win for him," McCurdy said. "He's lived in his brother's shadows for a long time, they were both state champions, multiple times for one of them, so this is a huge win for him."

### Canton wins district title

Elsewhere in KLAA action, Canton earned its first district title in 10 years.

The Chiefs defeated Plymouth in the district semifinal 36-34 before taking down Salem in the district final, 39-37.

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The Michigan Matcats wrestling team's Carter McGlinch competes. SUBMITTED

# Matcats advance to NEMWA state finals

In the first of the team's postseason events, 23 members of the Michigan Matcats wrestling team earned a chance to compete at the North East Michigan Wrestling Association state finals in Petoskey.

Emmitt Fournier, Griffin Cunningham, Wes Honiss, Carter McGlinch, Jackson Kelly and Easton Hardesty each finished in first place at the postseason event in Freeland on Saturday.

"In the 10 years of competing at this event, the Matcats have been a force," head coach Steve Richardson said. "Some of our veterans like Carter and Skylar McGlinch, Anthony Madafferi, Tayden Plave, Camden Pinter and Easton Hardesty are right at home at NEMWA."

"It's nice to see some new faces like Kiernin Ryznar, Luke Main and both Caccavaro boys setting us up for the future. We love the NEMWA league and always show well."

Here is a complete list of which members of the Michigan Matcats wrestling

team will advance to the state finals:

- Wyatt Morantes - second
- Kiernin Ryznar - second
- Emmitt Fournier - first
- Luke Main - fourth
- Simon Caccavaro - first
- Griffin Cunningham - first
- Jaxon Westover - fourth
- Knox Plave - third
- Owen Miller - fourth
- Sebastian Caccavaro - fourth
- Colton Hardesty - fourth
- Colin Fournier - fourth
- Wes Honiss - first
- Tiernan Belanger - fourth
- Carter McGlinch - first
- Alexander Ehrmans - third
- Jackson Kelly - first
- Camden Pinter - third
- Michael Bolling - third
- Anthony Madafferi - second
- Tayden Plave - second
- Skylar McGlinch - second
- Easton Hardesty - first

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# Northville sends 8 wrestlers to regionals

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The Northville wrestling team had one of its most successful weekends in decades in the opening round of the individual playoffs.

The state's No. 1 team Detroit Catholic Central had the most individual qual-

ifiers for the regional round, but it was Northville that had the second most qualifiers, with eight student-athletes moving on to regionals.

The following eight wrestlers advanced:

- Joshua Drake (103) - second place
- Jonah Koipillai (103) - fourth place
- Brandon Liu (112) - third place
- Jack Gattoni (119) - second place

- Grant Gattoni (125) - third place
  - Noah Myung (130) - fourth place
  - Nick Gattoni (152) - second place
  - Alex Laskowski (189) - fourth place
- First year head coach, Dylan McLeod, said he was very proud of how his team wrestled.

"Everyone wrestled their hearts out and left everything on the mat," McLeod said. "Northville came in to prove they

have worked hard all year to make it one step closer to the state tournament, and it showed with over half of our district wrestlers qualifying for regionals. To see the smile on all of their faces when they qualified is one of the many joys of being a coach. I'm happy to be a part of this team and this great community of Northville wrestling."

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# CC starts postseason with dominant wins

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After dominant wins throughout the regular season — coming in first place at the Observerland Tournament, the Oakland County Tournament and the CC Invitational — the Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team began its quest for its fourth-straight team state title.

Hosting Northville and Novi in the Feb. 12 district tournament, the Shamrocks cruised to the regional round, beating the Mustangs in the semifinal, 78-0, while beating the Wildcats, 79-0, on their home mat.

Catholic Central won each of its matches against Novi and Northville, securing victories in under one minute in the first period in eight of the 28 total matches.

"Kudos to Novi and Northville. I think they have done a really good job in building those teams," Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock said. "A few years ago, they were voiding to us, they weren't even coming. I give the coaches a lot of credit, I give the wrestlers a lot of credit just for showing up and stepping on the mat. I think it takes a lot of courage to do that, so kudos to those guys."

Novi voided six matches against the Shamrocks in the final, while Northville voided five in the semifinal, including both matches for Shamrocks heavyweight Steven Kolcheff.

"Postseason, we just go in doing what we have been doing all season," Brendin Yatooma, a Shamrocks senior at 215 who earned a fall against Novi's Malik



Novi's Jacob Handloser tries to pin Detroit Catholic Central's Jack Anderson.  
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McGhee in 51 seconds, said.

With the regular season complete, Hancock said the mindset has shifted from competing and training to staying healthy and confident in the weeks leading up to the individual and team state titles.

Hancock makes sure his team is focused as much on the endgame as the current match in front of them because he views each of his wrestlers as a future state champion.

"These guys, they're champions in every aspect of the word," Hancock said. "They know what they have to do. They have to be reminded though, that's important too."

## Northville shows progress

Despite facing a shutout in the district semifinal, Northville has developed

during the 2019-20 season.

The Mustangs finished third in the KLAA West behind state-ranked Brighton and Hartland. Northville also finished in third place at the Observerland Tournament behind the Shamrocks and John Glenn.

Brandon Liu, a two-time regional qualifier who came into the team district semifinal with a 26-5 record, fell to Catholic Central's Anthony Walker in the 112-pound bout Wednesday.

Along with newcomers Josh Drake, Andrew Fawaz, Albert Garbacik, and Kai Norman, head coach Dylan McLeod completed his first year for the Mustangs.

McLeod is an Eastern Michigan graduate, who previously coached wrestling at Milan.

Here are the results from the district semifinal and final:

## District semifinal vs. Northville

- 103: CC Drew Heethius 5, Northville  
Jonah Koipillai 0 - fall at :47
- 112: CC Anthony Walker 18, Northville  
Brandon Liu 5
- 119: CC Dylan Gilcher 2, Northville  
Adrian Fernandez 0 - fall at :32
- 130: CC Christian Werner 17, Northville  
Noah Myung 1 - technical fall at 4:49
- 135: CC Phillip Burney 2, Northville  
Andrew Fawaz 0 - fall at :30
- 152: CC Logan Sanom 6, Northville  
Anthony Cocca 1 - fall at :45
- 160: CC Cameron Adams 12, Northville  
Hayden Notario 1 - fall at 2:46
- 189: CC John Browning 4, Northville  
Alex Lakowski 2 - fall at 1:43
- 215: CC Andrew Ross 5, Northville  
Sean Fawaz 4

## District final vs. Novi

- 103: CC Clayton Jones, Novi Aamir  
Hasan - fall at :53
- 119: CC Caleb White, Novi Colin Her-  
man - fall at 1:24
- 125: CC TJ Bunn, Novi Sky Veki - fall  
at 1:02
- 130: CC Jack Anderson, Novi Jacob  
Handloser
- 140: CC Camden Trupp, Novi Ethan  
Prater - fall at :43
- 145: CC Marc Shaeffer, Novi Floyd  
McMillan - fall at :26
- 152: CC Jacob Bisdorf, Novi Nathan  
George
- 189: CC Brendin Yatooma, Novi Malik  
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# Milford sends seniors out on high note

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It's been a rough season for the Milford Mavericks, there's no way to sugarcoat it.

Entering the Feb. 11 game against Birmingham Seaholm, the Mavericks had won just one game this year and if you judged by records, were going to be in for a long night against the Maples. However, in rivalry games and other emotional atmospheres like senior night, you can throw those records out — and that's exactly what Milford did.

Led by seniors Dylan Schils and Tommy Tyrrell, the Mavericks took it to Seaholm, holding a steady lead throughout the game and ultimately winning, 50-47, at Milford High School.

"For them to get a win on senior night, as we said in the locker room and something we say often in our program is let's go make a memory," Milford coach David Gilbert said. "Tonight is about them, and to get that win, it's definitely a high note for them."

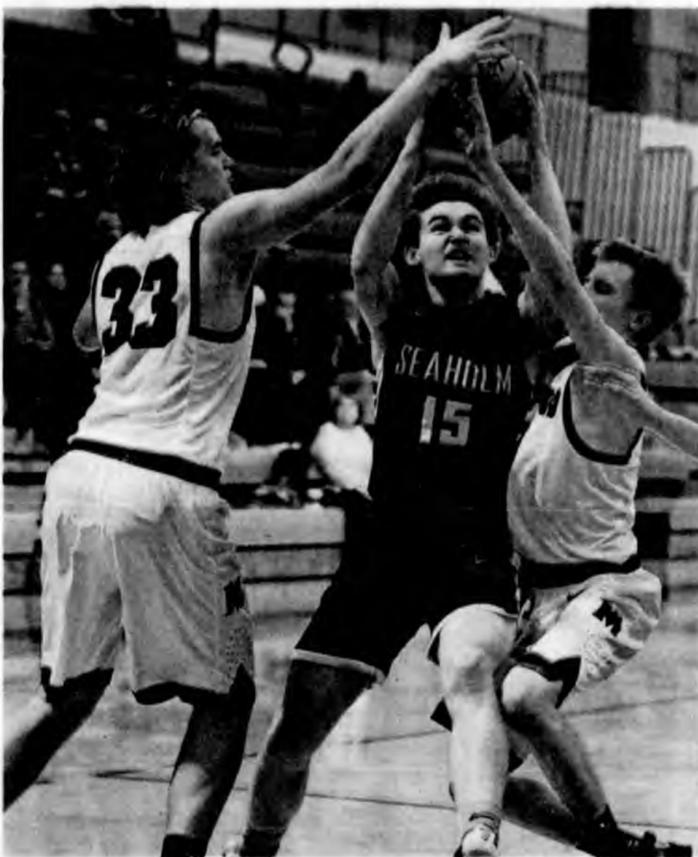
The victory moves Milford to 2-11 on the year, while Seaholm falls to 9-4.

The Mavericks starting lineup was all seniors and it was the first time this season that this particular group started a game together this year. Schils, who didn't start but played significant minutes and had a game-high 18 points, said the special lineup gave the team a boost that allowed the Mavericks to get off to a good start.

"I think we had big energy in the start of the game, especially with the seniors," Schils said. "We were excited to finally all play together as a collective whole on the same court at the same time. I definitely felt there was different energy."

The team's seven seniors all saw playing time and were honored before the start of the game. Those seniors are Schils, Tyrrell, Nick Krol, Nathan Rand, Ryan Lewis, Ronnie Savage and Justin Meyer.

"This is a really special group here, we've played with each other since fifth or sixth grade," Schils said. "It was nice to be able to all get out there and get us a win, especially with the way our season's going. We've had a lot of close



Seaholm's Matt Fricke, center, feels the pressure from Milford's Ronald Savage, left, and Nicholas Krol. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

games and it was nice to get one."

Milford took a 10-6 lead after the first quarter and after Seaholm briefly took the lead early in the second, came back to lead 22-19 at halftime. Schils was the catalyst, scoring eight of his 18 points in the first quarter.

In the third quarter and into the fourth, Milford began to pull away, building an 11-point lead with 4:30 left in the game. The Maples didn't quit, though, and got to within two with just over a minute to play before the Mavericks closed it out at the free throw line.

Seaholm missed a potential game-tying triple at the buzzer.

"As a coach there's a lot of things we can clean up, but we've struggled to get some wins this year, so to end up on top is good for them," Gilbert said. "We've only been in two games like this where we've had to do some decision making things down the stretch, so I'm going to use this as a learning opportunity and obviously when you can win off of that, it's a great thing."

Seaholm was led by senior Alex Lonze, who scored 16 points, and senior

Matt Fricke, who scored 14 points. Fricke made three triples in the final quarter, but it was enough to close the gap.

Milford's defense was strong all evening and was another area Schils excelled in for his team.

"I told our guys, on senior night, someone has to step up and make some things happen," Gilbert said. "(Schils) kind of took the bull by the horns and did that. I'm extremely proud of him. He does a lot of our dirty work, so for him to get some buckets definitely helps us out."

Gilbert has been the coach at Milford for seven years, but this was the first time his team had taken on Seaholm. The Mavericks had a bye on the league schedule and wanted to find another non conference game, which Seaholm was able to make happen. Despite the poor record, he said his team has been competitive all year and is continuing to get better.

"If you walked into our practices, you'd have no idea that we were 1-11," Gilbert said. "We work hard every day, we're highly competitive, our kids have had a great attitude all year long. I give credit to our seniors and their leadership for that."

"We've still got some season left, let's finish this second half strong. We've got some goals out there that we're trying to obtain. Our mindset has been great this season."

With only a few weeks left until the playoffs, Schils echoed his coach's sentiments.

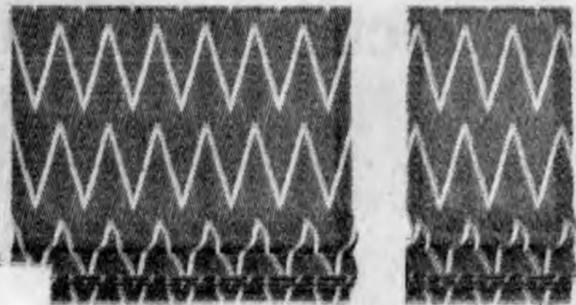
"It definitely starts in practice," Schils said. "All of our guys tend to get in half an hour or 45 minutes before practice if we can. Our practices are always competitive, especially coming off big losses, that's what's huge for us. At the start of the season it was hard, but to see that we're coming back each and every day and pushing each other is nice. With the type of games we play and how close we are, we always know there's going to be a turnaround and I think tonight was a big one for us."

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# FINS replaces last Sweet Lorraine's in Livonia

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The last remaining vestige of Sweet Lorraine's Cafe is no more. But the staff at the Detroit Marriott Livonia believe they've got a concept that will bring in hotel guests and the community alike.

The restaurant at the hotel, 17100 N. Laurel Park Dr., has undergone a transformation that began last summer. Gone is Sweet Lorraine's Cafe and Bar – the last restaurant of its kind since the one in Southfield closed in 2017, though a Sweet Lorraine's Mac 'N Cheez operates at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills – and replacing it in FINS Kitchen and Bar, a restaurant paying homage to the area's fishing and auto industries.

"Things that are classic to Michigan," said David Kipfmiller, the hotel's general manager. "You've got the ... auto industry and fins with, of course, fishing."

The transition began last summer and has taken several months to complete. In addition to the new name, the restaurant's decor is updated, new upholstery has been installed and a new bar countertop has been added.

While those names reflect the state, the menu is not strictly seafood fare: while diners can expect to see dishes such as pan-roasted whitefish and salmon amaretto, there are plenty of other options. Those include fettuccine primavera, chicken shawarma and a prime rib hoagie, among others. It's a new menu made up of the former Sweet Lorraine's items.

"I would say that what we have now is American classic and comfort food," said restaurant manager Linda St. Germain.

Some seasonal menu items will rotate. Breakfast is served each morning.

The reactions from the community and hotel guests have been positive so far, St. Germain said.

"The former customers of Sweet Lorraine's have been surprised, but I want to say pleasantly surprised," she said. "It's a definitely different look."

While its location caters to more hotel guests, Kipfmiller hopes the new restaurant will also become a community destination. Signage directs shoppers from the Laurel Park Place mall to the space, and the restaurant is running a special where diners on Saturday nights can receive two free movie vouchers to the Phoenix Theater when they buy two entrees and two drinks.

They plan other events as well, such as trivia nights and rock-and-roll bingo, throughout the week. The restaurant also has online ordering for pickup.

"I think there's a stigma out there that hotel restaurants are always going to be super high priced, and we're not trying to be that," he said. "We're trying to be something that compares to other things around the area."

"We really want to be a restaurant for the community, not just a restaurant for the hotel guests."

The restaurant is open from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekends.

More information, including a full menu, can be found at [finskitchenandbar.com](http://finskitchenandbar.com).



A FINS flatbread pizza topped with chicken, cheese and arugula. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Diners enjoy a lunch at Fins on Feb. 5.



Some lunchtime diners enjoy a meal at Livonia's Fins restaurant at Laurel Park.

## Obituaries

### Gwendolyn Sue Knapp

Gwendolyn Sue Knapp died peacefully at home among family on February 13, 2020. She was born in 1941, and grew up in Bethesda, Maryland the eldest daughter of Thomas and Gwendolyn Heffelfinger who preceded her in death. She attended Michigan State University where



on a blind date her sophomore year she met the love of her life, Jerry. They were married in 1962 and celebrated their 57th anniversary in June. They were blessed with three children and six grandchildren. Sue served in local politics as the Supervisor of Lyon Township, but when offered an opportunity to seek higher office she declined - wanting to spend more time with family. Her focus was being an exceptional wife, mother, and grandmother. She relished the roles and loved the titles "honey," "mom", and later "memom" by her grandchildren. Gwen's faith and lifelong relationship with the Episcopal Church was central to how she lived. She remained active in the church and maintained deep friendships throughout the years that started on Sundays. She regularly volunteered her time. After hurricane Katrina, she organized Christmas toy drives to support families affected by the disaster. She collected toys in Michigan, drove them to Mississippi, and provided them to families in need. Gwen is survived by husband Jerry; daughters Kristina (David) and Kimberly (Eric); son Scott (Josette); brother Tom (Patricia); sister Diane (Paul); grandchildren Tyler, Morgan, Jerrod, Chloe, Marley, and Quinn; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. A celebration of her life was held on Wednesday, February 19th at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brighton, Michigan. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the St Paul's Episcopal Church Building Fund, Brighton, Michigan.

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## Plymouth leaders apologize after being accused of lying

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Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincoc publicly apologized Monday to city residents and members of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority board for untrue statements he apparently made during the DDA's meeting Nov. 11 regarding a citizens survey conducted by Eastern Michigan University on the future of Kellogg Park.

While responding to a question about the survey at the Nov. 11 meeting, Sincoc apparently stated that the city had no involvement in developing the survey and its questions. He also stated there was no cost to the city in regard to the survey.

However, a Freedom of Information Act request instigated by Plymouth resident David Rucinski revealed that members of the city administration were involved directly in the development of the survey and that the city paid \$2,300 for mailing, printing and staff-related costs.

Plymouth Mayor Oliver Wolcott also apologized at Monday's DDA meeting for not clarifying or questioning Sincoc's previous statements to the DDA board members.

Rucinski said Sincoc's comments Nov. 11 ended any debate within the DDA regarding the survey.

"The FOIA documents show that the city manager spearheaded the survey back in July, that the city was an active participant in the development of the questions and that the city paid \$2,300 for costs of the survey," Rucinski said. "The only thing I can say about (the cost) is that in the future, if Paul says there is no cost in something, we should ask a follow-up question as to how much is 'no cost.'"

"More important is the idea that the city was involved in the survey beginning in July of last year and Paul made comments that the city wasn't involved. As a result, I think it is very appropriate that Paul would apologize to the citizens and also the DDA Board for making those statements that weren't true."

When given an opportunity to speak during Monday night's citizens comments (Sincoc is not a member of the DDA Board), Sincoc said his no-cost statement was in reference to EMU conducting the survey itself with no fee to the city, however, there were "incidental costs" to the city, namely mailing, printing and staff time.

"I apologized at the City Commission meeting but, again, my bad; it's on me," Sincoc said. "We



A survey regarding the future of Kellogg Park ruffled some municipal feathers after Plymouth DDA members and at one resident said Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincoc lied about having no involvement in the survey. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

had about \$2,500 worth of expenses related the survey and I certainly will strive to do better in the future to clearly identify those kinds of costs."

DDA Board member Ellen Elliott didn't let Sincoc off the hook following his apology.

"Paul, I want you to understand that where we're coming from is not about the cost," Elliott said. "It was about that you said there was no involvement by the city and that the city didn't know what the questions on the survey were. That's the issue."

"Certainly, I apologize for any miscommunication, misunderstanding," Sincoc replied. "Literally, I did not know the questions until we received the report; you can believe that or not. I apologize for misleading the group, if that's what you feel I did."

The FOIA response revealed that Plymouth's community development director engaged EMU in July regarding the survey at the direction of Sincoc.

On Oct. 10, the DDA development director asked for a list of the survey questions to be included in the packet for the DDA's next meeting. The questions were not provided.

One week later, the DDA development director gave the city's community development director a list of questions that "I would like to see on the survey."

Finally, at the November DDA meeting, Sincoc made his statements regarding the city's lack of involvement and financial responsibilities in reference to the survey.

# Ford engineer's side job makes a lot of scents

Now in a store, soap business is growing

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Camilla Rice watched her little boy struggle with sensitive skin and discovered that off-the-shelf soaps and lotions made him miserable, while doctor-prescribed solutions simply didn't work. Small supplies of specialty bath products cost so much that she didn't know what to do.

A chemist friend suggested she make her own soaps.

"Who does that nowadays?" Rice said she asked, noting that her training as a manufacturing systems engineer at Ford Motor has nothing to do with soap-making.

Rice, 42, of Troy, Michigan, went to the public library to find books and figure it out.

First, she launched an online business in summer 2016, then this winter, she opened a Green Olive Soap brick-and-mortar shop featuring luxury organic and vegan skin care in Troy. The body butters Rice developed to combat dry winter skin have been an especially strong seller this season.

Customer orders are filled after her day job. Nothing conflicts with her career as an engineer.

"I have quite a few customers at Ford, but when I'm on Ford's time, I don't talk about my soap business. I don't. I'm an engineer. I'm a very specific personality," Rice said. "But if it's my lunch break, and if I have orders, I'll hand them out off campus."

Watching son Miles, 5, and to a lesser extent, daughter Selah, 12, inspired Rice to take action. People in different parts of Michigan and as far away as Florida and California look to Rice for homemade natural bath supplies. Word of mouth has grown the business, and strong support comes from within the engineering family at Ford and General Motors.

"She's putting her best foot forward, trying to help others with skin issues ... I think it's a blessing in her life," said Edna Martinez, of Detroit, a systems inte-



Camilla Rice designs soap in Troy, Mich. PHOTOS BY ERIC SEALS/USA TODAY NETWORK



Rice, 42, started Green Olive Soaps because her son Miles, 5, has eczema and the soaps she bought for him were expensive.

gration engineer at Ford who used to work with Rice on transmissions. Martinez and her brother and sister and niece all purchase from Rice. Cheryl Miller, 55, of Lincoln Park said

**"She's putting her best foot forward, trying to help others with skin issues ... I think it's a blessing in her life."**

Edna Martinez, speaking of Camilla Rice

she discovered Green Olive Soaps from a post on Facebook, and she is a repeat customer. "I like to take nice bubble baths, and her soaps are so soft and smell good and look pretty. I love anything peppermint and bought peppermint soap. Then lavender, raspberry vanilla, coconut. When you store these under the cabinet, they smell pretty without even using them."

Dick Miller, 60, an automotive service adviser, asked his wife to explore options for him.

"My husband asked me to find out about men's soap and said, 'Can you order me any?' And my niece is allergic to different detergents," Cheryl Miller said.

Customers said Rice responds to email and texts with advice and encouragement and sends sample gifts.

She makes everything in her home studio, usually on Saturday nights. Her shop is open on Fridays and Saturdays and by appointment the rest of the week. Total sales since she began are inching toward six figures. Rice is the only full-time employee and hires help when needed. The graduate of what is now Kettering University never could have imagined this turn of events. She has no plans to leave the engineering job she loves.

"My son's eczema was the primary reason I started making soap," she said. "As a baby, his eczema was very viral. ... My friend ended up buying me my first soapmaking kit. And I fell in love with it."

The majority of her clients have skin conditions, but many are everyday people who appreciate handmade products or supporting a woman on her own who is supporting kids and following a dream.

Green Olive Soaps does not use palm or almond oil or any nut ingredients, since Rice's kids have peanut allergies. Having referrals from doctors in Troy is an honor, she said.

"People with eczema have very dry skin where they scratch on a continuous basis, which can damage their skin and cause skin breakage, which can lead to infections," she said. Her experience at home allowed her to better understand challenges faced by customers. "I get a lot of customers with children with eczema. ... I have a customer whose uncle is an older gentleman and has skin conditions, and I'm coming up with a totally different blend to help him."

Friends old and new have pulled together to support this little company.

Chrystal Holmes, 47, of Highland Park attended Highland Park Community High School with Rice and went on to be an executive assistant at GM. Holmes, an interior designer was recruited to design the new store.

"This is not about mass production or something coming from any manufacturer," Holmes said. "Camilla makes these soaps in her home and shows so much love with each one."

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Regardless of where we are in life, significant markers of the passage of time – like entering a new decade – remind us that time is a precious commodity that shouldn't be wasted, especially as we get older. At the dawn of a new decade, it can feel as if anything is possible. It's often a time when we reflect on the choices we've made through the years that lay behind us and think about the direction we want our lives to take in the years that lie ahead. This reflection often prompts us to set new goals and challenges for ourselves in an effort to expand our horizons, explore new possibilities, and discover what we're capable of achieving.

A common goal folks set for themselves is to continue their education. Whether it's tied to a specific personal or professional goal, or just to learn something new, going back to school is a popular goal at any stage of life – but it can be an especially wise move for people over 50. If you're in this demographic and are contemplating the idea of getting back into the classroom, or are thinking about making a life change, keep reading and discover a few reasons why this might be the right choice for you.

#### The chance for new opportunities

In today's rapidly shifting and uncertain economy and work environment, long-term stability is more often the stuff of dreams than reality – and it isn't uncommon for people over 50 to have to face the notion of being back out on the job hunt trail once again, either due to necessity or choice. Although you may be in the enviable position to be able to



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leverage the professional network and experience you've built up over the years, the truth is that age can sometimes be a limiting factor, especially if you're seeking a position at the upper rungs of the career ladder, where opportunities are scarcer.

A good way to open doors to new professional opportunities is to continue your education – either in your current field or in a completely new one that you'd like to pursue. Having a fresh and current set of learning credentials can really help bolster a resume that's full of older dates, experiences, and skillsets, and can absolutely help you stand out from the job-hunting crowd. Rather

than resting on your laurels and past accomplishments, this can also show potential recruiters, HR personnel, and hiring managers that you're willing to do whatever it takes to get ahead. And, you also stand to learn a thing or two in the process – so it's a win-win.

#### You'll stay viable and current

The truth is, the older we get, the more we have to work at staying relevant – and the work world is certainly no exception. The notion that the world moves fast has never been truer than it is today, with the headwinds of change and innovation ushering in at break-

neck speeds and making it harder than ever before to keep up. After 50, the struggle to stay up to date is real. It can feel like an existential fight just to keep from fading into irrelevancy and obsolescence, especially when you feel younger generations not only catching up but starting to pass you by. Going back to school and learning a new thing or two can help stem the tide and keep you on the cutting edge, which can be a great confidence and morale booster. It can also help you earn the respect and acceptance of the younger generation, which is never a bad feather to have in your cap.

#### Knowledge is its own reward

As we grow older and superficial cares fade, we're often able to see the things that really matter in life more clearly. It's been said that wisdom is a lifelong pursuit, and as we accumulate new knowledge our ability to appreciate the world and our place in it continues to grow and mature. Perhaps the best reason of all to go back to school is for the joy of expanding our knowledge and personal horizons in the quest for personal growth and self-improvement. The self-confidence and pride that come along with accumulating new information and skills are valuable gifts on their own – even if they're not tied to obvious and immediate career success.

Are you over 50 and contemplating a return to the classroom? If so, then consider using the reasons presented here to help propel you in the right direction. Good luck and happy studying!

*Eric Titner has been an editor and content creator for more than a decade. His primary professional focus has been on education- and career-related topics. He currently lives in New York City.*

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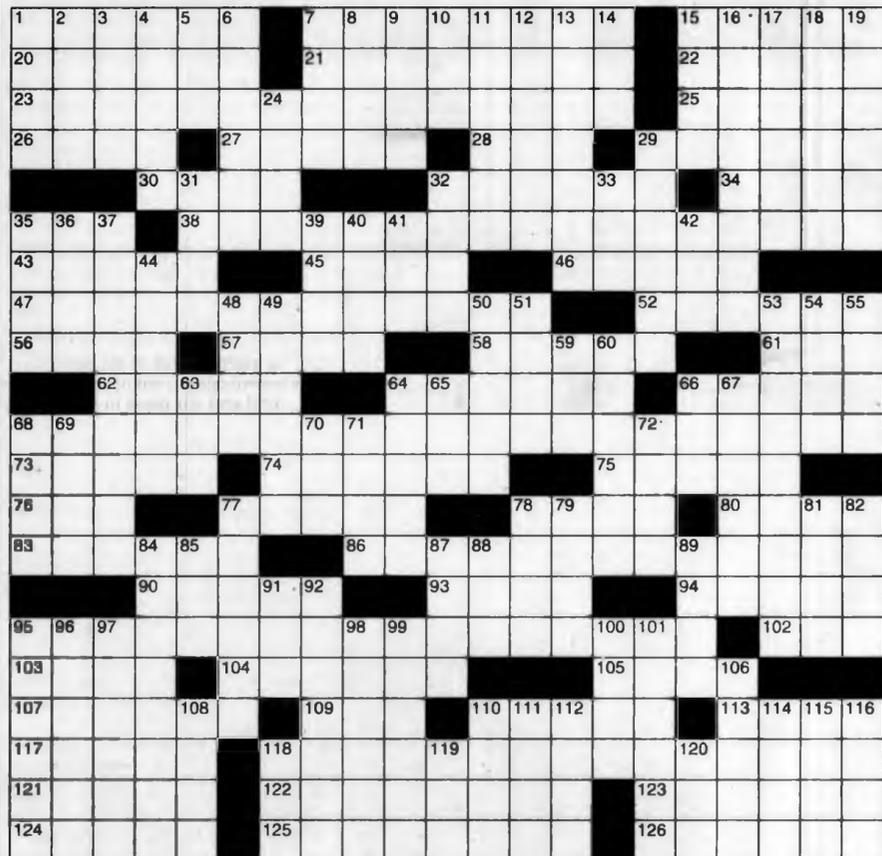
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Cabaret" performer
  - 7 Allowable
  - 15 Egg-beating utensil
  - 20 Carey of pop
  - 21 Red wine, in Rouen
  - 22 Sonja on ice skates
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 25 Western flick, in old slang
  - 26 Like arias and anthems
  - 27 "Go back to zero" button
  - 28 Halloween's mo.
  - 29 Titan orbits it
  - 30 Other, to Juanita
  - 32 Bible book before Jeremiah
  - 34 Kingly title
  - 35 Perp pursuer
  - 38 Riddle, part 2
  - 43 Giraffe's kin
  - 45 Writer — Hubbard
  - 46 1998 Disney musical set in China
  - 47 Riddle, part 3
  - 52 Rubber-stamping item
  - 56 No, to Nabokov
  - 57 Worn-down pencils, e.g.
  - 58 Raise, as a building
  - 61 Pie — mode
  - 62 Maestro Kurt
  - 64 Actress Debra
  - 66 Second-rate flick
  - 68 Riddle, part 4
  - 73 Within easy reach
  - 74 Sports facilities
  - 75 Rudely brief
  - 76 Champ on
  - 77 Begin
  - 78 "Der —" (Konrad Adenauer's nickname)
  - 80 General — chicken
  - 83 Canonized Italian theologian
  - 86 Riddle, part 5
  - 90 Composer John Philip —
  - 93 John Candy's old skit show
  - 94 Bath sponge
  - 95 End of the riddle
  - 102 —Ops (CIA tactics)
  - 103 QED part
  - 104 Nobel-winning "Mother"
  - 105 Sleep furniture
  - 107 Paid a visit
  - 109 Feline cry
  - 110 Credit card draw
  - 113 Beef quality grader: Abbr.
  - 117 Old arcade company
  - 118 Riddle's answer
  - 121 Like a well-pitched game
  - 122 Audits, as a course
  - 123 Actress Fawcett
  - 124 Vestige
  - 125 Mini-dictionary
  - 126 Having soft, loose flesh
- DOWN**
- 1 Sporty German cars
  - 2 Honolulu's island
  - 3 Dark brown songbird
  - 4 Insider talk
  - 5 Unit of com
  - 6 Shepherd formerly of "The View"
  - 7 Giant in car rental
  - 8 Funny — (racehorse)
  - 9 Tech news website
  - 10 Suffix with west
  - 11 San Luis —, Mexico
  - 12 Florence native, e.g.
  - 13 Self-obsession
  - 14 Rock's — Leppard
  - 15 Horse halter?
  - 16 Circuit-cooling device
  - 17 Get a gut feeling about
  - 18 With 39-Down, John Muir was its first president
  - 19 Unit of com
  - 24 Briny bodies
  - 29 Movie critic Gene
  - 31 Taunt in good humor
  - 32 "Money — object"
  - 33 Lead-in to puncture
  - 35 McCarthy lawyer Roy
  - 36 Allowable
  - 37 Sidewalk materials
  - 39 See 18-Down
  - 40 Meal scraps
  - 41 Phone book listings: Abbr.
  - 42 Skillet or wok
  - 44 Wall-breaching bomb
  - 48 "Movin' —" ("The Jeffersons" theme)
  - 49 Most chaste
  - 50 Group of brainiacs
  - 51 Therefore
  - 53 Store selling latex
  - 54 "That is — ask"
  - 55 "— Yankees"
  - 59 Conger, e.g.
  - 60 Like pizza
  - 63 Articulate
  - 64 Girth
  - 65 Here, in Arles
  - 66 Life story, in brief
  - 67 Table — (pair's seating)
  - 68 "— Team" (2010 movie)
  - 69 Cole — (footwear brand)
  - 70 Tony winner
  - 71 Citrusy
  - 72 Amish "you"
  - 77 Like prurient material
  - 78 Joking Johnson
  - 79 Tax
  - 81 Clumsy sorts
  - 82 Hotel visit
  - 84 Mysterious
  - 85 Hulk player Ferrigno
  - 87 This, to Juan
  - 88 I, to Merkel
  - 89 Inuit vehicle
  - 91 Cow or hen
  - 92 Letters sent by plane
  - 95 Pour, as wine from a bottle
  - 96 Speechifier
  - 97 Steinway rival
  - 98 Really must
  - 99 Sneaker brand
  - 100 Lyft rival
  - 101 Accompany to the airport, perhaps
  - 106 Old Toyota
  - 108 Champ on
  - 110 Penta- plus four
  - 111 — about (roughly)
  - 112 Big Apple blaze-control org.
  - 114 Balkan native
  - 115 Lacking color
  - 116 Lacking color
  - 118 Chinese menu abbr.
  - 119 Family gal
  - 120 Comrade



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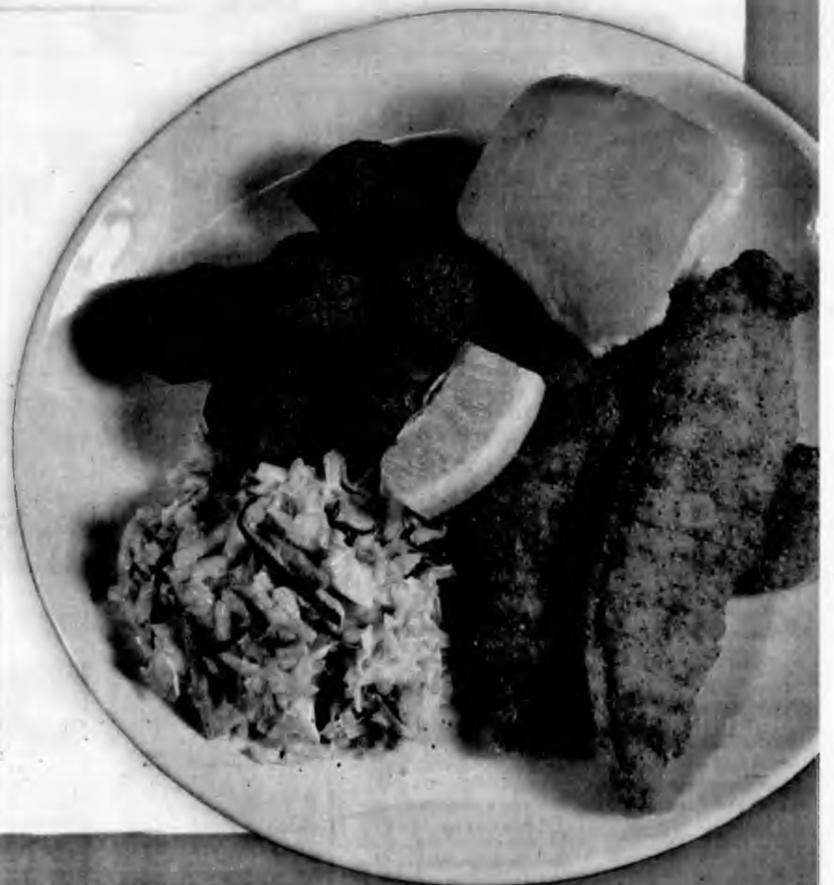
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