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Northville school to add air-quality monitor

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

In a move that Northville Public Schools leadership and parents hope provides an additional layer of safety for students at Ridge Wood Elementary School, the Northville Board of Education authorized preliminary plans for

the placement of an air-quality monitoring system on the school's grounds.

Ridge Wood sits less than a mile east of Advanced Disposal System's Arbor Hills landfill, which has been cited for numerous air-quality violations over the past several years by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

Wind-blown stench from the landfill has reached such high levels in the past that Ridge Wood decision-makers said they have canceled outdoor activities.

ADS was ordered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in September to set up the hydrogen sulfide monitoring system, which will be protected by a 10-foot by 10-foot structure

and cost roughly \$10,000 to construct.

The operation of the monitor must continue for at least five years, according to a draft of the plan. The monitoring must be performed by a third party and have real-time results that are available to the public.

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Voters in August will be asked to approve a .70-mill tax levy request for the Milford Public Library to support its upkeep.
PHOTOS BY SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Milford library to seek millage on August ballot

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Voters in Milford will be asked this August whether or not they support a .70-mill tax levy for the library.

The millage request combines a .3675-mill tax that expired in 2019 with a .3325-mill increase. If approved, the .70 mills would be levied for a period of 10 years to provide funds for operating, maintaining and equipping the library.

"Residents ask their library to have more hours, additional programming, more materials (whether print or e-content) and up-to-date technology," Library Director Tina Hatch explained. "In addition, the library building is aging and will require additional maintenance, such as carpet replacement and furniture replacement and repairs."

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Karen Dobson, head of youth and teen services, looks over children's books.

Lyon Twp. residents decry opioid clinic, biker club plans

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

In an unusual turn of events, a developer who proposed an opioid treatment clinic, tattoo parlor and biker club in Lyon Township withdrew his plans after residents objected.

Todd Wyett pitched a conceptual review site plan for 10 Milford Shoppes, a commercial development on nearly 17 acres on the northeast corner of 10 Mile and Milford roads, during a planning commission meeting Feb. 24.

All of the businesses, which also included a convenience store, tobacco/vape shop, discount auto parts store, furniture store, consignment shop, two restaurants, and a coffee shop, were permissible uses under a consent judgment for the property issued after the township was sued by the same developer years ago.

See LYON TWP., Page 10A

Report: 84 local eateries cited for violations in January

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
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What's going on at your favorite restaurant? You may – or may not – want to know.

Dining out is a huge industry and something nearly everyone does in the area. It's up to county health departments to make sure those restaurants are doing things to keep you happy and healthy.

They inspect – Oakland County does it in-house and Wayne County contracts with Sword Solutions – restaurants and other commercial kitchens during unannounced visits at least twice a year.

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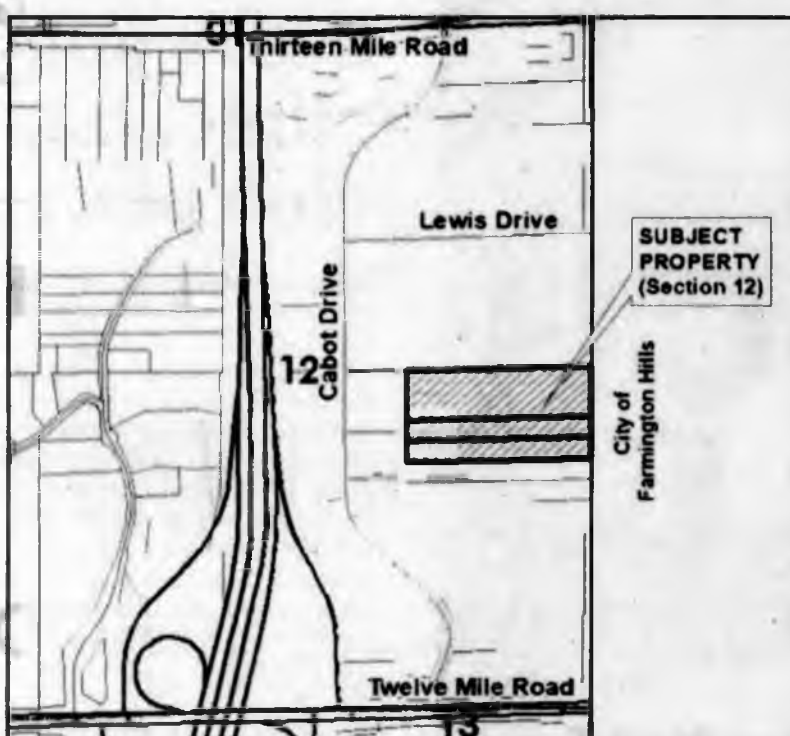
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICENOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **March 25, 2020** at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **NOVAPLEX JZ 19-37 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO) CONCEPT PLAN ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.733 TO REZONE FROM OST (OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY) TO RM-2 (HIGH-DENSITY MULTIPLE-FAMILY)**. The subject property is located on the west side of Haggerty Road, north of Twelve Mile Road in Section 12 of the City of Novi. The property totals about 22 acres. The applicant is proposing to develop a 272-unit multiple-family residential development. The development consists of two attached townhouse style buildings and eight apartment-style buildings. All buildings range from three to four stories tall. The development is served by a private street network with two entrances off Haggerty Road.

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

Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-12-400-009, 50-22-12-400-010 and 50-22-12-400-011

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, **March 25, 2020**.Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Sealed bids for the Novi Community School District, 2019 Bond Issue, Bid Package #1, consisting of:

Security System Upgrade for Deerfield Elementary School, Novi Woods Elementary School and Parkview Elementary School, will be received until **1:00 p.m. Local time on Friday, March 20, 2020** at the Novi Community School District's Educational Services Building located at:

25345 Taft Road

Novi, MI 48374

ATTN: Ms. Jill Minnick, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations

Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

103: Selective Demolition	120: Painting
108: Carpentry/General Trades/ Ceiling and Partitions	142: HVAC and Plumbing
114: Aluminum Entrance / Storefront/Glass	143: Electrical
118: Carpet / Resilient Flooring	

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Architecture, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room; Construction Association of Michigan (CAM); Reed Construction Data; and Builders Exchange Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 06, 2020 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com, free of charge, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith at (248) 427-8400.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on **Friday, March 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Novi Community School District's Educational Services Building, located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374**. The meeting will be held in the Board of Education Meeting Room. The meeting is **not mandatory, but is highly recommended**. Attendees desiring to visit the sites will have the opportunity to do so after the meeting.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 004126), Proposal Execution Form (Section 004200), the Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 004205), the Iran Linked Business Affidavit (Section 004210), and the Criminal Background Check Affidavit (Section 004220).

All Bids **must** be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the Bid, payable to Novi Community School District, as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the School District is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the Bid or failure of the Bidder to enter a Contract for performance. Further, the Bidder will execute the Contract, provide the required insurance certificate(s) and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract but prior to Work commencing.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

Novi Community School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerns with
state Rep.

Matt Maddock has avoided facing questions from the electorate since he was a candidate. When invited by the League of Women Voters to face his primary challengers he declined the invitation, referring to the 100-year-old nonpartisan voter advocacy group as "leftist."

Again in the general election he refused to participate in the one opportunity voters in the 44th district would have had to see the candidates side by side.

But as our representative to the state legislature Maddock represents all of us, not just the people who voted for him. Traditionally, and for good reasons, a public event like a coffee hour or town hall is so citizens can hear about what their elected official is doing in Lansing, express their concerns in a civil manner and have an opportunity to hear what other citizens are thinking on a variety of issues.

It's critical that the person who votes on the laws that impact our lives, face us in person. Hiding from people who might push back doesn't give a lawmaker the input they need to make decisions.

Maddock has a problem speaking publicly on issues with the people he represents. I've only been aware of three coffee hours since his election almost 2 years ago and at each one attendees were asked to sit down, order food and wait to be called up to a corner booth to speak with Maddock privately. If I have a concern that is only of interest to me I will send an email, call his office or arrange an appointment. The confessional booth approach lacks transparency and doesn't hold him accountable to scrutiny by other constituents or press that might be present. These are the checks needed in a democracy, no matter who is in office.

Two weeks ago Maddock had another coffee hour. What welcomed us was a festive gathering of his supporters with absolutely no intention on his part of speaking to the group publicly. Again, we were told to speak with him privately in his corner booth. For the friends I invited to attend who didn't have prepared questions, it was a total waste of time.

Rest assured, there are public events Maddock enjoys attending. We've seen him at congressional

town halls disrupting and booing female elected officials who, unlike himself, have the courage to stand up in front of their constituents and speak openly about the things Michiganders care about.

Sherri Masson
MilfordSupports
bond millage

On March 10, vote yes for the Northville Public Schools sinking fund millage. Sinking fund? They make it sound so scary and ominous, but it's not. It's simple and very important for our kids, schools, and property values. It's \$3 million per year of additional funding for our Northville schools and will have no impact on our annual property taxes. The sinking fund millage is already a part of our taxes, already providing this same \$3 million per year to our schools, and we need to reinstate this millage so that our schools continue receiving it. Otherwise that money will have to come out of our general fund, which will have many other consequences and repercussions.

Don't have kids in our public schools? Voting yes is still important because the quality of our public school district has a significant impact on our property values. Again, voting yes will not increase our property taxes.

We have exceptional Northville Public Schools, largely because we are a community that supports and loves our kids, teachers and school system. Continue supporting our kids, schools, and property values by voting yes.

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Lee BeGole, longtime Novi police chief, dies

Susan Bromley
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Lamont "Lee" Carroll BeGole, who dedicated his life to public service and was police chief in Novi for nearly 40 years, has died.

He was 99. "He was an amazing man, he came from that generation of amazing people," Lee's nephew Brian BeGole said. "He was very religious, kind-hearted, a devout Catholic and very disciplined. He grew up without a lot in life and he didn't expect a lot."

"Money meant nothing, it was about God and country."

Brian BeGole is Shiawassee County Sheriff and entered law enforcement after being inspired by his uncle.

Lee BeGole was born on July 4, 1920, in Detroit to Lamont and Teasie BeGole. He was the oldest of three sons and was joined by his brothers, George and William, in serving in World War II.

Lee graduated from Windsor High School before he signed up for military service with Canada in 1939, two years prior to the U.S. entry into the war. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he enlisted with the U.S. Army. Lee took the Liberty ship to Africa and would later sail for Sicily after the invasion of Italy. His youngest brother, also known as "Babe" would be killed in action in Italy.

Upon completion of his World War II service, Lee returned home to earn a law degree from the University of Detroit and served as an attorney for the City of Plymouth for a time, Brian BeGole said. He worked for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office in the late 1940s and early 1950s before answering the call of both

fire and police duties in Novi in 1954, when it was not yet a city but a township.

In the days prior to Interstate 96, BeGole would take the fire truck out to a call and volunteer firefighters would meet him at the scene. Many of the calls received were for police matters, Brian said, for which the sheriff in Pontiac or state police in Farmington had been responding.

"By the time they arrived, you might as well not even have called," Brian said. "Novi recognized they needed to start a police department."

Lee BeGole was their man and got approval to hire 20 police officers. In his 37 years as police chief, he grew the department to 80 officers, and had the respect of those who worked for him, as well as the community.

BeGole instituted a policy of requiring police officers to have a bachelor's degree to work for the department, Brian said. He remembers that when an applicant would call and ask for directions to the interview, his uncle would tell them that if they couldn't find the department on their own, a job as a police officer might not be for them.

When BeGole hired someone, they became loyal. Brian notes the turnover was low in the department, with most officers staying in Novi.

"He was a unique individual," he said. "They al-

ways said he was very fair."

While many people might believe a gun is most essential to a police officer's job, Brian said his uncle had a different philosophy.

"He believed the most important tool on a police officer was a pen," he said. "Most people might think a gun, but you have to talk to people, and a pen would be more important with the reports you write."

Lee BeGole was a founder of the Novi Rotary Club, and also founded a youth club in Novi for troubled teens, believing that when "youngsters get in trouble, they are always deserving of a second chance."

BeGole never married or had children, dedicating his life to his career, with often a 90-hour work week, Brian said, staying late and arriving early.

"It was his entire life, the department was his family," Brian said.

Lee BeGole retired from Novi in 1991, but immediately went to Green Oak Township to serve as full-time police chief for the next 15 years before retiring at 85 after a high speed police chase.

"After that he decided it was time to stop," Brian said with a chuckle.

BeGole left a lasting legacy, however. In Novi, the police headquarters is named after him, as well as a road, but even more indelible is the lasting im-

pact he has made on all the many lives he touched.

"He impacted everyone's life, he was a mentor to many many people, a friend and a very generous person," Colette BeGole-Roll, Lee's niece, said. "He was just one of a kind. A lot of his friends have passed, but he handpicked and hired Novi police officers and he stayed in touch."

Novi Police will serve as Honor Guard and pallbearers during Lee BeGole's funeral.

Visitation for Lee BeGole is 4-6 p.m., March 8, at Watkins Funeral Home Perry Chapel, 214 S. Main St. in Perry.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m., March 9, at St. Mary Catholic Church, 509 Main St., Morrice. Interment at Looking Glass Cemetery in Morrice.

Contact reporter Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com or 517-281-2412. Follow her on Twitter @SusanBromley10.



Former Novi Police Chief Lamont "Lee" Carroll BeGole, left, stands with current Police Chief David Molloy. BeGole, who served Novi for 37 years, died Feb. 29 at age 99. COURTESY WATKINS FUNERAL HOME



BeGole, who was the first police chief of Novi, stands with his car on patrol when Novi was still a township. COURTESY OF BRIAN BEGOLE

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NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS - FRESHMAN BASEBALL RENOVATION 2020 RE-BID OF PROPOSAL A - GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

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, and irrigation. THIS IS A RE-BID OF THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION PORTION OF THE PROJECT.

Architect & Project Contact: Foresite Design, Inc. 3269 Coolidge Highway Berkley, MI 48072 (248) 547-7757 Michael Sims 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 for access. Bid Documents may also be obtained from local plan rooms (GRBX, CAM, etc.). **Bid Documents will be available on or after February 28, 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), Friday, March 13, 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 **Friday, March 13, 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.

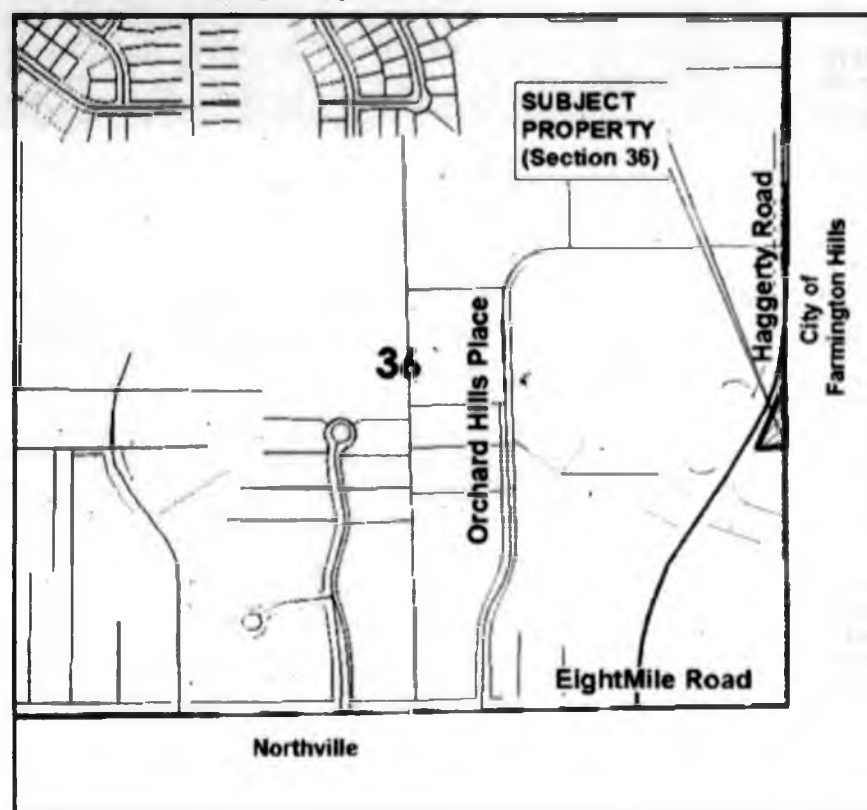
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **March 25, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **TRIANGLE PLACE JZ 19-17 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO) CONCEPT PLAN ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.731, TO REZONE FROM FREEWAY SERVICE (FS) TO B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS)**. The subject property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road in Section 36 of the City of Novi. The property totals 0.48 acres. The applicant is proposing the construction of an approximately 2,420 sq. ft. single story building for office or similar uses. The applicant is also seeking the approval of the preliminary site plan and storm water management plan.



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

Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-36-476-006

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, March 25, 2020. The applicant is also seeking the approval of the preliminary site plan and stormwater management plan.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Staffers review Wendy's new breakfast menu

David Veselenak and Colin Gay
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There's a new player — again — in the breakfast game.

Wendy's, the Ohio-based fast food chain prepped its kitchens for Monday's nationwide breakfast menu roll-out, which begins Monday, though it appears several restaurants have already begun serving it across metro Detroit. It will join fast-food behemoths McDonald's, Dunkin', Burger King and even Taco Bell as the next place to serve a combination of egg, cheese and bacon on a sandwich.

Several Wendy's restaurants across the region had been serving breakfast, including the Wendy's at 29480 Wixom Road in Wixom, north of Interstate 96: an employee there said they've been serving breakfast for about five years.

Breakfast is a segment of the fast-food market that has seen growth: a 2018 story by USA Today stated breakfast visits were up over that year, from 6 billion visits to 7.3 billion visits.

So business reporter David Veselenak and sports reporter Colin Gay, a self-described Wendy's connoisseur, made the drive from the Hometown Life office in Novi to Wixom and picked up several of the breakfast items being sold in the new campaign.

We picked up five items and tried them all: the Classic Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich; the Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit; the Breakfast Baconator; the Seasoned Potatoes; and a Vanilla Frosty-ccino. Here's what we thought of each of them, with excerpts transcribed from the videos we made while sampling them (available to watch at HometownLife.com):

Classic Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich

The description from Wendy's: "A fresh-cracked grade A egg, grilled sausage and melted American cheese on a warm breakfast roll. It's how mornings were meant to begin."

Colin Gay: So that's like typical fast food, at least to me. The egg's solid. But it honestly, this is what I would expect from a fast-food breakfast joint.

David Veselenak: Yeah, it's got all the flavors you'd expect. The sausage is a little

bit spicier than I kind of expected. It's spicier than, say, McDonald's sausage. It's got some heat to it. I'm feeling it in the back of my mouth. The egg is really good. The bread is really good. The cheese is the cheese.

CG: This is a lot better than I expected it to be, especially because of the sausage. There was some flavor there that I was not expecting.

DV: I'd get this one again.

Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit

The description from Wendy's: "A crispy, chicken fillet, perfectly seasoned and topped with maple honey butter on a fluffy buttermilk biscuit. It's sweet, it's savory, and it's a great reason to get out of bed in the morning."

CG: ... This is hard for me because I love this stuff from down south, being born from right outside Houston. This is one that could be a game-changer if it's good.

DV: This looks like a full breast fillet. This is large. That really impressed me when we opened up the sandwich. It's got a sweetness smell to it.

CG: It's not as sweet as the smell indicated.

DV: The biscuit definitely has a buttery texture to it, very buttery. The chicken is really good, it's really good. I imagine it's like the chicken fillet they put on their chicken sandwich. I'm not really getting much of the sauce though.

CG: It's there a little bit, but I like it when it's covered. Usually when I order it at other places, it's so messy that the sauce is coming out the sides. This one, there's just not enough.

DV: Maybe it'll be good for us northerners. ... For me, it was good, I'd probably get it again. It wouldn't be my first go-to.

CG: I'm excited it's becoming a national thing. ... I'm a sucker for a chicken biscuit so I might get it, but I'd rather just get a regular chicken biscuit as opposed to this. But I'm gonna finish it.

Seasoned Potatoes

The description from Wendy's: "Natural-cut, skin-on potatoes cooked to perfection and seasoned with cracked black pepper and garlic powder."

DV: Very potato-ey. Do you taste the potato?



Hometown Life reporters David Veselenak, left, and Colin Gay review Wendy's Breakfast Baconator, part of the Ohio-based fast-food chain's new breakfast menu.
DAVID VESELENAK/
HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

CG: These aren't like traditional French fries, which I appreciate. These are ... when I order French fries, even for dinner, these are the level in terms of the amount of potato.

DV: They're not just deep-fried batter. These taste like a potato. ...

CG: It's interesting that they chose these for breakfast. But I honestly appreciate it, because I'm a sucker for these.

DV: I would have these with my spicy nuggets for lunch. I'd probably have these over their regular French fries, which are OK. ...

CG: I hope they consider moving these throughout the day, too. ...

Vanilla Frosty-ccino

The description from Wendy's: "Smooth, cold-brewed coffee swirled with our legendary vanilla Frosty mix and served over ice."

DV: I don't know. I definitely taste the vanilla. ... I personally am not getting a lot of coffee flavor. It's not that it's bad, but it's not the coffee hit I'd expect from other places.

CG: It reminds me of the flavor of coffee ice cream.

DV: Yes, that's a great comparison.

Breakfast Baconator

The description from Wendy's: "Grilled sausage, American cheese, Applewood smoked bacon, a fresh-cracked grade A egg, (deep breath) more cheese and more

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CG: There's a lot of bacon on there. A lot of bacon.

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CG: This thing is massive. There's a lot of meat on here.

DV: It's good. It's heavy. I'm happy I'm only eating half of it.

CG: There's a lot of cheese going on, too. Same sausage thing, too. It's more spice again, and I like that. I think that's cool.

DV: If you're sensitive to spice, the sausage patties may not be your thing, but if you like a little bit of heat, it's not bad.

CG: I don't know where the sauce is.

The verdict

DV: All the food items we tried were really good and I'd probably get all of them again. I think the thing that shines for me the most is their sausage. ...

CG: I think they've always been known as a bacon restaurant, so to have them step up in terms of the sausage, that really impressed me, especially with the most seemingly mundane sandwiches. I was very impressed by it. I thought the potato wedges/French fries were a phenomenal side as well. ... Coffee, not my thing, but then again, when I'm going to fast food, I want a sandwich and fries, so Wendy's has it for you.

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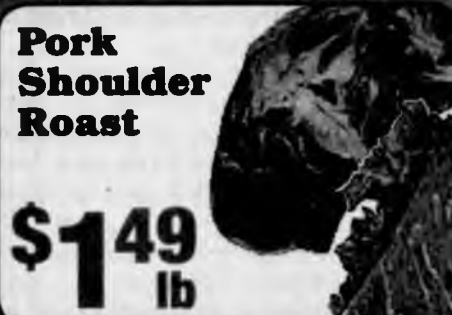
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Northville's Marquis Theatre, at 135 E. Main, will hold a sale of some of its furnishings starting Friday. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Theater owner Christina Zayti sits near a few of the items that will go on sale. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Northville's historic Marquis Theatre sold

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

As Christina Zayti talked about her memories of a building that produces almost nothing except happy endings, tears perpetually welled up in her eyes.

Since 1971, the year her mother Inge purchased downtown Northville's 96-year-old Marquis Theatre, the entertainment landmark has been Zayti's home away from home; her happy place.

The theater's owner since her mom died in 2009, Zayti explained that she has reluctantly sold the property due to four- and five-digit maintenance bills that are rolling across her bank statements like the on-screen credits following a heart-wrenching movie.

"Just before winter hit, I think it was in November, I was up on the roof trying to patch a hole," she said. "When I got down, that's when it hit me: I can't do this any more. The last thing I wanted to do was sell this place, but I don't have a choice."

Beginning Friday, Zayti will begin hosting a multi-week "garage" sale like

no other.

With help from a West Bloomfield appraiser who as of last was still working to fix a price on thousands of theater-related items – from King Tut-like props to rare porcelain lamps – Zayti will be selling everything the theater held that is not bolted to the floor.

"I mean, look at all this stuff," she said, gesturing toward rows of jam-packed theater seats. "There's more stuff backstage ... and I still have two storage units filled with stuff to bring over."

"It hurts, it really does, because everything in here is a piece of me. I was with my mom when she bought most of this stuff. You do what you gotta do. I don't want to do this, but ..."

The Marquis has been the launching pad for thousands of young actors and actresses who loved to entertain – whether simply during a week-long summer camp or with hopes of a career on Broadway or in Hollywood.

"David Burtka, who is married to Neil Patrick Harris, was here a lot while growing up in Northville," Zayti recalled.

"One year we were doing Peter Pan and he fell while doing a flying set – he wasn't hooked up to the harness correctly – and he fell. This place is so padded and protected that he didn't have a bruise on him."

Informing her "Marquis family," as she calls employees and acting regulars, about the pending sale was one of the toughest things Zayti has had to do, she admitted.

"Staff were crying, kids were crying, it was tough," she said.

Zayti is not only the former owner of the Marquis, she is also its unofficial historian.

"Back in the '20s, not long after it opened, Tuesday nights used to be 'Farmers Night,'" she reflected. "That was the night all the farmers showed up to watch the movies. They'd come straight from the farms, so they smelled pretty bad, but it was all farmers, so nobody cared."

"My mom showed movies from 1971 until about 1979, then she picked it back up again for a while in the '80s. Probably the most popular movie that ever

showed here – and I believe it was one of the last ones, too – was 'Field of Dreams'. People were sitting in the aisles."

Zayti said the building has been sold to a Northville resident who plans to renovate and continue to use the space as a theater.

"They're going to continue to run the summer camps for kids, too," she said. "I could have sold it to anyone, but I wanted someone who was committed to keeping it as a theater."

The "Marquis Theatre Hidden Treasure Sale" will be held every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in March.

Friday's debut will run 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

All other dates, the sale will run 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Zayti said only a limited number of people will be allowed in the theater at one time and shoppers will be asked not to wear jackets or bring purses into the theater.

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Federal funding will kickstart road projects

Susan Bromley HometownLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

An Oakland County committee named road projects that will receive major federal funding grants in 2023, including projects in Novi and Farmington Hills.

Plans for Taft Road in Novi from 10 Mile to the Northville border call for a major resurfacing project after being selected for \$910,000 in federal funding, said Craig Bryson, a spokesman for the Road Commission for Oakland County.

"It's a pretty big deal, but we're not adding capacity, we're simply replacing the surface there," Bryson said. "To add capacity, they need a lot more dollars. (The desire to widen the road) is a major concern but requires a lot more dollars. When you widen a road, we don't own the right of way and have to purchase it, and that's extremely expensive."

In neighboring Wixom, \$2.8 million in federal funding will allow for a major resurfacing of Grand River between Napier and Wixom roads.

In Farmington Hills, two major resurfacing projects are planned for 2023: 14 Mile Road between Drake and Farmington with \$1.1 million in grant funding and Farmington Road between 12 and 13 mile roads with \$1.4 million in funding.



Taft Road between 10 Mile Road and the Northville border will get resurfacing in 2023 with \$910,000 in federal funding. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The Federal Aid Committee uses a point system to decide how the approximately \$18.5 million in federal funding road dollars allocated to the county annually are spent.

The committee, which has representatives from each municipality in the county, as well as SMART and MDOT, met earlier this month in Novi to select projects based on the point system.

They also made some changes to an approved list of

projects for 2020 and 2021.

In Farmington Hills, a project that will widen Orchard Lake Road from 13 Mile to 14 Mile will be done in 2021 instead of this year. That project includes creating a roundabout and boulevard for the road just south of 14 Mile Road.

Bryson added that the road commission decided to delay a \$1.5 million resurfacing of Cranbrook Road between 14 Mile and Maple roads until next year in order to lessen traffic issues from Maple Road construction planned for this year by the City of Birmingham.

Projects in Oakland County that will proceed as planned for 2020 are the paving of Dixboro Road from 8 to 9 Mile in Lyon Township, a \$3.5 million project; and a \$2 million project on preventive maintenance for the Grand River bridge over the CSX railroad in Novi.

Still in the conceptual stage with discussions between the RCOC, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township officials is the possibility of installing a roundabout at the Lahser Road and Hickory Grove intersection.

"There is a chance it could be built this year if we decide to go that way," Bryson said. "We are certainly considering it...."

"About 16,000 vehicles per day travel through that intersection, and it would be safer and less congestion if we put a roundabout through."

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"I see we have a lot of neighbors here and it's not my intention to frighten or use scare tactics," Wyett said as he began his presentation. "I have appeared twice before here for traditional uses (on the property for) Busch's Market and Kroger's, and have been turned down for supermarkets. I know the motorcycle club and opioid clinic has concerns. ... I want to build this commercial development at 10 and Milford road this year."

Wyett brought with him to the meeting Paul Magy, an attorney representing the opioid treatment clinic, and Bryan Marcus, an attorney representing the motorcycle club, which was unnamed.

Developer's plans

Magy talked about the increasing opioid addiction epidemic and said Michigan's crisis is 20% worse than the national average. His client, he said, had identified this location in Lyon Township as "being good for its work" and would be the first of several clinics planned for Michigan.

"My client is excited about this location; it's a sweet spot for patient volume," Magy said. "I would conclude by saying, I see many people here and a natural resistance to suspicions of what kind of person might be involved here, but I want to assure you, it's your neighbors, friends, family and these are people who are suffering and need help."

"We're here to make change and if communities aren't allowing this to happen, we may never overcome this crisis."

Magy said while there would be resistance in the beginning, he expected the community would see the benefit of the clinic.

Marcus also noted there would be resistance to his clients, which in addition to the motorcycle club included the tattoo studio and smoke shop, but noted the consent judgment allows each of the businesses.

"We believe we are a strong fit," he said. "A restaurant would service the community quite well. A tattoo



A proposal to develop Milford Shoppes at this parcel of land at 10 Mile and Milford roads in Lyon Township has been withdrawn after residents complained.

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shop is a retail establishment under beauty shop and the motorcycle club itself is specifically identified in the zoning ordinance."

Although it was not a public hearing and the commissioners had stressed that no action was to be taken as the conceptual review is just to give feedback to the developer, several residents then had their say.

No to Lyon opioid clinic or biker club

"Opioid use? No," said Don Peretto. "I don't want it in my backyard and it won't be here. You know what riff raff comes in here? A lot. Gonna cater to them? No. CVS is right across the street and a drug deal could go down in the parking lot and you know damn well it's gonna happen."

Jeff Pierce questioned whether it was even a serious proposal.

"This plan is fake," he said. "It can't be real, right? ... If it is real, it's very concerning. A tattoo parlor, motorcycle club, opioid treatment across from where kids get on the bus."

"You're not our neighbor, get out of town."

Several more residents voiced similar objections to what they believe to be non-family friendly businesses

in a community to which they moved for a family-friendly environment.

The commissioners had few comments.

Stephan Hoffman said he felt for everyone, but "Unfortunately, for neighbors and the community, you have a developer with the wherewithal to take it to court. I'm hoping the developer will see these choices of business aren't a good return on the investment."

"Who is going to want to go to a restaurant near an opioid clinic?" an audience member interjected.

Wyett returned to the podium moments later.

"We are going to withdraw and listen to our neighbors," he said. "That's it."

Magy shook his head and immediately got up and left the room.

Commissioner Carl Towne asked for clarification.

"For the record, conceptual is off the table?"

"Yep," responded Wyett.

Outside the meeting, Wyett explained he would not come back with the same uses.

"When another retail use presents itself that is more palatable, we'll come back," he said. "We'll wait for an anchor tenant."

Aldi was one of the businesses he had spoke with before, he added, but said the discount grocer was not ready for the Lyon Township location.

Wyett was adamant that the conceptual site plan wasn't a joke. He said it cost him \$25,000 to develop the conceptual site plan and he wouldn't have brought lawyers for proposed tenants if he wasn't serious.

As for future plans, Wyett said if someone wants to buy the property, he will sell it. When asked what the price is, he said he didn't know.

"Someone will build commercial," he said. "I marketed it for three years and in three years, these are the uses we got. I'm sure another commercial use will come along, I'm just not sure what it is today. Sometimes to do what is right is not what makes the most amount of money."

The officials all agreed they had never seen a developer back out of a proposed development based on objections from residents, particularly since all the proposed businesses are permitted uses for that location.

"What was good is he listened to feedback," Commissioner Mike Conflitti said. "That was positive. But it came as a shock. He'll be back with something."

Report

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They're looking for priority violations: the ones that are the worst-of-the-worst that include spoiled food, incorrect handling and unsanitary conditions. Those types of violations can make people sick.

In the Hometown Life area, 128 public kitchens were cited in January in Wayne County, and 132 places in Oakland County. This month, we've added another community in the region we haven't included in previous editions: Walled Lake.

Here's the summary report of how many establishments locally were cited with priority violations. Find the complete reports, including the list of restaurants and the specific violations, at HometownLife.com.

- 47 priority violations in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area
- 21 priority violations in Farmington and Farmington Hills
- 36 priority violations in Novi
- 11 priority violations in South Lyon and Lyon Township
- 14 priority violations in Milford and Highland townships
- Three priority violations in Walled Lake

■ 23 with priority violations in Northville and Northville Township

■ 10 with priority violations in Plymouth and Plymouth Township

■ 23 with priority violations in Canton

■ 24 with priority violations in Wayne and Westland

■ 23 with priority violations in Livonia

■ Eight priority violation in Garden City

■ 17 priority violations in Redford Township

Check back every month for the latest available inspections from the eateries in our communities.

Contact reporter David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728.

Monitor

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The cost of construction and all electrical bills generated by the monitor will be paid for by ADS.

Emission testing in January at the landfill registered sulfur dioxide levels at 2.16 pounds per hour, more than double the permitted level of 0.9 pounds per hour, according to data posted on the website of The Conservancy Initiative, a group of citizens organized to stop expansion of the landfill.

"We are not a party to the agreement (between ADS and the EPA)," noted School Board President

Matthew Wilk. "There's a saying in contract law that says, 'You're making your problem my problem.' Their inability to find a suitable location (for the monitoring system) is not my problem."

"One of my concerns is, what if something over the next five years changes, something is different or we find something we don't like, and we want to get out of it. We're doing them a favor and we don't necessarily have to bind ourselves for five years."

Wilk said he'd like to see language in the agreement that prohibits the EPA from adding to the number of gases it can test for.

"If the EPA says, 'We're

going to test for something else (other than sulfur dioxide), I don't care," Wilk said. "On our property you'll test for what you told us you'd test for."

School board trustee Angela Jaafar said the placement of a monitoring system at Ridge Wood is long overdue.

"Parents of students at the school have been asking for some type of monitoring system to ensure that we're providing the safest environment for their children," Jaafar said. "I think that the owner of the landfill can always do more to ensure the students' safety, especially given the landfill's close proximity to an elementary school."

Jaafar said the odors

emitted from the landfill are a concerning topic for Ridge Wood parents.

"Whenever there are health concerns involved, it's definitely concerning," she said. "As a parent, I can empathize with them and relate to that. I support the parents and their concerns with regard to odors they find to be disturbing at times."

Following ADS and EPA guidelines, the system will be set up on green space on the east side of the school's parking lot, according to Steve Banchemo, director of operations for the school district.

"The location that has been selected is still on the school's property and far enough away from the

school to fall within the guidelines (the EPA and ADS) are trying to achieve," Banchemo said. Banchemo added that placing a system on the roof of the school was not an option.

"I don't want to be in a situation where — and this has been said a thousand times by opponents of the dump — will we shut down Ridge Wood because the dump is there," Wilk said. "That is not the case. The condition of the air quality is not there. This testing system may actually prove that out."

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Millage

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The library was built in 2003 using a voter-approved bond to pay for the new library and renovated police station. Because that bond was paid off at the end of 2019, Hatch said approval of the proposed millage still will result in a net decrease in tax payments for library services.

Hatch said there has not been an increase in the library millage rate since 2000 and the library budget was impacted during the recession, requiring use of fund balance to minimize impact to services.

Library Board President Jan Keef said the millage request is "a money situation, we haven't asked for a millage in 20 years, it's time to ask for more."

"This will keep us open on Sundays," she said. "If we don't get it, we will close on Sundays again. ... We need services to continue in the form in which we have and to move ahead."

If approved Aug. 4 by voters, the millage is expected to raise \$699,000 this year, the first in which it will be levied.

Township Treasurer Cynthia Dagenhardt said a taxpayer with a home that has a market value of \$250,000 would pay \$87.50 per year if the millage is approved.

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one point to the Cardinals, 17-16, ahead of the 189 bout between Manuel Rojas and Alex Facundo.

After Rojas fell, and Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock asked for an injury time out, the energy died with each passing moment that the Shamrocks sophomore stayed down.

Facundo was called for a slam, dis-

qualifying him from the match after Rojas was deemed unable to finish by an doctor.

The Shamrocks took a 22-17 lead heading into matches with their two seniors at the top of the lineup: Brendin Yatooma and Steven Kolcheff.

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Churchill shuts out Franklin in regional hockey final

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There's no love lost between KLAAs rivals Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin.

The two programs battled Saturday night at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor for the right to play in the regional final against Chelsea and it was Churchill that came out on top, defeating the Patriots 2-0.

It's the third time the two teams played this season, with all three meetings ending in a score of 2-0. Each team winning one of those matchups.

"It's a night of redemption for us," Churchill coach Jason Reynolds said. "Franklin's program has improved tremendously over the course of the year. I have to tip my hat to coach Jim Neve and his entire coaching staff for the job that they've done with Franklin this year. They managed to get a win over us a few weeks ago, but to these guys' credit, it's galvanized them for this postseason run. We haven't lost a game since and I think we came into this game and this playoff series with a lot to prove. I'm proud of the energy, I'm proud of the effort, I'm proud of the discipline. It's a great opportunity for us to compete for a regional championship."

Churchill improves to 13-11-2, while Franklin finishes its season 10-17.

The Chargers got the scoring started just under six minutes into the game, when sophomore Nick Liebau put a shot past Franklin senior goalie Steven Hicks. He was assisted by junior Jimmy Targosz and senior Keith Peterson.

Meanwhile, Franklin had two opportunities on the power play, but was unable to capitalize, sending the Chargers to the first intermission with the momentum.

In the second period, Franklin got more aggressive, but that resulted in its first three penalties of the game, including one that lingered into the final period. Luckily for the Patriots, their defense held up and kept the game at a one-goal difference.

With 8:14 left in the game, Churchill senior Ian Wood notched the dagger, sending the puck into the net for the game's final goal. He was assisted by junior Justin Haydu and sophomore Connor Charron.

"Haydu fore-checked the puck well and through a puck out front, it

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Edmond uses Catholic Central to become dominant wrestler

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To become a state champion, Josh Edmond had to lose.

Spending his freshman year at Orchard Lake St. Mary's with his older brother — a senior on the team — Edmond found success, advancing all the way to the Division 2 state final, but losing an 6-3 decision to Lowell's Austin Boone.

After the final, Edmond figured he had to pave his own way, define his own legacy to be the one whose hand was raised at the end of any future state title match.

For him, the Catholic Central wrestling program was how he was going to get there.

"I needed a place to kind of push me every day, not being the best person in the room, kind of learn, get beat up a bit and just grow as a wrestler and as a person," Edmond said. "I just felt like this is where I needed to be if I can reach my full potential as a wrestler."

Since transferring schools, Edmond is a two-time individual state champion at 140 and a three-time team state champion with the Shamrocks.

On Saturday at Ford Field, he will try for his third straight individual Division 1 state title before taking his talents to Columbia to wrestle for Missouri next season.

Edmond knows better than anyone what it takes to make the jump from a state finalist to a state champion. It did not start when he returned to the state finals for Catholic Central or any of the regular-season bouts before that.

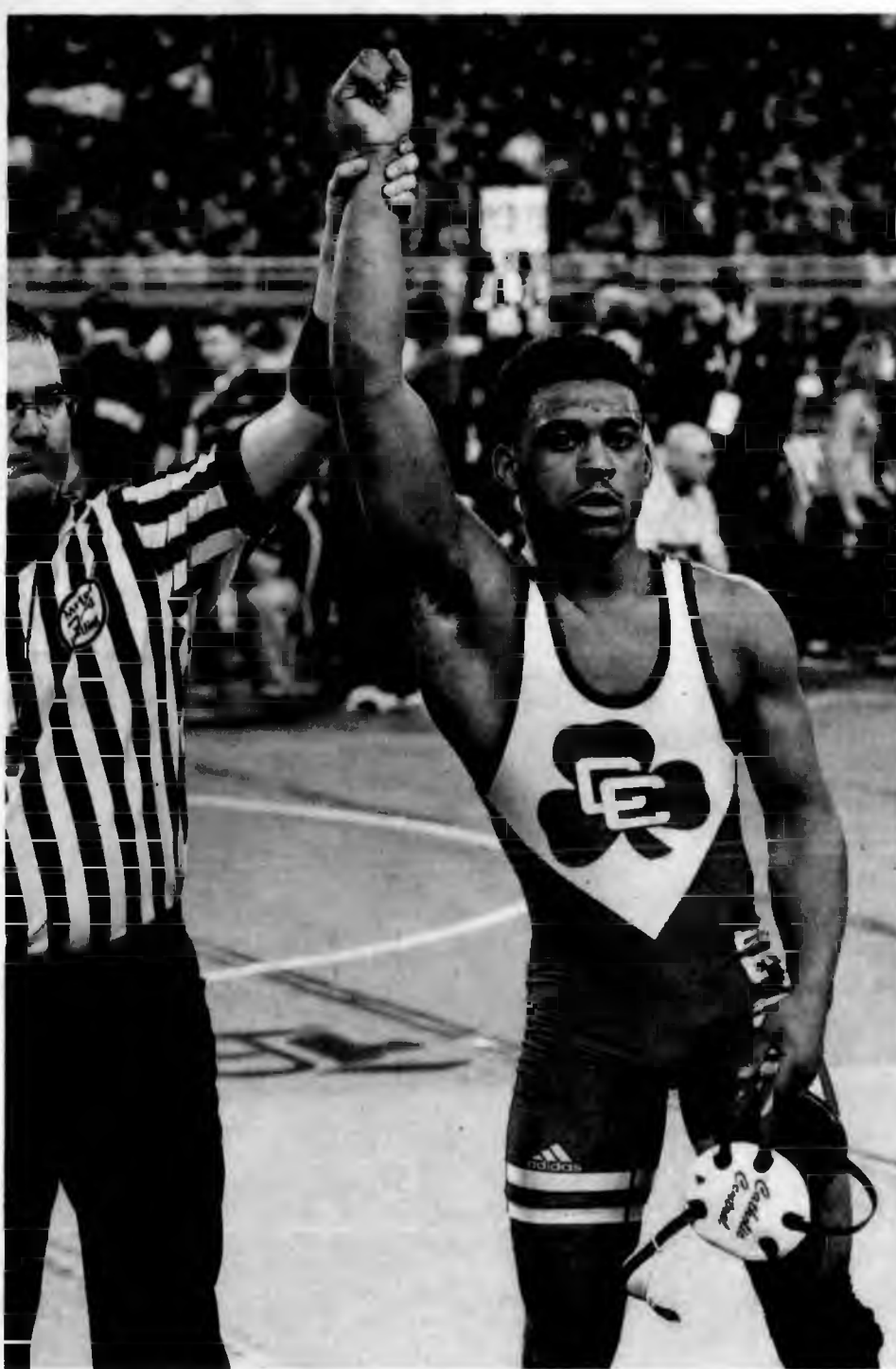
It started on the practice mat.

Practice makes perfect

Edmond remembers his first practice with the Shamrocks.

He remembers entering "The Cave"

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Josh Edmond celebrates his second individual state title at Ford Field.
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Four-goal third period gives Novi semifinal win

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It has not been long since Novi saw South Lyon Unified.

The Wildcats ended their regular season against Unified, ending a six-game win streak Feb. 20 with a 3-3 tie.

However, in the Regional 15 semifinal, Novi did more than just tie South Lyon Unified.

The Wildcats (13-10-3) handed Unified their first loss since Jan. 31, beating South Lyon (20-5-1), 7-2, after a four-goal third period.

Coming off a season in which it lost to Howell in the regional semifinal, Novi was scheduled to take on Livonia Stevenson in the regional final Wednesday (after press time) at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

"The thing is, our team has developed

a lot over the season," Novi senior Jay Naidu said. "We used to break down and that would be it. I think, with our coaching staff and all our great captains, we were able to turn it around in the upcoming periods and I think we really just got our stuff together and were able to push through."

Down 2-0 at the in the middle of the first period, junior Tanish Nichanametla opened scoring for Novi, tucking the

puck in from behind on a power play called after a cross-check by South Lyon's Ben Jones.

Forty seconds later, Naidu scored his ninth goal of the season.

Tied at 2-2 after one period of play, Novi took its first lead of the game — the deciding goal — in a way that mirrored its first. Senior Sharma Maanas took

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Wrestlers

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Yatooma and Kolcheff each recorded a pin for the Shamrocks, securing their fourth-straight Division 1 team state title with a 34-23 win against Davison, and their eighth since 2010.

Hancock confirmed that Rojas had been sent to the hospital for a possible concussion, but made it clear that Kolcheff and Yatooma controlled Catholic Central's destiny when it came to a state title.

"Not the way we want to win a duel, period," Hancock said. "But our guys, without that, win by two. Very proud of the resiliency they showed, all right, and how they stuck it out, especially our seniors up top, Yatooma and Kolcheff."

Davison assistant coach Zac Hall — head coach Roy Hall missed the state semifinal and final after a car accident — said the momentum inside Wings Event Center died after the Rojas and Facundo duel.

"I wish things would have worked out differently, and I wish it could have been handled on the mat," Zac Hall said. "I don't like that it had to go to that, I don't think anybody did."

Catholic Central secured seven wins in 14 matches against Davison in the state final, having previously beaten the Cardinals Jan. 22 in a dual-meet.

Camden Trupp, Yatooma and Kolcheff earned falls against the Cardinals, while Edmond added five points for the Shamrocks with a technical fall.

After his match, Edmond was docked one point for unsportsmanlike conduct after a celebration toward the Davison bench.

"I should have just walked off the mat and not celebrated, act like I've been there before," Edmond said. "But you live and learn."

Dylan and Derek Gilcher each earned three-point wins.

In the 145 match, Marc Schaeffer could not hold on to a win as Davison wrestler James Johnson recorded a takedown with one second left in the third period to secure the victory for the Cardinals.

Catholic Central's Logan Sanom could not get past Josh Barr. The Davison freshman won the 6-5 decision, remaining undefeated on the season heading into the individual state final.



Catholic Central wrestlers celebrate winning their fourth-straight Division 1 team state title. PHOTOS COURTESY OF SCOTT CONFER

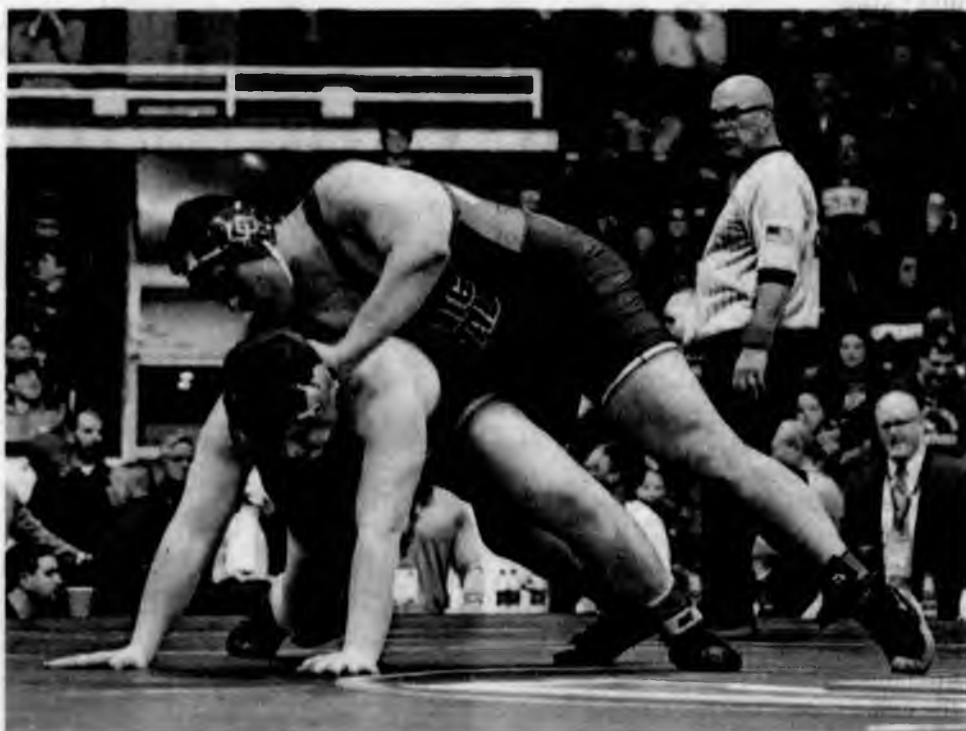
In the state quarterfinal against Macomb Dakota, Catholic Central earned a 58-15 win, winning 11 of 14 matches. In the state semifinal against Temperance Bedford, the Shamrocks were even more dominant, beating the Kicking Mules, 68-6, while winning 13 of 14 total matches.

Catholic Central finishes the season with one lost: falling to Montini, the No. 4 team in the country from Lombard, Illinois, earlier in the season.

"There's no way I can put it into any words how I feel right now," Yatooma said. "You can just see it on the faces of anyone around here, it's just something that can't be replicated."

Catholic Central will end its season Friday and Saturday at Ford Field in the MHSAA individual state tournament. The Shamrocks will have 14 participants wrestling this next weekend.

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Steven Kolcheff and Tyler Jelinek go head-to-head in the Division 1 final.

Edmond

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— the Catholic Central wrestling gym — for the first time, out of shape after the offseason. Cam Amine, a reigning state champion at 125 came up to him and said, "You're going to be my partner today."

What ensued was an eye-opener for the sophomore.

"We were wrestling, scrapping a bit and we were in a super long go, Cam way bigger than me and I was gassed," Edmond said. "Cam just kept going, and I'm like 'Oh my God, this dude.'"

Instead of feeling intimidated by the level of skill of his practice opponent, Edmond changed his mindset, realizing he had to go against Amine as much as he could to get better. To be pushed to be challenged, to be able to beat a state champion.

Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock said this was the first step in molding Edmond into the wrestler he is today: to normalize high-level wrestling on the practice mat.

"Josh needed to see that every day in our room and he had an opportunity to do that here at Catholic Central by wrestling with the likes of Amine, (Kevon) Davenport, (Derek) Gilcher and some of the state champions around his weight," Hancock said. "Every single day you get an opportunity to wrestle those guys in our room, so when you step on that stage at the state tournament, it's no different than being in this wrestling room, here."

Hancock was not very familiar with Edmond when he first stepped on the practice mat.

The Catholic Central head coach saw him wrestle in the Catholic League tournament with St. Mary's, but was not entirely sure what he was getting into when Edmond enrolled with the Shamrocks after his freshman year.

"It's surprising because he went to school where my wife had taught," Hancock said. "My wife actually taught him. I knew of him, but I didn't really know him too well."

But as he watched Edmond wrestle up to levels of Davenport and Amine, Hancock realized his approach with the newest member of the team: to harness Edmond's God-given explosiveness to achieve the level of success he was



Josh Edmond and Evan Herriman face off. COURTESY OF SCOTT CONFER

built for.

It did not take long for Edmond to fit right in with that expectation and that culture.

When watching Edmond wrestle, Logan Sanom, a Catholic Central senior at 152, realizes his teammate at 140 can do things on the wrestling mat he can't do.

According to Sanom, Edmond is super fast and quick. When he's on bottom, he's up right away, using a level of athleticism that is rare at the high school level.

Plain and simple, Sanom thinks Edmond is a freak, in the best way possible.

"He's the most entertaining wrestler in Michigan right now and, maybe, one of the most entertaining wrestlers in Michigan of all time. I really do believe that," Sanom said.

According to trackwrestling.com, Edmond is 65-0 since March 3, 2019, earning 28 pins and 20 technical falls.

In the MHSAA team wrestling state final, Edmond, moved to 135 by Hancock, earned a technical fall against Davison's Evan Herriman, getting up after the win, looking toward the Cardinals bench and doing a throat-slash sign.

While Edmond said he regretted the

gesture, Hancock said this was the kind of confidence he brings to the mat.

It's not arrogance, but a swagger that the head coach said sets the tone for the rest of his lineup.

"We grew up in a culture, and sometimes at CC, we try and hone in that swagger or hold it back. I don't want that. I want our guys to show that," Hancock said. "I want them to be excited, especially with wrestling being a combat sport. He brings that sense of confidence, that sense of swagger. He's not arrogant by any means, but guys around him feed off of that."

It's the time Edmond spends in the practice room that develops the level of swagger he has on the mat.

With that, he's confident in himself, saying that he is the best wrestler at 140 in the state.

That's a level of confidence he plans to bring to Missouri.

Legacy of dominance

Lisa Edmond describes her son as someone that is the same on and off the mat.

"What you see, that's Joshua," Lisa Edmond said. "He almost has one

speed: that is Joshua."

When her son transferred to Catholic Central after his first year of high school, she said it was the first time Josh had an opportunity to step out by himself, going after something alone. It was the first time Josh would make the Edmond name known by his ability.

When it came to choosing a college to spend the next four years, Missouri proved to be the place where Josh Edmond could continue that process.

Edmond said the Tigers' wrestling program is the place where he can reach his full potential as a wrestler and as a person, finding ways to grow in a program that has seen a very successful recent history in the MAC conference.

Lisa Edmond explains this decision-making process as a perfect representation of who Josh is.

"He just kind of put everything in motion and he's a very focused individual and he just has, in his mind, the goals that he wants to reach," Lisa Edmond said. "He maps out the course he wants to take to achieve those goals."

Edmond says he watches a lot of wrestling, consistently comparing himself to the guys at the college level. He compares himself, picturing himself on the mat, thinking about what he would do if he was in that situation.

Even as he remains at the high-school level, he feels like he can compete with the guys at the college level if he was placed on the Missouri practice mat today.

"I think I can beat the guys, honestly. That's just how I feel," Edmond said. "I just feel that if I wrestle, I can wrestle anyone, if I wrestle to my full capabilities. That's just me."

That's what Edmond's legacy will be at Catholic Central: a confidence built from the successes of the past, a development of thinking that he can beat anybody because of the amount of time spent on the practice mat against state-title contenders.

Some describe it as confidence, some describe it as arrogance.

But Edmond wants to be remembered for his dominance.

"I think it's just what you leave behind," Edmond said, "what they remember you for."

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Reaction to illegal slam call dampens CC state title emotions

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Detroit Catholic Central head wrestling coach Mitch Hancock posed with his team for a photo. The Shamrocks had just earned their fourth-straight state title, its eighth team state title since 2010. Hancock smiled half-heartedly, and left quickly.

It was not the way he wanted it to be won.

Hancock wanted it done in dominant fashion, without question. But to him, despite leaving with a 34-23 win against Davison, the Shamrocks left, seemingly, with questions left to be answered.

After nine matches, Catholic Central was down one point to Davison heading into the 189 bout between Manuel Rojas and Alex Facundo.

Trailing Facundo, 5-2, Rojas was hit, and fell to the ground. Hancock called for an injury timeout. A doctor ended the match, giving the victory to Rojas and Catholic Central after Facundo was called for the illegal slam.

A six-point swing. The Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo fell silent.

Catholic Central went on to win the meet with Rojas leaving for the hospital to be checked for a concussion.

But when Catholic Central would usually have been celebrating, many of the Shamrocks were stoic as they waited for the trophy.

At that point, the arena was not silent any more, as fans jeered the Shamrocks, yelling "cheaters" and "Manny, stay down."

Davison senior wrestler Jay Nivison turned toward the Cardinals fan section and yelled, "They're not even smiling."

As Hancock left the mat, he was visibly peeved.

"The booing and stuff is frustrating," Hancock said. "We have no decision in any of that. The doctor came out, evaluated him for a concussion, doctor made the call. I didn't make the damn call."

Hancock made it clear that the outcome of the Rojas match did not define

the outcome of the overall meet, saying the Shamrocks would have won by two points if all things remained the same.

After Yatooma and Kolchey secured the victory for Catholic Central, both Drew Heethuis and Anthony Walker lost the final two matches of the day by three points each, giving Davison a nine-point deficit after the Facundo loss.

But Davison assistant coach Zac Hall was thinking about momentum, what would have happened if the 189 bout would have continued.

After the meet against Davison, Yatooma was quick to side with Rojas.

"I know him, and I know he would never back down from a match," Yatooma said. "He wants to go out and wrestle and give it his all."

Catholic Central wrestler Josh Edmond was quick to admonish the Davison faithful.

"It's kind of disrespectful," Edmond said. "He's at the hospital, he's injured. It's pretty disrespectful to boo someone who's injured. It just shows what kind of people they are."

With no way of knowing what the outcome of the final would have been if the 189 bout sided with Davison, the Shamrocks stood with their medals and their Division 1 state title trophy.

It was spoken into existence by the sign on the door of Catholic Central's wrestling gym: "Through these doors walk the 2020 DI State Champions."

"When we come here, it's just a thing that we expect to happen," senior heavyweight Steven Kolchey said. "Things happen in wrestling, and it's just a part of it."

It may have been expected for Catholic Central, but with the way Hancock looked at the trophy or posed for pictures after the state-title win, something still seemed off.

"Not the way we wanted to win the duel. Period," he said.

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Canton advances to KLAA championship on buzzer beater

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Entering March, Canton hadn't been on the right side of a buzzer beater since 2013. Now, the Chiefs have won two straight games at the buzzer.

In the KLAA conference tournament semifinal at Belleville High School, Canton built a 20-point lead in the second half before Belleville stormed back to tie the game with less than 20 seconds to play. Canton, scrambling with no timeouts and dealing with the shock of suddenly being in a tie game, was desperate.

Following a missed shot, Canton senior guard Ben Stesiak grabbed the loose ball and fired up a high-arching shot from behind the basket just a fraction of a second before the final buzzer went off.

The Larry Bird-esque shot fell perfectly into the hoop and as the referees signaled the shot counted, Stesiak was mobbed in the center of the court by his teammates. He had just sent Canton to the KLAA championship game with a 58-56 victory over the Tigers.

Canton improves to 13-6 overall and 11-4 in the KLAA with the win, while Belleville falls to 15-2 and 14-1 in the league. Results of the KLAA championship game were not available before print deadline. Find who won the title at hometownlife.com.

"I'm super excited that we won and found a way to win on an incredible shot, but we didn't finish it like we should've," Canton coach Jimmy Reddy said.

Here are takeaways from the game:

Triples put Chiefs in front early

The first quarter started with a bang, as Belleville showed off its size and athleticism with a dunk by senior Connor Bush.

After that, however, the Canton defense caught fire as the Chiefs went on a 12-4 run before finishing the quarter up 15-8. It was three-point shooting that made the difference.

Canton senior Jacob Rubis made a three at the end of the first quarter,

while senior Jake Vickers hit three triples and scored 15 first half points to power the Canton offense. Both of his first two shots were three-pointers.

The Tigers made a push during the second quarter, tightening the score before the Chiefs switched to a zone defense. The half ended with a Belleville foul on a desperation three by Stesiak, who then went to the free-throw line and made two of three attempts, giving Canton a 28-15 lead at the break.

Stesiak finished the game with 18 points, while Vickers scored 25.

Shooting beats size

Before the game even started, it was clear which team had the size advantage: Belleville. With eight players on its roster listed at 6-foot-3 or taller, it was going to be a challenge physically for the Chiefs, who really only have one true post player in Vickers.

Despite the height difference, Canton was the better shooting team, carrying its first half performance into the second half with a 7-0 run. That made it a 20-point margin in favor of the Chiefs.

Belleville responded, though, as Tigers sophomore Da'Jon Johnson hit his team's first three of the game with about four and a half minutes left in the third quarter. Belleville went on to make five triples in the second half.

"They're a super athletic team, it's tough to play against that length and athleticism," Reddy said. "We made an effort all week on offense to use fakes, ball-fakes, shot-fakes, because of their length and height."

Led by senior Lorenzo Wright, the Tigers continued to claw their way back into the contest, cutting Canton's lead to three with one and a half minutes left in the game. It was Wright who ultimately made a layup with under 20 seconds to play, tying the game at 56.

Wright finished the game with a team-high 19 points.

"He's very fast, very shifty and he's a great athlete," Stesiak said. "He's a great basketball player, he knows how to get to the rim. He's very crafty with everything he does. He's a great guard."

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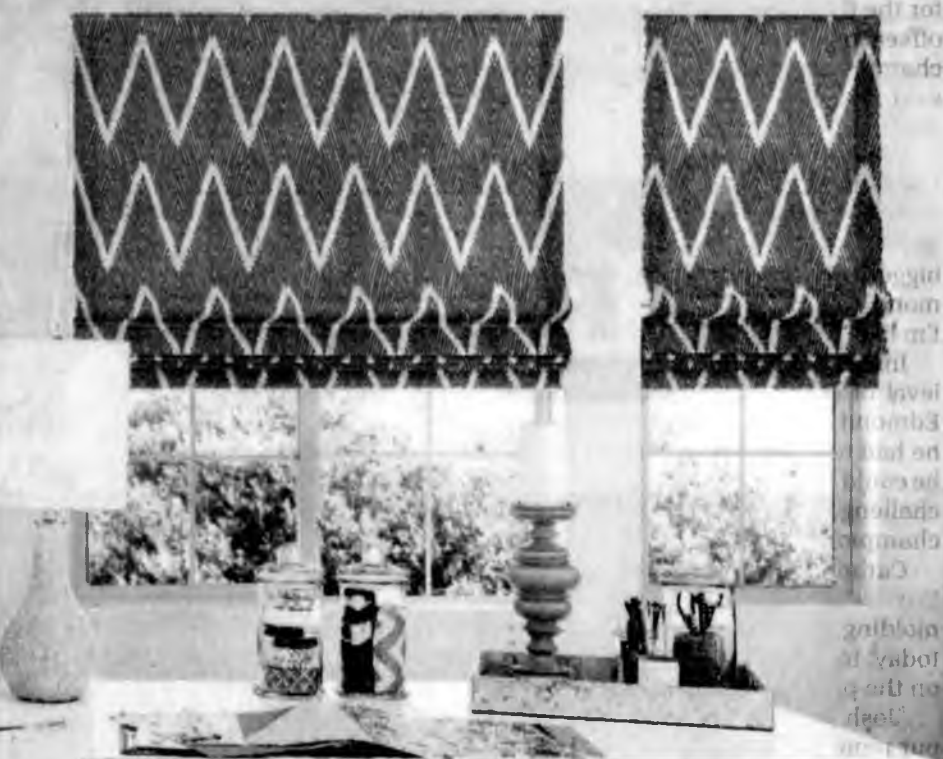
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Salem hockey secures regional final bid

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Salem head hockey coach Ryan Ossennmacher did not have any strategic plan or special pep talk for his team in the second-period intermission, coming in trailing 4-2 to Dearborn Unified.

The Rocks came into the final 17 minutes scuffling, having allowed two goals in the final two minutes of the second period off mistakes.

Ossennmacher, instead, pointed to the message he had instilled in Salem all year long: band of brothers.

"We said we have one last hill to climb," Ossennmacher said. "We weren't going to be on retreat. We weren't going to surrender. We were going to attack."

Anthony Gattoni, a defenseman-turned-forward, attacked.

The senior found the back of the net with 12:13 to go in the Regional 8 semifinal, scoring the first of four third-period goals against Dearborn Unified (18-



Salem defenseman Anthony Gattoni charges after a puck near the boards.
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9-1) to secure a 6-5 win for the Rocks (17-10) and a date Wednesday against Northville in the regional final (after print deadline).

Having scored one of Salem's two goals in the second period, Gattoni said

that first goal gave him and his teammates juice to finish the contest.

"This is real. We are not going to give up now," Gattoni said he thought after the first goal of the third period. "We've gone too far, we've put in too much work for this to go down the drain. We got all the boys together, and we got rolling."

After Nathan Zylik found the back of the net off a rebound to tie the game, Gattoni found daylight again.

With 3:09, the senior took the puck from Matt Rochuna, tucking it in for his third goal of the game, the first hat trick of his career.

"His speed is just dynamic," Ossennmacher said of Gattoni. "He plays at a level that most kids in high school can't reach, really any level. It's just a difference-maker for him and he's been big these past couple of games for us. I don't expect any different moving forward."

In the first two periods, Dearborn Unified gave Salem a run.

Thunderbirds senior forward Jason

Crossland scored each of the team's four goals in the first two periods.

But watching as the Rocks secured the win with an empty-net goal by forward Ethan Granowicz, Ossennmacher could not help but think that this is how winning hockey programs operate.

He wanted to lead Salem back to where it ended its season last year: the state quarterfinal after beating Northville, 3-2, in overtime in the regional final.

The Rocks head coach said that he hopes these types of games make Salem ready for what's ahead: a date with the Mustangs in the same spot as a year ago, with, possibly, Detroit Catholic Central waiting in the wings in the state quarterfinal, looking to end the Rocks' season like it did in 2019.

But Gattoni could not get past the band of brother concept.

He said with no daylight in between him and his teammates, Salem was continuing to climb its mountain.

Hockey

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squirted out to me and I shot one on net and it trickled in," Wood said.

Franklin beat Churchill the last time these two teams played, which served as a big motivating factor in this game.

"Truth of the matter is, I think this is the new Livonia rivalry," Reynolds said. "For a long time it was Stevenson and Churchill, but when we play on Thanksgiving Eve, I think it needs to be Churchill and Franklin now. We're two very prideful programs in the sense that we're the smallest schools in the KLAA now. We want to continue to show that we can compete at this level."

Churchill out-shot Franklin 40-18. Junior Bryant Riley made all 18 saves.

"This is a really hard-working team," Reynolds said. "We're not a team of superstars, we're not an incredibly deep roster, but these guys have a great bond in the locker room and it carries on to the ice."

Churchill and Franklin were both

knocked out of the playoffs in the first round last season, so this is a better result than 2019 for both squads. The Chargers, however, can win their third regional title in four years if they can get past Chelsea Wednesday (after print deadline).

"We've had an opportunity to see them a few times," Reynolds said. "We haven't played them this year, I know it's a different group from last year's team. It's a younger group in a bit of a rebuild. To their credit they've got some horses on their team that are really competitive, we certainly need to do our homework."

With one goal checked off the list, Wood said the focus turns to checking off another.

"It was one of our goals before the season to get back to the regional final," Wood said. "We're hoping we can come home with a wood mitten."

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Churchill's Nick Liebau celebrates his first-period goal against Franklin.
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Northville cruises to regional final with 10-0 win

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It's been a fun week for the Northville hockey program.

After a difficult regular season, the Mustangs won each of their first two playoff games in high-scoring fashion, including a 10-0 victory Feb. 27 against New Boston Huron, to cruise into the regional final.

Northville improves to 8-18-1 with the win, while New Boston Huron drops to 3-23.

It was the second straight game the Mustangs won via the mercy rule, torching Adrian a few days earlier, 9-0. Both games ended after two periods.

"Throughout the season, we've struggled to score goals, so it's nice to put a lot of goals up on the scoreboard through these past two games," Northville junior Nick McInchak said. "It helps with the confidence."

Six different players scored for

Northville, led by McInchak, who recorded a hat trick and scored a short-handed goal. It was his second hat trick of the season, the first coming against Canton.

"Nick is one of our top players, and I think he's one of the top players in the KLAA," Northville coach Gordie Brown said. "He can play heavy on the walls, he can get to the net, he can score goals. He tries to set up a lot of players. We actually spent time with him this year trying to get him to shoot more. He loves to try to make plays and set guys up, and sometimes they weren't able to handle how strong his passes are."

Brown added that he believes McInchak will be able to play college hockey.

"He has a lot of commitment, a lot of heart and a lot of discipline," Brown said. "He does a lot of things on his own to get better. You like to see those guys that work hard reach their goals, and that's a player that deserves to reach his goals."

Northville scored its first goal just

over four minutes into the first period and never let up, finishing the opening period with six goals. The Mustangs didn't let up in the second period, notching four more goals. Part of the period was played with a running clock, which begins when a team goes up by eight goals or more.

"You want to build some confidence going in, our regular season was a very hard schedule this year, and I think we're starting to show with these last two games that we're able to score goals and get to the net and make things happen," Brown said. "We have a lot more smiles in the locker room right now than we did for most of the season."

Northville averaged about 17 shots per game during the regular season, but out-shot New Boston Huron 42-3 in the game.

Here are the players who recorded points in the contest:

- McInchak: three goals
- Will Drieman: two goals, two assists

- Sotiris Tsilimingras: three assists
- Henry Chen: one goal, one assist
- Chris Bogenhagen: two assists
- Jack Gremel: one assist
- Liam Cooney: one assist
- Ben Tweadey: two assists
- Tommy Loebach: one goal
- Andrew Sziraki: one assist
- Evan Nagy: two assists
- Zach Holstad: one goal, one assist
- Seth Bjorge: one goal
- Matthew Heirtzler: one assist
- Matt Fine: one goal

"I think the last game and this game, we were a bit bigger," Brown said. "When we go play Salem or Brighton, or any of the KLAA teams, we're not really bigger than anybody, we're pretty much matched up same size and same speed."

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Novi

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advantage of a power play coming off a cross-check by Jones.

"We just had to regroup, and we did," Novi head coach Mark Vellucci said. "Getting that power-play goal was huge."

After the Wildcats took a one-goal lead, there was no looking back.

Sharma secured a hat trick, hitting two goals in the third period, while Naidu opened the third period with his second of the game. Anikeith Datta finished the scoring for the Wildcats, scoring the last of five power-play goals scored against South Lyon Unified.

South Lyon Unified has given up seven goals in a game only once prior to its loss to Novi on Friday, losing to Howell, 7-4, on Feb. 11.

With that came a bit of frustration for South Lyon Unified. They recorded eight penalties in the third period, including one after a fight between Unified senior

John Gardiner and Novi junior Austin Balconi.

With 7:26 left in the game, Gardiner was called for a two-minute roughing penalty, a two-minute unsportsmanlike penalty and a 10-minute game misconduct penalty.

South Lyon's Mitchell Skamiera scored its only two goals of the day in the first eight minutes of the game, something Vellucci credited to Novi not showing up right away, but finding comfort on the ice as the game went on.

Novi regrouped, beating a team it had tied just over a week ago. With that, Naidu feels that no matter who they face in the final, the Wildcats have momentum on their side.

"Once we get rolling, I think our team is kind of unstoppable," Naidu said. "I think we got the power and skill on the team. Once we get moving, I think it's a pretty tough team to stop."

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South Lyon United's Andrew Ineich, left, knocks Novi's Isaac Gibbs off his skates. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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For those into cycling, mud and adventures, southeast Michigan's first mid-length gravel bike race, The Watermoo, is Aug. 8. PHOTOS COURTESY OF NICHOLAS STANKO

Gravel bike race coming to SE Michigan

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A new trend is emerging in the cycling world as bicyclists from all walks of life step away from paved roads and designated paths, favoring unpaved, gravel roads.

"Gravel riding' is an unfortunate name for something that really means riding anything beyond just a truly paved road," Gerard Vroomen, co-founder of the Canadian bike company, Cervelo Cycles, told Worth magazine.

The rush for going down the road less traveled, unplugging and exploring are among the appeals of gravel bike racing.

"You really lose the stress of riding on the road with the cars, traffic lights and everything else that is competing for your attention," Justin Kelly, CEO and CIO of Winslow Capital Management in Minneapolis told Worth.

And now, the trend is making its way to Michigan.

For those into cycling, mud and challenging adventures, southeast Michigan's first mid-length gravel bike race, The Watermoo, is scheduled for Aug. 8.

The course of this cycling road race will start and finish in Chelsea, and go through farmland, the Waterloo Recreation Area and even cross the Portage River and require participants to get off their bikes.

Nicholas Stanko, the event director and one of the creative minds behind the course, has been working on developing the perfect path for over three years.

"I have been riding my bike out to different bridges, abandoned bridges, and just seeing if there was a river crossing," he said. "I was out on a ride one day and going through this part of the (Waterloo Recreation Area) and they had an old bridge that they had just taken down. I was kind of like 'maybe this is the time



Event director Nicholas Stanko has worked on the best path for three years.

to do it."

Stanko says he created the race to bridge the gap between shorter and longer distance races and encourage participants to jump into the ultra-cycling world.

"It allows somebody to take another step into the longer racing," he said. "The course is pretty challenging too, so 88 miles on that terrain is almost worth 100 in a lot of other races."

But don't let the challenge scare you. Stanko says that although some experience would be helpful, there will be a wide spectrum of participants at the race and his team's goal is to help everyone succeed.

"I hope it is a good challenge for people and that they feel, when they get done, that they earned their beverages and food and are happy with their effort out there," he said.

Registration is now open for The Watermoo and three other smaller races organized by Stanko.

The smaller races, Stanko said, are meant for "getting people into cycling so that they can feel comfortable out there on the gravel roads because it is different and it can be intimidating at first."

They are free, short and meant to give future participants of The Watermoo a taste of what the longer race will entail.

Matcats celebrate most successful weekend in history

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The South Lyon Matcats youth wrestling program competed over the weekend in the Mid Michigan Wrestling Association (MMWA) in Howell.

MMWA is the most competitive league the Matcats compete in. The Matcats qualified 60 wrestlers to next week's state finals at Dort Financial Credit Union arena in Flint.

"This is the biggest group of wrestlers from one club to ever qualify for the state event, Matcats head coach Steve Richardson said. "We could easily have had 10-15 more qualify. Unfortunately, with a group our size we get to a point where we knock each other out of the brackets. These kids that just missed the state tournament are warriors as well. We're looking forward to taking Flint by storm this weekend."

Sunday was also MYWA school

based team state finals. The idea is to see what school based teams are the best in head to head competition. It's also broken up into age groups.

The Matcats 8U and 10U teams both earned state championships with the Matcats middle school team finishing in a solid fourth place.

"We're only aware of one other school system that placed three teams at the state finals," Richardson said. "The fact that we're so competitive shows that South Lyon is the future of wrestling in Michigan. Our kids have worked so hard this season. These state championships and our placement with middle school is really something we can build on in our long term goals, state championships at every level."

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The South Lyon Matcats enjoyed a successful weekend. SUBMITTED

Get familiar with Social Security quirks



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It's always what you don't know that can trip you up when planning for retirement. And there's a lot about Social Security you probably don't know – but should. Or at least you should if you want the largest possible benefit for you and your household. So, what then, are some the quirkiest rules to know?

Spouses and delayed benefits

Married couples are told by Social Security to plan for two lives. So, how might they go about that? Well, let's say you're the higher wage earner and you delay starting Social Security until age 70. That will result in you getting the highest monthly benefit for the rest of your life.

Why is this? It's because Social Security retirement benefits are increased by a certain percentage (depending on date of birth) if you delay your retirement beyond what's called full retirement age or FRA. FRA is the age at which you could receive an unreduced benefit. But note that the benefit increase no longer applies when you reach age 70, even if you continue to delay taking benefits.

Now, if you wait to apply for Social Security until age 70 you might think your spouse, given the way spousal benefits work, would receive one-half of your age-70 benefit (or more depending on his or her work record and when they file for benefits). But that's not the case. The benefit for the lower-earning spouse is always a percentage of the higher wage earner's FRA payment, even if the higher wage earner delayed payments to 70, says Andy Landis, author of "Inside Social Security."

However, if the higher wage earner should die, the surviving spouse gets the deceased's age-70 benefit – assuming the survivor is at least FRA, says Landis.

Survivors benefits?

For anyone born between 1955 and 1961, there is a difference in FRA for re-

tirement benefits and survivor benefits, says Kurt Czarnowski, a Social Security expert with Czarnowski Consulting.

"For example, if you were born in 1957, your FRA for retirement benefits is 66 years and six months, while for survivor benefits, it is 66 years and two months," he says. "If you were born in 1960, FRA is age 67 for retirement benefits and 66 years and eight months for survivor benefits."

The other quirky rule, says Czarnowski, is that no matter what your FRA is for survivor benefits, if you start to collect right at age 60, you will always receive 71.5% of what you would receive if you waited until FRA to collect.

You must enroll in Medicare Part A

If you apply for Social Security benefits, you are required to enroll in Medicare Part A, retroactive six months or back to age 65, according to Elaine Floyd, director of retirement and life planning at Horseshoof, a financial education company. "You do not have a choice about this," she says.

And, if you're contributing to a health savings account (HSA), those contributions would have to stop and be withdrawn for any period of retroactivity. "Otherwise, the contributions will be taxable and an annual 6% penalty will be applied to those contributions and the earnings thereon," says Floyd.

Qualify for both retirement and survivors benefits?

If you qualify for both a retirement benefit and a survivor benefit, Floyd says you can sequence those benefits for maximum advantage. "For example, you can start the survivor benefit at age 60 and switch to your own maximum retirement benefit at 70," she says. "Or you can start your retirement benefit at 62 and switch to your full survivor benefit at FRA. Conditions, such as the earnings test, which applies to all benefits received before FRA for people who work, do apply.

Philo isn't playing games with \$20 a month streaming plan



Talking Tech
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USA TODAY

Sure, the Super Bowl, March Madness and the World Series all are national obsessions, but not everyone craves TV sports.

In the spirit of reaching those consumers, Philo has a unique cutting-the-cord proposition. Ditch cable but still get your favorite cable networks – such as AMC, MTV, Discovery and Nickelodeon – for just \$20 monthly.

It's the most economical deal among the cable TV streaming alternatives, by far, and it's the absence of sports that lets Philo come up with the price point.

"TV has gotten more expensive," says Andrew McCollum, the CEO of Philo. "The lion's share of those costs and price increases go to paying the sports and broadcast networks."

So Philo has a deal for you: no broadcast TV channels, such as the ones YouTube TV, Hulu with Live TV and AT&T Now have, no sports, and no news either. But if you want your MTV, Philo is one of the few streaming places for you.

The prices for the cable streaming alternative service have gone up in the past year. AT&T Now went from \$35 to \$65, YouTube TV from \$35 to \$50 and Sling TV from \$25 to \$30.

McCollum attributes it to higher sports fees. The cost to the consumer of just ESPN alone, he says, is \$15 monthly. "So if you're not into sports, you're paying \$180 for a channel you never watch." Philo doesn't have the news channels because the same companies that own the news networks (AT&T, Comcast, Fox) also own sports channels and won't let Philo buy one without the other, McCollum says. "That would drive up the costs."

Cord Cutters News recently noted that for folks looking to replace cable entirely, the combo of YouTube and Philo "could be the perfect replacement."

Philo has many of the channels not carried by YouTube TV or Hulu with Live TV – including MTV, Nickelodeon, BET and Comedy Central.

The combo would be a \$70 package, which could price out many consumers

who are voting with their pocketbooks and wallets and ditching some of the streamers.

Consumers are cutting back and switching. Dish Network just announced a loss of 194,000 subscribers to Sling TV, while some 1.2 million subscribers said goodbye to AT&T Now. Meanwhile, the latest new streaming entry, Disney Plus, recently said it had grown to 28.6 million subscribers since launching in December.

The "Streaming Wars," set to continue in April and May with two new subscription services, NBC's Peacock and AT&T's HBO Max, are "a huge boon for us," McCollum says.

Consumers use streaming devices such as Roku and Amazon Fire TV Stick to access the new services, "and that's where we are too," so he hopes new viewers find him there as well.

So how is Philo doing?

McCollum won't reveal subscriber numbers but says the service grew 300% last year, "and we're happy." But he concedes it's "tough to be a startup in this space," battling giants like Disney, Google, Dish and AT&T.

McCollum is looking into adding premium networks as an add-on option for Philo subscribers, and movie genre packs.

The company is named after Philo T. Farnsworth, an early inventor of television, who worked on the new medium in San Francisco, directly across the street from Philo's offices on Green Street.

As a side note, McCollum is often credited as one of the five co-founders of Facebook, a Harvard classmate of Mark Zuckerberg – although you won't see his name on the official Facebook corporate history. That lists Zuckerberg, Dustin Moskovitz, Chris Hughes and Eduardo Saverin.

McCollum, however, does credit himself as a co-founder on his LinkedIn and Philo bio.

He left Facebook soon after it started to finish school.

"I did Facebook as a once-in-a-lifetime experience and it was amazing to be part of that, but then on the flip side, I also viewed finishing school as an important experience that I wanted to have," McCollum has said. "I knew if I didn't leave when I did, it was not going to happen."

Separate accounts can aid discipline

And automatic deduction will help meet your goals



Pete the Planner
Peter Dunn
USA TODAY

Dear Pete,

My wife and I have been married for seven years this February. We get along great, except for one minor issue. Well, it's not that minor. She spends a tremendous amount of money, which makes achieving our financial goals nearly impossible. We have a joint checking account and, as soon as our paychecks hit the account, she goes shopping. Fortunately, we don't have any debt, but we're struggling to save for our kids' college, and I'm not that confident our retirement is looking good either. Do you think separate checking accounts are a reasonable solution? It seems like I'm abandoning her, but I've gotta do something.

Tyler, Sacramento, California

May I just say, you're incredibly level-headed given the situation you've just described.

It's as if you know most people have one aspect of their lives they struggle with. Your wife's particular problem area happens to be money. Your language and viewpoint are very empathetic. And, as you surmised, your checking account is part of the solution.

For an embarrassingly long time, I believed if you didn't trust your spouse with money, then you didn't trust your spouse. I no longer believe this. There's a reason why your wife struggles with money. I don't know what that reason is and, to be honest, she may not even know what that reason is. That's why handling your situation with grace and transparency is especially important.

You said it yourself: Everything else in your marriage is great. Assuming you really do have joint financial goals, and they're not just your goals disguised as your household's goals, your wife shares your vision of what your financial future looks like, not just what your financial present looks like.



Joint bank accounts aren't always right for couples. GETTY IMAGES

Your goal should be to ensure your long-term goals get funded first. And lest others reading my answer feel as though I'm perpetuating arcane gender socialization by showing you how to dictate this to your wife, I gave this same advice last month to a woman who was struggling with her overspending husband.

Long-term stability is the key. This happens when you both contribute to employer-sponsored retirement plans, and it happens when you save or invest your take-home earnings, too.

I include college savings for kids into this line of thinking as well. Together, decide how much money you'd like to set aside each month for them, and then have it automatically deducted into a fund on payday.

All of your financial priorities should be fully funded this way. The "fully" part is important. Partially funding retirement while accommodating one per-

son's lifestyle makes zero sense.

For your wife, money may represent control. This is precisely why I believe this plan works better with separate accounts than a joint account.

If you do choose to go the separate account route, one I personally employ, ensure that your incomes are evenly distributed into both accounts and set automatic deductions from those accounts into savings and investing accounts.

Then turn your focus to expenses. Evenly divide your household expenses and have those expenses automatically deducted from both accounts on paydays. Whatever's left is fair game to spend.

This method is a form of budgeting that removes temptation, as long as you collectively agree to avoid credit card debt and you disable overdraft protection on your checking accounts.

Many couples I've worked with over

the years take a different approach and keep a joint account while employing an allowance system. It's been my experience that an allowance system adds a tremendous amount of stress when someone's already demonstrated problems with financial impulse control.

Based on the way you described your challenge here, you should split your income evenly into separate accounts, set up automatic deductions to fund your investment goals and household expenses, and then allow both members of your household to do what they want with the rest.

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Steak salad with Dijon dressing makes a hearty meal. JAN D'ATRI/SPECIAL TO ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Dish up a steak salad with Dijon dressing

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If you love main dish salads, this is one to try! The tasty fixins' like chopped crispy bacon, hard-boiled eggs and candied pecans all add to this hearty plateful of goodness. But I think it's the dressing that really makes the meal!

The sweet and tangy mixture in this dressing is a family favorite and one that we've used on spinach salads for years! I've changed things up a bit for this meal. I've added spring mix to the spinach greens, and I've accompanied the greens with a pan-grilled flat iron steak, cooked medium rare and sliced into strips. If you prefer grilled chicken on the side, it will be just as delicious!

There is one important tip in tossing this salad. Add the dressing right before

you're ready to serve it up. Also, instead of pouring the dressing directly over the greens, spoon the dressing along the inside of the bowl and let the dressing ooze down the sides. Then, give it a gentle toss. This is to keep the greens from getting soggy. If you decide that you don't want to make this salad a main dish, it makes a savory side salad for just about any entrée. Make up a double batch of this liquid gold dressing, refrigerate, and then you'll have it on hand for the next couple of few weeks!

Steak Salad

For the Salad:

1 to 1½ bags fresh spinach and/or Spring Mix (about 12 oz.) washed and dried
½ pound crispy bacon, rough chopped

(4-6 pieces)

2 large eggs, hardboiled and chopped
1 cup candied pecans
1 teaspoon salt (or more as needed)
1 teaspoon coarse ground pepper
Steak of your choice, cooked and cut into strips

For the Salad Dressing:

½ cup extra virgin olive oil (important to use a good extra virgin olive oil)
2 heaping tablespoon brown sugar
½ large lemon, juiced
1 heaping tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 large clove fresh garlic, minced

Prepare salad dressing. In a medium bowl, whisk together olive oil, brown sugar, lemon juice, mustard, Worcestershire Sauce and garlic until well blended and thickened. Set aside. In a large bowl, add spinach and/or spring mix, crisp chopped bacon, chopped eggs, candied pecans, salt and pepper. Reserve some eggs, bacon and pecans for garnish.

Drizzle dressing around the side of the bowl (so leaves don't get soggy) then gently mix. Serve on chilled salad plates and top with bacon, eggs and pecans for garnish.

Lay slices of steak over the salad and serve immediately.

Watch how to make Steak Salad with Dijon Dressing at jandatri.com/jans-recipe/one-minute-kitchen.

Use website oversight to avoid big booking mistake



On Travel
Christopher Elliott
USA TODAY

Francis Popiel made the worst booking mistake ever when he booked the right hotel on the wrong site.

The right hotel, in his case, was the Holiday Inn Alexandria in Alexandria, Virginia. Popiel, an engineer from Columbia Station, Ohio, had found the property by Googling "Holiday Inn Alexandria." But instead of taking him to the official hotel site, the search results led him to a third-party site called Guestreservations.com.

"When you click on this link, it appears to be the Holiday Inn website," he says. "The photos and layout are the same." He says Guestreservations.com charged him a "deceptive" \$159 fee on top of a \$338 room rate.

Don't want to make a booking mistake? Careful where you click

Popiel's story is a cautionary tale for the rest of us to look carefully before booking. There are sites out there that look legit but may not be. But you can easily spot them.

Guestreservations.com didn't respond to messages seeking comment on Popiel's case. The site describes itself as an intermediary focused on "connecting travelers" to bargains.

I tried to duplicate Popiel's reservation. But in the time between making the reservation and his complaint, Google changed its secret algorithm to promote the official Holiday Inn site at the top of its ranking.

Soojin Yoon, a spokeswoman for InterContinental Hotels Group, which owns Holiday Inn, said it is not involved in transactions that customers make on third-party websites such as Guestre-



Look at the website you're on very carefully before booking. Some travel sites look legit but aren't.

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servations.com.

Five years ago, the Federal Trade Commission issued a warning about sites that pose as the real thing. The agency said it heard from customers who searched online and thought they were booking on a hotel website, only to find they'd unknowingly been doing business with someone else.

It's not the legitimate online travel agencies such as Expedia and Booking.com perpetrating the scam, says Ari Lightman, professor of digital media and marketing at Carnegie Mellon University.

"It's the sites deliberately set up to dupe consumers," he says.

Beware of "Impostor" sites

For example, when Kate McCulley needed a visa to visit Azerbaijan, she went online and found several official-looking options, which she calls "impostor sites."

Airlines aren't exempt from scammy booking sites.

Remember the case of Naomi Poel? The Ada, Michigan, traveler fell for a site that claimed to be an official Delta Air Lines site last summer. She took the site at face value when it claimed, "We, at Delta Air Lines." The mistake cost her family \$300.

How to avoid the worst booking mistake ever

Popiel just wants people to know about impostor sites.

"I would like to raise awareness among travelers of this deceptive practice," he says. But, beyond that, he wonders why legitimate businesses would accept a reservation through a third party that tries to deceive their customers. That's a valid question.

The IHG spokeswoman described the online travel distribution system as "quite complex," adding "we are always assessing options as the distribution landscape evolves."

If you're booking an airline ticket, hotel room or getting a visa, read the website address. If you're not on the official site, odds are you're dealing with a third party.

How to spot an impostor site

■ Do your research. "It's worth Googling the name of the website to see if anything has been written about it online," says Clive Wood, global commercial manager at OTA Insight. "Travelers should also always check the small print before processing their transactions."

■ Know your destination and book direct. Type the web address directly – and carefully. Bear in mind that some unscrupulous third party sites have snatched up domain names with common misspellings of the companies they're spoofing.

ASK THE CAPTAIN

Former pilot recalls removing his rudest passenger

John Cox
Special to USA TODAY

What is the oddest or rudest thing you have seen on a plane or in an airport?

– Bob, Iowa

In my time, I have seen and dealt with a few passengers who were very belligerent to crew members. In some cases, I had them removed from the flight.

One memorable case was a lady who was berating one of the flight attendants about not waiting on her fast enough or providing her with more alcohol (which she did not need). The flight attendant advised me of the situation and I went back to talk with the lady. She told me to have the flight attendant bring her a drink.

I told her she would not be flying with us, and she informed me that she would sue if she didn't get her drink and demanded that I "leave her alone." It is the captain's responsibility to ensure a safe flight. Passengers such as this lady cause a safety concern. Therefore, she was not going with us.

The police were called, I told them to remove her from the plane and they asked her to go with them. She was belligerent with them, too, but after they professionally informed her that she would be arrested if she didn't comply, she wisely decided that listening to the officers was the better idea.

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Why Biggby Coffee founders refuse to sell

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EAST LANSING — It was one of those early Arby's restaurants, built in the 1960s to resemble an old-time covered wagon.

After the Arby's closed, the small building on West Grand River Avenue sat empty for a few years.

Twenty-five years ago, it reopened as the first Biggby Coffee — then called Beaners Coffee. No more roast beef for sale. But how about a caramel latte?

Since that first Biggby opened in March 1995, the company has grown to be a major regional coffee chain and competitor to giants such as Starbucks and Dunkin'. Today it has 240 franchise locations in 11 states, with plans to open 50 more by year's end.

The brand's reported same-store sales, a key business metric, grew 6.2% in 2019 compared to a year earlier. By comparison, Starbucks reported 5% same-store sales growth for its most recent quarter and Dunkin' had 2.8% growth.

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, Biggby will run a special promotion in all its stores on March 25 with 99-cent 16-ounce drinks, hot or iced, until 7 p.m.

That very first Biggby closed in late December and moved across the street into a new space that is on the ground floor of an apartment building and, most importantly, features a drive-thru window.

In an interview Tuesday at the new Biggby across from the now-empty first location, Biggby's co-CEOs Bob Fish, 56, and Michael McFall, 48, gave an emphatic "no" when asked if they would consider selling their now-ubiquitous Michigan-born coffee chain.

"We could sell the company in a heartbeat, in a split second," McFall said. "... The thing for us is what the heck would we do? Bob just said to me last week, 'I've never had more fun and enjoyed showing up to work more in my 25 years than I do right now,'" he said.

A lot has changed at Biggby in the past quarter century. For starters, the cups initially came in just two sizes — a 10-ounce "short" and a 16-ounce "tall" — and the standard latte was still under \$2.

Yet for many Michiganders in the mid-1990s, an era before cappuccinos and lattes were commonplace across the state, paying much more than a buck for a cup of coffee was a new concept.

"It was our job to begin to teach people the difference between having a custom, specialty drink and a pot of coffee in the back of your kitchen," Fish said.

Based on the subsequent explosion in the number of coffee shops and \$3.49 bottled coffee drink options, the industry succeeded.

One of Biggby's two original cofounders, Fish had been a part owner of a Flap Jack restaurant in Lansing when, in 1993, he and business partner Mary Roszel sold their stakes in the pancake house to start a coffee house.

Fish recalled getting inspiration from an early visit to Espresso Royale, a coffee chain that was then starting to pop up in college towns.

"... I walked into Espresso Royale, it was the first café that showed up over here, and I was like ... specialty coffee could be a thing," Fish said.



Michael McFall, left, and Bob Fish, co-chief executives of Biggby Coffee, stand outside Biggby in East Lansing. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

All in on franchising

Biggby was expanding fast by the early 2000s with a mix of franchised and company-owned locations. But they wanted to grow faster.

It was Fred DeLuca, the cofounder of Subway, who convinced Biggby's owners to double-down on the franchise business model and sell its company-owned shops. At the time, Biggby had about 60 franchise locations plus nine company-owned locations, including the original in the old Arby's.

"On his visits here, we would be like students with a teacher — this guy had built the most successful franchise in the world," McFall recalled. "One time he said, 'Guys, don't take this the wrong way. But you kind of suck at running company-owned stores and you kind of suck at franchising, so you need to choose one or the other.'"

"Subway was 100% franchised as well; that was his business model. So we pretty much did everything that guy told us to do."

DeLuca later came close to buying a 51% stake in Biggby. According to the CEOs, by 2015, after nearly a decade of talks, the parties had a tentative purchase agreement and were working through some final tax issues. But DeLuca died that September at age 67, and the deal was off.

Asked why they considered selling a majority stake, the co-CEOs said the DeLuca deal represented a

unique situation and that parting with 51% of their company is very different than giving up 100%.

Fish and McFall are now 50/50 owners. They bought out Roszel in 2012 and later a metro Detroit businessman named Sandy Green, who had a 10% stake.

A new name

The company voluntarily rebranded in 2007 from Beaners Coffee amid concerns that the original name, although intended as a reference to coffee beans, can also be an offensive slur for Hispanic people.

The company footed the roughly \$750,000 bill to update all of its franchisees' signage.

How did they come up with the new name?

"We always refer to the logo as the 'big B' — that's where it came from," McFall said. "We explored hundreds of names, and this was our pick at the beginning, before we went through the whole process, and it was our pick at the end."

More recently, Biggby has continued adding new specialty lattes to its menu and is expanding its "direct-from-farmer" coffee bean purchase program that cuts out brokers to forge closer relationships with farmers who practice organic farming and pay their help living wages, the CEOs said.

"I am selling coffee not from some place, but from somebody and somewhere," Fish said.

Obituaries

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Philip Ellis Nimmo, III

FENTON — Philip Ellis Nimmo, III age 82, of Fenton, died February 22, 2020 at his winter residence in Ocala, Florida. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 6481 Faussett Road, Howell with Rev. Fr. Gregg Pleiness celebrant. Interment will follow at St. Augustine Cemetery. Visitation will be held 3 PM - 8 PM Monday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton 48430 where a rosary will be prayed at 7 PM Monday evening. Visitation will be held from 10 AM - 11 AM Tuesday at the church. Philip was born September 19, 1937 in Passaic, NJ, the son of Philip E. and Leona (Dymond) Nimmo, Jr. He was a 1959 graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Philip married Loretta Salvucci in 1960. He retired from General Motors where he spent 20 years at the Milford Proving Grounds and 20 years at the GM Technical Center in Warren. Phil worked as a leading engineer at the Noise and Vibration Lab for several years. Personal computers arrived during his career at GM, Phil did advanced engineering with primitive computers before computer engineering became common practice. He was manager of the General Motors Instrumentation Department for several years and later was on special assignments to deal with major engineering issues for the corporation. He was the go-to-guy whenever there was a major engineering challenge. Among many accomplishments, Philip revolutionized brake testing in the automotive industry during the GM X-Car trials. After retirement he continued as a consultant to GM. Philip earned a Private Pilot license in 1965 after that he donated his time and his plane for Mercy Flights that transported sick patients at no cost throughout Michigan. He also flew Christmas gifts around Michigan for Child and Family Services. Philip was also an avid sailor and enjoyed sailing the Great Lakes. As a sailboat captain, Philip reluctantly went on his first Royal Caribbean Cruise in 1985 to celebrate 25 years of marriage with Loretta and last November he completed his 20th Cruise trip. Surviving are: wife of 59 plus years, Loretta; three children, Laura (Victor) Totis of Clarksburg, MD, Philip E. Nimmo IV of Bishop, CA, and Paul (Amy) Nimmo of Ocean Springs, MS; five grandchildren, Philip E. Nimmo V, Marina Nimmo, Eric Nimmo, Nicholas Nimmo and Nora Nimmo; several cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by: his parents and sister, Bonnie. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Frederick J. Beyer Jr.

Frederick J. Beyer Jr., age 65, passed away February 29, 2020. He was born July 1, 1954 in Oak Park, Illinois, son of the late Frederick Sr. and Rebecca Beyer. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer (DeVenny); his children: Joseph Beyer and Rebecca Beyer; and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his sister, Elizabeth Beyer, his parents and his second mom, Dottie and many aunts and uncles. He will be sadly missed by many friends and family. A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 6 at 11:00AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake Street, South Lyon. He will be laid to rest in Great Lakes National Cemetery, www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Bisma Parvez Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

By day, she's an engineer, working in the auto industry. By night, she's a fashion designer with an unusual mission: saving cats.

Dina Song has taken her love of cats to a whole new level by creating a business that gives back to cat rescue organizations. She launched Miau Miau Clothing Co., a brand that focuses on cat-inspired, high-quality, trendy apparel and accessories.

Song, 47, has an engineering degree and an MBA. She works full time for an automotive wire harness supplier but started her own business in 2018 because she wanted to make a difference and advocate for homeless cats and kittens.

Song launched her website and runs the business out of her Plymouth home as her second job.

"I've worked in automotive ... with all those experiences I thought, 'You know what? I want to do something on my own,'" Song told the Free Press. "On top of that, I want to make a positive impact and give back and this was my avenue to do it."

Her first goal was to get to CatCon, a cat convention in Los Angeles. CatCon bills itself as the biggest cat-centric pop culture event in the world. Since its inception in 2015, the annual two-day expo has hosted over 78,000 attendees.

How it began

It all started when Song rescued a litter of kittens and their mother a few years ago in Plymouth.

"We found a kitten at my mom's house and it had to be bottle-fed. A couple of days later, the mother started bringing the other kittens out. Because the other kittens were so fearful, we actually had to trap them."

"It was a very long process. Going over there every day and setting traps and seeing if we could catch them just to help them."

Song said the cats had to get used to her so that they would come back to be fed. She learned how to catch cats by watching cat whisperers on social media. She says that rescuing animals can be emotional but gratifying when you are able to save a life.

"I am committed to grow the Miau Miau Clothing Co. brand and give a portion of our profits to no-kill cat rescues, and feral cat Trap-Neuter-Return programs throughout the United States," she said.

Tech at night can disrupt your sleep

Marc Saltzman
Special to USA TODAY

While we're supposed to go to bed tired and wake up energized, ever notice it's often the other way around? Instead, you are wide awake when you lie down at night and wake up exhausted.

Sound familiar? Late-night technology may be to blame. And it could be harming your personal and professional life.

"There is certainly a lot of technology around us in this modern era, and we're bringing it to the bedroom, which can



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have a lot of negative consequences on a good quality sleep," says sleep disorders specialist Dr. Harneet Walia from the Cleveland Clinic, a non-profit academic medical center in Cleveland, Ohio.

There are some reasons you shouldn't bring your tech to bed, says Walia, who specializes in complex sleep disorders. And you can learn to manage technology to prepare yourself for better sleep.

Night light

To fall asleep, your body needs an increase in levels of melatonin. The problem is, a backlit device decreases melatonin production.

"Smartphones and tablets can emit what we call a blue light, which can suppress these natural hormones, known to produce and promote sleep, and also known to have some circadian rhythm effects," said Walia in a telephone interview with USA TODAY.

Circadian rhythms act as an internal clock, keeping us on a daily cycle of sleeping, waking, eating and other behaviors. But circadian rhythms can respond to changes in light and darkness in one's environment.

"So, when the blue light is emitted and melatonin is suppressed, as a result, we're not able to get to sleep at a proper time, neither are we able to get a good quality sleep," Walia said.

To combat those effects, Apple added a Night Shift feature, which uses the iPhone or iPad clock and geolocation to



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automatically adjust the colors in the display to the warmer end of the spectrum after dark. (Or you can manually enable it.)

In the morning, the device returns the display to its regular settings after, hopefully, helping you get a better night's sleep. Free apps for the Android operating system work in a similar way.

Even though many phones, tablets and e-readers today have an "anti-blue light," "blue light filter," or Night Shift option, data suggest these features may not be that effective in reducing blue light and related negative effects, Walia says.

Even a TV in the bedroom also might be affecting the quality of sleep – as any light that comes through the eyelids could decrease melatonin – so Walia recommends not watching television or use any other tech at least 30 minutes before you close your eyes.

Digital distractions

Whether you bring your phone, tablet or laptop to bed for work or for relaxation, you are not giving yourself a break from being connected.

With devices handy, you might be tempted to engage in a group chat going on. Or perhaps you would want to see

what people on social media are saying about a photo you posted. Or you could hear the "ping" of an email after you've closed your eyes and reach for your device to take a look.

"Of course, technology can keep our mind active and engaged when we have our phone next to us," Walia said. "It can stimulate the brain, keep it active, as we always feel like we need to be connected, logged on – this not good for sleep."

FOMO – fear of missing out – could affect your rest.

And what if you read something in the news (or on your social feed) that upsets you? This also could affect the length and quality of your sleep.

Even if you put your device on airplane mode, you might still be tempted if it's nearby. It's recommended to leave the gadgets in another room.

On a related note, while there is no conclusive link between sleeping with technology and clinical health problems – caused by the radiation emitted by Wi-Fi and cellular devices – many medical professionals suggest to err on the side of caution and leave tech outside of the bedroom. We simply don't know about the long-term effects just yet.

On the flip side ... can tech help you?

If you're reading this and thinking, "I don't have these issues in bringing my phone to bed," then at least consider a number of apps designed to help you relax, such as meditation walkthroughs, relaxing "soundscapes" such as crashing waves, jet lag apps, or podcasts and audiobooks you can listen to with the lights out.

(I'm a fan of "old-time radio" plays – popularized in the 1940s and 1950s – now free to download and listen to on your devices.)

And then there are wearable bands and smartwatches that not only help track fitness, but also overnight patterns. So the technology helps with your exercise and when you wear an activity tracker while sleeping, the sensors can detect if you woke up during the night, when, and for how long.

The information can be seen in chart and graph form, on an app or website, which can be shared with a physician for analysis.

And, so as not to disrupt the sleep of your spouse or partner, many fitness bands and smartwatches can use vibrations, rather than sound, to wake up the wearer.

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How employees can get better at working remotely

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Most of us who have been in the work world for a while have witnessed plenty of changes over the years – everything from how we search and apply for jobs to how we handle our professional responsibilities have undergone massive shifts, largely due to technological innovation and shifting economic and cultural forces that have transformed how companies do business at every level.

Simply put, today's work world is radically different than it was just a few years ago, and the divide between those who choose to keep current and those who remain stuck in the past will continue to grow. This also includes where we work – for many workers, the days of commuting to an office to begin work at 9 a.m. and head back home at 5 p.m. are dwindling. The notion of businesses requiring a "bricks and mortar" office space is becoming increasingly obsolete and more and more businesses are allowing their employees the opportunity to work remotely, either full time or on a flexible part-time basis.

In many ways, it has been a win-win situation for employees and employers alike. Employees get to save the time and costs associated with commuting each day and have been given the power to handle their work responsibilities from the comfort of their homes, a coffee shop, or wherever they find themselves at any given moment. It also provides them with a greater degree of flexibility toward maintaining a healthy work-life balance, a subject that has gained increasing attention in recent years as questions revolving around whether or not we're working too much as a society are gaining more attention. Companies benefit by reducing their

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operating costs and maintaining a freshly engaged and motivated workforce who can re-channel time spent commuting into their work. Reducing geographic requirements for employees also opens up opportunities for hiring talented individuals from a larger and more diverse pool.

While it may seem as if working remotely can be the ideal arrangement, there are some potential pitfalls to be mindful of – having to focus on work amidst life's distractions, feelings of isolation and disconnection to cope with, and more. If you work remotely or are considering the merits of doing so, think about employing the following strategies for handling the set up effectively.

Choose your location wisely

Remote employees are given the gift of working from wherever they choose – a decision that shouldn't be taken lightly. Are you the type who's easily distracted? If so, then don't work at a place that's filled with people or things that will derail you from getting work done. Choose an environment that's conducive to focus and free from unwelcome distractions that will sap your concentration, energy, and productivity.

This may require some trial and error on your part – if you pick a workspace that ultimately turns out to be problematic, then make a course correction and select another one. For many people,

working remotely may require a real period of adjustment, and nothing can make this potentially challenging arrangement even harder than trying to work in a location that makes it difficult to do so.

Keep connected

As mentioned earlier, working remotely can be an uncomfortably isolating experience for some, which can have a potentially negative effect on your health and job performance. But the truth is, working remotely doesn't have to mean working alone. Instead, try joining the growing number of people working remotely in public places as wide-ranging as libraries, coffee shops, restaurants, and other public venues with free Wi-Fi and getting to know your fellow telecommuters. With a bit of effort and luck, you may find yourself building new connections and making new work friends in no time.

Also, make a better effort to stay connected to your coworkers, who may also be struggling with the same feelings. Make the most of social networks and video conferencing tools to keep in touch on a regular basis. Keep each other up to date on how things are going by using available messaging resources (Skype, Slack, etc.). Organize after-work events and activities with colleagues so you can see each other more often. Make an effort to stay connected, and don't forget that work friendships are just like other types of friendships – they require effort on your part, so nurture them carefully.

Remote responsibly

Just because you've been given the opportunity to work remotely doesn't

mean you have to do it every single day – for many folks that's simply too much time spent outside of the office. Many companies that offer telecommuting as an option still provide a dedicated workplace to come into should employees choose to do so.

If you're lucky enough to have this option, then find the home-office balance that works best for you – not only will this help you stay connected to your colleagues and what's happening at work, it could go a long way to ensuring that you remain a happy, engaged, and productive employee.

Stay current

These days, there's a wide array of tools designed to help employees work remotely at peak levels. Those who transition most effectively to this work arrangement and consistently remain successful make a real effort to stay on top of the latest and greatest resources available to help them do their jobs. Depending on your industry and position, be sure to keep up on what's out there – from apps for project management to task organization and reporting, video conferencing, sales aggregation systems, and much more.

Working remotely can really open up a whole new world of options for employers and employees alike, but for many workers, it can be a challenging adjustment. Use the strategies and advice presented here to help you make the transition successfully – and to be an effective, successful, and satisfied employee while doing so.

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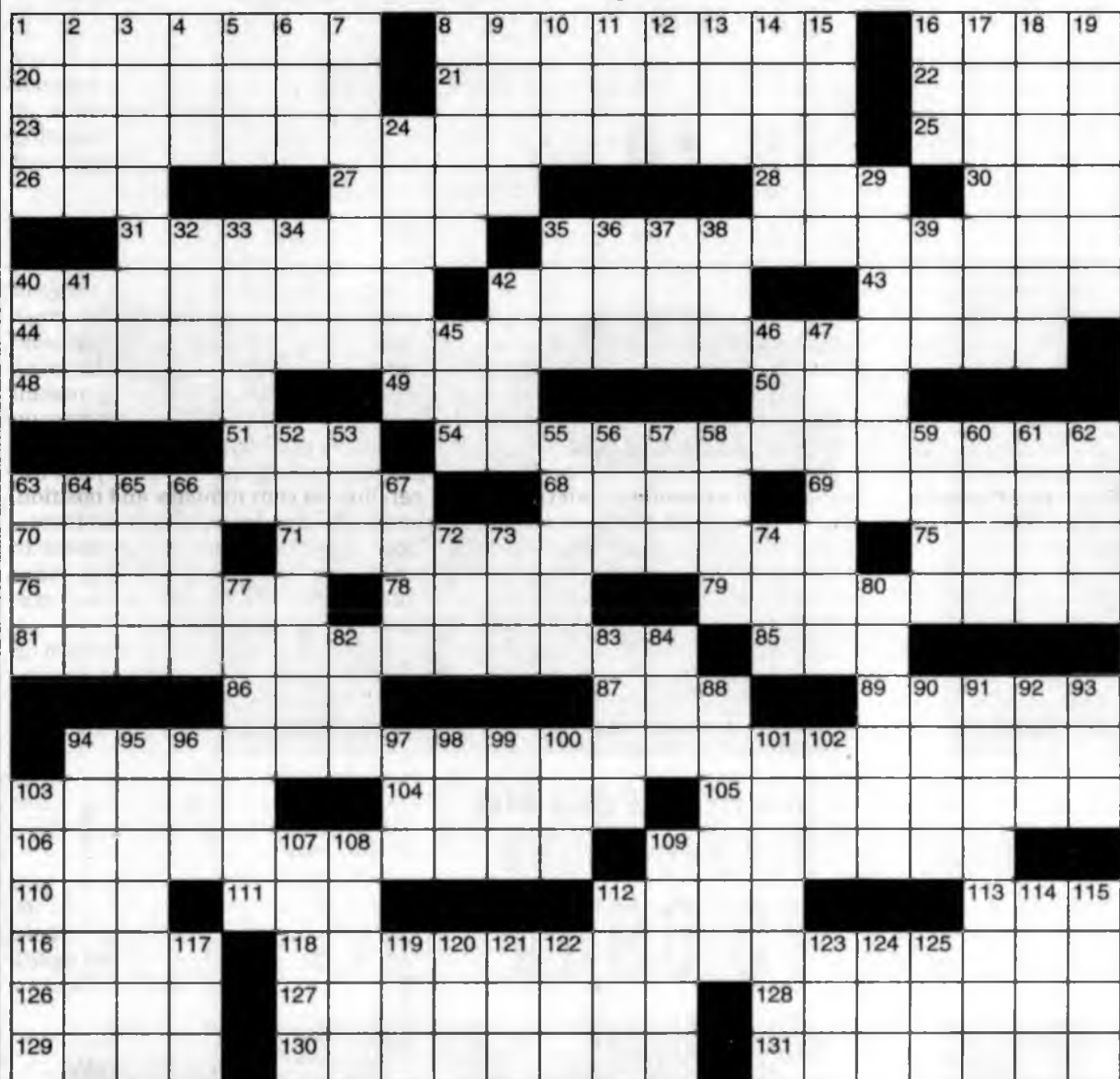
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ACROSS

- 1 Make sarcastic remarks
8 It was stormed in the French Revolution
16 Petri dish gel
20 Never-dying
21 Volcanic glass
22 Move, in real estate
23 Something the "Eat It" singer's parents did?
25 Sig Chi, say
26 Letters on an ambulance
27 Tacit assents
28 Big Apple ball team, on scoreboards
30 From — Z
31 Grieves over
35 Container for a picnic beside Bonn's river?
40 Salamis, e.g.
42 2016 Disney film set in Polynesia
43 Unclad art class models
44 Meticulous barracks examination not using the left hand?
- 48 French for "enough"
49 Corpulent
50 — culpa
51 10th mo.
54 Work for Consumer Reports for many years?
63 Attending college, e.g.
68 "Today — man"
69 Short preview
70 "— life!"
71 Train passengers' noisy crying?
75 1990s attorney general
76 San Luis —
78 Disposition
79 They have crisp, edible pods
81 Instruction sheets on how to lull babies to sleep?
85 Corrida cry
86 Needle-nosed fish
87 Old nuclear regulatory agency.
89 Some Apples
94 Scoundrel below a spanning structure?
- 103 Divided Asian land
104 1980s attorney general
105 Like some fans and eels
106 Group of commandos from which to choose?
109 Reached by car
110 Year, to Rosa
111 E-chuckle
112 Borscht, e.g.
113 Little devil
116 Lawn vermin
118 "This road furrow was not fully repaired?"
126 Scrapes (out)
127 1990s GM car model
128 Soccer star
Cristiano —
129 Siesta, e.g.
130 Tense state
131 Features of joyless faces
- 8 Hopalong Cassidy actor and others
9 French mutiny cry
10 Tax ID
11 "— Tok" (#1 Kesha hit)
12 Wedding vow
13 Actress Tyler
14 Singer Frankie
15 Multivolume ref., often
16 Dog's cry
17 Rivera of TV
18 Support group for adolescents
19 Turbine parts
24 A great many
29 Filmmaker's patchwork
32 Arthur with a racket
33 Passover bread
34 It has a yolk
35 King, in Paris
36 Sci-fi's Solo
37 Outs' partner
38 Siesta, e.g.
39 Yes, in Paris
40 Span. lady
41 "— for Alibi"
42 Prefix with carpal
45 Not the std. spelling
46 Broody music genre
- 47 Part of CIA
52 Rings around the sun
53 Up — point
55 Squiggle over an "n"
56 — de toilette
57 Diplomatic official. Abbr.
58 Testing sites
59 Rain delay cover-up
60 "It's all clear"
61 Suvan of film
62 Lovers' god
63 Helper for Frankenstein
64 Mount where Moses died
65 Clic — (Bic pen brand)
66 Beer barrel
67 Not at all stiff
72 Mauna —
73 Jazz genre
74 Musician Brian
77 Laura Ingalls' hair feature
80 "Boys Don't Cry" director
82 Dog's threat
83 Not common
84 Tennis unit
88 Angelic being
90 Pol Romney
91 With skill
92 Some film FX
93 Min. fraction
94 Virginia city
- 95 Baltimore baseballers
96 "The Ref" director
Demme
97 "Stee-rike!" caller
98 Lead-in to colonial
99 "— volente" ("God willing")
100 Subj. for U.S. citizens-to-be
101 Pair fleeing to wed
102 Grandma on "Roseanne"
103 Cosmo on "Seinfeld"
107 Oslo's nation, to its natives
108 Pasted
109 Extinct birds
112 Some 35mm cameras
114 Early Persian
115 Old hands
117 N.Y. hours
119 Dress fancily, with "out"
120 901, in old Rome
121 Prefix for a vintner
122 Sporty truck, in brief
123 — constrictor
124 Call a halt to
125 Lead-in to "kwon do" or "Bo"



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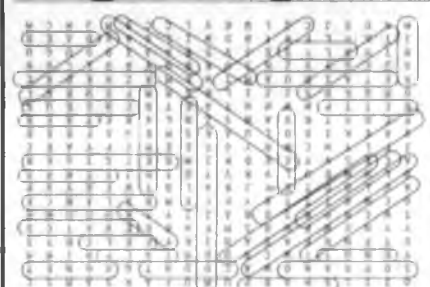
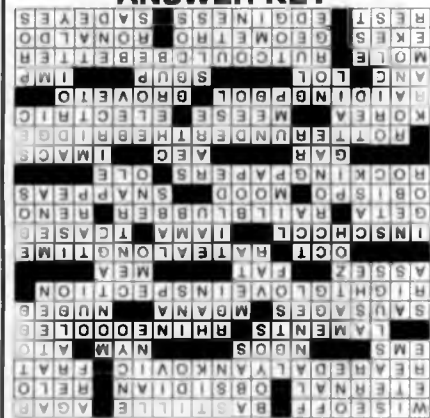
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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