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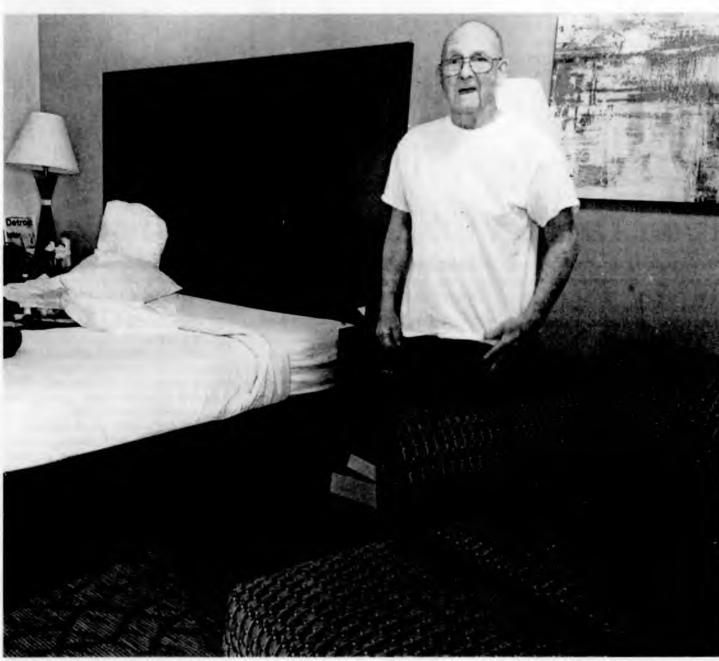
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Mike Marshall pauses in his Best Western motel room in Hartland on Feb. 16. Until recently, Marshall was living in his car. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Milford has a heart,

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Ian Sharp first noticed the car while walking his dog in the park in the first week of February.

It was gone after his two-hour stroll through Dodge Park 10 and silo field in Highland, but the next day it was back again. The following day, with a nagging feeling of unease, Sharp drove back to Livingston Road where he had seen the Hyundai. It was there again, parked in freezing temps, and he saw a man slumped behind the wheel.

He approached slowly with mounting dread.

"I thought he was dead," Sharp recalls. "He was gray and the car wasn't running, his legs were up on the dash and it was pretty terrible inside his car... I was prepared to open the door and find somebody who had frozen to death.""

Sharp knocked on the window and the man inside awakened, soon introducing himself as Mike Marshall. Over the next 45 minutes, Sharp would learn a lot about Marshall, including that the 2006 Hyundai Elantra he was in had been his home since Sept. 16.

Sharp, a British native and retired engineer who has made Milford his home for many years, provided Marshall with some immediate needs, including food, gas money and hygiene

But not knowing what to do for a long-term solution, he turned to the Milford Matters Facebook group, and the help started pouring in, including individuals paying for a hotel room

and providing food and clothes. Now, more than \$10,000 has been

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Surgeon saves life of South Lyon man

Susan Bromley Hometownlife com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Gene Cabadas was dying, bleeding

out from a tear in his aorta.

The clock was ticking on the South Lyon man's life with each heartbeat that passed, as well as each hospital that passed on giving the 85-year-old Cabadas the surgery that could save him.

In all, three hospitals declined to take him.

The fourth proved to be the charm when Dr. Yusuke Terasaki, a Detroit Medical Center cardiothoracic surgeon, answered the call with a yes. With no time to waste, Cabadas was put on a life flight to Harper University Hospital.

"His condo is across the street from the hospital, he could hear the helicopter coming in the dark," Cabadas recalls. "I landed and was in an unfamiliar hospital with a doctor I'd never heard of before... I thought, 'Who is

But the answer was simple and

came to him immediately: "Someone willing to help me when

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New surgery center planned in Novi

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Another ambulatory surgical center is in the works for Detroit's western suburbs, this time in Novi.

A nearly 17,000-square-foot outpatient surgical center has been proposed for a vacant piece of land on Karim Boulevard, located just south of Grand River Avenue and west of Haggerty Road. The development - proposed by Karim Blvd RE Holdings, LLC was discussed before the city's planning commission meeting held Jan. 27.

"Ambulatory surgery centers represent a major trend in health care, moving lower acuity cases out of hospitals and into more comfortable environments," said Truman Timmis, the owner's representative for the project, during the planning commission meeting. They provide safer, more convenient, more cost-effective environments for procedures."

The center would operate during normal business hours and not stage any overnight stays for patients.

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Northville HS in-person plan proves successful

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

As the inside of some neighboring districts' high schools have remained silent since March 13, 2020 - the day COVID-19 stopped public education in its tracks — Northville High School has enjoyed relative success with an inperson hybrid learning model that has thrived since early-October.

With the exception of a state-mandated pause for in-person instruction for five weeks in December and early-January, Northville High School students - at least the 60% who didn't choose the fully-virtual option — have attended in-person school every other day (with live remote learning on the days they're not in the building) with few reported related cases of COVID-19 popping up.

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Three horses die in Salem Township barn fire

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

Three Salem Township horses died in a Feb. 16 barn fire stoked by strong winds, hay and the structure's age.

At its most intense, the blaze in the 8400 block of Seven Mile Road held the attention of tens of firefighters from both the township and neighboring communities, according to fire officials.

Township Fire Chief Jim Rachwal said firefighters were able to rescue two horses but the three animals that perished were trapped where the barn was

"I know that the owner of the horses was really devastated by the loss," Rachwal said "No human injuries, so that's kind of a blessing there."

His firefighters were dispatched at

about 8:45 a.m. Upon arrival, they found a quarter of the building fully involved in fire, with flames showing through the roof.

Water had to be trucked to the scene, since there was no fire hydrant.

"Obviously, the weather was a big factor today," Rachwal said. "We had a ton of snow we had to deal with. We had to deal with icy conditions both on both the road and on the scene itself."

Rachwal said electrical-related problems probably ignited the barn, perhaps due to a panel box or efforts to keep water from freezing.

Firefighters saved a third of the barn but Rachwal expects it may be razed. "It was pretty much a total loss," the

chief said. Assisting agencies included Canton and Lyon townships and South Lyon.

Three horses died in a barn fire off Seven Mile in Salem Township on Feb. 16. COURTESY OF MATT 7MUDA



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Lyon Theater officially closing its doors

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Yet another local movie house officially closed up shop as a result of the lingering pandemic.

After purchasing The Lyon Theater in 2015, owners David and Debra Neil have announced they've closed the theater at 126 E. Lake St., citing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as a major

"We had a great run and enjoyed our time being part of the community. However, the pandemic has been terrible for us all and especially the theater," reads a statement on the theater's website. "The movie industry was also significantly impacted and has greatly affected our business."

Debra Neil said with all the changes happening in the movie industry, the finances needed to upgrade the theater by adding amenities like a liquor license -in the works before the pandemic shuttered the theater - aren't "Every month that goes by, it's just a financial burden to keep the lights on."

Debra Neil Co-owner, Lyon Theater

there after being closed for many

"Obviously, the theater needs a liquor license. It needs more food," she said. "Every month that goes by, it's just a financial burden to keep the lights on."

Movie theaters have become major economic victims across the country due to the pandemic. Theaters were ordered closed last March as the first CO-VID-19 cases were reported in Michigan, and they were not permitted to open again until October. After about a month, the state ordered theaters closed again as COVID-19 cases and positivity rates skyrocketed in the late fall. They were permitted to reopen again in December, though, without

It was only when indoor dining at restaurants was permitted again beginning Feb. 1 that the popcorn machine could begin selling to those watching a movie in theaters.

concession sales

Even with the state permitting theaters to open, many had to seek out different films to show: many blockbuster hits planned for 2020 such as "Black Widow" and the latest James Bond film "No Time to Die" were delayed as a result of the pandemic, and several others such as "Mulan" and "Wonder Woman 1984" - opted to head to streaming services

Neil cited the Pixar movie "Soul," which was originally scheduled to come out in theaters last Thanksgiving, as one example of the changing landscape As more restrictions for gathering in theaters happened in the fall, Disney opted to move the film's release to Christmas and dropped it on its Disney+ streaming service for no additional

Those kind of moves, Neil said, made it very difficult to attract moviegoers even if they had been open.

"You have to retain a whole group of customers to leave their house. A lot of people don't want to leave their house still," she said. "It's a big decision to open or not open."

Some theaters could get creative in finding ways to attract guests, including playing classic, popular films and offering drive-in movies last summer at places such as Emagine Novi.

In addition to some larger chain theaters closing some multiplexes, smaller theaters have had challenges as well: the Farmington Civic Theater in downtown Farmington received a loan last year from the city to continue its operations and the Milford Cinema closed, though a nonprofit group is working to reopen the theater at 945 Summit in the village.

The Lyon Theater was a destination for first-run movies in recent years. The theater opted to play tentpole blockbusters such as films from the "Star Wars" series and advertised the most recent Wonder Woman movie on its website. It also specialized in hosting special events such as birthday parties and field trips for local schools, a part of the business the Neils hoped to expand

"We're very pleased that the ball was rolling. People were coming, they wanted events," she said. "It was very interesting to have all the different school events. It wasn't just, 'Hey we show movies.' It was plugged into the commu-

They purchased the theater in 2015 from a company that bought it years prior after it was foreclosed on during the recession. The theater saw plenty of improvements during that time, including new seats in the auditorium installed in

Despite the announced closure, Neil said she doesn't believe this is the end for the theater in downtown South Lyon. They plan on marketing the theater for sale and hope to have someone purchase it to continue its 75-year legacy in southwest Oakland County.

"We're hoping to find the right player for it," she said. "The show will go on."

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (REMOTE MEETING)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., EST, electronically as authorized under the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.231, ET SEQ., as amended, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2021 application in the approximate amount of \$130,530 to fund eligible projects.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerk's Office, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., March 8, 2021. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact City Clerk, Cortney Hanson at 248-347-0456 for special

CORTNEY HANSON, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2021 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet virtually via Zoom Meeting, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2021 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates

6:30 p.m. Organizational Meeting (No Appeals) TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021:

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM MEETING

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Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed values for 2021, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2020 Real and Personal Property Assessments WAYNE COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1 00. OAKLAND COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00 Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 10, 2021 before 4:00 p.m. ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2021 taxable or assessed value

BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 16, 2021 at 7:00p m. to receive public input on draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding

- 1. Modify Section 10.06, Cady Street Overlay (CSO), Section 15.01, Schedule of Regulations, and Section 15.02, Footnotes to Schedule of Regulations, to eliminate remaining references to a building height overlay district that was replaced by the Cady Street Overlay District in 2015
- Add provisions addressing attached garages in basements of a dwelling to the maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) calculation for single-family and two-family residences in the R-1B, First Density Residential District, and R-2, Second Density Residential District.
- Modify Article 19, Site Plan Procedural and Approval Process, to allow the Planning Commission to require a performance guarantee for implementation of site improvements in a Final Site Plan. Also, to add a description of acceptable performance guarantees, and the administration of such guarantees, to Article 24, Administration and Enforcement

Meeting Location and Participation

The meeting will be held via video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Members of the public body and members of the public participating electronically will be considered present at the meeting and may participate as if physically present at the meeting. The following is a link to attend the meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86522541944

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Those needing assistance or accommodations should contact the City Manager's office at 248-449-9905. Log in instructions, information about electronic meetings, and a user guide can be found at: https://www.ci.northville.mi.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=11895963&page Id=13505469#pc. OR from the main Home page, click on the Government tab, Agendas and Minutes, and scroll to the Planning Commission section of the webpage.

Draft Ordinance Review and Written Comments

The complete text of the draft amendments is available for review on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us From the Home Page, go to Services, Building and Planning, Planning Commission, Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Written comments to the pertaining to the proposed text amendments must be submitted by 4:30pm March 15, 2021 to City of Northville Municipal Building, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, or use the City Hall drop box, or emailed to dmassa@ ci.porthville.mi.us

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Milford police ID woman in hit and run

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

A 75-year-old woman was walking across a Milford Township road after checking her mailbox and a 24year-old driver was trying to readjust some items in her passenger seat when, according to police, a hitand-run incident happened.

The older woman continues to recover from two broken bones and an internal bleed at a rehab facility,

Detective Chris Lipari said.

The younger woman, a White Lake Township resident, could get charged with leaving the scene of a crash and causing serious injury, depending on a review by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, Lipari

The hit-and-run incident happened at about 6:30 p.m. Jan. 28 on Duck Lake Road, between Commerce Street and Cooley Lake Road.

A black Jeep Wrangler was suspected and Milford

police sought tips on social media, noting the vehicle was missing a large portion of the driver-side fender flare, which was painted black

Lipari said tips started coming in. Then an attorney called to say they were representing the driver. She apparently had known she struck something but not

Lipari said the woman had been a distracted driver. Drugs and alcohol reportedly were not involved. svela@hometownlife.com; 248-303-843

Winter's chill at Kensington Metropark



John Heider USA TODAY NETWORK - MICH

Arriving before sun-I noticed was how still it

Nothing seemed to be moving, and with temperatures below 10 degrees and only a slight breeze, the entirety of the park - four-legged creatures, birds, trees, and lakes – seemed frozen in an understandably rigid

The 4,400-acre park lies off Interstate 96 between Milford and Kensington roads. Its main feature is Kent Lake, part of an impoundment of the Huron River system, which meanders through the park's center and occupies much of its total

While the park is popand fall with hikers, bikers, boaters, fishers, bird watchers and swimmers, in winter it's not exactly bustling. In the nearly I saw less than a dozen people.

The park's non-human inhabitants, while not everywhere or obvious to the eyes, are part of the landscape once you let things settle in. Moments into the park, I noticed a whitetail deer in the forest near the road. And then another one and then - well, I guess half a dozen of them were hanging out until they noticed me noticing them.

With a wiggle of their tails, they bolted across Huron River Parkway to the deeper forest for forage or a snooze, or both.

After my deer encounter, I drove to the west side of Kent Lake to its Maple Beach area to see

what I could record on my Nikon camera. And even though it was now past 7:30 a.m. and the sun was coming up, the only thing moving was nearby I-96's steady stream of comrise Feb. 11 at Kensington muters. The forest was Metropark, the first thing still, the lake was frozen and I could see nobody else within a mile. A few moments of a winter's quiet solitude is OK in my books

> The rest of my morning was spent making photographs with my Nikon d750. Not too many just 570 digital files over the next few hours. If there was one overarching theme to the photos, it was that shadows were part of everything I framed.

This time of year, with the light coming in cold and harsh, there were shadows on the snow where rabbits and deer had run about; shadows ridging the bark of oak trees slowly warmed by ulated in spring, summer the sun; and shadows cast on the cardinals perched on a barren tamarack tree, cast by nearby

On my way out of the four hours I spent there park I stopped near Kendriving and hiking about, sington's Nature Center on its west side, a popular stop for bird watchers. Nearby trails and a boardwalks lead to the popular heron rookery its feathered friends



A whitetail deer bounds through the forest of Kensington Metropark in Milford just before sunrise



A male cardinal perches in the branches of a tamarack tree near the park's nature center.



A small spring seeping from Wildwing Lake is the only unfrozen water on Kent Lake near the nature center.



The rising sun peeks over the horizon about 7:30 a.m. Feb. 11 at Kensington Metropark. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

smaller winged friends.

I soon found dozens of birds flitting about the forest and frozen swamp area: cardinals, northern juncos, chickadees, bluejays, downy woodpeckers and field sparrows. Jumping from branch to branch, hopping about the snow-covered trails and flying overhead, the tiny creatures proved that the park remains decidedly alive, even in the midst of winter.

John Heider, staff phowon't visit until April or tographer, can be reached so. I hit the trails with my at jheider@hometowntelephoto lens looking for life.com or 734-972-6545.

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Activity Description

Activity Number 732185 Youth Services \$6,006.50 Amount Proposed (to) - 2018 Program Year

Activity Number 730898 **Activity Description**

Home Improvement Program \$6,006.50 All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing Comments will also

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF MARCH 2021 BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby giver, that the March Board of Review shall convene for the Organizational Meeting at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 in the Event Quarter Room/Civic Center at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll. Appointments are not taken at this meeting.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Event Quarter Room at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 8, 9 and 10, 2021.

If you or your representative want to appeal in persop, you are strongly encouraged to come into the assessing department on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 5, 2021 in order to schedule an appointment to ensure your time before the Board of Review. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org.

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

Written Appeals: Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 3:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any

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

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.cityofnovi.org Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 8, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Event Quarter Room Tuesday, March 9, 2021 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Event Quarter Room Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Event Quarter Room

Located in the Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375.

In accordance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, January 22, 2021 Gatherings and Face Mask Order, face masks are required

> Cortney Hanson CITY CLERK

Help

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collected on Marshall's behalf in a gofundme account, and he is out of his car and safely tucked into a warm room at the Best Western in Hartland through the end of February.

Tale of heartbreak, gratitude

Marshall spoke by phone from that toasty room which has a shower and fully stocked fridge, sharing a heart-breaking story and his gratitude for dozens of strangers who came to his aid during one of the coldest, loneliest times in his 74 years. They are the family he never knew he had, and they give him renewed faith in humanity.

"They mean that us Americans..." he pauses, voice breaking, "we do give a s--- about each other."

While he is crying one moment, touched by the kindness, he is laughing the next, keeping his sense of humor as he recounts that the night before he felt "really obligated" to get down on his knees in the hotel room and give a prayer of thanks. Once he was down, however, he was praying "dear Lord, help me get up."

"I will not be that stupid again," he laughs. "I can pray standing in the corner."

He is beyond grateful for the bed to sleep in, getting rest after months of sleepless days and nights crammed into his 2006 Hyundai Elantra with his legs propped up on the dashboard in order to reduce the swelling from his diabetes.

The car, like Marshall, has some significant mileage. The Hyundai has about 177,000 miles on the odometer, some of those miles from his return trip to Michigan two years ago from Texas.

Marshall is a Detroit native, a 1964 Cooley High graduate who has had his share of bumps in the road of life, but was managing them well until six years ago when his wife Donna was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Within a year, she had died, and Marshall's life savings were drained by medical bills.

Living off Social Security

He had worked for many years in construction, but completed a nursing degree when he was about 50. Both he



Mike Marshall ducks into his Hyundai Elantra on Feb. 16 to get a face mask. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and Donna were employed in a nursing home in Texas. While he said he loved what he did, he advises young people that "it's great to do what you like to do, but if you don't get a retirement, you are screwed."

Marshall had to stop working when he was 66 due to worsening arthritis. He and Donna were "doing fine" with both of their monthly Social Security checks, but after her death, he couldn't keep his head above water. He lives on a \$1,200 per month Social Security check.

"The medical bills sucked up all the money," he said. "My trailer fell apart. I had probably two mental breakdowns. She died and I was able to hang on for about four years. I had to leave it all sit there because it fell apart. Nothing worked, no heat, no water. I left there with nothing except my car."

Marshall's only child, a son from his first marriage, is disabled and lives in a tiny trailer in Florida, which didn't seem a viable option. Instead, Marshall headed back to Michigan, where he had not lived in decades. He moved in with with his sister and her ex-husband, but it was a tumultuous, stressful situation, with constant yelling, cursing and threats.

On Sept. 16, he couldn't take it anymore and left. By so doing, he joined the

ranks of the homeless. In Michigan the number of homeless is about 62,000, the majority of whom are in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, Elizabeth Kelly, CEO of HOPE Shelter in Pontiac, said.

Homeless in Oakland County

Homeless is narrowly defined by the state as individuals living in uninhabitable conditions, including cars, abandoned houses, tents, under overpasses, and cemetery mausoleums. They are often the working poor and don't include those living in motel rooms or "couch surfing," moving from one family member or friend's home to another.

Last year, about 3,000 homeless individuals were assisted through Oakland County human services agencies through the continuum of care.

Hope serves about 700 of these individuals per year, Kelly said, not only by offering beds in one of three shelters, but through helping them obtain proper documents and placement in permanent housing, which is also scarce due to affordability and landlord income requirements.

Marshall said he has sought assistance for his medical issues at the hos-

pital and expressed frustration that he had told doctors and nurses that he was living in his car and still did not receive help in getting out of his situation.

Kelly said a lack of knowledge about available resources is an obstacle in getting homeless individuals the help they desperately need, as well as a lack of awareness of the extent of the problem.

"The average person doesn't know where to start or who to call," she said. "We expect it (a shelter) is like a grocery store — nearby and convenient — and it's not. The other part is most people in Oakland County don't think of homelessness as a reality of this county or as extensive as it is... You pass someone in their car and don't realize it is homelessness."

Accepting help, making plans

She is grateful Sharp observed something amiss with the Hyundai in Dodge Park 10, and for the action that resulted on behalf of a desperate man who was not only homeless, but hopeless.

"It's the most amazing thing that all these volunteers who don't know each other came together to make sure he has what he needs and to help him on his journey," Kelly said. "These are people trying to do the right thing and they have been very successful in doing that. It gives everyone a roadmap on how they might help."

Marshall said his new friends have paid for his hotel stay up until the end of the month, but at that time, he will be leaving and getting help from Kelly in finding permanent housing.

As he was on the phone, another call comes in, from Bambi Chick, one of his social media friends who has been checking in on him daily, helping to coordinate meals, bringing him clothing donations

Marshall is filled with gratitude for her, but she is equally as enamored of him

"He is such a smart, intelligent, funny man," Chick said. "I told him, you have been taking care of people for 40 years, it's time to take care of you... It takes a village to step up and help someone. The overwhelming response from the community is such a blessing."

Marshall feels blessed, knowing that he has a new family that cares.

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MIDDLE-CLASS AMERICA HAS LOST A VOICE

RUSH H. LIMBAUGH III: WITH A GOLDEN MICROPHONE, HE WOKE A SLEEPING GIANT

VERILY, THE WORK DOES NOT END, BUT ONLY BEGINS

AMERICANS LIKE US

Like you, I am from a working family. Dad taught school. Came home, took off his tie. Put on jeans and a work shirt. Went to the brewery. Bottled beer all night. (Well, from 6 pm 'til 2 am) Sixteen hours a day. Summer was different. Carpenter by day, beer bottler by night. Why not? Got bills to pay.

Like you, I know the world does not owe me a living. At seven, I helped on another kid's paper route. By age ten, 100 papers on my own route with my next younger brother. Saving for college. Allowance? What's

Like you, I knew I won life's lottery simply by being born in America. Mom and Dad said so. And I believed it. So did my four brothers and three sisters. We were right.

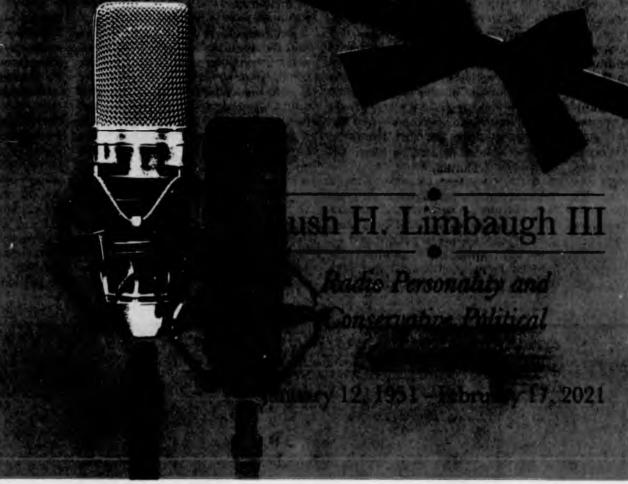
Like you, I saw hope and purpose. In work. In faith. In this blessed country. A grand adventure. Fun. Challenge. Not easy street.

No fake sensitivity. Opportunity the only promise. Run as hard as you want. As far as you want. All up to you.

Went to college. On dishwasher and paper route money. Plus, a 3-year Army scholarship. Jumped out of airplanes. Then law school. No scholarship. Like Dad, working full time on the graveyard shift. Clerked for a judge, then active duty in The Judge Advocate General's Corps. At the Pentagon.

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General George S. Patton, Jr., 5 June 1944

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Then Limbaugh went national.

2021: House of Representatives: Bare majority Democrat. Senate: 50/50. State Legislatures: Increasing Republican

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It would house space for orthopedic surgeons, physical medicine and rehab specialists, as well as and pain management specialists.

Opening such facilities has become a trendy alternative for health care providers seeking to provide care to patients outside of hospitals.

Several outpatient medical centers are in operation or under construction

in the region. Beaumont Health and the St. Joseph Mercy Health System are constructing separate medical facilities that will house ambulatory centers along Interstate 275 in Livonia.

Another outpatient health center is under construction at the site of the former Plymouth Township Kmart on Ann Arbor Road, where Henry Ford Health is constructing a new health center.

Henry Ford opened a similar facility in Bloomfield Township back in late 2019.

Timmis said the developer has been on a tight timeline, being told construc-

tion needed to start by the end of March. He said the city staff have made it easy to hopefully expedite the project and move it forward.

"The City of Novi planning staff has been just wonderful to work with," Timmis said. "Every single person we've interacted with has been accommodating, informative, provided clear cogent direction and has been a real assistance in being able to keep this project on track in order to meet this March 30 dead-line."

The planning commission voted to unanimously recommend approval of

Dr. Yusuke

Terasaki, DMC

cardiothoracic

surgeon, with

Gene Cabadas

of South Lyon.

Cabadas had

heart surgery

August 2020.

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at DMC in

the preliminary site plan and stormwater management plan during its meeting, with several commissioners saying it was a perfect fit for the property.

Commissioner Michael Lynch said such a center will fit right in in that part of Novi

"I didn't even know it was there. What a perfect location for this," he said. "This is the perfect place for this kind of business."

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Surgeon

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no one else would."

Cabadas spoke by phone with his wife Ellen by his side to help recollect the terrifying events of Aug. 25.

It was about 1 a.m. that day when Cabadas was startled from sleep by excruciating pain in his lower jaw. He stumbled to the bathroom, where he dampened a washcloth to put to his face before making it back to his bedroom, where his left arm went numb.

"The next thing I know, I'm laying on the bedroom floor and I heard Ellen talking to EMS and then I don't remember anything," Cabadas said.

Ellen Cabadas, Gene's wife of 65 years, picks up the thread.

"It was so scary," she said. "He was fine when he went to bed. When I called 911, I thought he was having a heart attack."

Gene Cabadas had a tear in his aorta, the main artery that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body. He needed a surgery to repair a Type A aortic dissection, which is not performed at the emergency room to which he was taken

But as the ER physician called hospitals with the capabilities of performing the surgery, each declined to accept Cabadas as a patient. Until the call to DMC Heart Hospital, where Terasaki and the team of heart doctors perform between 20-30 aortic dissection surgeries per year.

"Mr. Cabadas was rejected by the hospitals mostly because of his age.



He's 85 years old," Terasaki said on why he thinks the other hospitals declined

the surgery.

While Terasaki notes that age is indeed a risk factor, he doesn't believe it should disqualify a patient from a surgery that without it the patient will almost certainly die within 48 hours.

He said he and the DMC team like to see and assess patients on an individual basis. He told the hospital's transfer center to bring Cabadas over and what he saw upon his patient's arrival was that Cabadas is an 85-year-old who had remarkably good baseline health — without kidney or lung disease, not obese, good blood pressure.

"An 80-plus-year-old who still mows the lawn and snow blows is different from one that is bed-ridden," he said. "It's important for us to differentiate. I have to lay eyes on the patient and assess him myself, I have to give the benefit of the doubt, and I think we did better than facilities that rejected him based on age."

It was late that night when Terasaki set to work on Cabadas, and it gave time to Gene and Ellen's five children to arrive, three from out of state, to show their support even though COVID-19 restrictions were in place.

Because of the pandemic, Terasaki said the hospital has performed fewer aortic dissection surgeries this year, attributable to some patients' reluctance to go to the hospital for any emergency until it is too late and other potential patients dying from the virus itself.

The aortic dissection surgery is the most intense operation the DMC heart team does, Terasaki said. Cabadas spent about 9 hours total in the operating room, where he was put on a heart and lung machine. The majority of the time in surgery is for cooling the body to 18 degrees Celsius to stop blood flow and then rewarming it again. The surgery itself, in which the torn portion of the aorta is replaced with a synthetic graft,

must be completed within 50 minutes or the risk of stroke increases.

"We are fighting time," Terasaki said.
"It's the most intense type of operation we do. Unfortunately, the mortality rate after or during surgery is 20 percent, really high. One in five patients don't make it."

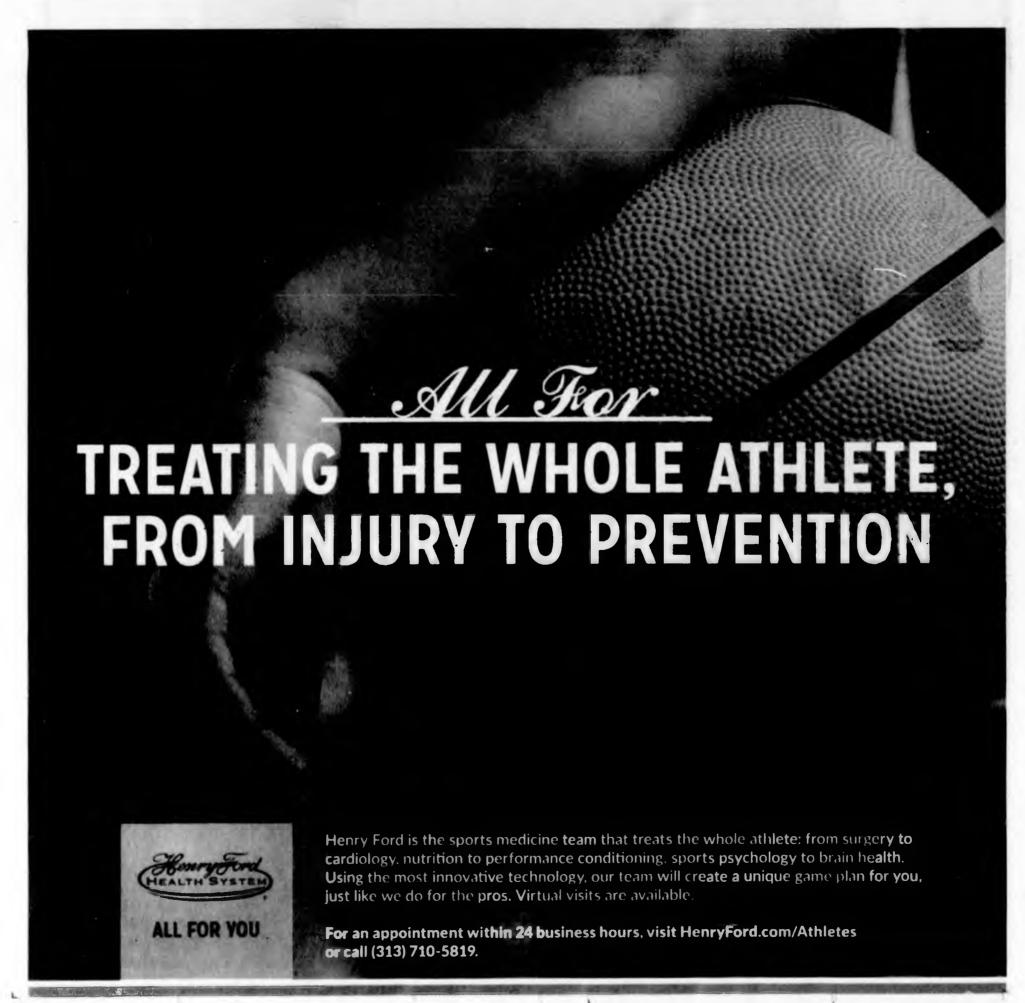
Terasaki took the risk with Cabadas and it paid off with the priceless gift of life.

"I'm always happy to see patients who do so well after the surgery, after you have done something with your hands and fixed it," he said. "We really enjoy doing what we do and are happy to see that positive end result...He was such a pleasure to take care of and has a wonderful, supportive family to care for him after. It is pure happiness to see that kind of patient and an honor to take care of him and I hope he has many more years to live."

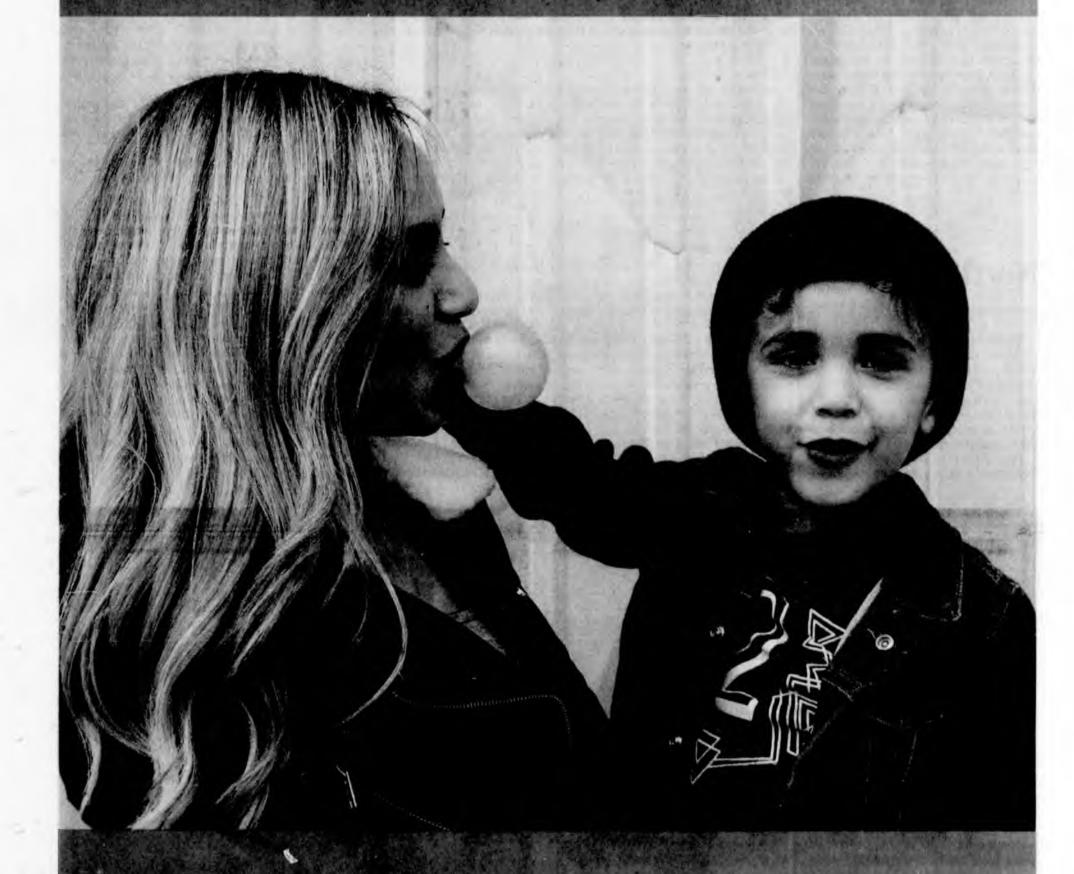
Cabadas plans to enjoy many more years with Ellen, whose cooking he attributes to his good health, as well as with their entire family, which besides their five kids includes 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

"I was able to enjoy my 85th Christmas with my family because of what they did for me," said Cabadas, who also benefited from the DMC Rehabilitation Institute. "Hopefully, I have a lot more Christmases with my family. They returned me the gift of life. They saved me, no matter how old I was, they gave me a chance. I've got a lot of living left to do."

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Northville's Hillside Middle School 2.0 'amazing'

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Unleashing a level of excitement usually reserved for amusement parks, students reacted with wide eyes and earto-ear smiles as they entered the new addition to Hillside Middle School in Northville this month.

"The looks on their faces was what you'd see when someone visits New York City for the first time," Hillside Principal Bill Jones said. "It was like they couldn't believe what they were seeing."

The revamping of Hillside - 20% of the original 70-year-old original structure will remain - featured the construction of new facilities on the west end of the school's property, a project that was funded by a \$104.85 million bond passed in 2017.

The next step in the process includes the demolition of the former Hillside building, which will be cleared to provide ample room for a new parking lot. The original gymnasium and auditoristructure spared — will be renovated to bring them up to 21st century standards.

The project was initially projected to be completed by the end of 2020, but that was before the pandemic emerged.

"The majority of the new addition is complete," Jones said. "It's so much new building has windows that allow more inviting for the kids. There's more light, everything is clean and new. It's just a better environment in which to learn."



um — the only portions of the 1950s-era Students absorb a lesson in one of the new Hillside Middle School classrooms. COURTESY OF SARAH JACOBS

Probably the most difference-making aesthetic in Hillside 2.0 is brightness. Jones said that every room in the sunlight; 39 of the rooms (out of 52) in the old building's layout were interior rooms where sunlight could not penetrate.

Even the colors of the new addition's hallways, rooms and furniture are uplifting, highlighted with bright, eyepleasing hues.

"The old building was functional for its time, but it wasn't real inviting," Jones said. "The colors in the new addition are actually strategically placed to help students find their way around."

Approximately 64% of Hillside students are attending in-person learning with a hybrid model, with the remaining 36% choosing to attend the district's full-time virtual option for the 2020-21 school year.

Jones said the reduced number of students is beneficial for the transition to the new digs, adding that he is excited for the day everyone is back to in-person instruction.

"The reduced number of students helps in some ways, like reducing the amount of traffic for drop-offs and pickups," he said. "It's also easier to acclimate the students to the new surround-

"The negative (to the smaller number of in-person learners) is that the school was designed — before COVID, of course - to enhance collaboration. The way the desks and tables were designed in each classroom has had to be altered to promote social-distancing."

The inconveniences created while the new addition was under construction were relatively subtle. Fine arts classes had to be temporarily shifted to alternate rooms and finding convenient parking spaces proved to be headacheinducing at times.

"Now that it's done, it's just amazing," Jones said. "It was worth the wait and worth any inconveniences we had to endure."

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Northville

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Northville High School Principal Tony Koski said there have only been a handful of reported cases of students getting caught not wearing masks properly — an eye-popping statistic that reflects the student body's adherence to COVID-19 guidelines, the veteran educator emphasized.

"Our students know that the alternative is not being in school, so they're doing their part to make in-person learning possible," Koski said. "It is so important (from a mental health standpoint) that the kids are back in school, at least in some capacity."

The biggest challenge, Koski said, is accepting the absence of normal school schedules, extracurricular events and the lack of in-person after-school clubs.

"It's sad that these students aren't getting the full high school experience, but we're doing the best we can while following the state's guidelines in these difficult times," he said. "We're asking clubs to meet virtually whenever possible and when they have to meet in-person to follow the protocols. They've been absolutely awesome so far."

One significant change in students' daily routines is that instead of eating lunch in the cafeteria, where the potential for large group settings can develop, food is delivered to students in class-

"For the 15 to 20 minutes that they're eating and drinking, they take their masks off, but they're required to keep six feet distance from one another," Koski noted.

Plans for a pandemic-era 2021 prom 375-1113.

are still being chiseled out, Koski said. "And it's still too early to talk about

the 2021 senior graduation ceremony," he added. "We hope to have plans finalized sometime after Spring Break."

The Northville Public Schools website said as of Feb. 18 the district had a total 167 student and staff cases of CO-VID-19 since the school year started. Its COVID-19 dashboard stated there were 10 high school-related positive CO-VID-19 cases so far in 2021.

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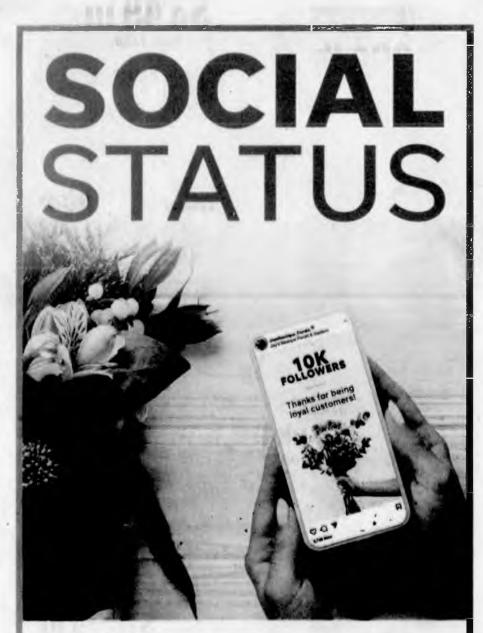
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SPORTS



New Farmington head coach returns home

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Jason Albrecht learned the game of football in Farmington.

He started tackle football in seventh and eighth grade playing for the Farmington Rockets vouth team before playing for the Falcons, moving up to the varsity team in 1999 — the first Farmington team ever to make the regional final.

Heading into 2021, Albrecht will get the chance to lead his alma mater after being hired as the next head football coach at

Farmington. Albrecht, who served Albrecht as the Falcons' offensive

coordinator in 2020 after seven seasons with Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes including two as head coach - replaces

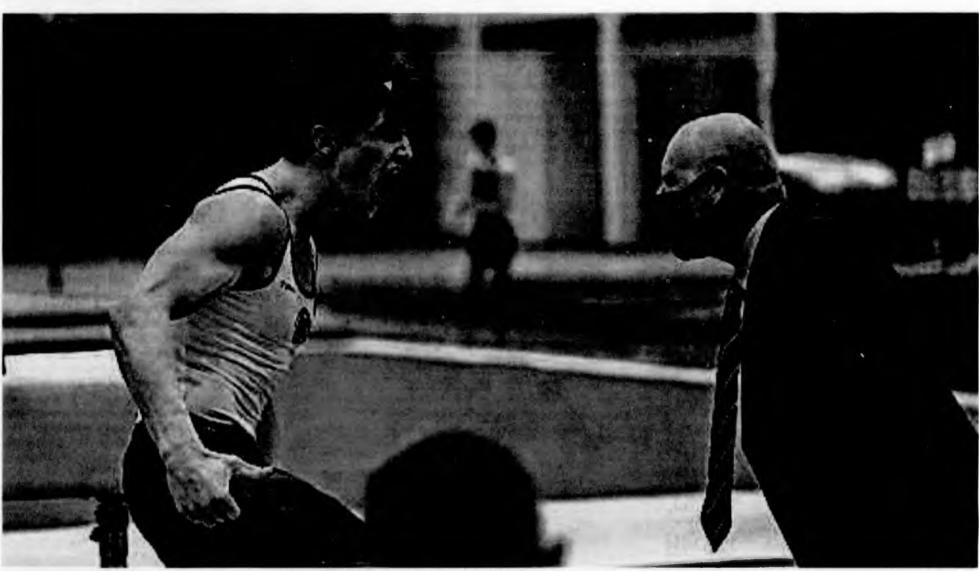
years with the Falcons and recently left to take the head coaching job at Walled Lake Western.

"It was something I kind of looked at like 'Wow, this could be a chance of a lifetime," Albrecht said. "You don't get opportunities to coach at such a high level and be at a program where you grew up in."

After playing for John Bechtel, who See COACH, Page 2B

Kory Cioroch, who won 19 games in four took over the Farmington football program in 1998, Albrecht returned to the Falcons in 2007, taking advantage of his former head coach saying his "door is always open" if Albrecht ever wanted to come back and coach.

Albrecht coached under Betchel for six seasons, learning what it took to be a successful head coach.



Northville High School graduate Michael Jaroh has made his presence felt at Penn State as a freshman on the gymnastics team. COURTESY OF MICHAEL JAROH

Northville native shines in first year with Penn State gymnastics

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Michael Jaroh realizes now it was far too early to tell as an 8-year-old gymnast how lofty his sights were set. He told everyone who would listen he would eventually earn a full-ride college scholarship for gymnastics and go to the Olympics.

By speaking it into existence, Jaroh manifested his path, joining Penn State's men's gymnastics team in 2020 Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy in Novi, setting his hopes on the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

Jaroh was just following the family legacy. Joining a gymnastics team at age 6 with his twin sister Jessica, Michael remembers the advice from his father and uncle, both former collegiate gymnasts.

The former Northville High School student was encouraged to focus on having the best form rather than at-

as a freshman after years training at tempting the most difficult skills. He remembers both of them watching him at each competition and helping him pro-

> Jaroh remembers the support he had, something that allowed him to develop a love and passion for the sport despite its ups and downs.

> 'Without all of their support, it would have been really hard for me to keep going," Jaroh admitted. "As a young male gymnast, there's so much negativity, especially in public school. Kids were al

ways super mean, calling me names." But Jessica was always there for Mi-

Even after breaking both her ankles in eighth grade after an awkward tumbling exercise that forced her into a wheelchair temporarily and out of gymnastics permanently, she viewed herself as her twin brother's main support sys-

"In a way, I wish I could have still kept

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Wolfkostin, Chen team up for national championship

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Katarina Wolfkostin and Jeffrey

Chen traveled dramatically different paths to the ice.

For Wolfkostin, an Ann Arbor native, it started with a spontaneous family trip to the ice rink to escape a broken air conditioner when she was 5. She quickly realized the enjoyment of gliding across the ice, feeling free and light.

For Chen, it was in his family's DNA. Taking the ice for the first time at age 2, he developed as his sister Karen Chen blossomed into a national champion and an Olympian. When Jeffrey quit for a short time, his sister was the one who brought him back. He hasn't looked back since.

While their paths were seemingly incompatible, Wolfkostin and Chen soon found they would be the perfect match, joining together as ice skating partners. And after months of training at Novi Ice Arena with coach Igor Shpilband, the two won the U.S. Figure Skating National Championship in the junior ice danc-

ing competition. But this was a championship that See SKATERS, Page 7B

was nearly squashed due to a freak in-

One week before leaving for Las Vegas for the competition, Chen fell, twisted his knee. He immediately saw a doctor who told him he had a partially torn ACL and that he should take four-six



Vickers steps up early for Canton basketball

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Canton boys basketball's Cole Vickers started the season hot.

Returning from starting on last year's team as a sophomore, the junior scored 20 of the team's 27 second-half points in the season opener against Northville. including all 13 of Canton's points in the fourth quarter, helping the team to its first win of the season and to an Prep Athlete of the Week award for the week of Feb. 15.

But after the first game of the season, the sprint has not slowed for Vickers and the Canton basketball team. Canton played six games in the first two weeks, winning the first four before dropping the last two this past weekend against Salem and Northville.

Canton is currently tied for second place with Brighton in the KLAA West, with Northville holding onto the firstplace spot.

Vickers said the main difference of the 2021 season is the amount of time spent playing games. But that has not changed the team's mentality.

"We're tough," Vickers said. "We always are looking to be the hardestworking team and the toughest-working team — that's what Coach (Jimmy) Reddy tells us all the time. That's really



Cole Vickers, seen defending Northville's Brett Rudolph in the season opener, is one of five returning players for Canton in 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE, COM

what we want to do because we think that the hardest-working and toughest team is the team that's going to win the games. That's where we need to be."

On the court, Vickers said he has not seen much of a difference in the output from his team or from the team's opponents. He said players are more tired due to the amount of games in a short amount of time, but that everyone is dealing with it in their own way.

While the number of games has taken a toll on his and his teammates' bodies, Vickers said it's been important for developing the team's chemistry for a group that didn't have much experience

playing together ahead of this season returning only five varsity players from last season, including two starters.

But Vickers, along with fellow junior Lake McIntosh, have helped those inexperienced varsity players learn the speed of the game and to focus on what's in front of them.

For Canton, the goals are still achievable with such a new group: winning the KLAA and earning a district win; winning one of the senior class that did not get a chance to show what it could do in the district final against Northville in 2020, Vickers said.

"If we play our style of ball and work hard, I think we can beat any team out there," Vickers said.

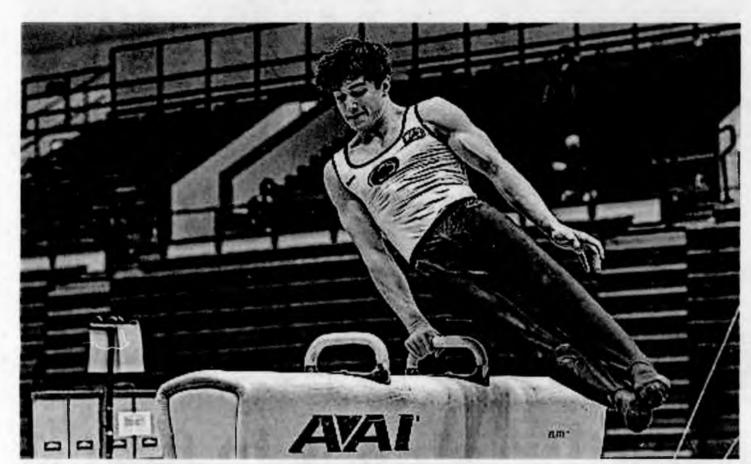
Canton will take on Howell Tuesday night in its seventh game of the season.

Poll results

Of the 23,658 total votes cast, Vickers received 12,455, finishing in first place with 52.65%. Novi hockey senior forward Issac Gibbs finished in second place with 9,639 votes (40.74%).

Milford skier Riley Watts finished in third place, South Lyon swimmer Eric Perczak finished in fourth and Wayne Memorial girls basketball senior forward Alanna Micheaux finished in fifth.

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Penn State freshman Michael Jaroh has earned Big Ten gymnast of the week honors and freshman of the week honors in his short time with the program. COURTESY OF MICHAEL JAROH

Gymnastics

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doing it. But the way that he kept doing it was almost like I was still there," Jessica Jaroh said. "I was still around it so much through him that it was still very relevant in my life."

While Michael continued competing with Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy, Jessica took a job coaching kids in the gym, giving her an opportunity to stay with her brother and to continue to watch him grow.

Michael feels Jessica has always been his biggest supporter and his main sounding board, saying it was easier to talk with her having been through the experiences he had, understanding the sport at its current state and knowing how much work it took to get where he

"No matter what, I knew she was there," Michael Jaroh said. "Especially being twins, there's such a strong bond between us.'

Developing for college

When Michael Jaroh made his first national team in sixth grade, he knew his prospects for success were legitimate. By the time middle school turned to high school, colleges were already asking his coaches about him.

In his time at Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy – a gym, he said, perfectly suited for him and his development — Jaroh began to learn the process of excelling in what he deems as the most difficult sport out there, competing and learning from other competitors throughout the Midwest

"We have to fail so many times just to do something right once," Jaroh said. "It's a really cool process, learning how to do all these skills.

But Jaroh shined, finishing in third Penn State, he developed a following

place at the 2018 U.S. Junior Olympic National Championship, including a first-place finish on rings. He finished his junior gymnast career with multiple state and regional titles.

Those around Jaroh thought he was destined for greatness at the University of Michigan despite choosing to go through a full recruiting process, taking

his first official visit at Penn State. "I didn't go with him because I thought he was going to go to Michigan," Cindy Jaroh, Michael's mother, admitted. "If you saw my kid, all he had was Michigan clothes. He said since he was 12 years old, he was going to Michigan on a full ride.

But once Michael Jaroh arrived on campus at Penn State, he instantly felt

"I think it was super surreal. I almost didn't even believe it," he said. "Obviously, my whole family was super shocked. 'I thought this kid was going to Michigan his whole life and then

chooses Penn State. In his first season with the Nittany Lions, Jaroh stepped up. Spraining both ankles in late November and early December, the freshman roared back, earning Big Ten Gymnast of the Week and Freshman of the Week honors Feb. 8 after earning a share of first place in three events against Nebraska.

Starting his college career, Jaroh said his goals have become much more tangible, saying he wants to win 12 rings: the most a gymnast can possibly win in four years at Penn State.

"My confidence with competitions and just with everything has gone up so much," Jaroh said. "I'm going into a routine knowing I'm going to hit it.

"It's almost like I want all the eyes on

All eyes on him

While Jaroh shows what he can do at

that has eclipses the college men's gymnastics scene.

In high school, Jaroh discovered TikTok, a video-based social media app. Posting about five short videos each day, his influence exploded quickly as he tallied 100,000 followers

in the first month. Now, the Penn State freshman has two million followers on TikTok along with 186,000 followers on Instagram — something that has made him recognizable in other areas of his life.

"We would go places and people would recognize him and like, 'Can I take a picture with you?' Jessica Jaroh said.

Michael Jaroh says TikTok is a unique opportunity to give his followers an inside look at gymnastics, a look into the practices, the intensity, the failure he goes through each day, shining a light on the amount of work put

"As we know, it's a dying sport, but I'm trying to give it a name again and show people how cool the sport is," Jaroh said. "Not only is it hard, but it's so

cool what we can do with our bodies." But while gymnastics is what he does, it's not solely who Michael Jaroh

Jessica said his platform gives him an opportunity to show off his personality; the Michael she gets to see, connecting over FaceTime and playing Fortnite together despite living 2,600 miles apart - him in State College, Pennsylvania, and her in Malibu, California.

"I just want people to know that I'm just like a normal kid," Michael Jaroh said. "I'm no different than anyone else. I mess up, I do things. It just brings me back down to earth with evervone.

He wants all eyes on him. Contact reporter Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com or 248-330-6710. Twitter: @ColinGay17.

Coach

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"Seeing how he worked with parents and organizationally with the program, connecting with the kids on the field and just how he ran his program, it was a pretty well-oiled machine," Albrecht said.

Albrecht left the Falcons for a job with Our Lady of the Lakes in 2013, serving as an assistant coach on Josh Sawicki's staff for five years - including a state final appearance in 2015 before taking over as the program's head coach in 2018 and 2019, winning nine games in two years.

"I saw what it took, as far as what it takes for coaches, what they have to put into it, what the players have to do in the offseason," Albrecht said of coaching the Lakers to the 2015 Division 8 state championship game. "That group of seniors in the 2015 class at Lakes was a lot of seniors that had been playing for a couple of years, had understood what we were doing terminology-wise so they could play fast-

Albrecht said an important part of coaching is understanding what kids can do physically and what they can take mentally, adapting styles and approaches based on the personalities on

Heading into 2021, Albrecht will have a good idea of what he is working with. In 2020, he returned to Farmington as the team's offensive coordinator as the Falcons lost each of their seven games: the team's first winless season since 2007.

"I think this year, we had a lot of kids that never played varsity football, playing in such a tough league that we were playing in... that takes its toll," Albrecht said.

Next year, he said, will be easier, coming in with a group that knows what the varsity experience is like.

"We have a good group of will-be seniors coming back," Albrecht said. "A lot of them got playing time last year and played crucial roles. When you have kids that have played, it makes

the game slow down for them." After an uncertain and usual 2020 season affected by COVID-19, Albrecht said its not quite normal yet. He knows he's only allowed to have 10 players in the weight room at one time, still facing a juggling act in terms of schedul-

But he said the culture Cioroch instilled remains, one that he hopes to build upon moving forward, on and off

"We are going to be disciplined on both sides of the ball," Albrecht said. "That's something that kids can grow and carry on, not just watching the ball on third-and-one, but being disciplined enough to do your homework and turn it in on time.'

Albrecht currently works as a physical education teacher in Farmington

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Stevenson hockey makes statement against Novi

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Last season, Livonia Stevenson forward Ian Kimble scored one of the biggest goals of the year against Novi, connecting off a rebounded shot by forward Brendan Heard in triple-overtime to secure the Spartans' sixth-straight regional title.

Friday night, the now-senior, facing the Wildcats for the first time since that night, found the back of the net again with 28.9 seconds left in the second period. But this time, it was just one of many as Livonia Stevenson (3-1) ended Novi's (5-1) undefeated campaign, beating the Wildcats, 6-0, at Novi Ice Arena.

Stevenson currently holds a sixgame win streak against Novi, last falling to the Wildcats Dec. 9, 2016.

"It wasn't necessarily about going out and making a statement," Stevenson head coach David Mitchell said, with the Spartans coming off its first loss of the season to Detroit Catholic Central. "It was about going back to our foundation, going back to the basics, going back to what had made our team and our program successful over the years."

After a two-goal performance in the regional final against Novi, Stevenson wasted no time showing up offensively.

Just over a minute into first-period play, Spartans senior forward Ryan Teets found an opening on the left side, which was blocked by Novi junior goalkeeper Austin Muirhead. Stevenson senior Michael Pochini took control of the rebound, firing it to the right side for the first goal of the game.

While the Spartans kept up the offensive momentum throughout the first period, Muirhead did not waver for the Wildcats at goal, saving 13 of Stevenson's 14 shots-on-goal in the first 17 min-

The early goals continued for the Spartans in the second period. Sixtythree seconds in, Stevenson senior defender Ayden Adamic beat Muirhead with a goal, answered 17 seconds later with a goal by Teets.



Stevenson senior Ryan Teets, seen here against Trenton in the MIHL/KLAA Showcase in 2019, scored a goal and assisted another against Novi on Friday. TIM ARRICK/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE COM

Kimble's goal at the end of the second period, assisted by seniors Carson Kleven and Nick Justice, ballooned the Spartans' lead to 4-0.

The quick goals were not done for the Spartans. Senior Andrew VanAntwerp found the back of the net 1:38 into the third period, answered 10 seconds later by senior Noah Turner for the sixth goal of the game, the most Stevenson has scored in a game this season.

"Quite honestly, the first five games we haven't played teams like that, how quick in transition they are," Novi head coach Mark Vellucci said. "They are constantly forechecking and working

we got brought back down to reality a

Of Stevenson's six goals against Novi Friday night — something the Wildcats only did once during the 2019-20 season five of them were scored within the first two minutes of a period.

"It gives everyone a good jump," Teets said. "We just take that momentum, just keep pouring it on. We don't slow down. All we do is speed up."

Mitchell challenged his players with this in the week between games having games against Brother Rice and Grosse Pointe South rescheduled and moving up Stevenson's matchup against Novi moved up from March 8. He preached aggressiveness, getting more on the attack and gaining more speed.

To Teets, this is Stevenson's brand of hockey, something the players returned to Friday night against Novi.

"We play fast, we score and we win," "We have a lot of work to do. I think Teets said. "That's what we are all about

> "We just showed what we are capable of."

With Aiden Malewski at goal, Stevenson recorded its third shutout of the season, not having allowed a goal in any of its wins this season.



State scores \$42.7M from online gambling, sports

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Online gambling and online sports betting brought in \$42.7 million in gross receipts during the first 10 days of legal play in Michigan, state regulators announced Wednesday.

That haul began at noon Jan. 22, when the Michigan Gaming Control Board authorized the launch of online gambling, and stretched through Jan. 31 and the end of the monthly report-

Internet gambling gross receipts totaled \$29.4 million. Internet sports betting operators had \$13.3 million in gross betting receipts from a total handle of \$115.2 million.

Total taxes and payments to the state of Michigan were \$4.4 million. And the three Detroit casinos reported city wagering taxes and services fees of \$1.37 million.

Tribal operators reported \$428,615 of wagering payments to the tribes' governing bodies

"Internet gaming operators are off to a good start in Michigan," Richard Kalm, executive director of the gaming control board, said in a statement "The taxes and payments from online gaming will provide funding for K-12 students, the city of Detroit and Michigan tribal communities."

There are now 12 authorized operators of online gaming and sports betting platforms in Michigan.





Boys bashetball

Feb. 20

Brother Rice (3-2) 78, Detroit Catholic Central (0-4) 37 Brother Rice had four - Curtis Williams, Will Shannon Xavier Thomas and Johnathan Blackwell – in double-figures against rival Catholic Central Saturday afternoon.

Novi (1-5) 44, Plymouth (1-4) 21 Te'John McGowan scored Tl points, helping Novi to its first win of the 2021 season Jason Stewart led Plymouth with six points John Glenn (2-3) 49, Belleville (5-1) 44 Wayne Memorial (3-3) 80, Livonia

Northville (5-1) 49, Canton (4 2) 32 Dearborn (5-1) 48, Livonia Franklin (2-4)

Livonia Stevenson (4-1) 65, Dearborn Fordson (2-4) 50 Brian FitzGerald (15). Jacob Mars (13) and Evan Asante (11) each scored in double-figures for Spartans, while Luke Merchant led the Brighton (4-1) 52, Salem (2-4) 39

Walled Lake Western (1-4) 43, Seaholm (1-4) 40

Clarkston (5-1) 48, Groves (2-2) 42 KLAA

Hartland (3-2) 59, Plymouth (1-3) 37 Belleville (5-0) 48, Livonia Stevenson (3-1)45

Brett Rudolph led the team with 18 points, while Bryce Lubin led Novi with 12 Wayne Memorial (2-3) 68, John Glenn (1-3) 33

South Lyon East (4-0) 39, Lakeland (2-2)

Walled Lake Northern (3-1) 57, Milford (1-4) 36South Lyon (3-1) 71, Walled Lake Western

Lake Orion (3-1) 38, Seaholm (1-3) 29 Bloomfield Hills (3-2) 63, Groves (2-1) 58 Clarkston (4-1) 70, Farmington (2-3) 47

North Farmington (4-0) 50, West Bloomfield (0-5) 39 Plymouth Christian Academy (2-5) 69,

Inner-City Baptist (1-4) 46 Nathan Sutrick while Evan Schalte added 16

South Lyon East (3-0) 56, Waterford Mott 40 (2-1) Cougars senior Zander Desentz led the team with 13 points on three 3 pointers, while seniors Bryce Bird and Drake Willenborg each added 12 points. South Lyon East outscored Mott 41-21 in the second and third quarters

De La Salle (5-0) 73, Detroit Country Day Belleville (4-0) 74. Livonia Churchill (0-4)

Northville (3-1) 53, Howell (2-2) 41 Livonia Franklin (1-3) 51, Dearborn Salem (1-3) 72, Novi (0-4) 44

Dearborn (3-1) 50, Wayne Memorial (1-3)

Berkley (3-1) 40, Seaholm (1-2) 35

South Lyon 58, Milford (1-3) 48 Lucas Theriault scored 14 and Sam Lewis added 12 for the Mavericks, while Eric Elizondo ecorded three points, eight rebounds and six assists

North Farmington (3-0) 71, Farmington

Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard (2-2) 58. Plymouth Christian Academy (1-4) 54

CHSL De La Salle (3-0) 59. Brother Rice (2-1) 42. U-D Jesuit (2-0) 78. Detroit Catholic Central (0-2) 65. Shamrocks junior Cooper Craggs led the team with 17 points and eight rebounds, while freshman guard Chas Lewless added 14 points and four Ann Arbor Greenhills (1-0) 39, Cranbrook

Howell (2-1) 52, Novi (0-3) 38: Bryce Lubin led the team with eight points, but the Wildcats dropped its third-straight game to start the 2021 season.

Kingswood (2-1) 32

Livonia Stevenson (3-0) 81, Livonia Churchill (0-3) 42: The Spartans continued their win streak with a 39-point win against the Chargers, Brian Fitzgerald had a career high 18 points, while Jacob Mars added 12 Northville (2-1) 59, Salem (0-3) 56 Canton (3-0) 58, Plymouth (1-2) 54
Dearborn Fordson (2-1) 49, Wayne

Belleville (3-0) 54, Livonia Franklin (0-3)

Dearborn (2-1) 57, John Glenn (1-2) 51 OAA

Seaholm (1-1) 58. Milford (1-2) 51. Detroit Country Day (2-1) 68, Berkley (2-1)

Canton (2-0) 47, Plymouth (1-1) 38. Lake McIntosh led Canton with 20 points, while Kane Elmy scored 13 for the Wildcats Howell (1-1) 41, Novi (0-2) 39. Bryce Lubin ed the Wildcats with 23

Livonia Stevenson (2-0) 85, Livonia Churchill 48 (0-2) Evan Asante led the Spartans to their second win of the season with 12 points, while Kenoly Jones and Joey Harper each added 10. Betieville (2-0) 55, Livonia Franklin (0-2)

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Milford (1-1) 45 Walled Lake Central (0-2)

Dearborn Fordson (1-1) 43, Wayne Memorial (1-1) 31

Western (0-2) 48: Senior guard Bryce Bird led the Cougars to their second win of the season with 16 points, while junior guard Adam Jagacki brought in 13, and seniors Zander Desentz and Drake Willenborg each brought in nine.

North Farmington (2-0) 57. West Bloomfield (0-3) 46 Groves (2-0) 54, Bloomfield Hills (1-1) 43 Clarkston (1-0) 57, Farmington (1-1) 43

(2-0) 62. Detroit Renaissance (1-1) 56 Curtis Williams and Xavier Thomas led the Warriors with 18 points each in the team's second win of the season

Hamtramck (1-0) 70, Detroit Catholic

Detroit Country Day (1-0) 74, Cranbrook Kingswood (0-1) 36

double-double for the Spartans, finishing eith 15 points and 14 rebounds in the first win of the season. Senior Devin Way Novi (4-0) 9, Livonia Franklin (2-2) 1

added 16 points off the bench Kuchka, 12, and Brandon Craddieth, 10, led the Wildcats to their first win of the

Brighton (1-0) 66 Salem (0-1) 32 Wayne Memorial (1-0) 83, Livonia Churchill (0-1) 45 Dearborn (1-0) 66, Livonia Franklin (0-1)

Belleville (1-0) 53, John Glenn (0-1) 43

South Lyon East (1-0) 67, Waterford Kettering (0-1) 38 Seniors Bryce Bird and Drake Willenborg led the Cougars with 11 points each, while Adam Jagacki added nine points on three 3-pointers South Lyon (1-0) 59, Walled Lake Central

Bloomfield Hills (1-0) 44, Seaholm (0-1) 39 More scores
Plymouth Christian Academy (1-0) 60, Oakland Christian (0-1) 50, OT Nathan Etnyre led the Eagles with 21 points, while four players finished with double-digit scoring performances

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ivonia Stevenson (4-1) 8, Livonia Franklin Plymouth (4-2) 4, Dexter (3-3) 1 Salem (4-2) 4, Northville (2-3) 2 Livonia Churchill (2-4) 5, Troy (1-5) 3

Lakeland (6-0) 6, Walled Lake Northern Lakeland (7-0) 4, Bloomfield Hills (4-2) 3 Milford (5-2) 12, Wateford Mott (1-6) South Lyon (2-4) 6, Walled Lake Western

Walled Lake Northern (3-3) 6, Farmington

CHSL Detroit Catholic Central (4-1) 3. Brother

and Ryan Wantuck each scored goals for the Shamrocks in the first first two periods, while Sam Yono and Ryan Marone scored for the Warriors KLAA

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Lakeland (5-0) 7, South Lyon (1-4) 5

Birmingham (4-1-1) 1, Berkley (2-3-1) 1 OT

Cranbrook Kingswood (3-2) 4. Detroit Catholic Central (3-1) 0. Despite putting 21 shots on goal, the Shamrocks suffered its first loss of the season, allowing a season-high four goals, including two by Cranbrook Kingswood's Jack Wineman.

Northville (2-2) 3, Canton (1-3) 2

Clarkston (1-4) 4, Bloomfield Hills (4-1) 1

Brother Rice (3-1) 4, Brighton (3-2) 2

Aidan Shannon hits the game-winning goal in overtime to give Birmingham its fourth win of the season, Jack Jurkovich and Trevor Peterson scored Birmingham's

other two goals Birmingham (3-1) 9, Rochester Hills Bloomfield Hills (4-0) 6, West Bloomfield

Detroit Catholic Central (3-0) 2, Livonia

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Milford (1-0) 6, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (0-1) 5 OT

Rochester Adams (1-0) 6, Birmingham

Girls basketball

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Plymouth (4-2) 57, Novi (1-5) 39: Ainsley while Kyra Brandon scored eight points and recorded eight assists as Plymouth Fernandes led Novi with 13 points. Belleville (6-0) 60. John Glenn (0-5) 56. Dearborn Fordson (3-3) 46, Livonia Stevenson (2-3) 43 OT Wayne Memorial (6-0) 64, Livonia Churchill (0-6) 17

Dearborn (5-1) 53, Livonia Franklin (1-5) 45 Canton (3-3) 31, Northville (2-4) 28

Lakeland (2-3) 56, Walled Lake Western (1-4) 11

Groves (4-2) 76, Ann Arbor Skyline (0-3) Rochester (3-2) 52, Bloomfield Hills (0-4) Rochester Adams (3-1) 59, Seaholm (1-3)

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(0-5) 19 Hartland (5-0) 53. Plymouth (3-2) 28. Elia Riley led the Wildcats with 15 points, hitting five 3-pointers in Plymouth's second loss of the season Vayne Memorial (5-0) 82, John Glenn

Canton (2-3) 44. Salem (1-4) 17

South Lyon East (3-1) 41, Lakeland (1-3) 24 Anna Lassan, Taylor Anderson and Ella Kruschka each scored nine points for the

South Lyon (2-1) 36, Walled Lake Western

Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 47, North Farmington (1-3) 39 The Raiders lost their third game of the season, despite a -point and 10-rebound performance by Heaven Rogers

Farmington (5-1) 48. Seaholm (1-2) 32 Troy (3-1) 75, Bloomfield Hills (0-3) 39

CHSL Marian (3-1) 64, Mercy (1-2) 59 Cranbrook Kingswood (1-3) 45. Clarkston Everest Collegiate (3-1) 32

Brighton (2-2) 52. Plymouth (3-1) 34. The Wildcats suffered its first loss of the season, despite a 10-point performance from Elissa Simmons and eight points by

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Howell (3-1) 42, Northville (1-3) 35

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Groves (2-2) 40, Berkley (0-2) 34

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and six 3s for the Yellowiackets

Wayne Memorial (2-0) 71, Dearborn Fordson (1-1) 26. Wayne Memorial senior Alanna Micheaux led the team with a double-double, recording 24 points and 14 rebounds, Davai Matthews and Mayla Ham also recorded double-digit score

totals. South Lyon (1-1) 45, Waterford Mott (0-2) Western (1-1) 21: The Cougars used a hot start in the first quarter – taking a 21-5 lead – to lead to their second win of the

season Taylor Anderson led the team

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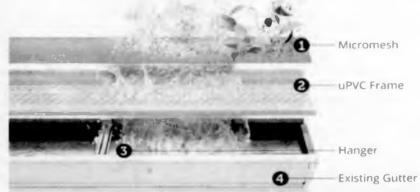


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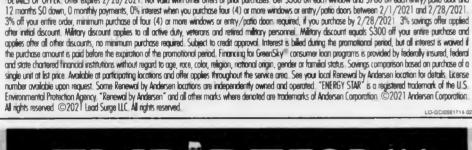
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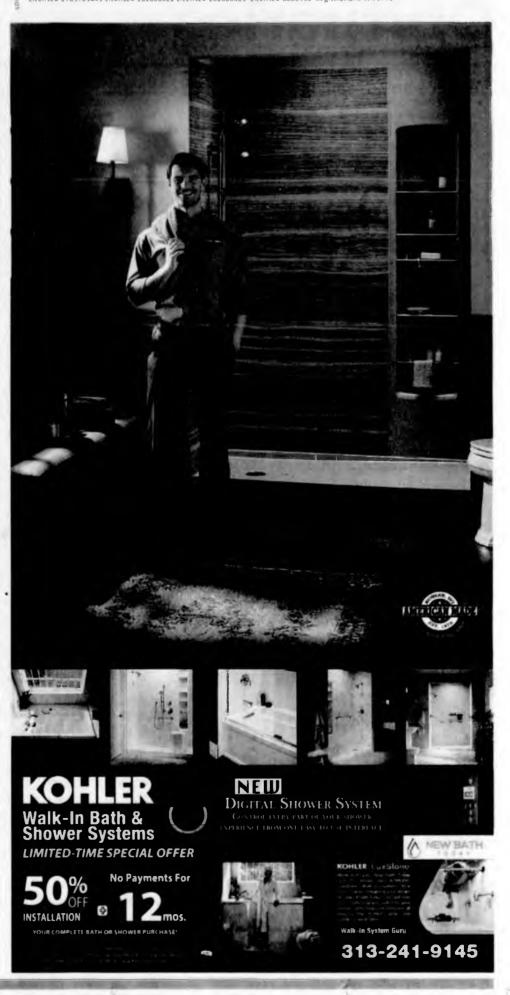


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Art Cervi, Bozo the Clown on Detroit TV, dies

Tim Kiska Special to Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Art Cervi shaped musical tastes of Detroit baby boomers as talent coordinator for the Channel 9 dance show "Swingin' Time," then found a new career by hiding in plain sight behind Bozo the Clown's bulbous red nose and entertaining countless thousands of younger

Cervi, who reached an enormous audience that never knew his name, died Feb. 15 at his home in Novi.

Several Bozos appeared on Detroit television between 1959 and 1980. Cervi played the character the longest - from 1967 until 1975 on Channel 9 (CKLW-TV) and then on Channel 2 (WJBK-TV) until he, and Bozo, left the air in 1980.

The size of Cervi's audiences as Bozo probably makes him one of the biggest stars in Detroit TV history. No one in Detroit, however, would have recognized Cervi on the street. He had a clause written into his contract requiring that he be chauffeured to the station in full gear — not because he enjoyed celebrity but because he worried that if the kids saw Bozo without his clown regalia it would torch their bond with their humorous hero.

Cervi was not just another Bozo.

"He seemed like he was having a good time," said Ed Golick, curator of the detroitkidshow.com site. "That wasn't always true with everybody who played the character. Some of these guys looked like they wanted to be anywhere but out in front of the kids. Art enjoyed

Cervi, born in Mount Pleasant, New York, began his professional career as a manager at the Pleasure & Leisure Shops furniture stores in Redford and Garden City in the 1950s. He later took a job as a board operator at WKMH-AM, which morphed into WKNR-AM. Under those call letters, "KEENER 13" escorted a generation of teens and young adults into the rock era.

While at WKNR, he and disc jockey Robin Seymour developed "Swingin' Time," a teen dance show that aired six afternoons a week on Channel 9 in Windsor and featured top rock acts of the day. The Lovin' Spoonful, Paul Revere & the Raiders, Bobby Sherman, Bobby Goldsboro and local acts such as Bob Seger and Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels were among the guests who lip-synched on the show, as well as the Supremes and Marvin Gaye from the thriving Motown

Cervi's role as an unseen force in Detroit's musical culture also included shepherding teenagers onto the show's dance floor and onto TV.

"It was the hippest thing in town," disc jockey Pat St. John said in a Detroit Public Television documen-



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tary about Robin Seymour. According to Cervi, some 200 youngsters would hope to land one of 40 to 50 dance slots on the show.

sometimes, Cervi could be too hip. He booked Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention on "Swingin' Time in 1966. The group had a new two-disc LP titled "Freak Out!" that included songs such as "Who Are The Brain Police?" "Help, I'm a Rock" and "Trouble Comin' Every Day." The latter, though written about the 1965 Watts rebellion, presaged Detroit's own 1967 civil disturbance.

The Channel 9 switchboard was flooded with calls both positive and negative. Zappa later explained his musical mission to a Detroit Free Press reporter: "We are systematically trying to do away with the creative roadblocks that our helpful American educational system has installed to make sure nothing creative leaks through to the masses."

Cervi was later quoted as saying: "We've never had anyone on the show that brought anything near the controversy they caused."

'Swingin' Time" aired for the final time in 1968 amid changing times and an edgier music scene.

Cervi, meanwhile, had made the improbable transition from rock 'n' roll to children's television, going on air for the first time concealed beneath Bozo's wild red hair (which came from a yak), oversized shoes and an outsize red nose.

The Bozo character first appeared as a voice on a children's read-along record released by Capitol Records in 1946. Capitol sold the rights a decade later to



CCervi had to be talked into auditioning to be Bozo the Clown by CKLW-TV officials. "They kept hounding me because I worked so well with kids. They kept telling me it'd take maybe 15 minutes. So I put the suit on, cut a tape and forgot about it," he

Clevelander and University of Southern California grad Larry Harmon.

Harmon, no business Bozo, turned the clown persona into an empire. He spun the character off to television stations in virtually every major city in North America, including Detroit, Grand Rapids and Flint, collecting royalties from each. According to Larry Harmon Pictures Corp., 183 people played Bozo in cities all over the world.

Every Bozo was schooled in the fine art of clownmanship at Bozo Boot Camp. When a Bozo made a public appearance. Harmon received half the fee. All Bozo characters would have to buy the costume exclusively from Harmon. Willard Scott, who became famous as the weatherman on NBC's "Today," played Bozo in Washington, D.C., in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

The show was a money machine. At one point, it was seen on Channel 9 for an hour every weekday morning, another hour every weekday afternoon, a half hour on Saturday and another hour on Sunday.

Viewers would typically see cartoons, and contestants would play games, sometimes assisted by Mr. Whodini, a magician. And there would be songs, often performed by Bozo, who was accompanied by Mr. Calliope (pronounced CAL-ee-OP-ee), sometimes sung by the young guests.

In Detroit, Bozo initially aired on Channel 4 (now WDIV-TV), with Bob McNea in the clown suit. When Channel 4 lost the show's rights to Channel 9, McNea reappeared almost immediately on Channel 4 as Oopsy!, who was billed as Bozo's cousin.

McNea was happy to put Bozo in the rearview mirror. "That Bozo wig was awful," he later recalled. "It was like having your head in a vice."

Bozo's flight across the Detroit River to Windsor was no small business matter. This was, perhaps, the apex of Detroit kids television, with advertisers eager to reach an enormous demographic bulge of boomers (and their parents' pocketbooks). On the local roster of talent during the early days of television: Soupy Sales, Wixie the Pixie (played by Marv Welch), Captain Jolly, Poopdeck Paul, Ricky the Clown, Johnny Ginger and Milky the Clown.

Channel 9 had trouble filling the Bozo gig. Jerry Booth, who became famous as Jingles the Jester, played the part for a while with no enthusiasm. Another actor turned in his Bozo wig after only one day.

Cervi had to be talked into auditioning. "They kept hounding me because I worked so well with kids. They kept telling me it'd take maybe 15 minutes. So I put the suit on, cut a tape and forgot about it," he once said.

Later, he was summoned to the CKLW corner office. 'He (the executive charged with hiring the next Bozo) was sitting in front of two stacks of tape, each about a foot high. And he told me, 'I don't know what we're going to do with you. You are, by far, the best of all the candidates. But you have the least on-camera experience. Let's try this for 30 days.'

The monthlong experiment lasted almost a decade and a half, with Cervi becoming a local hero, particularly across the Detroit River.

'For every kid in Windsor, getting a ticket to the Bozo show was a true rite of passage," said John Fairley, a vice president of St. Clair College in Windsor. "You lived for the day that you could be on that show."

When Cervi took the show to Channel 2 in 1975 in the 7 a.m. weekday slot, it underwent a few tweaks.

"When Bozo began, there were cartoons and no audience," he said at the time. "Now, there's an audience, no cartoons and Bozo does slapstick.

Obituaries

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Karen Ann Geiger

Karen Ann Geiger, age 54, passed away peacefully at the Evangelical Home in Saline, Michigan on February 17, 2021 due to complications of pancreatic cancer.

Karen was born June 22, 1966 in Ann Arbor, the daughter of Lauren and Rose Ann (Lambarth) Geiger of South

Lyon. She was raised on the family dairy farm and was a member of the Washtenaw County 4-H throughout her childhood years. She was a lifelong member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor, having been baptized, confirmed, and married there. She graduated from South Lyon High School in 1985 and had been employed by McNaughton and Gunn for over 32 years. She enjoyed traveling, going to movies, and spending time with her friends.

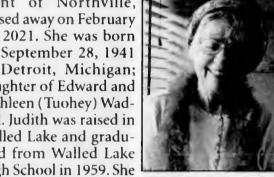
She is survived by her husband, Larry E. Doe, of Ypsilanti; her brother, Kevin M. Geiger, of Ann Arbor; and several aunts, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor. Please share a memory of Karen at www.niefuneralhomes.com



Judith A. Lian (Waddell)

Age 79, longtime resident of Northville, passed away on February 16, 2021. She was born on September 28, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of Edward and Kathleen (Tuohey) Waddell. Judith was raised in Walled Lake and graduated from Walled Lake High School in 1959. She



was united in marriage to Kenneth Lian in 1984 and they spent 14 loving years together until his death on July 26, 1998.

Judith was a member of St. William Parish in Walled Lake for many years. She was a devoted homemaker and loved being home to care for her husband, children, and eventually grandchildren. Her life revolved around her home and family. Judith was a wonderful cook and enjoyed hosting family for the holidays where she would prepare traditional family favorites like stuffed cabbage, city chicken and lasagna. She liked to garden and grew beautiful flowers around her home. Judith was very social and kept up with friends and family through social media and email. She adored her Pomeranians, Nikki and Katie, they were a large part of her life and spoiled appropriately.

Judith is survived by her loving children, Jennifer Sola, John (Deanna) Yesh, and Joseph Yesh; her brother Mike (Brenda) Waddell; her brother-inlaw Bill Guchess; her grandchildren, Robin, Sandy, Marc, Jeff, Johnny, Teri, Jason, Shelly, Ryan, and Aurora; her great grandchildren, Elijah, Bodhi, and Jayci; and her lifelong friend Elizabeth "Betsy" Clancy. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her sister Denise Guchess.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. with a time of gathering beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Due to the State of Michigan limitations, there is a maximum number of people allowed inside the funeral home. We are asking visitors to wear masks and practice social distancing. If you are experiencing signs of cold or flu symptoms, please refrain from attending. You may be asked to wait before entering, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Scoreboard

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Churchill (0-1) 13 Senior Alanna Micheaux led the way for the Zebras with 18 points and seven boards, while junior Davai Matthews, sophomore Mayla Ham and senior Lachelle Austin – who also recorded nine steals – each scored in double-digits

LVC South Lyon East (1-0) 65, Waterford Kettering (0-1) 22 South Lyon East senior Nina Perl led all scorers with 22 points. while the Cougars exploded to a 22-2 run

Walled Lake Central (1-0) 45, South Lyon Lakeland (1-0) 38, Walled Lake Northern

Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (1-0) 46, Bloomfield Hills 27 Groves (1-0) 40, Royal Oak (0-1) 36 Rochester Adams Farmington (0-1) 52

Plymouth Christian Academy (2-0) 48. Oakland Christian (1-1) 33 Anna Fernandez led Plymouth Christian with 18 points, while Morganne Houk added 13 for its second win of the season

Plymouth Christian Academy (1-0) 61, Our

17 points and eight assists in the first will

Northville 129, Novi 57: The Wildcats

d numerous best times, including omore Nick Suranyi qualifying in the

Novi 126, Howell 60: Novi continued its win streak, picking up its fifth dual-meet win of the season, winning 11-of-12 total events against the Highlanders – all except the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Novi 105, Brighton 81, Novi earned its fourth win of the season, while winning six of the 12 total events against the Bulldogs including the 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay

Both of the Milford ski teams are state bound. In the girls race, Milford's Maddie Melody and Riley Watts tied for first place n the Giant Slalom, helping the team to a in the Gant Saloom, regional 18 points ahead of Birmingham United. The boys team finished in second place at its regional, finishing 32 points behind

Brighton can't score during major in loss

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

BRIGHTON - Brighton has been outplayed in two of its five hockey games this season, but the Bulldogs can be encouraged in two regards.

One, it's still early, though it will get late rather quickly in this condensed

Two, the teams that have beaten Brighton will play in Division 2 for the state playoffs, while the Bulldogs are in Division 1.

Birmingham Brother Rice, ranked No. 4 in Division 2, killed a five-minute power play in the third period on its way to a 4-2 victory over the Bulldogs Feb. 17 at Kensington Valley Ice House.

Brighton, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, was outshot 30-13. In a season-opening 4-0 loss to Livonia Stevenson one week earlier, the Bulldogs were outshot 32-13 by the No. 1 team in Division 2.

In between those losses, Brighton won three games in a 26-hour stretch Friday and Saturday, including a 5-4 decision over Orchard Lake St. Mary's, the No. 3 team in Division 1.

"We've lost to two really good teams," Brighton coach Kurt Kivisto said. "We got three nice wins. It's a good start to the year. It's going to be a busy stretch through the end of the month into March. The mistakes we're making we feel are correctable. We'll just keep working every day to get better."



Brother Rice's Chaz Ursini checks Brighton's Nick Baker into the boards. Feb. 17. Brother Rice won, 4-2. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

The quality and quantity of games on Brighton's upcoming schedule are unforgiving. After playing at unranked Livonia Churchill Friday, the Bulldogs will play the No. 1 teams in Divisions 3 (U-D Jesuit) and 1 (Detroit Catholic Central), plus state-ranked Hartland, Novi and Saginaw Heritage in an eight-day

"It definitely shows what we need to work on," Brighton senior forward Lars

Erkkila said. "We've been playing decent, but just simple mistakes, good teams are going to capitalize on them. We've just got to keep it simple and make the right plays.

Despite the shot disparity, Brighton was more competitive against Brother Rice than against Stevenson. It helped that goalie Chris Wozniak made several huge saves to keep the Bulldogs in the

Brighton tied the game twice before Rice scored the winning and insurance goals in the last 10 minutes

Sophomore Andrew Marone scored the Warriors' first two goals, with Nate Przysiecki tying it 1-1 with 11:36 left in the second period and Michael Forfinski tying it 2-2 with 15:31 left in the game.

Alec Hamady knocked in a rebound on the power play with 9:52 left in the game to give Rice a 3-2 lead.

Then came a five-minute stretch that was going to swing the momentum one way or the other when Rice's Cameron Moilanen received a boarding major just nine seconds after Hamady's goal.

Not only did Brighton fail to score during the major, but Brother Rice (3-1) had the best two scoring chances during that stretch. The Bulldogs had trouble getting the puck out of their own end for about the first half of the power play.

"That's not the best time to draw that penalty, but the boys that went out there and killed it did a great job," Brother Rice coach Kenny Chaput said. "We've been working on bottling teams up."

The Warriors added to their lead just 30 seconds after the penalty kill when Brett Harris knocked in his own rebound off a two-on-one rush with 4:22 left in the game.

"It's a big point in the game," Kivisto said. "It's something you're expecting to get one, maybe two. ... We weren't able to capitalize at all on that five-minute major there late in the third."

Skaters

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A second opinion cleared Chen to compete after another doctor told him everything felt strong. But it created a sense of doubt heading into the pair's biggest competition.

"I was definitely extremely nervous. At least there wasn't too much pressure on me because, granted, I had this injury, I had all this time off and I wasn't feeling 100%," Chen said. "Despite that, being able to perform the way we did... it was just a phenomenal experience to be there in the moment."

The competition schedule through 2020 heading into 2021 brought its own

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March, ice rinks closed down. Wolfkostin said the pair had to find other ways to train off ice: working though choreography, walking through things that would be able to translate into on-ice prep when they eventually could find an open rink.

Along with the physical aspect of the sport of ice skating. Wolfkostin said it gave them both an opportunity to focus on the dual relationship between the physical nature of the sport and the per-

"There's this fine line between getting our bodies in shape and to have that stamina to be able to compete and the athletic part," Wolfkostin said. "And then there's also the performance part: the presenting, the acting, the types of dance incorporated, the story we present while we perform."

Leading up to the national championship, Wolfkostin and Chen continued to work, participating in online competitions. While it was different than in years past, the two were always on the same page in terms of goals, something Chen said made them compatible when they first met in 2019.

"We both had really set goals and were driven enough to be always on the ice and working hard effectively," Chen said, explaining this foundation would build the partnership in the right direc-

After only one real season together -

with the approach of wanting to experience as much as they could together to know what to expect at the big competitions came - Chen and Wolfkostin showed up when it counted.

They combined the best rhythm dance score and the best free dance score for the junior ice dance national championship by 4.31 points.

Now, Chen and Wolfkostin start back at the beginning. They are currently in the process of picking music for their next routine, developing their skills further without any real certainty when the next competition will be.

But the pair share the ultimate goal of one day competing at the Olympics, putting together a successful career as senior professional ice dancers.

Chen and Wolfkostin want to do what they love for however long they can. And to the pari, that starts with each other. "To be able to get along and commu-

nicate effectively with each other. That's super important in any type of relationship," Wolfkostin said. "I think we got along well together."

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At ZipRecruiter, we use that technology, so we know what works and what doesn't when it comes to creating a resume that can get your

application past these robots and into the hands of a human recruiter.

1. Use a plain, boring template

Conventional wisdom may say that your resume should be eye-catching and exciting, but the truth is that robots aren't big design fans. They read from left to right, top to bottom, and only know how to read certain fonts and formats. So use the most boring, straightforward template you can find. Leave out columns, tables, headers, footers, text boxes, logos and nonstandard fonts. Use a "minimalist ATS-friendly"

template rather than a designed one to make sure it can be read.

2. Use generic job titles

Many companies get cute with their internal job titles: sandwich artists, teammates, crewmembers. Robots aren't really interested in cute. But they do love a perfect match, which is why you should write your past job titles on your resume using generic terms that everyone understands. A good way to do this is by going to a job site and finding job descriptions that match your current role. Of course, be careful not to inflate or change your role into something that's not representative of your work.

3. Write like a caveman

Be succinct about the work you did. The resume parsers will pull applicable snippets of your resume to pass on to recruiters, so you want those pieces to be simple and easy to follow. Instead of writing something like "Answered, transferred, conferenced and forwarded audio communications for over 24 incoming and outgoing exchanges," simply say "Answered and redirected company's 25 phone lines."

4. Use numbers

Rather than just listing the tasks you performed, use numbers to capture the scale of your accomplishments. It goes a long way in showing that you're a results-orientated employee who can deliver.

5. List your skills

Make sure you include your skills and any training or certifications you've received. And be as specific as possible. At this point, everyone has experience with Microsoft Office. But if you give examples of the experience you have, such as "Microsoft Excel revenue model building," that will go a lot farther in making you stand out. It can also be helpful to list the number of years of experience you have with each of your skills.

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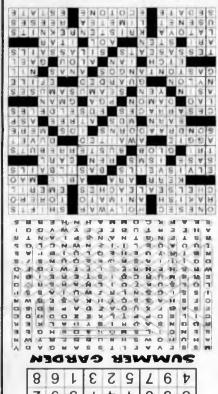
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