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Four claim \$1B Mega Millions jackpot

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Four members of an Oakland County lottery club finally cashed in their \$1 billion winning Mega Millions jackpot ticket bought in Novi in January.

The Michigan Lottery revealed Friday the Wolverine FLL Club as winners of the third largest jackpot in U.S. histo-

ry. Kurt Panouses, an attorney and club representative, accepted the prize.

"A club member saw a sign that the jackpot was up to \$1 billion and remembered that they hadn't bought their tickets yet, so they pulled into the Kroger," Panouses said. "When you play of course you dream of winning, but the reality of it has been incredible... This kind of money will impact the families

of our club members for generations to come. We plan to stay humble and pay it forward through charitable giving in southeast Michigan."

The club bought the ticket with winning numbers 4-26-42-50-60 and Mega Ball 24 at the Novi Kroger, 47650 Grand River Ave. After 37 drawings without an overall winner, the club's lucky numbers were picked Jan. 22.

After taxes on the \$1.05 billion, the four club members will split about \$557 million taken in a lump sum (the winnings are about \$776 million before taxes).

"This kind of money will impact the families of our club members for generations to come," Panouses said. "We

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Foreign exchange students Matilde Sardi, from Italy, at left, and Lucia Serrano, from Spain, have experienced an unusual time at Lakeland High School during the coronavirus pandemic. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Pandemic can't stop Huron Valley's exchange students

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Matilde Sardi was in a café in Italy on Aug. 17 when the call came.

Could she be ready to come to the United States the next week and stay for the school year?

The 17-year-old burst into tears. "It was one of the best moments of my life," Sardi recalls. "Seriously. I couldn't have been more happy, I had my visa and placement, and on the 24th of August, I had the flight and was here."

"Here" is Lakeland High School in the Huron Valley School District, where she is experiencing a year that would have been a memorable experience as a foreign exchange student, but in a pandemic, has become surreal.

Sardi is not the only foreign exchange

student at Lakeland this year. Lucia Serrano, a 16-year-old from Madrid, Spain, also scored a spot.

"I was worried because I wasn't sure I would be able to come," Serrano said. "The borders in Spain were closed from April until July. During the beginning of the pandemic, things in Spain were really bad, we couldn't leave the houses, even going for a walk. Only one person could go for groceries."

The girls were fortunate to find not only families willing to host them, but a school willing to accept the responsibility to educate them in a school year that has been anything but normal.

Cassandra Ross, field manager for International Cultural Exchange Services, said the pandemic has definitely

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Lucia Serrano Foreign exchange student

Asian tea shop opens in downtown Northville

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Taylor Ou and her family fell in love with Northville as soon as they moved to town.

Ou and her family moved to Northville from Livonia in 2015. After several years of living in the western Wayne County community, she and her family decided it was time to bring a taste of their heritage to the city.

"After we moved here, every day I walked down the street and liked it here," Ou said. "I told my husband, 'We should open a shop here and share our culture.'"

And open a shop they have: Tea Gather, a café dedicated to serving several varieties of tea and light fare, became downtown Northville's newest business in early February. Located at 135 E. Cady St., the shop sports a refreshed look inside, complete with both indoor and outdoor seating.

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Garbage prices drop in Novi's new contract

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Novi is getting a new waste hauler this summer.

The city council unanimously approved an 8-year contract with GFL Environmental for refuse collection, recycling and yard waste services effective July 1.

The contract will cost residents \$138 in the first year. By the end of the contract in June 30, 2029, residents will see just over \$10 increase in annual cost, to \$148.61 in the final year.

"The numbers that came in were jaw-dropping; it's hard to believe we could get this price reduction," Councilman Andrew Mutch said. "The price is coming down, but we're not cutting services, we're improving in some areas."

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Library Pub owner reflects on 25 years

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Bob Barnett is humbled at the support he has received from the community since he announced the Library Sports Pub and Grill would close its doors.

The owner of the bar at 42705 Grand River in Novi made the announcement last month he'd have to shutter the doors at the establishment at the end of March and has seen since plenty of community support.

"The reaction has just been kind of humbling," Barnett said. "Moving over here, it was a big move."

The pub first opened along Grand River Avenue back in 1995 before moving in 2017 to the Main Street East plaza closer to Novi Road. It's been a Novi mainstay for a quarter century, hosting sports teams and other events, as well as serving plenty of classic bar fare. The move down the road was needed as more groups wanted to use their space, Barnett said.

But like many other restaurants, the



Patrons enjoy their drinks at the bar at the Library Pub in Novi on March 8.
PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

COVID-19 pandemic took its toll on the bar. Stifled by capacity limitations, the restaurant hasn't turned a profit in a year. Even with Paycheck Protection Program funding last year, Barnett said the overhead costs remained while he's not been allowed to fill the restaurant with customers.

Customers looking to reminisce and spend time in the pub still have some time: the pub will close its doors permanently March 28.

Indoor dining has been limited the last year by the state in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. Dining rooms were closed for nearly three months last spring and then again for 2.5 months from mid-November to February as COVID-19 cases spiked over the winter.

Even when dining rooms could be open, restaurants have been limited to how many guests can be inside, over which many owners have expressed concern. That's been no different at the Library Pub, Barnett admitted.

"Even though it's gotten busier, I'm still not going to do 100% of my sales that is needed to be profitable, especially in a big footprint like this," Barnett said.

He said the bar offered some carryout options when they weren't allowed to open the dining room, though Barnett said takeout has never been the restaurant's forte: he said his main clientele came to the restaurant for the atmosphere and experience.

Couple the decline of in-house dining



A chalkboard at the Library Pub.

at the bar with a lack of employees Barnett said is needed to run the space and it's difficult to maintain operations.

"I don't have enough staff. I'm not going to have enough staff," he said. "That to me, is now the bigger story of what's going to happen."

The pub has had plenty of big events, including visits from members of the Detroit Red Wings. Barnett said he's had a great relationship with community members and city leaders over the years.

"I'm very proud of what we built," he said. "And there's a lot of memories."

While the pub closes March 28, that allows Barnett to hold one more St. Patrick's Day event. The bar will bring in Power Play Detroit to perform 4-9 p.m. Those looking to attend are encouraged to come early due to limited capacity and a cover of \$10 will be charged at the door.

Despite the Novi closure, those who enjoy the Library Pub's food and atmosphere still have an available option: his West Bloomfield location at 6363 Haggerty, north of Maple, will remain open.

Barnett said he's proud of the times he had at the pub and potentially hopes to open something smaller again in the future. Having the pub go as long as it did, especially with all the challenges it has faced, was something he looks back on fondly.

"We had a great run. You have to adapt or die," he said. "Unfortunately, I think the size of the building now and the lack of the staff and everything combined is too much."

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Teacher's bathroom break caught on Zoom call

John Wisely | Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies were investigating March 11 after a Walled Lake Central High School teacher may have accidentally webcast herself using the toilet at the end of a classroom Zoom call.

They also are investigating reports that a student in the class recorded the March 10 incident and shared the video on the social media site Snapchat.

A source familiar with the case said it appears the teacher didn't realize her camera was on after the class ended. The source wasn't authorized to talk to the media.

School officials were mum on the details of the incident, including the names of those involved, other than issuing a cryptic statement March 11.

"We want to make you aware that there was an incident on a Zoom class yesterday at Walled Lake Central High School where both staff and students made choices that compromised social integrity," district spokeswoman Judy Evola wrote to parents in an email. "With the assistance and collaboration of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, a thorough investigation of the situation is underway."

Evola said the teacher and the student are out of school, including the Zoom classes, while the investigation proceeds. She said privacy concerns prevent the district from discussing the situation further.

Parents in the district were already discussing the case on social media March 11, speculating about how the case will be handled.

Oakland County Undersheriff Michael McCabe confirmed the investigation but wouldn't discuss specifics until more information was obtained.

"We took a report late this morning and we're conducting an investigation," McCabe said last week.

While no charges have been filed, Michigan law makes illegal "the surveillance of or distribution, dissemination, or transmission of recording, photograph, or visual image of individual having reasonable expectation of privacy."

The first violation of that law is a felony with a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a \$2,000 fine.

The incident is just the latest mishap on a Zoom call. In May, the U.S. Supreme Court was hearing oral arguments in a case when several people on the call heard what sounded like a toilet flush.

That incident didn't include video.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCE NO. 18.294

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AMENDING ARTICLE 4, USE STANDARDS, AT SECTION 4.64, FACILITIES FOR HUMAN CARE, TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIREMENT.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, February 22, 2021 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **April 13, 2021 at 7:00PM**. As of the date of this notice this meeting is planned to be held live in the **Council Chambers** of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI.

As there are currently amendments to the open meetings act, mcl 15.261, et seq., pending the meeting may instead be authorized to take place electronically. Please check cityofnovi.org or reach out to the Community Development Department to be apprised of any changes to the location of meeting.

PZ21-0009 (Bell Fork Lift Inc) 46400 Grand River Avenue, East of Beck Road and North of Grand River Avenue, Parcel 50-22-16-251-017. The applicant is requesting variance from the Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 5.11.2 for the installation of a fence in the front yard. The Ordinance states "no fence shall extend into a front or exterior side yard." This property is zoned Office Service Technology (OST).

PZ21-0011 (Kensington Family Homes) Ten Mile Road, East of Beck Road and South of Ten Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-28-101-023. The applicant is requesting variance from the Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.2 for a proposed lot split of parcel 50-22-28-101-023 into two lots with widths of 110 and 113 feet respectively (120 feet minimum required by code, variance of 10 feet and 7 feet). This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-1).

PZ21-0013 (Daniel Murphy) 1141 E Lake Drive, West of Novi Road and South of Fourteen Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-02-126-008. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Sections 3.32-10.ii. a, for the building of a proposed 160 square foot shed on the waterfront (100 square feet allowed by code, variance of 60 square feet). This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ21-0014 (Josh Robinson) 1375 E Lake Drive, West of Novi Road and South of Fourteen Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-02-328-009. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.32-10.ii. a, for the building of a proposed 300 square foot shed on the waterfront (100 square feet allowed by code, variance of 200 square feet). Section 3.32-10.ii.b, for a waterfront lot coverage of 13% (5% allowed by code, variance of 8%). This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ21-0015 (Joseph Yono) 1401 E Lake Drive, West of Novi Road and South of Fourteen Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-02-329-027. The applicant is requesting variances from The City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a 16.95 foot front yard setback (30 feet required, variance of 13.05 feet); an 8 foot rear yard setback (35 feet required, variance of 27 feet); a side yard setback of 5.08 feet (10 feet required, variance of 4.92 feet); an aggregate total side yard setback, with exterior side yard of 12.41 feet (40 feet required, variance of 27.59 feet); and a proposed lot coverage of 48% (25% maximum allowed, variance of 23%). Section 3.32-10.ii. a, for the building of a proposed 336 square foot shed on the waterfront (100 square feet allowed by code, variance of 236 square feet). These variances would accommodate the building a new home and a lakefront accessory structure. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ21-0016 (Michelle Estes) 112 N Haven Drive, East of West Road and South of W Pontiac Trail, Parcel 50-22-03-201-005. The applicant is requesting variances from The City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a proposed rear yard setback of 27 feet (35 feet required, variance of 8 feet). Section 3.32-7 for a deck projecting into the rear yard setback 14 feet (18 feet maximum allowed by code, variance of 4 feet). These variances would accommodate the building of a home addition and new deck. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 7, 2021 at 7:00p.m. to receive public input on the following request in regard to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance:

1. The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a request in regard to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance: To consider the following variance request on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District on property located at 429 Beal Ave., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48 004 02 0088 000. The applicant is seeking a variance to replace an existing deck with a sunroom in the rear yard setback. The variance needed is 5 feet from the rear yard requirement in Sections 3.04 and 15.01.

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/8842677743>

US: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799, Webinar ID: 884 2677 7743.

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&pageId=13505469#zoning>. OR from the main Home page, click on the Government tab, Agendas and Minutes, and scroll to the Board of Zoning Appeals section of the webpage.

NOTE: In the event the BZA meeting cannot be held by video conference, the BZA meeting may be held at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167. Please monitor the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us or the City Hall 24-hour vestibule as any change to the meeting location will be posted in the vestibule and website.

Application Review and Written Comments

The variance application is available for review at www.ci.northville.mi.us. From the Home Page, click Services, Building and Planning, Board of Zoning Appeals.

Written comments to the BZA pertaining to the proposed variance request must be submitted by 4:30pm April 6, 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.northville.mi.us.

DOMINIC SILVESTRI, CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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HOW HAS COVID-19 CHANGED YOUR LIFE?

Last Thursday marked one year since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic.

Since then, life in the United States has drastically changed. From remote work and school schedules to new ways to attend events and church services, COVID-19 has altered how we live. And some of the changes could go on long after the virus is under control.

Since the first case in January 2020, the U.S. has seen nearly 530,000 deaths and 29 million cases. And now virus variants are creeping across the nation.

On the anniversary of the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in the state, the Michigan health department reported the state total increased to 601,284 confirmed cases and 15,706 deaths since March 2020.

Everyone's lives changed. We talked to those who live, work and play in our local communities to see what changes they've made in the past year.

A timeline of COVID-19 in the area



March 10, 2020

The first two cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Michigan. One of those diagnosed is a Livonia resident.



March 12, 2020

Schools ordered closed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, originally until April 5, then extended to through the school year.



March 16, 2020

Restaurant dining rooms ordered closed across the state to combat the virus.



March 24, 2020

A shelter-in-place order enacted, restricting travel across the state. That order would last until early June.



April 3, 2020

Michigan High School Athletic Association cancels end of winter sports season, entire spring sports season.



April 7, 2020

Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi named a field hospital to treat COVID-19 patients. It closed in June after treating 16 patients.



May 13, 2020

Michigan National Guard performs a flyover above several area hospitals, including St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and Ascension Providence Hospital in Novi, to show appreciation for health care workers.



May 28, 2020

Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi becomes the first area mall to reopen after being shut down in March.



June 8, 2020

After nearly three months, indoor dining at restaurant is allowed.



July 20, 2020

Northville City Council asks its DDA to investigate creation of a social district. That idea would later become "The Twist," one of the first social districts created in the region.



Aug. 11, 2020

Birmingham Public Schools Board of Education decides the school year will begin all-virtual. Most area districts start school year virtually with a few offering in-person options.



Nov. 18, 2020

Indoor dining rooms of restaurants, movie theaters and other businesses closed as COVID-19 cases surge across Michigan. Playoffs for most fall sports halted.



Nov. 26, 2020

All area malls close for Thanksgiving, the first time such a closure has happened in several years.



Dec. 23, 2020

The first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is given to employees at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.



Jan. 22, 2021

Detroit County Day in Beverly Hills wins the Div. 4 state title in football at Ford Field in Detroit after a shortened and postponed season due to the pandemic.



Jan. 23, 2021

The first mass vaccination clinic is held at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. More than 2,800 in Oakland County are vaccinated.



Feb. 1, 2021

Indoor dining reopens in Michigan after a decline in new COVID-19 cases. Capacity inside is capped initially at 25%.



March 1, 2021

Students in the Wayne-Westland Community School District return to in-person learning for the first time in nearly a year.



March 10, 2021

Region marks one year since COVID-19 first detected in Michigan. During that time, about 600,000 Michiganders infected and more than 15,000 died from the coronavirus.

Timeline by Staff Writer David Vossler



Londyn Jones was 3 months old when COVID-19 landed in Michigan one year ago. Her parents, Milly and Rob Jones, of Milford, found the pandemic to be a blessing of sorts. It has given them coveted time together in Londyn's first year of life, although they miss other family members, including Rob's mom and stepdad in England. "We've really enjoyed it. Most people think we're crazy," Milly laughs. "Someday we will tell Londyn we went through a pandemic and we got to all stay home together."

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Alli Zurek, 33, of Highland, reflects on one year of the COVID-19 pandemic at Central Park in Milford on March 9. The Milford YMCA fitness instructor taught classes virtually and made stronger friendships. She also lost 15 pounds by changing her diet in a way she wouldn't have pre-pandemic. The mother of two also has another positive takeaway from the past year. "We are definitely closer as a family," she said. "We had to learn to slow down."



Fifteen-year-old Courie Pace, pictured at Tattan Park in Westland, said while the pandemic has been difficult in that it's kept her from seeing friends, it's given her extra time to pursue her dream of becoming an actress. "Because I'm at home so much, I get to spend more time practicing acting and working on my YouTube channel. This year taught me not to take life for granted," she said.



"COVID has made me a lot smarter and taught me how to be creative and think outside the box," said Annie Buchtrup, owner of the Lemon Tree in South Lyon, who said she has grown wiser in delivery, social media, and more. Now she hopes customers who were "trained" to shop local during the pandemic remain loyal to small businesses. On a personal level, she said she needs to learn some new games to keep from getting mad when her daughter beats her at cards.



Avery Seltentright, 13, finds it a challenge to wear masks and carry plastic dividers around at Muir Middle School in Huron Valley, where he is an eighth grader. He "wasn't the biggest fan of school" before the pandemic, but in the past year, he has developed a greater appreciation for it, particularly as a means to see friends. "I've been watching TV and playing video games more," he said. "For the most part, it really sucks."

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Taylor Ou, left, and her daughter, Samantha Lin, run Northville's Tea Gather.
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Taylor Ou pours some black tea for a customer at the new shop.

Tea shop

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The shop serves up a wide variety of Asian tea, including assorted green and black teas; bubble teas; and light fare including basil popcorn chicken, crispy tofu and salted green beans.

Work on the space began a year ago, though was delayed with the work stoppages associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, which halted construction for several months at the beginning. That delayed a planned opening, originally set for last year.

"We were expecting to open last summer, but instead, we opened after winter break," said Samantha Lin, Ou's daughter. "So we wanted to open at a warmer season, but we ended up opening in winter."

Each tea is handcrafted, Ou said, which allows for better control of the product. This way, they can adjust flavors and measurements to the precise amount to craft the perfect cup.

"Time, temperature and the amount of water matter for the right flavor," Ou said. "When you come over and over again, it tastes still the same."

Right now, tea is served in disposable cups, though they plan to serve sitting customers using teacups to improve

upon the experience.

The shop attracts customers of all ages and from all backgrounds, Ou said: from the area postal worker who stops by every day to high school students, the shop has become a destination for those seeking a quality cup of tea.

That quality is one way the family hopes to draw in customers: with the shop located off the main thoroughfares of downtown Northville, it can be a challenge to locate if one is just perusing downtown.

Ou said she believes the quality product, as well as the outdoor seating outside the shop, will bring customers off the main drag and into their shop for a cup of tea. Couple those qualities with the nearby public parking lot and the wide range of activities using happening in Northville and she believes it'll be a recipe for success.

"People will walk around here, some people will see us," Ou said. "We are not afraid of this. Maybe we are not going to get very busy, but people will find us."

The shop is open for some limited dine-in as well as carryout. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. More information, including a menu, can be found on Tea Gather's website, teagathermi.com.

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Taylor Ou holds of pot of Chinese black tea as she waits for it to steep.

Students

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affected the ability of the agency to place students.

ICES, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year of placing foreign exchange students ages 14-18 in homes and schools across the United States and also has an outbound program to send American students overseas, has had many students drop completely from the program or postpone their exchange year.

One of the "really big" issues Ross said the agency encountered is reluctance from individual schools to accept students from whom they fear the virus could spread or for whom they can't provide a "normal" school experience they feel the exchange students deserve.

"It's really a bummer for students when you have a host family that is willing but the school is not," Ross said, expressing concern that non-acceptance is extending into this coming fall. "It would have been the same (odd school experience) in their home countries. For some, this is a one-time opportunity, they only have one chance. And if they can't come, they miss out and that is unfortunate."

Lucia Serrano is finding life in rural northwest Oakland County a sharp contrast to Madrid, Spain's capital city founded in the 9th century and home to nearly 3.5 million people.

She lives in an apartment there and is accustomed to walking 10 minutes to get to school and uses public transportation for other destinations. Here, where "everything is much bigger," she notes it takes 20 minutes to go somewhere by car and friends don't hang out in the middle of the street together like they do in Spain, but hang out in houses.

She is enjoying nature and the vast amount of trees and wildlife that is different from Spain, with deer and raccoons, animals she has not seen before.

The school days at Lakeland are also a far cry from Spain and Italy, pandemic or not.

Sardi, who is from Villasanta, a small town in northern Italy about a half-hour from Milan, notes that in her country, students choose from three different types of secondary schools that will direct a course for post-graduation: sci-



One thing that Lakeland High foreign exchange students Luccia Serrano, left, and Mathilde Sardi got to experience when the school resumed in-person classes was toting around see-through barriers, seen by their feet, from class to class.
JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ence, language or work and how to study for university.

"Here you can do pottery in high school, economics and stuff like that," she said. "In Italy, it's a field... The teachers here are nicer; they are so nice. They make you feel comfortable and they ask about you and if you need help. It's a different approach here, they don't force you to study, they create different ways to make you learn."

In Madrid, Serrano notes, the alarm doesn't go off so early, meals aren't eaten at school, and classes are harder, more limited and with the same students.

At her Spanish school, Serrano takes more core classes, physics and chemistry and biology, geography and history, English, Spanish, math, religion, philosophy and sports. Depending on the year, one or two change.

What doesn't change are her classmates or that lunch is at 3 p.m. everyday, at home after school ends at 2.

She is trying a lot of new food, including a variety of salads and enchiladas, and said she has learned how to make tamales.

Food here has also made an impres-

sion on Sardi, whose favorite dish so far has been clam chowder. She said the American notion of what is Italian food "is not, actually."

"Every American thinks pasta and meatballs is 100 percent Italian. No, no, no," Sardi says adamantly. "It's good, but it's not Italian. We have a sauce, but there is not just meatballs in it."

Both Sardi and Serrano are enjoying meeting a lot of really nice people, and improving their English skills.

"I am trying new food and new things and activities I would never do if I was in Spain," Serrano said. "I am going on a lot of hikes, my host mom (Agnes) and me like to go on a lot of hikes to Kensington... There are a lot of things I am not able to do because of the pandemic, but I'm always doing things. Even though there are some things I can't do, there are a lot of things I can."

Snow is new to her and she has enjoyed it, including ice skating on the lake. In Madrid, there is no snow and soccer is played from September to June. She is looking forward to trying out for the Lakeland soccer team this month and visiting some different states during a spring break trip to

Florida.

But she is glad she ended up in Michigan, a state she calls beautiful, and she has grown in her independence.

"In Spain, my mom did everything for me, but now I have learned to do things by myself," she said. "I think it is a whole experience and everyone should come and do this."

Sardi, who pre-pandemic was destined for Utah by her placement agency, the Aspect Foundation, agrees.

She had been planning to study abroad for the past four years and while the pandemic nearly destroyed her hope and altered her experience, she views this historic global time as an integral part of this year in her life.

"You have to adapt to a new culture, people, place, the weather," she said. "To grow personally, and to become more independent and be able to put yourself out there, starting from zero. It was bad timing with the pandemic. I am not saying it could have been better, but it's different. It's like another kind of lesson, a personal lesson."

Both girls will return to Europe this summer, hoping, like all the world, that the pandemic is easing as vaccines reach all corners of the globe. But as they do, their views will have been broadened and they will remember with gratitude to their school and their host families, this past year as not only the one in which the world suffered a pandemic and doors were closed, but one in which they gained a broader view.

"I feel lucky, even more lucky that I was able to do this," Sardi said. "It seems obvious, but I've learned that life is one, and every chance that presents to you, you should take it, and maybe you won't have another chance to do that. Everything can always teach you something, you don't have to be scared to put yourself out there and do something that is not in your comfort zone. You just have to live it."

Ross is hopeful that with the lifting of restrictions, she can bring more students from overseas into Oakland County schools and homes this coming fall, with learning occurring all around.

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State to open vaccines to residents 16 and up in April

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Every Michigander 16 and older will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine in April, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the state health department said Friday.

Starting March 22, anyone 16 and up with a qualifying medical condition will also be eligible.

The news is the latest effort to rapidly expand vaccine eligibility, with the ultimate goal of inoculating enough people in the state to find some normalcy at some point this year.

"The safe COVID-19 vaccine is the most effective way to protect you, your family and others from the virus," Whitmer said in a news release. "I urge all eligible Michiganders to get one of the three COVID-19 vaccines. It is essential to getting our country back to normal. ... And as always: mask up, practice safe social distancing and avoid large indoor gatherings where COVID-19 can easily spread from person to person. We will eliminate this virus together."

Right now, Michiganders 65 and up are eligible for vaccines. Those ages 50 to 64 with a pre-existing condition are eligible as well. Starting March 22, anyone 50 or older is eligible.

As of last week, more than 1 million Michigan residents have been fully vaccinated. That's about 12.5% of the population that the state wants to vaccinate. The state is aiming to vaccinate at least 70% of all residents 16 and older by the end of the year.

"As providers are scheduling appointments, they should consider an in-

dividual's risk of exposure due to their employment and their vulnerability to severe disease in determining how to schedule appointments," says a news release from the state. "It is anticipated that it may still take several weeks beyond April 5 for everyone who wishes to receive a vaccine to have an appointment."

Demand continues to outpace supply for the vaccine, so the state urges patience. Underlying medical conditions that would allow anyone 16 or older to be eligible for the vaccine March 22 include:

- Asthma (moderate-to-severe)
- Cancer
- Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Diabetes (Type 1 or 2)
- Down syndrome
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies
- Hypertension or high blood pressure
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant, blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids, or use of other immune-weakening medicines)
- Liver disease
- Neurologic conditions, such as dementia
- Obesity or severe obesity (body mass index of 30 kg/m2 or higher)
- Overweight (BMI greater than 25

kg/m2, but below 30 kg/m2)

- Pregnancy
- Pulmonary fibrosis (having damaged or scarred lung tissues)
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Thalassemia (a type of blood disorder)

Those who are eligible are encouraged to check the website of their local health department or hospital system, contact their local pharmacy or call the state hotline. The number is 888-535-6136 (press 1) and will be staffed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

President Joe Biden announced that every American adult will be eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine by May 1, and that there'll be enough doses for all U.S. adults by the end of May.

"We're making progress, but there's more work to do," said Jeff Zients, the White House COVID-19 response coordinator, during a Friday morning news briefing. "Last night, Americans heard the president say that ... all of us need to do our part, and that if we do, there's a good chance that families and friends will be able to safely gather in small groups to celebrate Independence Day," he said.

To get there, Zients said, all states, tribes and territories are being directed to make all adults eligible for COVID-19 vaccines no later than May 1.

"That's earlier than expected," Zients said, "reflects our success working with vaccine manufacturers to increase supplies and secure doses for all adult Americans, and also our progress in increasing both the number of vaccinators, and the number of places that peo-

ple can get vaccinated."

Ford Field will be among 20 federally run mass vaccination sites, opening by March 24, Zients said. As many as 6,000 people a day will be able to get vaccinated there.

"We need to make it easier for every American to get vaccinated," Zients said. "Too often, it's too difficult, too time consuming and too frustrating for people to identify where vaccines are available and where to schedule an appointment."

By May 1, as vaccines are available in more places, administration will launch a federally supported website that will show the locations near them that have available vaccines.

"Because we know that not everyone has internet access or is comfortable online, we will also launch a call center to provide assistance in finding a vaccine. Since so many Americans use their state and local websites to schedule vaccine appointments, the administration will also deploy technology teams to help to improve these systems," Zients said.

In addition, the federal government plans to deliver COVID-19 vaccines directly to 700 additional community health centers in underserved communities across the nation, bringing the total to 950, and double the number of pharmacies participating in the federal vaccine program, Zients said.

"We will make the vaccine available at more than 20,000 pharmacies across America and the administration is instructing these pharmacies to expand mobile operations into the hardest-hit communities to reach more people," he said.

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Co-defendant in double homicide gets bond

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A co-defendant in the murder of a man and his son in their South Lyon home may leave jail to stay with his mother until the justice system decides his fate.

Novi's District Court Judge Travis Reeds established a \$50,000 bond for Anthony Marshall Porter, 27, of Ann Arbor after the prosecuting attorney confirmed Porter was not in the East Liberty Street house during a deadly armed robbery that took the lives of Kevin Stamper, 43, and Dylan Stamper, 17.

Porter faces six felony charges — three for armed robbery and three for weapons. His co-defendant Fadi Zeineh, 19, of Washtenaw County has been arraigned on a total of 10 felony charges, including two for felony murder.

Before the judge's decision, defense attorney Keith Tatarelli relayed that Porter's relatives could post \$5,000 for a

\$50,000, 10% cash surety bond. In response, prosecuting attorney John Pietrofesa said he did not object to the proposal with a tether and drug testing for Porter while he stays with his mother.

"He never left the vehicle the night this happened," Pietrofesa said. "He never went inside the house. He arrived in the passenger seat. We don't believe he's a flight risk based on his prior history."

Both attorneys agreed Porter is cooperating with investigators. Porter was working as a chef before he and Zeineh appeared outside the Stamper home the night of Dec. 30. Zeineh apparently drove them there. Porter was the one driving the vehicle away.

Reeds didn't give in easily. "We have a capital crime," the judge said. "We have a mandatory prison term if he's convicted. I've got a young man who has got prior gun-related offenses on his record. I'm going to be honest. I'm still a little concerned about the commu-

nity's safety.

"It sounds like there might be an arrangement where he's going to testify against his co-defendant. But that hasn't happened yet."

The judge asked for a second confirmation from the prosecuting attorney that he was agreeable to Porter's release from jail. Pietrofesa stressed that he was agreeable to a bond requiring home confinement and a tether.

Upon the judge's prompting, Pietrofesa said he has a witness that will confirm he sold a gun to Zeineh and the gun was the one apparently used during the Dec. 30 robbery.

"He wasn't aware of the firearm that the co-defendant had. That gun was not this defendant's," Pietrofesa said during Porter's hearing. "He was just aiding and abetting the armed robbery. The gun was in the possession of the co-defendant."

Reeds then set the \$50,000 cash-surety bond with the 10% required, with

home confinement and tether. Porter can only leave his mother's residence to meet with attorneys and for medical treatment. Drug and alcohol tests are required three times per week.

The judge threatened an "immediate" bench warrant for Porter's arrest — without a hearing — upon any bond violations. He's also not supposed to communicate with any of the other potential witnesses.

Porter thanked Reeds, who previously had denied bond for both defendants. His next court appearance is in Oakland County Circuit Court. Porter waived his preliminary exam, which means his case automatically progresses to the higher court for trial.

Zeineh's attorney asked for a new probable cause conference date because of the "voluminous" amount of material he is reviewing. The new date is April 21. There was no discussion of bond for Zeineh, and the alleged gunman remains in jail.

Tires, rims stolen from Milford Park and Ride lot

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A Brighton woman was returned to Milford's Park and Ride lot March 9 to find her car missing both tires and rims.

She had left her vehicle at the lot near Milford Road and Interstate 96 early that morning to share a ride to work in metro Detroit. The alleged thief's hydraulic floor jack was waiting for her when she returned in the afternoon.

"I felt violated," said the woman, who did not want her name made public. "I don't have an expectation that this person is going to be located."

"It sucks that it happened. I'm glad I have insurance that's covering it."

She filed a report with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and cautioned other drivers using the lot to be careful.

Lt. Leslie Whitfield at the Lyon Township substation confirmed the incident.



A young woman returned to the Milford Park and Ride Lot on March 9 to find her car tires and rims missing. SUBMITTED

However, "I cannot disclose all of the information associated with this case yet because it is still open and being investigated by our auto theft department," he said.

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Second murder charge added in pro poker player death case

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Accused killer Jeffery Morris faces a second murder charge in the summer slaying of professional poker player Susie Zhao.

Clarkston's 52-2 District Court Judge Kelley Kostin tacked on a felony murder charge to Morris' case after hearing more testimony March 8.

Testimony included more details about Zhao's injuries and a swab that included DNA from at least two male contributors including Morris, a registered sex offender.

White Lake Township Detective Thomas Sarasin also presented evidence that Morris was using his phone to find sexually explicit videos the day before Zhao's burnt remains were found July 13 in the Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area.

According to previous testimony,

Zhao, a 33-year-old former Cranbrook student who had returned to Waterford Township after years of living in western states, was sexually violated around the time she was burned.

"Clearly, (the medical examiner) indicated that this was caused by a blunt object," Prosecuting attorney Kenneth Frazee III said Monday.

Defense attorney Pamela Johnson said there was insufficient evidence presented for the felony murder charge because of the second male DNA contributor and the possibility that someone else used Morris' phone.

Frazee said Monday's testimony only strengthened the evidence.

"The court is satisfied," Kostin said. "The prosecution has met its burden."

Prosecution of Morris is now heading back to Oakland Circuit Court. He officially faces two murder charges: one for premeditated murder and one for felony murder.

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North Farmington keeps first-place hopes

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North Farmington didn't want Ferndale to win the OAA Red on its home floor. So the Raiders, in turn, played their best defensive game of the season. The Raiders basketball team (7-2) limited the Eagles (8-3) to their lowest scoring output since Dec. 21, 2017, beat-

ing Ferndale, 39-35, on the road <arch 11. This was the third time this season North Farmington allowed 40 points in a game, with opposing offenses averaging 43.33 points per game against the Raiders in 2021. "One possession at a time, we had to make sure we did things correctly," North Farmington head coach Todd Negoshian said. "We had to finish posses-

sions, we had to get stops. It just feels good to give us a fighting chance heading into the last week." Ahead of this game, North Farmington senior Deon Hayes said this team was not focused on scoring. Instead, it was thinking about halting Treyvon Lewis and the rest of the Ferndale offense's ability to score, using pressure from the trap defense and two-three

zone to force turnovers and missed baskets. This approach is nothing new for North Farmington, with the senior guard saying it's something the team works on each day in practice. To Hayes, the outcome came down to the effort shown in the final minute of

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South Lyon East beats rival

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South Lyon East got over the hump. The girls basketball team has been working toward a Lakes Valley Conference championship since the conference was formed, finishing the 2019-20 season tied for second place with Waterford Mott.

Despite coming into the March 10 conference game against South Lyon on the back end of three games in three days, the Cougars (10-4) earned at least a share of the conference title, beating the Lions (5-5), 43-25, on the road.

"It's honestly been amazing. We just love each other so much," South Lyon East senior Nina Perl said. "The last few years, we've been really close to conferences, but haven't done it. It feels incredible to do it with this team, all my best friends. We're just playing very well."

South Lyon East was able to beat South Lyon like it had other LVC teams throughout its undefeated conference schedule.

The Cougars limited the Lions to 25 points, the fifth time this season South Lyon East has limited a team to under 30 points — all wins — while spreading the ball around to different scorers across the floor.

But while Perl and junior Ella Kruschka, who led the team with 19 points, were the main recipients of the South Lyon offense, combining for 34 of the team's 43 points, South Lyon East junior Taylor Anderson provided the fuel defensively and in the passing game that led to opportunities for the two main scorers.

Despite only scoring two points, Anderson was the main distributor at the point for South Lyon East, also recording seven rebounds, four blocks and three steals, turning defense into offense for the Cougars.

"She brings a lot of energy, you can see that," Perl, who scored 15 for South Lyon East, said. "She's an amazing passer and plays really good defense, blocks shots, she pushes the ball very well. It's been great to have her."

An 11-0 run in the first quarter and a 12-2 run in the third helped five South



South Lyon East's Taylor Anderson puts up a shot as a South Lyon player defends. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Brother Rice shuts out Howell, shifts focus to playoffs

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Ryan Marone has been thinking about what could have been for a year now.

It was his senior night, sure. But to the Brother Rice forward, it was more than that.

On March 12, 2020, the Michigan

High School Athletic Association suspended its winter postseason tournaments indefinitely, stripping the Warriors' chance at a Division 2 state title due to COVID-19 something out of their control.

Taking the ice one year later to the day, Marone brought those feelings, those feelings that really have never left, back to the forefront for the final game

of the 2021 regular season.

"Basically we got robbed of a state championship," Marone said. "This year, we're just trying to complete that goal."

The Warriors (10-4) finished out the regular season strong, beating Howell (7-8), 5-0, at home Friday night.

In 2021, Brother Rice has not lost a game where it has scored three goals or

more.

In the first period, the Warriors offense made sure it was taking advantage of the breaks Howell was giving them.

Sophomore forward Andrew Marone and senior forward Sam Yono each scored first-period power-play goals,

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Novi AD Gordon to retire after school year

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For Brian Gordon, it was time. After 31 years as an educator — coaching teams for 20 years and working as an athletic administrator for 11 — the Novi athletic director decided that the 2020-21 school year would be his last with the school, announcing his retirement.

Gordon admitted he was considering retirement last season. But with the COVID-19 pandemic, with where high school athletics were at, it didn't feel right. He wanted to make sure he left Novi in a good place, a better place than what he inherited nine years ago.

"Our program has had so many different successes and challenges, like all athletic programs," Gordon said. "I took over a program that was one of the top in the state. I simply said I had the best job in the state when it comes to athletic directorships.

"All I tried to do was light the torch a little brighter than when I came in."

As he prepares for his final spring season as athletic director, Gordon feels the culture is strong at Novi. Over the past nine seasons, he said, the athletic program developed a family atmosphere, one that's united on giving kids an opportunity to succeed on and off the field.

"There's nothing bigger than the program," he said. "We're just part of it."

To Chris Housey, this was the atmosphere he wanted in a high school athletic program. Ever since taking over the boys basketball head coaching job, he tried to relay the message of the overall program to his team: that they are a family and in this together.

"Good or bad, we're going to figure it out and put our heads down and go to work," Housey said. "That's the kind of attitude that was what attracted me to Novi."

"It's actively promoted by the guy on top."

A unified culture

Gordon wanted to uphold the traditions of Novi in his time as athletic director. But he wanted to make sure he gave it his own flavor.

He wanted to make sure each student had the opportunity to be a part of the athletic program, a part of the culture the Wildcats developed. With this, Gordon, along with Brighton athletic director John Thompson and former Northville athletic director Bryan Masi, helped establish Unified Sports in the KLA.



Novi High School Athletic Director Brian Gordon will retire after leading the school for the last nine years and after more than 30 years in high school sports.

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The Unified Sports program offers students with intellectual disabilities a chance to play sports, something Gordon said spreads the culture of the athletic program even further than it normally would.

"It just goes to show the power of sport," Gordon said. "It's amazing how sport can really make a difference in kids' lives and how it can bring communities together for the right reason. When you watch Unified sports, it is truly the purest form: the smiles on the parents' faces, the kids' faces, the coaches' faces."

Establishing the Unified Sports basketball team four years ago, head coach Andrew Saari said it started with 15-20 students and has blossomed to more than 40 this past season.

In August, Novi was recognized as a National Banner Unified Champion School by Special Olympics North America.

"I think Brian and the Novi athletic department is all about providing opportunities for all kids regardless of



Gordon talks about the school's new workout facility during a 2015 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

their ability, regardless of where they come from," Saari said. "I think the Novi community is really big on making sure we provide all students with an opportunity to be a part of the school."

Big shoes to fill

Through the last school year with Novi, Gordon stepped back and realized how lucky the Wildcats had it.

Despite a pandemic, the athletic program was able to have a full fall season with people in the stands, still giving student-athletes an opportunity to create memories in a time, he said, they needed it.

But he knew that if he were to have passed the job along to a new athletic director during the course of the pandemic, Novi would not have been in the best shape possible.

"If it were somebody sitting in this chair who had never done this job before, it would have been pretty challenging," Gordon said. "There's a lot of behind-the-scenes stuff where some folks don't necessarily understand why we're doing what we're doing."

"Having some experience and our league sticking together as a group how we did our business at Novi was the same way we did business at Hartland. We're all in this together and rowing the boat in the right direction where we are trying to find opportunities for kids."

Novi volleyball head coach Kacy Moran saw that firsthand, leading her team to a final four appearance, watching how Gordon and the rest of the athletic staff ensured, through the rapid testing pilot program and other measures put in place, that the Wildcats would get to put a stamp on their season instead of the virus.

"I can't say enough about how much that made a difference to be able to compete this year in my sport and athletes in general," Moran said. "Overall, we are greatly going to miss his leadership, and whoever's next had big shoes to fill."

When given praise, whether it's about Novi's successes on the field or the facilities developed off of it, Gordon spreads it elsewhere.

He credits his athletic secretaries Barbara McDougall and Ashley Bootz. He credits his coaching staff, a group former Novi head football coach Jeff Burnside said has an "open-door policy" with their athletic director and his support in whatever situation.

Novi's success was not about Gordon's personal success, and he would not have it any other way.

"Nobody is bigger than the program," Gordon said. "It's what I tell kids: The difference between high school sports and club sports is you are playing for something bigger than yourself."

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North Farmington's Deon Hayes picks up his dribble and heads to the hoop. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Hopes

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the game.

Up by two points, the senior received the inbound from senior forward Bashier Jihad, hitting both free throws after a foul. Hayes then rushed back into transition defense, recording a steal to secure the win.

"We just played harder than them at the end of the day, that's all," Hayes said.

Leading 13-10 after one quarter of play, the North Farmington defense stepped up in a big way, limiting the Eagles to two points — a layup by sophomore guard Cameron Reed — while the offense ballooned its lead to 10.

Despite being outscored 18-10 in the

third quarter, North Farmington kept its composure, answering each make by the Eagles in the fourth to secure the four-point victory.

Lewis led the Eagles with 15 points, nine of which came in the first quarter.

Over the past two games, Negoshian feels his players have grown up. He said the young kids have become "varsity" players, while the seniors have realized that there's only a week left before the postseason.

With that, he said, the seniors, including Jihad, who led the team with 12 points and 13 rebounds, and Hayes, who recorded nine points, three steals and a block, have stepped up in a major way when it's counted most.

"Just their positive energy of, 'Get on to the next play,'" Negoshian said. "It's March, we can't dwell on things we did

early in the year. Live and forget and move on. Our seniors have done a great job of that in huddles and practices and timeouts and everything."

North Farmington saw what it can do defensively against the team currently leading the OAA Red. The Raiders still have a shot in the division, heading into the final two games of the season.

Despite seeing the potential of what his team can do on any given night, Hayes is still not satisfied.

"I feel like we still have a lot more work to do," Hayes said. "We'll go back into practice and get better as a team."

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East

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Lyon East enough of a cushion to secure the win against rival South Lyon, a team the Cougars have not lost to since Feb. 10, 2017.

"We struggled last year. In some regards, we're still struggling, but we've seen a lot of growth from a lot of sophomores that were with us that are now juniors, showing a lot of leadership," South Lyon head coach Chris Schroudt said. "Let's face it: they've had to battle a lot of adversity not only on the basketball court, but in the classroom. There's a lot of positive things to look forward to."

South Lyon junior Megan Macdonald led the team with seven points.

While LVC play has been successful for South Lyon East, the Cougars have struggled in non-conference play. Each of the team's four losses have come against non-conference teams, coming off a six-point loss to Mercy March 9.

But South Lyon East head coach Rob Leadley is encouraged by what he's seen in those games, saying he picked tough opponents to help the Cougars when the games became win-or-go-home.

"We played with all of them," Leadley said. "A lot of those we were in the game in the fourth quarter or we were ahead. We just have to get over the hump a little bit."

Perl said those non-conference games provide hope to the future for this team, a team that has shown what it can do at the top of the LVC, a team that's hoping to return to earn its first district championship since 2015.

"I think we're really confident we can win this year," Perl said.

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Rojas, Facundo meet again in CC loss to Davison

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Manny Rojas wanted to face Alex Facundo again.

Heading into its final match of the regular season, the Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team faced Davison: the team the Shamrocks last hoisted a Division I team state title trophy against in February 2020, one marred with controversy after Rojas earned the win against Facundo at 189 after an illegal slam call by the Cardinals' then-junior.

Having not faced each other since that moment, Rojas agreed to a rematch at 171 Saturday afternoon, eager to prove a point.

"I want to show that I want to compete with everyone in the country," Rojas said. "I proved that over the summer and I wanted to prove that again."

While Rojas, an Iowa State commit, said he and his coaching staff developed a good game plan for the match coming in and stuck to it, Facundo, a Davison senior who will wrestle at Penn State next season, showed he had something to prove, too.

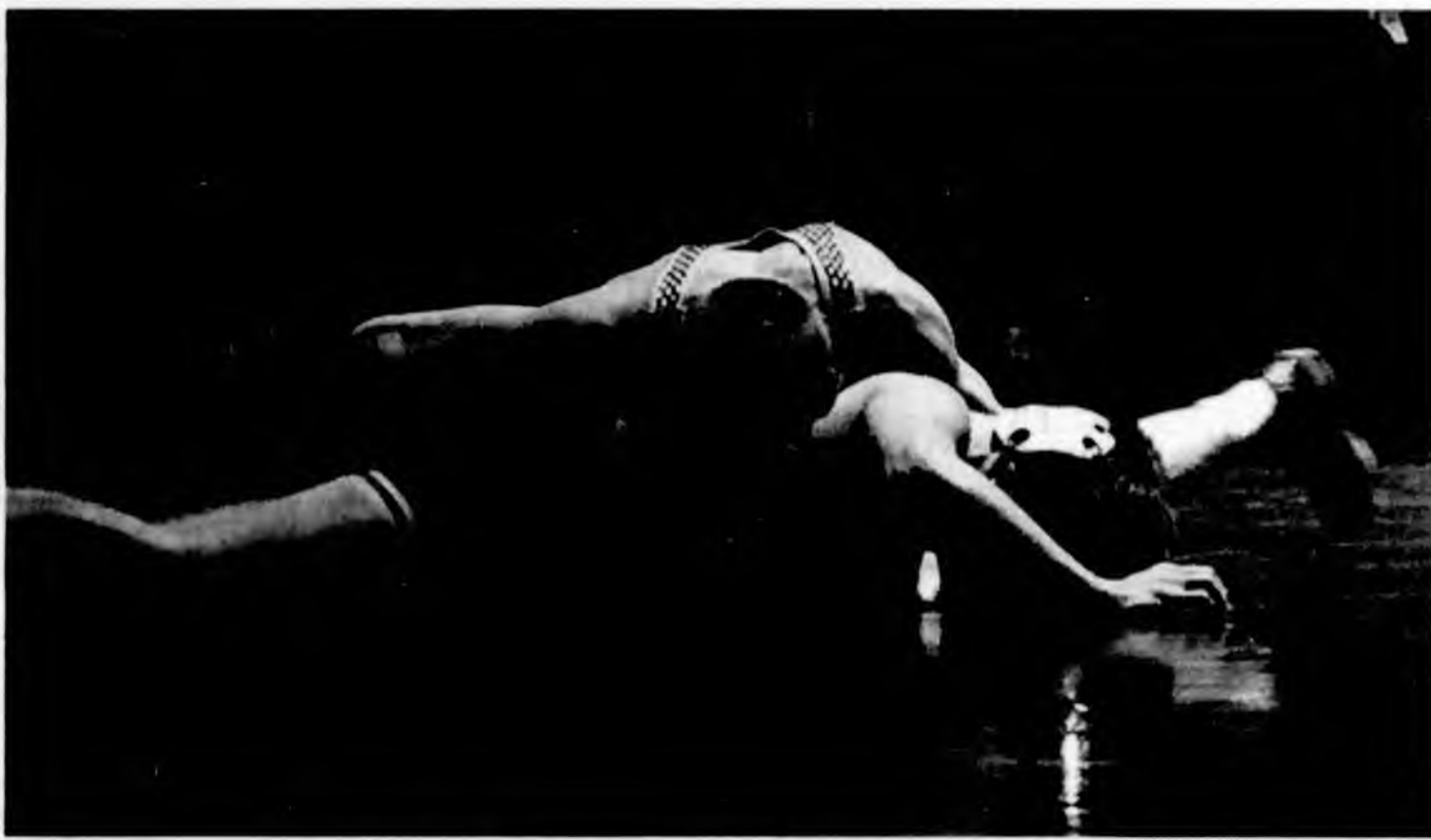
Facundo defeated Rojas in a 9-3 decision, helping Davison defeat Catholic Central, 36-9, to give the Shamrocks their first loss of the 2021 season.

In three periods, Facundo recorded four takedowns of the Catholic Central junior, including a slam in the second period in which he picked Rojas up and slammed him back to the mat, reminiscent of the approach the Davison senior took over a year ago.

"That's as good of a team as you're going to see, led by Alex Facundo: obviously a phenomenal competitor," Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock said. "We went right at them to night. We had a couple of matchups we can make happen at the state tournament. But the matches we wanted to see happened tonight, and I think that helps a lot."

Davison head coach Zac Hall knew the Rojas/Facundo matchup did not have to happen, knowing the Catholic Central junior had been wrestling at 189 a lot this season — winning an individual state title at that weight a season ago.

When Facundo found out he had the



Davison sophomore Josh Barr tries to pin down Catholic Central sophomore Cam Adams in the 160-pound matchup.
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opportunity for a rematch, Hall said he was excited the entire week leading toward the bout.

"We've been ready to wrestle him, hoping we would get it," Hall said. "Kudos to Manny and Mitch for accepting that challenge. But again, Alex will wrestle him anywhere, anytime."

While the Shamrocks lost 11 of 14 matchups Saturday afternoon, six decisions were made by only one point, while Davison sophomore Josh Barr, facing Shamrocks sophomore Cameron Adams, earned the meet's only technical fall with 9.3 seconds left in the third period.

"The score, I think, tells a lot, but then again it doesn't," Hall said. "There's a lot of close matches within that dual there. These guys are going to come to wrestle come showtime here in a couple of weeks. They always do."

Sophomore Drew Heethuis gave Catholic Central its first victory of the day, beating Davison junior Aden Wil-

liams in a 4-1 decision in a battle of top-ranked wrestlers at 112.

After two one-point losses at 130 and 135, respectively, Shamrocks sophomore Dylan Gilcher, the reigning state champion at 112, got the best of Davison sophomore Evan Herriman in a 10-7 decision. Shamrocks freshman Darius Marines recorded the third and final win for the team at 145, beating Davison sophomore Kyle White in a 9-2 upset.

But after a 4-3 decision in favor of Davison senior James Johnson, the tide turned back toward the Cardinals, finishing the meet with six straight wins.

Walking off the mat Saturday, Hancock knows the Shamrocks will likely see Davison again, more than likely in a Division I team state final. With that in his head, he knows he has three weeks: three weeks to watch film, to see what went wrong and to move forward.

"To have the film and have a great coaching staff like we do, we'll make some adjustments and make some im-

provements," Hancock said. "And I'll tell you what, we'll have a better effort in three weeks."

Hall and his Davison team left the mat confident, but knew that there would still be more to prove down the line, saying "no rings were won today" and "no banners will be raised today."

Rojas left the mat after his bout with Facundo without the win he wanted, but knew that this was not the matchup that counted most.

Instead of focusing on the outcome of this regular-season match, instead of focusing on the rankings coming out of the match, Rojas was focused on one thing: enjoying his time on the mat, knowing that this matchup, round three, is bound to happen.

"I'm looking forward to it soon," Rojas said.

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Hartland edges Novi for KLAA hockey title

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NOVI — Hartland has been near the top of the KLAA and state Division 2 hockey ranks for nearly a decade, a run that isn't likely to end any time soon.

The Eagles keep churning out new talent, with seven sophomores playing on a team that is ranked No. 2 in its division and will head into the state tournament with a 12-2-1 record.

Two of those 10th-graders scored for Hartland in a 2-1 victory over fifth-ranked Novi in the KLAA championship game March 10 at Novi Ice Arena.

Nick Halonen gave Hartland a 1-0 lead with 4:08 left in the first period and Ben Pouliot broke a 1-1 tie by jamming in a loose puck in the crease with 3:25 remaining in the game.

This is Pouliot's first season in high school hockey after scoring 34 goals and 30 assists in 85 games for the Victory Honda 15U AAA team last season.

"We're here for the next three years to win," Pouliot said. "It's awesome. I get to be with my buddies every day, guys from school. I love it. It's just the culture we have here being around each other every day. It's a lot better than travel, AAA."

The goal was the fifth of the season for Pouliot, ending a 10-game goal-less streak after he scored four times in the first four games.

Whether he's putting the puck in the net or not, Pouliot has impressed Hartland coach Rick Gadwa this season with his maturity on the ice.

"He plays like a senior as a sophomore, which is an amazing thing for a coach to see," Gadwa said. "His compete level is out the roof. He brings it every single day, whether it's at practice or a game; he starts with that."

After trailing by a goal most of the game, Novi finally evened the score when Steven Perrine went to the net to poke a shot past goalie Ryan Piros with 13:23 left in the third after the Wildcats won a faceoff in the Eagles' zone.

On the winning goal, senior defenseman Noah Luck blocked a shot on a rush by Novi senior Austin Balconi. Pouliot grabbed the loose puck and carried it into the Wildcats' zone. He cut toward the net for a shot in the slot that was



Hartland's Ben Pouliot, who scored the winning goal with 3:25 remaining, handles the puck in front of Novi's Sam Lewinski in the KLAA hockey championship game March 10 at Novi Ice Arena. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

saved by Novi goalie Austin Muirhead. The puck laid in the crease near Muirhead's right pad and was jammed home by Pouliot.

"I got the puck, I shot it at the net, then everybody crashed," Pouliot said. "As a team, we all went in there and we poked it in. I got the final goal. It was awesome. It was a team goal."

Piros once again put Hartland in a position to win, turning aside 27 of 28 shots. His biggest save came with 11 minutes left in the second period when he stopped a penalty shot by Balconi. The penalty shot was awarded because a Hartland player covered the puck with his glove in the crease.

Piros is 2-for-2 stopping penalty shots this season, having thwarted Ryan Marone of Birmingham Brother Rice in a 3-2 loss on Feb. 13.

"Just waiting him out is the big key," Piros said. "Obviously, there's pressure, but when you have a good group of kids on the bench and you want to battle for them, it means just that much more to make that stop, so it relieves some of the pressure."

It was only the second loss of the season for Novi (9-2-2), which replaced three-time defending champion Livonia Stevenson in the KLAA championship game because the Spartans were shut down because of COVID-19 issues. Each team would have to reach the state championship game to meet again.

"They're one of the best teams in the state," said Gadwa, whose team won its first KLAA title since 2017. "They beat us the last time. We were in another one-goal game with them here. They're not a sleeper whatsoever. They're a very, very

good hockey team."

Novi played in the KLAA championship game only one other time, losing 4-3 to Howell in 2011, the year the Wildcats were state Division 1 champions.

"Most of the seniors are third-year players," Novi coach Mark Velucci said. "They were here for the so-called rebuild three years ago. We had a great season last year, the second half especially. We had a great game with Stevenson, a triple-overtime loss (in the regional final)."

"With the year we've had with COVID and everything, first of all we're fortunate to be playing, and the boys realize that. Second, they're doing everything in their power to stay healthy. We're looking to make a run. I think we put Novi back on the map. ... It's going to be a gauntlet for anyone, but we'll be ready."

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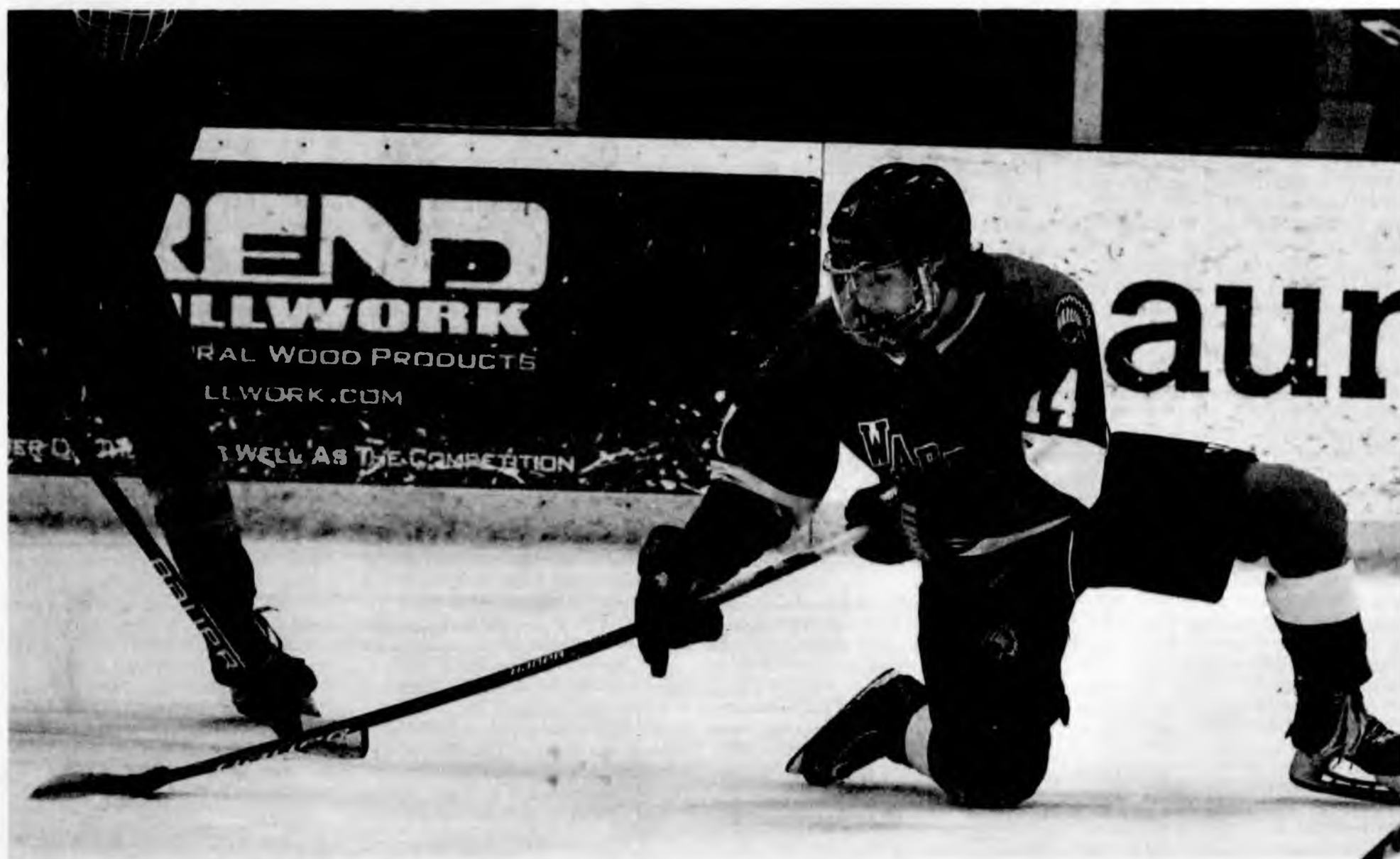
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Brother Rice's Ryan Marone, right, takes a knee as he gathers up the puck during a game against Howell. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Playoffs

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connecting on two of the Warriors 15 shots on goal in the first 17 minutes.

After a score by junior forward Parker Young gave Brother Rice a three-goal advantage after two periods — taking passes from Ryan Marone and Luke Dudley on a fast break of three skaters against Howell goalkeeper Ean Badgett — the Warriors added two more goals in the third period: a power-play score by senior captain Alec Hamady and a goal from Peter Rosa.

"We haven't really had the floodgates

open on offense until the last few games," Brother Rice head coach Ken Chaput said. "It's good to see people put pucks in the net, it's good to see the confidence of kids. You like to see them enjoy and have fun while staying locked in."

Even despite a slew of penalties on both sides — combining for 16 whistles, including 10 by Howell — the Highlanders failed to break senior Drake Danou's seal at goal, recording 23 saves.

"This is the kind of team we're going to face if we're fortunate enough to get to a regional final game or a final four, like we were heading toward last year," Howell head coach Rocky Johnson said. "This is the kind of team you are going to

play and, quite frankly, you have to step up and play with some intensity and some heart.

"This kind of gives them a wake-up call of what they're going to see."

As Brother Rice put a stamp on its regular season with its third shutout of the season, Chaput knows this playoff run means more than most.

The head coach described it as a "two-year run" at a championship, saying that his team has learned to seize each opportunity.

But Chaput knows it's not a given. He knows that one encounter with a COVID-19-positive player or coach could end the season for a player or even a team.

However, that's why Chaput and the rest of the team's focus is on what they have in front of them: responding to a game against a team that was on its way to the Final Four in 2020 with a 5-0 shutout.

And with playoffs looming, Marone's mentality has not shifted. He's hoping he has a chance to finish the job that last year's group started.

"Next game, if we lose, we're done," he said. "That's how it is: We have to win every game."

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Volunteers, virtual programs keep DIA running

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"We do this for love, no pay. I love the idea of bringing the museum to the people," Bloomfield Hills resident Carlene Van Voorhies explains. "I have always been interested in art. I give 200 to 250 talks and tours a year Van Voorhies."

She serves as an Interpretive Program Volunteer (IPV) for the Detroit Institute of Art.

With the passing of the millage to support the museum by residents of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties in 2010 and the renewal in 2020, the DIA offers extensive outreach in metro Detroit. Although currently on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, thousands of school children and seniors benefit from free bus service to bring them to the DIA. Admission to the museum is free for tri-county residents.

Carlene VanVoorhies is part of a dedicated group of well-trained IPV volunteers. Each received a year-long training by curators of the various collections at the museum. After studying the scripts for presentations, each of the volunteers presents the program to the manager of volunteer development, Christine Mark, for approval.

"Not only do our IPVs play a critical role in helping the DIA fulfill its mission of creating experiences that help each

"The support (volunteers) provide to the museum at all levels is invaluable; I am deeply appreciative of the time and talents they share with us."

Salvador Salort-Pons Director, DIA

visitor find personal meaning in art, but they are also a key component of our engagement outside the museum, conducting art talks throughout the region," Salvador Salort-Pons, DIA director, said. "The support they provide to the museum at all levels is invaluable; I am deeply appreciative of the time and talents they share with us."

"VanVoorhies is one of our 600 hard-working, dedicated volunteers," Mark said. "We get feedback and comments from visitors on how the volunteers enrich their museum experiences."

Among the DIA's outreach programs is its Behind the Seen program, which brings art-related topics to the community.

The goal of the Behind the Seen program is to help visitors and listeners learn about what people see when they visit the museum.

There are about 18 different topics for presentations. The IPVs must obtain

approval for each of their topics. Anyone may request having a speaker come to their library, school, senior center or other organization. Popular topics include In the Garden which includes paintings by Cassatt and Monet, Through Her Eyes, which features women artists, and Diego Rivera and the Detroit Industry Murals.

"People are very grateful that someone comes and talks to them, although currently most are virtual programs," VanVoorhies said. "One time at the Fleischman Center the seniors were particularly interested in the Diego Rivera Court presentation. One woman had tears in her eyes as she remembered Wayne State University students enjoying meeting one another in the court for cheap dates."

The presentation included background on the frescoes which were created in 1932 and 1933 by Diego Rivera. They were a gift from Edsel Ford. It is now a national historic monument.

The DIA is considered by experts to be one of the top six art museums in the United States. It has more than 100 galleries and 65,000 artifacts, not all of which are on display. It has one of the largest and most distinguished collections of European art. In 1922, a museum representative purchased the first Van Gogh painting to be featured in a United States museum. The famous

self-portrait is now one of the treasures in the collection.

One exhibit, which is a favorite of visitors is The French Table. Beautiful pieces of porcelain and silverware are set on a table shown by video which changes the dishes and foods in a five-minute cycle of courses in a three-hour dinner which would have been served to French aristocracy.

The dishes shown are among the fine artifacts of the DIA.

Galleries feature art from ancient days to contemporary times including paintings, graphic art, and artifacts from African, Asian, Oceanic, Islamic, European and African American art.

People confined to home at this time may also benefit from the program offerings of the DIA. Going online to dia.org one may sign up for the newsletter which features information about online programs which are available to anyone. At 1 p.m. Thursday a program is featured. There are also many other programs accessible on the site.

Visitors come from all over the world to view the fine collections of art.

The Detroit Institute of Arts is a wonderful asset in the Detroit community.

The DIA is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Ticket reservations are required and can be obtained online at dia.org.

Obituaries

William Arthur Dunphy

As the fiddle began to play, Bill Dunphy strolled out to the center of the stage in Fellowship Hall and gazed musingly out to the audience. He had already transformed himself from a respected elder at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church into Teyve from the little village of Anatevka. He posed the question, "A fiddler on the roof?" And, then the magic began. Of the many church musicals in which he played the lead role, Fiddler on the Roof was, perhaps, his favorite. No one who has ever heard his beautiful tenor voice singing "Sunrise, Sunset" is likely to forget it.



William Arthur (Bill) Dunphy died in the early hours of Saturday, March 13th, after a long performance of over 93 years on life's stage, ending with a short run of less than 36 hours at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

Bill was born and lived all of his early years in the Brightmoor neighborhood of Detroit, Michigan. He was the son of Bernard and Luella (née Pierce) Dunphy, who raised their family supplemented by worship and song at Strathmoor Judson Memorial Baptist Church. His older half-sister, Muriel Rice (Pastor Ronald), of Winston-Salem, NC, and younger brother, Maurice Dunphy (Suzanne), of Westland, MI, predeceased him. Three of Bill's four grandparents were Irish. The Pierces, his mother's family, came most recently from Ontario, where Bill spent summers working on Aunt Maggie's farm.

Bill began his ministry with a church of his own, Schaefer Baptist Church in Detroit, became an associate pastor at the larger Trinity Baptist Church in Detroit, and then moved his family, with the church, to Livonia, Michigan, where he and his wife raised their family. While Bill left formal ministry in the early 1960s, the skills that had made him a successful pastor and choir director remained the four cornerstones of his long life: faith, music, writing, and, above all, his enjoyment of people. After 15 years at Blue Cross as Director of Training and Management, he worked for 22 years with The

Forum Corporation as a Resource Network Associate, helping numerous international Fortune 500 companies become better. Once he finally retired, he devoted much of his time to religious writing, publishing his first book Voices from The Word (Westbow Press, 2017), dedicated "To the glory of God and to Caroline, my understanding and loving wife, artist, and the mother of our two creative children." Many times, Bill received an award during his church's May mission trips: "A man after God's own heart." He was.

Bill and Caroline Dunphy celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on August 12, 2020. Their strong partnership continues to serve as a model for others. Bill loved Caroline very much, and he is survived by his loving wife, Bill, also known as Dad, Papa, and Grandpa is much loved by his wife, Caroline, artist-owner of the former Painter's Place in Northville; his children, Maureen Dunphy (Craig Daly) and Gregg Dunphy (Diana Newton Wood); his grandchildren: Meagan Dunphy-Daly (Jason Somarelli), Caitlin Barr (Andrew Barr), John Wood (Dee Wood), Liam Dunphy, and Tim Dunphy; and his five great-grandchildren: Avery Grace, Caden, and Tyler Somarelli, and Heather and John Wood.

Bill will be remembered for his welcoming smile and how his eyes lit up just at the sight of you—you always knew he cared—and for his eagerness to listen to your story and to enthusiastically support you in reaching your goals.

Bill's ashes will be buried in the Memorial Garden of their church. A memorial service will be held at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, Michigan, on a summer Saturday in 2021. In lieu of flowers, contributions would be appreciated to Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard St., Livonia, MI 48150.

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Bonnie Lynn Pawlowski

SOUTH LYON - Bonnie Lynn Pawlowski, of South Lyon, peacefully passed at Agape Hospice of South Carolina on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 surrounded by her loving family she was 76 years old.



Bonnie was born in Detroit on September 8, 1945 to the late Robert W. and Georgina Nelson. She is survived by her husband Ron of 52 years. Daughters Adrienne Saperstein (Chad), Averill Meadows (Joe) and grandchildren Connor and Casey Meadows. Preceded in death by her brother Robert D. Nelson (Pat). Many extended family members and dear friends.

Bonnie loved her family with all her heart. She was the ultimate wife, mother, grand-mother, friend and co-worker. She had friends everywhere she went. She was always there to lend advice to others and was the best listener to anyone who needed to vent. She was always so kind and caring and worried about everyone else.

Bonnie's talents were endless. She was the best gift giver. She loved working in her yard and decorating her home and never missed a detail. She also worked part-time doing interior design work which was her true passion. She will be deeply missed by so many she was truly one of a kind.

Donations may be made in Bonnie's name to Agape Hospice of South Carolina <https://www.hpcfoundation.org/> Due to covid, a service will be held later this summer in Michigan.



Bill targets transgender athletes in high schools

Dave Boucher Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

A new bill offered in the Michigan Senate would ban transgender high school athletes from playing with the team that corresponds with the student's gender identity.

The measure, sponsored by Sen. Lanna Theis, R-Brighton, and 12 other Republicans, aims to prevent transgender boys from playing on boys teams and transgender girls from playing on girls teams.

"If the school designates a team in an interscholastic athletic activity offered to pupils enrolled at the school as a girls', women's, or female team, a requirement that each pupil who competes for a position on that team or who is selected to compete on that team must be female based on biological sex," the bill states.

There is comparable language for a "boys', men's, or male team."

It's unclear how the measure would be enforced or what the penalties would be for an athlete, school or district in violation of the proposed law.

In theory, the bill would not prevent an athlete from participating on a team with someone of a different gender if that team was not designated as a girls or boys team. For example, many high schools only have one wrestling, softball or football team. But if a district designated one of these as a boys or girls team, it appears the law would apply.

"As a society, we fought for generations to ensure girls and women, through Title IX, have an equal opportunity to compete in athletics on a level playing field," Theis said in a statement Wednesday afternoon.

"Sadly, today, identity politics threatens all that was sacrificed and gained. Across our country, biological females are losing opportunities at titles, records, scholarships and, at times, participation itself."

Theis did not cite any examples opportunities lost in her statement, and did not respond to questions sent to a



The bill would ban a transgender boy from playing on a high school boys team, and a transgender girl from playing on a high school girls team. JUNFU HAN/DFP

Senate spokesman.

Republicans Legislatures in more than 20 states, including Tennessee, Mississippi, South Dakota and Maine, have considered similar bills, reports the Associated Press. According to Transathlete.com, Michigan is one of eight states where the high school athletic association has not issued any guidance pertaining to transgender athletes.

A spokesman for the Michigan High School Athletic Association did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Erin Knott, president of LGBTQ advocacy organization Equality Michigan, argued the bill would be unconstitutional and attacks vulnerable young people.

"Kids learn a lot of important life lessons in sports: leadership, confidence, self-respect, and what it means to be part of a team," Knott said.

"School officials shouldn't treat a

transgender female student as a girl between 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and then treat her like she's a boy when sports practice starts. It's deeply hurtful to the student and disrupts the school's policy of treating all kids fairly."

The legislation came after President Joe Biden signed an executive order in the first days after taking office that pointed to a recent Supreme Court decision in arguing any discrimination based on gender and sex is wrong.

"Every person should be treated with respect and dignity and should be able to live without fear, no matter who they are or whom they love," the order states.

"Children should be able to learn without worrying about whether they will be denied access to the restroom, the locker room, or school sports."

The order points to a 2020 ruling from the high court. In a 6-3 opinion, the court found it was a violation to fire someone solely due to the fact that person is gay or transgender.

The court's decision also involved a separate case involving Aimee Stephens, a transgender woman fired from her job at a Garden City funeral home due to her gender identity.

Justice Neil Gorsuch, appointed by former President Donald Trump, authored the majority opinion. In his writing, Gorsuch acknowledges that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 will be broadly applied moving forward.

"(The law) is written in starkly broad terms. It has repeatedly produced unexpected applications, at least in the view of those on the receiving end of them," Gorsuch wrote.

"Congress's key drafting choices — to focus on discrimination against individuals and not merely between groups and to hold employers liable whenever sex is a 'but for' cause of the plaintiff's injuries — virtually guaranteed that unexpected applications would emerge over time. This elephant has never hidden in a mousehole; it has been standing before us all along."

The Biden administration cited this opinion as a broad rationale for banning any form of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. It's unclear how courts might interpret any legal challenges to a law specifically preventing transgender athletes from playing in the sport of their gender identity.

Michigan lawmakers in the House and Senate earlier this week introduced measures to add sexual orientation and gender identity protections to the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, the state's pre-eminent anti-discrimination law. Sponsors are confident they have enough support to pass the measure in the House and Senate if the bills come up for a vote.

The transgender athlete bill was assigned to a committee led by Theis, a sign it will likely advance from that committee. With 13 sponsors of the legislation, it would only require six more senators who support the bill to advance out of the Senate.

Fowlerville linebacker Lampman signs with Adrian College

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Jack Lampman didn't realize how much he was going to miss football until it was over.

The Fowlerville linebacker was indecisive about continuing the sport in college, but he found clarity once his senior year ended with a second-round playoff loss to Mason.

"I wasn't sure at first, but when it stopped this year, I was like, I still want to play football," Lampman said. "It was a goal after football ended."

Lampman's quest to play college football will take him to Adrian College, which has three players from Pinckney on its roster.

"I just like the way their program is," Lampman said. "They said over 80% of students who go there play sports.



Lampman

That's how they get people to go there is they have good sports.

"I just thought they were better than a lot of other schools that reached out to me."

Lampman has been playing football since first grade and was a three-year starting linebacker for Fowlerville, helping the Gladiators

reach the second round of the state playoffs twice.

Lampman led Fowlerville in total tackles as a senior with 24 solos and 29 assists.

In his career, he had 61 solos, 64 assists, six sacks and three interceptions.

"The coach (at Adrian) liked me at outside linebacker," he said. "He liked the way I force everything back inside."

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As a high school student, you constantly hear about the importance of education. There are countless resources available to help you succeed in school.

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Whether you need money to pay for your car insurance, gas money or just entertainment, there are great jobs out there for high school students — even if you have no real work experience. If you are responsible, well-mannered and motivated, you can find a job that pays well and is flexible enough to work around your school schedule.

Here are a few of the best jobs for high school students with no experience:

Barista

These makers of fancy coffee drinks are in high demand. Customers often leave tips. As a bonus, certain high-profile chains offer tuition assistance for college.

Catering staff

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Front desk receptionist

If you can answer phone calls and greet people with a smile, front desk receptionist could be the job for you. Many businesses need someone at the front to answer



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and community centers hire lifeguards; some require CPR certification.

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Are you good at a certain subject? Someone else is struggling with it. Turn your talent into a job as a tutor and help others reach their potential.

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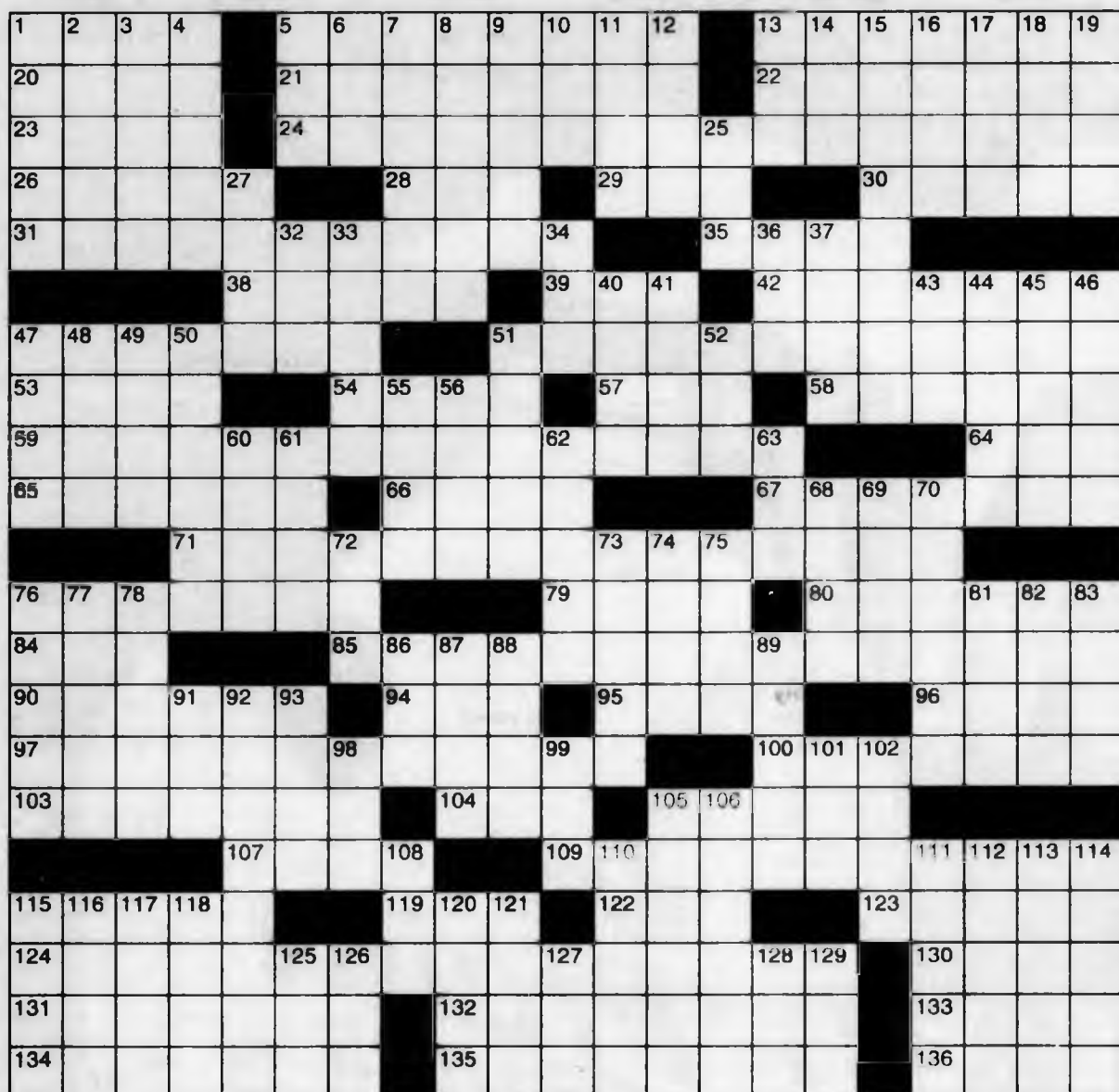
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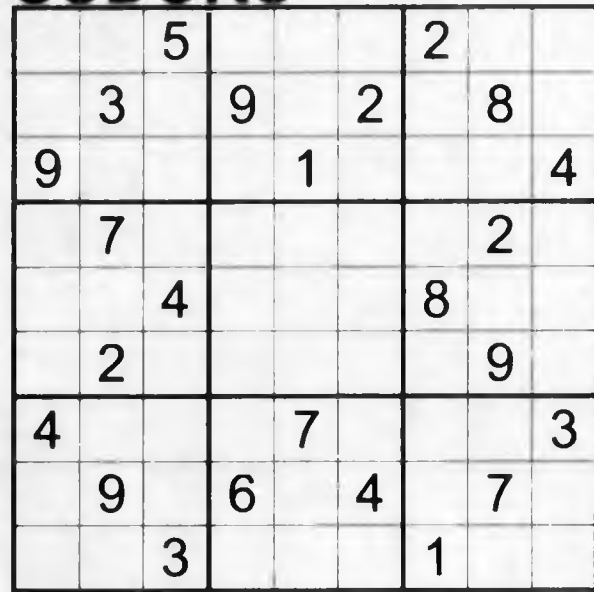
ON A MISSION

- ACROSS**
- 1 Doorway part
5 Mix for a deli sandwich
13 Snooty sort
20 River in Europe and Asia
21 Long, bitter speech
22 Popular hot sauce brand
23 Calf-length skirt
24 Navigable sea route in southern Chile
26 Hayloft sites
28 Home to Boise: Abbr.
29 Extra game periods, for short
30 Distrustful
31 Designer for Jackie Kennedy
35 1958 Leslie Caron film
38 Head dog
39 — tai (drink)
42 Really must
47 Tag again
51 One mapping terrain
53 In excess of
54 "Woe —!"
57 Prefix with sense
- 58 — Melodies (old cartoon series)
59 Stand-up comedy TV series
64 Ending for form
65 Wince
66 Pakistani's language
67 Like circles
71 Daniel Boone or Johnny Appleseed
76 Lustrous gem
79 Pushpin's kin
80 Jewel box for music
84 Color
85 Kia Sedona competitor
90 Mystery's Christie
94 Org. offering tows
95 Actor Morales
96 Sundae toppings
97 Florence institute near the Uffizi Gallery
100 New York Giants' div.
103 Gussied up
104 MGM's lion
105 Tree yielding chocolate
107 "QED" center
109 Eric the Red, for one
- 115 Alvin of choreography
119 Klutz
122 Pumped stuff
123 Flood stopper
124 All through the dark hours
130 Show sleepiness
131 Most promising
132 "Been there myself, man"
133 Really liking
134 Combination punches
135 Sends along
- 136 Org. associated with the nine missions featured in this puzzle
- 1 Very big
2 Common typeface
3 "The Treasure of the Sierra —"
4 Flashy jewelry, informally
5 Mag staffers
6 "Skedaddle!"
7 Tastelessly showy
8 Sports venues
- 9 Suffix with sect
10 Illuminated
11 "Peek- —!"
12 Skillful and clever
13 JFK datum
14 Fall behind
15 Religious convert's cry
16 Anecdote
17 Atoll part
18 Wound result
19 Actor Danza
25 Soup additive, for short
27 Strikebreaker
32 Bar drink
33 Skedaddle
34 "— little teapot ..."
36 Shiba — (Japanese dog breed)
37 Virus, e.g.
40 A.D. part
41 False god
43 German "the"
44 Sundae topping
45 Sheer linen fabric
46 Greek mountain nymph
47 Use deep massage on
48 Blackhearted
49 Strauss of jeans
- 50 Sports venues
51 — double life
52 TV show since fall '75
55 Feng —
56 Old Ford make, in brief
60 Pinnacle
61 Those people
62 Kicks on football fields
63 Suffix with ball or bass
68 Spanish for "dry"
69 Lamarr of "Boom Town"
70 Esoteric
72 Camcorder button abbr.
73 Primitive kind of diet
74 Freezes
75 Creole veggie
76 Winner, informally
77 Foretell
81 Water, to Juanita
82 Mounts, as a gemstone
83 Formerly, formerly
86 "2001" computer
87 Train support
88 Harvard rival
89 Singer Gill
91 Golf peg
- 92 Melon variety
93 Golden — (senior)
98 Cavity fillers' org.
99 Mega years
101 Most preferred: Abbr.
102 Corkscrew
105 Baby bed
106 Analyzes in a lab
108 "Tik —"
109 (#1 Kesha hit)
110 Stares at creepily
111 Enter, as to a database
112 An ex-Trump
113 Lizardlike amphibians
114 Port of Italy
115 "Hair" hairdo
116 Pumped stuff
117 Suffer defeat
118 Discharge
120 Leave — (reward the server)
121 World Cup gp.
125 Gl tour gp.
126 Intersectors of aves.
127 French "the"
128 Vie for the affection of
129 "Sister Act" figure



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com.

SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★★

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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A C A O Y E A W F E H E Z A A N P
N I S R N F T D E A Z L T U U M E A
D L M N T F R C M E T O A X R I M S
L O R D O S E I E I T U D G B T I S
E B Z O K B E C E P R H A N E N T I
M M B S S M B L T N X E E T F I N O
V Y G O O E D I C I D E R A I J E N
A S N T U D S W R H O A N S R O S Q
L U I O U Q S R E B F N D U M T N E
E O L C T G U N E F E B E R O D A S
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