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## **Rezoning postponed for Milford development**

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

The Milford Township Planning Commission unanimously postponed a recommendation to rezone property for a massive housing development, while simultaneously showing signs of support for the project pending some tweaks.

Kensington Ridge, a proposed 851 unit housing development, requires rezoning 335 acres of property at the southwest corner of Milford and Maple roads along the township's southern border.

Commissioner Bill Mazzara, township board liaison, made the motion to postpone, saying denial was too premature. The commission will take up the issue again at the April meeting, follow-

ing discussions between planners and the applicant about density at the north end of development, changes to road access to Maple Lakes and a water supply plan.

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Lottery winner burned breakfast, called lawyer

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

What's the first thing you do if you win the lattern?

Matt Lyson, co-founder of Michigan Duck Rescue and Sanctuary, pets Bonnie Boy on March 13 in Salem Township. "They're social animals," Theresa Lyson, co-founder, said. PHOTOS BY ANTRANK TAVITIAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

# Duck sanctuary is for the birds

Antranik Tavitian Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Theresa and Matt Lyson walked into a local feed store and walked out with five Pekin ducks. They were abandoned and in need of a home.

That was 2006.

And in 2014, with nearly 50 rescued ducks, the couple started the nonprofit Michigan Duck Rescue and Sanctuary.

"You know, a rescue here, a rescue there, and here we are,"

Theresa Lyson said. Now they have upward of 600 domestic. and wild ducks, geese, and a couple of swans.

Inside the 5.3-acre swath of land in Salem Township, just 20 minutes

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Stephanie Paoli comforts Bobbie Boy at the Michigan Duck Rescue and Sanctuary. Bonnie Boy is over 20 years old and came from Florida.

win the lottery?

For the winners of the billion dollar Mega Millions jackpot, it was burn breakfast, and then call a lottery lawyer.

That lawyer, Kurt Panouses, established a new club name for his clients, Wolverine FLL, and accepted the prize on their behalf from Michigan Lottery officials March 12.

He shared a few vague tidbits on the winners, while expounding more on the advice he gives them and others who have newfound wealth of mindboggling proportions.

The winners are "really good friends who are probably best friends now."

They are between the ages of 45 and 65.

They would be better described as all being from southeast Michigan rather than Oakland County.

They have "educational backgrounds" but Panouses would neither confirm nor deny that they are educators as was previously speculated.

They are fans of the University of Michigan, hence the club name under which their prize was claimed the "Wolverine FLL Club" although the Spartans cheer "Go Green" might seem more fitting after they raked in \$557 million after taxes.

One member of the group stopped at the Kroger store at 47650 Grand

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## **Operating millage proposal set for May in Northville**

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Residents of Northville and Northville Township will be asked May 4 to renew a non-homestead operating millage proposal that, if passed, will allow Northville Public Schools to receive its full operational dollars currently authorized under Proposal A.

The State of Michigan assumes that all school districts levy the maximum allowable operating millage and will not compensate a school district for lost

revenues if the millage does not pass. If voters do not renew the 19.2383mill operating millage, Northville Public Schools will lose about \$10 million in op-

erating revenue based on estimated 2021 taxable values, the district stated. This millage applies only to non-

homestead property such as businesses, rental properties and second homes.

Voters can learn more about the proposal at www.northvilleschools.org/ election2021.

The proposal is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2021 tax levy.

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## Case of the mystery seed packets cracked

Carol Thompson Lansing State Journal USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

LANSING - Remember those mystery seed packets landing, unsolicited, in mailboxes across the U.S. last year?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said they cracked the case last month. The packets were likely sent as part of a "brushing scam," the department said, and did not appear to contain any harmful seeds

Most of the seed packets contained a

mix of horticultural and ornamental plants, such as sunflower, broccoli, radish, green bean and coriander, USDA spokesperson Cecilia Sequeira said.

Brushing scams are fairly common, the USDA said in a February release about the seeds. In a brushing scam, a company will send cheap items to people who didn't purchase them in order to increase their output, hopefully boosting their products' ratings and position in internet searches.

In July, the Michigan Department of

Agriculture and Rural Development was flooded with calls as people around Michigan, including Ingham County, reported receiving packets of seeds they hadn't requested. People in other states were, too.

It was a strange time for state agriculture officials, said Robin Rosenbaum, MDARD plant health section manager. They were inundated with reports of mysterious seed packets appearing across Michigan.

"I'm not kidding you, it was a Friday, I

got a couple calls and I thought 'this is weird, there's a couple similar calls," she said. "By Monday, I was getting a hundred calls a day on my cell phone."

Roughly 1,600 Michiganders reported receiving the seeds, she said. The department set up an online reporting system to make it easier to collect information.

Some had ordered seeds but didn't recognize the packets as what they had purchased. Some had not ordered seeds and received the packets by surprise.

## **Teacher accused of** sexually assaulting student may settle

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

A teacher accused of grooming and sexually assaulting students is working toward a potential settlement with Oakland County prosecutors.

During a March 18 Zoom hearing, Judge Yasmine Poles talked with attorneys privately before saying on the record that they're working to see if the case can be resolved before going to trial.

The judge scheduled a new April 15 hearing.

"That will be our last pretrial in this matter," Poles said.

Jason Dean faces five counts of criminal sexual conduct. Prosecutors say he took advantage of a 14-year-old student in 2010 when he was teaching at Cedar Crest Academy, a private K-8 school in Springfield Township.

He also coached soccer and basketball during his sexual relationship with the child.

His trial is scheduled for May 20.

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where COVID-19 isn't leaving anytime soon. New additions include upgraded booths and seating, as well as the addition of recessed lighting and removal of the old lighting system. Improvements were also made to the kitchen and prep area as well.

Additional renovations were made to owns Olga's Kitchen recently unveiled better accommodate diners who may about \$150,000 in renovations to the not feel comfortable coming in and ordering sit-down service. Those include an expanded space for delivery pickups through third-party services such as DoorDash and Uber Eats, as well as open the space up by moving counters. "We took the front counter out, making it more inviting for the guests," said Michael Kosloski, the brand vice president for Olga's. "We've upgraded our IT and we now have touchless payment for our guests." The Novi restaurant is just the latest Olga's to receive a facelift since TSFR bought the company in 2015. Other restaurants across the region have seen remodels in recent years as the company refreshes. Other area Olga's restaurants are located in Canton, Livonia, Westland and Bloomfield Township. First opened in 1970 in Birmingham by Olga Loizon, the restaurant focuses on Greek and Mediterranean foods such as pita bread sandwiches, spinach pies and curly fries. The main dish served, according to Executive Chef Chris Amicucci? The Original Olga, a pita bread sandwich made with beef and lamb, tomato, sweet onion and Olga sauce.





The renovated interior of Olga's kitchen in Novi. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Olga's Kitchen gets \$150K makeover

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICH

It's been a busy five years for TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants when it comes to reinvigorating the Olga's Kitchen brand.

The Livonia-based company that

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regional chain's Novi restaurant at 47960 Grand River Ave. The restaurant sports a new look with Olga's-themed wall hangings and redone lighting throughout the dining room.

"This is a great, iconic, Detroit-area brand and it's very much a part of the fabric of the community," said Mark Schostak, executive chairman for TSFR. "It's something very special. We wanted to take that special part of the Olga's brand and build upon it."

The restaurant spent most of early 2021 renovating the space. With indoor dining shuttered through Feb. 1, it gave the restaurant time to work on the space and revamp it in a world

> Even with dining rooms allowed to be open at a percentage, Kosloski said

Olga's Kitchen sits at 47960 Grand **River Ave** 

takeout remains about 70% of business on a regular basis. But once more restrictions are lifted and more people dine out, the company expects the Novi location to become an attraction like before the pandemic.

"In this community, we still do a lot of dine-in business, and I expect that during our lunch and dinner periods when we get to open the dining rooms to full capacity, we'll be full in here again during those peak periods," Kosloski said. "We want to be able to accommodate a great experience for the guests that dine in, as well as to-go. So it's critically important that we provide a nice, comfortable environment for a family or for business folks to come in."



Mark Schostak talks about the investment his business made in renovations.

## **CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN** NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Election Commission will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday May 4, 2021. The test will be conducted at 4:00 PM on Monday, March 29, 2021 on the Zoom Video Conference electronic meeting platform.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

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NOTE THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. MCL 15.261, ET SEQ., AS AMENDED. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE ELECTRONICALLY, AS DESCRIBED BELOW.

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the City will be utilizing the video/audio conferencing platform ZOOM to conduct the March 29, 2021 Election Commission meeting.

In order to connect to the meeting through ZOOM a member of the public needs to do the following:

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Participants may also choose to submit comments that can be read into the record. Comments can be submitted via an electronic form on www.cityofnovi.org Comments shall be sent prior to 3:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The electronic form can be found at: www. cityofnovi.org/eccomment

As of the date of this notice, Election Commission members are expected to log in to ZOOM. There may also be some City personnel at City Hall overseeing this meeting.

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## Deputies called after woman found dead in Highland home

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

A 34-year-old Highland Township woman was found dead in her bedroom March 10 when a worried co-worker visited because she hadn't shown up for work.

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies said in their report the woman's young sons allowed the co-worker to enter their downtown Highland home.

The co-worker knocked on the woman's locked door. He then broke through to find the woman in bed,

obviously deceased.

Drug paraphernalia was in the bedroom. Highland Township firefighters provided telemetry data to a local hospital, where a physician pronounced death.

The children's father is also deceased, and Children's Protective Services was contacted.

A maternal grandmother was contacted but she was out of town. The boys were turned over to the grandmother's boyfriend until she returns to the area.

An autopsy was scheduled, and an investigation continues.

## **Deputies investigate Highland Twp. death**

Susan Vela Hometownlife com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

First responders could not revive a 50-year-old Highland Township man found by his ex-wife, according to Oakland County Sheriff's deputies.

Deputies said the woman's call at about 3:28 a.m. March 15 sent them to the 3000 block of Duck Lake Road, where they took over CPR until Highland Township firefighters arrived.

Deputies also administered a dose of Naloxone, but there were no life-reviving effects.

The unresponsive man had a history of substance abuse and medical issues.

## South Lyon man dies after crashing into tree

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

An 81-year-old man died Monday after his vehicle ran off a curving Lyon Township road, according to Oakland County Sheriff's deputies.

Deputies said in the report the unnamed South

Lyon man was eastbound on Silver Lake Road in a 2020 Chevrolet Equinox when his SUV ran off the roadway near Dixboro Road and struck a tree at about 3 p.m.

The injured driver was alert at the scene and told deputies he had fallen asleep at the wheel.

Paramedics transported him to Ascension Provi-

dence Hospital in Novi.

He initially was listed in stable condition but deputies learned about two hours later that the driver had succumbed to his injuries.

The driver was wearing his seatbelt and alcohol apparently was not a factor.

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## New trial set for Green Oak Twp. man convicted of rape

Sara Kellner Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

One year after a jury convicted Zachary Lally of rape, Livingston County Chief Judge Michael Hatty granted him a new trial.

On March 11, 2020, Lally, 22, of Greek Oak Township was found guilty of three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct causing personal injury and one count each of second-degree criminal sexual conduct causing injury and assault with intent to commit sexual penetration.

The victim in the case testified Lally raped her multiple times in the fall of 2018 in Green Oak Township.

Tom Kizer, one of Lally's attorneys, filed a motion in June asking for a new trial, claiming former Livingston County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Pamela Maas committed several instances of misconduct.

In a hearing March 11, Hatty said he found multiple examples of behavior by Maas that interfered with Lally's defense and could have unfairly swayed the jury.

"The court finds that each of these actions could have affected the outcome of the trial," Hatty said.

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The victim in the case testified Lally raped her multiple times in the fall of 2018 in Green Oak Township.

"(Lally) was denied a fair proceeding, so I will grant a motion for a new trial."

Hatty also reinstated Lally's bond of \$500,000. Lally has been lodged in Livingston County Jail since his

trial ended last year. His sentencing was adjourned pending the outcome of this hearing.

Lally's pre-trial is scheduled for April 9, 2021. He is facing life in prison.

Zachary Lally, 21, sits at a table during his jury trial on March 3, 2020. He is charged with sexual assault. LIVINGSTON DAILY FILE



## Stop political games in Lansing

Michiganders are tired of the losing in our state's winner-take-all politics. Michigan has seen numerous losses from our government's failure to work in the best interest of the people. And what is currently happening in Lansing is a classic example of legislators putting politics before people.

The pandemic continues to wreak havoc as many Michigan families face homelessness due to pending evictions, small businesses continue to fail, and schools struggle to open for full in-person instruction.

In mid-January, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced her plan to allocate \$5.6 billion of "use it or lose it" federal COVID relief funds to assist families, businesses and schools and to facilitate vaccine distribution.

But Michigan's Republican-controlled House and Senate keep dragging their feet, parceling out the much needed federal relief dollars as part of an endgame to blame the governor for a slow recovery and prevent a Democratic governor's re-election. The Republican legislature is leveraging vaccine distribution, Michigan families, businesses and children in order to gain political clout.

These are federal dollars. Whether Alabama or Ohio or Michigan use the money, we all still pay for it, one way or another. What we do now as a state will determine how we fare as we come out of this pandemic. We should use this money to move forward instead of sitting on the sidelines as we pay for other states to pass us by.

Tell your state representative and senator to speak out to stop the political games, release the federal money in full, and put the health, safety and welfare of the people of Michigan first.

Nancy Czech

Wolverine Lake

## Supports campaign finance changes

Three years ago, Michiganders united to stand squarely in defense of democracy. In exercising our right to vote, we leveled the political playing field by ending gerrymandering in our state. But, as we know all too well, democracy is fragile and faith in government can be fleeting. The For the People Act (HR1), which is coming to a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives, will go a long way to restore our trust in government and further shore up our democracy.

Along with addressing voter participation and political ethics, this act takes aim at campaign finance and finally loosens the grip of dark money on government. HR1 introduces voluntary public financing for campaigns and matching small donations to amplify the support of average Americans. It also restricts foreign lobbying and eliminates secretive donations to super PACs and other "dark money" organizations. This Act takes the movement we started in Michigan in 2018 and propels us closer to restoring government into the hands of all Americans. Remind your elected officials that we value free and fair elections-where we choose our representatives who will act in our behalf. Call Representative Stevens to thank her for co-sponsoring HR1 and encourage her to vote for HR1 in its entirety.

Lyman and Donna Rhodes Highland

### Statehood for D.C.

Regardless of our background, where we live or where we came from, as Americans we believe at our core that every American has a right to equal treatment.

However, for over 230 years we have made an exception for Americans living in Washington, D.C. The district residents (currently over 712,000 — more than Vermont or Wyoming) have never enjoyed the same representation as the rest of us. Thus, their license plates accurately describe their situation: "End Taxation without Representation".

Capitol residents contribute more in federal taxes than 21 other states; 12 of these states collect less than half of what the district pays. Yet, the district sends no Senators and no Representatives to Congress. They rely on individuals who have never lived in the district to make decisions in their best interest. The notion that government would deny tax paying citizens representation is as repulsive to Americans today as it was in the years leading to our nation's independence,

US House Bill HR 51 D.C. Statehood corrects the un-American treatment of Washington, D.C., residents. By making it a state, the residents who have long been contributing to the nation will finally have the representation owed to all Americans.

Thank Rep. Haley Stevens for supporting full rights for all Americans by co-sponsoring HR 51.

## Patricia Hinzy Milford

## Supports Paycheck Fairness Act

There is no debate about the enormous value women bring to the U.S. economy: They account for almost half the labor force and make up the majority of our country's essential workers.

There should be no debate about this either: Women deserve equal and equitable pay, and the COVID-19 crisis has made this more important now than ever. We cannot build back an economy that works for everyone without ensuring that all women can work with equality, safety, and dignity, starting with pay equity.

However, right now thanks to decades of discrimination women are still paid, on average, just 82 cents for every dollar paid to a man. Coming from a long line of women who worked outside their home, I believe it is time we rectified this situation.

Recently Congress took a step toward the goal of achieving pay equity with the introduction of the Paycheck Fairness Act, which aims to close gaping loopholes in the 1963 Equal Pay Act. Versions of this bill have been considered by Congress many times before, but now for the first time in decades, its passage in both the House and the Senate seems possible if we can get bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate.

The impact of women in the workforce has changed significantly over the last fifty plus years, it is time to update our laws.

This is where you come in, as a member of the American Association of University Women Northville-Novi, I am asking you to call or write your representatives in Washington, D.C., today urging them to voice their support for this long overdue legislation. (t has already been introduced to the 117th Congress.

Karen B. Zyczynski Novi



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"The developer has done a good job bringing forth the benefits of the PUD except for a few areas," Mazzara said. "I hate to throw things out except for those few areas. The biggest disruption is those who live just north of Maple Road-...Traffic will be what it will be. The applicant will take part in resolving traffic."

Denial of rezoning, ultimately decided by the township board, would halt Del Webb and Pulte Homes' plans for a "resort-style" community geared to empty-nesters and possibly please some residents who expressed concerns during the public hearing over impacts to traffic and the rural feel of the community.

Karen Romanski, a longtime Milford resident, said she moved to Shoreline Drive in the Preserve at Maple Lake about 8 years ago and loves the area for the environment and wildlife.

"We don't want the traffic. One of the reasons we moved here is we want to preserve what we have and we strongly oppose what is supposed to happen south of us," she said. "We hope that the board will turn this down so we can enjoy our life in Milford as we have for 30 years."

Joe Hauser, another Shoreline Drive resident, said he has seen tons of changes in his 38 years as a Milford Township resident, and he opposes another that would worsen traffic.

"I doubt there is anywhere else in the township that has this type of density," he said. "I realize it is not as dense as the master plan allows... It becomes painful to drive Milford Road and reduces the beauty of land where we live. The fact that it meets master plan, there's not much we or you can do about it, but I hope you can make it less dense housing."

Michael Noles, speaking on behalf of Pulte, said the applicants made several changes to improve the plan for providing affordable homes for retirees since last month, including setbacks, density, public walks and traffic.

He noted that with the previous traffic studies that also included multiple other forthcoming developments including the Crossings at Milford, "lo and behold, it's a traffic jam," but went on to

The Kensington Ridge development would occupy this parcel, currently owned by the Milford Sand and Gravel Co., along Milford Road. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

say that the Kensington Ridge developers plan to improve traffic from existing conditions by adding a center passing lane and adjusting signal timing at Centennial Drive and Pontiac Trail.

In total, Noles said the developer is planning \$654,000 in right of way improvements, including \$375,000 for public paths such as sidewalks.

He also emphasized that the proposed 851 units of housing was far less than the 1,300 units that are possible on the site.

"The reduction of units at the site has to be public benefit," he said. "It's a major feature of this plan, compared to what could be here. A major, major benefit."

Commissioner Julie Ryszka noted that the developer's rezoning proposal had 2.4 units per acre, "quite different from adjacent properties."

"It's a compelling plan, but I can't

overlook the acreage size and what the intent was in the master plan," she said. "I do like the open space. When you look at what we could have for straight zoning, the benefits of the PUD is to have open space and this type of development. I am honestly torn. I'm just not sure."

Commissioner Myles Davis agreed, saying that while the commission could "arm wrestle" over details, he found more reasons to approve the development than not.

"We are reclaiming a gravel pit, a big mudhole, but the way to improve is not to put in half-million dollar homes, but a range of homes with a range of prices," he said. "This is good for the area, there are very little multiple family houses in the township... I don't want to vote to kill it. I would probably vote to approve it."

The commission will discuss Kensington Ridge rezoning again in April, but will be back at work again soon to renew discussion on two more developments.

The applicants for the Crossings of Milford are seeking a C-2 PUD overlay for a proposed mixed use development that features 175 apartments in 18 buildings, as well as 33,000 square feet of commercial space in five retail units, on 35.8 acres at the northeast corner of Milford Road and Pontiac Trail.

The planning commission will also hear at the March 25 meeting a request for site plan approval for phase 2 of the Indian Lake condominium development. According to eurotechhomes-.com, the Indian Lake development features modern, upscale homes starting at \$950,000 on exclusive 1-2 acre wooded lots at Lake Forest Way and W. Commerce Road.

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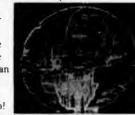
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Long answers are boring, short punchy answers are fun! Time for some fun...

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Suppose a clause in a will states " if my wife predecease me my children will receive estate". If wife dies predeceasing spouse does this mean the Medicaid 5 year look back starts when the will was originated or at the point the wife dies in regards to children receiving estate ?

#### The Answer Is:

## NO LOOKBACK AT ALL! NO PROBLEM!

Point #1 A will only works on stuff that belongs to the dead person who wrote the will. Your spouse's will only works on your spouse's stuff. The stuff in your dead spouse's estate is not your stuff. You are not giving anything away.

Point #2 Medicaid lookback deals with stuff that you owned and gave away within five (5) years of applying for Medicaid.

Point #3 Stuff your spouse gives away counts against you.

Point #4 Someone must be alive to be your spouse

Point #5 A dead person is not your spouse. When a dead person gives stuff away through their will and probate estate, that does not count against the widow or widower.

Conclusion: Blended families with children from each side are not uncommon. Often parents want to make sure their own kids get something when they die. There is no Medicaid problem with making sure that your kids get your stuff, even if you die first. Happy days are here again!

#### My mother has Alzheimer's - can my sister get legal guardianship when my father is still alive and mentally competent?

My mother is currently living at a memory care center with advanced Alzheimer's. My father (her husband) is alive and is still living in their home. He is 84 years old and still in good health and still mentally competent... My sister would like to get legal guardianship for my mother - she is worried my father will pull our mother out of the nicer facility where she is now and place her in a state run one... (despite the fact that he can afford the facility). [1]t would be hard to prove [father's] negligence or incompetency at this stage. Is this a case she'd have any chance of winning?

## NO WAY ON GOD'S GREEN EARTH! FUGGREDABOUTIT!

Point #1 Father either has a health care power of attorney over mother, or the probate court has appointed him as her guardian. Even if he has neither of these, he has priority to be appointed by the court.

Point #2 The usual standard of proof in probate cases, contested or not, is "clear and convincing" evidence. That means you must have solid, common sense evidence obviously outweighing the other side. A little dab will not "do ya" in probate court. Clear. Convincing. Evidence.

Point #3 There is no correlation between "nice" facilities and quality of care. A local nursing home gets nothing but praise from residents and family members. Everybody loves the place. Which is unheard of. The place is a dump. Dowdy. Not cool. When we refer folks to that place, we warn them: "Appearances can be deceiving."

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Point #4 It is well-nigh impossible for your father to hear a word you say. You are his kid. A child. And always will be. You speak sweetly as an angel with the wisdom of Solomon. Father hears a braying jackass (just saying!). Not your fault. Not his fault. Just the way it is. Get someone else involved. An aunt. An uncle. Best friend from the Lions Club, Elks or American Legion. Or church. Somebody that is not you. (Try to remember you want to help mother!)

Point #5 Most skilled nursing and assisted living facilities are privately owned and operated. All nursing homes and most assisted living homes accept Medicaid. You have less to worry about than you think.

Conclusion: Take father to court and you will lose the court case. You will also blow up your family. Two losses for the price of one! Swing low, sweet charlot!

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## Lottery

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River while "passing through Novi," after realizing the friends had not yet bought a ticket for the \$1.05 billion Mega Millions. This person selected multiple easy picks and continued home.

The winning numbers, 4-26-42-50-60 and Mega Ball 24 were drawn on Jan. 22, but it wasn't until the following morning that a new life literally dawned on them.

It began with a phone call from one of the friends to the ticket holder, who was making bacon and that the winning ticket was bought at the Novi Kroger.

The holder began looking down all the quick picks to match the first three numbers, Panouses said, and upon finding them, reread them multiple times before letting the eyes slide over to see that the next three numbers in the row completed the winning set of numbers.

"You see all six numbers, and then you hand it to someone else, and then you realize, 'It's us,'" Panouses said. "It's Saturday morning and you forget about the bacon burning. The bacon got thrown out; there's new bacon in the house."

The winners contacted Panouses, a Florida-based estate and tax attorney who gained national renown as a lottery lawyer, advising them on various aspects of wealth as they take on millionaire status.

"To get a phone call from a group that won a billion within 12 hours of their win is a remarkable point of my career," Panouses admitted. "This group did their own research and engaged to assist in this process."

In Michigan, lottery winners purportedly are not allowed anonymity, but Panouses found "some gray area," and successfully claimed the prize in the form of the club name, keeping the winners identities private "so they can live their lives."

"It's scary to come into this kind of wealth," Panouses said. "I will be everyone's shield; that is what I do, I am their shield. I will help this group and give them some privacy so they can live with peace and happiness. You don't want them to come into this wealth and have a negative feeling."



Kurt D. Panouses represents the four-member Wolverine FLL Club, which won the \$1 billion Mega Millions lottery in January. COURTESY OF MICHIGAN LOTTERY

#### Tips for the newly rich

Among the advice Panouses gives to most lottery winners, including his newest clients:

#### Keep it secret, keep it safe.

It seems obvious you want a very tight circle to know of your newfound wealth. You also want to protect that tiny slip of incredibly fragile, valuable paper your winning numbers are printed on until the ticket is officially cashed in.

Panouses only told his wife that he knew who the latest billion dollar winnets were. No one in his office knew, nor anyone else until he was flying to Detroit two weeks ago to take possession of the ticket and transport it to the lottery office to make things official.

That lottery ticket was not in a safe deposit box, the advice he gives to clients and which most of them ignore.

"Most people don't trust the bank and hide the ticket somewhere in their house," Panouses said. "The place in their house where they think it is safe — I absolutely cringe."

He's had clients wrap it up and put

the ticket in the freezer, and another who bought a vault from Office Depot and drilled it into the concrete floor with the ticket already inside in an envelope.

"He was drilling into hot concrete. It could have caught on fire," Panouses said, horrified.

#### Take the prize in a lump sum.

He notes that winners don't know where they will be in 25 years. If they're older, it could be six feet under. The tax rate could also change, perhaps for the worse.

He said in the 1960s and 1970s, individuals earning over \$400,000 per year, were taxed in the highest bracket, paying as much as 92 percent on their income.

#### Retire.

While many people dream of quitting their jobs if they won the lottery, in Panouses' experience, the reality is that new millionaires often say they want to keep working.

He tells them when they look at their bank account and it shows \$10 million or \$100 million, the last thing they will want to do is work. Even if they love

their job, he said, they will feel frustration or guilt, taking a job from someone who needs it.

In the current pandemic, he said winners could easily take a leave of absence and blame it on COVID. He said two of the Michigan winners have already retired and the other two are close.

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## Don't make drastic changes right away.

While Panouses supports a fast retirement for lottery winners and perhaps a new car or a vacation to get away, he tells them to pause any major purchases or massive life changes for six months.

"When I get clients like this, I tell them to let the emotional roller coaster come to a halt before you get off," he said. "This can be very draining on everyone. Be normal people for awhile, let's get the money invested and know what you can spend and put things in perspective."

Invest and give wisely, think ahead.

The new winners each have millions, and they want to keep it and grow it, unlike the client Panouses had that blew through their first annual installment of \$600,000 in less than two months and were broke until their next payout.

Clients need to protect their assets, as well, from scammers or lawsuits. Car insurance for winners' children should not be in the parents' names, for example.

He estimates the Michigan Mega Millions winners can invest that money and generate \$16 million per year riskfree at 3.5 percent interest, meaning \$4 million income per year for each of the four individuals, without a decline in the original balance.

Panouses will also guide the new winners, who he said are very charityminded, in how to share their wealth for maximum effect.

"These are good people. They all have concern for education and their communities," Panouses said. "We need to do things anonymously, but will set up a charitable organization and we're going to do a bunch of things. Scholarships are important to them and educating people who can't afford to go to college. They all want to make their communities better."

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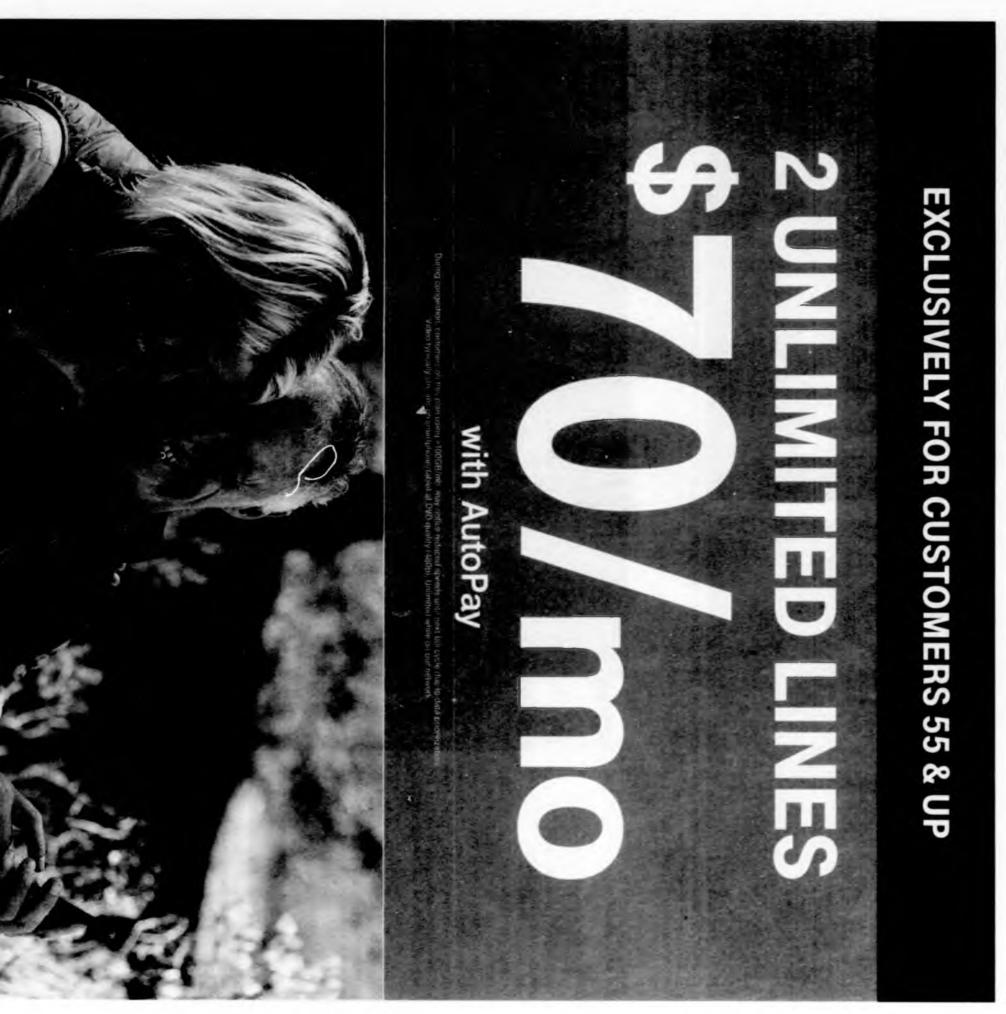
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A group of ducks, swan and geese eat vegetables at the Michigan Duck Rescue and Sanctuary in Salem Township on March 13. PHOTOS BY ANTRANIK TAVITIAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Theresa Lyson flashes a light at ducks to move them indoors for the night at the Michigan Duck Rescue and Sanctuary.

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## **Ducks**

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northeast of Ann Arbor, flocks of birds waddle around honking, enjoying a calm and free lifestyle.

Angela Barnes, a four-year volunteer, drives an hour from Waterford every Saturday to help change straw. Barnes, who hopes to have her own sanctuary one day, deals with people as part of her job in human resources. "So, on my weekends, I deal with animals," she said.

Almost daily, volunteers help with their round-the-clock operation. At sunrise, the ducks and other waterfowl are let outside, food and water are changed, ducks are monitored to make sure they aren't being too aggressive, and, at night, they're led back into a large garage with a flashlight to sleep safely.

Many of the animals at the sanctuary are rescued from dire situations, according to the sanctuary's founders. People buy ducks as gifts or pets near the Easter holiday and don't understand the work that is needed to care for them. "Ducklings are one of the cutest animals. But there's a lot that goes into it," Theresa Lyson said. "They need shelter, they need proper food. Our ducks go to the vet if they're sick."

"It's nonstop," Theresa Lyson said, "but it's good. It's a labor of love."



Ducks walk around in the morning at the Michigan Duck Rescue and Sanctuary on March 17 in Salem Township.

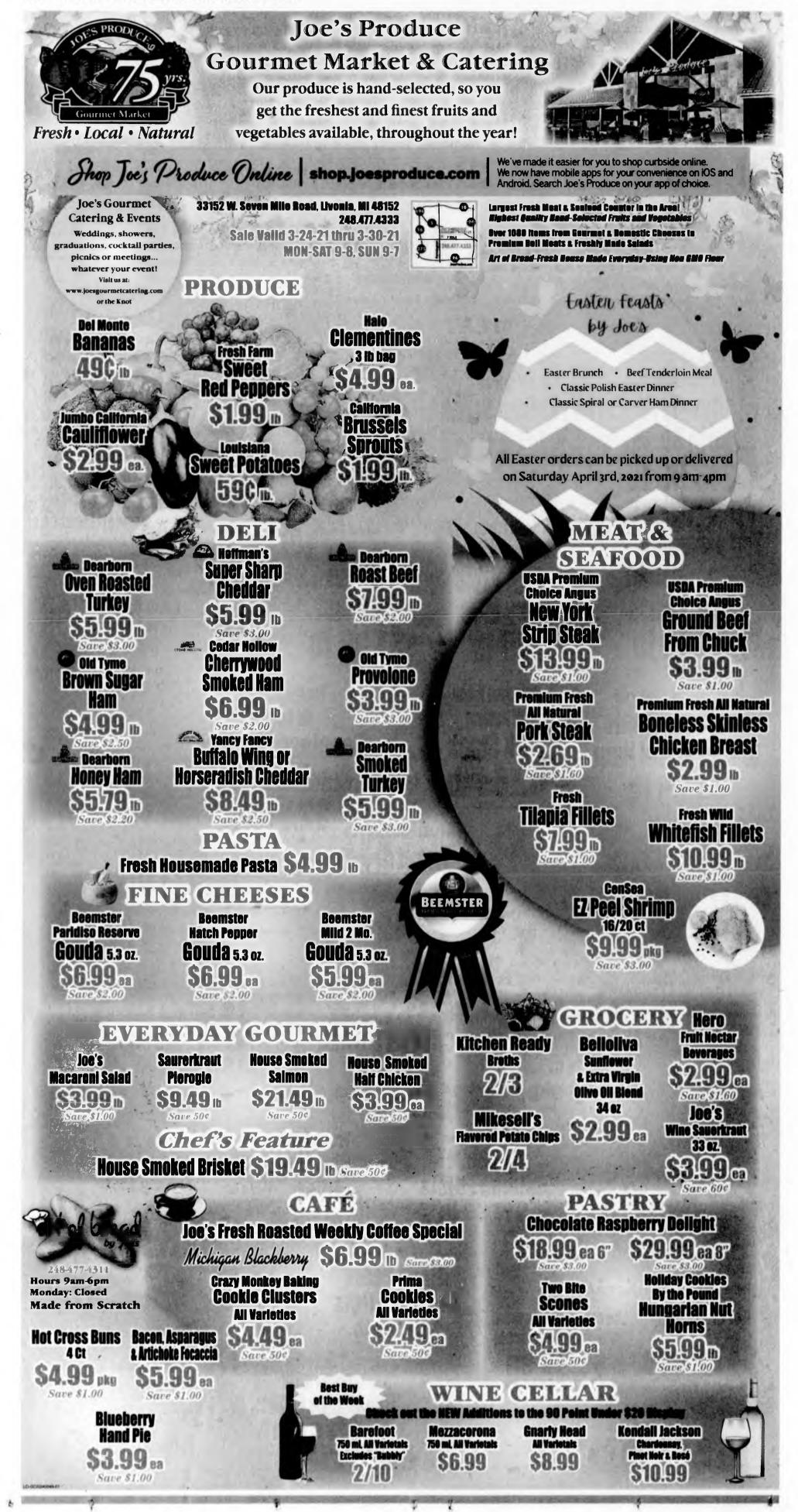
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# **SPORTS**



# SL East football coach stepping down

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South Lyon East announced Monday that head football coach Joe Pesci will step away from the team after six seasons in the position.

After coaching the team to a 6-30 record in his first four seasons as head coach, Pesci led the Cougars to two playoff appearances in the last three seasons, finishing the 2020 campaign with a 5-3 record — the best in school history - and a third-place finish in the Lakes Valley Conference.

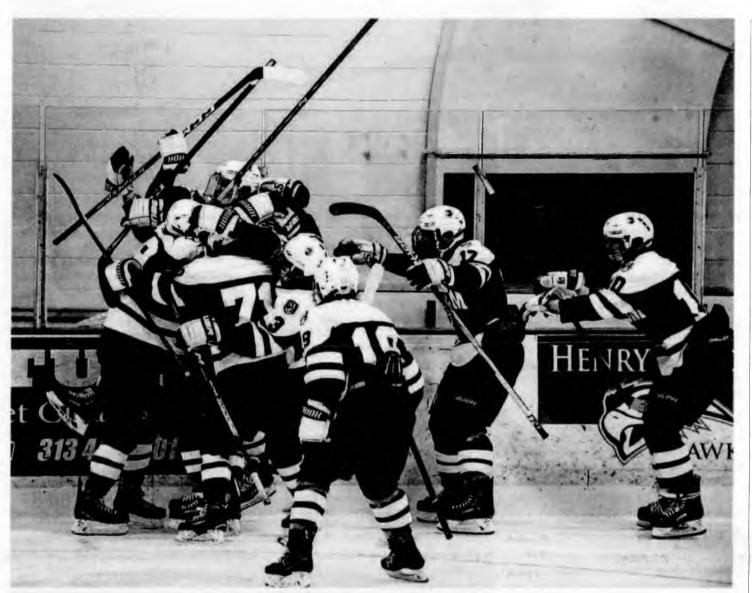
Pesci also served as the football commissioner for the LVC, along with being selected as Regional Coach of the Year for this past season.

"The last six seasons at South Lyon East have offered me the most rewarding coaching experiences of my life," Pesci said in a statement. "There are so many achievements to speak of from playoff victories, to beating South Lyon for the first time, to the creation of Be EAST...I will take great pride in these ac-

complishments forever and I will always remember that it was the entire South Lyon East football community that made them possible.

"For 23 seasons I have been on a sideline coaching football. As my kids enter a new phase of their lives, I have seen

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# Hockey players head into final week

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The regional round of the 2021 high school hockey postseason is complete. Only three games remain.

This schedule is nothing new compared to what the rest of the season has been like. Teams have been forced to play three games per week in a condensed 2021 season during the CO-VID-19 pandemic.

But area teams have only three games before the Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 state finals, something they did not get to experience a season ago.

As the season turns into its final week, here's a look at where each of Hometown Life's area teams is at heading into the hockey tournament.

## **Detroit Catholic Central**

Catholic Central was forced to improvise to earn its ninth-straight re-

Salem hockey players celebrate their game-winning goal in overtime against Plymouth for the regional title. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# **Salem beats Plymouth in OT,** wins 3rd-straight regional title

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Aidan Ross was in the right place at the right time.

Missing the pass on the two-on-one off a break in the fifth minute of overtime, the sophomore in his first year on varsity got next to senior defender Adam Chismar, who took a shot at the net for the win. The puck careened off Plymouth goalkeeper Tanner Olepa's shin guard, right in the direction of Ross. Ross tucked the rebound to the right

of the Plymouth freshman, scoring the

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Salem sophomore Aiden Ross scores the winning goal.

## State adds weekly COVID-19 tests to spring sports

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Michigan High School Athletic Association Executive Director Mark Uyl heard rumors of possible guidance coming from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding increased

COVID-19 testing, but did not know the the frequency and who would be afspecifics of what was going to be expected.

Now, after the state announced March 19 that COVID-19 rapid testing would be required of all 13- to 19-yearold athletes starting April 2, Uyl still waits on answers from MDHHS about See TESTS, Page 2B

fected.

"We don't have any answers yet in

terms of frequency or any of those requirements," Uyl said.

For winter sports, Uyl said it will not

gional title.

Facing Troy in the Division 1 regional final, the Shamrocks were forced to play with its junior-varsity roster, along with senior forward Billy Shields, after much of the team was put in quarantine. But they still found a way: using goals by Nick Tullio and Matthew Dickow to earn the 2-1 victory.

Head coach Brandon Kaleniecki said he hopes to have much of his roster back for Wednesday's state quarterfinal game against Salem, but that he has not gotten confirmation on their return.

Nevertheless, the Shamrocks still have something to fight for.

Catholic Central, who has won five state titles since 2010, had its season cut short in the final four in 2020, waiting for a state-semifinal game against Byron Center that never came.

In 2021, the Shamrocks have stepped up, allowing more than a single goal in a game three times in 16 games while recording seven shutouts. Catholic Central's goalkeepers have allowed only 13 goals all season.

Offensively, Shields, Brenden Cwieck and Tommy Shea have led the way, each recording double-digit point totals. Shea leads the team with 10 goals, the only player with double-digit goal totals on the roster.

Detroit Catholic Central will take on Salem in the Division 1 state quarterfinal 8 p.m., Wednesday at Dearborn Ice Skating Center.

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## Hockey

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#### Salem

Salem has a new-found fire heading into the second week of the tournament.

Heading into the first-round game against Dearborn Unified, the Rocks had not played a game since March 2 after a few COVID-19 cases in the program sidelined most of the varsity and juniorvarsity rosters.

But after planning to open its postseason using a half-filled roster and an emergency goalkeeper, Salem was able to return to the ice at full strength after Wayne County cut down its mandatory 14-day quarantine period to 10 days.

Three games into the postseason, the Rocks have outscored teams, 8-2, but only beat Northville and Plymouth, in the semifinals and finals, respectively, by one goal.

Junior Alex Mazzuca, who led the team with seven goals and eight assists in the regular season, along with senior Devan Grayshaw have led the Salem offensive attack, while junior goalkeeper Andre Generaux recorded a save percentage of 91%.

Salem, who has recorded threestraight Division 1 regional titles, will now face Detroit Catholic Central for the fourth straight season. The Shamrocks have ended the Rocks' season in the past three meetings, outscoring Salem, 15-1.

Salem will take on Detroit Catholic Central in the Division 1 state quarterfinal 8 p.m. Wednesday at Dearborn Ice Skating Center.

#### **Brother Rice**

Brother Rice has found its stride in 2021.

After losing to U-D Jesuit, 2-1, after beating the Cubs for the CHSL title, the Warriors have won five-straight games, outscoring opponents, 39-5. In its first 10 games of the season, Brother Rice only recorded 26 goals.

But the Warriors were playing for something more than just its seventhstraight regional title. To head coach Ken Chaput and the rest of the team, Brother Rice is playing for a Division 2 state title two seasons in the making.

The Warriors were cut short of its opportunity in 2020, ending the season waiting for their state semifinal matchup against Marquette.

In 2021, Brother Rice has 13 seniors, along with sophomore and leading goal-

scorer Andrew Marone, fighting for what last year's team did not have a chance to complete.

Since 2010, Brother Rice has won three state titles along with losing in the state final against Wyandotte Roosevelt in 2011.

Brother Rice will take on Port Huron Northern in the Division 2 state quarterfinal

## Novi

After losing to Livonia Stevenson, 6-0, on Feb. 19, Novi turned its season around.

In the next 10 games, the Wildcats finished, 7-1-1, losing the KLAA title game against Hartland by one goal. This included a 2-1 overtime win against the Spartans in the Division 2 regional final, giving Novi its first regional championship since 2015 and the program's 11th in

#### g for its history.

Over the course of this stretch, a single goal has helped determine Novi's success. In the past 10 games, seven have been decided by one goal or less, including a 3-2 overtime win against Trenton, who the Wildcats will face in the state quarterfinal.

CC senior Tommy Shea will try to finish what the Shamrocks started in the 2020 postseason. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

After scoring four goals in the regular season, senior forward Austin Balconi has stepped up, scoring both fo the Wildcats' goals in the regional final against Stevenson. In the regular season, seniors Issac Gibbs and Nate Erskine did much of the heavy lifting offensively, with Gibbs scoring 15 goals and Erskine recording 15 assists.

But junior goalkeeper Austin Muirhead has been the anchor for the team's success in the playoffs. After allowing 30 goals in 12 games in the regular season, the junior saved 45-of-47 in the two regional games. Since the team's last state final in 2011, Novi is 8-9 in the postseason and lost its only quarterfinal game appearance in 2015.

## **Cranbrook Kingswood**

Cranbrook Kingswood has a rich hockey history, earning 24 regional titles and 17 state titles, But ever since the Cranes moved down to Division 3, they have always been stopped by Detroit Country Day.

In the past two seasons, the Yellowjackets have ended the Cranes' season in regionals, last earning a regional title in 2018. But with Detroit Country Day's season over due to COVID-19, Cranbrook Kingswood took over.

The Cranes beat a winless Pontiac Notre Dame Prep team, 11-0, in the regional final, advancing to the state quarterfinal.



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first goal of high school career and securing Salem's (8-5) third-straight regional title, beating the Wildcats (7-7-2), 2-1, in overtime.

The sophomore, realizing he had won it for the Rocks, raced toward the Salem bench, fist-pumping then raising his hands in triumph, immediately swarmed by his teammates in celebration.

"We all work insanely hard," Ross said. "No one ever takes a day off. Everyone gets there on time to work hard. It's been ridiculous, hanging out with my buddies and having the time of my life."

To Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher, Ross scoring the winning goal was just representative of what Salem has done all season: finding a way to be victorious never depending on what the team is dealt.

"This is this group,' Ossenmacher said. "It doesn't matter who, it doesn't matter when. They are all going to chip in, they are all going to battle for each other. We say we can either be a victim



Salem hockey has won three consecutive regional titles. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

or a survivor, and here we are: We're surviving."

But it nearly went the other way.

With 5:29 left in the overtime period, Plymouth junior forward Tyler Kelley was hit by Salem sophomore forward Peter Manginen, falling to the ground. The referee's whistle was blown, giving the Wildcats a two-minute power play.

In those two minutes, the Plymouth offense came alive attacking Salem goalkeeper Andre Genereaux ruthlessly and missing the game-winner by a hair after pinging off the crossbar.

The Salem junior finished with 28

saves, allowing his only goal with 19.3 seconds left in the second period when Plymouth senior forward Sam Williams took a rebound from an attempted shot by Anthony Cassar, tying the game at one heading into the third period.

Salem didn't get its first goal until 7.5 seconds were left in the first period, when Rocks senior defender Jacob Keegan took a rebound and turned it into a goal, assisted by Devan Grayshaw and James Driscoll.

This season, Plymouth played in 10 games that were decided by one goal or less — recording two ties — along with playing in five overtime games.

To Wildcats head coach Darrin Silvester, the regional final was just another example of his team rising to the occasion when adversity hit.

"I think we faced adversity in the fact that many people didn't expect much out of us. We worked through that," Silvester said. "We lost a lot of scoring and our guys had to balance it out, and our guys worked hard to do that and have everybody contribute.

"My kids are happy as hell in the other room. They are hoping that Salem can win it all. They are their friends and the animosity ended, maybe not as soon as

the buzzer went, but within a minute of it."

Ossenmacher knows Salem has seen its fair share of adversity just in the past week, returning after COVID-19 nearly set the team backwards heading into its first-round matchup against Dearborn Unified.

Nevertheless, Salem left with its third regional title in three years and with a date in the state quarterfinal against Detroit Catholic Central — the fourth-straight seasons the Rocks and the Shamrocks have faced off.

"They played their guts out tonight, Wednesday, first game, all season," Ossenmacher said. "A group of lesser men, this isn't possible. I don't know how to explain it, but it's just such a sweet victory for them and all that they have gone through."

But Ross left with something more. Not just a regional championship or another game to prepare for, but a memory of his hands raised in victory and being mobbed by his teammates.

"I'll never forget this goal," he said. Contact reporter Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com or 248-330-6710. Follow.him on 'Twitter @Colin-Gay17.

## Tests

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be much of an adjustment, reassuring that the rest of the winter sports postseason will happen as scheduled. Less than 2,000 athletes will be affected by then with 64 basketball teams remaining in the postseason tournament and 896 wrestlers awaiting the individual state finals on April 3.

"We're just hoping that those who have done all the right things that they will be able to reach their finish lines over the next three weeks," he said.

But this is not what has area athletic directors worried.

It's the requirement of testing spring athletes. Starting March 22, as scheduled, according to the MHSAA, many schools will be offering as many as nine different spring sports, leading to hundreds of athletes needing to be tested starting April 2.

"It looks like a big, ol' elephant sitting in front of you,' Brother Rice Athletic Director Jeff Calcaterra said. "As my family would say, 'How do you eat an elephant? I guess one bite at a time.""

In the 2021 spring season, Calcaterra said the athletic department would be jumping from only testing about 20 wrestlers during their lunch hours biweekly to upwards of 230 spring athletes per week, along with the remaining winter athletes during the first week — something he described as an "insurmountable task," combining the time it takes to reach a positive test along with inputting the data to send to MDHHS. Novi Athletic Director Brian Gordon said the 13-19 age bracket window means including some middle school athletes, requiring the district to test 500-600 students, something that he said can't be handled by a single office if required daily.

"This is a lot. But then again, after the last 12 months that everyone has endured, I guess the shock is gone," Gordon said. "Tell us what we have to do."

At Livonia Churchill, Athletic Director Marc Hage generally has 350-400 student athletes in spring sports compared to 30 wrestlers during the winter. However, he said, the athletic department plans to deal with the situation for the sake of the bigger picture.

"If this is about keeping kids safe, if this is about making sure we are able to participate, if this is about giving kids a positive, successful experience, giving them an opportunity to continue high school athletics, then let's do it," he said. When it comes to spring sports, the

MHSAA is still waiting on answers.

Overall, the MHSAA expects three seasons to happen to completion, just like the fall season.

"That finish line is getting closer and closer every day," Uyl said about the winter sports postseason, "and it's not going to change for spring. If that means we are going to have to do extra work and extra testing to make it happen safely and effectively, that's what we are going to do."

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## Novi beats Stevenson in overtime for regional title

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

Once the third-period buzzer sounded and Livonia Stevenson and Novi hockey each went to their locker rooms, tied at 1, Austin Balconi knew Novi was going to win its first regional title since 2015.

Just over three minutes into the first overtime period, the Wildcats senior forward had his chance to seal it.

Balconi took the drop pass from senior forward Issac Gibbs, setting himself up to hit the puck as hard as he could into the top left corner of the net. He watched the puck sail past Stevenson senior goalkeeper Aiden Majewski, ending the game and igniting pandemonium on the Wildcats bench.

Over a year after Novi (12-2-2) lost to Stevenson (9-4) in triple-overtime in the regional final, the Wildcats got its revenge, beating the Spartans, 2-1, for the program's 11th regional title.

"We were saying we weren't going to lose to this team again," Balconi said. "We took all the pain from last year, losing in this same game and we turned it into hard work and we just worked for this all season. Our entire season's been leading up to this game. It's basically all we have been working for. It was a real team effort, and I couldn't be more happy with how it went."

In a game limited with shot chances, with the Wildcats recording 20 compared to the Spartans' 30, Balconi found the back of the net for Novi twice, taking the lead on an unassisted scrum near net to take the lead with 13:38 left in the second period.

With limited offensive tries, Novi's success came down to Austin Muirhead, the junior goalkeeper who burst onto the scene in the second half of the 2019-20 season, helping the Wildcats navigate Stevenson in their 2-1 triple overtime loss.

Muirhead was able to use an increased level of flexibility at net for Novi, navigating his way to stop nearly every puck that was shot at net, including a split save with 3:28 left in regulation that secured overtime.

"The best thing I can say is guys have confidence in him," Novi head coach Mark Vellucci said. "He's not only going



The Novi hockey team lines up for the national anthem on March 18 before taking on South Lyon United. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Novi senior Austin Balconi scored both of Novi's goals against Stevenson in the 2021 regional final, seen here playing against Stevenson in the 2020 regional final.

to make the first save, but the second and third. We got some good bounces in the first period, and they had a couple of chances. The hockey gods were with us

## today."

Trailing by a goal in the second period, momentum seemingly stopped for

Stevenson. Spartans senior forward Brenden Heard was disqualified from the game after a hit against the wall against a Novi player, leading to a five-minute major penal. But the Wildcats failed to capitalize on the power play, giving Stevenson two minutes of four-on-four action after a penalty by Balconi.

Novi and Stevenson combined for 12 penalties, in what proved to be a highly emotional and physical team between the two KLAA rivals.

"It's definitely not a part of the game plan," Stevenson head coach David Mitchell said of Heard's disqualification. "I think emotions got the better of, I think at times, both teams. It was an emotional game, and it was physical. Give the referees credit: I think they called a heck of a game. It's just something where, in games like this, situations like this, you try to manage emotions, you try and manage benches,

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## manage personnel."

With 96 seconds left in the second period, Stevenson junior defender Adam Heard tied the game at one, passing Muirhead for the first, and only, time of the game.

After a scoreless third period, Balconi wanted the chance to end it in overtime. He knew what a win against Stevenson would mean: creating an idea that this Novi team - filled with 12 seniors - has a legitimate shot at a Division 2 state title

When the puck went in, Balconi felt relief. He knew how much time he had spent preparing for this game in particular: this shot at revenge.

"I was just so ecstatic this was the way it ended."

Novi will take on the winner of Trenton and Ann Arbor Skyline 6 p.m., Tuesday at Dearborn Ice Skating Arena.

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## Wayne Memorial falls to Hartland in KLAA final

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

High-octane offense has been key for the Wayne Memorial girls basketball team all season long.

The Zebras came into the KLAA title game averaging 70.6 points per game, scoring more than 70 points in five games this season.

But Wayne Memorial had yet to face a defense like Hartland's.

Coming into the game undefeated, the Eagles (15-0) halted Wayne Memorial, beating the Zebras (12-2), 48-30, for their second-straight KLAA title.

Wayne Memorial shot only 21.6% from the floor, recording its lowest scoring effort since March 4, 2015. Hartland has allowed more than 30 points to an opposing offense only once this season.

"We've pressed all year, within reason - we don't want to embarrass anybody because I've been on the other end of those," Hartland head coach Don Palmer said. "We've pressed and played fast. These kids have played a lot of AAU and that's how they play.

"It would be a mistake, on my part, to try and slow them down."

Palmer knew he had an advantage in the paint. Wayne Memorial played without senior forward Alanna Micheaux, who was out with an injury. Instead, junior Davi' Matthews manned the paint against Hartland senior Lillee Gustafson

Gustafson, a 6-foot-1 forward, said she has not had a matchup like Matthews, a 6-foot-3 forward, all season long

"I haven't played a true big girl - I've been taller than everyone," Gustafson said. "So it was a good matchup for me physically and making me better."

But the approach remained: force tipped balls, knowing where the ball is coming to grab it in transition and force quick offense. The Eagles recorded 12 steals and four blocks, despite allowing Wayne Memorial to secure 39 rebounds.

The approach worked early on. Hartland did not allow a Wayne Memorial score until more than five minutes had elapsed in the first quarter, taking a slim 5-0 lead, but one that would hold throughout the contest.

But Wayne Memorial had its chance.

Trailing, 27-16, at half, the Zebras used a 7-0 run to cut its deficit to four, immediately answered with a 3 by Hartland senior Syd Caddell, who scored 10 points for the Eagles.

In the fourth quarter, Palmer made a change with his defense, consulting his seniors before putting it into action.

"Gustafson was just getting tired. We could protect her with that," Palmer said, going to the 1-3-1 zone in the final eight minutes. "It's helped us, but it hasn't always been that way. It's up and down. Overall, our defense was good, the 1-3-1 was a nice surprise at the right time."

The Zebras only scored five points in the final eight minutes, including a 3 by senior guard Lachelle Austin, who only connected on three-of-16 from the field and recorded eight of the team's 21 turnovers

Wayne Memorial sophomore Mayla Ham led the team with 11 points and nine rebounds, including four offensive boards.

Hartland junior guard Leah Lappin led the team with 16 points, eight of which came in the Eagles' 15-point first quarter.

Wayne Memorial head coach Jarvis Mitchell was unavailable for comment after the contest.

For Gustafson, this was another example of Hartland playing as if each game were the team's final opportunity to take the court.

"We don't know if we were going to have another game, or we could get quarantined," she said. "I think that's what we try to do: play every game like it's our last. We don't know if we'll be on the court tomorrow. Something could happen unexpectedly, so I think that's what we are trying to do this year."

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Wayne Memorial sophomore Mayla Ham tries for a free throw against Hartland in the KLAA girls basketball championship. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM







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## South Lyon Unified shuts out Canton in playoff opener

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After South Lyon Unified hockey's final game of the regular season, a 6-2 loss to Canton on March 12, all Jake Koth could do was analyze.

The junior goalkeeper knew that his team would face Canton again days later when it meant more: the first-round of the regional playoffs, so he and his team made adjustments and prepared for the worst-case scenario.

You practice for worst-case scenarios and a lot of times, it's shot after shot after shot," Koth said. "You have to be conditioned and ready for it mentally."

This is what Koth saw March 16: a barrage of shots from the Canton offense. But not a single one went through as South Lyon Unified recorded the 4-0 victory in the first round of the playoffs against Canton with the help of 47 saves from the goalkeeper.

South Lyon Unified won its first playoff game since the 2017-18 season, recording its second shutout of the year.

"(Koth) was just a rock back there for us, jumping on rebounds, putting pucks to the corner, making saves," South Lyon Unified head coach Bill McCreary said. "I thought our defense did a very strong job in front of him as well, helping him see pucks, opening up the shooting lanes and tying guys up in front. I thought it was a good job down low for our team."

This schedule is something McCreary is used to.

A season ago, South Lyon Unified faced Novi in the final game of the regular season, recording the tie before a 7-2 drubbing to open the playoffs.

In 2021, South Lyon Unified used that knowledge to its advantage. After allowing multiple power-play goals against the Chiefs in the meeting, the team adjusted its approach, seeing what it needed to do and executing in a major way: killing four power plays in the first two periods.

And after countless chances by the Canton offense, South Lyon Unified ended the stalemate

In the final minute of the second period senior forward Andrew Ineich, streaking on a two-on-one, took passes from Dominic Dudek and JD Michaels and put the puck in the back of the net: the first goal allowed by Canton senior Michael Renzi after 16 saves.

With just over five minutes to go in the game, South Lyon junior Ryan Savanyu sealed the victory, putting the puck



South Lyon Unified players swarm junior goalkeeper Jake Koth after the team's 4-0 win against Canton to open the playoffs. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

past Renzi for the second score of the day.

South Lyon senior defender Michael Fosbinder and senior forward Shane Milligan added empty-net goals in the final 81 seconds to add to Canton's deficit, its largest since a Feb. 12 loss to Livonia Stevenson.

"They took what we did and, ultimately, we had a ton of chances that we just didn't bury, but what they did that really killed us was clearing the puck, icing the puck on us," Canton head coach Justin Maedel said. "That slowed us down a lot and it frustrated us because

we are a go, go, go team."

After being sidelined with COVID-19 in November when the season was initially set to start. Maedel said he was thankful for what Canton was able to do in 2021. The Chiefs got in all of its 15 regular-season games along with its regional game without a hitch.

In that regard, Maedel takes none of the credit. If anything, he said, he followed what his players were doing.

"This year seemed like the team was more close-knit than last year's team," Maedel said. "I don't know if it was because of COVID, because of the shutdowns. But I was so happy to see the camaraderie we did have and it truly is a blessing that these kids got to play."

Despite playing the same team twice within five days, McCreary knew the potential of his group. He knew what they could do and was expecting a different result when South Lyon Unified took the ice Tuesday.

"We knew that the last game against them wasn't our best," McCreary said. "Our guys were excited to get back at it and have a different result."

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## Coach

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my responsibilities as a father continue to grow and my presence in their lives become more important to them and to me. The opportunity to coach football will always be there, but we are only given one opportunity to raise a family and that time is short. As a result, I have made the very tough choice to step down from the position of head football coach.

"I will always be grateful for the relationships that this position has allowed me to build with the players and their families. Thank you to the players for the opportunity to be a part of your high school football experience. Thank you to the parents who have supported the coaching staff over the last six years. So much of the program's success is the result of your support. Lastly, thank you to a dedicated football staff. They are the heart and soul of the program and I will always value their loyalty and friendship."

The South Lyon East athletic department will immediately begin is search for its next head football coach, following the South Lyon Community Schools hiring process and scheduling interviews after spring break. Offseason conditioning and workouts will continue to be led by assistant coaches Chad Stuckey and Jason Wagner.

Kyle Docken and Ed Donovan will remain head coaches of the junior varsity and freshman football teams, respectively.

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South Lyon East head coach Joe Pesci reacts to a call during a game against Lakeland. After six seasons with the team, Pesci is stepping down from his post. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE



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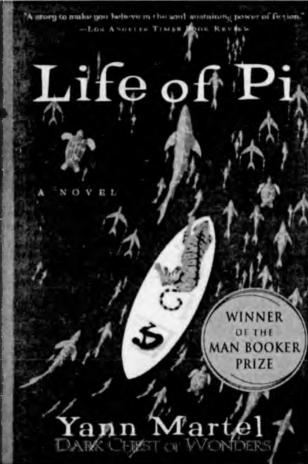
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"Life of Pi" by Yann Martel explores spirituality and the truths we tell ourselves in order to survive.



**Delaware author Charles Brandt's book "I Heard You** Paint Houses: Frank 'The Irishman' Sheeran and the Inside Story of the Mafia, the Teamsters, and the Last Ride of Jimmy Hoffa," was released in 2005. STEER FORTH PRESS

## Hometown Life staff book recommendations

Susan Bromley Hometownlife com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

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room drama, a musician's memoir, the zombie apocalypse and a pandemic to nearly end all pandemics.

These are stories in which you see the worst and best of the human experience, both real and imagined.

Here are our staff recommendations, we hope you find something to pique your interest and take you somewhere new.

#### The Walking Dead Compendium

#### Author: Robert Kirkland

The graphic novel that spawned the popular zombie-themed television series started out as a series of books. There are four compendiums that combine the published chapters in the story. It's fascinating to see where the original story takes you compared to the TV adaptation. I gravitate toward post-apocalyptic themes when reading for pleasure. - Philip Allmen

## Gods of Jade and Shadow

Author: Silvia Moreno-Garcia

The book is parts fairy tale and historical romance. It became a noteworthy read by delving into the creation and survival of certain Mexican myths. The protagonist is not the Cinderella she initially seems. My parents owned a huge garage-sale book about fairy tales and myths from across the globe, and it's fair to say I read most of it. Myths, I think, lead to questions and answers about our beginnings and who we are. They're a great standard of troubled times and the lessons to be gained. They remind us that our conflicts are ancient ones. - Susan Vela

borne Toxic Event. It's not an easy read by any means, but it's inspiring to see what motivates people to create their art. - Colin Gay

#### Life of Pi

#### Author: Yann Martel

This book follows Piscine "Pi" Patel as he survives 227 days at sea while trapped in a lifeboat with a Bengal tiger he names Richard Parker. "Life of Pi" explores spirituality and the truths we tell ourselves in order to survive. The imagery Martel creates in this novel is simply incredible, too. It's one of my all-time favorite books. If you're not super into reading (and are somehow reading this list), the 2012 film adaptation of "Pi" is also great. - Shelby Tankersley

## I Heard You Paint Houses

## Author: Charles Brandt

Backed by years of first-hand sleuthing this book reveals - without much doubt - the killer of Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa. It is a story told by its subject "Irishman" Frank Sheeran, who said he put two bullets in the head of Hoffa, a person he considered a good friend, in a home near Detroit in July 1975. The book also goes over in detail Sheeran's life from World War II soldier who had few compunctions ab killing German prisoners to his becoming one of the few non-Italians listed by the FBI on its list of Cosa Nostra. - John Heider

NORTHVILLE - Cath erine S. Miracle, age 86, of Northville, passed away on March 16, 2021. She was born on January 28, 1935 in Southfield, Michigan; daughter of Charles and Lucille (nee Salisbary) Ries. She was united in marriage to Charles B. Miracle on April 16, 1955; spending



61 years devoted to their union before he passed away on April 16, 2016. Susie's greatest treasure was her husband.

Susie, as she was lovingly called by family and friends, graduated from Highland Park High School, class of 1953. She was a factory worker for most of her life, retiring from Belanger, Inc. in 2005. Susie was never one to stop moving, so after she retired, she started a home cleaning service.

She was dedicated to her faith and was a member of Our Lady of Victory since 1980. Susie was a volunteer with the church funeral luncheon committee and always made delicious desserts. She was an excellent gardener who spent many hours perfecting her flowers. She would be found mowing her lawn on her John Deere weekly. Susie loved playing dice games and was an exceptional Bunko player. She enjoyed staying active with water aerobics and yoga and liked traveling. Susie and her husband visited places like Hawaii, Alaska, Ireland, and her last major trip was taking the train to the Grand Canyon.

She is survived by her children, Pat Miracle, David (Heather Christie) Miracle, and Carol Miracle; her sister JoAnn Hill; her grandchildren, Jason (Kelli) Miracle, Amanda (Mike) Finney, Justin Miracle, and Nick (Leah) Miracle; and her great grandchildren, Lillie, Paige, Kate, David, Joey, Liam, Josh, Savannah, Gunner, Wyatt, Andy, Luna, Jayce, and Jacob. Susie is also survived by her loving extended family and her blended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her siblings, Ethel Porter, Martin Ries, John Ries, Elizabeth Garcia, and Charles Ries.

Memorial contributions would be appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. During this difficult time, please make sure to reach out to the family by sharing condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

## **Giraffes Can't Dance**

Author: Giles Andreae, illustrated by Guy Parker-Rees

Of all the books I've read to my 2-year-old since he was born, this one is my favorite. A book about doing things your own way, it's a great lesson to teach children to embrace their uniqueness. The illustrations are lovely, the rhyme scheme is superb and it contains one of my favorite lines: "Listen to the swaying grass and listen to the trees. To me the sweetest music is those branches in the breeze. So imagine that the lovely moon is playing just for you - everything makes music if you really want it to." Gives me chills every time. -David Veselenak

#### Hollywood Park: A Memoir

#### Author: Mikel Jollett

This memoir is a perfect example of how one's journey through the most formative years of one's life can affect the output of the art they create later. Mikel Jollett used his childhood experiences - fleeing from Synanon at age 5 with his brother while longing for parental figures and a sense of youth - to turn into a love of music, more specifically lyrics for his band The Air-

## The Stand

## Author: Stephen King

The ultimate, epic pandemic. In King's masterpiece, a superflu kills 99 percent of the population. In post-apocalypse America, survivors are left to find each other and reform society, with supernatural dreams leading them to gravitate toward the forces of good (Mother Abagail) or evil (Randall Flagg). This is my favorite novel, a page-turner I've returned to repeatedly over the years to revisit characters whom I consider friends fighting for humanity and a world worth saving. ~Susan Bromley

## A Time To Kill

## Author: John Grisham

Even though it initially published more than 30 years ago, John Grisham's first novel is timely in 2021 because it tackles racially-charged issues that continue to batter America. When a Black man is charged for murder after killing two white punks who raped and attempted to kill his 10-year-old daughter, the weeks leading up to his trial, the trial itself and especially the closing argument from his defense attorney are detailed by Grisham in compelling prose. - Ed Wright

## **Hospice of Michigan needs help** making bears for grieving families

Minnah Arshad Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Hospice of Michigan is seeking volunteers with sewing experience to help create keepsakes that people can remember loved ones by

Memory bears, made with favorite shirts and colors, are designed to preserve aspects of loved ones with one-of-a-kind stuffed animals.

"Memories can last a lifetime. Often, patient families choose a favorite shirt or color to make the bear even more characteristic of their loved one," Karen Monts, director of grief support services for Hospice of Michigan, said in a news release. "Hospice of Michigan's Memory Bear program gives families a special

keepsake to cherish even after their loved one has passed."

Hospice of Michigan's grief support services started the memory bear program in June 2014. As the initiative grew in popularity among grieving families, it grew in its demand for help.

The bears are made for Hospice of Michigan patients' families, and each family can get one.

For those experiencing a loss, the hospice said it recommends waiting one year before volunteering, to allow time to process their grief.

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# **Refresh yourself with a smoothie**

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If you've wanted to up your smoothie game, or start a smoothie game, there's a new cookbook to help make it happen.

Dee Dine has published "4-Ingredient Smoothies + Juices: 100 Easy, Nutritious Recipes for Lifelong Health" (Page Street Publishing, \$17.99). We can do four ingredients, right? Especially when the results are amazing drinks like the dragon fruit dream or the whipped coffee tiramisu.

Okay, so that may not be the most healthful recipe in the book, but you have to start change somewhere. Dine's book can get you moving in the right direction with a new morning drink routine. All you need is the blender, and a few things in the fridge.

Dine, mother of three is the woman behind the Green Smoothie Gourmet website which offers healthy snack and dessert recipes. It's a resource for whole food plant-based recipes. Many are vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free and refined sugar-free, and glutenfree. They have substitutions to fit anyone's needs.

The book is broken up by categories for drinks that help with immunity such as that dragon fruit dream. This pink melon helps protect white blood cells with compounds found in its fruit.

An orange-turmeric shot, proposes to fight inflammation. There's a pigment in turmeric that is believed to keep the immune system working efficiently.

Dine writes "I make immunity shots like this every other day during flu season. They are a powerful weapon when you need your immune system amped up."

As for the whipped coffee tiramisu, this pastryturned-smoothie is lower in sugar than the dessert. But you can up the decadence by topping it with a trendy dalgona coffee.

## **Dragon fruit dream**

1 (3½-ounce (100-g)) dragon fruit frozen pack or 1 tablespoon (2 g) dragon fruit powder

¼ cup (34 g) beets, raw, peeled and chopped

¼ cup (123 g) frozen mango chunks

½ cup (120 ml) coconut water

Add all the ingredients to a blender and process until the mixture is smooth. Drink immediately, or if you prefer, refrigerate for an hour to give it an extra chill.

#### Makes 2 smoothies

Nutrition: Protein: 2.7 g | Fiber: 4.2 g | Fat: 1.2 g | Calories: 155 | Sodium: 84 mg | Carbs: 27.9 g | Sugars: 18.6 g

## **Orange-turmeric shot**

ろ cup (62 g) oranges, peeled ん cup (60 ml) coconut water



An orange-turmeric shot may help to ease inflammation. PHOTOS BY DEE DINE/PAGE STREET PUBLISHING

the mixture is smooth. Pour through a fine sieve, reserving the liquid as your shot. Drink at once or multiply the recipe, pour the shots into ice cube trays and freeze, thawing as you need one.

Notes: Other citrus can replace the oranges and water can replace the coconut water. The coconut meat or even coconut flour can be used instead of coconut oil. Cayenne pepper can be used instead of black pepper.

Makes 1 (4-oz [120-ml]) shot

Protein: 1.2 g | Fiber: 2.6 g | Fat: 2.7 g | Calories: 67 | Sodium: 64 mg | Carbs: 10.7 g | Sugars: 7.3 g

## Whipped coffee tiramisu

- 1 cup (240 ml) coffee with milk, to taste
- 1 tablespoon (6 g) graham crackers
- 1 tablespoon (11 g) chocolate chips
- Ice cubes, for serving
- ¼ cup (60 ml) whipped cream or optional trendy

Dragon fruit dream smoothie.

the mixture is smooth. Pour the coffee smoothie over ice cubes. Spoon the whipped cream over your smoothie, or if desired, make and top with the trendy dalgona coffee whip (see recipe). Dust with cacao powder and serve immediately.

Makes 2 (8-oz [240-ml]) smoothies

## **Trendy dalgona coffee**

If you're feeling extra fancy, add

- 2 tablespoons (6 g) instant coffee
- 2 tablespoons (25 g) coconut palm sugar
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) boiling water

Add instant coffee, sugar and boiling water to a clean bowl. Using a hand mixer, whip it for 2 to 5 minutes until you achieve a stiff coffee-colored whipped texture. Dollop this on your drink.

If you make the dalgona coffee, you must use instant coffee — it is the ingredient that creates the telltale froth. You can, however, use cane sugar instead of

½ teaspoon coconut oil 1 teaspoon ground turmeric Pinch of black pepper boost.

Add all the ingredients to a blender and process until

dalgona coffee (see recipe)

Cacao powder, for serving

Make a cup of coffee and add milk to taste. The coffee can be warm. Add the coffee, graham crackers and chocolate chips to a blender, and process until

coconut palm sugar.

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• Send a tasteful goodbye message: If you still have access to your company email, send a message to your colleagues. It can be simple, letting them know that it is your last day and that you enjoyed working with them. Also mention the type of work you'll be looking for in case they can make an introduction. Include your personal contact information and connect with them on social media so they are able to reach out after you leave.

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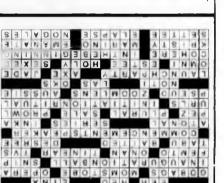
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