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# Parents campaign for normal schooling

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Campaigning for a return to pre-pan-

demic school this fall has already begun. Parents in both South Lyon and Huron Valley sought assurances from their respective school boards June 7 that the

upcoming school year would be what want school to look and feel as normal they called "normal."

South Lyon Superintendent Steve Archibald said he is not sure what that even means any more.

"We are going to work real hard to be as normal." he said. "I am struggling, I don't know what normal is anymore. We

as possible."

Parent Chris Campo told the school board an email Archibald sent regarding the district's plans for next year should have put parents at ease, but instead did the opposite.

"Other districts have firm decisions See NORMAL, Page 4A

for next year. Our trust is broken," she said. "The way you have treated us is terrible, kids policed like an FBI takedown over masks - 'pull your masks up, when you're done chewing, pull your mask up.'

## **Northville** senior earns **Presidential Scholar** award

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The instant a Northville High School office staff member learned a reporter was at the school to interview senior Shriya Reddy, she smiled and said, "That young lady is going to discover a cure for cancer before she's 30."

The statement may not be an exag-

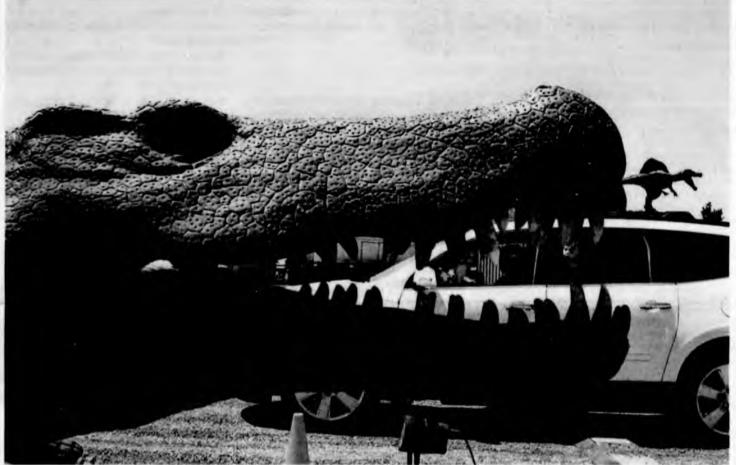
Engaging, brilliant (4.0 grade-point average) and bubbling with ambition, Reddy recently learned she is among the 57th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars — one of just five high school seniors in Michigan and 161 in the United States to earn the distinction.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic and technical excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership and demonstrated commitment to high ideals.

What made this class of Presidential Scholars extraordinary is that their accomplishments were sculpted during an adversity-coated pandemic that created untested virtual learning models — a mountain members of the first 56 classes didn't have to climb.

"The 2021 Presidential Scholars represent extraordinary achievements for our extraordinary times," said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. "I am delighted to join President Biden in saluting these outstanding young people for their achievements. service, character and continued pursuit of excellence. Their examples make me proud and hopeful about the future."

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Visitors to Dino Safari pass by a deinosuchus character at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi on June 11.

# Drive-through dinosaur adventure coming to Novi

Kyle Davidson Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Have you ever watched "Jurassic Park" and wondered, "Man, I wish I could go there?" Well hold on, metro Detroit, because the dinosaurs are here.

Dino Safari will be at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi through July 5.

Through July 5 visitors can mingle with more than 40 moving dinosaurs including Triceratops, T. rex and more.

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Visitors to the Dino Safari enter the enclosure. The drive-through visit to **Jurassic times** and their dinosaur animatronic inhabitants runs at the **Novi facility** through July 5.

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# Music returns as community concert series start

From Staff Reports Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN** 

Summer is here and with most CO-VID-19 restrictions lifted, communities are reintroducing community events to draw friends and neighbors together.

So grab your lawn chair, set it up early and get ready for some toe-tapping fun. Here is a look at who is playing where and when in the Hometown Life area in northwest Wayne and Oakland coun-

Note, most communities cancel or postpone concerts due to inclement weather.

#### **Tuesdays**

Northville Parks and Recreation hosts weekly kid-friendly concerts 10:30-11:30 a.m. until Aug. 3 at the

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- June 22: Stephanie Wicke • June 29: Janet Marie & m'Archibald
- July 6: Kevin Devine
- July 13: Gemini
- July 19: Funny Dumplings
- July 26: Palamazoo • Aug. 3: Guy Lewis
- The **Highland** Township Downtown Development Authority organizes the Sounds Like Summer concert series at Veterans Park, 250 W. Livingston. The
- July 14: Itchycoo Park, late '60s/ early '70s tribute band

DDA website (highlanddda.com) listed

the concerts as "To Be Announced" as of

#### Wednesdays

The City of Walled Lake holds its summer concerts 7-9 p.m. at Hiram Sims Park, 1299 Quinif Drive.

- June 23: Detroit Social Club
- July 7: Surf Zup
- July 14: Sound Station July 21: Laughing Madmen
- July 28: School of Rock
- Aug. 4: All Directions
- Aug. 11: DownRiver Dan

• Aug. 18: School of Rock

Brighton started its Turn Up the AMP! series this month with concerts 7-8:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month through September. Concerts take place at the amphitheater at the Mill Pond.

• July 14: Jill Jack Band, singer-songwriter and folk rock

• Aug. 11: Revival: A Tribute to The **Allman Brothers Band** 

 Sept. 8: Kari Holmes, a Nashville recording artist and country musician from Lansing.

#### Thursdays

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS** Novi Community School District - 2021 Roofing Program -Leak Restoration Projects

Project The Novi Community School District's Board of Education is accepting bids to provide construction related work at Novi Middle School and Novi High School. Proposed work includes complete roofing removal

Matthew Polhemus matthew.polhemus@structuretec.com

July 01, 2021 up until 1:00 p.m. (local time)

Novi Community School District **Educational Services Building** 

Bidders are to submit bids at the address noted below

Milford Concerts in the Park run 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Central Park on Main Street in downtown Milford. Visit www.milfordtownship.com for more.

- June 24: 2XL, classic rock and roll July 1: Lookin' Back/Allentown,
- classic rock • July 8: Phoenix Theory, classic
- rock/pop/dance July 15: Magic Bus, Late 1960s trib-

Fifty Amp Fuse will perform this summer, including a July 22 date at Milford's Lafrontaine Family Amphitheater, a somewhat regular venue for the metro Detroit cover band, HOMETOWNLIFE COM FILE

 July 22: Fifty Amp Fuse, greatest hits

e July 29: Persuasion, pop/rock/r&b Farmington Hills Special Services Department hosts its Thursday night Summer Concerts weekly at 7 p.m. at Heritage Park, 24725 Farmington Road. If inclement weather, concerts move to the Costic Center, 28600 Eleven Mile

- June 17: Farmington Community Band
- June 24: Captured Detroit (Journey Tribute)
- July 8: Atomic Radio
- July 15: High School Music (School of Rock Performances)
- July 22: Sheila Landis & The Brazil-
- ian Love Affair • July 29: Farmington Community
- **Band Big Band**  Aug.5: The Whiskey Charmers • Aug. 12: Serieux Motown Tempta-
- tion Review

• Aug. 19: Farmington Community Chorus Wixom Parks and Rec holds weekly

concerts 7-9 p.m. at Sibley Square Park, 48900 Pontiac Trail.

- June 17: Randy Brock, blues rock • June 24: The Sound Alternative
- Band, rock, pop and funk • July 8: Magic Bus, psychedelic ride to the Woodstock era
  - July 15: 2XL, classic rock

- July 22: Chris Canas Band, blues, funk, soul
- July 29: Motor City Soul, Motown, soul, r&b, funk, pop
- Aug. 5: Bernadette Kathryn and the Lonely Days Band, hot country & classic
- Aug. 12: The Shawn Riley Band, classic rock & celtic
- Aug. 19: Global Village, nonsense

#### Fridays

The Rhythms in Riley Park Farmington summer concert series' DDA-sponsored events, 7-9 p.m. at Riley Park, 33113 Grand River Ave.

- July 23: Surf Zup
- July 30: Motown Eagles
- Aug. 6: Wayback Machine
- Aug. 13: Billy Mack and the Juke **Joint Johnnies**
- Aug. 20: Major Dudes
- Aug. 27: Skye Island Band

Novi Nights Live is a new free concert series at the Adell Center, 43700 Adell Center Drive, just south of Interstate 96 in Novi. 7-9 p.m. Fridays.

- July 9: Alexander Zonjic, Lin Roun-
- July 16: Alexander Zonjic, Evan
- July 23: Alexander Zonjic, Urban Jazz Coalition

South Lyon Concerts in the Park are scheduled to start in July, running 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays at the gazebo at McHattie Park, 300 Dorothy Street.

Aug. 6: The Judy Banker Band

The Downtown Northville Social District will have acoustic music on Main Street (Fridays) and Center Street (Saturdays) 7-9 p.m. The music is intended to add to the downtown ambiance and no lawn chairs are allowed.

The Huron Valley Council for the Arts and Milford Downtown Development Authority organize the Milford Friday Night Live concert series 7-9 p.m. at Center Street Park in downtown Milford. Concerts are moved to Milford Presbyterian Church in case of inclement weather.

- June 25: The Cass Saxophone
- July 30: Bugs Beddow Band • Aug. 27: Jazz in the D



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Novi, MI 48374 Bids are due in person and will be timestamped at the required date/ time to the attention of Michael Dragoo. At the time the bid packages are due, all bids will be opened and read aloud on July 01, 2021 at 1:15 p.m. (local time). The Board of Education will not open, consider nor accept a bid received after the date and time specified. All late bid proposals will be returned to the bidder unopened. A Bid Bond executed by a Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the Novi Community School District or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal shall be submitted with Bid. Bid bonds shall be submitted electronically with the bid submission, if a cashier's check is provided submit a photocopy with bid submission followed by hard copy if requested. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be Labor and required to furnish satisfactory Performance and Payments Bonds by a Treasury listed surety in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of Bond(s) shall be included in each proposal. Nonexempt: This project is a non-prevailing wage project and is not tax exempt for State sales tax and/or use tax. All materials and supplies incorporated and used in construction of the work and becoming a permanent part of this project will not be exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. All required Sales Tax/Use Tax shall be included in the bid price. Bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner and any employee of bidder and any member of the Board of Education or the superintendent. Additionally, bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement for the Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit of Compliance. Bids not accompanied with these sworn and notarized statements will not be accepted by the Board. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids Contract Award: in whole or in part and waive any informality or irregularity therein, or to award the Contract to other than the low bidder, in its sole discretion. The Novi Community School District reserves the right to accept the

# **Excitement builds** for July 4 parade, **Milford Memories**

Susan Bromley Hometownlife corr **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN** 

After a long pandemic year, the Independence Day Parade and Milford Memories are returning. Both events will take place without restrictions of any kind.

"We think it will be the biggest (Milford Memories) we've ever had, because we think we are people ready to party after a long year of COVID," Jen Hill, Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce communications manager, said.

#### **Independence Day Parade**

The Milford Historical Society received assistance from the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce and from veterans organizations led by Bear Hall and Joe Salvia in order to pull the parade together quickly.

Veterans are being urged to join in the parade, Salvia said, as "they have missed out being recognized two years in a row" with cancellations.

Roughly 40-50 groups have participated in the parade in recent years, and Parade Committee Chair Norm Werner is planning on them, as well as several thousand spectators.

"People have been cooped up so long, we really need a parade to get people out," he said.

The deadline to register to participate in the parade is July 1 and can be done at milfordhistory.org.

While there are no capacity limits or masks required, there are still typical parade rules, including no themes or signs/props that are based on controversial, political or social issues. Animals are encouraged, but must be properly trained, controlled and

Parade participants will line up on Union And Hickory streets according to assigned slot numbers given after registering.

The parade route down Main Street will end at Central Park. Call Werner with the Historical Society at 248-763-2497 or Joell Beether, executive director of the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, at 248-685-7129 for more information.

#### **Milford Memories Summer Festival**

It's "game on" for Milford Memories. Art in the Village will look normal, Hill said, with about 300 fine arts and crafts coming from across the U.S. and Canada for the three-day juried art show, with hours of 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Aug. 13; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Aug. 14; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 15.

Music is back along with a beer tent in Central Park, where cover bands Fun House will take the stage from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday, and Power Play will step up Saturday. Free, live music will fill the air throughout the daylight hours of the festival, too.

Family-friendly activities include basketball, volleyball and cornhole tournaments, Blind Canoe Race, and a 5K Run. Activities for children are provided by Arts & Scraps, Play & Grow and Carls Family YMCA.

"We understand what this means to the community and businesses," Hill said. "It was hard to watch everyone suffer."

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

greeted the participants

and made sure the eve-

ning flowed smoothly:

From Milford Presbyteri-

Ginther, Kimberly Fallat,

Isaac and Andrea Perry

and Kimberly Metzner;

From Milford United

Methodist Church -

Debbie Bonnewell, Linda

Fraser, Al Worrell, Linda

Sturgeon and Juanita

Rogers; From the Milford

community - Sarah and

George Moore and Sherri

lage Florist of Milford for

the beautiful flower ar-

rangement and carna-

tions. Most of all we

thank those who were in attendance, who shared

their losses, to honor and

recognize their loved

ones. Forty people were

Robinson, Brian Moore,

Eileen Fisher-Metcalf,

Soden, Gail DePodesta

Perrin, Patrick Packer,

Sylvia Woodcroft, Joseph

Robillard, Lynn Van-

Hooser, Lillian Schuyler,

Elizabeth Fraser, Larry

Matson, Gary Scholes,

Don Misfud, Ivan Emi-

line, Norma Caswell,

Christen Knight, Mac

James Wikaryasz Jr.,

Bryon Head, Janice Cam-

pitiello, Duane Bone, Jim Koresky, Jeanne Koresky,

Luanne Genga, Martha

Styles, Steve Styles, Dale

LeClerc, Jean LeClerc, Cal

Valentine, Fred VanCampenhout, Bill Bullard,

Leslie Tulk, Gordon Muir,

Barbara Harrison, Sister Roberta Westrick and Fr.

**Huron Valley Memo-**

Nancy Czech, Pat Hin-

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Gregory

Sean Nelson, Mike

Linda Darabi, Michael

remembered:

Mary Garlak

McFarland,

Thank you to The Vil-

Masson.

#### Remembering those who died

On the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend under a bright blue sky, families and friends gathered for the Huron Valley Community Memorial to remember the lives of those lost, of all causes, during the CO-VID-19 pandemic.

The many who passed away were denied their burial traditions and the grieving friends and family missed the opportunity to honor and reflect on the life of their loved ones. The community memorial was a public event to remember these lives and acknowledge the losses.

Many people helped bring about this event and deserve our deepest gratitude and recognition. A special thank you to the faith leaders who offered prayer, remarks and support: Pastor Paul Jenkinson (Oak Pointe Milford Church), Dr. Fariba Hickinson (Bahai Faith), Rev. Dr. Bryant Anderson (Milford Presbyterian Church), Fr. Wayne Ureel (Holy Spirit Catholic Church), and Pastor Kate Zywicki (Calvary Lutheran Church).

Beautiful music filled the air to complete evening. Milford High School choir director Maryann Lambrecht led students Jillian Armstrong, Julia Kanak and Mackenzie Collins as they shared their vocal talents. Thank you to pianist Brenda Granroth who accompanied the students and cello soloist Christian Sands who opened and closed the memorial. We owe a big gratitude to Megan Weeks, Milford High School theater director, who made the ceremony possible by setting up and controlling the sound system.

Thank you to the volunteer ushers who

#### Supports bill to protect pets

Some people simply do not deserve to have an Church — Jennifer dogs in their life and need to be reminded they are not lawn ornaments. It is vital we pass Senate Bill #395, sponsored by Sen. Dayna Polehanki, D-Livonia.

> We need to protect Michigan dogs from freezing to death. The bill mandates dogs be brought into a heated shelter (unless participating in a recreational activity with their owner/ guardian) when temperatures drop below freez-

> Every summer we see some pathetic humans leave their children in vehicles only to die a slow painful death; this is no different. It is what happens when one leaves a dog out to literally freeze

to death or to suffer painful lifelong consequences to their health.

Ghandi said: "The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members," and dogs are part of that.

Lurge every member of the Michigan Senate to help end this inhumane practice and pass Senate Bill #395 to prohibit the practice of ignoring the health and safety of dogs by leaving them to exist in extreme cold. A first-time offense would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail, a \$1,000 fine and community service hours. Penalties would get steeper if more dogs are involved.

Please contact your Senator to urge their support.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Novi Community School District (NCSD) will receive bids for

Novi Community School District - 2021 Site Improvements Program

Program consists of maintenance excavation and reshaping of two (2) retention ponds. The two ponds are not considered wetlands and do not require Michigan Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) permitting.

2021 Bid Package- One unregulated pond south of Novi High School and one unregulated pond west of Novi Middle School. Bids will be received until 2:00 PM, local time, July

Bids are due in person and will be timestamped at the required date/time to the attention of Mike Dragoo. At the time the bid packages are due, all bids will be opened and read aloud at 2:15pm. Bids received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered, or accepted. Address for bid opening is noted below:

Novi Community School District **Educational Services Building** 25345 Taft Rd. Novi, MI 48374

Bid documents can be pre-ordered and purchased at the offices of ARC/Dunn Blue, 1009 W. Maple Road, Clawson, MI 48107 beginning June 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Bid Documents can also be ordered online by contacting ARC/Dunn Blue for non-refundable purchase price for each bid package. Use email michigan.troy@e-arc.com with the subject line, NCSD 2021 Site Improvement Program" or call 248-288-5600. Neither the district nor SME will provide

All bidders should be available on Friday, July 02, 2021 starting at 2:30 PM for post bid interviews. Interviews will be on an invitation basis only and will be by conference call or

Prospective bidders must meet the following minimum standards in order to submit a proposal:

- Must be an established Contractor in Michigan for a minimum of five (5) years • Has successfully completed a minimum of three (3) educational, institutional or municipal retention/detention pond / earthwork / site improvement projects each with construction values in excess of \$250,000 00
- Must be able to provide business and liability insurance, performance and payment bond for work required by the Bid Documents

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by SME for the "Novi Community School District - 2021 Site Improvements Program" and be accompanied by a bidder's bond or a certified or cashier's check payable to Novi Community School District for the sum of not less than five (5%) of the bid amount for the BASE BID Package. All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner (bidder) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the NCSD School Board, Administration or Staff Bidders shall also provide a Sworn Statement of Economic Relationship with the Country of Iran. Bids received without a bidder's bond, certified or cashier's check, sworn and notarized statement of familial disclosure, and Iran Economic Statement MAY BE REJECTED

Novi Community School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid, which best serves the Novi Community School District's interest.

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#### **CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 05-17-21**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 05-17-21. The ordinance set forth in Chapter 18 Businesses which prohibits marihuana establishments within the City limits of the City of Northville was set to expire June 30, 2021. Ordinance #05-17-21 amends the ordinance to remove the ordinance duration date. All other provisions of Chapter 18 Businesses prohibiting marihuana establishments within the City limits of the City of Northville remain in effect.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on May 17, 2021 and was adopted by the City Council on June 7, 2021. The ordinance shall become effective on June 18, 2021. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 and on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

#### CITY OF NORTHVILLE **PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**

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Taxes may be paid by mail, addressed to City of Northville, PO Box 674505, Detroit, Michigan, 48267-4505, in person at the City Clerk's Office. 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. or via internet. Tax information, including payment status, will be available online as of July 1, 2021 at www.ci.northville.mi.us

Forms of payment accepted will be cash, check, money order, and credit card. Please note if paying by credit card convenience fees apply.

On September 1, 2021 a two percent (2%) penalty will be added, plus an additional ½ of 1% interest per month beginning October 1, 2021. All payments received after 4:30 p.m. August 31, 2021, regardless of postmark, will be subject to penalty and interest.

City of Northville Tax Department

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### **Award**

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Reddy was enrolled in the Northville Public Schools' fully-virtual academy the first semester of the 2020-21 school year before shifting to a hybrid model one day in-person, the next day virtual for her final semester of high school.

"I would bet that every student would say learning online was nowhere near as efficient or effective as learning in person," Reddy said. "It definitely affected me. I felt that the classes weren't necessarily harder because the teachers worked so hard to accommodate for the virtual learning, but it was much harder to learn the material since it was virtu-

Reddy didn't shy away from challenges during her tough senior year. She was dual enrolled at Schoolcraft College (first semester) and Washtenaw Community College (second semester) so she could tackle a demanding organic chemistry class.

"Every organic chemistry test was more difficult than the previous one and the first one was the hardest test I've ever taken," she admitted. "For the final exam, we had to memorize 200 to 300 molecular reactions. I managed to squeeze by with an A, but I surprised myself. The very first test hit me way harder than I expected. I wasn't expecting to keep up an A the entire semester, but I did it."

Father Rakesh Reddy, a self-employed computer software manager, and mother Dr. Shalini Thoutreddy, an oncologist for the Karmanos Cancer Institute, deserve a load of credit for Shriya's successes, their daughter empha-

"My parents have supported me so much," she said. "My mother is more science-oriented, so she's the one who inspired my love for science.

Northville High School biology teacher Karin Nelson is the non-family member who has had had most influence on the star student, Reddy said.

"Ms. Nelson has been super supportive," she said. "I was very involved in science fairs in middle school. When I found out there wasn't a science fair program at Northville High School, Ms. Nelson got me involved in the Detroit Science Fair. She was my go-to whenever someone would ask me who my



Northville High School senior Shriya Reddy is one of five students in the state to receive the 2021 Presidential Scholar award. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Shriya Reddy

teacher sponsor was."

Reddy, who never earned lower than an A grade at Northville High School, is bound for Stanford University, an iconic higher-learning institution that barely edged out her second choice, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"I didn't make up my mind until the absolute final day," she said. "Both schools offered so much of what I was looking for."

Reddy's away-from-school plate is full, too. She is the Michigan Chapter president for ResearcHERS, an American Cancer Society program that gives women the opportunity to help raise funds for some of the country's cancer research projects led by women. She also enjoys mentoring young students who share her zest for science.

What advice does she give her

younger science-loving peers?

"Be very, very curious of everything around you," she answered. "That's what has helped me the most. Opportunities are all around; you just have to find them and not be deterred if an email you send isn't returned or is rejected. Learn from it and keep going."

Of the 3.6 million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 6,000 candidates qualified for the 2021 awards determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT or ACT exams or through nominations made by Chief State School Officers, other partner recognition organizations and the National YoungArts Foundation's nationwide YoungArts™ program.

As directed by Presidential Executive Order, the 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large, 20 Scholars in the arts and 20 Scholars in career and technical education.

In addition to Reddy, Michigan's crop of Presidential Scholars included Calvin Hinds (Interlochen Arts Academy), Saaim Ali Khan (Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School), Andrea Maizy (Center Line High School) and Shriya Yarlagadda (Grand Blanc Community School).

### **Dinosaurs**

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Just beware: You might have to drive through earthquakes, avoid battling dinosaurs or help save a baby dinosaur's life.

While visitors drive past animatronic dinosaurs, the in-car audio guide provides an interactive story line to follow, alongside scientific facts about where dinosaurs lived, how they moved and ate, and how they evolved. The event also offers each visitor a survival pack, which includes a scavenger hunt for the event, a coloring activity and other surprises.

"We are thrilled to be bringing this safe and fun experience for families into Suburban Collection Showplace, particularly in light of the many challenges everyone has faced over the last year," said Tom Zaller, president & CEO of Imagine Exhibitions, producer of Dino Safari. "There's nothing more amazing than seeing a child's face light up when they see our dinosaurs!"

While the event was initially scheduled to open on May 28, it was delayed because of health concerns. Dino Safari will honor current tickets for any day of the new run, or offer a full refund at 855-DSAFARI. Tickets are \$49.95 per vehicle and are available online at dinosafari.com.

The Suburban Collection Showplace is at 46100 Grand River Ave, No-



Visitors to Dino Safari pass by a herrarasaurus.

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Susan Dinnan, a Kurtz Elementary kindergarten teacher, and student Cason Keatts, 5, show the new back-to-school fashion trends for the 2020-21 school year on Aug. 31, 2020. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE



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### Normal

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"My son stopped from talking to his own sister, can't talk to friends or you give them COVID, no science experiments or you'll give COVID. It's a nightmare. Then teachers, double masked, vaccinated and sitting in plastic bubbles. ... This has to stop."

In the email, Archibald said school in the fall would return to five days a week and families would again be attending in-person events. He also wrote that at district elementaries, plastic barriers will be removed and students will return to lunchrooms and normal recesses. At the secondary level, six-period days will return and there will be three lunch periods instead of four.

But parents at the board meeting appeared to take issue with how masking will be addressed: Optional, unless otherwise mandated by order. Several parents urged the board to keep masks optional, regardless of possible changes in health department guidelines.

"We know COVID is real, but look where we're at, everyone who wants to get vaccinated has the opportunity," parent Katherine Machesky said. "If they don't want to get vaccinated, maybe something bad happens, but it's their choice. ... We have to live our lives and let kids live their lives."

Several more parents voiced concerns and dissatisfaction about the past year, and worried about the coming year, citing fears of vaccination bullying or segregation in the classroom according to who is immunized and who is not.

A similar public comment period was playing out at the same time during the Huron Valley Board of Education meet-

Brandi Daniels said she wanted to discourage Huron Valley from implementing recommended health department guidance including "masks, testing, quarantining and encouraging of vaccinations" saying that every safety protocol comes at a cost arguing CO-VID-19 presents a low risk to kids.

"Children shouldn't be made to feel they are a threat and the air they breathe is poison," she said. "There should not be preferential treatment for vaccinated children over unvaccinated children, including masking. This kind of thinking causes more division, shaming, bullying 56665 10 Mile Road.

and harm to our children.... I understand we are hopeful all the orders will go away July 1, but we need to address what will happen if they do not go away. Or if they come back next year. Or in the future."

Huron Valley Superintendent Paul Salah said in a letter to families that school was anticipated to return in the fall as five days a week, with a resumption of "many of the normal activities that were either suspended or altered due to the pandemic.

Also expected is increased parental access to buildings and optional masks for students and staff. Desk partitions will no longer be used as a mitigation

Like Archibald, Salah said he feels that vaccinations are a personal decision that every family should make for themselves in consultation with their physician.

During the board meeting, Salah recalled a sense of relief that the pandemic was coming to an end from when the state announced capacity limits and mask requirements would be lifted as of July 1. He said district officials would continue to work with the health department on guidance, although his hope is that there will be no guidance, and things will be normal, without quarantines.

"I think we're excited to bring closure to the year," he said. "We were so excited to acknowledge seniors this past weekend and send the kids off with proper ceremony and we're excited to march toward normalcy."

#### **County vaccination rates**

According to the Oakland County Health Division, the county has almost 1.1 million residents ages 12 and older who are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. As of June 7, 706,666 of those eligible residents, or 64.7%, had received at least their first dose of vaccine.

Broken down further, Oakland County Communications Director Bill Mullan said the county has about 121,000 residents in the 12-19 age bracket. Of those, about 51,000 had received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination.

The county health division is currently focused on bringing smaller vaccine clinics into communities. A walkup vaccine clinic is planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 25 at the Lyon Fire Station,





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# 331 MILLION AMERICANS SUFFERING 33 MILLION AMERICANS INFECTED 600 THOUSAND AMERICANS KILLED SMALL BUSINESSES BREAKING AND BROKE GOVERNMENT GONE WILD

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Have you noticed that our government is shoveling money out the door as fast as they can "print" it? Trillions (that is trillions, with a "TR") of dollars have been

conjured up out of thin air in the last couple years. How much is trillions? Lots. And lots. And lots. And

Washington, D.C. Government computers humming along Busily churning out all these brand-new dollars. Who needs a printing press? Besides, there isn't that much paper on the planet.

ou recall that place... the place with lockdowns, new normal, rules for thee but not for me... In that place, the economy tanked. Factories froze. Companies closed. Businesses busted. Hotels hurt. Restaurants retreated. Get the picture? If not, look

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Can you say, "Inflation?" I knew you could! What is coming next? How can we deal with it?

#### THESE TRUTHS WE HOLD TO BE SELF-EVIDENT

If you are like me, you see the government as a monster that gobbles up tax dollars and spits out pot-holed roads. You and I do not expect good things from government bureaucrats, promises or programs. We wish they would just take the money from our paychecks and leave us alone. We cheered when Ronald Reagan said, "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the Government, and I'm here to help."

Most of us middle-class folks who work for a living have enormous compassion for our truly disadvantaged brothers and sisters. Middle-class Americans, by far, are the most generous, charitable, open-handed people in the world. You can look it up. Helping strangers. Donating to charities. Volunteering time and effort. We do it. And we do more of it than anyone in the world. Authentic charity to solve genuine problems of our undeniably needy American family makes us feel great. Our hearts glow. On the other hand, we are exasperated by government "social programs". Huge sums

dedicated to noble causes. Tiny dribbles of cash to those in need. Hard-earned dollars stupidly squandered on politically correct and tragically senseless schemes. Most of the money going to professional parasites, the Beltway Bandits. It is no coincidence that Washington, D.C. is surrounded by the richest communities in America. Tough job doling out your cash, but hey, somebody's gotta do it!

#### BRAVE NEW WORLD TRUE CONFESSIONS

People like us cannot imagine that we would ever again see any of the money firked from our paychecks by government Let others put their snouts in the trough. Just leave us enough to get by. We will figure it out. Frugality beans and rice, rice and beans... Besides, it seems wrong that Meantime, in the real world... I am sure anything would come back to us... That is

But pandemic panic politics has changed things. Can we deny the evidence of our own eyes? Radical reactions fundamental-

ly overhauled our public policy. And economy. And our ability

None of us want the hand-out. Other folks got the gimmees, but not us. We play by the rules. Fairly. But what can we do when, in the middle of the game, they change the rules? Are we supposed to roll over and die? Go broke? Submit? No, thank you very much!

THE WORLD TURNED Upside Down

ADAPT OR DIE... OR AT LEAST GO BROKE

Many of us remember when expensive

long-term care was unusual Nursing Home Poverty was not a concern. Your grandmother did not have to sell the farm because your grandfather had dementia. Nor did your great-grandmother. Nor your great-great-grandmother. Regular people could save up, help the next generation. Not so much anymore Failing to plan for long-term care in the 21st Century means, nursing home poverty, no choice, no legacy. Planning means security for you and your loved ones.

Just a short time ago, mere months, small businesspeople were riding high. Record numbers of women, Blacks, Asians, all sorts of ambitious entrepreneurs, were rolling up their sleeves and getting down to business. Sure, taxes, regulations, and competition were still big worries. Butsuccess was in the air. What do you smell today? Desperation. Confusion. Fear.

Government is pumping floods of cash to your competitors. Belly up to the bar! You cannot ignore the new reality or wish it

#### TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES

Skilled care at \$12,000 per month means you will need Medicaid Broke or not broke, that is up to you. If you are like me, you will not like it. But it is not up to us. Our likes and dislikes are irrelevant.

Payroll Protection Plan, Economic Injury Disaster Loan, Employee Retention Tax Credit, Stimulus Payments, Just a few of the government programs dumping tons of money on small business.

The competition is getting this money. Other businesspeople have received and are receiving tens to hundreds of thousands. Direct from the money factory. If you are like me, you do not like it. Neither do I But we cannot wish it away.

your team members' children clothed and fed, mortgages paid, and bills up to date? They made the rules. We must play by them or lose all we have worked for

PAUL REVERE RIDES AGAIN

INFLATION IS COMING.

INFLATION IS COMING!

Gas prices at a 7-year high. Low interest

rates. Sky high housing Families priced

out - cannot afford it! Factories shut down.

Pipelines closed. Workers paid more to

stay home than they could earn by work-

ing. Some prices have not changed, but

there are fewer Cheerios, garbage bags,

less laundry detergent in that box. More

Money Less Stuff. This is what inflation

How can local business survive? To

get through this human-made storm,

shouldn't you take advantage of every op-

portunity? Including the uncomfortable,

unavoidable opportunities provided by

government programs? You did not ask for

the money. You did not want the money.

But the programs are here, your competi-

tion is taking advantage. You cannot afford

to ignore them any longer. It is a matter of

Many, reading this article, will move on to the next section of the newspaper. Most people, faced with disaster, will close their eyes. Hope for the best. And watch their business, life savings, and achievements of a lifetime evaporate like a snowflake on a hot griddle. Why do hard-working, prudent, frugal, middle-class entrepreneurs accept poverty? Most of the time?

#### SMALL BUSINESS SALVATION - EMPLOYEE RETENTION TAX

TEN THINGS EVERYONE ALWAYS GETS WRONG (MOSTLY)

1. I got Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) money, I'm out!

False. PPP is irrelevant. Does not mutter! Chin up... you can qualify whether your PPP loan was for Draw 1 or Draw 2, forgiven or not.

between the programs. Irrelevant!

False. See #1. above. No relation

My business revenue did not decline, poor, poor pitiful me!

False. Is it a slam dunk if you had a revenue decline? Pretty much. But if putting in those 16hour days means you kept the money coming in, we argue that COVID still fell on your business like a ton of bricks. Hundreds of pages of lawyer-talk interpret the law. It is complex Do NOT jump to conclusions, bad or good

4. I did not completely shut down, I'm

False. By soldiering on, you are a hero to me! Sure, complete shutdown is another (pretty much) slam dunk. But there's more than one way to skin that

5. My enterprise is an "Essential Busi-

False. ERTC is supposed to keep people on the payroll Being essential does not automatically disqualify you. For example, hospitals (pretty "essential" right?) clearly qualify. You might too!

I did not pay enough income tax to use a tax credit, I'm up a creek.

False. This is a refundable tax credit. If. you can't use the whole amount to offset tax, the government will shoot you a re-fund check. Also, as a payroll mx credit, your income doesn't matter for eligibility. Our FTE employment numbers are down

and our turnover is so high, I installed a revolving door! I'm down and dizzy.

False. Good News! The ERTC amount is based on the wages you paid to employees It does not matter that they later left.

I managed to hire even more folks. I am

False. Hey there hero! Not only can you qualify, you might even get a larger tax

9. I was dazed and confused by the PPP process and this ERTC looks even worse I do not want another migraine!

BINGO! The exception that proves the rule ERTC is guaranteed to give you a splitting headache, halitosis, and the heartbreak of psoriasis. Or not. But payroll companies are asking their clients to sign liability waivers for messing this up. Our research and exper-

10. My brother-in-law the accountant can do this. I am as confident in his abilities as I was in my electrician brother-in-law who burned down our house. Could have happened to anyone!

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Many ceilings have exaggerated details, like this living room ceiling with various cathedral shapes, skylights and wood linings. The three-story limestone fireplace was carved for this spot. This is the 18th house this couple has built and they called it their "last hurrah." PROVIDED BY WINDOW STILL

# Lavish living in \$3.75M 'last hurrah' mansion

Judy Rose Special to Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

This Oakland County mansion was built by a car collector, and its garages can hold 30 cars.

Actually, that statement is a small stretch. Twenty-four cars can park on the floors of heated garages here, but car lifts nearly double that number. The owner did use car lifts; now he's sold all

but one

The same lavish spirit drove design through the whole house. The wine cellar is stunning; the theater is theatrical. The living room ceiling is one of a kind.

The tile work in a first-floor powder room makes it a destination of its own.

The owners planned most of this house themselves and missed almost no chance for flourish. Look overhead in most main rooms, and you'll see some

special ceiling, often very dramatic.

This is the 18th house Bob and Jean Walrich have built for themselves together. They own a large commercial contracting company and are metro Detroit philanthropists.

"We wanted this to be our final hurrah," Bob Walrich said.

Hurrah indeed — few holds are barred. From the game room balcony, two giraffes look out over the living

room. They're close to life-size and suggest a mother giraffe and a yearling. Jean Walrich found these in Florida.

The back yard is special as well. It's landscaped with a stone waterfall that splashes down into a 40-foot stone creek. A curved Asian foot bridge crosses the creek and leads to the massive stone fireplace behind.

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The graceful foyer shows the extensive Frence bombe'-style wrought iron as well as ceiling trims that run throughout the house. At left, the image of an Italian scene is painted into a dining room arch. PROVIDED BY WINDOW STILL



The huge house sits on 9 acres, all lawn. It has a garage plus three outbuildings that bring the car collecting possibilities up to 24 cars, or 48 with lifts. PROVIDED BY COOKE PRODUCTIONS

### Lavish

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The couple designed this house as a special treat for their grandkids — five girls and one boy. The waterfall and bridge are one attraction.

Another is the theater - a homescale suite with Cecil B. DeMille-era flair. Its entrance is showy; its commercial carpet depicts boxes of popcorn. Its lights are Frank Lloyd Wright-ish. It has a Coke machine and a candy stand.

Inside, eight big leather seats have drink holders. Over the seats, a big round planetarium shows the night sky as it really is in Lyon Township. Behind the screen is a real stage, where kids can put on their shows.

The sleeping rooms, too, give special thought to kids. Adults have two owners' suites on the first floor. The second floor has three more bedrooms with full baths. It also has two gathering rooms where groups, most likely kids, can get

One is big enough for a gang and has a kitchenette. The other is part of a tworoom suite that looks meant for sleepovers. It has a sleeping room with two single beds built in, a bathroom for two and a smaller sitting room.

Besides the theater, the finished walkout lower level has a bistro and bar. A round banquette can seat about eight, and an artisan's handsome wood bar is nearby. It also has a full kitchen, similar to the main kitchen, and a large family room with a fireplace.

Wrought iron plays a big part in this house. Bob Walrich didn't want the long upstairs hall to feel confining.

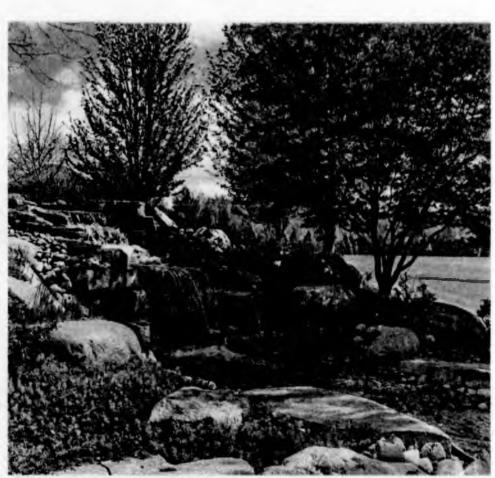
So every spot passes over a first-floor room, it is cut away to make a wrought iron balcony. That's across the living room, the dining room, game room, foyer and library.

The same wrought iron runs down the curving staircase and around the outdoor balcony.

Of course, this wrought iron had to be special. It is all in the dressy French bombe' style, which has a chubby curve in its lower part.

Other assets here include the land, which is 9 acres, and a large office and guest suite in one of the garages.

This hurrah, it turns out, will not be final one. The grandkids are moving on with their own lives, and this house is too big for two people. The Walriches are moving into a more standard-size house. They'll make do with 2,900 square feet.



A waterfall cascades down rocks in the back yard of the house and flows through a 40-foot stream, crossed by an Asian-style bridge. PROVIDED BY WINDOW STILL

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# Biden-Putin meeting lifts Whelan's family

Kristen Jordan Shamus Detroit Free Press

By the time President Joe Biden meets Wednesdayin Switzerland with Russian President Vladimir Putin, 901 days will have passed since Michigan businessman Paul Whelan was first accused of espionage in Moscow, arrested and held in a Russian prison.

Whelan's family is hopeful the tetea-tete in Geneva – a first for the world leaders – will bring about negotiations that lead to his eventual release.

"The summit is a chance for the presidents of two nations that have been at bitter odds for years to finally engage," said David Whelan, Paul Whelan's twin brother, in an email to the Free Press. "We are hopeful that this meeting will rebuild the foundations on which the two nations can find common ground.

"One potential outcome in the future would be that that common ground might lead to Paul's release."

Whelan, 51, was director of global security for Auburn Hills-based auto supplier BorgWarner and lived in Novi before his December 2018 arrest. He'd traveled to Russia to attend the wedding of a friend, he said.

Convicted in June 2020 during a closed-door trial in Moscow and sentenced to 16 years of hard labor at a prison camp in Mordovia – about an eighthour drive southeast of the capital city – Whelan maintains his innocence.

The former Marine insists he was set up by a Russian man he'd befriended years earlier who gave him a USB drive containing government secrets. Whelan has said he was unaware of what was on the thumb drive, and believed it contained pictures of his friend's home-

town.

The Biden-Putin summit comes nearly 35 years after a similar face-to-face meeting of then-U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, which brought freedom for another American charged with spying in Russia.

In 1986, journalist Nicholas Daniloff also was accused of espionage by Russian authorities and also was held at Moscow's notorious Lefortovo prison while awaiting trial. Daniloff, like Whelan, was given incriminating materials from a man he thought was a friend.

The Reagan-Gorbachev summit came before Daniloff could be tried and it led to his swift release. A similar outcome for Whelan, his brother said, is unlikely.

"I think there is zero chance that the summit will lead to a swift release for Paul," David Whelan said. "Perhaps something could happen in the next year (which I don't consider swift) but I don't think there's any chance of anything immediate."

Still, Whelan's ongoing incarceration has been part of discussions between the nations in recent weeks.

When U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken met May 19 with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, he pressed for Whelan's release as well as for freedom for another former U.S. Marine being held in Russia, Trevor Reed.

"The secretary made clear that Russia should release American citizens Paul Whelan and Trevor Reed so they can return home to their families," said State Department spokesperson Ned Price.

And when White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki was asked during a May news briefing about Whelan and Reed, she said: "The detainment of individuals by the Russian government is something that we raise at the highest level, and certainly it's raised through many diplomatic channels.

"In terms of what those negotiations and discussions look like, I'm just not going to be able to give you more information on it."

Paul Whelan's lawyer, Vladimir Zherebenkov, traveled to Mordovia on Wednesday to visit him in prison, his brother said.

"The Russian media reported that they were talking about trying to get Paul extradited, so that he would complete his 16-year sentence in a U.S. federal prison," he said.

However, Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Whelan isn't a candidate for extradition.

"It's not clear why Paul is not eligible," David Whelan said. "Article 471 of the Criminal Code of Procedure does not mention severity of a crime as a reason that a prisoner would be ineligible — so we'll see what comes of Mr. Zherebenkov's efforts. Perhaps the Russian government recognizes that only people convicted under the rule of law — not ones held hostage on bogus charges — should be extradited."

The Free Press contacted Zherebenkov's English-speaking co-counsel, Olga Karlova, last week, but got no response.

Paul Whelan continues to write letters and is allowed to make regular phone calls to his parents, Rosemary and Edward Whelan, who live in Manchester, Michigan. He also spoke to a CNN reporter in a phone interview that aired earlier this month.

"I want to tell the world that I'm a victim of political kidnap and ransom," Whelan told CNN. "There's obviously no credibility to the situation.

"Decisive action is needed immediately. An abducted American citizen cannot stand anywhere in the world. This is not an issue of Russia against me. This is an issue of Russia against the United States and the United States needs to answer this hostage diplomacy situation and resolve it as quickly as possible."

After that phone call to CNN, Whelan was barred from calling anyone other than his parents or consular officials, his brother said, "in apparent retaliation."

His brother, he said, wants to write to Putin to ask for clemency, but isn't fluent enough in the language to understand how.

Another American citizen convicted of spying in Russia was freed by appealing directly to Putin.

Edmond Pope, a former U.S. Navy intelligence officer, traveled to Russia in March 2000 for work he was doing for Pennsylvania State University's Applied Research Laboratory and other private companies.

But on April 3, 2000, the day before he was supposed to return to America, Russian Federal Security Service officers ushered Pope to a waiting car outside his hotel and took him to Lefortovo

Like Whelan, Pope was convicted of espionage in a closed-door trial in Moscow, and sentenced to 20 years of hard labor

Pope wrote a letter to Putin asking to be pardoned because his father was terminally ill and because his own health was failing; Pope had survived a rare form of bone cancer and also suffered from Graves' disease.

# Driver crashes through side of Applebee's in New Hudson

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

A vehicle drove through the sig

A vehicle drove through the side of a New Hudson chain restaurant when the driver fainted at the wheel, according to

deputies with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Lt. Leslie Whitfield, commander of the Lyon Township substation, said the driver suffered from a medical issue the late morning of June 8 outside the Applebee's Grill and Bar on Lyon Center Drive.

The car was in drive and proceeded to roll over the parking block and through the side of the building.

No one was injured, Whitfield said.

Applebee's employees declined to comment.

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Farmington Hills Mercy senior Grace Nieto slides head-first into third base during the Marlins' victory over Clarkston for the regional championship June 12. PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Mercy bombs three HRs to bring in regional title

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A potent combination of power and Grace fueled Farmington Hills Mercy's softball team to a Division 1 regional championship at Lakeland High School

Sparked all day by senior lead-off hitter/shortstop Grace Nieto (seven hits, eight steals), the Marlins walloped three home runs in their 14-4 five-inning titlegame triumph over Clarkston.

Mercy edged Walled Lake Northern, 5-4, in the day's noon semifinal clash thanks to Kendall Spivey's walk-off bases-loaded single that scored Nieto, who led off the inning with a single before stealing second and third. Northern elected to intentionally walk Izzy Chaput and Maggie Murphy, setting the stage for Spivey's dramatic hit.

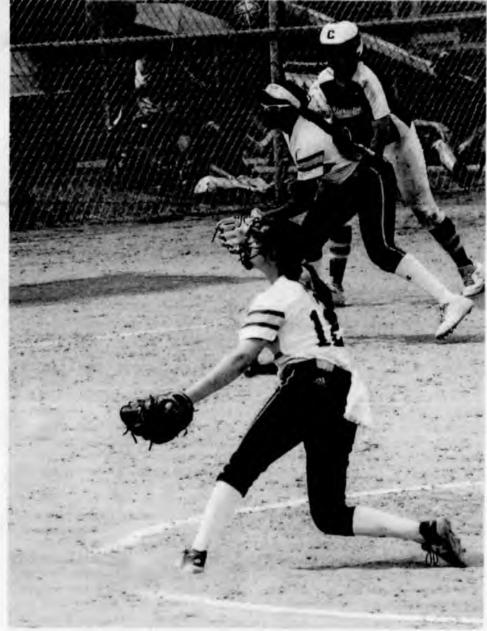
The Wolves advanced to the regional final with a 12-1 victory over Birmingham Groves.

The Marlins never trailed against the Wolves after plating three runs in the top of the first. Nieto singled, stole second and third and scored on an errant throw by the catcher. Spivey then tripled home Chaput, who had reached on an infield single, before Asia Barabato's sacrifice fly scored Spivey.

Clarkston cut its deficit to 3-1 in the bottom of the first when Graci Multphaupt's two-out single scored Ella Cady, who had singled.

Mercy put the game away with a sixrun third inning that was highlighted by a two-run double by Kat Burras and RBI singles from Game Lambert and Sabrina Shea.

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Farmington Hills Mercy freshman Asia Barbato delivers a pitch.

# **Brother Rice gets** advantage against Stevenson

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Through the first three innings, Brother Rice could not solve Griffin Kilander. The Livonia Stevenson righthanded pitcher was on: setting down each of the first nine hitters he faced and striking out six, including all three in the bottom third of the lineup.

Coming into the fourth inning, the Warriors adjusted, shortening up their swings and settling in on Kilander's fastball. It proved to be all the differ-

Sophomore pitcher Alfredo Velazquez laced a fastball up the middle to open the inning, igniting a five-run rally in the fourth to help Brother Rice earn the 6-1 victory against Livonia Stevenson in the regional semifinal.

The Warriors, who were back-toback state semifinalists in 2018 and 2019, continue their streak of making the regional final, last missing the game in 2016, other than the canceled 2020 season.

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### **Churchill gains** confidence with deep playoff run

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Livonia Churchill head softball coach Abe Vinitski felt the district his team was going to be a part of in 2021 was extremely winnable, facing rival Livonia Franklin, John Glenn and Redford Thurston.

But Vinitski also knew how young his team was: using six juniors, two prominent freshmen — a pitcher and a catcher — and only one senior to try and achieve something the head coach had never attained in his coaching career: a district title.

Over the course of the 2021 season, Churchill has, slowly and steadily, found its groove inside the KLAA East, admittedly taking its share of lumps along the way, but each leading to a stride forward and, ultimately, to the team's first district title in 15 years.

"I knew if our juniors grew up quick

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# Two-time soccer champion Novi falls to Hartland

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

LIVONIA - Good players can make coaching decisions look brilliant. Hartland's soccer coaching staff was

looking to generate more offense by moving junior Hannah Kastamo up top at midseason.

"That's what we were hoping for," Hartland coach Andrew Kartsounes said. "Certainly, that was the plan, and it's worked out that way.".....

Indeed.

Kastamo's 20th goal of the season was her biggest yet, coming with 7:33 remaining to give Hartland a 1-0 victory over two-time defending state champi-

on Novi in a Division 1 regional semifinal Tuesday night at Livonia Stevenson.

Her goal total is second in Livingston County only to the 22 scored by senior teammate Justina L'Esperance. She had four goals as a freshman two years ago.

'We started her at center-mid and moved her up to forward because we needed her goal scoring," Kartsounes

said. "She's really answered that in the

second half of the season, especially. 'We've been very happy with the way she's playing and finishing and creat-

L'Esperance is tied for second on Hartland's single-season goals list, while

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# **Brother Rice**

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Knowing Stevenson was going to go with each of its top two pitchers - Kilander and senior Coltrane Rubner -Brother Rice head coach Bob Riker put the emphasis on putting the ball in play over the past few weeks.

"I knew in this game, it would be especially tough with both their guys going," Riker said. "I knew we had to do that and put pressure on the defense."

Starting with Velazquez's base hit, Brother Rice added two more to the basepaths after junior Charlie D'Angelo reached on an error by Stevenson third baseman Shane Samborski and Warriors sophomore Brayden Dowd reached on a bunt single.

Velazquez opened the scoring, racing to home plate on a wild pitch to tie the game. Senior Will Shannon gave Brother Rice a lead it would keep with a sacrifice fly to center field.

Three consecutive RBI hits - an RBI single by sophomore Presley Fortino, an RBI double by sophomore Alex Cheeseman and an RBI single by freshman Tristan Crane — ballooned the Warriors' lead to four at the end of the fourth in-

"We had a bad inning," Stevenson head coach Rick Berryman said. "To their credit, they got their bunts down, they stayed short to the ball, which is our philosophy... All of a sudden, we aren't getting our breaking ball over and they stay short to the fast ball.

'That's our philosophy and they beat us with that."

Even when the Brother Rice offense was not clicking, Velazquez remained calm and consistent on the hill.



Brother Rice's Alfredo Velazquez pitches against Livonia Stevenson on June 9. The sophomore only allowed one run in a little more than five innings. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The sophomore felt he was "on" in the regional semifinal, pitching 5.2 innings and allowing one run — an RBI single by Samborski in the second inning scoring first baseman Aidan Arbogast - on four

hits and one walk, striking out seven. "I've just been confident in my stuff all year," Velazquez said. "I know Coach Riker trusts in me that I can get outs and attack the hitters. I felt like I did that today."

Riker said he knows what he's going to get each time he gives Velazquez the ball, who added a single and a stolen base at the plate.

"He competes," Riker said. "He loves to play and he loves to compete. Put those two things together with the ability that he has and he gives you a chance every time you go out there."

Brother Rice senior and Michigan State commit John Locker finished the final 1.1 innings, striking out four of his six batters faced.

Shannon added another run for the Warriors in the fifth on an RBI single, scoring Dowd, who finished the game with two runs scored.

Other than the RBI single to Shannon, Rubner shut down the Brother Rice lineup, striking out five in 2.2 innings of relief for the Spartans.

Since the team's trip to the state quarterfinal in 2012, Stevenson has had trouble getting out of the regional semifinal. The Spartans have lost in all seven regional semifinal appearances since 2013, falling to Detroit Catholic Central twice, Hartland twice, U-D Jesuit, Grosse Pointe South and Brother Rice.

But this was not the path Berryman felt this team was on heading into 2021. He thought it would be much more difficult to get back to regional play.

"We set out having only three players I had an awareness of," the Stevenson head coach said. "We won our division, we won our league, we won the KLAA, we won the district and we had a bad inning. They exceeded any expectation, far exceeded my expectation and I'm very proud of them."

When Brother Rice was given a chance to play in 2021, Velazquez knew his team had something special; pieces, he said, to win a state title - the pro-

gram's fourth in its history. With a win against Stevenson, Velazquez couldn't help but smile when asked if his team was confident heading into the regional final.

'We are. We're rolling," he said. "You just saw what we did today."

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# Churchill

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with our one senior, they would lead our underclassmen along. And they did," Vinitski said. "The underclassmen have had a heck of a season. They all have."

To the head coach, in his fourth season with the Chargers, the success finishing second in the KLAA East to Livonia Stevenson in the regular season and earning their first regional semifinal appearance since 2006 - came from team chemistry and each player getting along with one another without egos and selfishness.

Since she joined the varsity team as sophomore, Molly Behen did not think Churchill would win a district title. But as the one senior in what she felt was a talented group, Behen felt the Chargers had the capabilities of being as good as they have ever been.

And while she's the leader by experience, the senior first baseman feels the pressure is not solely on her.

"I don't think there is any more pressure because we all play like we're the same age," she said. "It's not like we're divided by what year we are or anything."

Watching her sister play for Churchill when she was younger, Melanie Targosz was intimidated coming into her freshman season. But when she made the varsity team from the get go, finding her home behind the plate, she began to

"I think that we're a tight enough group that we're really comfortable with each other," Targosz said. 'I think we can trust each other more. If we have to make a play, I know they are going to



Livonia Churchill softball recorded its first district title in 15 years. COURTESY OF ABE VINITSKI

fly ball or whatever it is.'

Much of Churchill's success was cultivated by Targoz - awarded as the team's defensive player of the year and freshman starting pitcher Sydney Kendall, who was the team's most valuable player in 2021.

"They have grown up," Vinitski said. "Our pitchers have learned to pitch and not just throw and our catchers have learned to command the game, direct the game, command the pitcher and work behind the plate. You can't throw it down the middle all the time.

"Our freshman pitcher and catcher grew up quickly. The sky's the limit for them.

To Kendall, this level of success was

make a play, whether it's a ground ball, a not what she expected from her first year with the Chargers, walking into the varsity dugout and immediately making

> an impact. Now, the freshman said, expectations skyrocket moving forward.

"I never expected to be first in our district the first year I got here," Kendall said. "Now that we have our first district title... I think we all want to aim for states and regionals these upcoming years. Even the people that are graduating, they want us to win that as well."

Vinitski knows what could be in store for Churchill softball moving forward. Behen is the only one leaving the program after the 2021 season, and the head coach said he has high hopes for the freshman class coming in.

Vinitski is still focused on 2021, knowing what it will take to make even more history for the program in the regional semifinal and final. But he can't help but think about what this could start for his team, what this run can turn into moving forward.

To him, this could be the process of making Churchill the softball program to beat in Livonia.

'That confidence breeds success and success will lead this team," he said. "Their physical ability is never the issue right now. This year is maturing and growing up. Next year is understanding they will show up and people will look at them going 'That team made a run last

year." cgay@hometownlife.com

### Mercy

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Spivey rocked a solo home run in the fourth. Four batters later, Morgan Rood launched a fence-clearing blast. The Marlins' scoring spree was capped in the fifth when Maggie Murphy homered to left.

Nieto, who will continue her diamond career at Northwestern University in the fall, said she is proud of how the youthful Marlins - the roster includes more freshmen (five) than seniors (three) — have come together given all the adversity created by the CO-VID-19 pandemic.

"Everyone does a good job of backing each other up," she said. "We don't let errors pile up and bother us. I made an error today and our pitcher immediately picked me up on the next pitch.

"We don't play with the fear of making mistakes because you can go out and play, knowing there are people behind you. It's cool that us three seniors are going to get to play in something as special as a quarterfinal game."

Mercy head coach Corey Burras said having Nieto as his lead-off hitter and shortstop brings him peace of mind.

"Grace keeps me happy; her consistency is amazing," Burras said. "When Northern tied the game in the top of the seventh inning of our semifinal game, I looked at the lineup and saw we were at the top of the order. Grace gets on base, steals second and third with no outs; it just changed the complexion of the game. That's what she does. She makes things happen."

Clarkston's Giselle Bise drilled a pinch-hit home run in the third, but it was too little, too late.

A pair of freshmen - Sophia Paluk and Asia Barbato - handled the Marlins' regional mound duties

"They're both freshmen and they're both outstanding," said Burras. "They bring different pitching styles to the mound and I can insert them in and out as we see fit. They're both outstanding at getting that first-pitch strike and they get a lot of ground balls."

Trailing Mercy 4-1 entering the top of the seventh in Saturday's second semi-

final, Northern deadlocked the game with a three-run rally powered by an RBI triple by No. 9 hitter Lauren Fox, who scored on Taylor Behrendt's sacrifice fly. Peyton Skiver followed with a single, moved to third on a Mercy throwing error and scored on Jordan Roel's two-out single:

The Knights' heroics were vanquished in the bottom of the seventh on Spivey's game-winning single.

The defensive gem of the day was turned in by Marlins center fielder Gage Lambert. With Knights on first and second, one out in the sixth and Mercy holding a precarious 4-1 lead, Lambert ranged far to her right and went horizontal to rob Northern's Patelyn Gribben of a potential two-run double. After bouncing to her feet, Lambert alertly fired the ball to second base to finish off a rally-killing double play.

"That catch was a game-changer," Burras said. "Gage is athletic, fast and she gets a good jump on the ball which is why she's our center fielder. Because of her ability in center, our right and left fielders can be more aggressive on the corners. That play was a great time for Gage to shine."

Mercy's 2020 season didn't even survive the first practice due to COVID-19, which makes this year's accomplishments more satisfying, Burras said.

"We were half-way through the practice and then we were told we had to stop ... and we never got to come back," Burras said. "We didn't know what this season would hold, especially with the weekly testing.

'That's why we appreciate every moment we're out here. I love how this team has bonded and how they're following our process. We don't get nervous, we don't get rattled, we don't look at the scoreboard. We just go out and do the best we can with the things we can

Ella Cady was the star in Clarkston's 12-1 six-inning victory over Groves, reaching base five times and clouting a three-run sixth-inning home run that ended the game due to the 10-run mercy rule. Bella Caza and Paige Hammers ripped two hits a piece for the Falcons.

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# Catholic Central drops semifinal to Hartland

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

Birmingham Brother Rice continues as the high school lacrosse state champions with a dominating win over Hartland in the state finals. Hartland earned that shot by clearing a significant hurdle with ease, dominating Detroit Catholic Central in an 18-7 state semifinal victory June 9 at Parker Middle School.

Hartland was only the third public school to play in a Division 1 final, joining the Forest Hills Eastern-Northern co-op team (2011, 2013) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (2012). The last six state finals have pitted Brother Rice against Catholic Central.

To reach two of those finals, Catholic Central had to squeak past Hartland in the semifinals. The Shamrocks rallied to beat the Eagles 12-11 in overtime in 2017 and 13-12 in 2018 on Ryan Birney's goal with 30 seconds left.

The Eagles made sure this one wouldn't come down to the final shot, scoring five straight goals in a 4:27 span of the second quarter to break open a 4-2 lead.

"We came out so hot," Hartland ju-

"My older brothers were telling me stories all day today. ... They were telling me, 'You can't lose to them."

Bo Lockwood Hartland junior

nior Bo Lockwood said. "I don't know if we've ever beat them. My older brothers were telling me stories all day today, because they lost to them twice in the semis. They were telling me, 'You can't lose to them.' So, we did exactly that; we didn't lose. We played amazing today."

Lockwood had three goals and five assists to boost his national record for single-season points to 230. Charlie Anderson had five goals and three assists, while Luck had three goals and two assists. Luck has 99 goals this season, tying him for sixth in state history.

Ryan Krause and Gavin Preston scored two goals each.

Josh Liike scored three goals and Jack Kirkwood two for Catholic Central (11-6). Hartland led 9-2 at halftime and 12-5 through three quarters.



Hartland's Drew Lockwood fires a shot during an 18-7 victory over Detroit Catholic Central in a state semifinal June 9. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

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# Marian tops St. Clair in D2 regional final

Brandon Folsom Port Huron Times Herald
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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP - Only the greatest athletes are referred to on a first-name basis.

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Elle Ervin is only a freshman on the Marion girls soccer team, and she's already receiving that treatment.

During Friday's Division 2 regional championship, the 5-foot-10 forward booted in four goals to ensure the Mustangs a 5-0 victory over St. Clair and the opportunity to play in their fifth straight state semifinal game.

And, right there on the sidelines at Feldman Field, St. Clair coach Cliff Freeland was yelling to his players, even after the game was clearly out of hand, to, "Mark up on Elle! Mark up on Elle!"

"That's the best compliment you can get," said Ervin, who has 25 goals this season. "But I was so ready to go, and I felt like I could take care of it with teamwork. And that's just what makes it happen. We all have the same goal when we're all playing together, and you can't win with just one person — we've all got to work together."

The Mustangs (11-3-1) advanced to Tuesday's final four at Northville against Dearborn Divine Child, a Catholic League rival it split with during the regular season. The winner earns a berth in Friday's state finals at Michigan State.

Ervin, who plays for the Liverpool FC International Academy travel program based out of Pontiac, hopes she has a say in helping Marian win its fourth straight state championship.

"It's great when one of your best players is also one of your hardest workers," Marion co-coach Reid Friedrichs said. "What you saw from today's game, some players don't do that in a single season with those kinds of quality goals."

"It's special when it comes out while getting your team to the state semifinals as a freshman, and when the other team's coach knows who you are, you know you're doing well. But, to the credit of our team as well, there's a lot of players who got her the ball in those situations."

Marian wasted no time in putting the pressure on the Saints, who ended the season 15-4-3 overall.

Just over 90 seconds into the match, senior Betsy Landa sent a corner kick near the net for Ervin to bicycle in. Then, 20 minutes later, Ervin lasered a shot to the top-left crossbar that bounced in.

She notched her hat trick seven minutes before halftime. She then headed in a goal to open the second half

Junior Abby Lucchesi closed the door on the win with a 30-yard moonshot that went in with about 22 minutes left.

"When we won the first regional game against Clio, we stuck around and watched the first half (of Marian's semifinal game on Tuesday), and she was the best player I've seen this year," Freeland said of Ervin. "I've seen Stoney Creek this year, and that freshman is the best player I've seen, and Stoney Creek is the best team I've ever seen.

"We had a gameplan to attempt to stop her, but she's an athlete who is gifted, and she's going to play D-I soccer, I can see that right now as a freshman"

This year's three seniors — Lily Osiwala, Alexis Joshua and Ella Gilbert — are the first group Freeland has had for their entire careers. They're responsible for helping St. Clair win two of the program's four district titles, and Friday's regional championship marked the first time the Saints have made it that far into the postseason.

They were also the runners-up in the Macomb Area Conference-Blue this spring.

Freeland expects to return four juniors and 13 underclassmen.

"This is the best group I've ever had since I've been here," the fourth-year coach said. "I just told them they did well. They honored their city, their coaches and their parents. They came out here and played hard."

# SL East loses regional title

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All South Lyon East could do was

Tied at two after two overtime periods, Dearborn Divine Child senior goalkeeper Gabrielle Cvetanovski saved three of the Cougars' (13-2-3) five penalty-kick attempts, including a shot by sophomore Reganne Koskela that sent the Falcons (17-4) bench into pandemonium: earning their first regional title in school history with a 3-2 victory at Trenton High School.

South Lyon East circled up, watching each Divine Child player earn a regional medal and, together, hoist a trophy, something no Cougars girls soccer program has ever done.

In the midst of the roar of jubilee, South Lyon East head coach Pete Stoyanovich told his team to remember this moment. To remember how it feels.

To remember what it took to get here and to come up just short.

"We had our chances," Stoyanovich said. "We should have finished it.

"You can't win on penalty kicks missing three kicks either. You just can't. And the girls know that and the five girls that took the penalty kicks, they're damn good players. They will finish those PKs all day in practice. It happens."

It was right in the Cougars' grasp. But South Lyon East had to work to earn a chance.

After a scoreless first half, Divine Child struck first: Sophomore Sydney Bourdon laced a free kick from the 40-yard line, shooting over the head of South Lyon East sophomore goalkeeper Ella Penndorf for the score. Forty-three seconds later, the Cougars regrouped and tied the game with a score by Annika Gilson.

The Falcons and Cougars remained locked at one score each until the second overtime period when Bourdon found Taylor Meadows near the corner, who tipped the ball in for the score with 3:45 left.

But just over a minute later, South Lyon East sophomore Kate Mazur made it a new game, taking a pass near goal from sophomore Alyssa Melquist to tie the game and secure penalty kick

"We haven't had to come back from being down too much this year, but the sign of a real champion is not giving up in those kinds of moments and fighting back," Stoyanovich said. "And we did on both goals."

South Lyon East attempted to wear Divine Child down, using the tactic of attrition: answering each punch the Falcons gave while adding pressure at goal consistently through the 100 minutes of play.

But the Falcons never faltered.

"To have a lead, to concede, to have a lead, to concede and be emotionally composed and understand the situation, you need that kind of performance to win a region and they did everything we asked of them," he said. "They deserve it.

"That is an outstanding South Lyon East team. We knew that was going to be a tough out, and that was everything and more than we expected."

Stoyanovich knew South Lyon East had something to play for. The Cougars wanted to use 2021 as a springboard, giving the four seniors on the roster the program's first regional title in school history.

But he knows where this program has been. Heading into 2021, the Cougars had won 10 games in its past three seasons.

This season, they earned their first winning season and district title since 2015.

As Stoyanovich walked off the field at Trenton, leaving without medals and without a trophy, his aspirations skyrocketed for his team in 2022. He knows his 20 returners will remember the moment, remember how it feels.

"The season's done, and I hate to set goals, but I think we all know what's in store for us next year. The girls know," he said. "I think the one thing that I wanted to have them stick in their minds is the feeling they had on the field watching Divine Child lift that trophy.

"I don't know if our goal is anything short of a state championship next year. I really don't."

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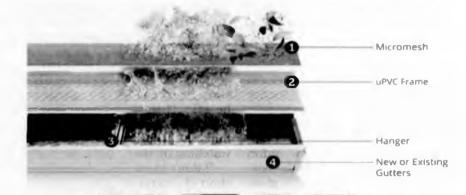
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# From the neigborhood to major league

### Brighton grads turn passion for wiffleball into a profession

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Ten years ago Kyle Schultz and Tommy Coughlin decided to play a game of wiffleball with their brothers and record it using one of their family's camcorders.

Now the Brighton natives run Major League Wiffleball and share their love of the game with hundreds of thousands of followers on YouTube

"We were just bored kids with really no responsibilities in the world so we decided to play wiffleball and take my family's camcorder," Schultz said. "We didn't think anything would come of it, but that's how it all

The games continued "from one summer to the next" as more friends asked to play, Coughlin, 22, said. "That kind of continued over the years until you had three teams; four teams; five teams; six teams," he

Originally composed of just some neighborhood kids, the league now boasts eight teams, complete with an annual draft.

"Since we have such a high demand to get into the league, we actually hold a draft before every season," Schultz, 22, said.

During the summer, teams play at Huron Meadows Metropark in Brighton on wiffleball fields designed for smaller teams and game play. In the winter, the league moves its games to the Legacy Center in Brighton.

Wiffleball is a variant of baseball played with a plastic perforated ball and thin plastic bat. Played on a scaled-down baseball field, each team has three players on the field at a time.

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#### Pamela Elaine Taulbee

ALPENA - Pamela Elaine Taulbee, 69, of Alpena, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday June 6, 2021, at Mid Michigan Medical Center Alpena. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt who will be dearly missed.

Pamela was born on December 5, 1951, to the

late Alvis and Reva (Neely) Taulbee in Northville, Michigan. She was a proud graduate of South Lyon High School and later moved "up north" to the Alpena area. She was an active long-time member of the Alpena Church of Christ, involved with Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health, and a member of Alcoholics Anonymous for over 35 years. Pamela enjoyed reading, painting, drawing, talking on the phone, and thoroughly enjoyed board games. She loved to spend time with her family and being a sister, or "sissy" as she was known to her siblings. As of recent, she learned about Facebook and participating in group chats which she became highly active in. There were many things in life that Pamela enjoyed doing but what really brought her joy and happiness was talking with others. It has been said that "she never met a stranger". She was genuinely interested in everyone and hearing what they had to say. When Pamela was truly happy, she radiated genuine joy, which was frequented with a good conversation.

Pamela is survived by her daughter, Michelle (Paul) Dhruvan of Alpena, four grandchildren, Kyle Timm of Ferndale, Liam Kelly of Alpena, Orin Dhruvan of Lake Orion, and Quinn Kelly of Alpena, a sister, Sandra (Joe) Purol of Alpena, two brothers, William (Margie) Taulbee and David (Marcella) Taulbee both of South Lyon, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Ray and Douglas Taulbee, and two infant brothers.

A memorial service will take place outdoors at 918 South State Avenue Alpena, MI. 49707 on Saturday June 19, 2021, at 12:30 P.M. with Rev. Chuck Anderson officiating followed by a time of sharing memories and visiting until 4:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health. Online condolences may be registered at www.mcwilliamsfh.com





Chris Cheetam pitches a wiffleball to Andy Durand during a game in 2020. COURTESY OF KYLE SCHULTZ

#### Major League Wiffleball

Major League Wiffleball officially became an LLC in 2018 but that doesn't mean the league is any less fun,

"It's rooted in friends having fun and it's always been that way. That's really the core of it," he said. "Do we have to make tougher decisions now and is money now involved? Sure. But the core of it is just friends having fun with one another."

The league has an avid following on YouTube with more than 200,000 people subscribed to its channel.

This year's draft video was viewed more than 500,000 times, Schultz said.

The league makes money through sponsors, merchandise and advertisers on its YouTube channel.

Because of their growing notoriety among the wiffleball community, the friends were asked to help promote an \$11 million addition at the Shangri-La resort in Oklahoma.

The resort is building an activity center, complete with a scaled down replica of Boston's Fenway Park wiffleball style, Coughlin said.

As a way to kick off the new field, the resort is flying Coughlin, Schultz and two of the teams in the league to play a game there.

While promoting a resort is new for the men, traveling for wiffleball isn't. The pair has hosted tournaments both in Michigan and out of state.

This year the pair is hosting a tournament in Illi-

"We opened it up all to all age divisions. You have 8 year olds and 50 year olds playing; everyone is having a good time," Schultz said. "It's a great mix of competitiveness and still fun. We try to make it as fun as possible while playing the game we all love — wiffeball."

#### The future

Schultz said he gets a mix of responses when he tells people about the league.

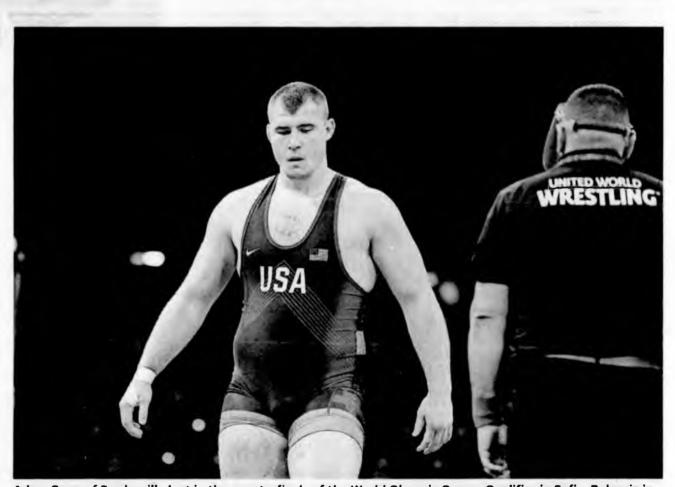
"Some people find it hard to believe, other people think it's the coolest thing ever," he said.

"We are going to keep doing what we are going, putting our professional content for people to enjoy and welcome whatever happens next with open arms," Coughlin said.

While neither expected to turn a neighborhood game into a business, the pair is excited to see what the future holds for Major League Wiffeball and the sport itself.

Schultz runs the league full time from his Brighton home, focusing on producing videos and scaling the league to eventually hold regional and national tour-

As for the future, Schultz and Coughlin plan to take MLW as far as they can. Considering the pair still live two houses apart, who knows how far that will be.



Adam Coon of Fowlerville lost in the quarterfinals of the World Olympic Games Qualifier in Sofia, Bulgaria in May. He has signed to play football with the NFL'S Tennessee Titans. COURTESY OF WRESTLERS ARE WARRIORS

# Elite wrestler signs with NFL

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

Before Adam Coon became one of the best heavyweight wrestlers in the world, he was an all-state football player at Fowlerville High School.

About a month after his hopes of wrestling in the Summer Olympics ended in Bulgaria, Coon is giving his former sport a shot by signing a National Football League contract with the Tennessee Titans.

The 6-foot-5, 300-pound Coon will attempt to make the team as an offensive lineman, most likely at guard. Potentially playing in the NFL was in the back of

Coon's mind as he pursued his Olympic dream on the wrestling mat. Coon was a three-time All-America wrestler at the University of Michigan, but hasn't played football since his senior year at Fowlerville in

Coon, 26, was the 2011 and 2012 Defensive Player of the Year in Livingston County, as selected by the Livingston Daily Press & Argus. He was a first-team allstate selection by The Associated Press as a senior.

Coon played linebacker, defensive end and offensive line in high school. As a senior, he led the county school records in both events.

with 124 tackles in nine games and earned two-way first-team all-conference honors. He had 100 tackles in only seven games as a junior. If Coon makes the team, he will join Pinckney grad-

uate Zach Sieler, a defensive lineman with the Miami Dolphins, as the only Livingston County players in the

A four-time state championship wrestler at Fowlerville, Coon has made two bids to make the Olympics since high school. He was second in the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in 2016 before winning the trials at 130 kilograms on April 3 in Fort Worth, Texas.

However, he had to go to the World Olympic Games Qualifier in Sofia, Bulgaria, and finish in the top two to punch his ticket to Tokyo because his weight class didn't automatically qualify.

He lost 6-3 in the quarterfinals to Mykola Kuchmii

Coon established himself as a contender for the Olympics by winning the silver medal in the 2018 World Championships in Hungary.

In high school, Coon was also the 2013 state Division 2 runner-up in the shot put and discus, setting

# Brother Rice tops Hartland, captures 15th title

**Brad Emons** Detroit Free Press **USA TODAY NETWORK** 

Nick Dudley wanted to leave it all on the field for his final high school lacrosse

And the senior attacker proved instrumental in propelling Birmingham Brother Rice to its unprecedented 15th MHSAA Division 1 boys title in 16 tries with a 14-9 win on Saturday over Hartland at Parker Stadium in Howell.

Dudley made it a memorable farewell with four goals and an assist as the Warriors (18-2) used a 6-0 third quarter run to subdue the Eagles (22-2).

Rice captured the 2019 D1 title, but didn't get a chance to defend it in 2020 because of the pandemic.

"Obviously last year was devastating, but it kind of made this season even better," Dudley said. "... It was obviously a tough year. We knew we had to come in with a chip on our shoulder and that's what we did."

Hartland took a 5-3 lead late in the first half, but Rice tallied two quick goals to end the second period and then went on a six-goal run to take control. Hartland would never recover after being shut out in the third.

It was the fifth state title for Brother ice coach Ajay Chawla, whose team went undefeated against Michigan schools. The Warriors' only losses this spring were to Ohio teams Cleveland St.

Ignatius (9-7) and Columbus Upper Arlington (11-7).

We reminded them of what they could do," Chawla said of his halftime talk. "They've never lacked heart or hustle, and energy this year. What we lacked a little bit at times this year was a little execution and we just weren't executing. We started to execute there in the second half and you could see what kind of a team we can be when we do

### Novi

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Kastamo is tied for sixth.

Scoring chances were at a premium against a Novi team that, despite returning only three contributors from its 2019 state championship team, knows how to lock it down better than most squads come tournament time.

Senior goalie Abbey Pheiffer thwarted one of Hartland's best chances of the night by making a leaping save to poke a shot by L'Esperance over the crossbar with 8:16 left in a scoreless game.

That led to a corner kick by junior Bria Kastamo, Hannah's cousin, that set in motion a chain of events that produced the winning goal.

The corner kick was headed out by Novi defender Eva Burns, but Hannah Kastamo got the ball on the right side of the box and fired a shot off the right post. The Eagles quickly regained possession and took another shot that was stopped by Pheiffer before Hannah Kastamo knocked in the rebound from close

"It was a corner kick," Hannah Kastamo said. "It was just like a scramble. (L'Esperance) headed it and it almost went in. I shot it, hit the post, then it was bouncing. I shot it and it went in, thank-

"It's unbelievable. You don't even think it's real, but it feels good."

Hartland beat Novi 5-0 and 4-0 during the regular season, prompting Wildcats coach Todd Pheiffer to employ a defense-first approach. Most of the game, Novi (10-7-4) had only one forward up top, with the other nine field players staying back to keep Hartland's attackers to the outside.

The winning goal came on one of the few chances the Eagles had inside the

box. We figured whoever won the Harwinner of that district, as Hartland showed in the district finals; they won 8-0," coach Pheiffer said. "We knew we



Hartland's Hannah Kastamo, who scored the game's only goal, prepares to shoot while defended by Novi's Avery Kasanic.

couldn't play the same way we did the first two times. They are so fast up top, they are very skilled up top.

"L'Esperance, (Hannah Kastamo), (Maria) Storm, they're all so good. Jaden (Frigerio) on the outside. So, we kind of changed up our formation a bit and threw something different at them and we did a good job of limiting their opportunities all night."

Despite the conservative approach, Novi had the two most dangerous scoring chances of the first half. Senior defender Avery Kasanic hit the left post from long range after receiving a corner kick from Burns nine minutes into the

At the midway mark of the first half, Hartland goalie Morgan Seog stopped a shot by Maya Lyon in a scramble near the goal line before Bria Kastamo cleared the ball out of harm's way.

It's unfortunate we had those two tland-Brighton game was going to be the opportunities in the first half we couldn't put in," coach Pheiffer said. "We put one or both of those in, I think it's a different game coming into halftime."



Hartland's Julia Pietila passes while being defended by Novi's Grace Kwasniewicz in a regional semifinal game June 8. PHOTOS BY GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

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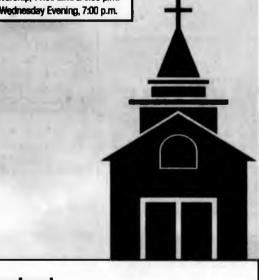
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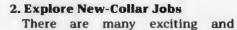
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As Americans begin to enter the post-pandemic world, many are emerging with new priorities. For some, that means reexamining their career choices in search of more flexible work hours, more meaningful work, or simply something new.

But switching industries can be difficult—especially when the robots parsing your online resume, or the human hiring managers, do not see your past experience as directly relevant to their open roles. Here are a few ways to make it easier:

#### 1. Be Realistic

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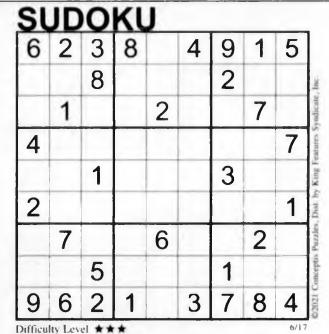
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