

South Lyon East senior perseveres in fight for life

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Josie Cadicamo has struggled with severe depression throughout most of her four years in high school.

Her darkest moment came Feb. 22 at South Lyon East when she overdosed in the school's bathroom in an attempt to take her own life.

"I didn't mean to end my life, I just didn't want to be feeling this way anymore," Cadicamo said, nearly three months later and just days after receiving the South Lyon Educational Foundation's 2021 Perseverance Award.

She immediately regretted her actions. She entered her English class late and sat down, feeling faint.

Teacher Jeff Steger, who also has instructed Cadicamo in theater and whom she had confided in previously about her struggles, noticed his student seemed disoriented as she got up and approached his desk. He leaned toward her, trying to see into eyes that appeared to look right through him. Steger recalls Cadicamo then quietly and calmly said: "I took a bunch of pills."

He quickly placed a 911 call and reflects now on how grateful he was to have been at school on a day he had previously scheduled to take off after getting his second COVID-19 vaccine shot.

"I hesitate to consider what she

would have been willing to do or not do. They wouldn't have known why she was out of sorts, let alone the real reason," Steger said. "I definitely have a number of kids this year who are struggling: kids dealing with loss, COVID and otherwise, kids dealing with traumatic experience and generalized depression and anxiety. For teens in 2020 and 2021 especially, the stress is great."

Because she had a teacher she could confide in, Cadicamo is here today — persevering — looking forward to graduation and a life beyond high school and spreading a message of hope for those suffering from mental health issues.

"I wouldn't have said anything if it had been any other teacher. He had been so supportive in the past," Cadicamo said. "He was the one making a point of calling me and one of the people in my corner and reminds me that I am going to do great things in life."

Steger wrote a letter of recommendation for Cadicamo to receive the Perseverance Award, given to one graduating senior at each high school in South Lyon who had overcome personal challenges. The award comes with a \$1,000 scholarship.

Cadicamo first began experiencing severe anxiety in eighth grade as she faced decisions about high schools and stress about her grades. In 2018, she also suffered the losses of five close friends



South Lyon East High School student Josie Cadicamo, right, walks with her teacher, Jeff Steger, on campus.

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within about five months, including one to suicide.

Among her many responsibilities she had to balance heading into the pandemic were two jobs. She worked at Target and also provided childcare at her church. Additionally, she has a large part in caring for a 2-year-old boy, Sam, for whom her family has guardianship.

Cadicamo kept her depression mostly hidden until last year when it finally overwhelmed her.

"I went through therapy and was

seemingly fine until COVID hit and those feelings came back," she said. "People dying every day and you hear bad news every day and I was on theater, mentor to freshman, dual enrolled at college, suddenly home every day. I felt I shouldn't be suicidal and depressed, the whole world is on lockdown, I'm not alone."

But she felt herself sinking to a breaking point. At the end of January, she was admitted for the first time to Forest View Psychiatric Hospital in Grand Rapids for a 10-day stay. After her overdose on pills in February, she returned. In early May, she completed her third stay.

After a long struggle and multiple diagnoses including bipolar disorder type 2, generalized anxiety disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, Cadicamo is now hopeful she has been prescribed the proper medications. She is also learning new coping skills and unshouldering some of the many heavy responsibilities she had been carrying in order to further aid her mental health.

"Life isn't just sitting at a school desk," she reflected. "You will make mistakes, find your place and people, go to college and get a job that you love."

If you are suffering from depression and need a listening ear, help is available. Call 1-800-273-8255 or visit suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

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Lyon Twp. hosts COVID-19 vaccine clinic

Event attendance low as demand for shot dwindles

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A Lyon Township COVID-19 vaccination clinic was nearly empty of shot takers on Friday.

While anyone could just walk in to fire station no. 2 at 56675 Ten Mile Road and get the Pfizer shot, Oakland County Health Division employees were mostly alone, awaiting 21 people who had scheduled appointments throughout the day.

Shortly before noon, Mustafa Demir, a Farmington resident, walked in with his wife and two daughters, with three of the family members getting their first dose of vaccine.

The University of Detroit Mercy mathematics professor explained that the family had appointments elsewhere to get the vaccines sooner, but had car troubles that prevented it.

"We want to be safe and protected,"



Dawn Ransdell, senior public health sanitarian for the Oakland County Health Division, works the COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Lyon Township Fire Station No. 2 on June 25.

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Demir said. "I think the more people who get the vaccine, the virus will stop and older people will be protected."

Bill Mullan, Oakland County communications manager, was not upset by the low attendance, a stark contrast to just a few months ago when the county could not keep up with demand for the coveted shots and was delivering between 500-1,000 per day, 7 days per week.

"We are at the point where the vac-

chine coverage is such that we are happy to open a clinic and get three dozen people in a day, and that is three dozen more vaccinated," Mullan said. "We will open a clinic if we think five people will show up. It's that important to get more vaccinations."

The county is aiming to hit the coveted goal of 70% of residents 16 and older vaccinated by July 4. Between now and then, they have sweetened the pot by offering \$50 gift cards to residents who receive their first dose by Independence Day.

As of Friday, 68.3% of county residents in that 16 and older range had been vaccinated against COVID-19. To achieve the county goal, nearly 18,000 more residents need to get their shots in less than a week.

He is confident it can be accomplished and said the push is on for those in the 16-29 years of age range to get their shots.

Meanwhile, Mustafa Demir's youngest daughter, Meliha, is counting the days until her 12th birthday in August, when she will be eligible for the vaccine.

"I want to get it to be the same as my family," Meliha said.

For more information on locations and times for more OCHD vaccination clinics, visit oaklandcountyvaccine.com.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

In accordance with Michigan election law, the non-partisan candidate filing deadline for the November 2, 2021 City Regular Election is by 4:00 p.m., July 20, 2021. Offices to be elected are Mayor (1 position), and Councilmember (2 positions).

Candidate packets that include the required affidavits, petition forms, and additional information are available at the City of Northville Municipal Building, City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday - Friday, 8am to 4:30pm.

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City of Northville Proposed Amendment to City of Northville Code of Ordinances to Establish Standards for the Operation of Construction Sites

The Northville City Council will consider a proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances, at the date and times listed below, to establish standards for the operation of construction sites in the City of Northville. These standards will minimize negative impact to adjacent properties and provide clear commination to permit holders of the City of Northville's expectations. The proposed ordinance amendment would add Article XIII Construction Site (Operations) to Chapter 14 Building and Building Regulations. The proposed ordinance would also delete Section 34-83(b) Construction Noises in Chapter 34 Environment, and delete Section 90-35(b) Restrictions Within Drip Line in Chapter 90 Vegetation.

Meeting Location and Participation

The meeting will be held via video conference as allowed by City Council's Local State of Emergency Declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Members of the public body and members of the public participating electronically will be considered present at the meeting and may participate as if physically present at the meeting. The following is a link to attend the meetings:

July 6 at 7:00pm First reading: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84187202749> +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592, Webinar ID: 841 8720 2749

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Those needing assistance or accommodations should contact the City Manager's office at 248-449-9905. Log in instructions, electronic meeting information, and a user guide can be found at <https://www.ci.northville.mi.us/cmaOne.aspx?portalId=11895963&pageId=113501409> OR from the main Home page, click on the Government tab, then Agendas and Minutes, scroll to the City Council section of the webpage, then scroll down to the link for the Council meeting.

The proposed ordinance amendment is available for review on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us go to Government, Governing Documents, and Proposed Ordinance Amendments or at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4:30pm.

Written comments can be submitted by email to dmassell@ci.northville.mi.us by mail to City of Northville Municipal Building, City Manager's Office, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, or by using the City Hall 24-hour drop box.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 06-07-21

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 06-07-21. The ordinance set forth in Chapter 90 Vegetation, Article II Tree Preservation grants an exception to mitigation in Section 90-36 by adding the following text:

(d) Exception to mitigation: Trees that meet the minimum required health score and are confirmed by the building official to be causing damage to a structure are exempt from mitigation requirements. This exception only applies if the damage cannot be mitigated by tree trimming. This exception does not apply if the damage is to underground utilities, driveways, sidewalks or other landscape elements.

This ordinance was introduced for first reading on June 7, 2021 and was adopted by the City Council on June 21, 2021. The ordinance shall become effective on July 2, 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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2021 CITY OF NOVI SUMMER PROPERTY TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED THE WEEK OF JULY 1ST

If you have not received your property tax bill by July 15th, please contact the Treasurer's Department at 248-347-0440 and a copy will be mailed to you.

Payments must be received by the Treasurer's office on or before Tuesday, August 31st to avoid an automatic penalty.

For your convenience, there is a drop box located behind the Civic Center for tax payments. Payments will be accepted in the drop box, without penalty, until midnight Tuesday, August 31st.

Property taxes payments can also be paid on-line at cityofnovi.org by credit card or electronic check (no fee charged for electronic check). Please be careful when entering your bank account/routing numbers; payments returned after the due date will be assessed a penalty.

Please contact the Treasurer's Office at (248) 347-0440 if you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance.

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Ryan Kelley, standing, speaks at the Livonia Republican Club Early Bird Gubernatorial Candidate Forum at the Livonia Elks Lodge on June 24. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Austin Chenge speaks at the event.



Ralph Rebandt speaks at the event.

Early bird GOP gubernatorial candidates share political views in Livonia

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Five 2022 gubernatorial candidates shared their Republican viewpoints regarding some of Michigan's most important issues during an early bird forum at the Livonia Elks Lodge.

About 100 attendees sat patiently, listening, laughing and occasionally applauding, during the two-hour June 24 political presentation.

The candidates — Austin Chenge, Ryan Kelley, Ralph Rebandt, Bob Scott and Evan Space — touched on familiar GOP topics like faith, the Second Amendment, former President Donald Trump and the election results.

They also shared views on taxes, judiciary appointments, Michigan's workers shortage and how they would foster collaboration across Michigan's diverse communities to advance political goals.

Rebandt, who has spent decades pastoring at Oakland Hills Community Church in Farmington Hills, emphasized his experience working with families coping with problems and conflicts.

"Years ago, in contrast with today, Democrats and Republicans had the same goal. We had America first.



Evan Space speaks at the event.



Bob Scott speaks at the event.

The Democrats of today actually are way off the charts," he said to some applause. "How do we come together — One, we listen.

"You will never fix the state unless you fix the city. You will never fix the city unless you fix the neighborhood. You will never fix the neighborhood unless you fix the family. Until we fix the family, this state will never get fixed. There's nobody better to understand how to fix the family than me. I've been doing it for 35 years."

Kelley, an Allendale Township planning commissioner, received applause, too. He introduced himself as someone who has spent much of the past year fighting "Antifa, BLM (and) protecting statues."

"Right now is the time to stand up for our values," he said. "We're going to reach across the aisles strong, saying you need to stand up for American values. You need to stand up for the American Dream. If you want to do that with me, let's do it together.

"Compromise has got us into the position that we're currently in."

Amber Harris, outreach chair for Michigan's 11th

Congressional District Republican Committee, said she was most impressed with Kelley. In her opinion, he has great delivery, aligns with her America First beliefs and seems to have the best shot of winning.

"I do think he'll be around. He might be in the Top Three at least," she said.

Livonia resident Miguel Aguilar was impressed with Chenge, a 35-year-old Grand Rapids Republican who said praying to God and traveling around Michigan led him to run for governor.

Aguilar liked Chenge's passion and hope he gets a position in the next governor's administration.

The Livonia Republican Club sponsored the event. Not all the candidates were able to appear.

"We know it's a year out," President Dillon Breen said of the next gubernatorial election. "There's so much going on right now and so many issues that need to be addressed. I think the voters want to hear starting now what the priorities are for the next governor."

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Tech company moves from Ann Arbor to Northville Township

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A need for being closer to potential employees and clients resulted in another tech business relocating to western Wayne County.

ETAS, a company that handles software and software security predominantly in the automobile industry, recently moved its Americas headquarters from Ann Arbor to a new facility at 15800 N. Haggerty, located in Northville Township but with a Plymouth mailing address.

The move, which constituted relocating its offices and its nearly 100 employees, allows the company to be closer to a bigger population center.

"Ann Arbor, while it has a lot of pluses, it's far from a lot of our customers. That was one of the main drivers," said Eric Cesa, general manager for the Americas for ETAS. "Finding talent for us is one of the other main drivers.

"We can pull from a significantly higher pool of people to fill the openings that we have and what we expect to have."



The front of the building now occupied by ETAS in Northville Township. COURTESY OF ETAS

The company finalized its move earlier this month, operating in an industrial building on Haggerty north of Five Mile.

With the changing work environment, especially after remote work become a norm during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the new space will allow for more open-ended working among employees, Cesa said.

"Our goal from the beginning was to create a much

more collaborative space," he said. "We're all really out in the open, promoting team environment, trying to facilitate that communication amongst the organization."

The company has locations across the globe, with most of its employees in the Western Hemisphere being located in Michigan. It also has offices in Waterloo, Ontario, and in São Paulo, Brazil.

It's not expected all employees will be at the facility at one time, save for special meetings or any company events, Cesa said. Without having everyone there on a regular basis, it allowed the company to not need as much space as it would have required in the past.

Instead of leasing a full floor and an additional half-floor of the building as was originally thought, the company only occupied one floor.

"Maybe COVID sped up what was going to happen in the industry anyways," Cesa said. "It was clear that we weren't going to expect everybody to be in the office every day."

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Beer

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It's not used as often as other alcoholic beverages like wine, but it definitely has its place in the kitchen with all its variety, said Brian Beland, chair of the culinary department at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

"Beer is no different than wine. You have to taste so many different wines to know all the different nuances and flavors," he said. "Beer is the same way. Each individual brewer is a craftsman."

With summer grilling comes the perfect opportunity to create a great beer brine for chicken or perhaps using a bottle of beer for a salad dressing or other sauces. In other seasons, Beland said it's common to use beer in braising dishes such as lamb shanks. Even in desserts, beer can bring out unique flavors in dishes like cookies or cake.

Cooking with beer varies widely on what's being made. But using craft beer — which flows aplenty across Detroit's western suburbs — really enhances the flavors in dishes compared to what a chef might see.

Having that opportunity is a big deal for Ché Foster, executive chef at Witch's Hat. A chef for 20 years, he said he's worked at Social Kitchen in Birmingham and Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, among others. When

offered the position in South Lyon at the brewery, he said he saw it as an opportunity to hone a different kind of cooking. Bringing in the flavors of Witch's Hat beers such as Blueberry Lemonade gose and Night Fury imperial stout is just one way to make the brewpub stand out.

So far, they've done just that: the Night Fury burger is served with a bacon jam made with the stout. Other sauces and dishes are also created using brews, including the mustard, made with Edward's Portly Brown ale.

"There's always something for something," he said. "You just have to figure out the taste and what you're going to do with it."

Working together

While it's not as common to see beer make its way onto the dinner table in the United States, it's not the same in other parts of the world, said Annette May, a faculty member in Schoolcraft College's Brewing and Distillation Technology Program.

May focuses a lot on pairing beers with food, and said that's incredibly crucial to make sure flavors don't clash.

"You may enjoy that sensation, but if you don't, it's going to be an unpleasant sensation for you," she said.

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"So you have to factor in many things."

Someone who's thought of plenty of factors is Daniel Pudwill, kitchen manager at SuperNatural Brewing and Spirits in Livonia. The chef started his job at the brewery right before the COVID-19 pandemic by cooking with SuperNatural's own beers.

During his interview at the restaurant, he said he brought out a few dishes made with the brewery's products, something that hadn't really been done before when they worked with new chefs.

Seeing the initiative to bring in their products into dishes was something that impressed the brewery's leadership, brewery co-owner Ernie Pacsai said.

"It was a big deal. We didn't require it, but we liked it," he said. "We asked them to do that, but never had anybody do that as a part of their job application."

That mentality has extended into the

dishes now served at the brewery at 36685 Plymouth Road: Pudwill has started to incorporate it into more dishes, including in an aioli and even into desserts.

One of the more popular items on the menu is buttermilk doughnut holes, made from scratch in the kitchen and topped with a salted caramel sauce made with SuperNatural's Shadow Realm stout. It began on the brunch menu and has made the jump to the everyday dessert menu.

After discovering how beer could be used in cooking, Pudwill said he began using it all the time.

"All of a sudden, I started to look back and then I could see that I felt comfortable cooking with beer now," he said. "I could put it in any soup, I could put it in almost any sauce."

It can be tricky to find the proper flavors to meld with a dish and requires plenty of trial-and-error. Knowing how to use a bottle or can of beer and how much can make or break a dish.

"The part I love is the part that you experiment with," Foster said. "It's not going to be a homerun every time."

Enrollment

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to avoid all the public health guidance and not wanting to really deal with a regimented schedule," he said. "I think a lot more families chose to home-school last year."

But, Salah said, enrollment rates in Huron Valley already surpass what they were a year ago. He fully expects the district to recover most of the students it lost.

"It's still early and families who chose to homeschool can really wait until August to re-enroll their kids," he said. "But we've already seen a considerable number of families re-enrolling."

Oquist said her district has already seen a "few dozen" families re-enroll for the next school year. But the district and others plan to contact families in an effort to bring as many students back as possible.

"We really are focused on being sure kids are back in school, whether that is

Livonia Public Schools, Woodhaven schools or Wayne-Westland schools," Oquist said. "Knowing over 50,000 students did not attend a formal school setting this year really has all of us pulling together."

Part of that desire comes from a need to adequately fund schools. In Livonia, a loss of 500 kids equates to about \$4.2 million in funding. Michigan adapted a "balanced" model to fund schools last year, meaning it was half based on 2019-20 enrollment and half based on 2020-21 enrollment.

Next year, the state will likely return to the 90/10 model it usually uses, based 10% on 2020-21 spring enrollment and 90% on 2021-22 fall enrollment. Oquist and Salah both expressed a desire for the state to use the 50/50 model for just one more year.

"We'll actually see more of the brunt of that on our budget for this coming year than we did this past year," Oquist said. "They really held us harmless this year so to speak."

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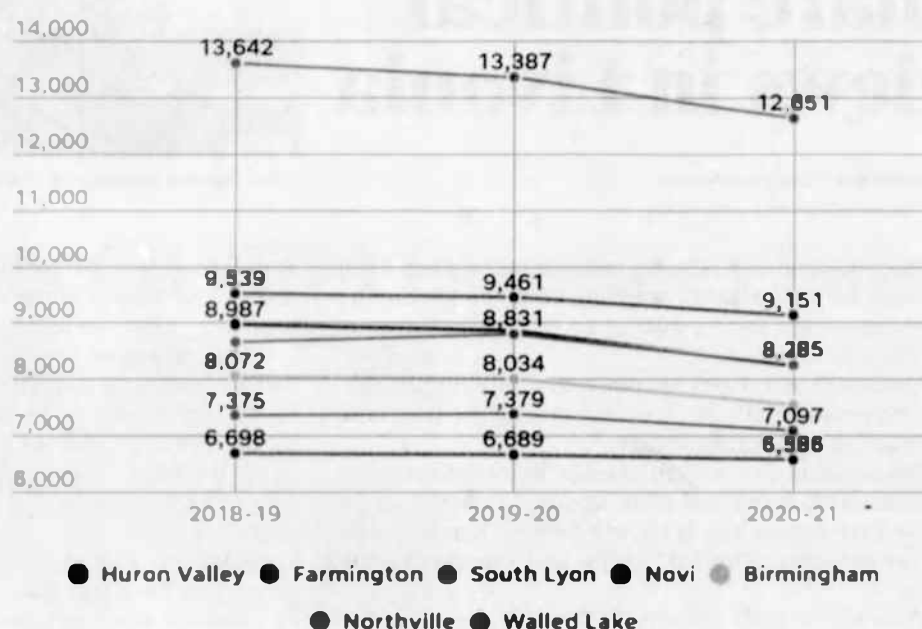
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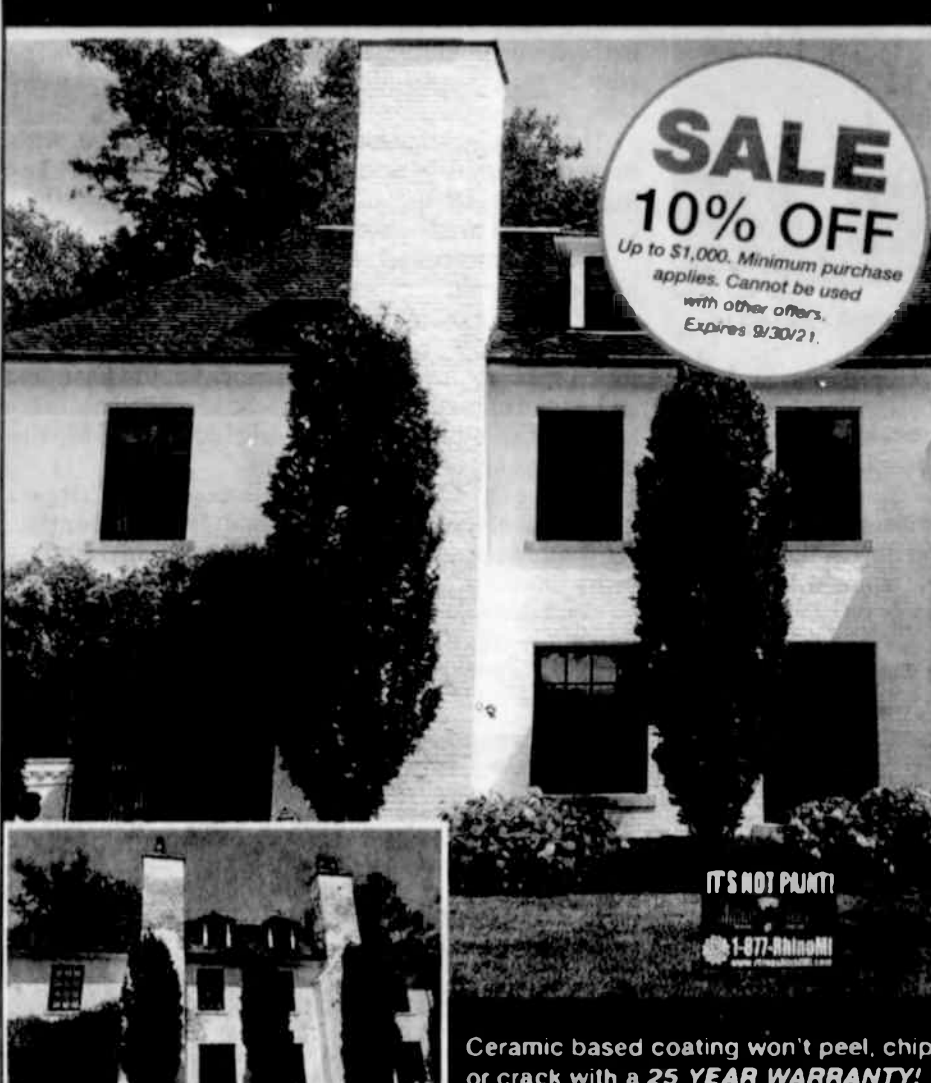
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If you are like me, you understand: "different strokes for different folks." We are everyday people. We don't all see things the same. "Sometimes I'm right and I can be wrong." Opinion, belief, attitude, outlook. "We got to live together." Respect, conversation, acceptance. "And so on and so on and scooby dooby dooby!"

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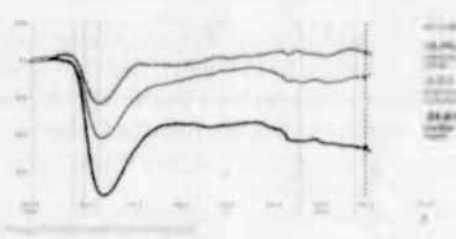
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New York (40%+), Chicago (55%+), Los Angeles (30%+), Tucson (38%+), Austin (55%+), Milwaukee (95%+), Minneapolis (72%+), Portland (52%+), Seattle (74%+). And so on and so on and scooby dooby dooby!

JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM, JUST THE FACTS

We all have our opinions. Sometimes our opinions blind us to truth. So whenever possible, I like to use research from people whose politics and perspectives are different than mine. Use the other guy's version of the facts. Approved by Harvard University and Brown University. Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Liberal enough for you? And what did those folks find?

RICH FOLKS DID GREAT, MIDDLE CLASS FOLKS GOT HURT, POOR FOLKS GOT HAMMERED



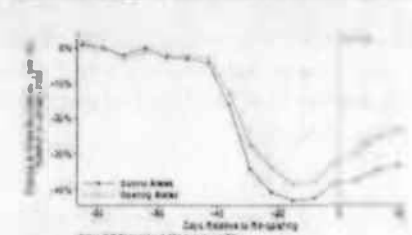
Everybody got whacked at the beginning of the pandemic. But low- and middle-income workers got it worst. And now, a year and a half later, turns out that high income people actually got more jobs. Up 2.4%. Middle income folks are on the path to recovery. Down 4.5%. And the poor folks got screwed. Still down 24%.

How did that happen? Was it the inevitable, unchangeable Laws of the Universe? Bad luck? Random chance? Or do you suppose the magical creation of money by government wizards, coupled with unemployment payments exceeding normal take home pay might have had an effect? If you do, you are most definitely a terrible person. Even worse if you wonder why there are three unfilled jobs for every unemployed person. What does it mean that a Boyne City sandwich shop pays \$18 per hour and still cannot find "sandwich artists"? Makes you wonder, eh?

THE MORE THEY HELP, THE WORSE IT GETS

Some governors like to protect us. Protect us from our own poor choices. (Except when it comes to weed, er, I still mean "recreational cannabis.") What happens when government controls us? Uses a natural (or perhaps unnatural) disease pandemic to impose unprecedented, unconstitutional

Figure 1B: Effects of COVID on Socioeconomic Progress for the Lower Classes



(according to the Michigan Supreme Court) executive orders? When government tells you to shut up, do this, do that, and don't worry your pretty little head, is that a superhighway to success?

You could take a look at this Harvard-approved, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation-funded chart. Government controls lead to deeper small business depression. And when the controls come off, squashed small businesses do not recover as quickly or as well. Did not see that coming!

Who runs small businesses? Middle class folks making middle range money. Who works for small businesses? Lower wage workers.

Why it is almost as if all these consequences were connected!

AND THEY SACRIFICED THE FUTURE

Figure 1B: Effects of COVID on Socioeconomic Progress for the Lower Classes



Education is the path to freedom. You know this. That is why you spent more to buy a home in a "good" school district. That is why you put up with the rolling eyes, the protests, the whining and everything else to get your kids to do their homework.

But now it is the teachers who do not want to go back to school. With disastrous consequences. Once again we see the same pattern. Rich folks kids... drop off and recovery. Middle class kids... much steeper drop off and much less recovery. Lower wage family kids... bottomless pit!

Who can see this without compassion? Who can claim that it has to be this way? Who lacks the guts to stare reality in the face?

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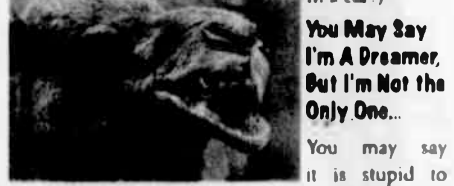
Eight kids, Irish grandmother, mum and dad. One bathroom was no problem, but one car was not going to get 11 bodies to Sunday Mass. For 17 years, growing up, that meant a station wagon of recent vintage and a 1956 two door Chevrolet Bel Air Black and White. Tan seatbelts installed in 1967.

As the first-born male child, I inherited the "Black Maria" in high school. With fabric showing through on the tires. Rusted out floorboards. Brakes

if you pumped like crazy. And room for whomever wants a ride to the Drive-In.

Wheels (with tires!) from the junkyard for \$5. Fiberglass for the floors. A rebuild kit for the brake system master cylinder. On the road again.

Today, I drive a 1956 4 door Bel Air or a 210 Panel Delivery (aka station wagon). Turquoise and India Ivory. Still with the original no seatbelts. And canvas floor. (Carpet? In a car?)



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Record

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Gage's idea for the World Record attempt sprouted from the Baking Club she leads. The club, open to students from both Millennium and Centennial middle schools, has been immensely popular. They've met about 10 times this year (virtually after school) to learn how to make apple pie, cinnamon rolls, peppermint bark, cake pops and more.

With the club at already 250 members, Gage figured it wouldn't be too hard to double that number and take a stab at beating the record of 532 for Most People Cooking Simultaneously Online, set on Feb. 12, 2021 by Raheel Mirza (organizer) in Sheffield, United Kingdom.

She recruited some help including Rebecca Mann and Jennifer Jones-Tims, both middle school teachers.

They put out a districtwide call for participants, and chose a simple concoction, "Chocolate Cereal Bar Recipe," to get a wide range of ages and culinary skill levels to join in the fun.

The recipe is a generic take on the well-known Rice Krispies Treats, re-named due to trademark concerns.

Between the ease of the recipe and excitement at the prospect of South Lyon laying claim to a world record, there were more than 800 students who signed up. However, some didn't connect for the virtual event at 2:45 p.m., June 9, while others had to be disqualified because their cameras weren't on for the duration of the 38-minute cooking gala.

There were some technical glitches that delayed the start by about 15 minutes. In total, there were 35 Google meets going on simultaneously, each with a maximum of 25 students cooking in each meet. Monitors walking around 35 computers in one room, and nine computers in another to witness the feat, a Guinness requirement.

In total, 682 participants fulfilled all the requirements for breaking the record, which will be certified by Guinness after all documentation is submitted, including video, logs, and witness affidavits.

"There is a lot of work to be done before it's submitted, but we're not rushing because we want to make sure it's done right," Gage said. "I feel good about



Sara Gage, center, with fellow middle school teachers Jennifer Jones-Tims and Rebecca Mann, show the chocolate cereal bars created as they and 682 of participants set a Guinness World Record for Most People Cooking Simultaneously Online. COURTESY OF SARA GAGE

it, we have done everything we can and I don't see any issues. I'm confident we have broken the record."

Assistant Superintendent Brian Toth is hopeful the South Lyon record will stand for more than a hot minute.

"Hopefully everyone will be so tired of virtual stuff that they won't know or go after the record," he said. "I'm not a baker, but it is pretty cool. Every kid that grew up with book fairs, always opened the Guinness Book of World Records."

It is not assured that the South Lyon record will be printed in the book, particularly as Guinness receives approximately 1,000 applications per week, Amanda Marcus, PR Manager for Guinness World Records, North America wrote in an email. The Guinness database currently features 50,000 record titles, with new categories added daily.

"Along with a focus on virtual/remote record attempts involving groups, individual time-related records have notably increased, such as 'most in a minute,' 'fastest time,' and 'longest time,'" she wrote. "These tend to involve typical household items and can be attempted at home or while social distancing."

Still, when South Lyon submits their claim, within 12-15 weeks, the Guinness Records Management Team will review the evidence. Once confirmed, the record will be online at www.guinness-worldrecords.com.

The kids will be thrilled to see it. "After an uncertain year like this one, being able to attempt to break a world record was a COVID-safe, fun and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Mady Furstenuau, a seventh grader at Millennium

Middle School, said.

Audrey Dominguez, a sixth grader at Centennial Middle School, described being a part of the world-record breaking event as "larger than life."

Lauren Harden, a Millennium seventh grader, expressed her gratitude to the teachers who organized the event and said she felt accomplished, doing "a very rare thing," that not many others her age are given the opportunity to do.

Catelyn Carino, a sixth grader at Millennium, agreed.

"Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much... like break a world record!" she said. "I also love eating the treats, they were absolutely delicious."

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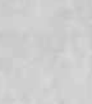
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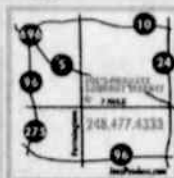
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SL Unified senior finds family in lacrosse

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Andrew Goodrich fell in love with the sport of lacrosse because of South Lyon.

He remembers sitting in the stands, watching his older sister's friends play in the Division 1 state semifinals in 2013 against Forest Hills Eastern/Northern, coming up just short in overtime.

"I think it was just how fast it was and how even if you weren't the biggest kid on the field, you could make an impact," Goodrich said. "Some of the best people on the field were pretty small."

Goodrich first picked up a stick in fifth grade. Two years later, he dropped every other sport to focus on lacrosse,

following in the footsteps of those players he saw in that Division 1 state semifinal.

And while the South Lyon Unified senior never made it to that point in his four years on the varsity team, he found his family.

From his first days of freshman year, joining the varsity team at 5-foot-2, 120 pounds, Goodrich learned the motto that was set in stone in the teams that he watched when he was a kid: "One team, one family."

"Before you get on the field, you really just need that friendship," he said. "Once you have that friendship, you can

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South Lyon Unified senior Andrew Goodrich scored five goals in his team's 10-goal day against Walled Lake United. DAVID DONOHER/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Athlete of the Week
poll results

South Lyon Unified lacrosse senior Andrew Goodrich won Hometown Life's Athlete of the Week poll the week of June 1, earning 6,207 (69.59%) of the 8,919 total votes cast.

Salem soccer senior Macayla Harris finished in second place with 2,463 votes (27.62%).

Wayne Memorial track and field sophomore Anihya Woods finished third, South Lyon East track and field senior Drake Willenborg finished fourth and Novi lacrosse senior Anna Werth finished fifth.

Farmington basketball's Holdwick brings her tenacity to MSU rowing

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Sophia Holdwick had to give rowing a try at least once.

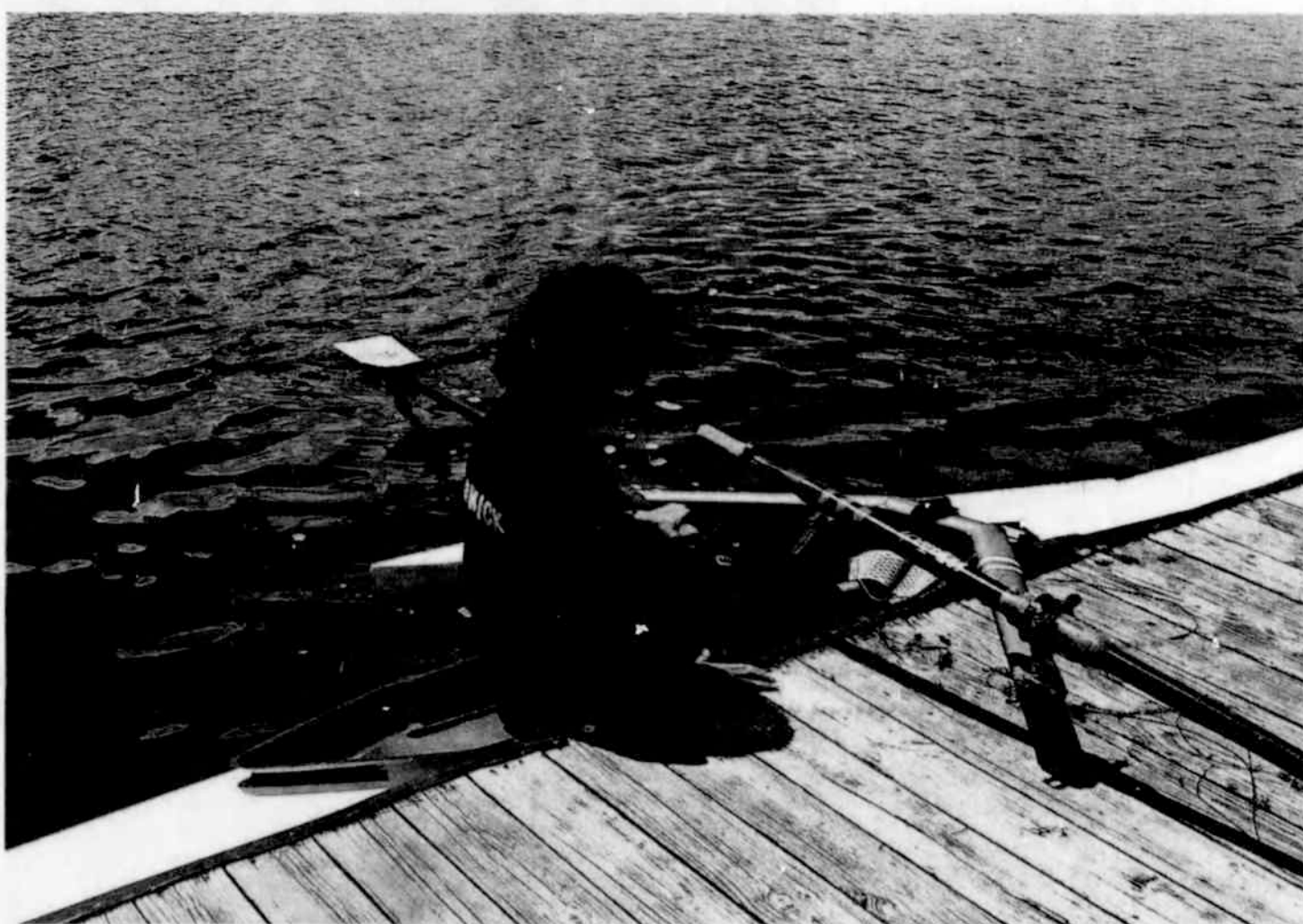
The Farmington senior first entered the "skinny little boat," something she felt was going to flip over at any moment. The sport itself was funky, using muscles the converted basketball player didn't normally use, all in one fluid and constant motion.

She had no idea what was going on. "It's like running on water," Holdwick said.

When she got out of the boat, Holdwick was nervous, but confident she would be able to compete at some point. This was the mentality Michigan State head rowing coach Kim Chavers saw in Holdwick too, giving her a spot on the team before she had ever touched an oar.

This was nothing new to Chavers. When looking for people to join her team, she's not looking for experts. Experience is not even a prerequisite. Instead, the Michigan State head coach gleans through countless recruiting profiles, looking for projects.

Watching film of athletes in their element, Chavers said she's looking for people with the potential, the tenacity and the competitive edge that could carry over in a sport they may have never heard of, let alone tried.



Sophia Holdwick is trading basketball for rowing in her freshman year at Michigan State. COURTESY OF BRIAN HOLDWICK



Holdwick described Michigan State as a "family school." COURTESY OF CINDY FLYNN

Holdwick had everything Chavers needed in an athlete: leading Farmington in scoring as a senior on the girls basketball team and helping the Falcons to a first-place finish in the OAA Gold in her only season with the team after transferring from Mercy.

The Michigan State head coach also saw a preview of the way Holdwick interacted with her teammates on the basketball court, while also seeing a preview of her family's collegiate affiliation through a shirt her father, Brian, was wearing in one of the videos on her recruiting profile.

Sophia Holdwick had always been a

Michigan State lifer. She had always pictured herself competing in East Lansing, donning the green and white.

So when Brian Holdwick watched his daughter open and read an email from Chavers, introducing the idea of joining something new instead of continuing on a basketball track at a smaller school, excitement clouded any hesitancy she initially had.

"Honestly, I think she was more excited about that rowing email than she was about any email from any other basketball coaches just because of the

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Marian soccer brings home fourth-straight D2 title

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Maria Askounis gets it.

The Marian senior stepped onto the field at DeMartin Soccer Stadium for the Division 2 state final more excited than nervous, welcoming those feelings of adrenaline and pressure instead of

pushing them away.

"I live for stuff like this," Askounis said, having been a part of the Mustangs' two state championship wins in 2018 and 2019 and looking for one more before calling it a high school career.

Marian head coach Barry Brodsky tried to explain to the 12 underclassmen what the feeling would be like in that

atmosphere, with everything on the line. But he knew they would just have to experience it. They would have to feel it and respond to it themselves.

Mustangs freshman Elle Ervin felt it. And she got it, scoring two of Marian's (13-3-1) three goals against Spring Lake (15-4-2) for the program's fourth-straight state title.

"We are very fast-acting," Ervin said. "We came in understanding that we are forming a family. We're not going to be a broken-up age-group team. We're going to be together, no matter what age we are. We play so well together. We were able to come together very quickly."

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Hartland's Cheney retires after 29 years

Wrestling coach had 810 wins and a 2016 state championship

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Todd Cheney will still be around wrestling next winter, possibly as a referee, and certainly as a spectator at his son's college matches.

But, for the first time since he was a teenager, he won't be mat side in the coach's chair for Hartland High School.

Cheney is retiring after 29 seasons as one of the most successful wrestling coaches in Michigan history, primarily so he can watch his son, Bryce, wrestle at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio.

What he'll be doing one year from now, four years from now ... who knows? Coaching is in his blood, so Cheney isn't ruling out a return in some capacity.

"When I told the team, I cried," said Cheney, who will turn 49 next month. "It is what it is. We'll see. Again, it's just a step back to re-evaluate some things, see what I want to do. If I'm going to be running off every other weekend to go watch Bryce and I'm not there, it's not fair to them either."

A 1990 Hartland graduate, Cheney was hired as a 20-year-old in 1992-93 to take over a program that finished last in the Kensington Valley Conference the previous year. There was no interview process. The recommendation of his high school coach, Bill Cain, was all that was needed.

"They called me and said, 'Hey, we want you to be the next wrestling coach,'" Cheney recalls. "Bill Cain basically said, 'You hire him, or I'll just be here for a long time.' They said, 'OK.' That was it. There was zero interview. Basically, I did a couple open mats and the athletic director walked by and watched me coach. He said, 'At my old school, I hired a young guy and I think it's going to work.' Twenty-nine years later ..."

Cheney took over a team that finished last in the Kensington Valley Conference the previous season. The Eagles had losing records Cheney's first two years, but never came close to going below .500 after that.

Cheney has an 810-113-2 record in dual matches to rank fourth in state history in high school coaching victories.



Hartland wrestling coach Todd Cheney celebrates the Eagles' 2016 Division 1 state championship, which was achieved after five runner-up finishes.

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Only former Brighton baseball coach Mark Carrow (823-315-9 from 1973-2006) had more victories coaching a Livingston County team.

The highlight of it all came in 2016 when the Eagles beat Davison to win the program's only state championship after finishing as runner-up five times. Hartland lost to county rival Brighton in the championship match the year before.

"It was fun because the whole community was there," Cheney said. "Everybody got to see it. Everybody got to watch it. It was perfect."

Hartland won 22 regional championships, including a current streak of 20 in a row, and 25 district titles, including

the last 21.

Cheney had 14 state champions, 114 state placers and 220 state qualifiers.

When he took over a struggling program while still in college, did he envision all this success?

Of course.

"We were cocky and arrogant kids," said Cheney, who had 21-year-old Chris Phifer as an assistant coach that first year. "We thought we could do it. That was it."

Cheney was only three years removed from being the state Class B runner-up at 135 pounds his senior year when he became the head coach.

Inspired by Cain, who died in February 2020, Cheney always knew he wanted

to get into teaching and coaching. Cheney was also an assistant football coach at Hartland.

"I was drawn to him," Cheney said. "When I was a freshman, I had his brother as coach, Mike Cain. Bill coached my sophomore, junior and senior year. I wanted to be like Bill; that was the original 'be like Bill' person, I guess. Just the way he coached and the way he treated people, I wanted to be like that. That's why I got into teaching, it's why I got into coaching."

"I got to coach football with him for a while. He was my (athletic director) for a while and my assistant principal for a while and my kids' principal in elementary school. It was kind of cool. I got to see a lot of fun things here in Hartland."

Cheney said achieving success at his alma mater was more meaningful than doing it elsewhere, "simply because I knew the history. I knew basically everything that went on."

Current Hartland athletic director JD Wheeler has hired Cheney's replacement, former Hartland all-stater Kyle Summerfield. Wheeler believes Summerfield can carry on the tradition of Hartland wrestling, but said Cheney will be missed.

"It'll be a big loss," Wheeler said. "Todd helped put Hartland on the map, not just as a wrestling school, but a school to be successful at the state level."

"He loved coming to work every day. He loved being around the kids. He drew energy from the kids. The kids helped him stay young. That's what stood out about him is how much he enjoyed doing it. When someone does it that long, sometimes you lose that."

Cheney said he is eligible to retire as a teacher at Hartland in February, but hasn't made a decision in that regard.

He said it already feels strange not going to strength and conditioning workouts with the football team. The thing he said he will miss the most next winter is the competition.

"I'll miss the big moments when kids win when they're not supposed to or it's a close match and your kid wins at the end or someone gets pinned and the crowd gets fired up," he said. "One of the things COVID took away from everything is the crowd noise. I went down to watch the Georgia state finals when we were on shutdown."

"The first time I saw someone get pinned, the crowd was amazing. That's what I'll miss."

Lacrosse

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build that chemistry on the field. We already have that chemistry because you are good friends, you trust each other. With teamwork, you need friendship as a base. After that, everything falls into place."

In his three seasons with South Lyon Unified, that family atmosphere led to success, winning 45 games, including six in the postseason.

Physicality eventually made a huge difference in Goodrich's game as he grew to 6-feet, 205 pounds, using that extra bit of force to move around people.

His confidence grew, too: Goodrich wanted the ball in his stick.

"As a freshman you are not thinking, 'Oh I can do this.' It's a maybe," Goodrich said. "As a senior, I need the ball. I need to do this to help my team succeed. The confidence change is very, very big."

In three full seasons with South Lyon Unified — not having a chance to play his junior season due to the COVID-19 pandemic — Goodrich never made it past the regional final, losing to Detroit Catholic Central twice and Northville this past season.

But, especially with the season lost,

he learned to cherish each moment he got on the lacrosse field with the players that had become family.

"Sophomore year, after the season was over... the seniors were all sad. I was like, 'I don't get that yet,'" Goodrich said. "After the junior year, losing that one, it was like, 'Whoa, you really don't have that huge amount of time with these people, playing lacrosse with them.'"

Goodrich's career at South Lyon is complete, but his lacrosse career has only just begun.

The midfielder/attacker will play at Florida Southern, playing in an area where the sport is growing, but is already bigger than it is in Michigan.

While he is excited for what's next, Goodrich knows that his confidence will not be the same in his first practices as it was as a senior for South Lyon Unified.

"It's going to be kind of like freshman year," Goodrich said. "You are going to have to work into the program, work into their systems. It's going to be a change in that aspect, but I think it will be good for me. I'm just excited for the competition and the higher level of lacrosse that's being played down there."

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South Lyon's Andrew Goodrich scores a goal against Huron Valley United.

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Holdwick

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school," he said. "It's always been the school she wanted to go to and she's always wanted to be a DI athlete. I think that provided her an opportunity to do that."

Chavers still had to make her pitch. She told Sophia that athletes who had previously walked onto the team had become Olympians, helping Michigan State be one of the most competitive programs in the country.

"She had a lot of questions about how the sport in general, so we talked a lot about how practices looked, what racing looks like, what it looks like to learn a

new sport," Chavers said. "She met with student athletes who learned how to row here, so she got to pick their brains a little bit and find out what that experience was like."

Talking with athletes who had been in her shoes, Holdwick found that rowing was the ultimate team sport, bonding as a "big family" to achieve one goal together, even if what they were doing didn't make sense to her at first.

"I looked up how to row after I got the first email, but it made no sense to me," Holdwick said. "I was so confused. I mean, it's a water sport. I have played all land sports, so I just had no idea what was going on."

When Holdwick first enters the racing boat on campus, Chavers doesn't expect her to be a prodigy. The head coach

just wants a foundation of fitness: sending full-body workouts to prepare for what's ahead and to give something for her to work with when Holdwick, and the rest of the novice freshmen, dive in head first to learn the sport in the fall.

At first, Holdwick will learn in baby steps, working her way from the rowing machine to barge and eight-person boats before full practices in the spring. But based on what she knows about the incoming freshman, Chavers is confident in what Holdwick will bring to the Spartans.

"I think rowing is a sport where you get out of it what you put into it," Chavers said. "It's clear Sophia has a very strong work ethic and I think that will really pay off for her at the end."

Holdwick is competitive. She hates to

lose.

Even in her first introduction to the sport of rowing, watching the Big Ten championships with her mother, the incoming freshman saw herself in those boats. While she could not replicate what the Michigan State competitors could do yet, she saw the same thing Chavers saw: potential.

"I'd be like, 'Look Mom, this will be me next year,'" Holdwick said. "Not that many people row, so I was like, I have to beat out all these other novice rowers so I can actually row. I don't want to be on the team and not row."

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Division 1

Regionals

Regional 2 — Livonia Stevenson

Regional semifinal

Hartland (17

-4-1) 1, Novi (10-7-4) 0

Regional 3 — Ann Arbor Skyline

Regional final

Ann Arbor Skyline (17-2-1) 2, Canton (9-6-5) 0

Regional semifinal

Canton (9-5-5) 3, Belleville (14-4-1) 0

Districts

District 13 — Berkley

District final

Troy (9-5-2) 2, Bloomfield Hills (5-5-2) 1

District semifinal

Troy (8-5-2) 3, Groves (13-7-1) 0

Bloomfield Hills (5-4-2) 5, Royal Oak (11-5-6) 0

First round

Groves (13-6-1) 1, Seaholm (11-5-2) 0; ZOT: The Falcons beat the Maples, 4-3, in the shootout to earn the win.

District 11

District final

Canton (8-5-5) 2 Salem (15-1-3) 1

District semifinal

Canton (7-5-5) 8, Livonia Churchill (8-9-2) 0

Salem (15-0-3) 1, Plymouth (3-12-4) 0

First round

Livonia Churchill (8-8-2) 2, Livonia Franklin (6-10-1) 1

Canton (6-5-5) 4, Dearborn Heights Crestwood (6-6-2) 0

Plymouth (3-11-4) 6, John Glenn (5-12) 0

District 10 — Brownstown Woodhaven

First round

Taylor (10-5) 7, Wayne Memorial (1-13) 2

District 7 — Waterford Mott

First round

Walled Lake Northern (8-4-1) 1, Milford (5-6) 0

West Bloomfield (8-8-1) 3, Lakeland (5-9-3) 2

District 8 — Northville

District final

Novi (10-6-4) 1, Northville (12-9) 0

District semifinal

Novi (9-6-4) 2, Mercy (8-9-2) 0

Northville (12-8) 2, Livonia Stevenson (11-3-2) 1

First round

Mercy (8-8-2) 8, North Farmington (2-8-1) 0

Novi (8-6-4) 2, Farmington (5-9-3) 0

Northville (11-8) 3, South Lyon (6-9) 0

Division 2

State final

Marian (13-3-1) 3, Spring Lake (15-4-2) 0

State semifinals

Marian (12-3-1) 3, Dearborn Divine Child (17-5) 0

Regionals

Region 6 — Trenton

Dearborn Divine Child (17-4) 3, South Lyon East (13-

2-3) 2

Regional semifinal

South Lyon East (13-1-3) 8, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore

(5-12-2) 0

Regional 7 — Goodrich

Regional final

Marian (11-3-1) 5, St. Clair (15-4-3) 0

Regional semifinal

Marian (10-3-1) 1, Dewitt (17-2) 0

Districts

District 23 — Dearborn Divine Child

District final

Dearborn Divine Child (15-4) 6, Garden City (12-4-1) 0

District semifinal

Garden City (12-3-1) 5, Redford Thurston (5-10) 0

District 21 — Tecumseh

District final

South Lyon East (12-1-3) 3, Pinckney (14-3) 1

District semifinal

South Lyon East (11-1-3) 3, Milan (11-4-2) 1

District 25 — Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood

District final

Marian (9-3-1) 8, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook King-

swood (12-3-2) 0

District semifinal

Marian (8-3-1) 8, Holly (5-8) 0

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (12-2-2) 5,

Madison Heights Lamphere (8-8-2) 1

Division 3

State final

Detroit Country Day (17-2-2) 3, Boyne City (21-2-2) 0

State semifinals

Detroit Country Day (16-2-2) 1, Williamston (16-3-1) 0

Regionals

Region 10 — Detroit Country Day

Regional final

Detroit Country Day (15-2-2) 4, Warren Regina (10-

7-1) 0

Regional semifinal

Detroit Country Day (14-2-2) 2, Grosse Ile (15-3) 1

Districts

District 39 — Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

District final

Detroit Country Day (13-2-2) 1, Pontiac Notre Dame

Prep (10-6-3) 0

District semifinal

Detroit Country Day (12-2-2) 6, Clawson (13-4-1) 0

First round

Clawson (13-3-1) 8, Livonia Clarenceville (3-14) 0

Division 4

Regionals

Region 14 — Riverview Gabriel Richard

Regional semifinal

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (9-2) 3, Plymouth Chris-

tian Academy (14-5) 1

Districts

District 54 — Plymouth Christian Academy

District final

Plymouth Christian Academy (14-4) 3, Ann Arbor

Greenhills (4-14) 2

District semifinal

Plymouth Christian Academy (13-4) 8, Lutheran West-

land (3-5-1) 0



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Obituaries

Mary P. Craig

NORTHVILLE - Age 72, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away on June 21, 2021. She was born on April 6, 1949 in Alpena, Michigan; raised in Pontiac as the second of four children of Richard and Patricia (nee Hughes) Fell. Mary graduated from Pontiac Central High School, class of 1967. She continued her education at Michigan State University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Early Childhood Development. Mary was united in marriage to David H. Craig Jr. on July 6, 1974; devoted to each other, their two sons, and their family for over 46 years.

Mary loved children and had a gift for observing and encouraging their development and creative exploration. She was a natural teacher both professionally to her students and personally to her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and later generations lucky enough to claim her as family. Most recently, Mary worked at Starfish Family Services in Inkster as an Early Head Start teacher for over 10 years, retiring in 2014. When she wasn't with children, Mary focused her creative energy as an avid gardener. Her favorite flowers in her garden were her hydrangeas and clematis. If she had her way, her entire lawn would be an elaborate garden, a nod to her creative, romantic nature. Above all else, she treasured her family; Mary was a patient, kind, and loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend.

Mary is survived by her husband David; her sons, David H. Craig III and Justin (Esmina von Habsburg) Craig; her sister Ann (John) Runyan; her brother Richard Fell; her sister-in-law Judy Fell; and her grandchildren, Andrew and Azra. She was preceded in death by her parents and her older brother Charles Fell.

A funeral service was held at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. She was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Marian's Elle Ervin makes a sliding attempt to stop a Spring Lake player. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Facing the Lakers, it didn't take long for Ervin to get going.

The freshman found an opening four minutes in, taking a pass from Audrey Flynn and firing a bullet that hit and went through the hands of Spring Lake goalkeeper Jessica Stewart for the one-goal lead.

But then both offenses went silent. While Marian held the upper hand offensively consistently — ending the contest with a 22-5 shot advantage — the Mustangs failed to convert, keeping Spring Lake head coach Becky May held out hope for a breakthrough.

"They knew what they were up against. Everybody told them before they got here they were going to get killed," May said. That's what they heard all week: "You're going to get killed, you're going to get killed." Then we had a good look at goal, we held them to one.

"And that call killed us. It just killed us."

Minutes into the second half, Olivia DeConinck took a corner and slowly rolled it into the back of the net for the second score of the game. The referees initially called it a no-goal due to a Marian player who was offside, but, after deliberation, decided said player was not directly involved in the play, confirming the two-goal lead for the Mustangs.

Two minutes later, though, Ervin ensured Marian's victory would not hinge on that call.

The freshman flew past multiple Lakers defenders, shooting a bullet across her body over the head of Stewart for her second goal of the game.

"Elle clicked on day one. When you get a player like that you go, 'Thank you very much,'" Brodsky said, pointing to the sky. "She's one of the most talented players on the team and, without a doubt, one of the hardest workers on the team. When you marry those two together, as a coach you go 'Oh my goodness, thank you.'"

Coming into her freshman year, Ervin did not really know what her role would be. She knew she joined an established group, an accomplished group that had won 40 games in two seasons together.

But Ervin realized quickly that her services were



The Mustangs lift their championship trophy as they celebrate their 3-0 victory over Spring Lake.

needed and she had to step up, knowing a streak was at stake.

"I think I got it a long time ago," Ervin said. "You just know this is the main goal."

Askounis understands that goal. At the end of her Marian career, the senior took home three Division 2 state titles, losing one as a junior due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But that family atmosphere, something the Mustangs' eight seniors have developed over the past four years, is something that never leaves.

It makes Marian home.

"What we have done is absolutely incredible," Askounis said. "It's something I didn't think, coming in as a freshman, we would do. It's something you don't really dream of, but when it happens, it's just so awesome. I'm proud of each and every one of them. We played for not only this team today, but the teams we have played with before. We know, wherever they are today, they are so proud of us."

"We made history."

Since 2000, Marian has won eight Division 2 state titles.

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Akins quickly getting acquainted with Spartans

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Despite not having an official visit to East Lansing, Jaden Akins, the four-star freshman point guard from Farmington, has integrated himself into Michigan State's basketball team.

He has spent his first three weeks in East Lansing taking summer classes and adjusting to new teammates. NBA playoff game watch parties at his teammates' apartments, team dinners at coach Tom Izzo's house, and weight room competitions have helped him build a rapport.

"I feel like it was an easy adjustment just because of the people that I was around. They made it easier for me," said Akins, the No. 3 ranked player in the state in the 2021 class. "We built a relationship quick, and it definitely made this transition even easier. I feel like I've been knowing these dudes for longer than I really have."

The 6-foot-3, 170-pound point guard briefly joined the fledgling Ypsi Prep before transferring to Sunrise Christian Academy in Kansas in January. The experience in Kansas makes him more comfortable being away from home, as he uses the summer to transition his game to Michigan State standards. At practice, Akins has been memorizing the few plays that have been implemented, keeping up with the faster pace, and making quick reads.

"This is the Big Ten and it's just a different level in high school," he said. "So, I'm just getting ready for that every day. It's really just been a lot of work. And now a lot of team workouts and we started a couple of practices. The pace is definitely faster, but I feel like the high school that I was at, Sunrise, got me prepared for this as best I could. It's an adjustment, but I'm learning quick."

Akins joins the Spartans' 2021 recruiting class ranked 10th in the nation, which includes Max Christie and Pierre Brooks II, the No. 2 recruit in the state and Michigan's Mr. Basketball. The trio has been bonding on and off the court and helping one another improve their game while curbing expectations.

"Me and Max's relationship grew a lot," Akins said. "Before we were texting but being able to meet him in person ... ever since we got here, we've been hanging out basically every day. We're working out and just really pushing each other on the court and in the weight room."

"At the end of the day it is basketball. That's what we've been doing for most of our life. So we feel like we can carry



Point guard Jaden Akins is the No. 3-ranked player in the state in the Spartans' 2021 recruiting class. BRITTANY GRAHAM/2020 HOOPFEST

over this level. We just need to stay confident."

After losing guard Aaron Henry to the NBA draft, Akins isn't the only new point guard; he is joined by Tyson Walker, a transfer from Northeastern. Akins has taken the opportunity to learn from the veteran point guard to catch up to the speed of the college game.

"Tyson has experience and I've been working every day," Akins said. "He's been really good with helping me with different things because he's already been through some stuff. I've been learning the pace of just ball screen reads and stuff from him. I feel like he has a good pace. He's a good defender, quick defender, quick player."

Early stages and roles haven't been fully carved out for the freshman guard, but Akins is accustomed to playing different roles. At Sunrise, he played with five-star guard Kennedy Chandler,

where he was utilized both in on-ball and off-ball sets. His hope is to be a versatile guard for the Spartans, and believes there is an opportunity for him and Walker to play on the floor together.

"I feel like we could definitely play together. Our games complement each other," he said. "I feel like I'll be successful in that role. You can see me on the ball and off the ball as well as being a versatile [player]. Somebody that can guard the other team's best player if needed to be or best guard."

Akins isn't letting Michigan State's early exit in the NCAA tournament deter him. He has lofty goals for himself and the Spartans this season.

"A successful freshman season for me is a Big Ten championship, getting to the Final Four, national championship, playing major minutes and playing a major role on this team."

Johanningsmeier commits to WMU

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August Johanningsmeier of Howell has made his name as a running back, but has enough athleticism to attract Division I college interest at positions he hasn't played in high school.

Johanningsmeier, a 6-foot, 4-inch 205-pound senior, has announced his commitment to Western Michigan University, which plans to use him at tight end or defensive end.

He is a rare Livingston County football player who will be going to a Division I program on scholarship.

"I really like the campus and the whole football team," Johanningsmeier said. "Coach (Tim) Lester said he really wants to grow the players to make them the best they can be and try to get them to the next level in the NFL. That sounded really good to me."

"It was pretty important to me to prove to myself I could play at the highest level possible for me."

He caught the Broncos' attention during a camp at Wayne State University. Also, Howell linebackers coach Mitch Zajac, a former Western Michigan player, put in a good word for him with the Broncos' coaching staff.

"Coach (Mike) Bath, the offensive coordinator, said they know I can play tight end, because they watched me catch some passes," said Johanningsmeier, who plays basketball and was a state-qualifying high jumper in his first season of track and field.

"They'd rather choose me over a true tight end, because I can keep up with the running backs. I can plant off one foot and move. I went with the running backs (at Wayne State). I was either just as fast as them or faster, which looks good for a tight end."

Johanningsmeier played exclusively at running back last season, but his workload kept him busier than some two-way starters. He averaged 25 carries a game, rushing 127 times for 731 yards and four touchdowns in five games. He led Livingston County in rushing, despite missing three games with an injury.

The Highlanders plan to use him at defensive end also this fall.

"I cannot wait to play football this year," he said. "We have a lot of great players."

The Highlanders are set at quarterback and receiver this season, but Johanningsmeier could apparently fill in at those spots if needed.

"MaxPreps lists me as a quarterback, punter and wide receiver," he said. "I think it's from little league, because I played a little bit of quarterback and was also a punter."

Top plays of Hartland's run for girls soccer title

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The bizarre 2020-21 high school sports year couldn't have ended any better from a Livingston County perspective, with Hartland's girls winning the county's first state soccer championship on the final day of the season.

It took hundreds of plays for the Eagles to win seven postseason games and make history.

If one of the more impactful plays had gone the other way, the story of the 2021 Hartland girls soccer team might have been completely different. The Eagles never trailed during the state tournament (six shutouts helped), but there were some tense moments.

Here is a look back at the top plays during Hartland's state championship run:

1. The save

The bleakest moment for Hartland came in a scoreless district semifinal game against arch rival Brighton.

Brighton's Hazel Wright was awarded a penalty kick after being taken down in the box. Hartland goalie Morgan Seog had other ideas, diving to her left to stop a shot by Wright and punching the ball out of bounds to prevent a rebound.

"So, just standing there, I knew the game was on the line," Seog said. "I knew we could score. I don't know how I just guessed left, because of the way she was standing. There's really no way to tell, but I had to guess left and that's where I went."

Hartland went on to win, 1-0.

2. Knocking out the champ

Novi was still the two-time defending state Division I champion because of the missed 2020 season, but was two years removed from its last title.

The Wildcats lacked the firepower of their most recent teams, but could still play lockdown defense and had one of the state's best goalies as the last line of defense in senior Abbey Pheiffer.

Scoring chances were infrequent, as Novi was committed entirely to playing defense. The Wildcats, who lost 5-0 and 4-0 to Hartland during the season, would have been content to take their chances with Pheiffer in net in a shoot-out.

Junior Hannah Kastamo made sure the game never got to overtime, scoring with 7:33 left in the second half to give the Eagles a 1-0 victory.

The goal came in the aftermath of a corner kick by Bria Kastamo following a leaping save by Pheiffer on a shot by Justina L'Esperance.

Novi defender Eva Burns headed out the corner kick, 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 range.

"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, thankfully."

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

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The Rise of Stay-at-Home Dads

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Over the past few decades, more and more men have been taking that title even further, making "stay-at-home dad" their primary role. In fact, somewhere between 2 million and 7 million fathers in the U.S. can be considered stay-at-home dads.

In 1989, men made up 10% of all stay-at-home parents. By 2016, that number had increased to 17%. Given the changes the U.S. workforce went through during the Covid-19 pandemic, there is a good chance the number of full-time fathers may continue to grow.

Staying home over the past year, due to reasons like remote work and widespread unemployment, gave Americans a chance to reexamine their priorities, including their careers. For some, that may mean giving up meetings and commutes to focus on child care and running the household instead.

Since many fathers may be taking on the role of stay-at-home dad for the first time, here are some resources that can help with the transition:

SOCIAL MEDIA

There are many online communities where stay-at-home dads can find like-minded people who not only share the same job title, but other interests as well. Facebook Groups, most of which are private, have forums for stay-at-home dads

who are also excited about topics like home repair, blogging, and geek culture. Following hashtags like #stayathomedad on Instagram, Twitter, or TikTok serves up a steady stream of advice, encouragement, and memes. And if you're a Redditor, you can share experiences—and read about others—at reddit.com/r/StayAtHomeDaddit.

THE NATIONAL AT-HOME DAD NETWORK

The National At-Home Dad Network was founded in 2003 by three dads who were part of a great local playgroup and wanted to create a resource for other fathers around the U.S. to find their own. Over the past 18 years, it has grown to provide resources that support dads, whether they've been at-home for a while, or are new to the role. The network offers webinars, ways to connect with other dads, and tools to plan meet ups and playdates with other stay-at-home fathers.

HOMEDADCON

HomeDadCon is a convention, now run by The National At-Home Dad Network, that will celebrate its 25th anniversary this October. The three-day event brings together primary care dads from across the country to hear from doctors, psychologists, and authors speaking on topics like fatherhood and child psychology. It's also an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with other stay-at-home dads from across the country.

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ACROSS

- 1 Dryer's partner
7 Neither here nor there states
13 Not straying off topic
20 Get in the way of
21 "You may relax, soldier"
22 One looking something over
23 "The Delta Force" actor Chuck
24 Question after a chat interruption
26 Latched on firmly
28 Space balls
29 San Luis —, California
30 Mount, as a jewel
31 "Diane" star Turner
32 "Come" star Spacek
35 Mutineers
37 2012 Robert Pattinson film based on a Maupassant novel
39 Chou En-
40 Fictional "Warrior Princess"

DOWN

- 41 Lax in duty
44 British remake of "That '70s Show"
50 Say for sure
51 Trepidation
53 Fathered, as a horse
54 Start of many rapper names
55 Realities that are tough to face
56 "E-e-ew!"
59 Vodka brand, informally
61 Reply to "You are not!"
62 Fulfill, as standards
65 Wiseacre
69 River to the Rhine
70 Hint at
71 "That's impossible!"
74 Reagan adviser Edwinn
76 Flooding units
77 "... bug — feature?"
78 Identity before turning over a new leaf
83 City in Oklahoma
84 Trig function

ACROSS

- 86 Away from the wind, nautically
87 Non-iron club
88 Revealing interference with the contents, as a package
92 Key related to D major
94 Saharan
95 Oct.-Dec. link
96 Creek, e.g.
99 Garbage collectors
102 Very easy thing
104 "Back in Black" band
105 Italian monk's title
108 Runner Sebastian
109 Really eager
111 With
114 Across, source of the phrase formed by the ends of eight answers in this puzzle
118 See
119 Famed French mime
120 Interfere
121 Nuanced

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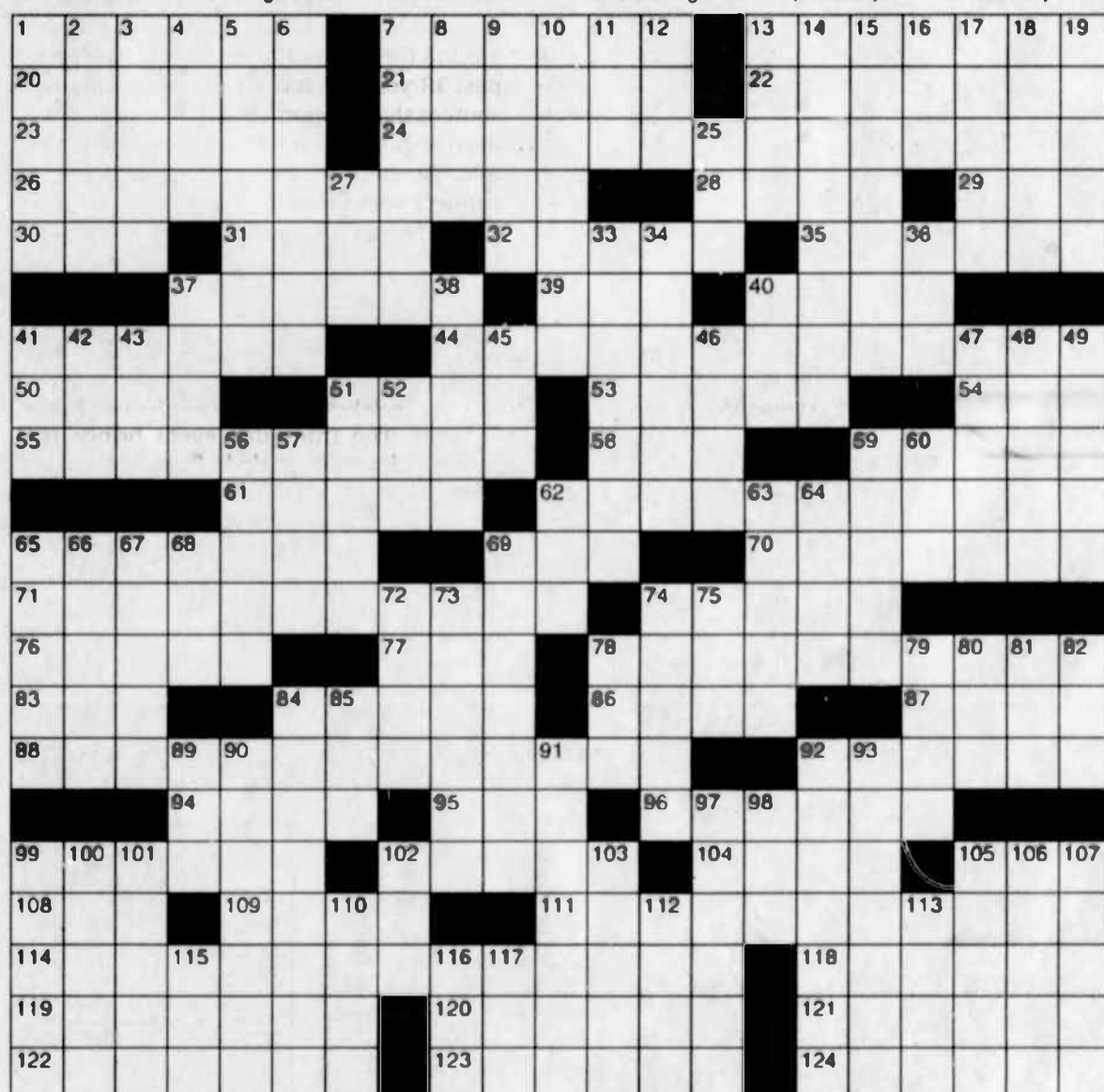
- 122 Places in categories
123 Flip one's lid
124 Plant with prickly leaves
1 Hot bar food
2 Roman love
3 Fat avoider Jack
4 Sage, e.g.
5 Items of food
6 Closes tightly again
7 Suburb of D.C. in Maryland
8 "Am — late?"
9 Cries weakly
10 In a ribald way
11 — Kosh B'gosh
12 Notice
13 Phone button abbr.
14 Novel kind
15 Not absent
16 "— Gang"
17 River to the Rhine
18 Stairway post
19 Low cards
25 Banjoist Clark
27 Genetic helix
33 More cheeky
34 Stuff in sand
36 "Humbug!"

ACROSS

- 37 Avian creature
38 Boise's home
40 1960s Jaguar model
41 Team booster
42 Actress Longoria
43 Sea, to Gigi
45 "— longa —"
46 Vexes
47 Flee to wed
48 Sediments
49 Writer T.S.
51 Showed rage
52 UFO fliers
56 "— Andronicus" (Shakespeare play)
57 Locomotive supporter
59 Singer Bob
60 Yank
62 Actress West
63 "I'm here to help"
64 Bit of artifice
65 Join, as a table
66 Peak in W. Turkey
67 Happy as —
68 Fish eggs
69 Run out on
72 Tube lover's punishment
73 57-Down vehicles
74 De-leathers
75 Prior to, poetically

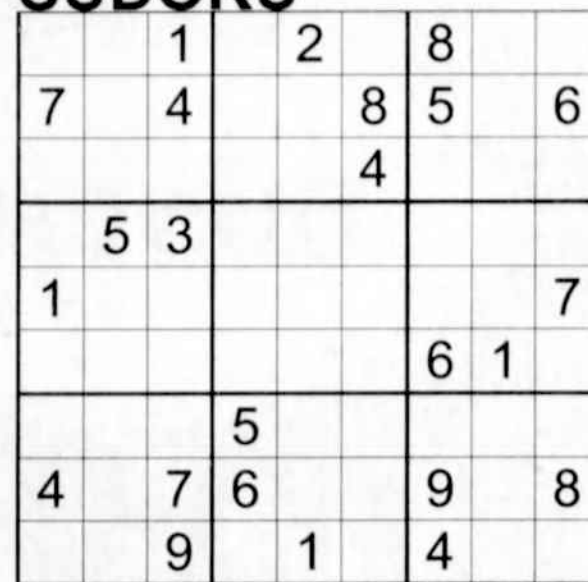
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- 78 Team booster
79 Exercise in a pool
80 Long time
81 Leicester lav
82 WWII prez
84 Recoil from
85 Multivolume Bnt. lexicon
89 Dawber of "Mork & Mindy"
90 Amazon Kindle, e.g.
91 Dodgers
92 Recuperation by lying down
93 Asian monkey
97 Natural gift
98 Rival of Sony
99 In — (not just sleeping)
100 Big couches
101 Many future kings
102 Long time
103 Tubular pasta
105 Edicts
106 Esther of "Good Times"
107 Photographer Adams
110 Creative work
112 Cl doubled
113 Big brass instrument
115 Sarge, e.g.
116 Sports org. with skaters
117 Scooby- —



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Difficulty Level ★★★

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SMART
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UNEARTH
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WART



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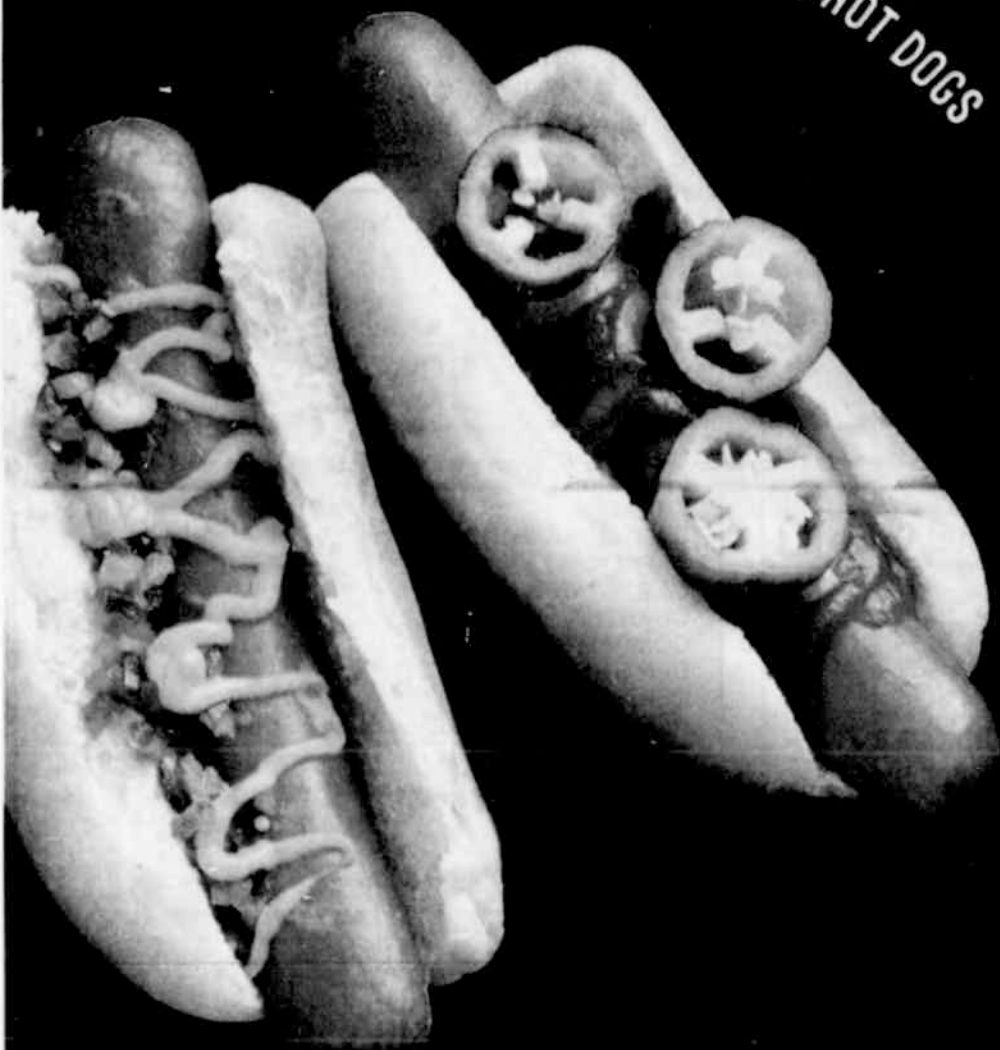
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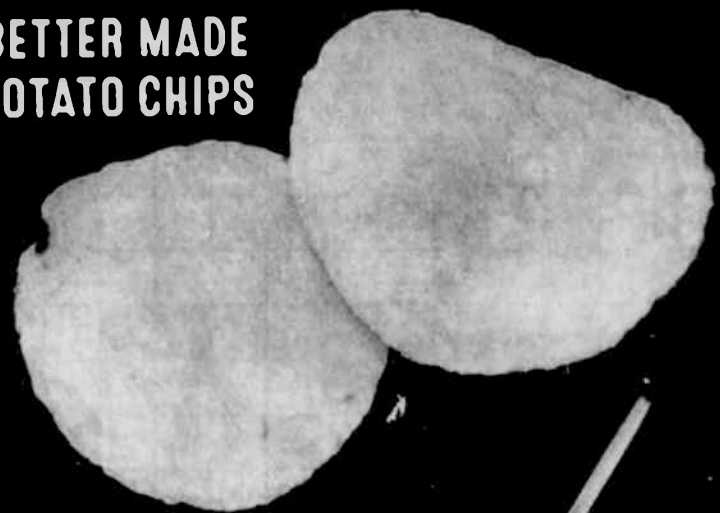
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