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Hindu temple proposed in Lyon Township

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Architect Doug Necci has had a hand in designing several Hindu temples since his first one in Troy in 1980. Now he hopes to build one in Lyon Township.

Necci presented plans for a new 65,840-square-foot Sri Bhaktha Hanuman Temple at the Lyon Township Planning Commission's June 28 meeting.

"A lot of this is dictated by priests and sculptures in India," Necci told the commission. "It's fascinating to have

learned (about) and been able to do this. I know these buildings are unusual, and it's not unusual for the public to be afraid of the unknown."

The temple would indeed be one of the most extraordinary structures ever built in the township and is proposed for a residential district on 11.67 acres at the

northwest corner of 9 Mile and Napier roads.

The proposed building would include seven towers, the tallest of which reaches more than 83 feet. As a religious institution, such spires are exempted

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Friends of late resident kick-started Northville skatepark concept

Ed Wright [Hometownlife.com](#)
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While Northville community parks are loaded with fields structured for team-oriented sports, few spaces exist for individual-focused activities like skateboarding.

This void could be at least partially filled if a preliminary proposal to build a skatepark in Northville Township — Millennium Park has been mentioned as a prime landing spot, but far from cemented — comes to fruition.

Since June 17, the Northville Board of Trustees and Northville City Council have approved resolutions in support of a skatepark that would potentially honor the memory of 20-year-old Dominic Duhn, a Northville Township resident and avid skateboarder who was killed by a hit-and-run driver along Sheldon Road between Five Mile and Six Mile roads, on Sept. 3, 2020.

The approved resolutions are non-binding documents that offer general support, not commitments for future funding.

An anonymous donor has already committed \$50,000 toward the project, which would be orchestrated by a recently formed Northville Skatepark Committee.

"This is a very exciting proposal that makes a lot of sense," said Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo. "But we're still trying to gather a lot of information related to the cost to build

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Help – and patience – wanted



Bakers of Milford waitress Tierney Garland heads to a table with a lunch order June 24 as she and bartender Aurelia Orzechowski, the only servers working that day, attempt to serve 25 customers on their own. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Milford, South Lyon businesses close, reduce hours in staffing crisis

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The closing of one longtime Milford restaurant and reduced hours of some other area businesses including the South Lyon Hotel are caused by a staffing crisis, not by financial strain from pandemic restrictions.

The business owners don't have enough staff to keep them open, and the reasons for that are complex.

"It wasn't financial at all," Jim Eggl said of his decision to close Hector and Jimmy's Restaurant in Milford June 19 after 36 years in business. "I've been making money here. I haven't been able to hire employees at all."

Eggl owns and continues to operate The Bar and Gravity Bar & Grill, both in Milford. But he said he could not ask his employees to continue working between all three restaurants.

During the summer months, he has typically employed 48 people, including

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I-96 sandbagger sentenced to prison

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Interstate 96 sandbagger David Vincent-Charles Garcia could not evade prison with a courtroom apology. Judge Victoria Valentine still sentenced him to 47 months to 15 years in prison for throwing objects at cars causing serious impairment, assault with intent to do great bodily harm and malicious destruction of personal property. The judge granted victim Cindy Eckley's wish for prison time. "I was very relieved to see that the judge took this seriously," Eckley said after the June 15 proceeding. "I doubt I will ever see a penny from this man. It's in the public's best interest to have him in prison. "It's not about money. It's about protecting people. He needs to do time more than, you know, try to work to pay me." The Livonia woman was driving home the night of Oct. 4 when she ap-

proached the Old Plank Road overpass in Lyon Township and saw a man with sandbags lined up along the bridge. At least one made contact with Eckley's Chevy Camaro, which was traveling at 73 miles an hour. Construction mix and windshield glass flew into her face. She somehow managed to pull to the side of the highway and find her cell phone to call for help. "I don't know how I survived," Eckley confessed during the sentencing. She suffered permanent vision damage in her left eye, and she can no longer do intricate work like she once could at her Frame Works gallery in downtown Plymouth. She has battled insurance companies while watching Garcia deal with the charges he pleaded no contest to earlier this year. At one point, he tried to claim insanity. "I am profoundly sorry," Garcia, 42, said during his Zoom sentencing. "I will never be able to forgive myself." His attorney Andrew Mikos had ar-



David Vincent-Charles Garcia threw a 40-pound sandbag over this I-96 overpass at Old Plank Road in 2020, striking the windshield of Livonia resident Cindy Eckley and permanently damaging her vision. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

gued that the Brighton man was best suited for Oakland County Jail, since the facility is where he would have the best chance of paying restitution while

working on a tether. Mikos also shared that Garcia was abandoned by his mother as a child and was abused by both his father and uncle. The attorney said his client suffers from being two Davids. The one he knows is helpful, considerate and genuine. The one in trouble has drinking problems and needs treatment. Garcia was arrested soon after the sandbagging incident. He had hitched a ride and given vital information to his driver, who then called 911. He had a blood alcohol content of .089% - a tad over the legal .08% limit - when taken into custody. "This is a true case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Mikos said. Prosecuting attorney Jessica Blanch agreed that Garcia's childhood was terrible. "(But) he's unpredictable," she said. "He's assaulting people he doesn't even know and they're random acts of violence."

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Filing deadline nears for South Lyon candidates

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Voters in South Lyon will elect a mayor and three city council members in November. If you would like your name to appear on the ballot as a candidate for one of the positions, you must file by 4 p.m. July 20. Deputy Clerk Judy Pieper said only two candidates had filed to run as of June 30. Dan Pelchat is seeking reelection to a 2-year term as mayor and Alex Hansen is vying for one of the 4-year seats on city council. The council seats up for grabs are currently held by Glenn Kivell, Carl Richards, and Rose Walton. "We are hoping for more candidates to make it more of a race," Pieper said. "The last (city council) election was two years ago, and we had a few people throw their hats in the ring." She noted that in 2017, there was a "write-in situation" after no mayoral candidates filed in time to be listed on the ballot. Ultimately, nine write-in



South Lyon Deputy Clerk Judy Pieper says candidates for mayor and city council must file by 4 p.m. July 20 in order to be placed on the November ballot. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

candidates sought the position, with Pelchat winning the spot. Candidates wishing to be placed on the ballot must file an application by 4 p.m., July 20 at the city clerk's office and submit at least 25 nominating petition signatures from registered city voters,

but not more than 50. For more information, visit the city's website at www.southlyonmi.org or call 248-437-1735. Contact reporter Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com or 517-281-2412. Twitter: @SusanBromley10.

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 NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider CODE OF ORDINANCES TEXT AMENDMENT 21-188.01 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION: CHAPTER 28, "SIGNS," IN ORDER TO COMPREHENSIVELY REVISE REGULATIONS RELATING TO PURPOSE AND INTENT; PERMITTING PROCESS; PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY SIGNS; BILLBOARDS; DEFINITIONS; APPEALS; AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE.

Ordinance language is available for review by contacting the Community Development Department at the following email address: bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org

All interested persons are invited to attend this in-person meeting. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

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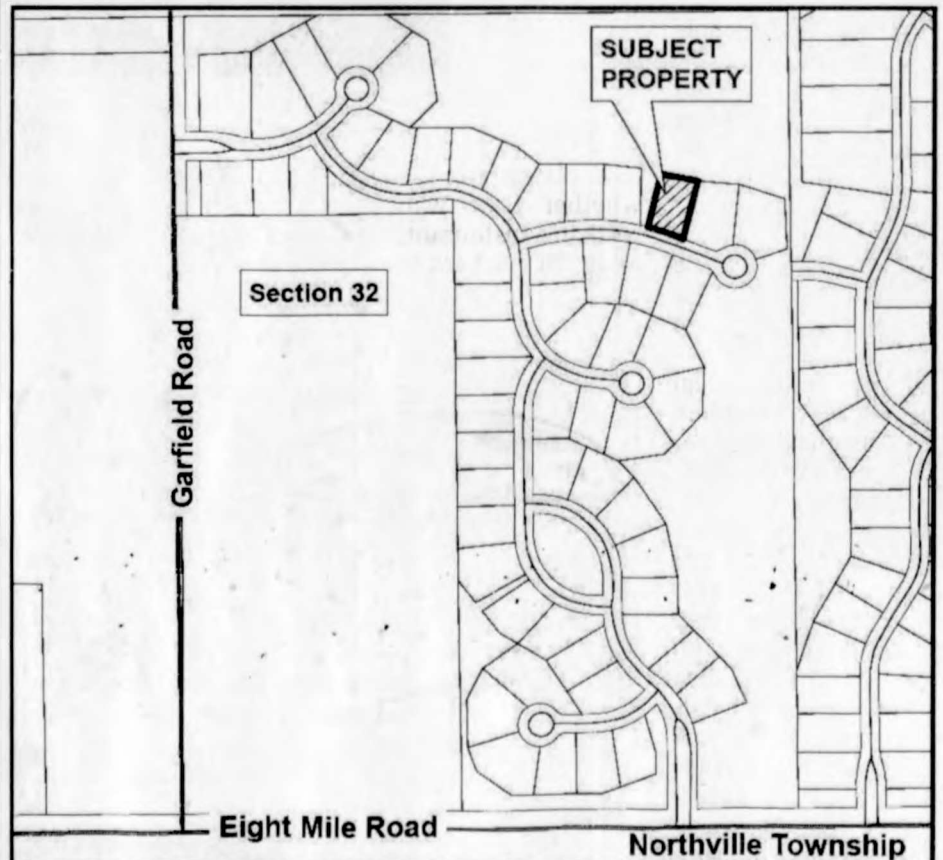
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Skatepark

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such a facility and who would provide the funding for its operation and maintenance."

Abbo said Millennium Park would make sense as the site of a skatepark given its proximity to Northville High School and a nearby fire station.

A 6,000-square-foot skatepark that opened in the fall of 2020 in Milford was built at a cost of approximately \$250,000 by California-based Spohn Ranch. Funding was provided by donations from local businesses and contributions from the Milford Village Council and Milford Township Board.

The Milford Skatepark, which is open from dawn to dusk, is built for skateboards, scooters, BMX bikes and roller skates.

"A skatepark would give individuals who may not

feel comfortable participating in team sports an avenue to express themselves, practice unique skills and be around peers who feel likewise," said Northville Parks and Recreation Director Mark Gasche. "The mental-health benefits of a facility like this would be tremendous for youth and young adults who don't participate in structured sports activities."

As part of a presentation to the Northville City Council on June 21, Gasche revealed members of the skatepark committee wanted to secure the approval of the township board of trustees and city council before moving ahead with more intense fundraising efforts.

"While the death of Dominic Duhn was a terrible tragedy, his family and friends are trying to make something positive come out of the tragedy," Gasche said.

Duhn was a Northville High School graduate and a third-year Michigan State University student studying agribusiness management.

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A memorial along Sheldon Road south of Six Mile honors Dominic Duhn, who was killed in a hit-and-run incident while skateboarding along the road in 2020. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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wait staff, cooks, dishwashers, table bussers and managers. As of late June, he had just under 30. He is now splitting those employees between two restaurants.

"It's been very, very difficult and I couldn't ask them at all three restaurants to work that hard," Eggl said. "We decided to pause this (Hector and Jimmy's). You can look at any other restaurant out there, and they have shortened hours or closed down a place."

One doesn't have to look far.

Chris Baker, owner of Bakers of Milford, South Lyon Hotel, and The Comeback Inn in Highland also made the decision to reduce hours. As of last week, his Milford and South Lyon businesses are closed on Tuesdays. The inn in Highland is no longer open on Sunday.

"It's the lack of labor. It's really brutal out there," Baker said simply. "Everyone is working a lot, and we don't want to burn people out. ... I do have to give a shout out to the staff. They are doing a great job of working hard, and hopefully we can add some bodies soon and give them a break."

Pre-pandemic, Baker had more than 100 employees across the three businesses. Now, he has about 80, most of them employees he had before COVID-19 restrictions were put in place near the beginning of the pandemic.

"It's not that people aren't coming back to work. They have, but there is not a new influx of people looking," he said. "The mindset (now that restrictions are removed) is that everything is great, but it's a struggle getting staff to service the 100% opening that we are allowed."

Neither he nor Eggl plan to seat to complete capacity even without restrictions due to the staffing shortage.

"I am very customer service-oriented and I'm sorry I can't seat those tables. There's not enough staff, and we'll have to do that for four to five months," Eggl said. "It's every industry, not just ours. I don't know any industry not affected. There's not enough truck drivers, there's not enough dental hygienists to clean teeth. Everywhere you look, there's not enough staff members."

While additional unemployment compensation of \$300 per week has often been cited as the reason people aren't rushing to get jobs, Eggl isn't pinning the blame on the bonus or claiming that people can make

more money by not working. He believes that even when the extra \$300 expires in September, the employment situation won't dramatically change.

He notes that the business which delivers groceries to his restaurants had three drivers quit last week. He points to American Airlines shutting down hundreds of flights this month due to a lack of employees. Those are good paying jobs, Eggl said, and his restaurant workers also make a good income.

"It's not a wage issue; we have good paying jobs," Eggl said. "Our staff members make fantastic money."

"I am not willing to go into the work ethic of 17- and 22-year-olds," he continued. "I have wonderful employees and wonderful customers... The great thing about America is we have choices and you may want to work hard and others may say, 'I don't want to work that hard.'"

Baker, who has increased wages for his staff, agreed.

"People have received a lot of money for unemployment, but it's more than that. It's lack of need to get out and work hard," he said. "I don't want to say they are overpaid, but pay rates make it a struggle for the food industry. Our cost is wrapped up in food, and with what people are paying (in other professions), it's hard to compete."

Jen Hill, Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce communications manager, describes the labor shortage as "nuanced," saying it can't be blamed on just one thing. Besides the stimulus, she wonders about daycare costs for kids who would have normally been in school.

"Maybe people are also taking stock about whether they want to work in a restaurant," she adds. "It's a hard job... I



Aurelia Orzechowski tends bar June 24 at Bakers of Milford. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

work with the businesses and they are beside themselves. They are extremely hardworking, and it is devastating to them. It's a crisis."

Eggl and Baker plan to keep plugging along, albeit with fewer tables, and ask customers for grace for their weary staffs.

"You can be reassured that I will be here," Eggl said. "No one died or retired. We are still working hard. We will continue with those two (Gravity and The Bar) and see what happens with this location down the road. If Americans want to come back to work, we can hire and see what happens."

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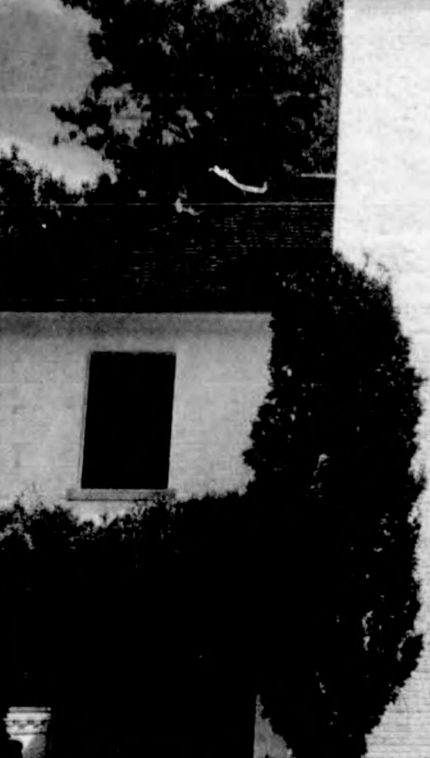
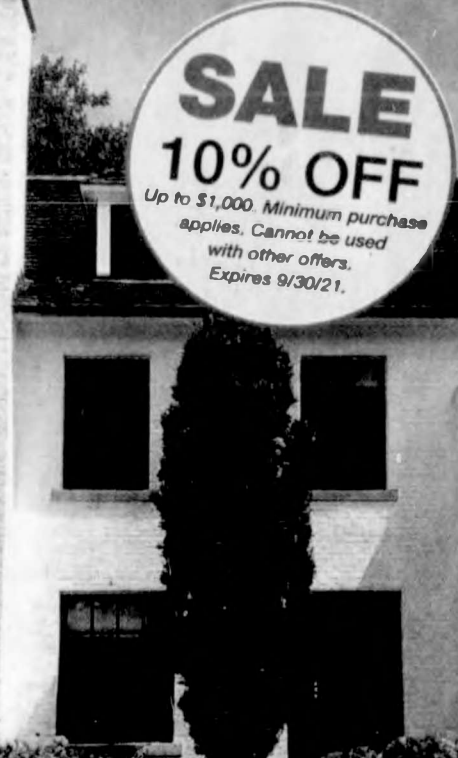
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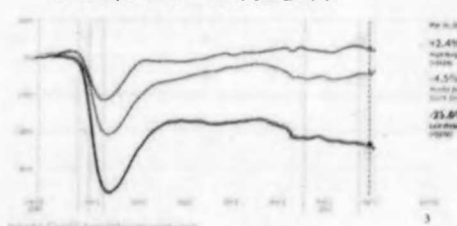
Many Americans (too many?) view Memorial Day as a long weekend, start of summer. An

opportunity for cookouts, hotdogs, and s'mores. Unfortunately, Independence Day, to many people, is just Memorial Day plus fireworks. Why not make it different this year? The past year has been a truly bizarre, strange, and unsettling time. Perhaps, in 2021, 245 years after the first Independence Day, we can make it a little more...

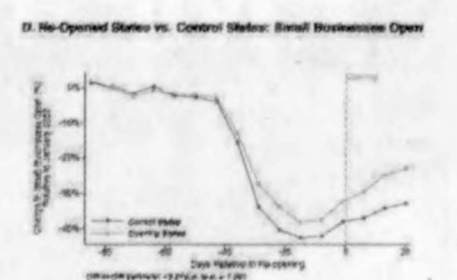
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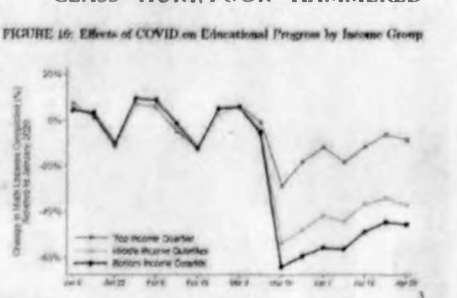
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Thomas Paine

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Thomas Paine

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Temple

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from needing to meet building height ordinances.

Religious facilities are allowed in residential districts, although a special land use is required. The project as proposed needs a variance for lot coverage, as it far exceeds the ordinance's maximum of 25% of the total land space.

Township Planner Brian Keesey said the project's proposed lot coverage is 39%, or 46% if a dedicated right of way is not included. The average height of the building (excluding towers), is also about two feet higher than the 25-foot limit in the ordinance, but commissioners seemed amenable to granting that variance, as the building's parapet would hide HVAC equipment situated on the roof.

Keesey noted there were also no traffic concerns from the Road Commission for Oakland County regarding the project.

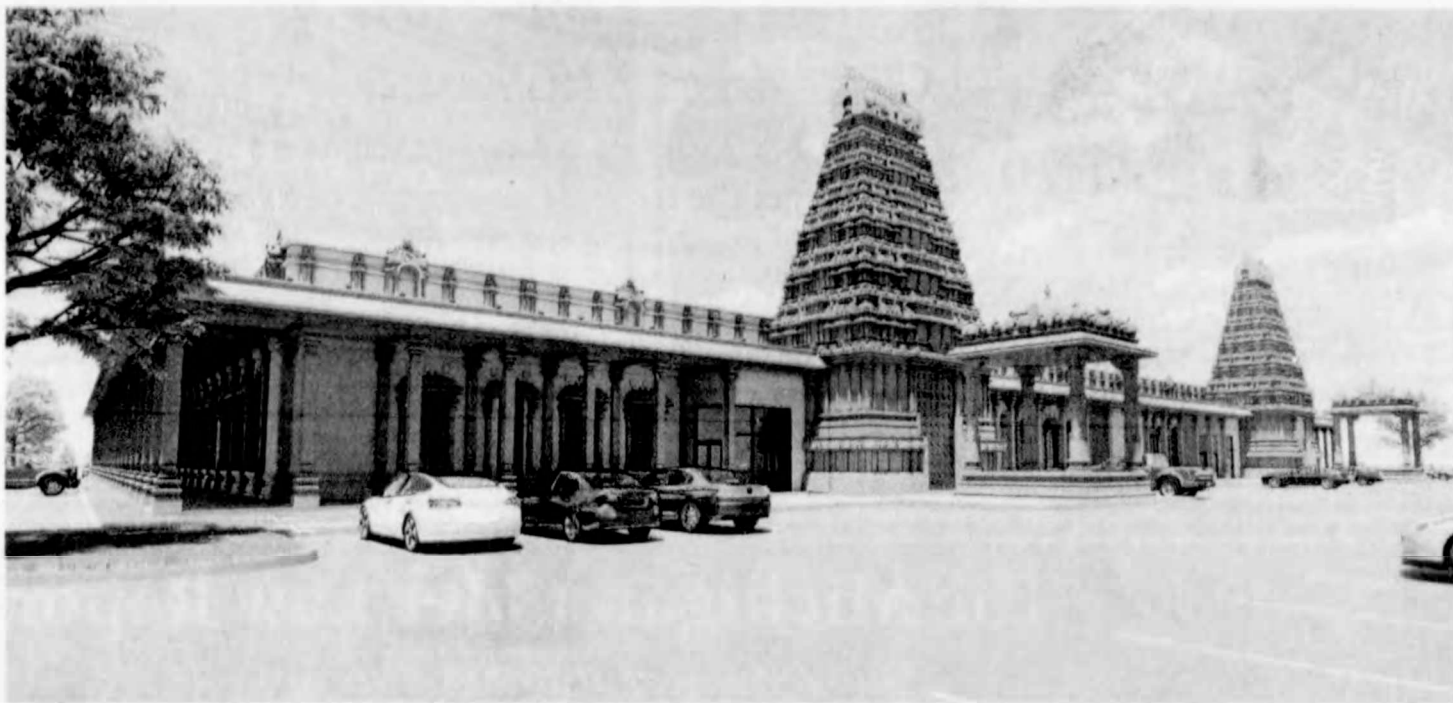
Vijayaraghavan Rengachary, founder of the Sri Bhaktha Hanuman Temple in Farmington Hills, applied for the special land use permit to build a temple at the 22675 Napier Road property in May. The applicants own the land.

In a letter to the township, Rengachary explained the site is geographically well-centered for the communities it hopes to serve with a "very unique and modern temple which will be a sacred place for the community to gather and benefit religiously and spiritually."

He added that he is confident some of the current temple's 5,000 registered devotees would even consider relocating around the temple premises and noted that the floor plan includes several religious idols that will cater to the larger community as a "one-stop shop."

The facilities would offer a place for prayer, as well as include teaching/learning facilities for all ages and a banquet hall. The building would be constructed for a maximum capacity of about 900 worshippers. The highest attendance is expected on three separate Indian holidays, including Diwali, during which shuttle bussing to the site is anticipated.

Sadashiv Mallya, a member of Sri Bhaktha Hanuman Temple, told the planning commission that over the past four years in Farmington Hills, the con-



A rendering of the 65,000-square-foot Hindu temple proposed at Nine Mile and Napier in Lyon Township. COURTESY OF DRN ARCHITECTS

gregation had outgrown two small, existing buildings.

"We need a plan that can welcome all Hindus and people of all religions," he said. "We want to serve the entire community regardless of creed and welcome all with equal love and warmth... Our vision is a new temple with all magnificent deities, a unique travel destination for Hindus and non-Hindus from all over the country."

Necci said in his plans for the building, he followed Vastu Sastra, ancient design principles for temples, to which geometric rules are adhered to as closely as possible.

In India, each statue would have its own building, but in Lyon it would be Americanized, with 12 deities contained within the temple, seven of which would have a tower above them. One of the statues, currently in the Farmington Hills temple, will be placed on a pedestal, reaching 21-23 feet in height. Necci said three additional statues have been ordered from India and are also expected to find a home in the new temple.

Before that can happen, the lot coverage issue needs to be resolved. A public hearing is planned for July 12, after which the planning commission could take action.

Lot coverage was cited by the planning commissioners as the primary is-

sue. A few also cited minor issues that could be easier to address, including fewer ornamental trees and more deciduous trees, as well as sidewalks to run the length of the property frontage.

Commissioner Ron Pennington agreed lot coverage is a problem, but called the building beautiful, as did several of his fellow commissioners.

"It's cool. You don't get to see many things like that built anymore," he said. Commissioner Branko Mitkovski concurred.

"The building looks gorgeous," he said. "I lived by the one in Canton. It was always quiet. My only concern is lot coverage."

Commissioner and Township Treasurer Patty Carcone said she had done a lot of research on the religion to be practiced at the temple and called it "interesting and eye opening."

She suggested a reduction of the 301 parking spaces to the 287 required by ordinance could help with lot coverage. She also cited several mega churches in the area, including in Brighton and Oak Pointe in Novi.

Attorney Carol Rosati advised the planning commission near the beginning of the meeting to keep in mind RLUIPA, the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, which prohibits them from making decisions that

"would substantially hamper or discriminate or treat on unequal terms from other facilities."

"RLUIPA requires you to dive into far deeper analysis than you would for any other land use application," she said. "Recognize that RLUIPA exists and when making a decision... ask are you substantially burdening their ability to exercise religious beliefs. We don't get to pick and choose as a community what is a legitimately religious belief or part of a religion."

After the meeting, Necci said he believes any issues, including lot coverage, can be resolved. One possible solution is purchasing three additional acres by the applicant, which is currently under discussion.

The architect said it is not possible to scale down the size of the building.

"The floor plan requires a certain amount of space around each of the deities," he said. "We have designed it to be the size it needs to be and nothing more... We don't want to argue, we want to do the best we can and hope they will recognize that there is no church around that will only have 25 percent because of their parking lot. It's more like 40 percent."

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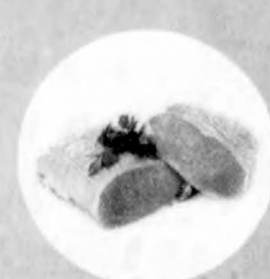
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Logan Lockwood placed first in the USA Weightlifting Youth National Championships in Detroit, helping him qualify for the Youth Worlds competition in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARCEY LOCKWOOD

South Lyon teen takes weightlifting worldwide

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Logan Lockwood first started lifting at age 7, trying to find something to do in the winter months to stay in shape for the motocross season.

Two years later, Olympic weightlifting appeared on Lockwood's radar, finding something he was good at. He joined the 4 Star Strength gym in Livonia, meeting up with coach Matt Adamcheck, who saw potential in Lockwood from the very start.

"Even for his first couple of visits, for the age he was at he was incredibly disciplined and highly coachable," Adamcheck said. "At those young ages, it's not very common for someone to be that moldable."

Lockwood, now 15, had the perfect body type to succeed in Olympic weightlifting, using his smaller-sized frame for the amount of clearance you have from the bar overhead. He was strong, picking up CrossFit before he tried this style of lifting, which gave him some habits Adamcheck needed to help break.

But his coach saw something he could work with



Lockwood, who will be a freshman at South Lyon East next year, started Olympic weightlifting in fall 2019.

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Livonia United develops love for lacrosse in second season

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

COVID-19 never stopped Chris Merucci's project. It just pushed it back one year.

In 2019, the Livonia United girls lacrosse program took to the field for the first time with 22 novices and finished with a KLAA East title and a playoff victory. Moving into 2020, the head coach's goal was simply to continue the growth.

After tryouts, Merucci had the numbers he wanted — fielding a full varsity and JV team for the first time — but after the season was canceled in March 2020, he was unsure those numbers would return in 2021.

He thought he may have to start from scratch.

"The optimism was high," Merucci said. "We were still a little bit nervous: Would we get the numbers?"

He got the numbers, fielding two full teams in 2021 with players from Franklin, Stevenson and Churchill high schools. Merucci also saw progress on the field, winning 14 games for the program's second-straight KLAA East title.

"I told them, 'You won every game that you were supposed to win. That means a lot. That means you were not upset once,'" Merucci said. "We were down two, three goals in many of those games. We came back, they dug deep — gritty, tough, determined — and they pulled out those games."

More importantly, Merucci has seen players find love for a game they would have never been exposed to.

Something new

Mackenzie Latham already had a path set for herself heading into high school. The freshman, already a member of the Livonia Franklin pom team in the fall, was going to join track, something she had intended to do in eighth grade but couldn't do during the pandemic.

Lacrosse came out of nowhere after she heard from a friend about the Livonia United team and took a chance.

She took a chance at her position, too, finding her place at goal, a position that took her time to get comfortable protecting.

"I'm just really all about trying new things," Latham said. "When I first got into that goal, I thought that it wasn't for me. It's kind of a little scary, I think I'd rather go play defense or the field or something else. Once I finally got into it and I finally got the hang of it, I was like, 'Wow, this is really my thing.'"

Heading into the 2021 season, Merucci didn't know what he was going to do at the goalkeeper position, joking

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Metro Detroit seniors shine in MHSBCA All-Star Game

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Brother Rice senior Blaise Wilcenski didn't get a chance to play in the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game at Comerica Park. But he had a chance to have that big-league experience.

Wilcenski ran with a catcher and a

coach to the Detroit Tigers' home bullpen to warm up for his outing, likely scheduled to come later in the game than what ended up being a five-inning, rain-shortened affair.

Ever since he was a kid, he said, he had thought about playing baseball at Comerica Park. While Wilcenski had the chance multiple times in a Brother Rice uniform, that bullpen session made this

one feel different.

"It's crazy," Wilcenski said. "You just sit there and hear the zip of the ball coming in and the echo and all the pops, it's incredible."

In five innings, Wilcenski and the rest of the East All-Star team — made up of mostly Division 1 commits from the metro Detroit area — squeaked out the win against the West team, 2-1, in five

innings.

Wilcenski's teammate, senior right-handed pitcher John Locker, was no novice to that pitching mound. And he showed it against some of the best hitters from the west side of the state: pitching two scoreless innings and striking out three — all looking.

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Brighton's Seiter to play basketball for Oakland Community College

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Brighton's Kylie Seiter went into her final season of high school basketball unsure if it would be her final season, period.

Maybe it would be time to move on from the sport she's played most of her life and cherish the memories.

But as the Bulldogs' season neared its conclusion, Seiter knew she wanted to continue playing.

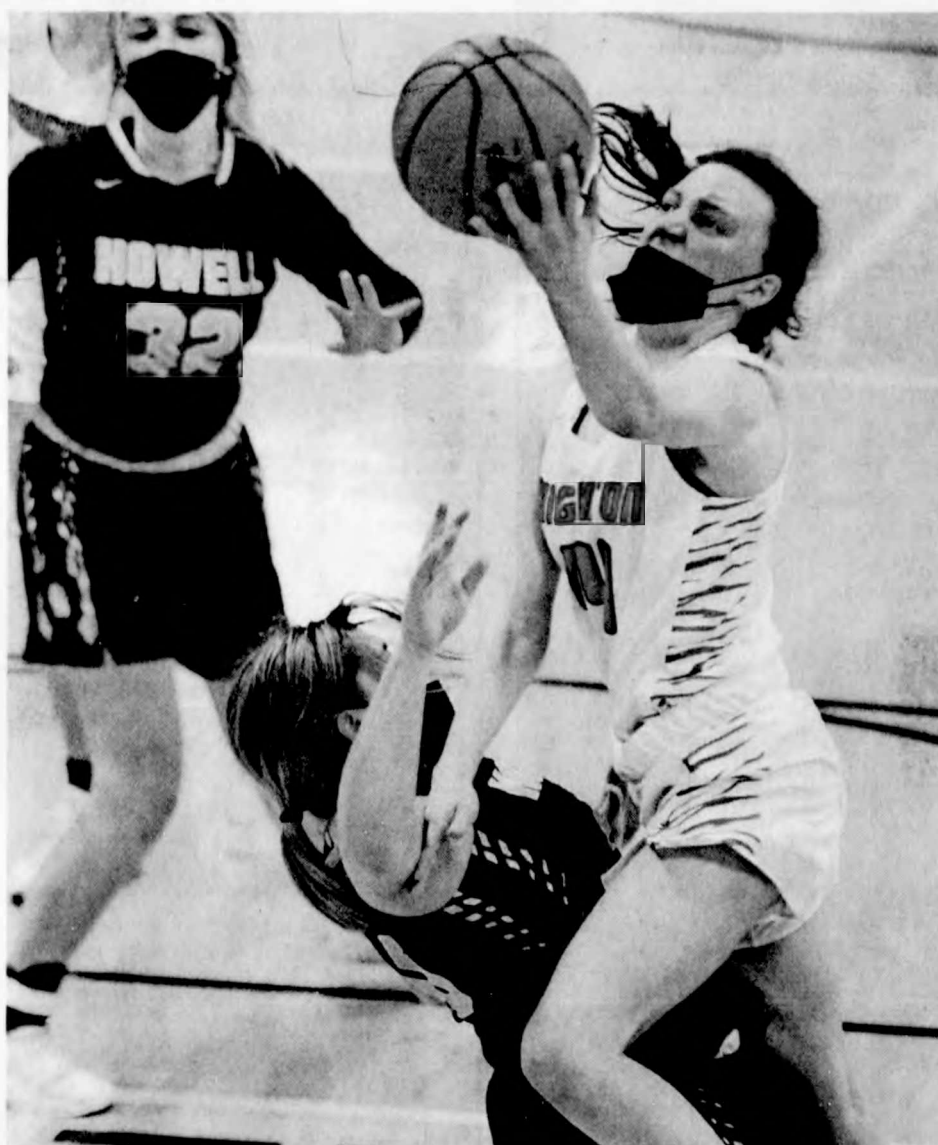
"Before the beginning of the season, I wasn't sure," she said. "Once it was nearing the end, I knew I couldn't be done. ... I just worked so hard to get to where I am today. Just dropping all that potential I had and everything I worked for, I feel like that would be something I'd regret."

"I love the sport so much. I just knew I wanted to keep playing."

Seiter will continue playing basketball at Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills after signing with the Raiders.

"I just liked how welcoming the coaches were," Seiter said. "They were willing to talk a lot to me about the program. I know it's a two-year school, but they told me since it was so late in the recruiting process I could go there a year or two. It's like another two years of AAU. I could go there and get recruited by a four-year school and transfer."

Seiter was part of three district championship teams at Brighton, earning second-team All-Livingston County as a senior. She averaged 9.4 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.7 assists as a senior.



Brighton's Kylie Seiter will continue her basketball career at Oakland Community College. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

Michigan Elite Throws Club hosts clinic for field athletes

Courtesy of Michigan Elite Throws Club

The Michigan Elite Throws Club will hold a clinic this weekend at Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, for athletes looking to improve in field events such as shot put, disc, hammer and javelin.

The club is led by former Olympic Trial qualifier and world champion powerlifter Nia Henderson. Special guests include the Western Michigan head/throws coach, Michigan State University throws coach and Vanderbilt Sports Admin/Ghanian hammer thrower.

The two-day clinic for any age 12 or older costs \$85 per day or \$150 for both days (July 10-11). It will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. both days.

Henderson said the clinic is designed for both beginning throwers as well as advanced throwers.

Register at athletic.net or email michiganelitethrowsclub@gmail.com.



The Michigan Elite Throws Club will hold a clinic this weekend. COURTESY OF NIA HENDERSON

Lacrosse

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with fellow coaches that Livonia United would have to win games "25-24." Instead, Latham stepped up, allowing an average of 9.5 goals per game, including 11 games in which the opponent scored less than 10.

"She kind of went into it blind," Merucci said. "It could have gone south. It could have been a disaster. It's just a great story. She's resilient and has a great personality and thick skin. A goalie has to be someone that can just shake it off when times get tough, let it roll off her back. She was resilient and her teammates fired her up and supported her."

Latham said becoming the team's goalkeeper really helped her dive into what the team had to offer, instead of just being one of multiple newcomers fighting for playing time at attack or in the middle. She embraced the pressure, becoming what Merucci called the "lightning rod" of the team in her first season.

After her first season with Livonia United, the freshman's goals have changed dramatically, looking at colleges and watching lacrosse at the next level, seeing herself in that position.

Looking back, taking a chance was all it took for Latham to find her No. 1 sport.

"When I first went in there, I didn't think I would be a good goalie," she said. "I didn't save anything because it was my first season of lacrosse and my first season at goalie. I totally exceeded my



The Livonia United girls lacrosse team finished the 2021 season with 14 wins, recording its second-straight KLA East title. COURTESY OF MACKENZIE LATHAM

expectations and my coach's expectations and my team's expectations. I'm just kind of amazed with myself of how good I've done with my first year because I didn't think I could actually do it."

Taking the lead

Payton Pilarski found her love of lacrosse through Livonia United, too. But heading into 2021, she was more than just a player. She was a senior, a captain and, pretty much, an assistant coach.

Merucci is the only member of the Livonia United coaching staff, putting a significant level of weight on the captain

to lead.

"They know that I'm the captain," Pilarski said. "There's no assistant coach, but if there had to be one, it would be me. If Coach Chris is out helping someone else, I'm the one that's going to get the team together and they all kind of know that. It wasn't really that hard. It was just known."

On the field, Merucci described Pilarski as his "biggest impact player." If he needed a critical goal or turnover, he could get one with the senior who earned All-Conference and Academic All-State honors in 2021.

It was something he saw the senior work toward even when there were no

games going on.

"She was dynamite this season all the way from the offseason, a pandemic year, all the way to the season," Merucci said. "She was at my indoor turf facility daily working out by herself, putting in the reps, getting on the ladder, working on footwork, wallball, shots on net, constantly, never taking a day off."

"When you do that and you back it up, you can talk."

Pilarski first started playing lacrosse as a sophomore when the team was established in 2019, having no idea how much of a role it would play in her life.

While she loved the sport itself, it wasn't something she considered continuing in college until March 2020, when her junior season was taken away.

"I just wanted to keep playing because I didn't like that I was not able to keep playing lacrosse," she said.

After the converted hockey player picked up a lacrosse stick for the first time in 2019, Pilarski earned a spot on Hope College's lacrosse team starting next season. It's an opportunity she's excited for, she said, but it's something that would not have happened if she didn't step up and be the leader Livonia United needed her to be in 2021.

"I learned that I'm a better leader than I thought I am," Pilarski said. "Every other team, I'm not the leader; I let other people take the reins. On this team, I'm the one that has to lead it, and I can do that very well."

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Teen

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"Natural talent is something that comes every now and then in the sport," he said. "A lot of people who get into weightlifting, they have to really grind for a long, long time to understand movement patterns and the barbell needs to move with their body."

"Logan just kind of got it from the get that he needed to do it certain ways. He wasn't trying to fight it. It was very natural."

After starting full time in fall 2019, Lockwood found his home, breaking state and national records along with earning state and national championships. As he continued to develop, he continued to win, winning gold at the 2021 American Open Series 1 and the 2021 Youth National Championship in Detroit — each at 49 kg — to qualify him for the 2021 U15, U17 Pan American Championships in Monterey, Mexico and the Youth Worlds competition in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

"I definitely didn't think I would be

getting to worlds this early," Lockwood said. "I knew I wanted to go at some point and do well, but, at this point, I just want to go and see what it's like, put some numbers on the board and see what it's all about."

From the moment he started, Lockwood was already turning heads.

His mother, Marcey Lockwood, said she remembers Logan in the gym, working on the snatch — one of two lifts in the sport — and having an audience.

"Some of the guys and girls came over and were like 'Man, I'd be happy to snatch like that,'" Marcey Lockwood said. "His bad day is everyone else's good day."

When it came to teaching Logan Lockwood Olympic-style weightlifting, Adamcheck made sure the incoming freshman at South Lyon East understood why he had to do what he did: learning where to put the bar and how to keep tension with it using his body.

Adamcheck also needed to make sure Lockwood knew that it's a long-term sport, one with a high turnover rate from injury and burnout, something the coach didn't want Lockwood falling victim to.

"We just kind of focused on technique and — call it a perfect mixture of just enough puberty happening and him being a good, disciplined kid — everything kind of just came along," Adamcheck said.

"By doing that and not chasing (records), he's set national records. Now he's making international teams in a very organic way."

Lockwood had learned that success in weightlifting is more than just lifting heavy weights.

It's 12 hours of workouts per week, working on snatch and clean-and-jerk complexes, but also emphasizing squats to strengthen his legs. It's watching what you eat and what your weight is. It's adapting to how your body is growing, gaining more muscle to lift more.

"I would say it definitely takes a lot of time at the gym, but at the same time, things at home... the small things that you do that you really don't see outside of the gym... it's definitely more time put in that you don't really see," Lockwood said.

Facing the biggest stage that Lockwood has ever competed on, Adam-

check is focused on keeping him invested. The coach wants the experiences in Saudi Arabia and Mexico to show his lifter that he has a future in the sport, one that is on the trajectory of the Olympic Games.

This is something Lockwood's mother is still trying to comprehend.

"I am still today, in shock and processing all the great things that are happening so fast, basically within a year-and-a-half of competing," Marcey Lockwood said. "I think every day, my eyes get a bit wider and I'm realizing, 'Wow, the sky's the limit for Logan.'"

But the one word that keeps Adamcheck confident about Logan Lockwood's development at such a young age is discipline, something the coach feels he has ample amounts of.

To Adamcheck, it's going to allow his lifter to not get intimidated by any stage he's on.

"It's going to be overwhelming to a certain extent. But Logan's incredibly disciplined," Adamcheck said. "He's literally like a 65-year-old in a 15-year-old's body."

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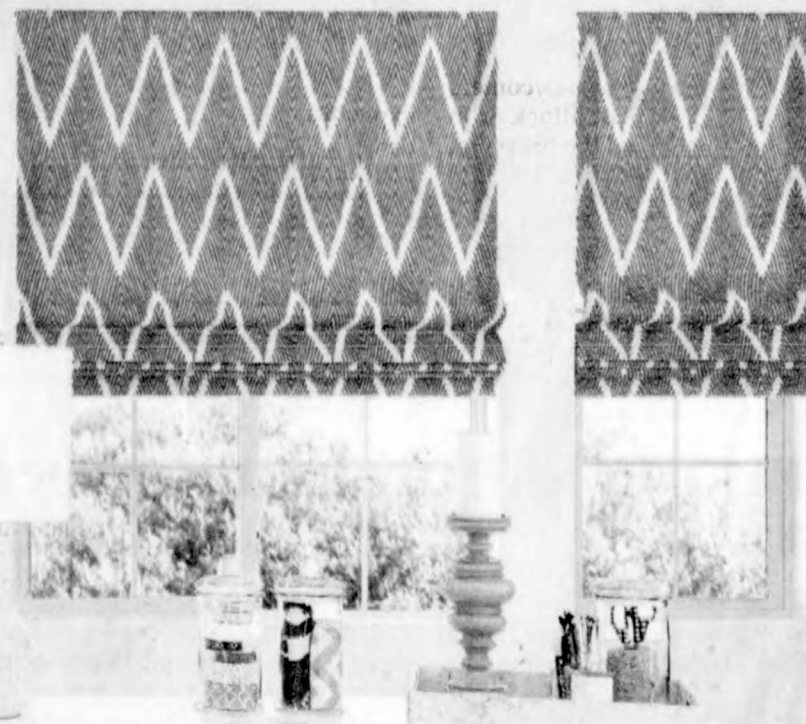
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MHSBCA All-State baseball teams announced

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The Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association has announced its All-State teams from the 2021 season. Here's a look at who made the cut from the Hometown Life area.

Division 1

First team
Livonia Stevenson senior pitcher Griffin Kilander
Livonia Churchill junior infielder Ryan Kennell
Livonia Stevenson senior first baseman Aidan Arbogast
Lakeland senior catcher Kevin Krill
Second team
Lakeland junior pitcher Tate Farquhar
Livonia Stevenson senior pitcher Coltrane Rubner
Groves junior infielder Alex Fenkell
Brother Rice sophomore outfielder

Alfredo Velazquez
Livonia Churchill junior catcher Dom Krupinski

Division 2

First team
Detroit Country Day senior outfielder Sanborn Campbell
Detroit Country Day senior catcher Anthony Migliaccio
Second team
Detroit Country Day senior infielder Jacob Yarberry

Division 4

First team
Plymouth Christian Academy sophomore catcher Noah Etnyre
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Spartan Aidan Arbogast celebrates with a teammate after scoring Livonia Stevenson's only run of the game. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

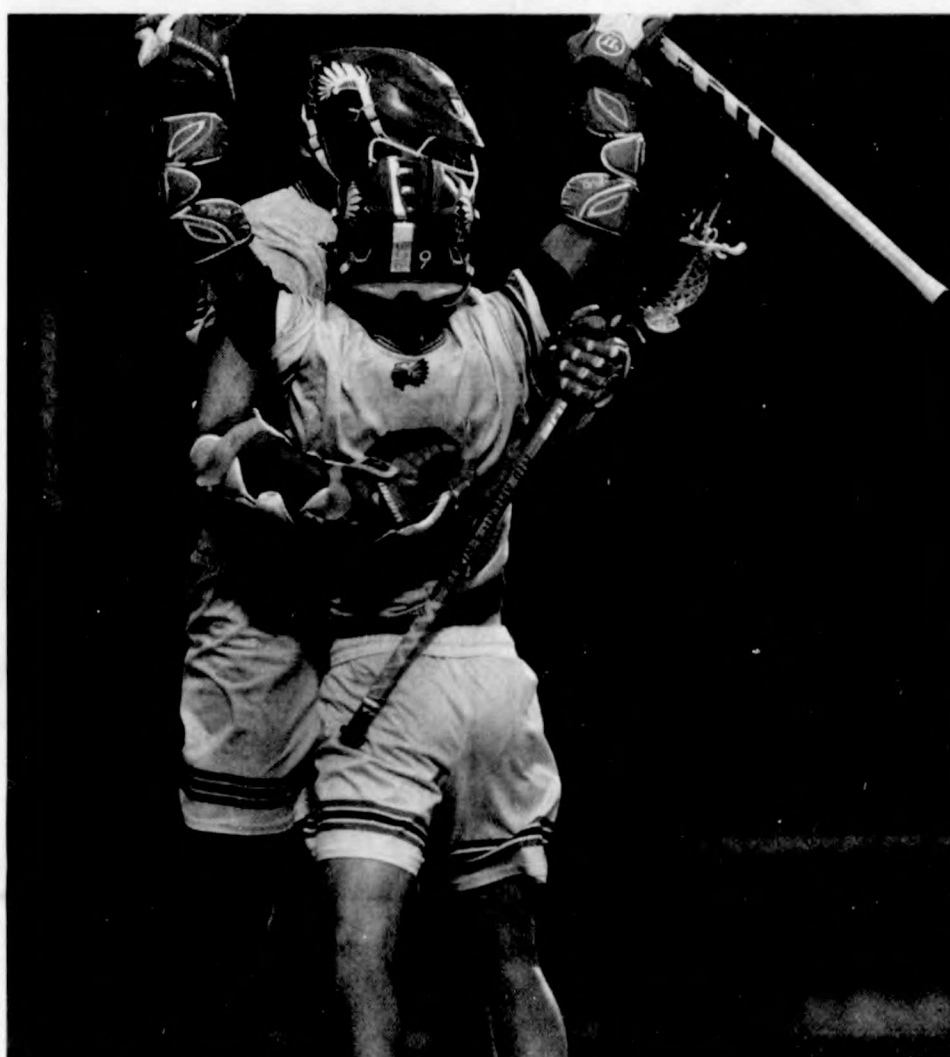
Athletes earn spots on MHSLCA All-State lacrosse teams

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The Michigan High School Lacrosse Association has announced its All-State teams from the 2021 season. Here's a look at who made the cut from the Hometown Life area.

Division 1

First team
Luke Dudley, Brother Rice, attack
Aidan Bishop, Detroit Catholic Central, attack
Connor Borkowicz, Brother Rice, midfield
Paulie Fortino, Brother Rice, midfield
Josh Lilke, Detroit Catholic Central, midfield
Evan DeVito, Brother Rice, defense
Cal Taulbee, Detroit Catholic Central, defense
Carson Moilanen, Brother Rice, long stick midfielder
Luke Wierengo, Northville, long stick midfielder
Tommy Kunz, Brother Rice, goalkeeper
Nate Randall, Brother Rice, goalkeeper
Nick Lauderback, Northville FOGO
Second team
Jonny Cross, Birmingham United, attack
Nate Schultz, Brother Rice, long stick midfielder
Jackson Tinsley, Birmingham United, goalkeeper
Brian Molchan, Detroit Catholic Central, goalkeeper
Logan Flaherty, Birmingham United, FOGO
Third team
Josh Gage, Detroit Catholic Central, defense
Will Jewell, Detroit Catholic Central,



Birmingham Brother Rice's Josh Schlackman celebrates a goal with teammate Luke Dudley, right. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

defense
Honorable mention
Andrew Goodrich, South Lyon United, attack
Owen Van Hees, Birmingham United, attack
Luke Tardich, Northville, attack

Nick Salamone, Northville, attack
Andrew McCarthy, South Lyon United, attack
Colton Kuehl, Northville, attack
Gus Berger, Bloomfield Hills, attack
Tanner Slazinski, Bloomfield Hills, attack

Ben Dobbs, Novi, attack
Erick Tyler, Birmingham United, defense
Jacob Isaksson, Northville, defense
Blaise Mardossi, South Lyon United, defense
Luke Ballard, Lakeland, defense
Alex Vargas, Novi, long stick midfielder
Ben Keele, Bloomfield Hills, long stick midfielder
Brody Snyder, Bloomfield Hills, goalkeeper
Gino Capicchioni, South Lyon United, FOGO

Division 2

First team
Parker Yearego, Detroit Country Day, attack
Luke Grove, Detroit Country Day, midfield
Ryan Lyngklip, Detroit Country Day, defense
Joseph Miller, Detroit Country Day, FOGO
Second team
Caiden Ramos, Detroit Country Day, midfield
Max Bergen, Cranbrook Kingswood, midfield
Sam Erjavac, Detroit Country Day, defense
Third team
Jonah Rinaldis, Cranbrook Kingswood, attack
Gunnar Dudlar, Cranbrook Kingswood, defense
Honorable mention
Theo VonStaden, Cranbrook Kingswood, attack
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Hartland's Morrison joins baseball coaches' Hall of Fame

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Brian Morrison figured his potential as a baseball player beyond college was limited.

"I loved playing, but I was also 5-8, so I knew that was going to end at some point," he said.

Morrison's playing days ended after two seasons as a pitcher at Concordia University, when he decided his best path to an extended career in baseball was as a coach.

It was in that role that Morrison found his niche, building Hartland into one of the top programs in the state during 17 years as the Eagles' coach.

His accomplishments at Hartland have earned him induction into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Morrison and other members of the Hall of Fame's Class of 2020 were honored in a ceremony June 28 at Comerica Park as part of the East-West All-Star Baseball Classic. The induction ceremony and game were canceled last year because of COVID-19 restrictions.

"It's real special," he said. "A lot of the guys that are in it already or even some of the guys I'm going in with I've gotten to know, learned from some of those guys when I was a younger coach and asked questions of some of those guys in there. It's pretty special to be included in that group."

Three Hall of Fame coaches Morrison singled out for their guidance during his early years were Mark Carrow of Brighton, Pat O'Keefe of Grand Ledge and Greg Jackson of Adrian. Between them, those coaches won 2,690 games.

Morrison joins Carrow, inducted in 1992, as the only Livingston County coaches in the Hall of Fame.

"I admired how they ran their stuff," Morrison said. "They were more than happy to answer any question I had and always treated me with respect."

One of the men who inspired Morrison to become a coach was another Hall of Fame inductee, Norm Hoenes of Westland John Glenn. Hoenes, inducted in 1996, was Morrison's high school coach.

"Probably right about my senior year of high school is when I realized at some point you're not going to play anymore," Morrison said. "I had great coaches when I was in high school. I kind of wanted to follow in their footsteps, I guess."

Morrison came to Hartland to coach football before becoming the junior varsity baseball coach in 2001.

He was named varsity head coach the following year, beginning a 17-year run in which his teams went 458-179.

The Eagles never had a losing season under his watch, although they came close in 2015.

Hartland had a 13-14 record late in the regular season, but all those narrow de-



Former Hartland coach Brian Morrison was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame on June 28 at Comerica Park. ALAN WARD/LIVINGSTON DAILY

feats early in the year balanced out in the state tournament.

Hartland had four one-run victories, including two in extra innings, during a seven-game run which culminated with the program's only state championship. The Eagles went 13 innings against Lakeland in the district championship game and 10 innings with Portage Northern in the state final.

"There were eight to 10 one-run games if they go the other way our record's a lot better," Morrison said. "We didn't realize it at the time, but we realized afterward that we were pretty good."

We just started getting key hits and we were just making every play. Our pitchers threw strikes. You're not giving anybody anything."

The Eagles also won five regional championships and 10 district championships with Morrison as coach. He was voted district Coach of the Year 11 times and regional Coach of the Year five times.

He was nominated for the Hall of Fame by one of his assistant coaches, Aaron Bell.

It was Bell who took over the team for the 2019 season when Morrison was removed as coach when he allegedly "roughhoused" a student during gym class. The decision stood, despite an outpouring of support from players and others in the community at a school board meeting.

Morrison moved from the high school to the Farms Intermediate School, a fifth- and sixth-grade building in the Hartland district.

Because the school day ends later at Farms, it's difficult for Morrison to return to coaching.

"It would be one of those things where I'll just go day by day and see what happens," he said. "It's a great building I'm in, but the hours don't work out to be out early enough to contribute somewhere. If I do coach, I'm not the type of person that does it 50%. I'm either going to be there all the time or I'm not going to do it."

Game

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"I don't really pay attention to who I'm facing," Locker said. "It's more of what I can do myself, be confident and do what I got to do."

This was Locker's mentality throughout his senior season with the Warriors, leading them as their No. 1 starter, to the program's third-straight Division I state semifinal appearance, losing to Grand Blanc in the final.

Now Locker's focus is on getting his arm and his body in the best shape possible ahead of officially joining Michigan State baseball in the fall.

"I think we have a good group of guys," he said of the Spartans. "I like everyone I've met. I expect to work hard, but also have fun and play with a good team."

Wilcenski has not picked a college program, but said he feels that trust will be a huge factor wherever he chooses to go, something he's seen in his time with the Warriors.

"The brotherhood is one thing that we talk about a lot at Brother Rice," Wilcenski said. "I guess you could see that that translated from our school to not only our school, but to life as a whole. The way they have taught us that brotherhood — that we all work for each other and that guy is going to have our back up or down — it's incredible."

Stepping up behind the plate

Being a catcher in an All-Star Game was kind of awkward for Lakeland senior Kevin Krill.

He said he likes to know his pitchers to a degree before he goes behind the plate, but that the situation called for something different.

"All these guys are so good," Krill said. "You just tell them where to put the ball and they put it there. It can be a lot more fun than just catching your average high school pitchers."

Catching four of the five innings played, Krill helped keep the West All-Stars offense at bay, limiting the lineup to one run on two hits. At the plate, he walked in his only at bat.

This game was more than just about statistical success for the Lakeland senior. It was about showing up in a dugout filled with Division I prospects, and feeling like he had a place, something he said he wanted to experience before officially joining the baseball team at Oakland University.

"I think I learned how close it really is between me and the guys that are supposed to be the tip of the top," Krill said. "It's really close and it's an awesome atmosphere to be around. I think it's a good one to get exposed to before college."

Krill felt Lakeland helped prepare



Brother Rice teammates Blaise Wilcenski, left, and John Locker at the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East/West All-Star Game at Comerica Park in Detroit. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

him for that next level.

Lakeland head coach Brad Farquhar played him significantly in both his freshman and sophomore seasons, finding his stride as a senior for a team that finished 34-5-1, setting the record for most wins in school history and winning its third-straight Lakes Valley Conference title.

"It's been amazing how successful we were, besides the COVID year, all four years," Krill said. "Thankfully, I have had one of the best — in my opinion, the best — high school coach in the state. He's given me the opportunity to prove myself at an early age... Just having the support from Coach Farquhar and the rest of the staff, it's been amazing."

And in his final game in a Lakeland uniform, even though he had the chance to call his own pitches, Krill said those throwers didn't give him much say.

"They shake me off a lot," Krill said laughing. "Pitchers in these games want to call their own pitches."

'I love the big lights'

Saborn Campbell had the MHSBCA All-Star Game on his radar since freshman year.

While playing at a tournament in Georgia, the Detroit Country Day senior recalls watching former Yellowjackets

and current University of Tampa first baseman John Malcom play in the game, putting himself in that place.

Campbell fit right in, leading off the bottom of the first inning with an infield single, beating an overthrow from the shortstop in his only at bat of the day.

"I love the big lights, I love the big stage," Campbell said. "The dream is always playing pro baseball, so being able to play in a pro stadium this early in my life, it just sets the tone for my future."

In his first season back from injury, Campbell worked his way back, helping Detroit Country Day to a record of 15-5 before losing to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the Division 2 district final.

"It was everything I hoped for," the senior outfielder and second baseman said. "We ended up losing, but I was able to have a good season, I made a lot of new friends, a lot of young guys I was able to mentor. It was a great season all

around."

The lights will only get bigger for the Detroit Country Day senior starting next season, committing to Stanford. But he feels like if he just stays within himself, he should rise to the occasion.

"I just have to stay focused and not really get overwhelmed," Campbell said. "Just stay within myself and play my game. Stay true to myself and play my game and have fun."

Goal achieved

Aidan Arbogast worked his way to playing at Comerica Park Monday night.

The All-Star Game was something of a motivational tool, using it as fuel as he worked out ahead of his senior season at Livonia Stevenson in the winter months. So when he took the field, it was a surreal moment for the first baseman and pitcher.

"It just felt really cool playing on this big of a field," Arbogast said. "Like a Major League Baseball field in an actual game with other DI commits, it's pretty cool."

In his only at bat, Arbogast struck out, also going out to field in the sixth inning before the game was called due to weather. But his at bat was something that didn't surprise him.

"This is the type of pitching you are going to see at the college level," Arbogast said. "It's this type of velo. It's going to help me and my teammates."

The senior's bat and arm helped advance Stevenson to the regional semifinal before the Spartans lost to Brother Rice, ending their season. But Arbogast said he'll never forget the energy Stevenson cultivated in the dugout as 2021 continued.

"All of us came together, we didn't really know what we were going to have," Arbogast said. "We all came together, played very well throughout the year."

Starting next season, Arbogast will continue his baseball career at Mid Michigan Community College, something this All-Star Game, he said, helped him prepare for.

"I think it's going to help push me to get better and better," Arbogast said. "And I'm going to be there with them."

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Hopefully, you conveyed how excited you were about the job during your interview. Your email can express how speaking with the interviewer kicked that excitement up another level. Then say why. This message will make the person you met feel good that they represented their company, and themselves, well. And when you

make them feel good, they'll feel good about you.

Show That You Were Listening

For this approach, mention one or two topics that stuck with you. These could be anything they shared about the company, their department, or your industry as a whole. When you repeat something they said, it demonstrates that you were listening...and that your interviewer said something worth listening to.

Highlight Their Best Moment

In this type of thank-you note, call out a question the interviewer asked or something they said, which taught you something or made you change your mind. Then, ask a related follow-up question. This is a great way to keep the conversation going, and gives you more opportunities to provide further insight into what you would contribute to the role.

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ODD BIRDS
ACROSS

1 Soprano's last note, perhaps
6 Jordanians, e.g.
11 Oscar winner Rockwell
14 Mazda model
19 NBA Hall of Famer — Thomas
20 Tanzanian national park
22 "Burnt" or "raw" color
23 Bird from Richmond?
25 Trident, e.g.
26 Winter D.C. hrs.
27 Fermented honey drink
28 Fashion's Oscar de la —
29 Patron associated with a "fire"
30 A handful of
31 Bird partially composed of element #56?
33 In less peril
36 Seek the affection of
38 Archery asset
39 Solo of sci-fi
40 Bird that always keeps to itself?

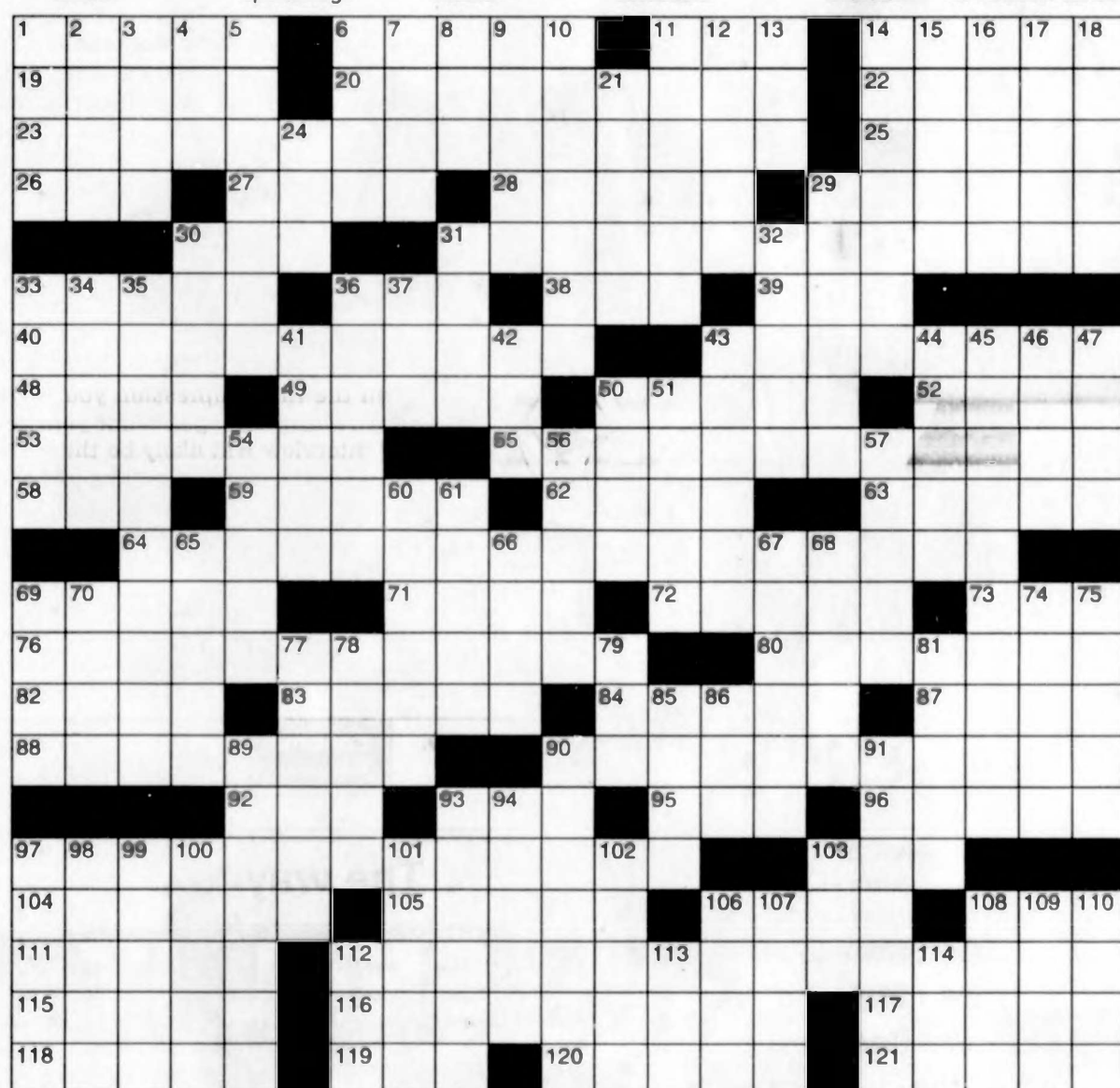
43 Mob member
48 Adept
49 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" playwright Joe
50 "Atlantic City" director Louis
52 Prefix with 33-Down
53 Fellow soldier
55 Bird that travels to and from work?
58 Notable time
59 Potentially offensive, in brief
62 El — (certain current)
63 Stand for art
64 Bird wearing a hard hat?
69 Far — eye can see
71 Ending for switch
72 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt
73 Cell material
76 Bird nesting in winter precipitation?
80 Causes to be ashamed
82 Finnish coin
83 Not worth — of beans
84 Not one's best effort, in sports lingo

87 Some small batteries
88 In — (while not present at the event)
90 Bird performing under the big top?
92 Abbr. of fair hiring
93 Store clerk on "The Simpsons"
95 Business agt.
96 Peels the skin off of
97 Bird that plays bebop?
103 Real admirer
104 German subs
105 Absorb a loss
106 "Sure, sign me up!"
108 The Gem State: Abbr.
111 Mournful song
112 Bird living in the Sistine Chapel?
115 Being tried, as a case
116 Movies' main stories
117 Rub down
118 Chairs, e.g.
119 Waco-to-Austin dir.
120 Cary of "Saw"
121 Alternative to Valium

DOWN
1 Bees' place
2 Horned Egyptian goddess
3 Surrounded with a belt
4 Witch
5 Mythological fire-breather
6 Korea's place
7 Peruse
8 Brow's shape
9 Catcher Yogi
10 Be disdainful of
11 Nose partition
12 Elite squad
13 1986-2001 Earth orbiter
14 Feral horse
15 Drive along
16 "That rings —"
17 "I love you," in Mexico
18 Symbol on a one-way sign
21 Wish-fulfilling spirits
24 Innovative
29 River in a Foster tune
30 Flu symptom
31 — chic (fashion style)
32 Will, biblically
33 Part of NASA
34 Shady shelter
35 Movie cast members

36 Failed to be
37 Mo. in fall
41 Commotions
42 Extremely old: Abbr.
43 Particles believed to bind quarks together
44 Kitchen wrap
45 Result of backcombing
46 Toledo's lake
47 Pack of coins
50 2,002, in Roman numerals
51 Comeback to "Are too!"
54 Two wives of Henry VIII
56 En pointe, in ballet
57 Ranch in Ferber's "Giant"
60 1990-2019 Toyota minivan
61 Moisturizer brand
65 Melodramatic cry of sorrow
66 Relative of a univ.
67 Refuse to talk
68 Kimonos, e.g.
69 Out of port
70 Rebuff rudely
74 Writer Zora — Hurston

75 Aides: Abbr.
77 Spiteful types
78 Buckeye State sch.
79 Slugging stat
81 The Evil One
85 Mutt's threat
86 Pitching star
89 Fishers with seines, say
90 Dead skin at the base of a fingernail
91 Lycra, e.g.
93 "Trainwreck" director Judd
94 Word before jury or larceny
97 Betrayer of Jesus
98 "Take — out of crime!"
99 "— the Greek"
100 Big name in restaurant guides
101 Repasts
102 Web vending
103 Pine's cousin
106 Frozen drink treat
107 Widespread
108 Privy to
109 Art's art
110 Author Haley
112 #2 execs
113 Dir. 135 degrees from 119-Across
114 Author Levin



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

SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★★

7/08

Here's How It Works:

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

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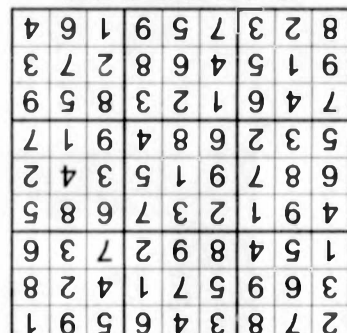
Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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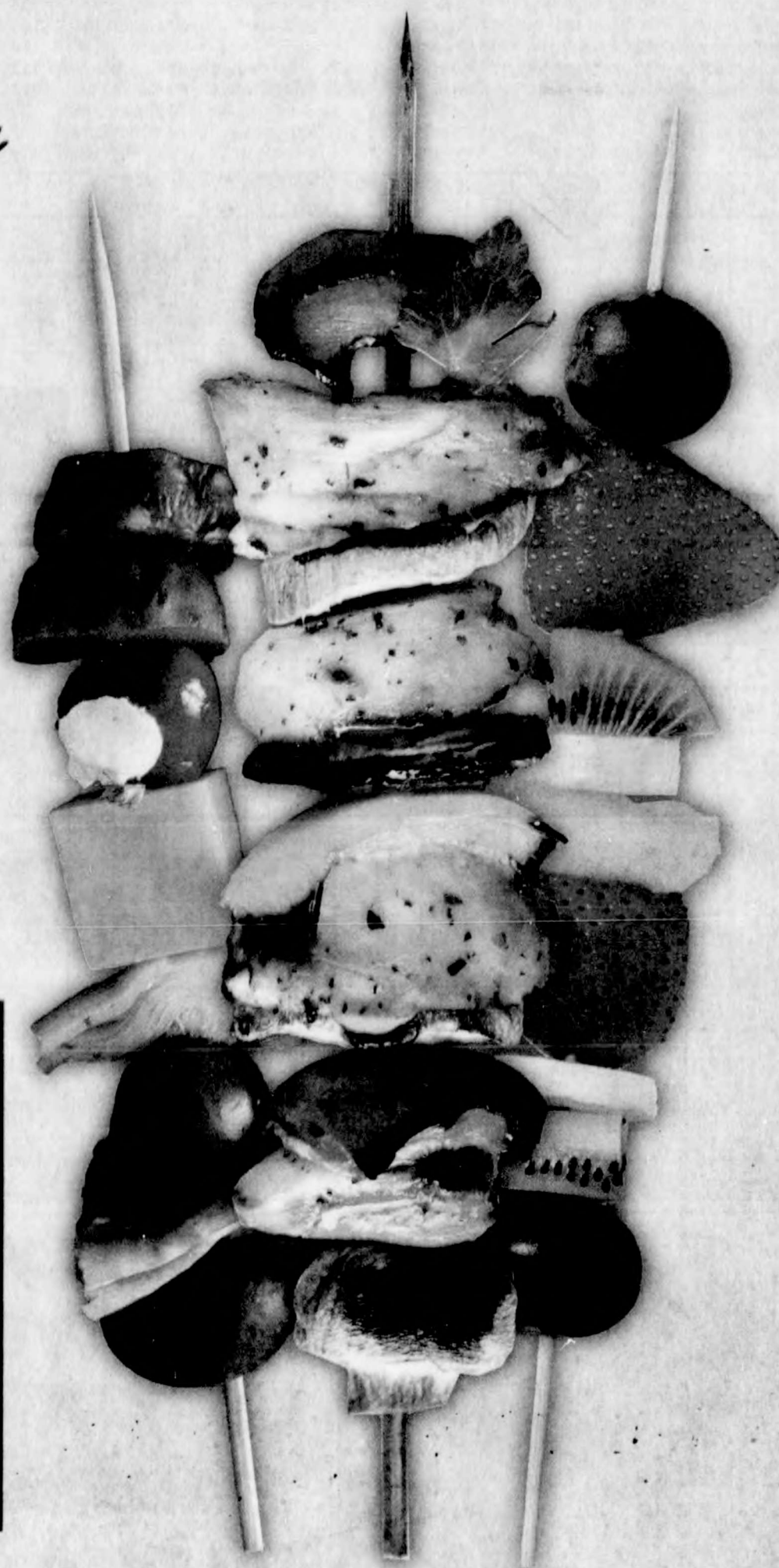
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