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## Region grapples with repeated DTE outages

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A storm with straight-line winds of more than 70 mph last month perhaps unsurprisingly took out power to thousands of DTE Energy customers in metro Detroit.

But with restoration delays of not just

hours, but days, and with outages happening more frequently, some residents and officials in cities including Novi, Livonia and Farmington Hills have had enough.

"It's more than an annoyance. Our neighbor is on oxygen and she doesn't have backup tanks right now because there's a shortage," Livonia resident Anastasia Oravec said. "We had to power

two households with our little generator. Basically, nobody got any sleep because my husband has to add gas to it every two hours."

Oravec is one of thousands in the region who have faced repeated DTE power outages the last month. Oravec said her power has gone out seven times and one outage lasted 46 hours.

She says she's repeatedly contacted

DTE, but no luck.

"It's like they know they have the monopoly and they just don't care," Oravec said.

DTE, which provides power for about 450 communities in Michigan, did not respond to multiple direct requests for comment.

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## Northville skateboard park taking shape with renderings, fundraising

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If the vision for Northville's first skatepark comes to fruition — and it appears to be well on its way — area skateboarding enthusiasts can thank Enzo Duhn.

In the weeks following the tragic hit-and-run death of his older brother and best friend Dominic in November 2020, Duhn and his good friend Jack Tsalis hatched the idea of honoring Dominic's memory by filling a community skateboarding void.

Skateboarding Dominic's favorite things to do. Dominic, 20, of Northville Township, was killed Sept. 3, 2020, along Sheldon Road when a vehicle driven by Gustavo Godinez Jr. struck him and drove away shortly after 11:30 p.m. A sentencing date for Godinez Jr. is set for Sept. 3.

"Enzo and Jack took it upon themselves to petition Northville Parks & Recreation Director Mark Gasche and the Northville Township Board of Trustees with their idea for a skatepark," said Gabriella Duhn, Dominic and Enzo's mother. "I was still in a fog after Dominic's death, so they took the lead."

The skatepark plan has been kick-started the past several weeks with the creation of a dedicated Facebook page

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Michigan Duck Rescue and Sanctuary volunteers Matt Lyson, left, and Courtney Malone coordinate their approach to attempt trapping an injured sandhill crane Aug. 3 in Milford. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Salem man rescues birds ensnared by fishing gear

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Matt Lyson recently responded to calls to rescue a sandhill crane in Milford and a mute swan in White Lake, both entangled in fishing line, the latter with a hook through its foot.

"We get a lot of birds caught in human waste that's been discarded or neglected," Lyson, co-founder of Michigan Duck Rescue and Sanctuary in Salem Township, said. "Lazy, ignorant people are causing these issues."

Concerned citizens who want to stop the hurting and heal the birds call Ly-

son, including Laura Kahn.

A few weeks ago, Kahn noticed a mother crane that visits her yard daily was limping. The bird's condition has been deteriorating, prompting Kahn to reach out to Lyson in distress.

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# Highland Twp. man drowns trying to retrieve hat from pond

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A 64-year-old Highland Township man drowned after falling into a pond while apparently retrieving his hat, according to Oakland County Sheriff's Office deputies.

The report states that the unnamed man was mowing a lawn in the 1500 block of Essay Lane at about 5:35 p.m. Aug. 1 when the wind blew his hat into

the pond.

A witness saw him try to retrieve the hat from the water before she stepped away from the window. When she returned in a few minutes, she could no longer see the man.

She contacted the landlord, who then called 911. Deputies arrived and immediately requested members of the county's Dive Search and Rescue Team.

The man was found in about 14 feet of water.

"He was beyond help," the deputies said.

Highland Township firefighters provided telemetry to a nearby hospital, and an attending physician pronounced the man dead.

The incident remains under investigation.

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# Dairy Queen planned for vacant lot in Northville Township

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Peanut Buster Parfaits could be on their way to Northville Township.

The township received plans for a new Dairy Queen restaurant at 40570 Five Mile seeking approval to build. If eventually constructed, it would mark the first Dairy Queen in the Northville area.

The plans call for a new building on the property on Five Mile west of Haggerty next to George's 5 Barrel Liquor & Market. The site would have space for seating both inside and out and would also have a drive-thru.

"We're very excited to be moving forward with this project," said Todd Haidous, one of the proposed operators for the site.

The project was reviewed by the township's planning commission for a special land use during its meeting July 27 at Northville Township Hall. While the plan was eventually approved by a 4-2 vote, some commissioners and members of the public had some concern over the development. Those concerns circled around noise and disturbances to those who live near the site, especially given a few lower-impact businesses that already surround the area.

Dean Stacer, who lives on nearby Park Lane, said business hours were an issue, especially for a drive-thru.

"That's very late. Eleven is too late in my opinion," he said. "I'm concerned about that."

Some commissioners agreed, including Eric Lark, who cited the residential makeup of that area of Northville Township.

"I don't think there's a reason to be open past 10 o'clock," he said. "I don't know what the other commissioners think, but that's my opinion."

Haidous — who also operates Dairy Queen locations in Dearborn, Hillsdale, Coldwater and Angola, Indiana — said he is willing to work with the township to help screen the drive-thru and help keep disturbances away from the residents.

When asked about possibly eliminating the drive-thru to make it more of a walk-up stand, Haidous said most business is now being done through the drive-thru. With the COVID-19 pandemic, that model is expected to continue for some time.

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# Novella's Pizza scores restaurant at Ford Field

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There's a new reason to head to Ford Field and watch the Lions this upcoming football season. And it has nothing to do with the product on the field.

Novella's Pizza, the shop which first launched in 2018 in New Hudson, announced its plans to open a location inside the football stadium in downtown Detroit at the end of August.

The deal, which Novella's owner

Brandon Davis said has been in the works since before the COVID-19 pandemic, is one he and the rest of the Novella's team are excited about.

"This has been in the works a long time," he said. "It's pretty wild and random how it worked out."

He said a Ford Field representative reached out to them after trying their pizza and thought it would be a good fit for the stadium the Detroit Lions call home.

After some back-and-forth, Davis said they came to a "handshake agreement" before the COVID-19 pandemic was declared.

The deal was delayed as the pandemic continued and wasn't made official until after it was confirmed that events with large crowds would return to Ford Field once restrictions were lifted.

The stand in the stadium expects to open Aug. 27 for the Lions preseason game against the Indianapolis Colts, Davis said. He said they won't be open for the Lions' first preseason game

against the Buffalo Bills Aug. 13, as that takes place during Milford Memories and Davis said that event needed their attention.

Milford Memories is scheduled for Aug. 13-15.

Not everyone will have access to Novella's on game days, however: the restaurant is opening in a section of the stadium dedicated to certain members, which will be restricted to fans in certain sections for Lions games and concerts. Davis said he believes the restaurant will be open to the entire stadium for other events, such as the Quick Lane Bowl and monster truck events.

Once open, he expects to have 3-4 types of pizza, all small hand-tossed pies. He said he expects to offer garlic knots and is working in crafting a special Lions-themed pizza for the space. Novella's offers a few pizzas at its two locations named after Detroit sports legends from teams including the Red Wings, Pistons and Tigers.



Novella's owner Brandon Davis takes a pie out of the oven at the restaurant's Milford location July 27. Novella's will be opening a location at Ford Field in Detroit in time for this year's Lions' games.

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**CITY OF NORTHVILLE  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 07-19-21**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 07-19-21, an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to add provisions to address Construction Site Operations in the City of Northville.

**Chapter 14 Building and Building Regulations** is amended to add Article XIII Construction Site Operations, Section 14-361 through Section 14-364.

**Sec. 14-361.- Purpose of article**  
It is the purpose of this article to establish the authority for Construction Site Operation Standards to ensure that property development practices limit the impact on adjacent properties and public health, safety and welfare. These Standards are in addition to other City Ordinances.

**Sec. 14-362.- Construction site operations**  
Permit holders or responsible parties operating construction sites within the City shall be required to maintain sites in compliance with Construction Site Operation Standards, as adopted by City Council. City Council will periodically review these Standards and are subject to change.

**Sec. 14-363.- Enforcement**  
A permit holder or responsible party operating any construction site not in compliance with the Construction Site Operation Standards, as set forth in Sec 14-362, shall be notified in writing to remove or eliminate such violation within 2 days after service of the notice. Additional time may be granted by the enforcement officer where bona fide efforts to remove or eliminate the violations are in progress. Continued violations may result in the issuance of a stop work order.

**Sec. 14-364.- Penalty for violation of article**  
Any person violating this article shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction punishable by a civil fine of not more than \$500.00 and the costs of prosecution.

**Chapter 34 Environment** is amended to delete Sec. 34-83(8) *Construction noises*. The erection (including excavating), demolition, alteration, or repair of any building, the excavation of streets and highways, other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., unless a permit be first obtained from the city manager. This section is addressed in the Construction Site Operation Standards adopted by City Council. The remaining subsections were renumbered.

**Chapter 74 Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places** is amended to delete Sec. 74-6. *Construction and repair; removal of materials*. No person owning, building or repairing any house or other building shall permit any lumber, brick, plaster, mortar, earth, clay, sand, stone or other material to remain on the sidewalk or street after sunset of the day upon which it was placed there, without permission, in writing, from the chief of police, subject to any safeguards he may prescribe. This section is addressed in the Construction Site Operation Standards adopted by City Council. The remaining sections were renumbered.

**Chapter 90 Vegetation** is amended to delete Sec. 90-35(b) *(b) Restrictions within drip line*. During construction, the owner, developer or agent shall not cause or permit any activity within the drip line of any protected tree or group of trees, including, but not limited to, the storage of equipment, dumpsters, boulders, dirt and excavated material, building or waste material or any other material harmful to the life of a tree. This section is addressed in the Construction Site Operation Standards adopted by City Council. The remaining subsections were renumbered.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on July 19, 2021 and was adopted by the City Council on August 2, 2021. The ordinance shall become effective on August 13, 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](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on several requests in regard to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance:

- To consider the following variance request on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District on property located at 384 N. Rogers St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48 002 02 0440 001. The applicant is seeking a variance to build a front porch in the front yard setback. The variance needed is approximately 9.5 feet from the front yard requirement in Sections 3.04 and 15.01. Also, the existing house is non-conforming per Section 22.01, and the project will require expansion of a non-conformity. The requested variance will also address this.
- To consider three variance requests for three lots zoned R-2, Second Density Residential District, located at 711 N. Center St., lot numbers 48 22-34-377-007 (southern lot - L1), 48 22-34-377-006 (middle lot - L2), and 48 22-34-377-005 (northern lot - L3). The three lots are part of a proposed three-lot residential development where the applicant would like to build a duplex building on each lot. The applicant is seeking a 0.01 FAR variance for lot L1, a 0.02 FAR variance for Lot L2 from the requirement of Section 15.01 of the Zoning Ordinance, which allows for a maximum 0.36 FAR on a lot with a duplex building. They are also requesting a 7% variance from Section 15.01, Footnote 26 Paved Surface Limitations, which requires 65% of front open space to be free from pavement. Lastly, they are requesting height variances: a 5-foot height variance from the 30-foot maximum requirement in Section 15.01, as well as a possible variance for one additional story from Section 15.01.
- To consider variance requests on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, located at 443 River St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48 004 02 0156 000. The applicant is seeking a variance to erect approximately 75 linear feet of a 6-foot tall fence in the front yard, ahead of the front building line, along Johnson Avenue, and within the clear vision zone of this intersection, from the requirements of Section 18.09 and 18.07 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- To consider variance requests on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, located at 515 River St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48 004 02 0117 000. The applicant is seeking a variance to erect a new home within the side setback and the average front setbacks along River Street and Gardner Street. The needed side yard variance is one-foot, the needed front yard variance from Gardner Street is approximately 5-feet, and the front yard variance from River Street is approximately 9-feet from the requirements of Section 15.01.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance requests. The variance applications are available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City's website [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us) (go to Services, Building and Planning, Board of Zoning Appeals). Written comments to the BZA pertaining to the proposed variance requests must be submitted by 4:30pm, August 31 to the City Clerk at the above address, or using the City Hall drop box, or emailed to [dmassa@ci.northville.mi.us](mailto:dmassa@ci.northville.mi.us).

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# Milford House Bar & Grill closes its doors

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A longtime mainstay of downtown Milford has closed its doors for good.

Milford House Bar & Grill, 113 E. Commerce, announced on its Facebook page Aug. 4 it would shut down permanently after serving the community for 28 years.

"To our beloved patrons - It's been no secret that this past 18 months has been extremely challenging for the entire restaurant industry. The dedicated staff at the Milford House have been working tirelessly to weather the storm and to continue to provide a quality dining experience for all our customers. Most recently, our inability to find adequate staff has forced the Milford House and Perriez Carryout to permanently close our doors effective immediately," the restaurant posted. "On behalf of our staff, we appreciate all the community support that you have given our restaurant over the past 28 years. We will miss all of you and the gathering place that you helped make amazing!"

Signs on the door seen the afternoon of Aug. 5 indicate the restaurant is permanently closed.

The restaurant was also connected to The Wine Studio that opened in 2018, and also offered an ice



Milford House recently announced it's closing.

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cream stand for walk-up guests looking for a scoop of Guernsey Farms Dairy ice cream or other frozen treats.

Ann Barnette, executive director of the Milford Downtown Development Authority, said she heard Aug. 3 the restaurant would permanently close. She said it was difficult news to hear.

"It's heartbreaking for sure," she said. "They're try-

ing as hard as they can until the last minute.

"There is very real shortage of labor in the market for restaurants for all different kinds of reasons."

Messages were left with the restaurant via phone and Facebook Aug. 4 but were not returned.

It's just the most recent high-profile restaurant closure in the region the last 18 months. Also in Milford, longtime bar Hector & Jimmy's closed this past June after 36 years in business, citing issues with staffing as being the main driver of the closure. Many restaurants have cited the closure of dining rooms for extended periods of time since the pandemic began, as well as the difficulty many businesses currently face in hiring staff.

Barnette said while it's sad to see Milford House go, she's hopeful the property at a pivotal location in downtown will see new life sooner rather than later. With most of downtown's business fronts occupied, she expects it will be an attractive place for another business to locate.

"It's an excellent corner for someone to operate out of," she said. "That wouldn't be the properties I would be concerned about staying vacant for long."

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Alexis Sobeski owns iBalance, a new yoga studio and juice bar that's recently opened in downtown Northville. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Northville yoga studio reopens under new name

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Alexis Sobeski went from yoga studio participant to yoga studio owner.

The Northville Township resident recently reopened the former Hot Yoga Detroit studio at 122 S. Center as iBalance, a new yoga studio that will also have a juice bar. She said she formerly practiced yoga at the space and has always thought that location was premiere. When it became empty, she said she jumped on the opportunity to reopen it.

"It was out of the blue. I was driving by one day and saw the 'for lease' sign," Sobeski said. "I was like, 'Oh my gosh.' I called my girlfriend who is my realtor."

That call took place in January, Sobeski said, when she signed the lease. She's spent months renovating the yoga studio, hallways and bathrooms.

The space has a new look with a more blue-and-white color scheme that Sobeski said reminds her of Pictured Rocks in the Upper Peninsula.

"I just like the natural, earthy tones," she said. "It makes you feel like you're in an organic space."

She began offering classes in mid-June, averaging about six classes a day. Instructors teach classes including hot yoga, barre, meditation and stretch classes, among others. She's hoping to host events as well.

Work continues in the front of the studio to construct the juice bar, which Sobeski expects to open

later this summer.

She also owns iSana, a wellness center she opened up at 17915 Haggerty in Northville Township a few years ago. While that business does well, it's Sobeski's hope to eventually unite all her offerings under one roof.

"I hopefully wish to have my own building one day and have this all where you have fitness, nutrition and you have therapies that help with preventative wellness. I would love to make a full health club one day. But right now, I'm doing it at different locations."

More information on iBalance, including finding listings of classes and how to download the center's app for smartphones, can be found at [ibalance.co](http://ibalance.co).



Kate McCullough of Northville practices with her dog, Mika, on the bar jumps at the Marvin Gans Community dog park in Northville Township. Jonathan Barringer, 17, put the course together as a service to the community. COURTESY OF RODNEY COLEMAN-ROBINSON

## Eagle Scout hopeful launches agility course for dogs in Northville

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It was a dog day afternoon on a recent Friday in Northville, with pooches bounding fences, leaping over obstacles, diving swiftly through incremented poles.

A dog agility course debuted at the Marvin Gans Community Park just off Beck Road, marked by fields for soccer and baseball. It's just what 17-year-old

Jonathan Barringer hoped it would be.

The Northville Township teen put the course together to provide a service to the community. Barringer is an Eagle Scout prospect, and that, of course, necessitates providing for the people around you. "Around two years back, my dog went to an agility course. It was too far away to consistently go to, and I wanted to make my own. The idea really stuck," said Barringer. "My dog, Rebel, has certified the course."

Barringer recruited a trainer, Elly Price, to assist members of the dog park through the course. It was complete with a raised platform, a tunnel, a series of poles for dogs to weave through, high jump poles and a ramp for dog and owner to use. Unfortunately, the trainer was just for the grand opening, but the course is available to use for all members of the dog park. "I'm excited to see if this will attract more members," said Rene Wisely, communications special-

ist for Northville Township.

Membership is an annual fee of \$30 for residents and \$60 for nonresidents at the Marvin Gans dog park.

Cheryl and Bill Haelewyn brought their fluffy, white Samoyed, Heart, to the agility training. "It's Heart's birthday today, so we decided to give her a present," said Cheryl Haelewyn.

For information on using the course, contact Northville Parks & Recreation.

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# Milford Memories returns this weekend

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Milford Memories returns this weekend after nearly two years.

If you have been to the longtime event in years prior, you may well remember a fun festival, and that is what organizers have planned once again after a hiatus due to COVID-19.

The Aug. 13-15 festival opens Friday morning with nearly 300 artists opening their booths down the length of Main Street.

Art aficionados will find a variety of mediums for appreciation and/or purchase, including sculpture, jewelry, paintings, photographs, mixed media and textiles. Art in the Village opens at 10 a.m. each day and closes 8 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Music lovers will also delight in the sounds of the festival, with a variety of acts taking to various stages throughout the days and nights.

Free live entertainment with a variety of genres also can be heard throughout all three days of the festival, beginning by around 11 a.m. on both the Veteran's Memorial Stage and in the Central Park beer tent, which is open to families until about 6 p.m., when it is 21 and older only with a \$5 admission charge.

From noon to 4 p.m. Friday catch featured act the B2wins in the beer tent, described on the Milford Memories event website as "a stretch to understand without experiencing them LIVE. The violinist, Walter Caldas, sounds like Lindsey Sterling had a music baby with Carlos Santana. His vocals are as unique as a folk singer, yet strong like a pop star. His twin, Wagner Caldas, drives the group's energy with an electric ukulele (cavaquinho) while hyping the crowds and the band alike. The bassist, Riley Scheetz, is a strong presence on stage and in speaker, comparable to Flea from the Red Hot Chili Peppers with infectious grooves like Michael Jackson. RaQwon Reed sits on the throne, feeding the band with a tight Gospel-Pop pocket and ramps the music higher with well placed fills."

Other popular acts in the beer tent include Fun House, 7 p.m. to midnight Friday; Moxie Blitz, noon to 4 p.m. Satur-



Bob Olari with Milford United Methodist Church grills some sweet corn at the 2019 Milford Memories festival.

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day; Power Play, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday; and The Icemen, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Besides taking in the sights and sounds of the festival, you can get in on the actual action, too, with a rock wall and children's activities tent open all three days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; basketball, volleyball and cornhole tournaments on Saturday; and a 5K run and blind canoe race on Sunday.

Downtown restaurants are open and food vendors will be available throughout the festival. Shuttle buses are also running.

For a full listing of artists and entertainment schedules or to sign up for tournaments, visit [www.milfordmemories.com](http://www.milfordmemories.com).

Contact reporter Susan Bromley at [sbromley@hometownlife.com](mailto:sbromley@hometownlife.com) or 517-281-2412. Twitter: @SusanBromley10.

**Milford Memories opens Friday. Art in the Village opens at 10 a.m. each day and closes 8 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday.**



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### WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE: HELPLESS OR HEROIC?



EVERYTHING I NEEDED TO KNOW,  
I LEARNED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.  
PATTERNS START EARLY.

Give me a child until he is seven and I'll show you the man.

Aristotle, St. Ignatius Loyola

As the twig is bent, so grows the tree.

Proverb



Have you noticed how the kids from your old neighborhood never really change? Remember that kid who was always borrowing your stuff (and giving it back busted)? Well, now he lives his life on credit card debt. That person on the job, you know who I'm talking about, the co-worker who never gets anything done. How can that one still get a paycheck? You think to yourself: "Either they are related to the boss... or there are photographs!" The type of guy who actually talks about their bankruptcy (only once or twice!). Rents his furniture. Takes every minute of time off. Late getting back from breaks. Customer for the Pay-Day Lender. Blames others. Pathetic. Pitiful.

You are the same way. Consistent. Same now as you were 50, 60, 70 years ago. Nothing much changes. Some kids looked at a snow day from school as a mini-vacation. You grabbed a shovel and went door-to-door. In the summertime, you pushed that old lawnmower through the neighbors' grass. Baby-sitting. Paper route. Bagging groceries. Washing dishes. You got it done when you were a kid. You get it done now. Habits start young. And persist through life. Fish gotta swim, birds gotta fly. Doers gotta do. That is you.

Since you were little, you have been taking care of business. You still do the hard stuff. You enjoy the rewards. Paid-off home. Lifesavings. And your family does too. Honorable. Admirable. We work hard, but who's complaining?

#### SOME KIDS ARE JUST PATHETIC – PITY

Poor poor poor me  
Poor poor pitiful me

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Lord have mercy on me  
Woe woe is me

Warren Zevon – "Poor Poor Pitiful Me"

Growing up, we all knew the kid who was never ready. Remember that kid? Somehow it was your fault that his bike had a flat. That he couldn't find his baseball glove. That he forgot to dig his own worms to go fishing. The gang (Remember when "gang" meant the kids in the neighborhood, not an organized criminal enterprise?) decides to camp out (Yes, we used to do things without playdates, grown-ups, background checks or professional camp-ologists). Guess who forgot to fill his canteen. Didn't bring food. Or a blanket. Or a raincoat. Every time you try to be nice to the kid, he screws it up. And blames you. You bend over backwards, and it is still your fault. Never enough. But you keep trying. Because you can. Because it feels like the right thing to do.

Women... you knew girls who were the same way. (Sorry, I don't have any personal experiences to share on how that works for girls.) You try to involve them, but it always ends poorly. With you on the receiving end. Always a bridesmaid, never a bride? More like: Always the victim, never the hero. And always someone else to blame.

And how did those kids make you feel? You pitied them. You felt sorry for them. You made excuses for them. You did your best, but it always fell short. Poor pathetic Pauley. Or Pauline.

Eventually the well runs dry. You have given all you have to give. Pauley (or Pauline) goes into the "hopeless case" category. They are exhausting. And you have a life to live. You may as well try to bail out the Titanic. After it hit the iceberg.

Beware of the danger lurking here! Can you be too "nice"? Good people like to help. Poor Pauley needs help. Lots and lots of help. At some point though, you are not helping. Soon, it's not even about Pauley anymore.

I think this is what they call "co-dependency." Some folks like it best when Pauley is pathetic. They feel superior. The more pathetic, the better they like it. That

is why they make it easy for Pauley to be pitiful. Yikes! You figure, I can help Pauley get on track. They don't want Pauley on track. They want a victim to rescue. Over and over.

Consider (some, not all) politicians and preachers. Golden words! Beautiful sentiments! So high-minded and concerned! Righteous Champions of the distressed, depressed, downtrodden. Unlike you, they are so virtuous, their own rules do not apply to them. Professing concern for the little guy, they grow wealthy in money and prestige. Bought-and-paid-for credentials. Virtue overflowing. Mansions stuffed with birthday party guests and designer ice cream. Beating up other people in the name of peace.

What can you do?

Well, the first thing you can do is: Don't be that guy. Or gal. Make it happen. Take your lumps. Keep moving. Stop blaming. Be grateful. Consider others. Eyes on the prize. All the boring nonsense your mom kept drilling into your head. Surprise! Mom knew what she was doing. Remember Dad's preachy lectures? Now you know the old guy wasn't half wrong. Sometimes it is better to shut your mouth, keep smiling, take responsibility, and work through it. Drama is for soap operas.

You already know all this, but sometimes the obvious bears repeating. Do not be pitiful. As General George S. Patton once said, "Americans love a winner and will not tolerate a loser. Americans play to win all the time. Now, I wouldn't give a hoot in hell for a man who lost and laughed." You are a winner. Don't forget it.

#### SOME KIDS ARE YOUR FRIENDS – SYMPATHY

I get knocked down, but I get up again  
You are never gonna keep me down

Chumbawamba – "Tubthumping"

None of us are perfect. We all screw up. But not as a way of life. Your best friend sometimes forgets stuff. Got the flat tire. Lost his glove. But you never pitied your best friend. And nobody felt pity for you. Because you are not now and never have been pathetic. Not a victim.

Your trials and tribulations are not habit. Not your way of life. Sure, bad stuff happens. And when it is your fault, you shoulder the blame. Sometimes you are filled with righteous anger at injustice. Accidents, disease, the evil of others. Thank God for friends to sympathize. Not pity, sympathy. And so, you get over the tough times. Put them in the rear-view mirror and drive on. Encouraged and supported by your friends and loved ones.

As we get older, we face different challenges. Not just for ourselves, but our loved ones, too. Physical infirmity. Mental incapacity. Alzheimer's. Arthritis. Dementia. Some can be "fixed." Get a knee or hip replacement. Some cannot. Memory loss. Parkinson's.

Sympathy is an authentic expression of love. Freely offered. Freely accepted. Where would we be without it? It is as far from pity as can be. Sympathy is an acknowledgement of shared risk and experience. Burdens are lighter when they are shared. Sympathetic friends share your load, as you share theirs. Sympathy spreads the pain around. Your pain is my pain.

Pity leaves the victim in pain and satisfies the other's superiority. Who knows why some people are tragedy vampires, deriving pleasure from others' pain? It is easy to observe, but hard to understand. Let us answer the higher calling. Let us be the one who comforts from full friendship, from sympathy. Make it better.



#### SOME FOLKS TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS (TCB) – RESPECT

All I'm askin' (oo)

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(just a little bit)

Baby (just a little bit) when you get home

(just a little bit)

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SOME PEOPLE CHOOSE TO BE PATHETIC VICTIMS, BUT NOT YOU!

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R-E-S-P-E-C-T  
Find out what it means to me  
R-E-S-P-E-C-T  
Take care, TCB  
Aretha Franklin – "Respect"

Respect is earned. Respect is serious. It cannot be forced. People can pretend to admire, respect, or value you, but the real thing cannot be faked. Respect is not inherited. Respect does not come from winning the lottery. Respect, dignity, admiration. Why do others ask your opinion? When something is broken, or a situation is difficult, why do they call you? Maybe others look to you because you have demonstrated your ability to solve problems. Perhaps they already "know" the answer, but want the reassurance of hearing you say it. You have earned this status. You are respected because you have done the hard stuff. Time and again. You have lived the Boy Scouts' motto: "Be Prepared."

Who says it is impossible to tell the future? Not fortune-telling, just everyday predictions. You knew the hot water heater was going to leak at some point. That old car of yours could not go on forever. Sooner or later, you knew TV was going on the fritz. Sometimes refrigerators explode. (But not usually!) You were not surprised. You were prepared. And not by having a credit card that wasn't quite maxed out just yet.

A recent survey said that a surprisingly large percentage of Americans could not write a surprisingly small check in case of emergency. Remember that one? Hard to believe, but it had the ring of truth. And that is not you. Never has been. But it probably WILL be...

#### HOW THE MIDDLE CLASS WENT BROKE

How did the Greatest Generation die broke? How do Centennial Farms get broken up piecemeal and turned into subdivisions? How will your lifesavings evaporate? What will happen to transform you from respected, dignified, welcome family elder to broken-down charity case?

"Oh, that never happens!" say the financial advisors, attorneys, estate planners, and others who benefit from the way things are. Some do not know better. Others avoid the truth. The worst know what is really going on and conceal it from you. For their own gain.

Whatever happened to the heaps of money that were supposed to transfer from one generation to the next? You may have heard or read about the supposed massive wealth transfers that have been predicted in the newspapers, radio and TV. These tidal waves of riches never seem to materialize. Why?

The National Institutes of Health say that your last 12 months of life will consume 25% of all the money spent on your care for your entire life. See for yourself: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6610551/>. Let's say you die at age 80. That means that you spent the same as \$75 for the first 79 years of life and \$25 for the last year. And that money comes first out of your lifesavings.

We also know that 70% of Americans over age 65 will need long-term care services averaging 3 years. And for a lucky (?) 20%, those services will be needed for more than 5 years. Again, see for yourself: <https://www.acl.gov/ltc/basic-needs/how-much-care-will-you-need>.

That is where the money goes. Not to the next generation. Not to your favored charities. How did it happen? Was it the inevitable, unchangeable Laws of the Universe? Bad luck? Random chance? It is acceptable that soon you will become Pathetic Pauley? Pitiable Pauline?

Maybe there is another way. Maybe it is possible to retain your cottage, hunting property, lifesavings, home. Maybe it is possible to maintain your self-respect and the respect of others throughout your entire lifetime. Come what may.

#### THE ONLY ANSWER: MIDDLE-CLASS VALUES LIFE-PLAN™ SALVATION FOR REGULAR FOLKS

I cannot help Pathetic Pauley. He made his bed. He will have to lie in it. We Americans will provide a level of care better than almost any other country in the world, but it will not be overly fancy. And Pauley is fine with that. Pauley gets a long-term care bill for \$12,000 per month. Shocking? Yes, but he just puts it on the stack of other bills he cannot pay. Nothing to worry about.

Richie Rich does not need me. He is fine, too. Richie will not even see the long-term care bill for \$12,000. Richie's "people" will handle that for him. Like



Pauley, Richie has no worries.

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#### RESPECT AND SYMPATHY? YES! WELCOME PITY? NEVER!

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#### THEY LAUGHED WHEN I SAT DOWN AT THE PIANO BUT WHEN I BEGAN TO PLAY...

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## Outages

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### Fallen tree limbs to blame

In Novi, city officials summoned a company representative to a city council meeting last month for an explanation and solutions.

Jennifer Whitteaker, DTE Government Affairs Liaison to municipalities in Oakland County, attended the July 12 meeting, just two days after Mayor Bob Gatt's power had been restored after several days without electricity.

Gatt noted that he had a portable generator to keep his refrigerator going, but knew people who had lost hundreds of dollars' worth of food and also cited the problem as a safety issue for those who rely on ventilators, including his niece.

Whitteaker apologized for the length of time it took to restore service following the July 7 storm that caused significant damage, with 1,000 downed power lines and many broken poles resulting from tremendous damage to trees, including ones completely uprooted.

"I've been with the company for nearly 30 years and this is one of the largest storms I've seen and a lot of damage we just didn't expect," Whitteaker said. "During most storms, crews try to restore (power) quickly and safely before we make permanent repairs."

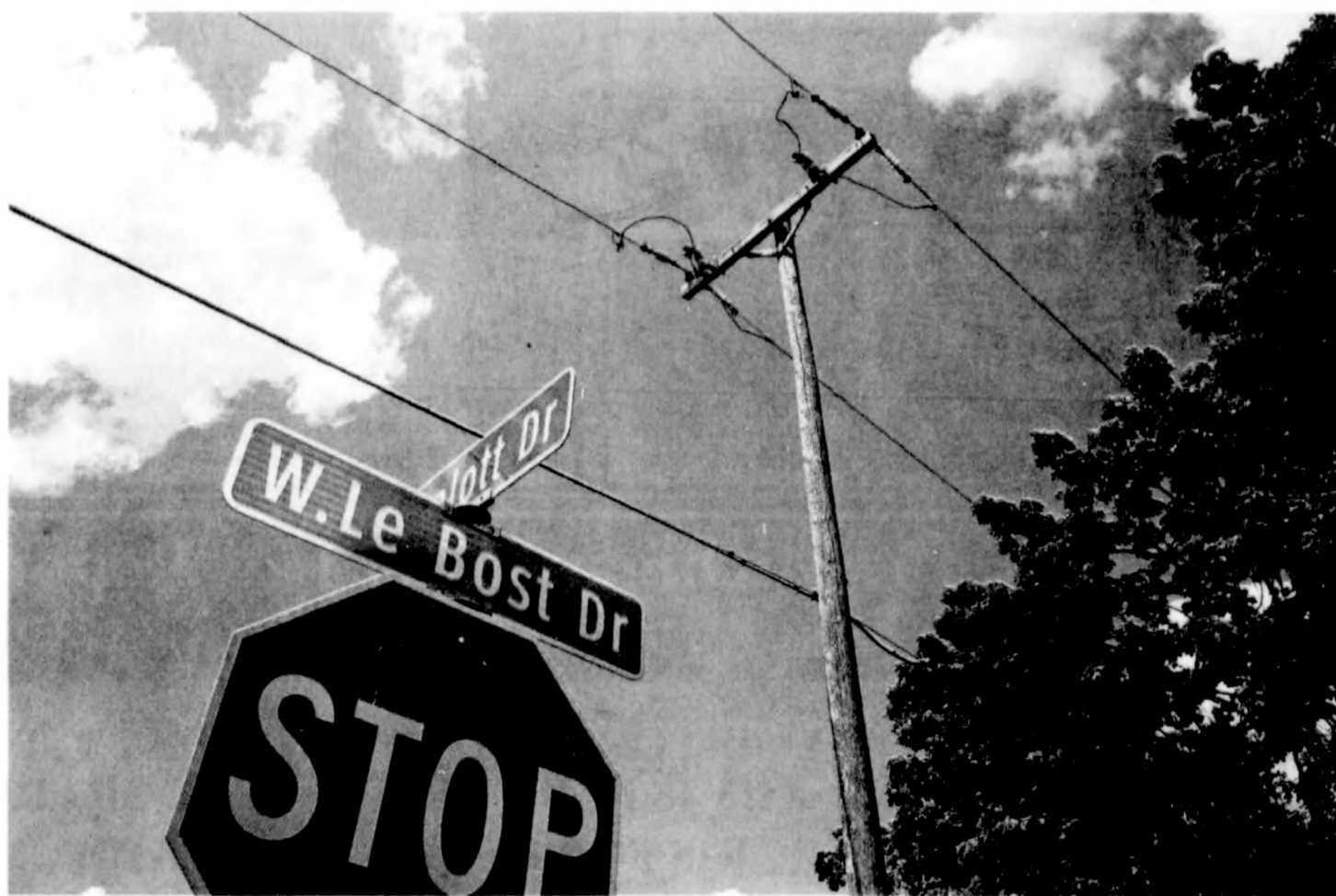
She explained that DTE crews had to remove trees and large limbs from wires before the lines could be put back in service.

Estimations for restored service were often incorrect as crews discovered more damage and was also affected by a lack of resources to address the extent of issues.

Gatt noted his subdivision had also suffered extended power outages in May and January as well. The problem, he and several councilmembers noted, seemed to occur more frequently in the southeast portion of the city, including the Willowbrook, Meadowbrook Lake and Village Oaks areas.

Councilmember Laura Marie Casey said major subdivisions shouldn't lose power for extended periods twice or more in a year and asked how DTE "triages" and decides who gets power returned first.

Whitteaker explained that the com-



After repeated DTE outages in neighborhoods along Meadowbrook in Novi, there is talk of a need to trim trees.

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pany prioritizes all essential services, including police, fire and hospitals. One-man crews are sent out to survey areas, determining the amount of help and materials needed and the urgency of the situation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Staudt said he lives in a sub with underground power lines, but said more needs to be done preemptively with trees that "have completely overwhelmed" power lines and poles to the point where the utility equipment isn't visible.

Whitteaker said DTE is investing in tree trimming as part of the company's maintenance program.

### Month-long struggle

Still, the utility's actions aren't coming fast enough.

Two weeks after Whitteaker's presentation, Gatt said the problem remained, with additional outages reported with subsequent storms. He had

looked into what the city could do, including taking it up with a state or federal authority.

That is action Farmington Hills Mayor Vicki Barnett has already done, filing a complaint to the Michigan Public Service Commission. In Farmington and Farmington Hills, wind and storm damage was so severe Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency to streamline cleanup efforts.

"It's related to the ongoing outages and our difficulty dealing with DTE," she said during a recent council meeting. "They've received hundreds of complaints, but we are probably going to be one of the first cities to complain."

Other local officials, including State Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia) and Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan say they're advocating for their community to get priority in tree trimming.

Oravec said her neighborhood isn't scheduled for trimming until next year.

"I am pushing for this area to be prioritized because, again, five and six (outages) in a month is an untenable situation," Pohutsky said.

With trees in Novi "out of control" particularly in the Willow Brook, Meadowbrook Lake and Village Oaks subdivisions, Gatt and city officials agreed they "owe it to the residents to do something" and are examining their own tree trimming program.

"We need to show DTE we appreciate their efforts, but we need them accelerated, and if that can't happen in a timely fashion, we need to trim the trees ourselves," he said.

No matter what the solution ends up being, Pohutsky said it's important to fix. Around 109 Livonia resident told her they're facing issues and are concerned about oxygen tanks, frozen breast milk and lost food.

"Obviously it's inconvenient. Obviously, it's hot," Pohutsky said. "Nobody wants to be without power."



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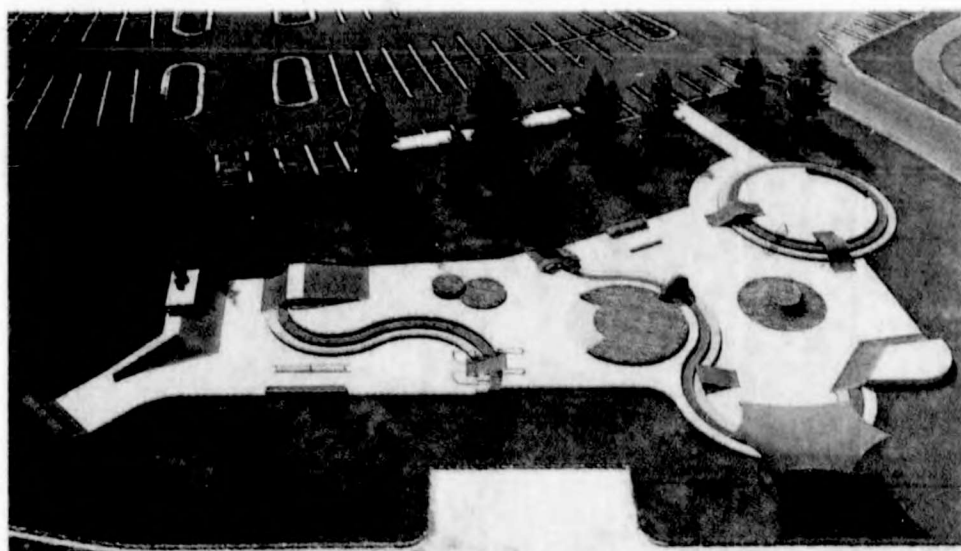


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An early-stage rendering of the proposed Northville Township skateboard park. COURTESY OF SPOHN RANCH

## Park

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and skatepark committee. The Northville City Council and Northville Township Board of Trustees have also approved resolutions in support of a skatepark: motions that are non-binding documents that offer general support, not commitments for future funding.

"Dominic would have loved this idea; he'd be laughing," said Gabriella Duhn. "He was a very inclusive person with an eclectic group of friends. He loved bringing people together, which is something this skatepark would do."

"A skatepark like this would not only provide a place for skateboarders to enjoy their hobby, it would be a place that would benefit mental health. I am so happy the community's leaders have endorsed it and I look forward to watching it become a reality."

Gasche said several preliminary ideas were shared at a Northville Skatepark Project committee meeting.

"We're still in the early stages, obviously, with fundraising becoming an important focus," Gasche said. "The committee decided to hold off on approaching a potential builder and designer until roughly two-thirds of our fundraising goals have been met."

An ideal site for the skatepark, project leaders agree, is Northville Township's Millennium Park, which is directly across the street from Northville High

School and next door to a fire station; however, a site has not been determined as of Aug. 9.

"We've been in touch with the people who were behind the construction of the Milford skatepark and we told them what we're looking to do," Gabriella Duhn said. "They've given us ideas as to what we can expect as far as how much fundraising we'll need."

A 6,000-square-foot skatepark that opened in the fall 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 of Trustees.

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

Spohn Ranch designed a series of renderings for the Northville Skatepark.

Gabriella Duhn revealed that The Main Street League, a local charity, has allowed the skatepark project to use its 501c as a pass-through for all donations to receive tax-deductible receipts.

"And Tony Hawk, founder of The Skatepark Project, has agreed to do a cameo for our promotional video to assist in our fundraising efforts," she added. "Perhaps best of all, a close friend and supporter of this project has contributed \$50,000 to help us kick off this much-needed addition to our community."

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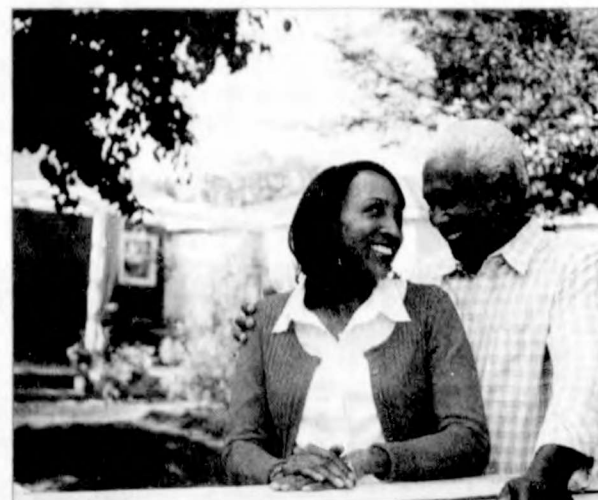
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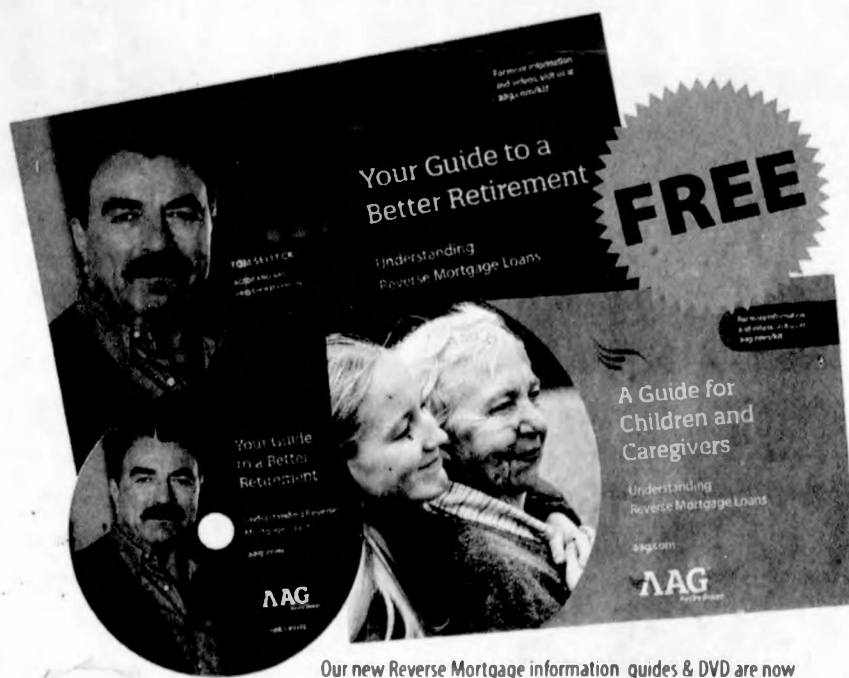
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## Birds

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"She can't get around. The dad and baby are way ahead and will wait for her," Kahn said as she stood watching the birds, who had migrated from her home to the edge of the Huron River directly across the street.

When Lyson arrives, he approached the cranes, flanked by volunteers with fishing nets on long poles, but the rescue effort is futile as the birds take flight over the river.

"They're the hardest ones to catch unless it's by itself," he said with a sigh. "That's what you run into. You want them in a yard with evergreens that they can't fly over."

The very next evening, Lyson has relatively easier prey — a juvenile mute swan in White Lake with a fish hook binding its foot, although upon arrival, he finds the young swan guarded by its protective parents.

With two volunteers, including one in a kayak to steer the swan toward shore, Lyson was able to get between the father swan and his injured young, and net the impaled juvenile. He then successfully untangled and cut away the fishing line and extracted the hook, followed by working antibiotic cream into the bird's joints. His tool kit includes scissors, heavy-duty cutters, dental-type picks, and a magnifying glass.

Once the animal is caught, the process is easier than one would think, Lyson said. He does not place anything over their heads.

"Somebody holds the bird, and they are almost as calm as can be," he said. "They know they're getting help and are almost always submissive, because they are hurt and in pain. I really believe they understand. I've never had (an injured bird) get crazy and aggressive."

After the hook was removed, the swan, expected to make a full recovery, returned to its parents.

Lyson has infinite patience with helping wildlife, but less tolerance for the humans who have put them in peril, particularly anglers who may cut and abandon 30 feet of fishing line, leaving waterfowl vulnerable, particularly swans who like to feed in marshy areas.

The birds often starve to death, or lose their limb from loss of circulation or



Kayakers pass by a trio of sandhill cranes along the Huron River in Milford on Aug. 3. A group of volunteers from the Michigan Duck Rescue and Sanctuary attempted to trap the crane on the right that was limping from an injury, but the birds flew away. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Matt Lyson rescued a juvenile mute swan to remove a fishing hook that had impaled and bound the swan's foot during its travels on White Lake. COURTESY OF MATT LYSON

in their attempts to free themselves from double or treble hooks.

Lyson said he responds to at least a dozen birds entangled in fishing line per

year. Occasionally, he finds animals have gotten trapped in other human debris, such as the swan he was called out on that was caught in a tomato cage.

Erin Rowan, senior conservation associate with Audubon Great Lakes and the MI Birds program run in conjunction with the DNR, said she also receives several calls every year regarding birds tangled in fishing line and other debris, including balloon ribbons and this past year's deluge of COVID-19 masks.

Rowan encourages good Samaritans to contact licensed wildlife rehabilitators before trying to help the birds themselves, which could be tricky depending on the species and situation. She advocates as well for the Animal Help Now app, which can connect a user with a rehabilitator no matter the location.

Rowan said hikers and kayakers can also help by being observant on trails and water and removing fishing line they find. Don't release balloons, and cut straps to your masks and make sure they end up in the garbage can and not on sidewalks or in parks.

Beyond the debris that traps birds, Rowan cites two other dangers where human assistance is needed.

Window collisions kill 600 million to 1 billion birds per year who are confused

by the reflection of sky and habitats in glass.

"It's a huge problem," she said, urging residents to put 2-inch by 2-inch patterns on windows where bird crashes have been a problem. Even using a bar of soap to leave a film there can help.

But the threat that looms largest to birds is one that will require a much larger effort.

"The biggest threat to birds is climate change," Rowan said. "Audubon released a climate report in the fall of 2019 that showed 389 of our bird species in North America are on the brink of extinction due to climate change in a 3-degree Celsius warming scenario. It also assessed that if we are able to keep global warming to a 1.5 degree Celsius increase, we save 150 of those."

Meanwhile, Lyson is concentrating on saving one at a time, given the opportunity. He still hopes to save the crane.

"Eventually, if we can't get her, she will lose a foot," he said. "It's a crapshoot what goes on out there. All we can do is keep trying, the rest is in God's hands. We can only do so much."

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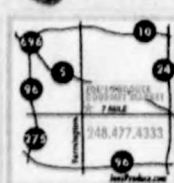
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## ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

# SL sophomore keeps expectations high

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Ava Bradshaw just helped South Lyon softball to its first state title in school history and she's already back to work.

The incoming sophomore's travel season just ended, playing across the country, focusing more on her personal development while also playing for something bigger than herself: her team, her friends; something her freshman season with the Lions brought to

light. Bradshaw's already been noticed in Michigan. In her 186.1 innings as a pitcher, she struck out 329 batters compared to 51 walks, posting a 1.12 ERA and an opponent batting average of .140. At the plate, the freshman hit .410 with six

home runs and 30 RBI, helping her win Hometown Life's 2020-21 Female Athlete of the Year award.

But Bradshaw has goals that surpass state borders.

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Canton's Caleb Williams fights for a pass against Hartland's Brad Sollom. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# What to expect this season from KLAA West football

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The 2021 football season is here. Fall practices are set to open Aug. 9, while the nine-game slate is scheduled to begin Aug. 26. In 2021, the playoffs will begin Oct. 29 with the Michigan high school football state finals scheduled for Nov. 26-27. Here's a look at what the Kensington Lakes Activities Association West division will look like in 2021.

## Canton

**Head coach:** Andrew LaFata, fourth season  
**2020 record:** 8-1 (6-0 in conference play), first in the KLAA West  
**Season opener:** Dearborn Fordson at Wayne State University; 4 p.m., Aug. 26  
**Players to watch:** Senior running back Zack Badger, senior quarterback Arturo Trevino, senior defensive tackle and offensive guard Giulian Bodiu, senior offensive and defensive lineman Lucas Tafelski, senior running back and defensive back Wesley Faulkner  
**What to expect:** Canton football has always been about connections.

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Novi quarterback Luke Aurilia fights for yardage against Catholic Central.

# Player-led SL East football preps for new era

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Jacob Topp is not looking to change the culture of South Lyon East football. If anything, the first-year head coach is trying to join the "Be East" mentality.

But Topp's not naive. He knows the Cougars have some catching up to do as they prepare for their Week 1 match-up against Walled Lake Northern.

"As fast as I want guys to get things, everyone in the program is a first-year player," Topp said, preparing for his first season after spending the past five years as an assistant at Detroit Country Day. "It's new for everybody and just understanding and finding a way to balance between pushing and getting things in... while at the same time being patient."

While everyone may be a first-year player under Topp, returning seniors have an idea of what successful South Lyon East football looks like.

Last year, seniors like Nick O'Donohue, Ayden Oliver and Zander Desentz occupied the major positions on the field. They set the tone in 2020, leading the Cougars to win five of their eight games - the best season in school history - ending the season in the district semifinal.

Heading into his third year on varsity, senior outside linebacker and running back Khari Johnson felt those leaders set the expectation of each player knowing their responsibilities and that everyone had a role to play.

Last year, that's what senior leadership looked like. Now it's this senior class' turn to continue in that.

"I feel like what set last season apart from previous seasons... they led the team," senior left tackle and defensive tackle Grant Roslinski said. "We were more of a player-led team than a coach-led team. I just want to continue that going into this season, to continue that success and bring it into this season."

Roslinski said summer training was mostly the same, but the team was introduced to its offensive and defensive schemes much earlier. He said they're very similar concepts to what former head coach Joe Pesci led, but with different names.

No matter how different the playbook is, senior cornerback and wide receiver Bryce Lambeth said it's put everyone on equal standing no matter their age or experience on varsity.

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## KLAA West

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Coming off an undefeated regular season, a KLAA West title and a district final loss to Belleville, Canton – returning six starters on both sides of the ball – hopes that those connections carry over into 2021.

“When you are on those winning teams, you can feel it,” LaFata said. “You can see it in the players out at practice, you can feel something’s different and you know what it’s supposed to feel like. They have kind of taken that and ran with that.”

Senior running backs Zack Badger and Wesley Faulkner will be back to run Canton’s distinct T-offense, with the help of an offensive line that includes third-year starter Giulian Bodiu; a group that averaged 39 points per game including five games of 40 points or more.

But Canton will have a new look under center: senior Arturo Trevino. In his first season as the main guy, chemistry is something that he is still trying to master.

“It’s just chemistry and just building bonds together, learning from those guys too, since they are three-year starters,” Trevino said. “They have been talking to me, teaching me how to play and how to run every single play, just being there and supporting me until the season.”

Defensively, Canton failed to allow more than four touchdowns in a game until the district final against the Tigers, giving up 53 points in its first loss of the season.

### Northville

**Head coach:** Matt Ladach, 14th season

**2020 record:** 5-3 (4-2 in conference play), second in the KLAA West

**Season opener:** Livonia Stevenson; 7 p.m., Aug. 27

**Players to watch:** Senior outside linebacker and tight end Parker Ladach, senior defensive back Tommy Mandell, senior quarterback Jack Holland, senior wide receiver and tight end Kai Saunders

**What to expect:** Northville ended its three-season losing skid in 2020, winning five games – the most the Mustangs have recorded since 2016 – before losing to Belleville in the second round of district play

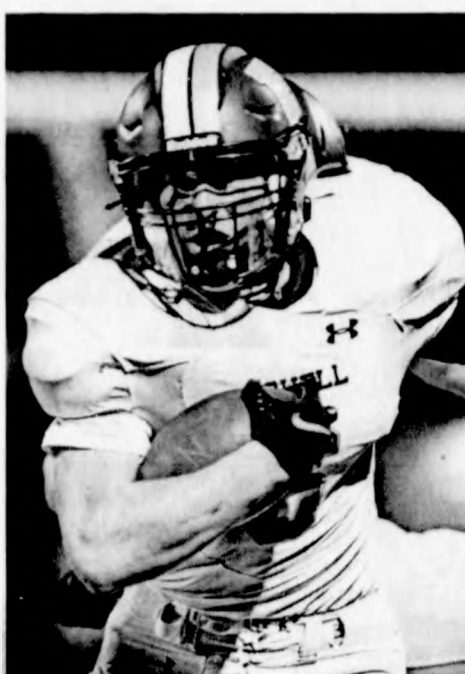
While Matt Ladach admits that he may not have the “dudes” that he’s had in the past – players that have gone on to join football rosters at Wisconsin and Florida State – the head coach in his 14th season knows the level of dedication he has, especially from senior outside linebacker and tight end Parker Ladach and senior defensive back Tommy Mandell.

“They bleed orange and black,” Ladach said. “Everything that they do is for Northville football. They are beyond committed, they are compelled to do everything for our football program.”

The Mustangs have 10 returning players in 2021, including quarterback Jack Holland and wide receiver and tight end Kai Saunders, leading a group that averaged 24 points per game; the team’s highest total since 2017.

Defensively, Northville was even better in 2020, failing to allow 26 points in each of their five wins. But when the Mustangs lost, they allowed an average of 43.7 points to Canton, Hartland and Belleville.

“They can expect us to play with tremendous effort and for us to be going a million miles per hour,” Matt Ladach said. “Our team’s very excited to get back out there and play. It’s been a really good offseason for us, and I think they are just excited to play football.”



Howell's August Johanningsmeier will likely switch from running back to tight end or defensive end at Western Michigan University.

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### Novi

**Head coach:** Jim Sparks, first season

**2020 record:** 3-5 (2-4 in conference play), sixth in the KLAA West

**Season opener:** Wayne Memorial; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

**Players to watch:** Senior offensive lineman Tommy Phimister, senior offensive lineman Peter Swanson, senior wide receiver Bacari Scott, senior defensive back and wide receiver Tyler Patrick

**What to expect:** Jim Sparks is going into his first season at Novi with no preconceived notions. But he knows what he wants his team to look like.

The former Clawson head coach, taking over the Wildcats from former head coach Jeff Burnside, is attempting to lead the team to its first winning season since 2016.

“I’ve always been a guy that loves competition,” Sparks said. “And I hate failure. Sometimes I’m motivated to work hard because I really don’t want to fail.”

Those changes start immediately on offense, converting the Wildcats’ traditional mid-line option look to more of a prototypical spread approach, trying to mold each quarterback into one that would fit his system.

Through the system, Sparks said wide receivers such as seniors Tyler Patrick and Bacari Scott will become more weapons down the field instead of just at the line of scrimmage, something players are still adjusting to at the start of practices.

“Having a completely changed offense and defensive schemes, we’re definitely going to look different once the jerseys are thrown on and the chin straps are strapped up,” Patrick said. “But there’s no way really to tell until that happens.”

The Wildcats return four players on offense including offensive linemen Tommy Phimister and Peter Swanson, and six players on a defense that allowed 24.3 points per game a season ago.

### Plymouth

**Head coach:** Greg Souldourian, second season

**2020 record:** 1-6 (1-5 in conference play), tied for seventh in the KLAA West

**Season opener:** at Brighton; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

**Players to watch:** Senior quarterback Connor Sherman, senior running back and linebacker Spencer Vos, senior offensive guard and defensive lineman Charlie Tams

**What to expect:** After it won the KLAA West in 2019, Plymouth struggled

in 2020.

In Greg Souldourian’s first season as head coach after being with the program in some capacity for all but one season since 2005, the Wildcats recorded its worst offensive season in the program’s history, scoring 58 points in seven games – including 15 in the final four games combined – and allowed an average of 32.6 points per game.

Heading into 2021, the head coach’s call to his team is simple: to build off the legacy of those teams before; the team that has made the playoffs 11 times since 2007.

“These guys, it’s their time,” Souldourian said. “It’s their time right now to build off the legacy of the past.”

The Wildcats will have an experienced roster to do that with, bringing back quarterback Connor Sherman, who was thrust into the starting spot as a junior due to an injury, along with Charlie Tams, a guard and defensive lineman who’s been on varsity for three seasons, along with running back and linebacker Spencer Vos.

### Salem

**Head coach:** Patrick Ignagni, second season

**2020 record:** 1-6 (1-5 in conference play), tied for seventh in the KLAA West

**Season opener:** Livonia Churchill; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

**Players to watch:** Senior running back and outside linebacker Ty Wagner, senior offensive and defensive lineman Nick Barrett, junior defensive lineman Robert Jones, senior defensive back Jamarcus Jones

**What to expect:** Patrick Ignagni’s first season with Salem showed a bit of progress. The Rocks won a game, beating Plymouth, 19-3, something they did not do in 2019. Their scoring average increased and their points allowed per game decreased.

But there is still tremendous work to be done with a Salem program that has won only three games in the past three seasons.

“We have made every opportunity for the kids to come in and get stronger and get faster, learn the offense and defense,” Ignagni said. “They have embraced it. I really like our core group. They have been overachievers since January when we were allowed back in the weight room.”

Salem has eight returners on offense and nine returners on defense: a large group with game experience. The second-year head coach said the next step is for these players to have some “positive game experiences” moving forward.

And throughout the offseason, players like senior lineman Nick Barrett have bought in, bringing more strength and development to the practice field ahead of the start of fall practice.

“The community’s different,” Barrett said. “There’s no more bowing your heads. It’s just everyone’s confident, everyone keeps working. Everyone just wants to keep getting better.”

“With a better community, everything is ‘Want to.’ There’s no ‘Have to’ anymore.”

### Brighton

**Head coach:** Brian Lemons, eighth season

**2020 record:** 4-3 (4-2 in conference play); third in the KLAA West

**Season opener:** Plymouth; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

**Players to watch:** Senior offensive tackle Nate Sadler, senior quarterback and cornerback John Aurandt, senior wide receiver and cornerback Carson Billig, senior defensive end and offensive tackle Cade Riddle

**What to expect:** Brighton’s success has been relatively consistent for the

past three years.

The Bulldogs have lost no more than three games in each of the past three seasons, advancing all the way to the Division I state final against Davison in 2019. But last season ended prematurely in the eyes of most Brighton fans, falling to Novi in the first round of the playoffs.

With only four returners on offense and three returners on defense, head coach Brian Lemons, heading into his eighth season in the role, said Brighton football is coming into 2021 differently than it has in years past.

“We have some younger guys coming in at key positions,” Lemons said. “I think what you are going to see from the Brighton football program is a team that’s much better Week 9 than it is Week 1. I think we’re going to need experience and build our success during the season.”

### Hartland

**Head coach:** Brian Savage, 11th season

**2020 record:** 3-4 (3-3 in conference play), fifth in the KLAA West

**Season opener:** Livonia Franklin; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

**Players to watch:** Senior wide receiver and quarterback Brad Sollom, Senior inside linebacker and offensive guard Aiden Martino, junior running back Joey Mattord, senior kicker Nathan Dibert

**What to expect:** Hartland is looking to take the next step in 2021.

The Eagles have not recorded a winning season since 2015, finishing one game below .500 in the past two seasons. With five returners on each side of the ball, Hartland will try and change its luck in head coach Brian Savage’s 11th season.

“They are a group of kids that worked hard all summer, they have done a great job leading; they have shown up,” Savage said.

Senior and three-year starter Brad Sollom will lead the offense and both quarterback and wide receiver, feeding the ball to both Joey Mattord and Alec Martino at running back, a pair Savage considered a “one, two punch.” Hartland will also return four of its five starters on the offensive line.

Senior inside linebacker Aiden Martino will lead an Eagles defense that allowed over 30 points once last season, losing three of its four games by two touchdowns or less.

### Howell

**Head coach:** Brian Lewis, second season

**2020 record:** 4-4 (3-3 in conference play), fourth in the KLAA West

**Season opener:** Westland John Glenn; 7 p.m., Aug. 26

**Players to watch:** Senior linebacker Noah Ramonaitis, senior quarterback Nolan Petru, senior running back August Johanningsmeier, senior outside linebacker Danny Honkala

**What to expect:** Howell took a step in the right direction in 2020.

The Highlanders finished .500 for the first time since their back-to-back playoff seasons in 2015 and 2016, helped by a defense that allowed 195 points in eight games: the least amount allowed since 2014.

With six returning offensive players – including senior quarterback Nolan Petru, senior running back and Western Michigan commit August Johanningsmeier and three of five starters on the offensive line – along with five defensive returners, Howell hopes to put together its first winning season since 2013.

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## SL East

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That helps when you have a new quarterback leading the offense.

Junior Nico Campo is expected to take snaps behind center, replacing Desentz, who graduated after throwing 21 touchdowns last season – the most in a single-season in school history.

“At first we were questioning, losing Zander, we don’t really have an established quarterback,” Lambeth said. “We were really worried about that during the offseason, and Nico showed up during the workouts and we were like, ‘Wait a minute: he’s gotten a lot better than he was last year.’ We’re not really worried about it anymore.”

Senior wide receiver and defensive back Braeden Tillman-Jones said Campo has been improving during practices, learning how to read defenses and un-

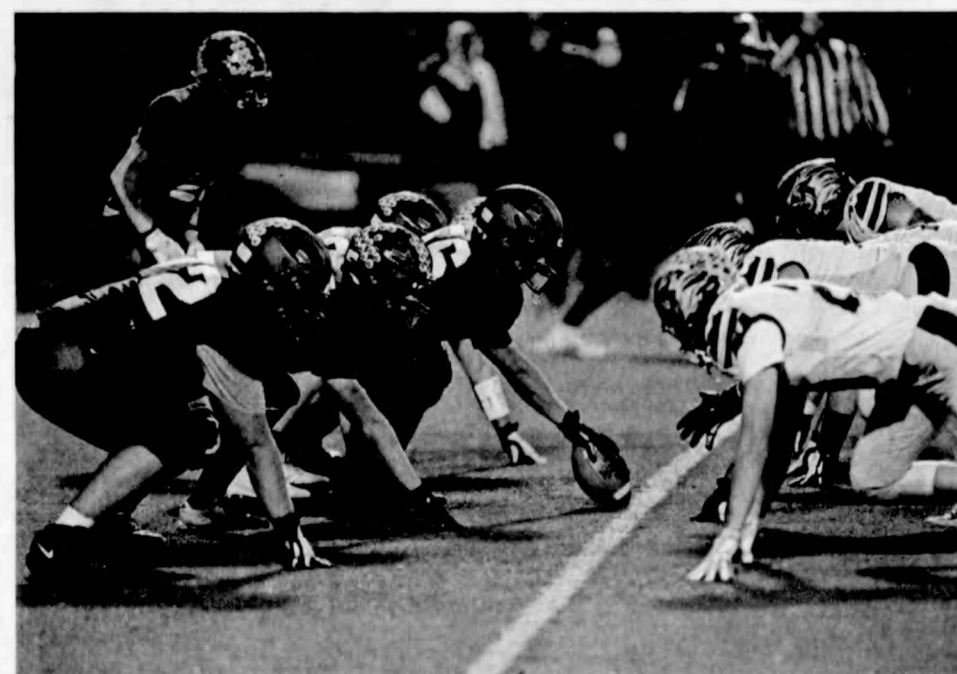
derstand the varsity offensive playbook. Even before practice started, Tillman-Jones feels “the chemistry’s really coming together.”

That’s what Topp is hoping for with the entire team, working together to get over the hump in the Lakes Valley Conference, especially after a season in which its two conference losses to South Lyon and Lakeland were each by less than two touchdowns.

Even with a player-led atmosphere, Roslinski feels that the new head coach is the one to take South Lyon East to new heights.

“I know that we graduated a lot of guys from last year, but Coach Topp, he knows football,” Roslinski said. “He knows what’s going to work, he knows what’s not going to work. He knows how to keep this team on an upward trajectory.”

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South Lyon East, left, prepares to snap the ball against rival South Lyon in 2020. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE



# Hartland, Brighton girls win national titles

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Eliana Bommarito of Hartland and Sabrina Nauss of Brighton have put together incredible resumes on the wrestling mat, winning titles at the state, regional and national levels.

For each, capturing championships at the junior and 16U nationals at the Fargodome in Fargo, N.D., last month top their personal lists.

Bommarito, who will be a senior at Hartland this fall, won the junior (18-and-under) national title at 225 pounds.

Nauss, entering her sophomore year at Brighton, won the 16-and-under title at 180 pounds and placed third moving up an age group at junior.

"That was probably one of the most amazing experiences I've ever had, because it was insane," Nauss said. "Having the spotlight on you, having your coaches in your corner and just to put everything I had at the end of my season into that last match, it was great."

"I've won some, but not as big as what Fargo is."

It was the first trip to Fargo for Bommarito, who is gunning for her fourth girls state championship this winter. Last year's tournament was canceled because of COVID-19 restrictions.

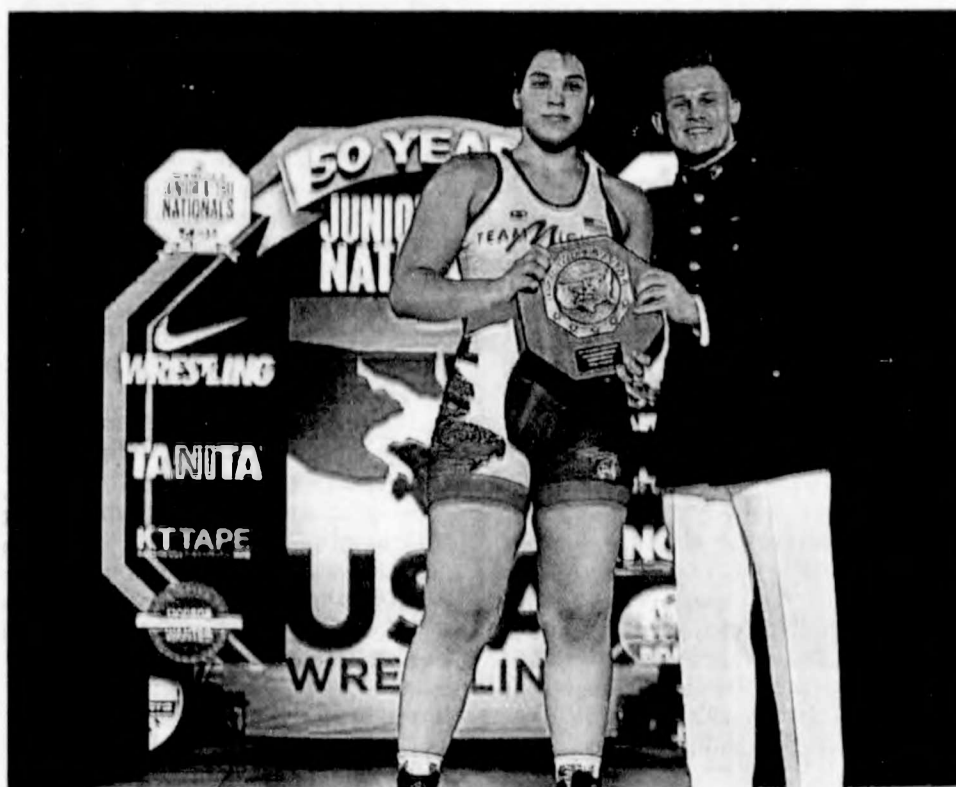
"It definitely felt a little more nerve-racking, because I knew there would be a lot more different competition and I knew this tournament was the most serious tournament I've been to," Bommarito said. "It was definitely something I was in disbelief about."

"It was my first year, I was super nervous. Usually I rely on my strength rather than technique for wrestling females. These girls were equally as strong, if not stronger. It was different challenges. That was super hard."

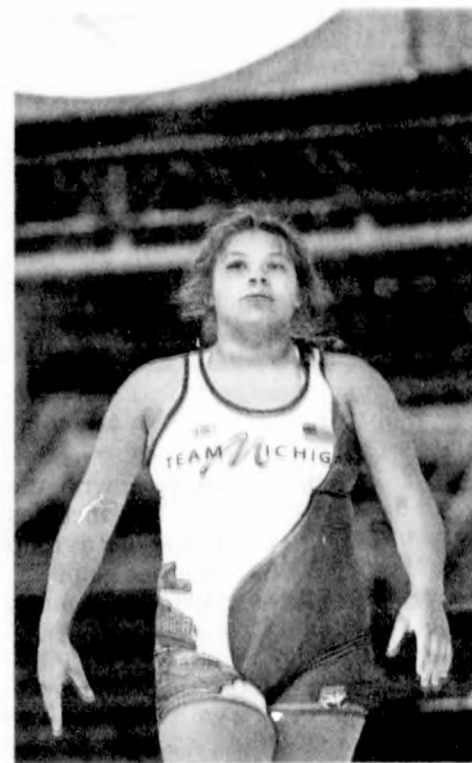
Bommarito allowed only one point in her four matches, winning two via pins, one by an 11-0 decision and one by injury default.

She pinned Lexie Cole of Missouri in 2 minutes, 34 seconds in the championship match.

"It was definitely nice to see different competition, different wrestlers," Bommarito said. "I really enjoyed my finals match, because the girl I wrestled was not about heavy hands, so I could actu-



Eliana Bommarito of Hartland won the junior 220-pound division at the national wrestling tournament in Fargo, North Dakota. COURTESY PHOTOS



Sabrina Nauss of Brighton won the 180-pound 16-and-under championship at the tournament.

"Besides Super 32, Fargo is the toughest freestyle tournament in high school to win."

Winning Fargo means you're No. 1 in the country at that weight class you compete in."

Shawn Scott Wrestling coach, Brighton

ally try to attempt some leg attacks, even though I'm not the best at them. It was nice to get some different moves in."

Nauss won her first two matches at 16-and-under with first-period pins before beating Kiara Ganey of Illinois by technical fall in 3:17.

In juniors, she lost 14-13 in the quarterfinals to Alivia White of Washington before battling back to finish in third.

"It was good to see some of the girls, a lot of them who are seniors," Nauss said. "I got to see some girls who are high up in the rankings."

"I need to get my conditioning back up and get my stamina back up. I also need to get better at just defending and shooting in more on these bigger girls."

Brighton coach Shawn Scott said the

Bulldogs have had only one other wrestler reach the championship match at Fargo, that being two-time state champion Luke Ready in 2014. Ready was the runner-up that year.

"Besides Super 32, Fargo is the toughest freestyle tournament in high school to win," Scott said. "Winning Fargo means you're No. 1 in the country at that weight class you compete in."

Bommarito and Nauss are excited that the next girls high school tournament will be under the umbrella of the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the first time. The MHSAA announced in May that it will add an individual girls tournament with 14 weight classes.

The first three girls high school tour-

naments have been conducted by the Michigan Wrestling Association. The first two were held at Adrian College, while Michigan Revolution Training Center in Highland hosted the event last winter.

"That's going to be crazy, just to be able to compete with them at Ford Field and be alongside the guys," Nauss said. "That's a huge step for Michigan. It'll be great. It was amazing to hear that."

The only drawback, Bommarito said, is that girls must choose to compete in either the girls or boys individual tournament. They've previously been allowed to compete in both.

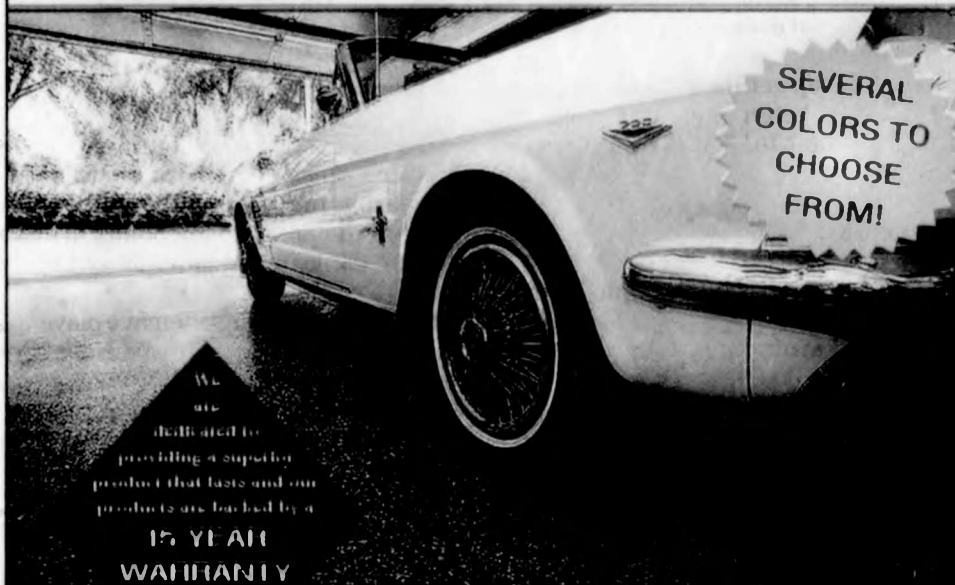
"A lot of girls enjoy being able to wrestle both the male and female state tournaments," she said.

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## MHSAA: No testing or mask mandates for now

**Mick McCabe**  
Guest columnist

The 2021-22 high school athletic year officially began Aug. 9 with practices for fall sports, minus some of the aspects that made the previous athletic year the most chaotic in Michigan High School Athletic Association history.

"As it stands today," said MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl, "it's no testing; it's no requirements on masks; it's no limits on crowds and spectators, and there's no limits of social distancing."

At least not yet anyway. But we were here a year ago. Practices began with masks and were halted a couple of days later just before football players were able to put on the pads when Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 160, which stopped contact sports and indoor sports.

"Last year was a nightmare, for sure," said Detroit King football coach Tyrone Spencer. "Last summer was like a blur. Everything was happening so fast, we'd be starting and then be stopping."

Although the delta variant has caused a recent spike in the state's COVID-19 cases, Uyl believes the MHSAA can get through the coming school year without the interruptions that plagued the fall sports calendar last year.

"The governor said last Wednesday, after the CDC recommendations came out, Whitmer basically doubled down and said there are no new orders coming, there are no mask orders coming," Uyl said.

That is good news for thousands of athletes who survived a roller-coaster fall season a year ago. The interruptions in the fall extended some sports' seasons almost two months and meant delays in the beginning of the winter seasons, which were compacted.

"I can tell you that going through all of the summer stuff, whether it was basketball camps or 7-on-7s," he said, "every summer sports activity, which included an awful lot of indoor activity and weight rooms without any masks, we just have not heard of any outbreak of any issues surrounding COVID in any of the summer stuff."

The Republican-led Legislature has

severely limited Whitmer's ability to issue executive orders that shut down schools and extracurricular activities like athletics a year ago.

Initially, the MHSAA also had difficulty dealing with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the first half of the school year.

Uyl and his staff had no access to Whitmer or the MDHHS, which can also close schools and halt athletics. But things did improve when Elizabeth Hertel became director of the MDHHS.

"With a new director, starting in February, we maybe haven't agreed with every decision, but the communication has been a lot better and that has certainly continued here during the summer," Uyl said.

The MHSAA has remained in close contact with the MDHHS leading up to the start of this fall season.

This has been a dramatically different offseason for the athletes, especially the football players. Last summer, they were prohibited from their normal summer routine of 7-on-7s and team conditioning drills.

"We quickly remind ourselves of how it was last year without being here, without having the workouts, the practices, the team camaraderie, being together," said Muskegon football coach Shane Fairfield.

Detroit Catholic Central football coach Dan Anderson said the return to normal this summer has meant the world to his players.

"They're enjoying this year so much more than always getting yelled at to pull up their masks and social distance," he said. "And the fact that we can actually do things — we played 7-on-7 this summer so we got to see the kids interacting with one another."

Orchard Lake St. Mary's football coach George Porritt said the rise in the delta variant cases has the attention of his players.

"The kids are ready to go, but there's some nervousness," he said. "You're starting to hear things pop up again about COVID. Nobody wants any interruptions, you just don't want it. We had enough of that last year."

## USDA: Michigan deer exposed to coronavirus

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A recent study from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service discovered that white-tailed deer populations in Illinois, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania have been exposed to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

White-tailed deer are found in every county in Michigan, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

Researchers discovered antibodies for the virus in 33% of the 481 blood samples they collected from January 2020 through March 2021.

Of the 33% of samples with antibodies present, only three were collected in 2020. All the others were collected in 2021, said Thomas DeLiberto, assistant director at the USDA National Wildlife Research Center and a contributing author of the study.

When compared with 143 samples collected before January 2020, only one sample showed signs of exposure. Researchers determined this sample was a false positive, DeLiberto said.

Researchers do not currently know how the deer were exposed. DeLiberto said the risk of transmission from animals to people is very low.

"This is a human-adapted pathogen. In its current form, it likes to be in people and the greatest risk to people is transmission from other infected people," he said.

According to the USDA, there is no evidence people can get COVID-19 by eating or preparing meat from infected animals.

Samples were collected from deer in 32 counties across the four states. Samples for the study were obtained opportunistically as part of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's wildlife damage management activities, according to the USDA.

Of the 113 samples collected in Michigan, 76 showed signs of exposure. All 113 of these samples were collected between January and March of 2021, DeLiberto said.

On Aug. 21, 2020, the National Academy of Sciences published a study which found some animals are at greater risk of being infected with SARS-CoV-2. In October, multiple mink at a Michigan farm showed signs of illness with two testing "presumptive positive" for the virus during an autopsy.

After the department's Agricultural Research Service discovered it could experimentally infect white-tailed deer with SARS-CoV-2 in captivity, the next step was to see whether deer could be infected in the wild, DeLiberto said.

"The CDC estimates that over 114 million Americans have been infected by SARS-CoV-2," DeLiberto said. "... it raised some concern as to whether we're starting to see spillover of that virus from people to animals."

While the study was intended to see whether white-tailed deer had been exposed to SARS-CoV-2, it opened a number of questions about what this exposure means.

DeLiberto wants to further explore the extent white-tailed deer have been exposed to SARS-CoV-2, and how they are exposed to the virus.


"Is the virus circulating in white-tailed deer? We don't know that from this study because we only looked at exposure," DeLiberto said. "If it is circulating, are they transmitting it to other wildlife or domestic animals?"

While the USDA has not observed signs of illness in the wild deer surveyed and the infected deer in captivity, it noted this was not the focus of this study.

In terms of Michigan's deer population, DeLiberto said the sample is too small to tell how many deer could have been exposed in the state.

"We only tested 113 samples. ... In order to get a real good handle on how many have been infected in Michigan, you would have to get a much bigger sample size than that, than 113, and you'd have to get them from all over the state," DeLiberto said.

The samples in Michigan were taken from deer in Alpena, Alcona, Emmett, Gratiot, Ingham, Isabella, Jackson, Lenawee, Mecosta, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties.





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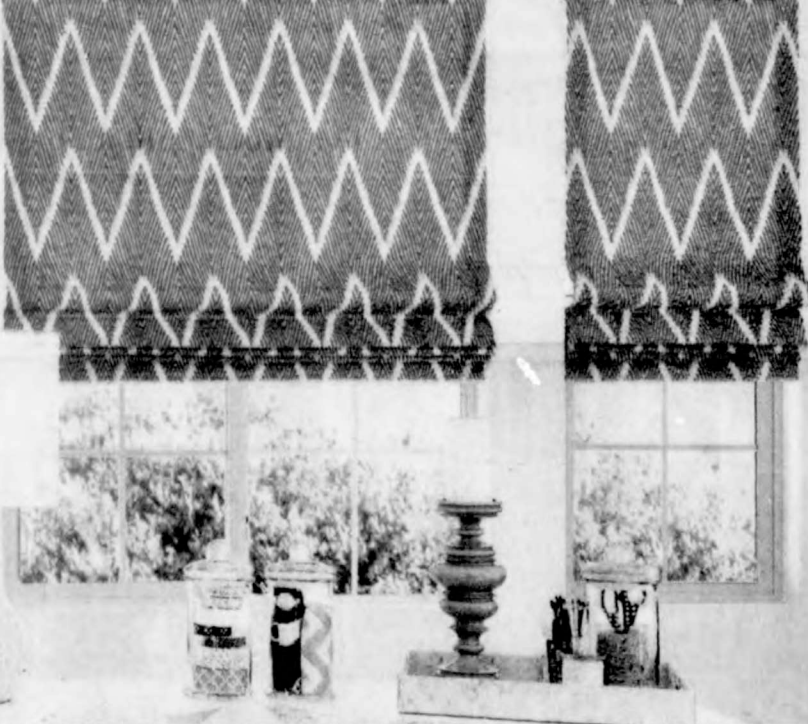
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# Thirty years later, adopted daughter finds birth father

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VERMONTVILLE — Bob Robinson and Deanna Swanson both know about their last moments together 30 years ago, just before Swanson, then 3 days old, was adopted.

For Swanson, 30, it was a comforting story about her biological father that she'd often heard from her adoptive parents, Suzanne and Dean Swanson.

"About Bob, they would say that he held me for hours and hours," Deanna Swanson said. "He was the last one to see me before my adoption."

Her parents told Swanson they waited hours at the adoption agency in Lansing while Robinson said good-bye to her.

Then they'd show her a photo — Robinson, then 32, sitting in a chair at the adoption agency holding Swanson, who is wrapped in a blanket.

"He loved you so much," her adoptive parents would tell her. "He didn't want to let you go."

"It's a wonderful story and I always heard it, but he was a stranger to me," Swanson said.

That changed earlier this year when father and daughter reunited at a coffee shop in Northville.

Robinson said the recollection of that day still pains him.

Now 63, he had been divorced for a year and was working as an insurance manager in Lansing when Swanson was born on Oct. 1, 1990. Her birth mother, who was married to another man, decided to put her up for adoption, he said.

A lawyer he'd consulted told him stopping it would require filing a lawsuit for custody, Robinson said.

He relented, and on Oct. 3, the adoption agency's staff asked him if he wanted to see Swanson before her adoptive parents took her home.

He doesn't remember how long he sat in the agency's office holding her.

"I did not want the moment to end," Robinson said. "They eventually said, 'Are you okay?' and I said, 'Yeah.' I gave her a kiss and handed her over."

Last year Swanson, an English tutor who lives in Farmington, said the photo — of Robinson, now Eaton County's treasurer and a Vermontville resident, cradling her — was still there, in the back of her mind, when she decided to find him.

## '...I had been missing something'

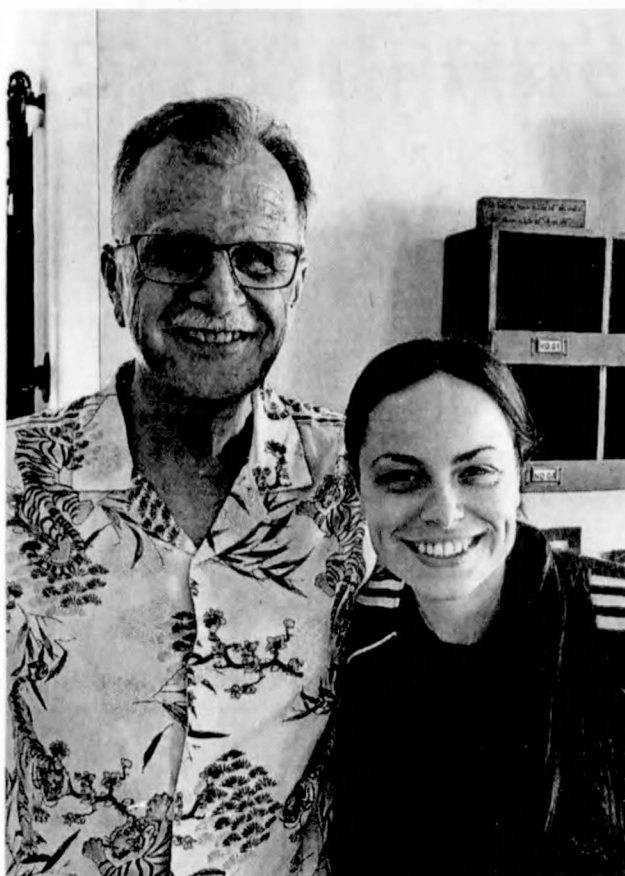
Swanson's adoptive parents, Suzanne a teacher and Dean a purchasing agent, talked openly with her and her older brother Eric about their adoptions.

"They're very caring and loving people," Swanson said. "It was the best childhood I could have had."

Growing up in Troy, she didn't feel compelled to connect with birth relatives.

"I thought about them a little bit but I never really thought too deeply," Swanson said. "What I thought was, 'They have their own lives now and I don't want to disrupt that.'"

Swanson graduated from high school, majored in Japanese at Oakland University and studied abroad in Japan before coming back to Michigan to become a



Bob Robinson with daughter Deanna Swanson. The two reconnected last fall. They met for the first time in May, after both had received a COVID-19 vaccination. COURTESY OF DEANNA SWANSON

private English tutor.

Two years ago, she received an email from a woman claiming to be her sister.

"I've known about you all of your life, and I've looked for you for years," the email read. The woman told Swanson they shared the same birth mother.

"I was just shocked because I hadn't thought about it for years and years," Swanson said.

The two women began corresponding, and it sparked a curiosity in Swanson about her biological parents.

"It made me realize I had been missing something that I now felt like I needed," she said.

But Swanson didn't decide to find Robinson until last summer after she started seeing a psychologist. The COVID-19 pandemic had triggered depression and anxiety she'd been diagnosed with at age 14, Swanson said, and her doctor happened to specialize in working with adoptees.

Through therapy, Swanson said, she began exploring the idea that being separated from her birth parents could have caused trauma.

"Adoption is wonderful if adoptive parents are ready and healthy people but it can create struggles for adoptees," she said. "It kind of clicked in my mind, 'Wow, maybe this is why I'm such an anxious person and I get so depressed.'"

With her adoptive parents' help, Swanson found an

address for Robinson.

"I wrote him a letter, and I put a picture of him holding me in there and a current picture of me. I told him I'd always heard about the story of him holding me and I thanked him for being selfless."

She sent it via registered mail and waited for notification that it had been delivered.

## 'I've lived with a hole in my heart for 30 years'

Robinson said he never stopped thinking about Swanson.

"I guess I would say that experience and the experience of the adoption was really the horror experience of my life," he said.

Walking out of the adoption agency after he'd handed her to her adoptive parents was gut-wrenching.

"It felt like it was a hundred miles," Robinson said. "That's when I thought about everything that I was giving up. I already had a child so I knew what it was like to be a parent. ... I realized I would never see her first step, her first day of school, and all those experiences that you have with your child."

Robinson remarried. He and his wife Amy had two daughters, Zoey, 25, and Keeley, 21. His eldest child, Jonathan, is 38.

Last October, Robinson received Swanson's letter.

He read it, then held up the photo Swanson had included of herself, standing barefoot on a balcony.

"It's kind of hard to explain the happiness of receiving that photograph," Robinson said. "I noticed almost instantly that her feet are very similar to mine. It was just kind of a humorous detail that I noticed right away."

The two of them corresponded via email for several months, agreeing not to meet in person until they had both been vaccinated against COVID-19.

They learned that they both struggle with anxiety, and Swanson said hearing how Robinson struggled with her adoption was eye-opening.

"It was very overwhelming," she said. "I think for the first time in my life I realized that my adoption impacted a lot of people's lives and that it was very tough for everyone. I could kind of feel his grief and his loss."

A poem Robinson wrote for Swanson on her first birthday entitled "Yours," that centers around the stars in the night sky, has since inspired her to begin making jewelry. She launched the side business, Nadia's Hope, this year.

The pair met for the first time this spring at a coffee shop in Northville, sitting at a table and talking until the business closed for the day.

"I've lived with a hole in my heart for 30 years," Robinson said. "I think that was the moment when that hole was patched."

A few weeks later, Swanson and her girlfriend, Agatha Lee, traveled to Vermontville to meet Robinson, Amy, and their two daughters.

"I was immediately comfortable," Swanson said.

She hopes to reintroduce Robinson to her adoptive parents, and although she hasn't connected with her birth mother yet, Swanson hopes to in the future.

"I feel like there's a hole that's been filled up, a hole that I didn't know I had," she said.

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## Phyllis Zarish

NORTHVILLE — Phyllis was born in Port Hope, Michigan to parents, Fred and Agnes Ender on 6-17-1925. She met Harry Zarish at a dance and they subsequently married in 1950. They lived in a variety of locations including Ann Arbor, Novi and Northville. She was primarily a homemaker with skills in cooking, baking and keeping a well functioning home. Dear to her heart were family, friends, her faith and The Detroit Tigers. Other interests included traveling, playing cards, knitting, sewing, dancing, crossword puzzles, and for a short time, being a Girl Scout Leader. She was also on the Alter Guild at St. Paul Lutheran Church for many years. With regards to animals, she greatly feared mice but grew to like Ginnie, the cat, and especially loved Zeldie, her and Candy's Chihuahua. Phyllis passed away on 7-24-2021 at the age of 96. Her daughter, Candy, had visited her on the previous day, held her hand and told her that she was loved. Her husband, Harry Zarish, passed away when they were both 52. She is survived by daughters Candice, Debra and Susan (Patrick Sam) Zarish and grandchildren James and Kathryn Zarish. Her surviving beloved sisters and sister-in-law includes Phelma McKerracher, Marilyn Weiss and Joan Ender. Her brother Merritt Ender preceded her in death. A memorial service will be planned at a later date. The family has entrusted her care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northville. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at [griffin-funeralhome.com](http://griffin-funeralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ASPCA.

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## Constance F. Salvati

WIXOM — Constance F. Salvati, a resident of Wixom, MI died on Saturday, July 31, 2021. She was 78 years old.

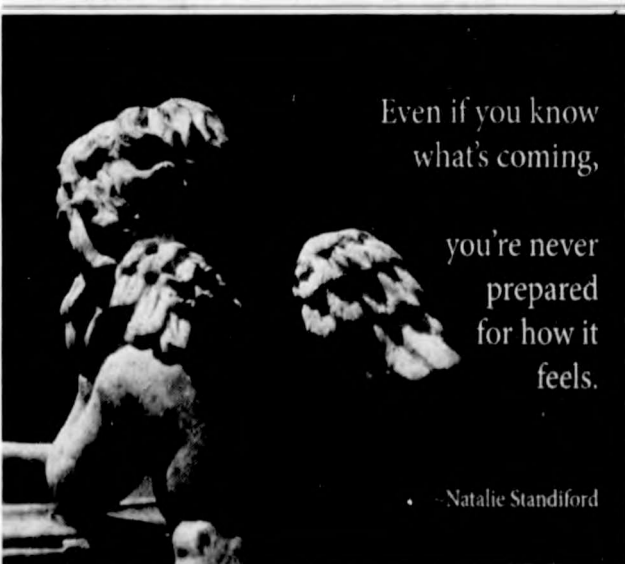
Constance is survived by her children, Janet (Brian) Roberts, Karen (Steve) Gardner and Tim (Cassandra) Salvati; grandchildren, Julia Salvati, Elena Zarlenga, Jack Salvati and Mia Gardner; siblings, Bob (Karen) Wiland, Norman (Rosanne) Wiland, Patricia Wiland and David (Kim) Wiland, as well as many close friends and extended family members.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Danny Wiland and parents, Edward and Viola Wiland.

A Funeral Service was held Thursday, August 5, 2021 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Street, Milford, MI 48381. Burial in Milford Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions are encouraged to Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

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Natalie Standiford

# Schoolcraft College opens new manufacturing, engineering center

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Schoolcraft College's new manufacturing and engineering center will take students through every step of the manufacturing process.

They can design a piece in the computer lab, and then send it to the 3D printer a few rooms over. Students will also have access to welding, plastics manufacturing, metallurgy and robotics technology.

The 48,000-square-foot, \$14 million facility is in the middle of Livonia's industrial strip on Merriman Road, not far from the intersection with Schoolcraft Road. Glenn Cerny, the college's president, said the center will help fill needed jobs throughout the community.

"I'm most excited that we're connecting to the needs of the community," said Joan Gebhardt, chair of the college's board of trustees. "Our community is telling us that we need to train people. So we're meeting the needs of the community and we're educating our population."

The center, which opened to students in the winter, more than doubles the space manufacturing and engineering programs had before on the college's main campus near the Seven Mile and Hagerty roads intersection.

"It's two to three times more square feet than we had before for our engineering and technology programs," said Rob Leadley, dean of occupational programs and economic development. "The biggest advantage of that is safety: Our old labs on the main campus were kind of crowded. This is a modernized facility, it's not your grandfather's industry."

Schoolcraft has partnerships with Alpha USA, NYX, Magna and Roush to facilitate training and job opportunities. Cerny said the school also plans to partner with local school districts to introduce middle school students to industry.

"We're working on a middle school program to help them understand that working with your hands is actually a good thing," he said. "It's a fun thing and you can actually, cognitively, learn more by working with your hands."

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# Plymouth realizes how big football can be with Sunshine camp program

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The familiar stage was set: Plymouth football players in their jerseys, the inflatable Wildcat on the side of the field begging to be run through, varsity cheerleaders lining the sideline.

The final Friday night of July was just a taste of what would eventually become routine at the end of August.

But this Friday night was different. Before Plymouth could experience the routine of the upcoming season, as fall camp quickly approaches, the players would experience how special football could be for a group that couldn't be on the field like they could.

It wasn't a new idea. Senior quarterback Connor Sherman came up with the idea for Sunshine Football Camp when he was in fourth grade; simply pairing a Plymouth football player with a child with special needs, guiding them through non-contact football drills and cheering them on.

But for Dana Bowen, it was something she had never seen before.

Her son, David, loves sports, whether it's playing with the Miracle League baseball team or playing football in the backyard.

David Bowen has Edward's Syndrome or Trisomy 18, a chromosomal abnormality that has led to 34 surgeries and causes him to use a wheelchair.

Plymouth senior guard and defensive end Charlie Tams' job was to make David a football player for a night, leading him through drills with a football in his hands.



Plymouth football player Tyler Harris gives a piggyback ride to Sunshine Football camper Carlos Teran on July 30. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"They don't know how much this means to our kids to be a part of this," Dana Bowen said. "Just to feel, not normal, but just to feel the excitement and being happy."

Stephanie Smyth, whose two sons Kolby and Kash have autism, said it's huge for her children to interact with young people instead of just being left by themselves.

"I think there's a misconception that these kids want to be left alone to their own space. But that's not actually it at all," Smyth, whose sons have been par-

ticipating in the camp for years, said.

"They just want to know what reward they are going to get if they are interacting with somebody," she said. "What these guys are doing is they are engaging with them and encouraging them and motivating them to communicate with people even more."

"We can't just be in a place of tolerance anymore. There needs to be engagement and involvement and willingness to want to interact. This takes it a step further from 'We can tolerate special needs people,' to 'We're not afraid."

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Brian Rochon knows this opportunity can be hard for Plymouth football players to grasp at their age. The former Wildcats assistant coach and current Livonia Churchill assistant has been helping Sherman develop the camp since its start.

Rochon sees the impact of a simple non-contact football camp, seeing the smiles on the kids' faces and the love from each hug he receives. But he knows that's something that may not click for every player.

"For the Plymouth players, it's an opportunity to show some humility and to show some community service," Rochon said. "The first time that we ask them to do this, a lot of them are a little skeptical... As much as I say, 'Guys, this is going to be your favorite night of the summer,' and they are always super skeptical. But the first time they do it, they want to come back."

Participating in his third camp, Tams led David Bowen from drill to drill, culminating in a run through the inflatable Wildcat at the end of the night, breaking a paper banner and receiving a trophy.

Tams knows the impact the two hours has on his team, uniting them around something bigger than themselves; seeing how big football can really be.

But all those feelings come later, during the dog days of August, as the players run the same drills they did at Sunshine Football Camp at full speed with that first game at Brighton on their minds.

## Expectations

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It's something her first season at South Lyon only furthered. It's the reason why she works five-to-seven days a week in the weight room or on the field.

"I think if I work as hard as I possibly can, I can do anything I set my mind to," Bradshaw said.

### Team-first mentality

South Lyon head softball coach Dan DePaulis heard about Bradshaw coming into the 2020-21 school year, hearing whispers from the travel softball community about how good she was. He saw her in action for himself, immediately raising the bar for what the Lions could do in the spring.

At the start of tryouts, DePaulis separated each of the players by class, saying it's a reset for everyone involved, eventually separating players between JV and varsity teams.

Bradshaw, he said, never assumed where she was going to go. She wanted to earn the respect.

"She came in humble. She knows she's good and she's a competitor and wants to win. But she's not cocky in that way and very respectful to the upperclassmen," DePaulis said. "She just fit in right away."

In the Bradshaw house, being a good teammate is a non-negotiable. Scott and Calli Bradshaw, Ava's parents, encouraged her, saying that's all that's going to matter in the long run. And in her first season with the Lions, that's the kind of approach DePaulis saw her take, developing the overall team chemistry to new heights.

Bradshaw said South Lyon was united together, focused on the same goal of fighting back when it needed to and not letting up, something she said really helped them get to that state final against Allen Park and get them over the hump.

"We had worked really hard to be there," Bradshaw said. "We deserved to be there. But we weren't overconfident, necessarily. We knew we worked hard to be there, we deserved to be in that dug-out and we wanted to win it because we had gotten that far."

Bradshaw's individual focus was getting better in the pitcher's circle, continuing the process of learning to pitch instead of just throwing that she started from her first practices in travel ball; putting an emphasis on moving the ball and throwing off-speed pitches to mess up opposing hitters.

DePaulis said Bradshaw and the South Lyon pitching coaches talk constantly about how she is attacking hitters.

"I think that's what takes her to the next level is not only does she throw

hard and has good movement, but she also is thinking about 'How can I get kids out? How can I attack them and what are their weaknesses?'" DePaulis said.

"She's going to be a great coach one day, I'll put it that way. We'll do scrimmages and stuff and we'll have her just mess around and call pitches for the other pitchers. She knows how to call a game; she knows how to attack hitters."

### Focusing on the long term

Bradshaw's clear that while she's only heading into her sophomore year, her softball goals don't stop at South Lyon.

"I think playing for a team and winning for our school is inspiring to want to play college even more and just my love of the game," she said.

Watching her pitch, it's something Scott Bradshaw sees his daughter striving for.

He said she takes the time to send emails to college coaches, putting her name out there, while also honing her craft to be the best pitcher she can be.

"I think with her metrics and velocity and things like that, I think she has the ability to play at the next level. It's just a matter of how high and how refined," Scott Bradshaw said. "She's really developed the speed that will get all the colleges noticed; 67, 68. That's started. (It's) already in motion. Now it's about where she ends up."

To DePaulis, it's not a question whether Ava Bradshaw will get noticed by a Power 5 program. It's when.

But instead of just her waiting for SEC, ACC and Big Ten coaches to call when they are able to — even though the head coach knows they are already watching her — the pitcher is taking initiative, joining the Lady Dukes 18U team down south, joining a staff filled with Division 1-committed pitchers.

"She's choosing not to be comfortable," DePaulis said. "You tie that all together and you can see why she has so much success because she has that right mindset of 'how can I get better and how can I compete every day.'"

Bradshaw likes to stay in the present, though. She still finds it strange that her and her high school team didn't lose to end their season. She said she keeps feeling there's more games to play.

There are. South Lyon is returning its top six batters in its order ahead of the 2022 season, with goals to make it back to Lansing. But the incoming sophomore knows that's still far away. Achieving those goals come later.

"Like my first year, just trying to stay consistent, keep having a plan," Bradshaw said of her goals for her sophomore softball season. "Keep getting better for me and for the team."

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South Lyon pitcher Ava Bradshaw, Hometown Life's Athlete of the Year, celebrates after beating DeWitt in the state quarterfinal game June 15 at Novi High School. "I think if I work as hard as I possibly can, I can do anything I set my mind to," she said.

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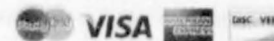




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## The 3 Steps to Networking Online

How you can use social media networks to help your career

By ZipRecruiter.com

Here's a little secret about the job search: employers don't always hire the person with the best resume and qualifications. Sometimes job seekers are hired because they know someone within the organization. That may not seem fair, but there is something you can do about it—networking.

Professional networking has always been integral to career advancement. Social networks are another way to make those connections. It is important to remember that networking is about more than just finding a job. The goal should be to find like-minded people who share your interests and passions, with whom you can build a mutually beneficial relationship. If you do that, when an opportunity for a job comes along, you'll be the first person they think of.

Professional networking through social media may seem intimidating, especially if you don't think you know the right people, but the truth is that you already have everything you need to get started.

### Step 1: Reach Out to Everyone You Know. And Don't Know.

The most important thing you can do to effectively network on social media is to connect with people you don't know well to expand your contacts.

Chances are that you are unlikely to find job opportunities through a close friend or family member because they know a lot of the same people that you do. It's important to connect with

them, but you are a lot more likely to get referred to a job by someone you don't know as well. That is because acquaintances probably have a network of people you don't know, and the ability to make introductions. In fact, finding a job through weak ties can lead to higher pay and satisfaction.

Use multiple social networks to reach out to anyone you have the slightest connection to. Start with extended family, alumni from schools you've attended, employees of companies you have worked for (even if you've never met), thought leaders in your industry, and members of clubs, organizations, or social media groups you are in. It might feel awkward, but it doesn't hurt to ask. The worst that can happen is that your requests aren't accepted—the same place you are now.

### Step 2: Get Involved

To build professional relationships on social networks, engage with the content that your new connections share.

As you add more connections, your social media newsfeeds will be populated with content from a more varied group of people. Take in these new perspectives and get to know the type of content they are putting out there. Then, start engaging.

Like, share, and comment on the posts you see. Doing so signals to the poster that you're a fan of their content, and could even create a positive physical reaction in their brain. When someone receives an interaction on something they share, their brain produces dopamine, a chemical response associated with pleasure. Increasing the number of likes a contact has not only makes them look good to their followers, it makes them feel good, too. And you'll be the source of that feeling.

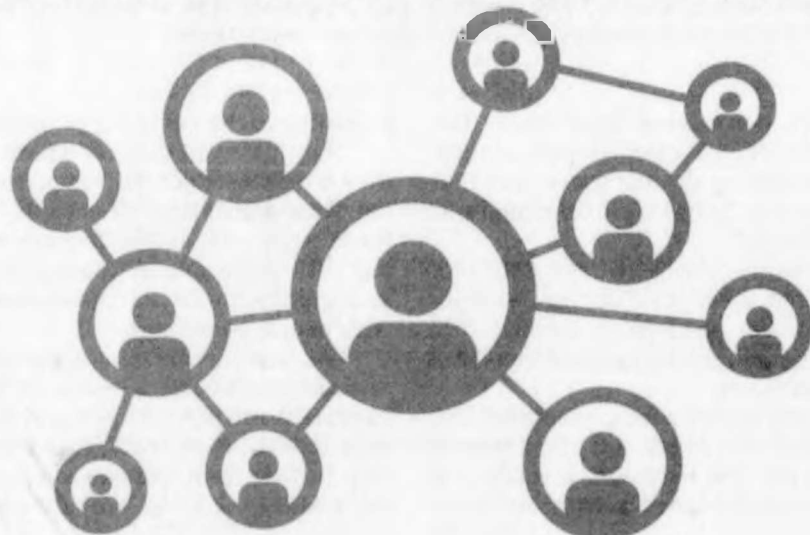
### Step 3: Share Your Passions

Build professional relationships on social networks by standing out with content that highlights the topics you are passionate about.

Social media is a two-way street. If you see someone's posts, they can likely see yours. This is your chance to let them know about your passions, interests, and who you are as a person. Everybody has multiple interests, hobbies, and perspectives. Being authentic will help you stand out in a crowded newsfeed and attract other people who are interested in the same topics that you are. (Just be sure the content you share is appropriate. Skip topics that you wouldn't discuss in an actual workplace.)

Carefully curated content that makes it look like your life is perfect may look pretty, but it makes for a boring story. Being real about your goals and passions will grow interest as you take your network on a journey with you. Whether you are working on restoring an old car, learning a new language, or on a mission to get healthy, sharing your story will engage followers and turn them into fans who are invested in seeing you achieve your goals. The network of "strangers" you originally connected with, won't feel that way once they see your full personality and share in your progress.

Once you've built out your network on social media, pay attention to the connections who like and comment on the items you post. They likely share your same passions or are just interested in you as a person. Reach out to those people, taking the relationship off a social network and into the real world.



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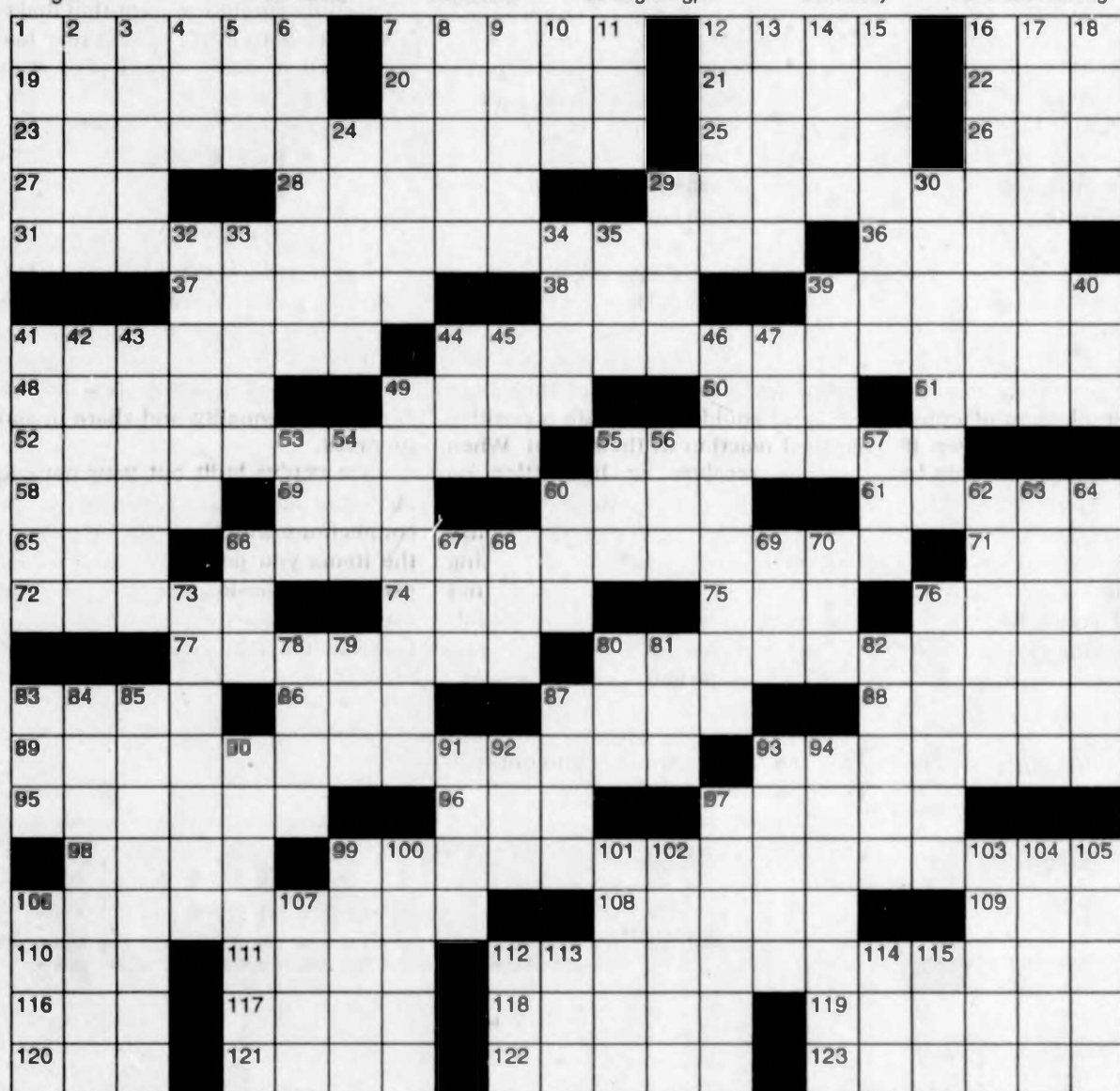


# THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

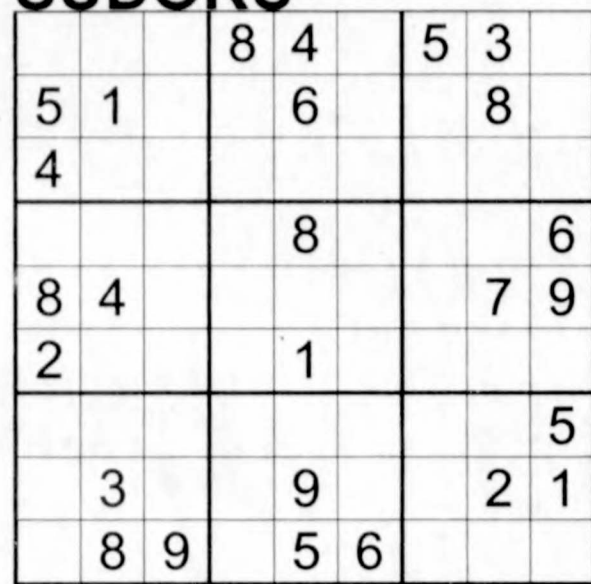
### PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo IT'S MEANINGLESS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Carter-era FBI sting  
7 "It costs — and a leg!"  
12 "Likely story!"  
16 Learning inst.  
19 Spanning structure  
20 Gorme with Grammys  
21 Mag online  
22 Boxer Clay, renamed  
23 Withstanding decay  
25 Dak., in the 1800s  
26 Sawmill item  
27 Org. for drs.  
28 Haughty type  
29 Reggae singer with the Waiters  
31 Pured fruit product since the mid-1800s  
36 Top-drawer  
37 Is storming  
38 Antonym: Abbr.  
39 Maker of Tater Tots  
41 It induces an immune response  
44 Trash collection service  
48 "Our Gang" girl
- 49 Evict  
50 Raw resource  
51 Racing units  
52 Furniture with four sleeping units  
55 Trachea-to-lung tubes  
58 TV trophy  
59 Partake of  
60 French for "good"  
61 Winfrey of "Selma"  
65 Small inlet  
66 Medieval stronghold  
70 Fix, as a near Cork, Ireland  
71 "— had it!"  
72 With 6-Down, relay some information  
74 Rustic hotels  
75 Eighth mo.  
76 Like both-sex dorms  
77 Experienced again  
80 Seepage in a boat's bottom  
83 Exhaust conduit, e.g.  
86 Cavity-fighting org.  
87 Golf great  
88 Actress Graff  
89 Chef who was a judge on ABC's "The Taste"
- 93 Novelist Sidney  
95 "Good Times" actor Walker  
96 12, on some clocks  
97 Speedskater Ohno  
98 Celine of pop  
99 Part of many a kid's lunchbox meal  
106 Cow stomach, on a menu  
108 Fix, as a knot  
109 Xbox competitor  
110 AOL competitor  
111 Yoo- — (chocolate drinks)  
112 10 answers in this puzzle have one  
116 Tenth mo.  
117 Guitar relative  
118 Prickly shrub  
119 State of hypnosis  
120 Co. top dog  
121 Pro votes  
122 Pungent salad green  
123 Gossipy meddlers
- DOWN**
- 1 James A. Garfield's "A"  
2 — Seltzer  
3 Occupy, as a desk  
4 USN VIP  
5 Become older  
6 See  
72-Across  
7 — Fables  
8 Sominex competitor  
9 Have — with destiny  
10 — Tin Tin  
11 Got together  
12 Old Mexican  
13 Seven, in Seville  
14 As to  
15 Luxury Italian car  
16 Second-largest city in Greece  
17 Shut entirely  
18 Tall  
24 With an ink implement  
29 Stage after larva  
30 Bicycle pedal attachment  
32 Soft felt hat  
33 Actress Katey  
34 Categorize  
35 PD alert  
39 Big oil gp.
- 40 College-level H.S. courses  
41 Some vipers  
42 "Skyfall" actress Harris  
43 Writer Capote  
44 Holster item  
45 Invite (to)  
46 Get reduced in price  
47 Suffix with north  
49 Surpass in competition  
53 Wiggly fish  
54 Sheep's cry  
55 Razor brand  
56 Stephen of films  
57 Weeding aid  
60 Fly- — (pilots' stunts)  
62 Ran amok  
63 Brand of bath additives  
64 Actress Tippi  
66 Slangy "sweetie"  
67 Denver-to-Bismarck dir.  
68 Call a halt to  
69 Pull sharply  
70 Size bigger than med.  
73 Imagine  
76 Young and in-experienced  
78 Really weak  
79 First lady McKinley  
80 Stinging flier  
81 Wall creeper  
82 Hold and use  
83 Part of many a kid's lunchbox meal, for short  
84 Shimmer, as an opal  
85 It's stuffed into an olive  
87 Potato cover  
90 After point number eight  
91 Bar on a car  
92 2016 Summer Olympics locale  
93 1992 Summer Olympics locale  
94 Frankness  
97 Fall flowers  
99 Regional life  
100 Church parts  
101 Bert's bastie  
102 Some RSVPs  
103 Defiant kid's declaration  
104 About, timewise  
105 Masks  
106 College VIP  
107 Rakish guy  
112 "SNL" airer  
113 NHL's Bobby  
114 "Fore  
115 Pale-looking



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

## SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★★

8/12

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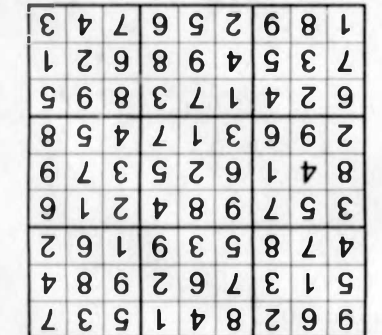
Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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W I X L R I C K C S S H D F L U S H  
E R P U C N P W A S P G S A O R D H  
A O A C U C Q P S A E L N I E P A G  
L L X R L L R A H R L Y N I V R W U  
T L H A L O O M V B F P E Y V A B O  
H I I T F V S E H Y V T S V N A L D  
P N R I R E N E L S O P T A L G S S  
L G T V N R A L H N O H E R A L K J  
T I D E R C O S K C R D G G T C P O  
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U I N E C P A E V G M R I L P U Y U  
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DOUGH  
FLUSH  
FUNDS  
GOLD  
GRAVY  
IN CLOVER  
LAVISH  
LOADED  
LOAN  
LOLLY  
LOOT  
LUCRATIVE  
LUCRE  
MOOLAH  
NEST EGG  
OPULENT  
PAYMENT  
PELF  
POCKET  
PROFIT  
PURSE  
READIES  
RICHES  
ROLLING IN IT  
SALARY  
SAVINGS  
SILVER  
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WAGE  
WALLET  
WEALTH  
WELL OFF



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