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## Text from Mega Millions winners a scam

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Diane Jenkins was suspicious when she received a text message saying the winners of the \$1 billion Mega Millions ticket bought in Novi wanted to share the wealth with her.

But when she received a second text last month from a "George Reed" who said he was in charge of payments and identity verification for the 500 people who had been randomly selected to receive \$4,500 each, she started to wonder if it could be true.

"He said all you have to do is send

your driver's license," Jenkins, a Florida resident, recalled. "I got a message before and disregarded it, but then I thought, 'What if this is real?'"

It's not, and the Federal Trade Commission advises consumers that one of the main signs of a scam is a request for financial information in order to receive

the prize.

Anthony Davis in Beaufort, North Carolina, recognized this when he was also contacted by a likely scam artist who promised \$20,000 from the lottery winners in exchange for his Social

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## Milford Christmas Parade, Twinkle Tour return

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The Twinkle Tour is not just a flash in the pan.

The event strung together by the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce for the first time last year as a safe alternative in the midst of the pandemic, is making a return, as is the parade it originally replaced.

The Twinkle Tour and the long-running traditional Christmas Parade will provide double the fun on Nov. 27.

"We're excited to have the parade back, it's one of our oldest events," Jennifer Hill, events/communications manager for the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, said. "For it not to happen last year, the people of Huron Valley were very sad. It's an annual tradition for a lot of people."

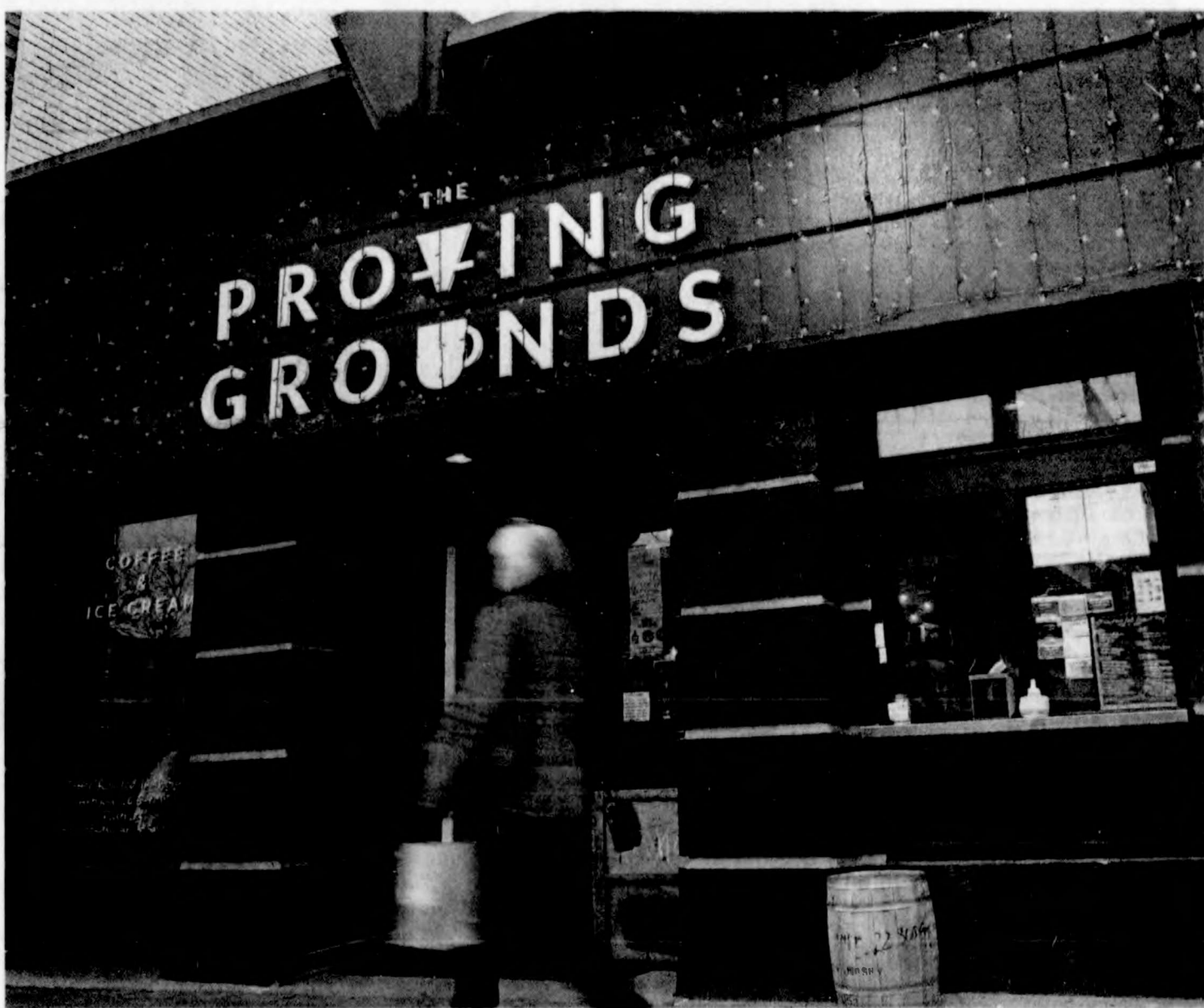
The parade, which first graced the streets of Milford back in the early 1950s, will march, walk and ride back at 10 a.m. Nov. 27, with more than 40 groups bringing the merriment, including floats and music.

Among the honorees this year are Huron Valley Citizen of the Year Erin Walsh, founder of Five Points of Hope; Tom Motley Award winner Perry Sinicola, former owner of the Milford House; and of course, the crowd-pleasing Santa Claus.

Hill is expecting thousands of attendees to the parade, which starts at Commerce and Union and travels about a mile down Main Street to end at Central Park. Chairs are often

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## 'Tis the season for retail



The Proving Grounds cafe in Milford is lit up in green lights for the holiday shopping season. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Where to do your holiday shopping across the region

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It's hard to believe the holidays are here again.

This season will hopefully look a little different than the 2020 season, which had a cloud of uncertainty hanging over it due to the COVID-19

pandemic. That pandemic continues, but with proper precautions, a safe season of holiday shopping can be had.

That's where we come in: instead of relying on online shopping, we've got a trio of shopping tours throughout the Hometown Life communities. Consider this a way to get to know the communities around you while shopping both big

and small.

Below are some recommended routes across three regions, including some possibilities for grabbing lunch during the day, something that wasn't an option during the holiday season last year.

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Security number.

"I know that is not how the Social Security department works," Beaufort said simply. "Maybe there are people falling for this."

Kurt Panouses, the Florida tax attorney who accepted the billion-dollar prize on behalf of the Mega Millions winners back in March, confirmed his clients aren't offering random strangers a slice of their pie.

These fraudulent text messages, emails and phone calls from scammers are an ongoing issue, he said, and he receives five to 10 phone calls per week

from people trying to verify the validity, like an elderly woman who said she gave the scammers her information.

Panouses felt bad, but the woman assured him she didn't have much money in her account and hadn't lost more than \$100.

The Wolverine FLL Club, four friends from southeast Michigan who burned breakfast when they realized they won, have not spent much of their flush bank accounts, their lawyer said.

"This money hasn't changed any of them," Panouses said. "They are doing great, everyone's happy. It really didn't change any of their lives; they aren't buying boats and houses. They are thinking things through. No one is flying private planes, even though they could."

He said travel is on the itinerary

though, with the winners planning on a warmer climate as it gets colder.

Panouses is also helping the club with its year-end taxes and putting together large charitable gifts which they can do anonymously through donations to 501c3 community organizations they are familiar with and want to assist.

Panouses reemphasizes that lottery winners will not reach out to individuals to give money, as they typically max out at the current \$11.7 million federal gift tax exemption limit.

"You typically give to your children, cousins, best friends... you give \$1 million or \$2 million each and go through that quick," Panouses said. "After you give away \$11.7 million in gifts, the IRS says, 'Wait a minute. We need to know more information.' There is not going to

be a winner saying, 'I'm going to give \$20 million to 20 random people.'"

The lottery group, who Panouses said was very interested in education, is still in the process of determining where they want to make donations, which could include scholarships to Michigan colleges and universities.

"Lottery winners, the ones I have had, have done a good job of giving away a lot of money to organizations that do great work," Panouses said. "They don't hoard, they just make sure they use it for good purposes."

That purpose is not, however, to make individual donations to random strangers.

"Those things don't happen," Panouses said. "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

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placed on the route ahead of time, an action that sparked some controversy in Milford pre-pandemic.

After the parade, maybe squeeze in some shopping and dining downtown before enjoying some bright lights later that night with the Twinkle Tour, which is planned for 6-8 p.m. Nov. 27.

In the Twinkle Tour, owners of homes and businesses in the Huron Valley area deck out their locations and are placed on a map so their neighbors can easily find them.

Last year, about 25 homes and businesses in Milford, White Lake and High-

land participated in the Twinkle Tour, some with interactive displays, including the Huron Valley Chamber, which had Santa himself visiting, as well as a bonfire and candy for the kids.

"We noticed a lot of families in their pajamas, and older citizens who missed the parade," Hill said. "People seemed to love it, so we're doing it again."

She notes the nice thing about the Twinkle Tour is if you can't make it the evening of Nov. 27, the map will still be available, and the lights on for future evenings throughout the season.

For more information and the map, visit [huronvcc.com](http://huronvcc.com).

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A horse and rider in the annual Milford Christmas Parade in downtown Milford. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Retailers along Main Street in Milford covered their front windows with wrapping paper for the Big Reveal on Nov. 18.

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### City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **December 14, 2021**, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

**PZ21-0070 (Moiseev/Gordon Associates, Inc) 47645 Bellagio Drive, West of Beck Road and North of Eight Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-32-278-031.** The applicant is requesting variances from The City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.1 for a side yard setback of 15 feet (20 feet minimum required, variance of 5 feet) and Section 4.19.1.E(i) for a total of 1,157 square feet of accessory structure space (maximum of 1500 square feet allowed by code, variance of 721 square feet). These variances would accommodate the building of a pool house and lounge addition. This property is zoned Residential Acreage (RA). **This case was postponed from the November 9, 2021 meeting at the request of the applicant.**

**PZ21-0071 (Renaissance Building Inc) 1720 South Lake Court, East of West Lake Drive and South of Pontiac Trail, Parcel 50-22-03-153-027.** The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Sections 4.19 (b) to allow an exterior side yard setback of 15 feet (30.0 feet required, variance of 15.0 feet); 4.19(c) to allow a proposed structure to occupy 74% of the rear yard (25% allowed, variance of 49%) and 4.19(g) for a reduced separation of 8.5 feet from the primary structure (10 feet required, variance of 1.5 feet) to allow construction of a new detached garage. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

**PZ21-0072 (MSU Tollgate Farm) 28115 Meadowbrook Road, East of Novi Road and South of Thirteen Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-11-400-008.** The applicant is requesting variances from Sections 28-1(f), 28-5(a) Chart, 28-5(b), and 28-5(f) of the City of Novi Code of Ordinances to allow for the installation of three (3) additional signs; Two (2) additional fence-mounted signs of 6 square feet each displayed on the south entry way driveway fence, and an additional non-conforming Ground Pole sign of 24 square feet, in the public right-of-way, as a second property identification ground sign. A single Ground sign is allowed and is currently in place. Pole signs are not allowed. Per Code, Ground Pole signs are only allowed as a temporary sign. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

**PZ21-0074 (Faith Community Presbyterian Church) 44400 West 10 Mile Road, East of Taft Road and South of Grand River Avenue, Parcel 50-22-22-378-011.** The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Sections 285(b)(2)(a) to allow installation of a 44.7 square foot ground sign (32.5 square feet allowed, variance of 12.2 square feet); 28-5(g)(3) to allow the sign to include 30.8 square feet of changeable copy (20 square feet allowed, variance of 10.8 square feet) and 28-5(a) to allow a sign height of 6 feet 4 inches (6 feet allowed, variance of 4 inches). This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

**PZ21-0075 (Mark and Tiffany Yost) 23030 Heatherbrae Way, East of Meadowbrook Road and South of Grand River Avenue, Parcel 50-22-25-302-007.** The applicant is requesting variances from Sections 4.19, 1.E. 1, of the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a proposed 875 square foot garage addition (850 square feet allowed variance of 25 square feet). Section 3.1.5 for a proposed minimum side yard setback of 3 feet (10 feet minimum required, variance of 7 feet). Proposed lot coverage 17.41% (Maximum lot coverage 25% required, 10.59% variance requested). This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

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## Shopping

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### Northwest Wayne County

The best place to start this trek is Canton Township. Ford Road can get notoriously bad traffic this time of year. I'd recommend starting on the west side of town and drive west down Ford Road, then work your way back toward the freeway. This way, you'll be able to hit plenty of the larger stores if you need something there while heading toward your next destination.

Ford Road is home to nearly every national retailer imaginable, from Meijer to Target to Kohl's (two stores that were there last holiday season are no more: Bed Bath and Beyond, and J.C. Penney both closed earlier this year).

After hitting department stores, it's time to visit perhaps Canton's main draw: the Swedish juggernaut known as IKEA. Even if you don't need furniture, it's worth wandering the showroom for the experience and inspiration for any of those future interior design projects (and for a cinnamon bun!).

After swinging through Canton, head toward Westland and Wayne. You've got a few options, including driving south on the freeway to the Michigan Avenue exit and heading east toward downtown Wayne, a spot with some unique finds. One such find is the newly-opened Makers Market, which serves as a bazaar with several vendors selling plenty of gift items.

From there, head north on Wayne Road toward Westland's Shop and Dine District. Here, you'll find many of the big box stores you may have seen in Canton,

though there are some ones worth stopping at, including Best Buy and the Volunteers of America Thrift Store for those hidden finds.

It's no stretch to say the Westland Shopping Center has seen better days: it's lost several anchor tenants in recent years, including Michigan's last Sears department store earlier this year. But there's still several places worth hitting up, including Kohl's, which recently launched a new Sephora inside its shop on the south end of the mall. The mall is also home to northwest Wayne County's lone Victoria's Secret, and Versona, a women's boutique that opened in the former Charming Charley's space last year.

After a busy morning, it's time for lunch. There's plenty of options in Westland and in the next community of our tour: Livonia. Be it Mexican, Chinese, even seafood, you can find it along Wayne Road in Westland or head to Plymouth Road for some local eats.

Want comfort food? Make it Senate Coney Island. Looking for a beer with a burger? Head to Black Label Tavern. Plymouth Road has seen an influx of new places to eat in recent years, and now's a great time to revisit it if you haven't driven the road in a while.

From here, you've got options: head east toward Middlebelt Road and larger big-box stores like Target, Meijer or Menards, as well as other shops such as Ulta Beauty or Jo-Ann Fabrics. If you're done with your big-box shopping, head to the northwest part of Livonia, starting at Laurel Park Place.

The mall isn't as large as Twelve Oaks in Novi, but it still has a few options for holiday shopping that can't be found

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elsewhere. Stop by Eddie Bauer for some clothing to keep warm this winter, and walk down the hallway to one of the only Von Maur department stores in Michigan. For the sports fan in your life, several shops have gear for your favorite sports teams like Michigan, Michigan State, Central Michigan, the Red Wings and the Lions.

For those looking to play some sports, the north end of the mall features Dunham's Sporting Goods, which replaced Carson's several years ago. It's a refreshed look compared to other area Dunham's stores in the area, selling equipment for sports such as football, hockey, soccer and more, as well as camping and fishing equipment.

From here, head west to Haggerty Road, a corridor that sports a new look compared to five years ago. The biggest change is the new strip mall between Seven Mile and Eight Mile on the east side of the road, which contains mostly places to eat. Here, you can stop by any of the big-box stores you may have missed previously.

From here on out, it's time to shop local: there's a plethora of places to swing by in communities such as Northville and Plymouth. These are great downtowns to end a day.

Both Main Street and Center Street in Northville remain closed to traffic, allowing the district to flourish with a European feel. With less vehicular traffic, it's a much more pedestrian-friendly place, full of unique shops to peruse.

And there's Plymouth, a community with so much to see and do. Be sure to check out the new fountain at Kellogg Park when walking through. Here, find the perfect present for the last items on your Christmas list, including at Genuine Toy Co., Frameworks and Kemnitz Fine Candies & Gifts.

Sam Plymale, the downtown manager for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said the feeling downtown is that people are ready to head back out and enjoy the season, albeit with caution.

"The general sense though is it's kind of back to normal but keeping safety on top of mind," he said. "I think people are just being safer. They're back shopping. Businesses seem to be doing well again."

He said with the road construction done downtown, shoppers can access the parking structure much easier now.

To end the day, grab dinner at one of the downtown's well-known establishments, including Barrio, Ironwood Grille, Arbor Brewing Co., The Sardine Room or Bigalora.

Plymale said many of the restaurants are still adjusting with the nationwide shortage of workers, but said many of the businesses — both restaurants and shops — have figured out how to best navigate the challenging landscape.

"I really think the shops and the restaurants down here have done a great job pivoting during the pandemic," he said. "We're not fully back but we're getting close."

### Southwest Oakland County

It's easy to start a planned shopping day in this part of town, given the the behemoth shopping district that surrounds Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. Hitting Novi Road is a great place to start when shopping, hopefully to beat the crowds.

Begin with the West Oaks shopping center at 12 Mile and Novi roads, hitting stores like Kohl's, a department store shopping standby during the holidays.

For those looking at gifting a new couch or dining room table, Novi Road has quietly become a furniture haven; shoppers can stop by the Value City Furniture in the plaza, which moved into the former Art Van showroom close to Novi Road. Gardner White operates in the space formerly held by Gander Mountain, and Bob's Discount Furniture sells its wares in the former Toys R Us space on the north end of the shopping center.

From there, head across the street to one of metro Detroit's top Christmas shopping destinations. Despite some closures in recent years, Twelve Oaks Mall boasts several department stores, including Macy's, Nordstrom and J.C. Penney.

When ready to grab a bite to eat, there's plenty of options near the mall, but you're not really interested in waiting in that line at Chick-fil-A, are you (not that there's anything wrong with that)? Instead, avoid the hustle and bustle and head west along Interstate 96 to finish the day shopping small. There's a plethora of places to grab lunch in communities like South Lyon, such as Lake Street Tavern or the South Lyon Hotel. While downtown, be sure to peruse Lake and Lafayette streets, especially if it's been a while since visiting.

Downtown South Lyon looks different compared to even a few years ago, with new homes for boutique shops such as The Lemon Tree, which relocated nearly two years ago into the former Art Craft building, a structure that had sat vacant for many years.

Head north on Pontiac Trail for the last stop on this tour to a town that makes you feel like you're Up North no matter what the season.

There's something magical about downtown Milford each holiday season: be it the small-town charm it exudes or the elaborate decorations



Stephanie Ames of Blue Birch Outfitters in Milford looks at Rumpl blankets.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

shown off by the downtown shops first unveiled during each year's Big Reveal.

Plan plenty of time wandering downtown, because there's plenty of options here for unique gifts, including Blue Birch Outfitters for the outdoor lover in your life; Main Street Tees for those looking for clothing with a local message; and Village Toy Shoppe for those youngsters looking for fun this winter. It's the ideal place to get a feeling of small-town America without having to venture far off the expressway.

Matthew Long, who owns both the Beyond Juicery + Eatery and the Main Street Gift Co., in downtown Milford, said he's hoping the holiday shopping season will see more activity in the picturesque downtown.

He said in addition to having added more seating to the smoothie shop for people looking to enjoy their items inside, he's also changed the showroom's merchandise for the Main Street Gift Co., located in the back of the building where Beyond is. Originally using the space as a showroom for the multitude of gifts for the online shop, it's now pivoted toward showing one specific type of item: candles.

"When we got the physical store going, we found we were selling more candles than anything else," he said. "It's about 80% more candles now."

Once you've finished shopping, feel accomplished in your search for that perfect gift and reward yourself. Might we suggest a pint at River's Edge Brewing Company? You're already in Milford, so might as well enjoy it. After a long day out on the town, you've earned it. Cheers!

### Central Oakland County

There's a lot going on for holiday shoppers in the Bloomfield-Birmingham-Farmington Hills area worthy of a visit.

Begin on the north end in Bloomfield Township and drive the Telegraph corridor. Here's where you can find many of the larger stores in the region, including at the new Village at Bloomfield Shopping center on the Bloomfield/Pontiac border.

While the Best Buy has closed, there's plenty of other places to shop for holiday gifts, including Menards, At Home and Dick's Sporting Goods.

From there, head east along Square Lake and drop down Woodward Avenue through Bloomfield Hills. Perhaps give the science and/or art lover a membership at Cranbrook?

Reaching Old Woodward, there are varied options for shopping in downtown Birmingham.

The ambience in the downtown returns this year, with free horse-drawn carriage rides offered on weekends, as well as other freebies, such as hot chocolate and roasted chestnuts.

Sean Kammer, the director of the Birmingham Shopping District, said those elements contribute to the magical feel downtown has around the holiday season.

"All these kind of little things bundle together and generate a lot of momentum downtown," he said. "I think it really adds to the ambience to downtown Birmingham."

There's a myriad of choices in a pedestrian-friendly environment, including big brands such as Moosejaw and Lululemon. Many smaller, national brands have their lone Michigan location in Birmingham, such as fabrik, Johnny Was and

more. Don't forget some of the outliers to downtown, including the Triangle District. There are fewer shops here, but several worth checking out. That includes the Claymore Shop, which reopened earlier this year under new ownership. Selling all kinds of menswear, it's the perfect place to pick up that nice tie or suit for Dad.

Birmingham is the perfect spot to grab a bite to eat at this stage of the trip. There's a wide range of options from high end dining to grab-and-go. Sit down at a place like Toast or Mad Hatter Bistro, or grab some food at a walk up window such as Hunter House hamburgers or Brooklyn Pizza.

From there, you've got some options on how to get to our next stop: Farmington Hills. You can head across one of the mile roads (though not 14 Mile if you're west of Evergreen) or head south on Southfield Road to I-696 and pick up the freeway. If you head this way, don't forget there's a handful of places to grab gifts in Beverly Hills, including Bed, Bath and Beyond and Books-A-Million.

At the Orchard Lake Road and 14 Mile intersection is one of the city's many commercial hubs. While shops like Gap and buybuyBABY closed, it's got plenty to shop. If you missed the Bed, Bath and Beyond in Beverly Hills, there's another one here in the Hunter's Square shopping center. Grab a holiday candle at Bath and Body Works, or secure some great deals at Saks Off Fifth. There's also some options if you venture into West Bloomfield Township, including Kohl's and other shops.

If you still need to swing by some larger shops, one place that always flies under radar is the West River Shopping Center between Grand

River and Nine Mile in the southeast corner of Farmington Hills. Here's where you can find a Target that tends to be less crowded than many in the region, as well as a GameStop, Dunham's Sporting Goods and more. It can be tricky to access the center, so I recommend accessing it via Nine Mile.

Finishing here will lend itself well to heading to the last region on the shopping tour: exit out the same Nine Mile entryway and head west to Grand River and downtown Farmington.

This spot at Grand River and Farmington is the best place to wrap up a shopping trip. The downtown has a nice mix of both locally-owned and national brands to pick up gifts from.

Stop by TJ Maxx for clothing and other items, and pick up something for your four-legged companion at Tolonen Family Pet Shop. Be sure to stop by one of downtown's newest shops, Dearborn Music, now open in the former Dressbarn. Shoppers can find the most unusual gifts on their shopping lists, from vinyl records to pop culture items such as board games and a whole array of wacky socks for every occasion you can think of.

While in that plaza, head over to The Cheese Lady, who serves up plenty of fine cheeses for those holiday parties that are safer to have this year. Kendra Mantey, who runs the Farmington shop at 33041 Grand River, said she made up less platters for parties last year. She's hoping to see good sales this year as more families expect to gather to celebrate.

In addition to party trays, she had a wide selection of gifts, including baskets. Themed baskets include gifts from regions of the world such as France, Spain and the Midwest.

Mantey said the holidays are the busiest time for her shop, and said she hopes to see customers return after perhaps not buying last year.

"That week before each holiday, that's when the line goes out the door and to Grand River," she said. "I'm kind of expecting that again."

After picking up goodies, stay downtown for dinner. There are great options depending on what you're feeling up for, from Mexican to cheese steaks to pub grub. Our recommendation? Basement Burger Bar, an intimate spot where you can customize a burger with whatever you'd like.



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## Man sentenced in hit-and-run of Northville skateboarder

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A 21-year-old Westland man was sentenced to 2-5 years in prison for leaving the accident that killed skateboarder Dominic Duhn along Sheldon Road in Northville Township last year.

The prison time was part of a sentencing agreement that Third Circuit Judge Catherine Heise stuck to when punishing Gustavo Godinez, 21, in her courtroom on Nov. 16.

Godinez pleaded no contest months ago to failing to stop at the scene of a serious personal injury accident.

He did not speak during the Nov. 16 sentencing, but his attorney Francisco Villarruel asked for a few words after members of the Duhn family shared emotional victim's statements.

Hometown Life had to cover the sentencing via YouTube, and the family never appeared on camera. But they told of learning the night of Sept. 3, 2020, that Dominic was dead and how devastating it was. The 20-year-old was an Eagle Scout and Michigan State University student they only knew as smart, caring, funny and exceptional.

The family, though, had also expressed rage with Godinez, calling him a coward who showed no remorse and who was the total opposite of their son and brother.

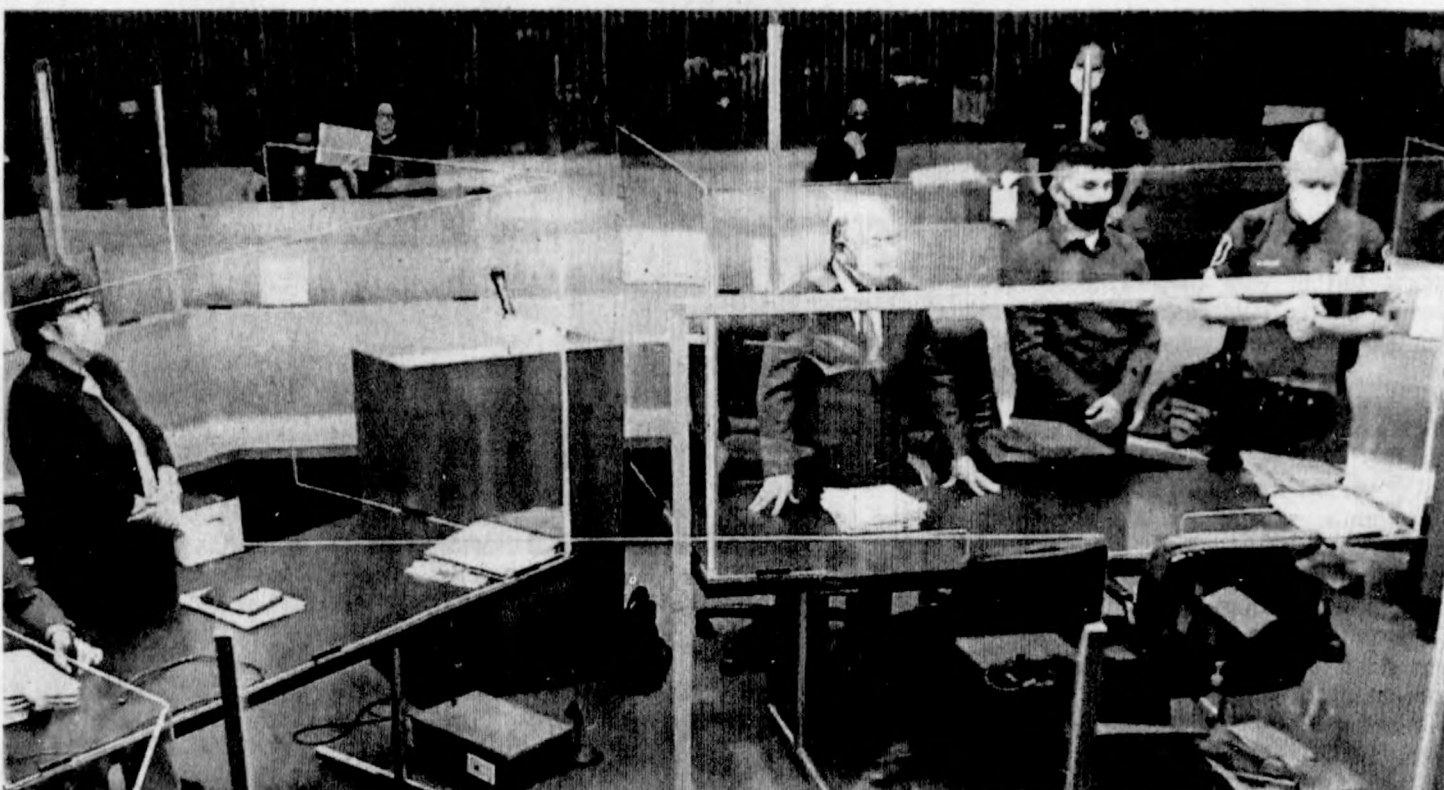
Because of their emotions and speculations, along with orders that the Duhns couldn't denigrate Godinez, the judge occasionally interrupted the Duhn family.

"My client adopts and accepts the family's portrayal of this young man," said Villarruel, who has alleged Duhn was drinking and perhaps high on marijuana when he was struck. "But at this event, on this day, he wasn't the Eagle Scout. He wasn't the smart guy."

The Duhn family obviously became upset, and the judge tried to regain order.

"All right, all right," Heise said, using her gavel. "Everybody stop."

Investigators have said Godinez's vehicle struck Duhn shortly after 11:30 p.m. as he was skateboarding down a Sheldon Road Hill of about 100 feet. He and his friend apparently had activated their cellphones' strobe settings to warn drivers.



Gustavo Godinez, 21, of Westland, second from right, was sentenced Nov. 16 for leaving the scene of the accident that killed Dominic Duhn, 20, of Northville Township, in September 2020. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Gabriella Duhn holds a portrait of her late son, Dominic. Dominic's father, Drew, is at right. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

It took more than month before investigators officially announced they had connected paint chips left at the scene to Godinez's vehicle, making their arrest. Godinez told police he thought he hit a deer or a person that night, when he was heading home from work at Los Tres Amigos in Northville.

Before Godinez stood to hear his sentence, the Duhn family relived the horrible moments that have passed since Dominic died.

"I was woken up by my distressed mother and a police officer beside my dad," said Enzo Duhn, who lost his older brother and role model. "Quietly, the officer informed us of Dominic's death."

Drew Duhn expressed gratitude to the tipster that helped police arrest Godinez.

"Gustavo Godinez took my child away from me," he said. "You killing Dominic hurt me so badly it feels like my heart has a knife going through it. For five weeks, I wondered what monster does this."

"You left him on the side of the road like roadkill. You didn't even call 911. It's unbearable for me to live with this pain."

Dominic Duhn's mom shared that she and her son were best friends who called each other all the time "to share everything" when he was at MSU.

She wears a locket of his hair around her neck and has sleeping issues because she can't stop wondering if Godi-

nez was drunk when he drove from the crash.

"It haunts me envisioning how Dominic was so violently hit, (how it) knocked him out of his shoes and how his body slid over 100 feet where Gustavo left him to die like roadkill," she said.

"Gustavo gave us a life sentence of pain and sorrow when he killed Dominic. We will never get an early release from broken hearts. We don't get paroled from this life sentence without Dominic. We don't get visitation rights to see Dominic."

"Gustavo gave my family the worst punishment possible, that is worse than any prison sentence. Gustavo needs a lot of time behind bars."

After the sentencing, she said that her family agreed to the 2-5 year sentence and that it's in the process of pursuing a lawsuit against Los Tres Amigos and Godinez's mother, who owned the car her son was driving that night.

Godinez had already faced several traffic allegations before the hit-and-run incident.

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GRATITUDE IS NOT ONLY THE GREATEST OF THE VIRTUES, BUT THE PARENT OF ALL OF THE OTHERS – CICERO

## THANKSGIVING 2021... WHAT WENT WRONG?

A NOBLE PERSON IS MINDFUL AND THANKFUL OF THE FAVORS HE RECEIVES FROM OTHERS – BUDDHA

### BEST OF TIMES, WORST OF TIMES

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving as a national holiday:

*The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.*

*They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, ... to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.*

— Abraham Lincoln, 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation

So, I guess 1863 must have been a pretty good year, right? Of course, some may remember a certain unpleasantness. Such as \$1,000 men killed or wounded at Gettysburg on a few sunny days in July. And then there was the Battle of Chickamauga in September. Only 35,000 killed or wounded under the changing leaves. Even fewer died or were wounded in early May at the Battle of Chancellorsville: a mere 30,000 young men. Dead or maimed. And the year started out the same way, with 25,000 men and boys dead or hurt at the Battle of Stone's River (Murfreesboro) on New Year's Day. And for every



to give a little perspective? In 1863, there were only about 32 million Americans. Now we have over 332 million. That means, given today's population, the casualty counts and death tolls would be more than 10 times as great.

2021 Gettysburg: 510,000.

2021 Chickamauga: 350,000

2021 Chancellorsville: 300,000.

2021 Murfreesboro: 250,000.

With 3 million dead of disease. Think of that.

Yet in 1863, the gratitude was not ironic, or phony, or fake. These were the Americans who sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and meant it. Despite the great national upheaval. Death all around. Future unknown and unknowable. Still, it was America and Americans found time for genuine Thanksgiving.

In 2021, our leaders proclaim... what? Blame? Recrimination? Mandates? Does the solution to our problems really lie in borrowing trillions of dollars from our children and grandchildren?

battle death, 9 or 10 more soldiers and sailors died of disease, over 300,000. And the war and slaughter would continue for another couple of years.

Would it help

In 1863, America was in torment. America's best were busily killing and maiming one another. With new and improved weapons and tactics. Unprecedented and never to be repeated carnage. Why? For a new birth of freedom. To make good the promise of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. To atone. To keep the promise.

In 2021, America is in torment. But of a different kind. Yes, inflation is at a 30-year high. Gas prices up 50%. Home heating fuel up 100%. How is any of this good for working families? Who is celebrating?

Does anyone honestly believe riots and bombing small businesses and federal courthouses lead to freedom? Who truly thinks floods of reckless money printing will cure inflation? What fool advocates choking off America's energy independence and relying on sheikhs and commissars to save the planet from... anything? Why has encouragement of division, blaming, scapegoating, and poverty taken the place of grace, goodwill, gratitude, and appreciation? Can you believe that we are being led to peace or justice?

### AND YET SO MUCH TO BE GRATEFUL FOR

A deadly disease appears. Mobilization follows. Empty stocks of personal protection equipment are refilled in record time. Ventilators appear on automobile assembly lines. Researchers formulate new treatments and vaccines at (dare I say it?) warp speed. More and better solutions keep coming.

Small business has been decimated. Huge burdens imposed by shutdowns and capricious government orders. But still. There are more jobs at higher wages than ever before. Why isn't this the best of times? Why are we not grateful? Who benefits from our division? Where is the profit in America's decline?

### GRATITUDE IS A UNIVERSAL VALUE, AN ETERNAL GOOD

Across cultures and religious traditions, from ancient times, people have given thanks. As Cicero, thousands of years ago, observed, all virtue begins with and flows from gratitude. Let's not forget that. Ever.

*The Blessed One said, "Now what is the level of a person of no integrity? A person of no integrity is ungrateful and unthankful. This ingratitude, this lack of thankfulness, is advocated by rude people. It is entirely on the level of people of no integrity. A person of integrity is grateful and thankful. This gratitude, this thankfulness, is advocated by civil people. It is entirely on the level of people of integrity."* — Buddha

### THANKFUL PEOPLE ARE A BLESSING TO THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Michigan Elder Law Reporter is here to let you know, twice a week, that there is nothing inevitable about losing your home, cottage, business, lifesavings, independence, security. All of that is a choice. Despite what "everybody else" says. For thirty years, people have told me, "I've never heard of this before!" "If this is real, why haven't I heard of this before?" "My lawyer/financial advisor/accountant/tax person/banker/best friend/fill-in-the-blank never said anything like this..."

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### YOUR ESTATE PLAN IS DOOMED

WHAT EVERYBODY KNOWS AND NO ONE WILL TELL YOU

## THE SECRET HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

### WHY PEOPLE DO ESTATE PLANNING

Nobody likes estate planning. Estate planning is like castor oil when you were a kid. You had to take it. It was supposed to be good for you. Not sure how or why. But it was unpleasant.

Like insurance, but worse. With insurance, you must have coverage. Just in case. Same with estate planning. You do not want to, you are not sure why you have to, but you must.

If you are like most folks, you do the estate planning because:

1. You have stuff now. House, money, investments.
2. You know you will die. At some point.
3. You think you will have some leftover stuff when you die.
4. You like some people. Spouse. Kids. Friends. Charities.
5. You do not want the government to get your stuff.
6. You want the people you like to get your stuff. Because why not?

Has anyone told you that you are likely to die without stuff? Without leftovers. Has anyone told you that long-term care will drain you dry? If there are no leftovers, why bother? Now you know. Consider yourself told.

### DEATH IS NOT THE PROBLEM

Some folks believe we will all pass over the Great Divide to the Other Side. Glorious! Other folks hold that sooner or later the organic metabolism that makes up your consciousness will cease and that will be that. Food for worms and nothing more. There are many variations on this basic theme.

Death is not your main problem. Those who survive you will figure out what to do with your remains. And whatever is left of your stuff. This can be done well or poorly. Mostly poorly.

Great families make great plans. Truth to tell, it is not that hard to do it right. But you are not going to see it anyway. Not really your primary problem.



David Carrier

### LIFE IS THE PROBLEM

In the Army, I often heard (and often repeated) that, "There are no problems, just opportunities to excel!" Your life is your opportunity. And middle-class folks like you tend to make the most of the gift. That is great. You are independent. You did the work. You get to make choices. Until you cannot.

If you are like most people, you think that tomorrow will be like today. Pretty much. You handled things today. You will handle things tomorrow. And the next day. And the next. But that is not accurate. For most of us, at some point, we will not be able to carry on as we have. That is the castor-oil reality. And most estate planning has nothing, zero, zip, zilch to help you deal with this new, inevitable situation.

### LIFEPLANNING™ IS THE SOLUTION

LifePlanning™ is focused on you here and now. How do you maintain your independence? How can you stay in control and in charge for as long as humanly possible? Your freedom is what planning should be all about.

### THE SECRET TRUTH: LIFEPLANNING™ IS LIKE HEARING AIDS

Why do folks buy hearing aids? Did you know that the #1 reason has nothing to do with chirping birds or adjusting the TV volume? The real reason is something no one will admit. It is kind of embarrassing. That is how you know it is true. Folks buy hearing aids because if you cannot hear, your kids will believe that you cannot think. And that is the first step to the kids "helping" you to give up your freedom. The first step to "we can't trust mom and dad with the kids."

The real reason for LifePlanning™ is to keep your edge. You do not need lectures. You do not need to hear how nice it is to live at Shady Acres. You do not need another Shady Acres brochure. You want to keep your home. And live there. And you might need some help with that. LifePlanning™ is how to get the help to keep your independence.

### YOUR TRUST WILL FAIL

You went the extra mile. Spent the extra dollars. Got the big binder. Got a trust. Everything is all good now, right? Not so fast.

Everybody knows that trusts fail. Almost all the time. Your financial advisor, insurance agent, banker,

accountant. They all know that you will not re-title your assets to the trust. Sure, you will get some stuff in there. Maybe. Most folks have very little in the trust. One survey says 96% of trusts do not avoid probate.

The Institute for Continuing Legal Education gives out certificates to attorneys who want to practice estate planning. Including trust planning. Lawyers who want to be certified must take a whole raft of courses to get that piece of paper. When asked recently about the problem of trusts that do not avoid probate, the instructor was clear. "That is what the pour over will is for. No problem."

Think about this. The instructor is a highly qualified and experienced estate planning attorney. Partner in a huge, prestigious multi-state law firm. This person is teaching would-be estate planning attorneys that going through probate is no big deal. Did you think that the whole point of the trust was to avoid probate? Whoops. Besides, probate is not that bad... they say...

### YOUR LIFEPLAN™ WILL NOT FAIL

LifePlanning™ means your funding coach works with you to get the job done. To help make sure that your assets are safely in the appropriate trust. It is not easy. It takes time. Two months on average. But there are no shortcuts. No easy way out. And everyone knows it.

### LIFEPLANNING™ IS THE SOLUTION

LifePlanning™ is the way you keep your stuff. And at the same time, qualify for the government benefits you have earned. Focused on you here and now. By acting early, rather than waiting until the last minute, you will qualify for benefits that may mean you never need residential long-term care. Let's face it, who can afford the \$9000-\$12,000 to \$15,000 per month costs of skilled nursing? Even a little at home care is ruinously expensive at \$30-\$50 per hour.

LifePlanning™ gets you what you have earned. Assistance to stay at home. Health care that keeps you healthy, active, engaged with your grandkids. Free to be your best self.

### LIFEPLANNING™ PREVENTS TRAGEDY

Nothing is more tragic than one spouse dying while caring for the other. The other spouse now faces institutional care. Which their spouse sacrificed everything to avoid. And that is what happens 40-50% of the time. LifePlanning™ supports the caregiver as well as the

disabled spouse. Getting necessary benefits. Staying home. Maximizing potential. Living life to the full.

### I DON'T WANT GOVERNMENT HELP!

Middle-class folks are independent do-it-yourself types. Government hand-out? Perish the thought! Understandable. But

Government demands taxes. You pay taxes. You never thought you would see any of that money again, right? No return on that investment. This is a return on that investment. Unusual times.

That is the LifePlan™ approach to estate planning and elder law. You paid in, why shouldn't you be paid back? If you need it. When you need it? Learn more. You can do this.

### SECURE YOUR INDEPENDENCE TODAY... GET STARTED

COVID flaring up again. Isolation for holidays. Merry Christmas? What are we waiting for? Isn't today the best time to plan? Begin by calling the LifePlan™ Hotline: 800-317-2812.

### GET INFORMATION YOU NEED: YOUR LIFE, YOU CHOOSE!

COVID has not gone away. New challenges arise daily. The risks to your freedom to choose, to your ability to keep what you have earned and built have not gone away. And neither have we. It is your stuff... protect it. And yourself. With complete control. LifePlanning™ means your choices matter, whatever life brings.

How can LifePlanning™ protect your middle-class life savings? How to get this information?

Are you like thousands of Michigan families who played by the rules and earned homes, cottages, farms, lifesavings? Would you like the rules to work for you, for a change? Why wait until it is too late?

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# Cool Yule reborn as Holiday Spectacular in South Lyon

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Cool Yule is back with a new name. South Lyon's Christmas celebration is returning Dec. 4 as the Holiday Spectacular, bringing back a popular light parade and many other traditions, while adding some new attractions including live reindeer and ice sculptures.

"It will be a fun day with a lot of different activities taking place throughout the course of the day, something for all ages, and hopefully they will enjoy what we have to offer," Nate Mack, South Lyon DDA Director, said. "After not having anything last year because of the pandemic, being able to do events and see people out and about is nice. It gets you excited for Christmas."

The fun begins at 10 a.m., Dec. 4, with a children's Candy Cane Hunt at McHattie Park. Simultaneously, the doors will open at South Lyon High School for a Christmas in the Country Holiday Shop featuring arts and crafts vendors selling their wares until 3 p.m.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., visit real reindeer at Olmstead Place Courtyard (north of Venue, 117 N. Lafayette) and from 2-4 p.m., move on over to the Venue parking lot for a visit with Santa.

People who would like to see Santa before then can enjoy lunch from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Lake Street Tavern in his presence, or from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., where Santa will also magically appear at the South Lyon Hotel with milk and cookies for kids to partake in.

Beginning at 11 a.m., people can pick up an entry form at the information booth for the Santa Hat Hunt, in which kids seek the jolly old elf's caps in various businesses, rewarded with various treats; as well as a form to vote for the best decorated conifer in the Festival of Trees.

Getting hungry or cold? Grab some chili or hot dogs from 3-8 p.m. at the VFW Hall, or enjoy a warming fire at the Farmer's Market lot.



Santa Claus makes an appearance during the Lighted Parade as part of Cool Yule in 2018. This year's celebration, now called Holiday Spectacular, will be Dec. 4. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Tour the Christmas House at 216 E. Lake St. from 4:30-7:30 p.m., gaining entry with a canned good donation. If the giving spirit moves you, Active Faith will be accepting donations of new/unused personal hygiene items in the Farmer's Market lot, and the Sparrow Freedom Foundation welcomes donations of new/unused winter clothing and blankets in the Venue lot.

Don't miss the snowflake ice sculpture demonstration from 5-6 p.m. at Norm's Total Automotive, brought to you by Clear Cut Ice in Commerce.

At 6 p.m., the long-awaited lighted parade returns to South Lyon, with at least a dozen groups celebrating a theme of favorite holiday memories. The parade begins at Bartlett Elementary, on to Whipple Street, then down Lafayette Street, west on to McHattie, down to McMunn, and ending on Dorothy Street.

Organizers are still looking for churches, scout troops and families who want to be part of the parade, which Volunteer Dayna Johnston said would include the VFW, Hanabrit German Shepherds, and music from the South Lyon High School Marching Band.

Following the parade, enjoy more Christmas in the Historic Village, where Kiwanis will hold a tree sale, children can visit with Santa, and at 6:30 p.m., there will be a tree lighting ceremony.

The 2021 Holiday Spectacular wraps up with a dance spectacular from 7-7:45 at the corner of Lafayette and Lake streets.

"We just really want to have a wonderful parade and a wonderful event and have positive memories," Johnston said.

To obtain an application to participate in the parade, email [daynajohnston19@gmail.com](mailto:daynajohnston19@gmail.com).

## HOLIDAY EVENTS IN METRO DETROIT

The Milford Christmas Parade marches through downtown Milford 10 a.m. Nov. 27. The parade processes south along Main Street with special guest Santa Claus. Organized by the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, learn more at [huronvcc.com](http://huronvcc.com).

Plan to visit Birmingham on Nov. 27 to find unique holiday gifts throughout stores participating in the city's Small Business Saturday. Several small businesses debuted in the last year and a half including Urban Wick Candle Bar and Paint Nail Bar.

"We strive to be the best part of someone's day," said Marlene Mansour, Urban Wick's owner.

Many stores plan to offer incentives and discounts during the event, which will accompany free parking in downtown structures, a Santa Walk beginning at 9:30 a.m. from The Surnow Company building parking lot, 320 Martin St. and pre-arranged visits with Santa at Shain Park.

There also will be a scavenger hunt. To register for some of the day's events, visit [ALLINBirmingham.com/events](http://ALLINBirmingham.com/events).

Holly Days returns to downtown Farmington on Dec. 4. Festivities include the tree lighting event at the Governor Warner Mansion, which takes place at 5:30 p.m. Visitors can take in the festive decorations, as well as the lit-up floats, vehicles, and sleighs traveling along the road downtown.

The City of Livonia's holiday parade and tree lighting in back this year. Starting 4 p.m. Dec. 5, community members can gather for a parade featuring community groups and Santa Claus himself. The parade will run from Frost Middle School down Lyndon Road and Farmington Roads, ending in front of Livonia City Hall.

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, along with some help from Santa, will light the city's holiday light display after the parade. After the tree lighting, people will be welcome to head to the Civic Center Library, just a stone's throw from city hall, for hot chocolate, crafts and a visit with Santa. Learn more at [Livonia.gov](http://Livonia.gov).

Westland's annual Holiday Taste Fest is 6-8:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road. Tickets are \$25 and will benefit Westland's rotary club and chamber of commerce. People will enjoy live music, food from local restaurants and a cash bar. Attendees are also encouraged to bring winter items for a clothing drive. For tickets or more information, call the Westland Chamber of Commerce at 734-326-7222.

The Farmington Hills tree lighting ceremony is 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at the city hall campus on the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. In addition to a performance by the Farmington High School Vocal Harmonics, Santa Claus will make his appearance via a fire truck. Hot cocoa and cookies will also be served at fire department headquarters.

Westland will kick off the holiday season with its annual Deck the City Hall event. The free event starts 5:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. Community members will gather outside city hall to sing Christmas carols and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. For more information, visit [cityofwestland.com](http://cityofwestland.com).

Enjoy some holiday music in Farmington Hills with a pair of concerts performed by the Farmington Community Chorus. The chorus will perform as pair of concerts Dec. 17 and 18 consisting of holiday music at the Hawk community center, 29995 12 Mile. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online on the city's website.

## Ongoing holiday activities

The Walk of Trees returns to downtown Plymouth from Nov. 26 to Jan. 3 in Kellogg Park, adding to the city's festive spirit. Organized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, learn more at [plymouthmich.org](http://plymouthmich.org).

Wayne County's Lightfest is open 6-10 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday from Nov. 18 to Dec. 31. The display features more than 100,000 lights and starts at 7651 N. Merriman Road in Westland, continuing along Hines Drive. The Lightfest will be closed Christmas Day. Wayne County charges a \$5 vehicle admission fee, and larger vehicles like buses or limos can expect to pay a larger fee. People can learn more by visiting [waynecounty.com](http://waynecounty.com).

The Birmingham Winter Markt, Dec. 3-5, will feature displays from local artists, European cuisine, ice sculptures, entertainment, visits with Santa and more. Visit [ALLINBirmingham.com/wintermarkt](http://ALLINBirmingham.com/wintermarkt).

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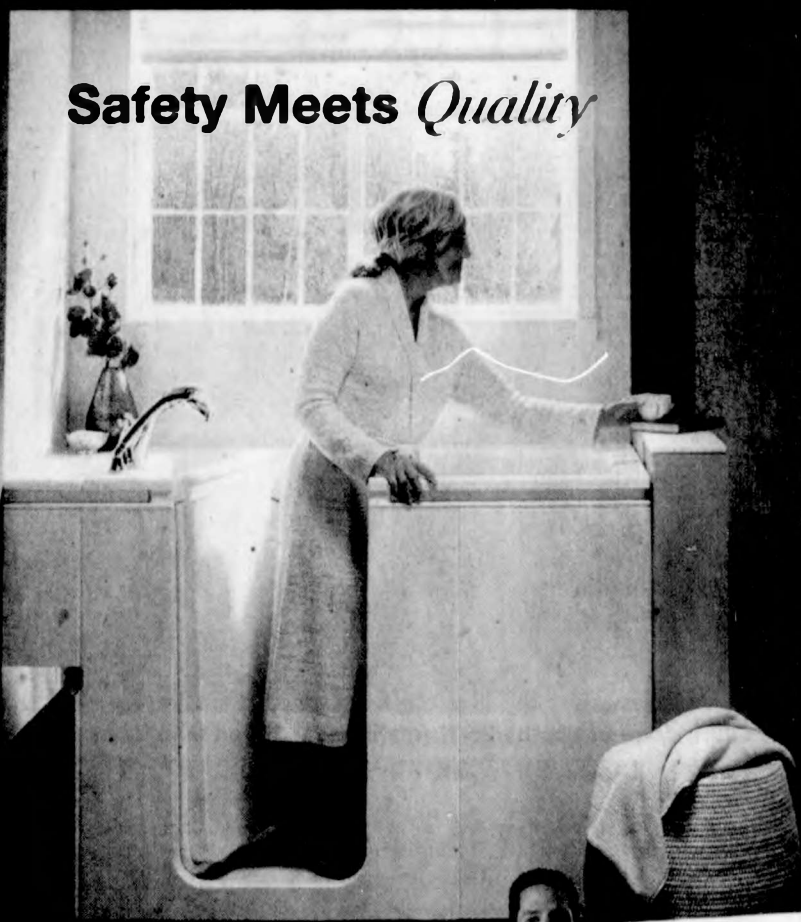
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The park stretches along Edward N. Hines Drive, which runs between Northville and Dearborn Heights. It heads through western Wayne communities like Plymouth, Livonia, Westland and Garden City.

People can enjoy the drive's natural beauty during a walk, run, biking trip or drive all year long. The parks along the drive, which are supported by tax dollars, also include places to play sports, have a picnic, go fishing, visit a jungle gym and so much more. Especially during warmer months, people can be seen all along the drive taking advantage of the many amenities.

According to Wayne County's history of the area, Former Wayne County Road Commissioner Henry Ford — yes, that Henry Ford — came up with the idea to turn the area into a park. Making the land along Hines Drive a park kept businesses with polluting potential further away from the nearby Rouge River and gave the land a purpose.

Over the years, the road has also become a popular road among those hoping to stay off the highway — Wayne County says some 22,000 vehicles drive the road daily — and hosts a popular Christmas light display every holiday season.



Cindy Lierstein says hello to her terrier Maggie during a visit in September to the Wayne County Dog Park in the Hines Park system. The WCDP has two fenced off sections, one for big dogs and the other for puppies like Maggie.



John Wehrly jogs around Hines Park's Cass Benton area in September. Wehrly said he also runs with a group of joggers through the park system.



Hines Park drive in Northville Township near Seven Mile Road.



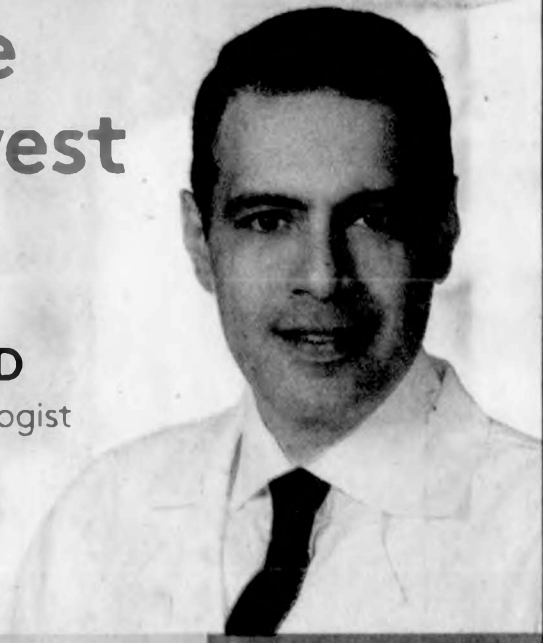
A small waterfall along the Middle Rouge River in Hines Park.



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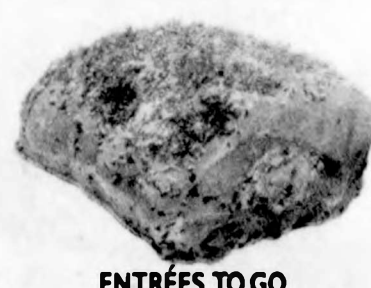
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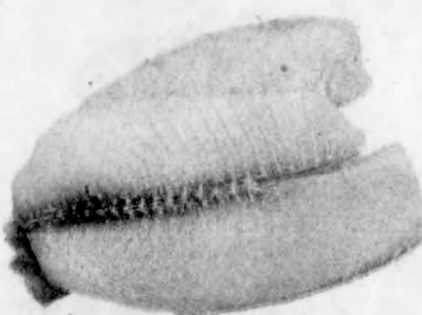
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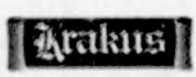
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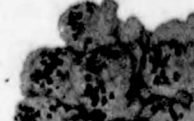


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## South Lyon golfer has 2 state titles in 3 years

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Gabby Tapp and her father, Jeff, had the perfect plan for the start of her golf career.

First, when she was 9 years old, they signed her up for private lessons at the Craig Piscopink Golf Academy at Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti. She'd continue working on her fundamentals throughout middle school. They saw no need in rushing her onto an actual course without her knowing the ins and outs of her swing.

Then, they wanted her to start playing in competitive tournaments, both in Michigan and down south, the summer before she began the eighth grade. Doing so would give her plenty of experience before trying out for South Lyon's girls golf program, one of the best teams in the entire state, as a freshman.

She made it through her lessons just fine, but she never got on the travel circuit.

Right before the end of the seventh grade, she tore her right ACL and meniscus in gym class. She missed an entire summer's worth of training. She didn't

swing a club again until October of her eighth-grade year.

Because of her rehab, she never played her first tournament until a month before her varsity career started.

"When she came to us as a freshman, she put it all together," said Dan Skatzka, who just finished his 18th season as South Lyon's coach. "She came out of nowhere. It's unbelievable when you think about it."

"She just never looked back. She didn't realize that she wasn't supposed



South Lyon junior Gabby Tapp.  
COURTESY

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The Marian volleyball team celebrates winning the Division 1 volleyball state final against Skyline on Nov. 20 at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.  
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## Marian defies pressure, defeats Skyline for state championship

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It would've been enough for a regular team to start second-guessing its play.

Some of the lesser-experienced squads would've let doubt set in immediately.

Ava Sarafa faked out half the crowd at Kellogg Arena with a behind-the-back set to Ella Schomer, who smashed a ball right in front of a line judge to trim

Bloomfield Hills Marian's deficit to just one point.

And then Ann Arbor Skyline sailed a ball out of bounds to make it 22-22 during the second set of the Division 1 volleyball state final early Saturday afternoon in Battle Creek.

Normally, the No. 1 Mustangs finish off the comeback and punish their opponent for letting them back in the match.

Not this time.

Third-ranked Skyline tallied the next three points to steal a 25-22 victory and knot the score at one game apiece.

What? Really?!

Marian had only dropped four sets all season, including just one in the play-offs (during the regional semifinal at Novi). Surely, that's enough to make the defending state champions realize they might be — maybe a little bit — human after all.

Maybe, perhaps, the Mustangs (53-1)

should think about stepping back and taking the Eagles (55-4-2) a little more seriously.

Nope. The loss didn't even phase them.

After a small, brief huddle with coach Mayssa Cook, the Mustangs ignited another one of their infamous in-game dance parties, swaying and moving to whatever song plays in the arena.

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## Northville ready for future success on volleyball court

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Northville knotted the score at 25, forcing third-ranked Ann Arbor Skyline to call timeout.

The Mustangs needed just two points to force a fifth set.

Coach Sarah Lindstrom reaffirmed her confidence in her players during the

intermission.

"We have them right where we want them," the first-year coach said she told her players. "We've worked so hard to get to this point. We're two points away from making this a really long night for them."

"Let's go out and play to win. Let's not fear the loss. Let's leave it on the court."

The offense didn't come.

Skyline tallied the next two points and won Tuesday's Division 1 volleyball quarterfinal 3-1 at Dexter.

Northville, which dropped the first two sets, 25-15 and 25-19, was THIS close to storming back and completing the comeback.

The No. 7 Mustangs edged Skyline 25-23 in the third set. A win in that

fourth set would've given them mojo going into the tiebreaker.

Instead, it was a 27-25 loss, bringing their season to a finish, which included winning both district and regional titles.

"That match could've gone either way," Lindstrom said. "It was heartbreaking. But if we're going to go out,

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## Marian

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This time it was "Titanium" by David Guetta and Sia playing. It looked more like a Saturday night homecoming dance than a state championship.

Cook found a seat closest to the scorers' table, finished a conversation with assistant Vince Muscat and then looked to her left to see what her players were doing.

Then the fourth-year coach cracked a big, bright smile.

Everything was going to be OK. They were dancing. They were loose. Who cares about that set? We've got two, maybe three more to go.

Marian went on to beat Skyline 25-18 and 25-19 in the ensuing sets, pulling off the 3-1 victory over the Eagles and then promptly dogpiling in front of the net.

The Mustangs captured a fourth state title in just their 10th finals appearance.

Cook has said all season that she's carried a weight on her shoulders.

Marian won last year's state championship and didn't graduate a single starter. The pressure to repeat was there. She's a veteran coach, 20 years of leading both high school and club volleyball, but she's brand new to building dynasties.

Now the pressure's off.

"I felt this enormous amount of pressure all season," said Cook, who won her third state title as a coach. She's won two-straight with Marian and took home the 2015 title with Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard. "As a coach, you'd like to think you have more control than you do. It was one of those things where I tried to carry as much of it for them.... I know they had a lot on their plate. I will say that I am so impressed with their composure and how they handled stress all season long."

Skyline fought hard to knot the score of the third set at 9, but Marian took off quickly and had no trouble winning it.

Playing loose, the Mustangs said they had to kick it into "another gear." They needed that to finish off the match in the final game.

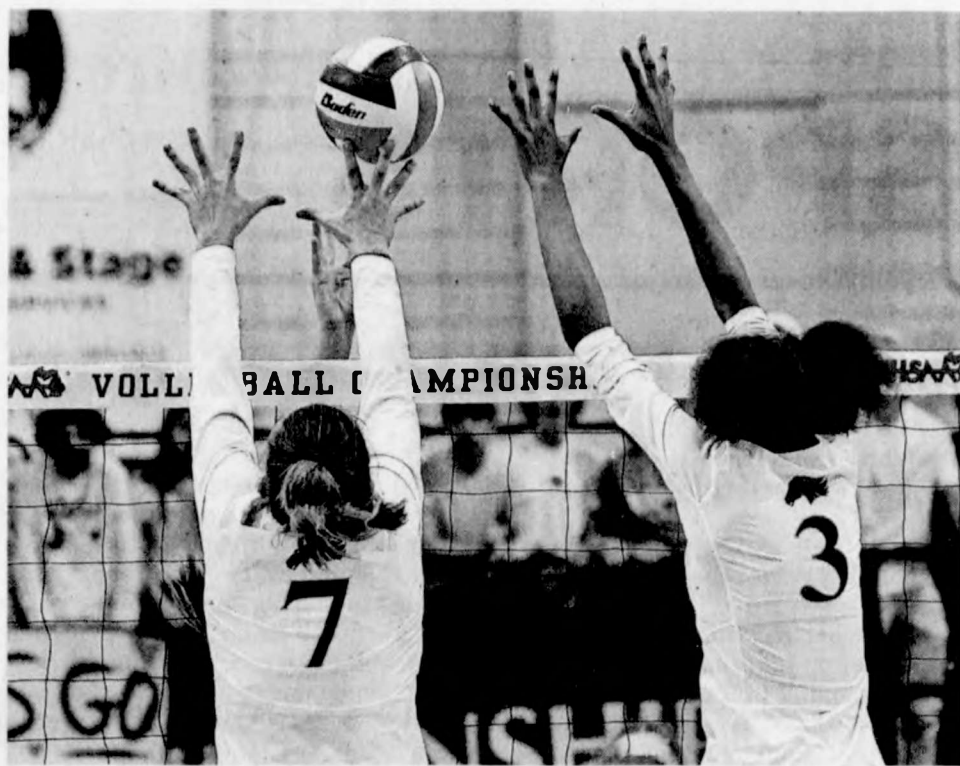
"In that third set, we just turned around our energy," said Ava Brizard, an NC State signee, who was named Michigan's Miss Volleyball by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association on Monday. "Every time we'd win a point, our huddles kept getting tighter and tighter. We were just getting so pumped up, and we just fed off the energy of the crowd, and I think that really contributed to us winning that third set and eventually taking that fourth set."

The fourth game saw Skyline burn both of its timeouts quickly, and it saw more dancing from the Mustangs.

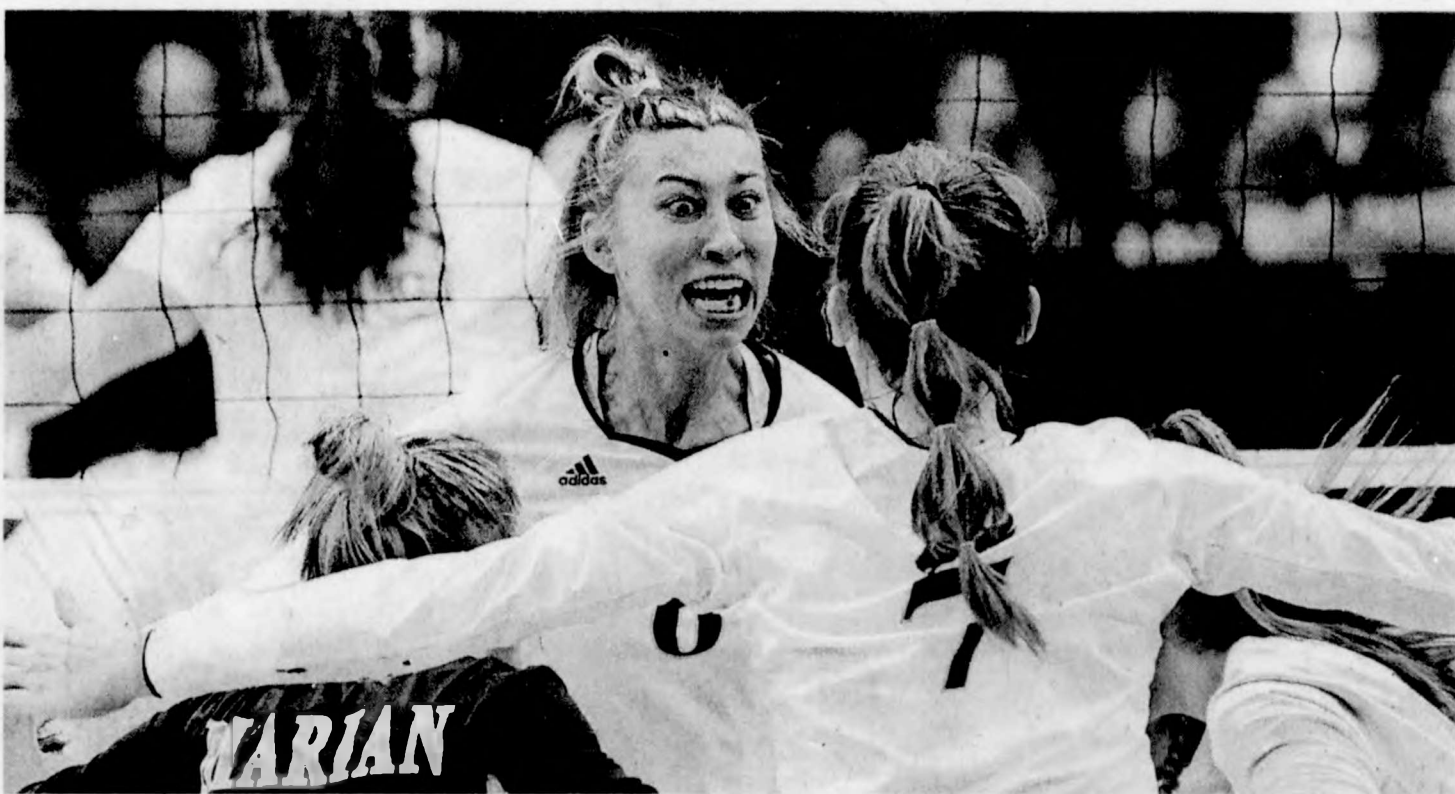
Coming out of a break, Janiah Jones smoked a kill to put Marian ahead, 21-19. Shortly afterward, Schomer and Sarah Sylvester teamed up for a block to make



Marian coach Mayssa Cook hoists the championship trophy.



Marian's Ava Brizard (left) and Janiah Jones block a Skyline ball.



Marian's Sarah Sylvester celebrates tallying the winning point against Skyline during the Division 1 volleyball state final Nov. 20 at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

it, 23-19.

Skyline sent a ball into the net.

And then Sylvester rifled an absolute laser into Skyline's end that won it all.

"It was so amazing, just being able to take the last point of the match for my team," the TCU signee said. "There's nothing I'd rather do. It was really exciting."

Brizard led with a staggering 25 kills and 13 digs, while Sarafa added 44 assists and 12 digs and Lauren Heming pitched in 12 digs. Sophie Treder contributed nine kills and 10 digs.

Treder said the Mustangs welcomed the pressure of being the favorite to win the state title all fall.

"It's (the pressure) definitely there all the time, but I feel like that makes teams play their better games against us," the Brown signee said. "So it also gives us more competition in some sense. And we do do a really good job of controlling the match and knowing what we need to do on our side of the court to keep advancing."

"I just feel like we really played our game today. And when we were down, we just kept staying positive and moving forward."

Added Brizard: "Although (overcoming the pressure to win another state title) was a goal, that never made us get complacent or get lazy. We always

worked our butts off, like we were the last-ranked team in the state. We always worked so hard, even though people were expecting us to go back-to-back. We keep setting the bar higher and higher for ourselves, and I think that's what helped us to get to that moment right here."

Alas, the win was enough to put Cook at ease.

"The adrenaline is still going," she said. "I'm excited to go back to back, sending off these seniors. They deserve to win. They worked their butts off all season, all four years on varsity. Big contributors. They had a big role in changing the culture of Marian volleyball."

## Golfer

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to be that good. She kept playing and getting better and better and better."

Tapp played her way into the starting lineup, going from 18-hole rounds in the 90s down to the 80s by season's end.

She saved her best performance for her final two rounds of the fall, though. She carded back-to-back 75s to become the individual champion of the Division 2 state final at Michigan State's Forest Akers East. The freshman's two-day score of 150 was three strokes better than Forest Hills Northern's Lilia Henkel.

What's more, her effort helped the Lions become the state runner-up that year.

"When she won the state championship, she was barely 5-foot tall," Skatzka said. "The whole team fed off that."

Fast forward to today, and Tapp is arguably the best high school girls golfer in Michigan. Her resume continues to grow since winning a state title in 2019.

South Lyon has qualified for the state championship 13-straight seasons but didn't win its first team state title until Tapp's sophomore year in 2020. By her standards, though, she could've played better, she said.

She shot an 80 at Forest Akers West to place sixth individually, which, surprisingly enough, was the worst she shot all season long.

Teammate Katie Potter, who currently plays at Marshall, carded a 73 to become the stater runner-up behind Okeemos' Allison Cui, who finished with a 70.

Tapp was happy she helped her team, especially the outgoing seniors, finally win a championship after two runner-up finishes, but she felt like she left a lot



South Lyon's Gabby Tapp swings during a competition in the 2021 season. COURTESY OF DAN SKATZKA

on the course at MSU. She believed it was a down year.

"Throughout my sophomore year, I was struggling with my swing, but I figured it out more as the season went on," Tapp said. "I spent time fixing things and wasn't getting the results I wanted. I didn't have my best season, but I still improved my scoring average from my freshman year, and that's what was most important for my team."

"Before I found out our team had won (the state championship), I was crying because I had just shot my worst score of the season at states. That was the worst feeling ever."

That feeling motivated her this past

summer.

She relentlessly worked on her game and made improvements across the board.

By the time the D-2 regional rolled around this fall, Tapp had won almost every tournament she played in, despite facing steep competition against local ranked teams such as Plymouth and Northville, among others.

She walked away as the individual regional champion on Oct. 4 at Groesbeck Golf Course in East Lansing, shooting 72 to ensure the Lions a return trip to the state championship.

South Lyon placed third in the state championship Oct. 15-16 at Bedford Val-

ley in Battle Creek, but Tapp, once again, walked away as the individual state champion.

"This summer, I put my game together and felt comfortable going into the season," the junior said. "I was confident in myself and had a positive attitude that I was going to have a good season this year."

It wasn't easy, however.

Weather forced the tournament directors to cut short Day 1 two holes shy of the round being down. So each player wound up golfing 20 holes on Day 2.

She carded rounds of 70 and 74 for a two-day 144, which put her ahead of Portage Northern's KT Leinwand by four strokes.

Also helping the Lions were seniors Sophia Joseph (two-day 181 strokes) and Logan Foust (189) and juniors Ellen Albert (193) and Sydney Shisler (192).

"I was just taking everything one shot at a time, and what I did the best was not get into trouble," Tapp said. "I hit the highest percentage of fairways I've ever had in two days. I was just hitting the green and two-putting, sneaking in birdies here and there."

Tapp added to her list of accolades this past week when the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association named her to its Super 8 team, which is comprised of the best eight golfers in the state, regardless of division.

She's yet to start looking into where she'll play in college, but it shouldn't be too hard to catch the attention of Division I teams. She's got two state title medals to brag about.

"She's as good as anyone else in the state," Skatzka said. "She's the real deal."

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## Howell defenseman's third goal of season ties Northville

Bill Khan Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

**HOWELL** — Nathan Wilton seemed like the least likely candidate to carry on the tradition of high-scoring defensemen at Howell.

He flew well under the radar coming into his senior hockey season after managing only one assist in 16 games last season.

But a switch flipped for Wilton when the puck dropped on the 2021-22 season.

He is suddenly a serious threat from the blue line, much like Highlander defenseman of the recent past.

Wilton has scored three goals and has one assist in Howell's first two games, including a goal with 1:36 left in the third period to give Howell a 2-2 overtime tie with Northville Friday night at 140 Ice Den.

Trailing 2-1 since the 8:07 mark of the first period, the Highlanders appeared to be running out of time against a tight-checking Northville team backstopped by honorable mention all-state goalie Dylan Eliason.

On the tying goal, Jaylyn Del Toro kept the puck in at the left point and fired a shot that was blocked. The puck came out to Wilton, who fired a low shot through traffic from the middle of the blue line.

"I just shot it on the ice, put it on the net," Wilton said. "Hopefully get a rebound, but it ended up going in. It feels pretty awesome. I like the excitement, the crowd, everything. It really gets everyone going."

Howell expects to get offensive production from its defensemen. Steven Mullally made first-team all-state in 2016-17 after scoring 43 points in 26 games. Dominic Rossi earned his first-team all-state berth in 2019-20 when he led all defensemen in Michigan with 55 points in 29 games.

"We asked Nathan Wilton to do a lot of things," Howell coach Rocky Johnson said. "He's an offensive machine, no different than Ryan Moran or some of the other guys we have. He's just got a quick shot. He makes a great play. It came out to him, he pushed it to the net, which is what we asked, right on the ice. It's a hard puck to see."

While more was expected from senior



Howell's Braden Mitter and Northville's Evan Chechak meet near the boards in the Highlanders' home game on Nov. 19. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

centerman Scott Pominville this season after scoring four goals and eight assists in 16 games last season, he's also taken his game to a much higher level in the early going. Pominville assisted on both

Howell goals, giving him seven assists in two games. He's also been reliable on the draw taking many of the key faceoffs in the offensive and defensive zones.

"The goals will come," Pominville

said. "I'm just playing hockey and my teammates are putting the puck in the net; they're doing their job. I'm trying to give it to them; it just so happens they're putting the puck in the net. I'm trying to be a team player, just do everything I can, work hard all three periods. The points will come."

It appeared this game would turn into a shootout, with three goals being scored in the first 8:07 before defense and goaltending took over.

Henry Darnell gave Northville a 1-0 lead at 4:43 of the first, Jaret Jenkins tied it for Howell at 7:48 and sophomore Connor Vissotski put the Mustangs back on top just 19 seconds later with his fourth goal in two games.

"He's a three-sport athlete," Northville coach Gordie Brown said. "We only get him part time. So, what we enjoy from him is his compete level. Every practice he can get to, every workout, he's the hardest-working guy. All the guys like him. He can score, but will also pass. He's not a guy I was thinking was going to score goals, but he's very creative. He just works hard. He was injured in the Pinckney game, he was injured tonight. He won't come off the ice. He's just going to keep battling."

Howell killed a five-on-three power play that lasted 1 minute, 15 seconds midway through the second period. The Highlanders went on a power play with 1:03 left in the second, but it was Northville that had the best scoring chance.

Howell goalie Ean Badgett stopped Andrew Sziraki on a breakaway in the final seconds of the period to keep the Highlanders within a goal.

"Right there you just saw two of the top five goalies in the state of Michigan playing against each other in a 2-2 tie in overtime," Johnson said. "That's what you expect from Ean Badgett. Dylan on the other side is a great goaltender. That's what you expect."

The teams played a scoreless eight-minute overtime period. Eliason finished with 40 saves, while Badgett had 34.

"I saw two teams that are pretty similar," Brown said. "Both teams have good goalies. You've got some good battling, a good physical game, which is typical in the KLAA. If you want to come through and win the KLAA, you have to battle game in and game out."

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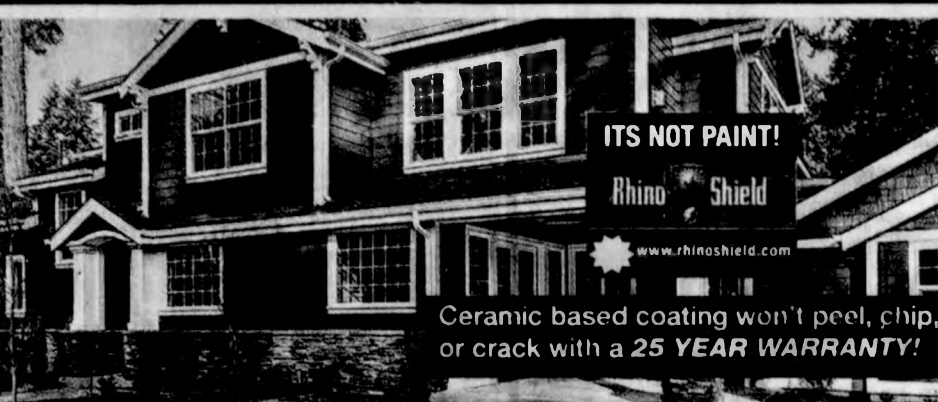
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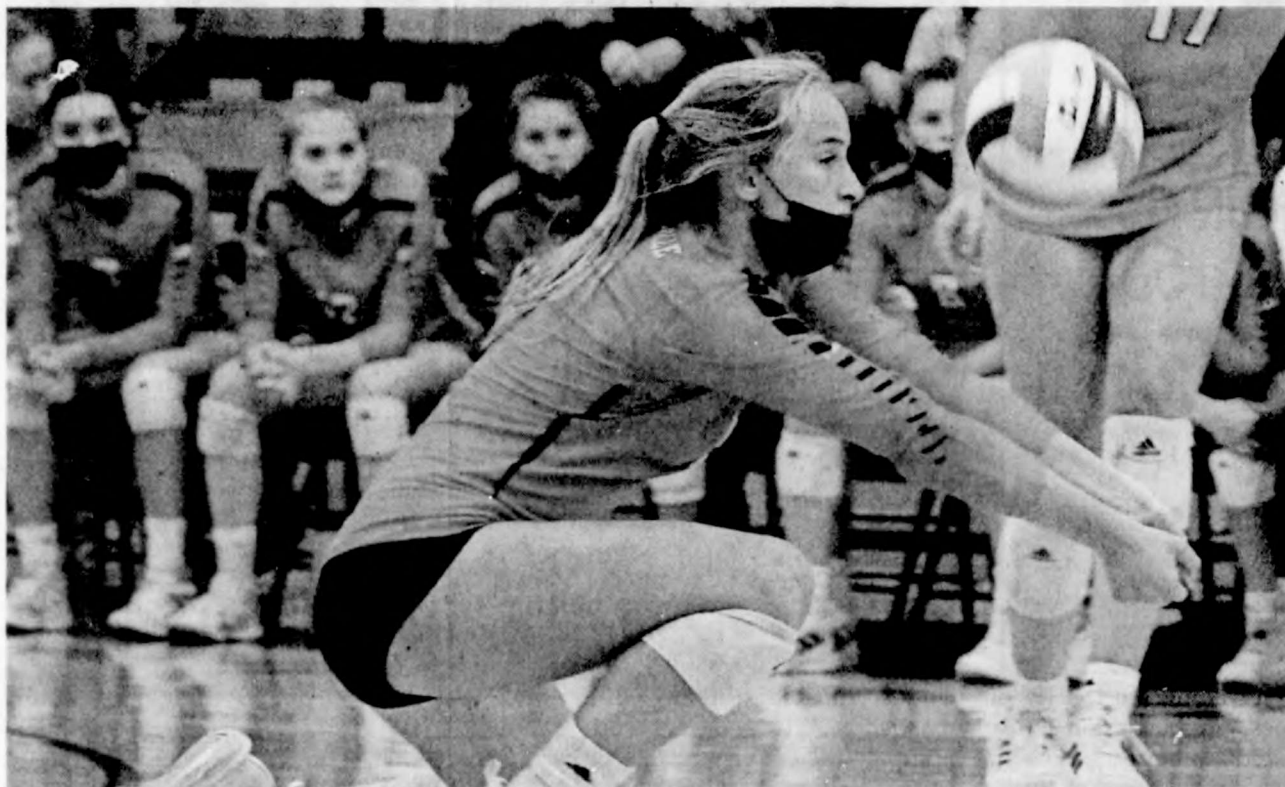
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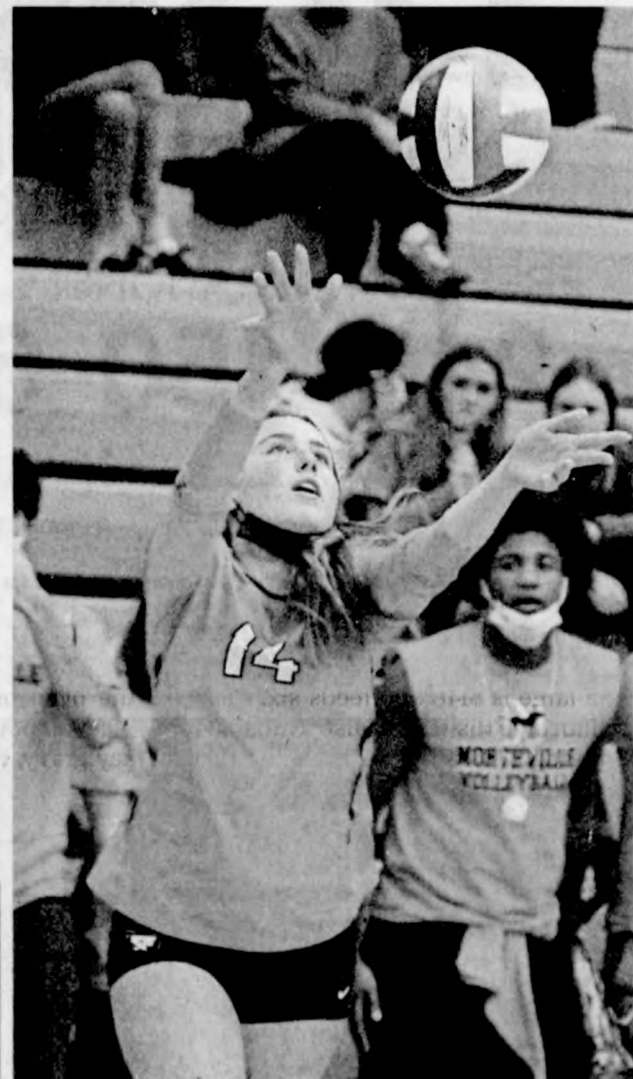


The Mustang bench, including coach Sarah Lindstrom, center, celebrate as Northville ties up Skyline 25-25 in the fourth set. Northville lost, three games to one.

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Northville's Ashley Gnaou returns a serve.



Northville's Rylyn Jostes prepares to serve.

## Obituaries

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### Thomas Bales

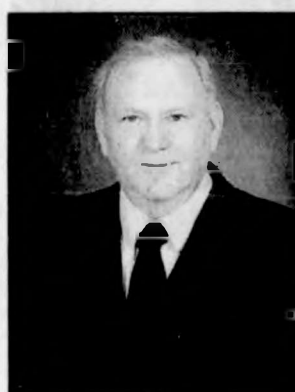
Thomas Bales 67 passed away of Cancer on November 15th 2021, opening day of deer season which is ironic because he loved deer hunting. Opening day was always his favorite day of the year. Tom was born on April 8th 1954 to his parents Floyd and Laura Bales. Tom was a tough man but would always help anyone who needed it. If he called you his friend, he meant it. Tom worked for Chrysler for 32 yrs and was Union President for many years, he retired from Chrysler Proving Grounds in 2007. Tom loved to hunt and fish and spent lots of time Salmon fishing on his boat with his sons. He was a great father and loving papa who taught many great life lessons. Tom married his High School sweetheart Sherry which he has spent the last 51 years with. Tom and Sherry had 3 children the oldest being his daughter Bridget (Brandon Kunec) and 2 sons his namesake Thomas Bales II (Kimberly), and his youngest son and partner in crime Adam Bales (Amanda). Tom had 5 grandchildren Meghan (Nick Krest), Jordan Bales, Ethan Murray, Jake Bales and Wyatt Bales. He also had 2 bonus grandchildren Ivan and Dasha Kunec. Tom loved to talk and brag about his children and grandchildren. He had a love for cooking wonderful meals for his family. Tom had a passion for gardening and loved the outdoors. Tom had 3 siblings Dennis Bales (Gwen), Carole Smith and his younger sister Sharon Bell. He also had countless nieces and nephews that he loved. Tom was preceded in death by his parents and older sister Carole. A celebration of his life is scheduled for the spring.

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### John Dunleavy

MILFORD - John Thomas Dunleavy, age 78, passed away Wednesday, November 10, 2021. He was born February 22, 1943, in Detroit, the son of James Edward and Margaret Rose (Connors) Dunleavy. John was employed for over thirty-five years with the Department of Agriculture in many divisions, the last as a Dairy Specialist. John also served on the Livingston County Road Commission for many years. He was an active member of St. John Catholic Church, where he served as an usher. John's greatest joy was his son, who gifted him with two wonderful grandchildren. His greatest pleasure was to share time in their lives. Most of all, he enjoyed farming with his family. He also valued any opportunity he had to spend time with his extended family and friends. John loved scuba diving, playing cards, and traveling. He is survived by his wife Margaret (Plotzer) Dunleavy, whom he married on July 10, 1965, in Milford. Father of Sean (Lisa) Dunleavy and grandfather of Meaghan and John Dunleavy. Also survived by his siblings Peggy Anne Hopkins, Jim (Janice) Dunleavy, Sally (Rod) Vernier, Trish (Mike) Ogg, Brian Dunleavy, sister-in-law Bridget Dunleavy, and many cherished nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Mike, Tom, and Martin. A Mass was held at St. John Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Fowlerville Agricultural Society or the Livingston County 4-H. Please feel free to visit John's online guestbook at [www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com), MacDonald's Chapel, Howell.



MacDonald's Funeral Home

## Northville

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that's how we want to go out. We put ourselves in a position to reach our goal, which was go to Battle Creek (for the state semifinals and championship later this week)."

Skyline faces Macomb Dakota at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Kellogg Arena.

The Eagles served aggressively in the opening two sets. Northville couldn't sort out its serve-receive quick enough to make each game competitive.

"They got us out of our system in the first two sets," Lindstrom said. "I think that just frazzled us. ... Their consistency was difficult for us, but it was a great matchup."

Lindstrom went to her bench to turn things around. She put in twin sisters Mallory and Molly Reck, who ignited the Mustangs' offense. Northville fed off their energy almost immediately.

"We loosened up," Lindstrom added. "The first two sets, we got outplayed, and we were lacking offense. We put the two freshmen (the Reck twins) in to see if they could change what wasn't working."

"They're both gamers, and they're both usually good coming in off the bench. They came out fearless."

Northville graduates six seniors.

Lindstrom, who has won at her past stops at Walled Lake Central and Divine Child, said those six were integral to reestablishing a winning culture within the program.

She couldn't thank them enough for the foundation they built for future teams.

"A lot of people assumed we'd do well because we had a good group of kids," Lindstrom said. "But there was a culture that needed to be created in that gym. It was a struggle to be a different coach for them and bring in a different coaching style. We thank them for believing in us and trusting in the way we coach."

"I said to them, 'It sucks for the seniors that this is the end of the road, but it's the beginning of what I think is going to be a volleyball dynasty here in Michigan.' They worked hard to make this a special culture."

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**Sue Selasky** Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Forget about cooking a big turkey. Give your potato peeler a rest. Don't fret over making sure gravy is lump-free.

If you prefer to leave the holiday cooking to someone else, there are plenty of options at metro Detroit restaurants.

A fully cooked and prepared meal is a game-changer for those who don't want to host a big gathering. While restaurants were closed last year just ahead of Thanksgiving, many are open for special menus and some have buffet dining. Below is a sampling of restaurants offering Thanksgiving specials.

Keep in mind menus are subject to change and availability can vary. Pick-up dates will vary from the day before Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving Day. Most of the meal packages are offered in several serving sizes. With some of the meal packages, the turkey is already cooked, but some you will need to cook yourself. Cooking and reheating instructions are included.

Also, keep in mind restaurants may have a cut-off date for reservations or for ordering meals-to-go.

## Bob Evans

Farmhouse Feasts returns for dine-in and include Thanksgiving entrées of slow-roasted turkey and handcrafted traditional sides, rolls and pumpkin pie.

Farmhouse Feasts to-go start at \$59.99 and serves, four, eight or up to 10 people. The feast is packed cold with reheating instructions available for carry-out, curbside pickup or delivery through Wednesday, Nov. 24. You can also order sides and desserts separately. Bob Evans locations will be open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**For info:** bobevans.com/farmhouse-feast.

## Bravol Italian Kitchen

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**For info:** bravoitalian.com.

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## Cafe Cortina

### Farmington Hills

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**For info:** 248-474-3033 or cafecortina.com.

## Crystal Gardens

### Southgate

Offering a buffet-style Thanksgiving meal or you can order a complete meal to-go. Buffet includes turkey, carved prime rib, ham, penne with mini meatballs, traditional sides, an assortment of salads, rolls and desserts. Cost is \$34.95, \$33.95 for seniors and \$24.95 ages 4-10. Turkey to-go package includes a cooked 24-pound turkey with reheating instructions and traditional side dishes. There's also sweet potatoes, mac n' cheese and pasta salad, rolls and butter, one pumpkin pie and one apple pie. Serve 10 people for \$195 or 15 people for \$228.

**For info:** 734-285-2210 or crystalgardensonline.com.

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**For info:** mgmgranddetroit.mgmresorts.com.

## Frame

### Royal Oak

A curated Thanksgiving to enjoy at home. From chef Michael Barrera, the feast includes brined turkey ready for the oven or fryer along with sides of mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, roasted sweet potatoes with maple glaze and walnuts, cornbread and sausage stuffing, buttermilk biscuits and honey. Pies are from Adela Bejo of Hip Hop Bake Shop. Feed up to six people for \$385.

For an additional cost, you can order carafes of cocktails whipped up by mix-tress Jaz'min Weaver. You can also order wines.

**For info:** framehazelpark.com/experience/thanksgiving-dinner/

## Great Lakes Pot Pies

### Clawson

All-in-one Thanksgiving dinner in a pie. There's a bottom layer of stuffing topped with sweet potato and cranberries. Next is a turkey filling, which also has carrots, celery, green beans, onions and spices. All are tucked inside a cranberry speckled cornmeal crust with leaves cut into the top. A 5-inch pie is \$15 and 9-inch pies are \$34. The pies are available through the end of the year.

## Hazel Ravines & Downtown

### Birmingham

Holidays @Home concept is back and expanded. Thanksgiving @Home offers everything but the turkey. There are traditional side dishes such as stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy. Vegan options, desserts and holiday cocktails are also available. Hazel's Family Feasts features a traditional crab boil with Alaskan king crab, shrimp, mussels, sausage, butter-boiled potatoes, green beans and dinner rolls. It feeds two-four people and is \$180.

**For info:** hrd.kitchen.

## Lockhart's BBQ

### Royal Oak

Family meal serves eight-10 and includes a hickory-smoked turkey and choice of Lockhart's BBQ sides and desserts. Choose from baked beans, Loretta salad, mini cornbread, garlic mash, sweet potato mash, mac 'n cheese, deviled eggs, jalapeno brown beans or creamy cole slaw. Pie choices are a whole pumpkin, apple or three berry cobbler. Cost is \$135. You can also order smoked turkey and ham or turkey breast as well as sides a la carte.

**For info:** lockhartsbbq.com.

## Mitchell's Fish Market

pumpkin pie.

**For info:** mitchellsfishmarket.com.

## Oak & Reel

### Detroit

Dinner to-go from Michelin-starred chef Jared Gadbaw. Menu features slow-roasted turkey breast, turkey leg "Porchetta" stuffing with or without oysters, roasted brussels sprouts and cippolini onions with pancetta, mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce and dinner rolls. Serve four-five people for \$160 or eight-10 people for \$320. Add pumpkin cheesecake or chocolate tarte for \$28 each.

**For info:** 313-270-9600 or explore-tock.com/oakandreel/.

## Rugby Grille

### Birmingham

Thanksgiving Day brunch is 7 a.m.-9:30 a.m. A four-course prix fixe Thanksgiving dinner is \$95 with seating times at noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. There's a choice of appetizers, soup or salad, a choice of entrée including a traditional turkey dinner and three dessert offerings to choose from. An a la carte kids menu is also offered.

**For info:** rugbygrille.com.

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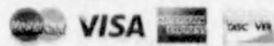
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### 1. MACY'S

Posted 176,889 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at Macy's: Retail Sales Associate, Customer Service Associate, Receiving Support Associate

### 2. AMAZON

Posted 157,725 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at Amazon: Warehouse Associate, Operations Manager, Truck Driver, Senior Product Manager, Software Engineer

### 3. DELOITTE

Posted 128,766 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at Deloitte: Consultant, Engineer

### 4. WALMART

Posted 57,456 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at Walmart: Merchandiser, Pharmacist, Cashier

### 5. VERIZON

Posted 52,767 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at Verizon: Sales Representative, Engineer, Data Scientist

## Who's Hiring Now?

### Top 15 Companies Hiring in November

#### 6. UBER EATS

Posted 39,193 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at Uber Eats: Delivery Driver

#### 7. SAM'S CLUB

Posted 30,989 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at Sam's Club: Personal Shopper, Meat Cutter, Optician

#### 8. STARBUCKS

Posted 24,895 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at Starbucks: Barista

#### 9. MICROSOFT

Posted 19,004 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at Microsoft: Software Engineer

#### 10. UBER

Posted 18,418 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at Uber: Driver, Product Manager, Software Engineer

#### 11. TJX COMPANIES

Posted 17,424 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at TJX Companies: Retail Associate, Merchandise Associate

#### 12. MCDONALD'S

Posted 16,944 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at McDonald's: Crew Team Member, Restaurant Manager

#### 13. HOME DEPOT

Posted 15,731 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at Home Depot: Store Support, Store Manager, Merchandising Associate, Cashier

#### 14. FEDEX GROUND

Posted 14,507 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at FedEx Ground: Store Manager, Package Handler, Operations Manager, Courier

#### 15. DOLLAR TREE

Posted 13,994 jobs in October.

Examples of job titles at Dollar Tree: Store Manager, Sales Associate, Cashier

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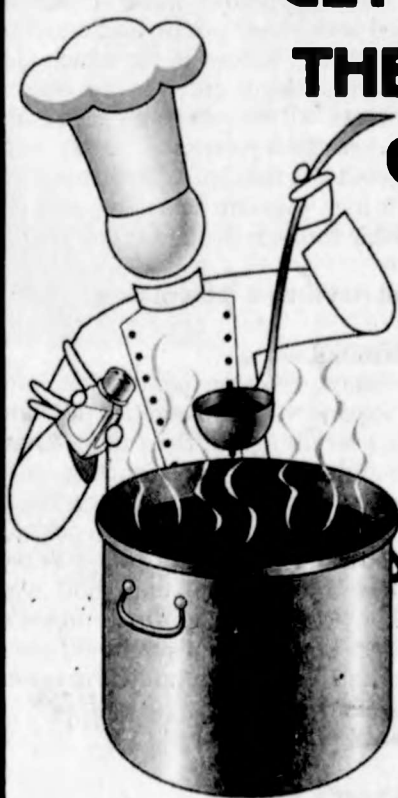
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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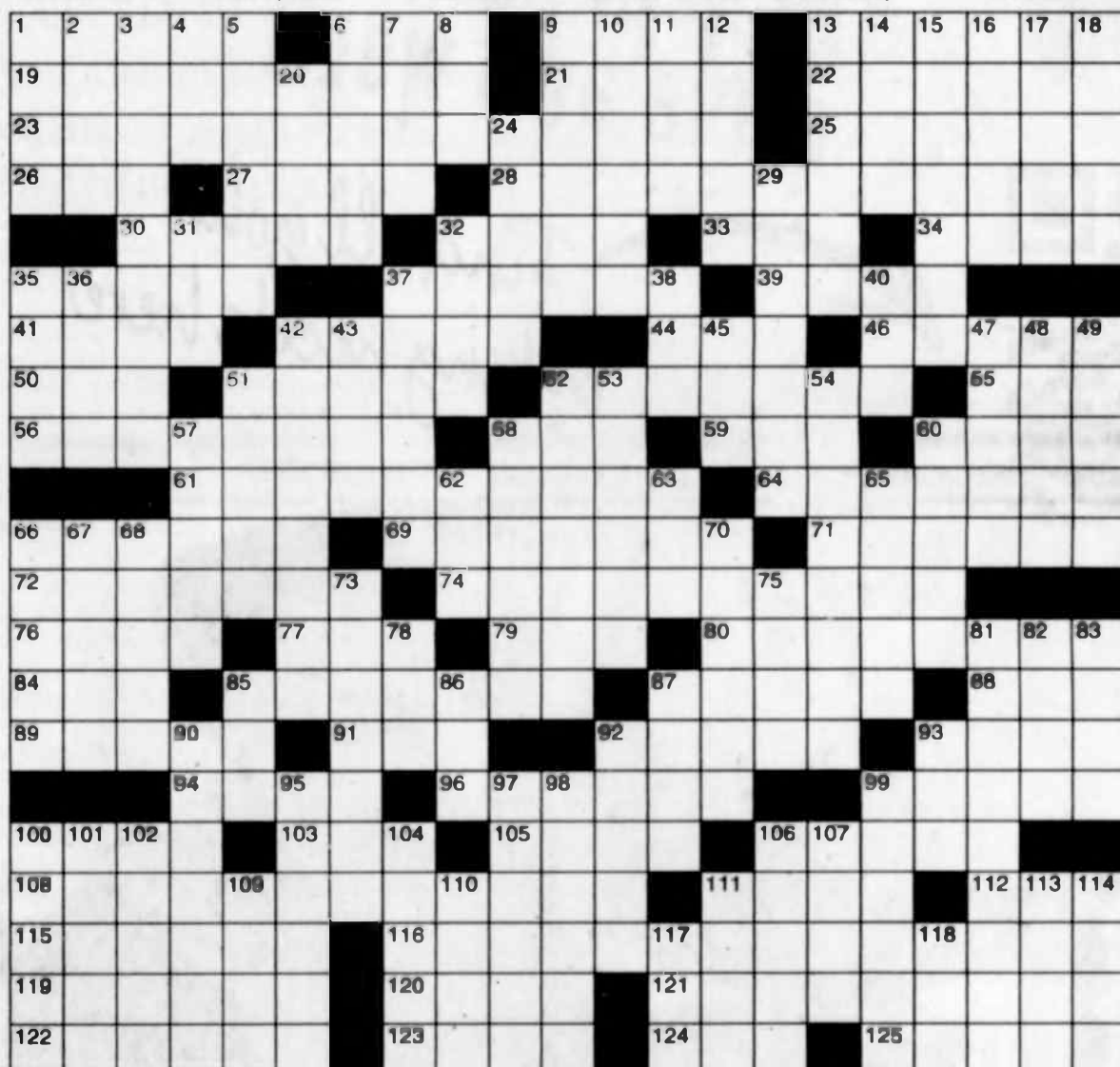
**SIX  
BELOW**
**ACROSS**

- 1 Airplane walkway  
6 Gentle pat  
9 River delta deposit  
13 Pixie or elf  
19 Unhesitating and fast  
21 Low-quality  
22 Binds with string  
23 Grew older with contentment and dignity  
25 Very ardent  
26 Fluffy scarf  
27 Wiggly fishes  
28 Perennially popular hymn  
30 Makes a leg warmer, e.g.  
32 Plow beasts  
33 "—-Pan" (James Clavell novel)  
34 Shouts of discovery  
35 Is wearing  
37 Kept posted  
39 Hair salon job  
41 Growth theory subj.  
42 Accumulate  
44 Hdqrs. where officers work  
46 Red-carpet-walking type  
50 Liquid filling la mer  
51 Fend off

- 52 Title detective of 1970s TV  
55 Give the boot  
56 Prepared to do some grilling  
58 Tier  
59 "I'm not that impressed"  
60 Egg-shaped  
61 Musical ornaments  
64 Place to play pool or table tennis  
66 Do the task flawlessly  
69 Alternative to a 401(k)  
71 Hogs' home  
72 Eye-irritating cleanser  
74 1963 Johnny Cash smash  
76 Gush forth  
77 Be in arrears  
79 U.S. med. research agency  
80 Final toast of a meal  
84 In the style of  
85 Law-of-motion subject  
87 Glistened  
88 Historic span  
89 Slowly, to a maestro  
91 Island setting  
92 "I love you," in Spanish

- 93 Course of action  
94 Hip about  
96 Enter quickly  
99 Film spools  
100 Pupil's place  
103 Very big bird  
105 Domino spots  
106 Unsullied places  
108 Complete disaster, in slang  
111 Spinner in a compass  
112 Spinner in a kid's room  
115 Surround with a nimbus  
116 1990s sitcom ... and what literally appears six times in this puzzle  
119 Add to the mix, maybe  
120 British noble  
121 Prayed before partaking  
122 Pole carvings  
123 Eye irritation  
124 Ovine female  
125 Sun-related

- DOWN**  
1 Part of UAE  
2 "Othello" foe  
3 Makes one's views known  
4 Jar cover  
5 Enter by sidling  
6 Watch faces  
7 Missile paths  
8 97-Down insect  
9 Foamed up  
10 Honolulu palace name  
11 Amusement, to texters  
12 "Give this a whirl"  
13 Low-end cigar  
14 Radar sound  
15 Put a new border around  
16 Basketball great — Thomas  
17 Mozart's "Rondo Alla —"  
18 Fencing blades  
20 Get in a stew  
24 Sends via phone line  
29 Streaming music service  
31 Prefix with disclosure  
32 Give the boot  
35 Boot part  
36 Brazilian palm berry  
37 Line of work  
38 "Morning Edition" ailer  
40 HDTV maker  
42 Pilot's skill  
43 Old Cougar carmaker, in brief  
45 FDR and HST's party  
47 Volcanic outflows  
48 Praise heavily  
49 Stomach  
51 Decongestant brand  
52 Gulf of — (arm of the Baltic)  
53 Just free of the bottom, as an anchor  
54 Film for which Holly Hunter won an Oscar  
57 Luminous  
58 Spiral-shaped pasta  
60 "Well, golly!"  
62 Hide-hair link  
63 "No seats left" abbr.  
65 "Odyssey" temptress  
66 Like twangy voices  
67 Adequate  
68 "That is ..." Warm blanket  
70 Jaw-dropping  
75 As of  
78 Prior to, in verse  
81 Heavenly  
82 River of Russia  
83 Cooking vessels  
85 Tiny particle  
86 Road gunk  
87 Six, in Seville  
90 As surplus  
92 Plains tent  
93 Hogs' home  
95 Wyoming mountains  
97 Collection of hives  
98 Round shape  
99 Corp. shuffles  
100 "That is ..." to Caesar  
101 Head for hurriedly  
102 Cry to a battlefield medic  
104 Impulses  
106 Grammy winner  
107 Scott in an 1857 court case  
109 Slender  
110 Brothers' group, in brief  
111 Chew like a beaver  
113 Kind of whale  
114 British noble  
117 Operate  
118 Bushy hairdo, for short



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Average time of solution: 64 minutes

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

## SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★

11/25

### 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!

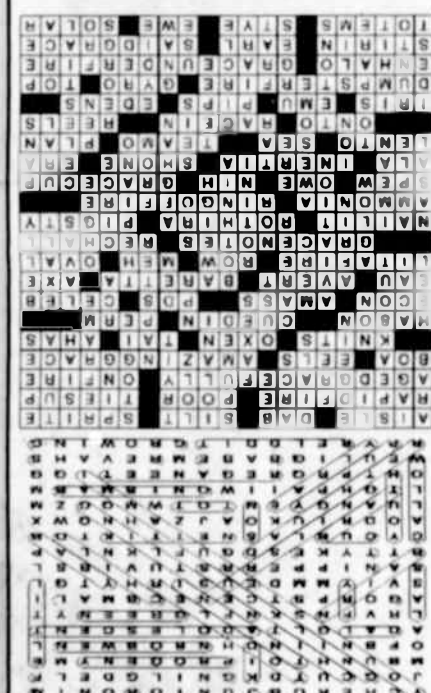
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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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