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## 'We need to quit talking and start doing'

**Saving a century-old barn in South Lyon is a huge endeavor for historical group**

**Susan Bromley**

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At a time of year when miniature Christmas villages are popping up in homes, some South Lyon residents are dreaming of adding a life-size piece to

its year-round historical village in the city.

The South Lyon Historical Society believes a century-old barn would be a perfect addition to the Historical Village at McHattie Park, which currently features a train depot, chapel and one-room schoolhouse of similar age.

However, making the dream come true will require assistance from the community with an estimated cost of \$200,000 to get the barn moved from its current Salem Township location.

"We want to get the community involved in this project. We've not had

anything like this before," Linda Ross, South Lyon Historical Society president, said. "The depot and school and chapel were all moved at once. This is the first time we've had something this big that we have to take it down and move it."

Obtaining a vintage barn has been a goal of the historical society for the past two decades as they seek to preserve a piece of the area's history as a farming community.

They found what they believe is the perfect representation, a post and beam barn built in the late 1800s off Pontiac

Trail, about a third of a mile south of 8 Mile Road.

The barn, owned by the Roper family, has been well-maintained and is the right size—about 30 feet long, by 20 feet wide and 22 feet high to the roof's peak.

Bob Polasky, who is on the barn committee for the historical society, said he believes the structure is technically a horse stable with six equine stalls and room for a horse-drawn buggy. It is an appropriate size for placement in the historical village.

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**Novi buys land for \$249K to both preserve woods, improve Beck Road**

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The city of Novi is purchasing nearly 8 acres of vacant property with two seemingly disparate goals: preserving woodlands and improving Beck Road.

City Manager Pete Auger said the goals do not conflict.

"We are killing two birds with one stone," Auger said. "We will continue to purchase property that maintains wetlands and woodlands, and if we need the right of way for the Beck Road project we can probably use this property for that."

In a memo to the city council regarding the purchase of the two parcels on Edinborough Lane, both of which abut Beck Road south of 10 Mile Road, the city manager noted the council had "previously developed a goal to identify and purchase high quality woodlands using tree fund dollars."

However, the \$249,000 purchase of the land unanimously approved by the council will not use the tree fund, but will come from the general fund, Auger said.

The memo did not reference the Beck Road project, but during the council's Dec. 6 meeting Auger said obtaining the Edinborough Lane parcels fit in with that infrastructure program and after the road project was done, the land would be protected in perpetuity for trees.

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## Some outdoor dining returning this winter amidst COVID surge



Tables and heaters await diners outside of Northville's Center Street Grill. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

**David Veselenak**

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Dining this holiday season is a far cry from what it was in 2020. But for Victor Dzenowagis, he's still seeing a lot of interest in the lone lifeline restaurants had last winter: outdoor dining.

The co-owner of the Moose Preserve Bar & Grill in Bloomfield Township and Deadwood Bar & Grill in Northville Township said they launched the igloo concept at their restaurants back in 2019 before COVID-19 first appeared in the United

States, thinking it was a novel idea for people looking for a unique dining experience.

State restrictions prohibiting indoor dining at restaurants last winter prompted more restaurants to install igloos or other outside structures for patrons, and Dzenowagis said he is excited to offer the igloo option for a third year.

"It's kind of a private little world and I think people like that," he said. "I think it's becoming a tradition for people. We're busier than ever with them."

The changing seasons and colder temperatures raise questions for restaurants

and customers going into what appears to be another winter where the virus that causes COVID-19 continues to infect thousands of people across the state. With restrictions on indoor dining absent this year, restaurants and downtown districts wrestle with what they can offer and what they should do when it comes to outdoor dining offerings this season.

That feeling couldn't be more active than in downtown Northville. The community closed the major thoroughfares to vehicle traffic for more than a year to help

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## Deputies: Commerce Township child dies after left unattended in bathwater

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A year-old Commerce Township boy is dead after his father apparently discontinued bathing him to answer

the phone in another room.

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies said in a report they were called to a Bywater Street home on the township's east side at about 11:15 a.m. Dec. 10 because of a possible

drowning.

The child was unconscious and not breathing when deputies arrived to find the mother performing CPR.

Deputies took over and then Commerce Township fire paramedics arrived. The child was pronounced dead that evening at Children's Hospital in Detroit.

Deputies said the mother was at the store when the child submerged in the water.

They are investigating possible child neglect charges against the 37-year-old father, who deputies said fell asleep and was slumped over in a chair at the sheriff's Commerce Township substation.

He was taken to an area hospital for a blood draw.

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## Northville High graduate represents Michigan in Miss America Pageant

Ed Wright

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Thursday's 100th Miss America Pageant will include some local flavor.

Northville native Vivian Zhong, 24, will represent Michigan in the iconic competition set for the Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville, Connecticut.

After years of being aired on one of the big-three networks, Thursday's competition will be streamed live only on NBC's Peacock Network beginning at 8 p.m. A classical pianist, Zhong is attempting to become the first Miss Michigan to be crowned Miss America since Kirsten Haglund in 2008. Twenty years earlier, Michigan's Kaye Lani Rakko won the honor.

"The second I won, it was surreal because I knew it was the final time I'd be competing," Zhong said in a July 2021 interview with Hometown Life. "When the reigning Miss Michi-



Northville native and Miss Michigan 2021 Vivian Zhong strikes a pose on West Main on July 22, 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

gan told me I'd be competing in the 100th Miss America Pageant, it was almost too much to take in."

Zhong, one of two Asian-Americans entered in this week's competition, is seeking to join Angela Perez Baraquio Grey as the only Asian-Americans to take the title. Grey won in 2001.

If Zhong is triumphant, she won't have long to celebrate. The 2015 graduate of Northville High School is slated to take a test Friday as she pursues a doctorate degree in her quest to become a pediatric oncologist.

Zhong was crowned Miss Michigan in June. The 51 Miss America contestants are judged

on interviews and a talent competition. The swimsuit portion of the competition was eliminated in 2018.

According to the event's Wikipedia site, Miss America travels about 20,000 miles a month, changing her location every 24 to 48 hours, touring the nation and promoting her particular platform of interest. Zhong's platform is increasing awareness and fundraising for pediatric cancer.

Zhong lost a close friend to the disease when she was in middle school.

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### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.735

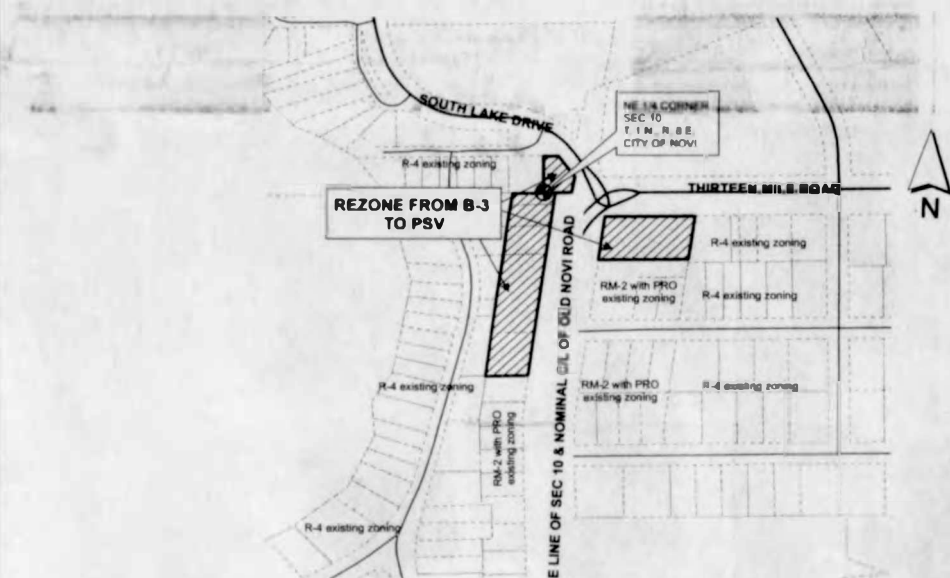
#### THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.735 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is December 21, 2021.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the 6th day of December, 2021. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



To rezone a part of the southwest 1/4 of Section 2, northeast 1/4 of Section 10 and the northwest 1/4 of Section 11, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcels 22-02-353-003, 22-10-229-003, 22-10-229-004, 22-10-229-005, 22-10-230-009, and 22-11-101-001

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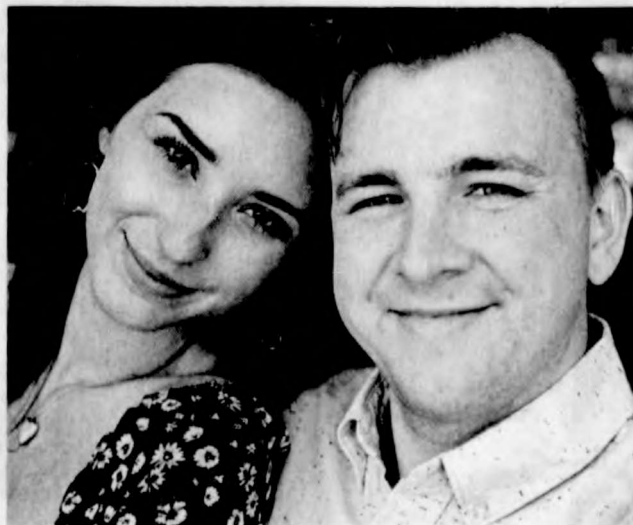
## Krolikowski, Richardson announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Krolikowski of Commerce Township are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Krolikowski, to Connor Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson of Highland Township.

Megan is a 2015 graduate of The International Academy. She received a Bachelor of Science in nursing with a minor in health promotion from Michigan State University Honors College in 2019. She is currently employed as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Ascension Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Connor is a 2012 graduate of Lakeland High School. He received a Bachelor of Applied Arts in interior design with a minor in construction management from Central Michigan University in 2017. He is currently employed as an interior design associate for Krieger Klatt Architects in Royal Oak, while completing his Master of Architecture from Lawrence Technological University.

The couple plan to marry in February 2022 at Sweetest Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Detroit with reception to follow at Pine Knob Mansion in Clarkston.



Megan Krolikowski and Connor Richardson will say "I do" in February. COURTESY OF CONNOR RICHARDSON



## Land

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He was unsure how much acreage would be needed.

Auger is expecting a public input meeting to take place in January regarding Beck Road, which has capacity issues and for which improvements have been discussed for more than a decade. The city has made all adjustments it can to ease traffic issues, including improvements to intersec-

tions and turn lanes, he said. Federal money has been applied for and Auger said the first stage of improvement will be between Grand River and 11 Mile Road, the only section in the city currently considered for extension up to five lanes.

The remainder of the road is not finalized for design, but he anticipates a small boulevard approach with a grass median on Beck between 11 Mile and 8 Mile in order to keep the ambience residents want.

He is unsure how that approach will affect

the Edinborough properties the city will acquire, nor how many trees, if any, might be removed.

The city has about 70% of what is needed for right of way on the Beck Road project, Auger added. If federal dollars are released, construction between Grand River and 11 Mile Road could begin as soon as next year.

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## Barn

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To get it there will be costly, however. The barn will have to be disassembled — saving as much of the original wood as possible — to be reconstructed at the historical village site.

Polasky found contractors Herb and Christopher Hinz in the Michigan Barn Preservation Network who would complete the work, keeping the walls and roof intact, and moving the wood on a large trailer to the village without hazards to utility lines, which can prove to be a real hindrance to moving historical buildings.

"When we reconstruct at the village, it will be as true to original as it possibly can be, but with a lot of new lumber in it," Polasky said.

A temporary sawmill would be established at the historical village site for at least three to four months where residents can watch the barn built from scratch, but again with post and beam construction. A cupola would be added to the roof and the interior would get a new staircase to the loft.

The project could take up to eight months total and when finished would function as an unheated museum, displaying a variety of



The South Lyon Area Historical Society is looking to remove and re-install at McHattie Park this barn currently along Pontiac Trail just south of Eight Mile. The barn was probably built a bit after 1890 and features post-and-beam style construction.

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farming-related artifacts and machinery the historical society has collected over the years, including items salvaged from the grain mill before it was torn down.

"We want to share that this used to be a farm and horse community before all these subs came in, and just share that history with the kids," Ross said. "Unless they go to Maybury or Kensington, they don't know what a farm is or how a farm works."

As a side plan, Polasky said a barn quilt may also be added to the exterior, making the historical village an attractive destination for certain groups.

Polasky and Ross hope to win the approval of the city council and will bring a presentation to them early in the new year, to be followed by a number of fundraising

events. There is a sense of urgency attached, because the Roper family is looking to sell the property on which the barn sits.

If the project receives the green light, the goal is to move the barn late next year or early 2023, in time for the city's 150th anniversary celebration, Ross said.

"We've been at a stand still for a long time," she said. "The barn project has been discussed for 20 years and we spotted this barn. It has lit a fire. We need to quit talking and start doing."

For more information, call the historical society at 248-437-9929 or email Polasky at [bobthebrakeman@comcast.net](mailto:bobthebrakeman@comcast.net).

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## Dining

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bring shoppers and diners to the community.

Jeri Johnson, marketing and communications director for the Northville Downtown Development Authority, said while there have been some people clamoring for street to reopen to traffic, most have reacted positively to the changes since they were first implemented.

"It's given them so much more room to spread out into the streets and have these outdoor structures," she said. "I think the downtown businesses will embrace the winter and use their structures again."

The closures in downtown Northville are expected to remain through next November, after a recent decision by the city council recently expected the duration.

Even with all the activity last winter, including programs such as Heat in the Street to bring heated shelters to the road, the district continues to see plenty of activity.

"I do think a lot of the restaurants will put their fire pits back out," she said. "So far, the stands where vendors can sell items have been busier this winter than they were last summer."

### Outdoor dining a necessity last winter, preference now

Area restaurants got creative after the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services shut down dining rooms in November 2020 among rising COVID-19 cases across Michigan at a time when vaccines were not yet available.

But that ban came with a caveat: restaurants could offer outdoor dining following specific conditions, including limiting how many sides a shelter could have and restricting structures such as the dining igloos to people within the same household. Indoor dining remained banned by the state until February.

Those restrictions are gone, leaving restaurants to decide if and how they would offer a similar experience this winter to those diners who still may not feel comfortable dining inside, especially with the elevated case numbers and positivity rates of COVID-19 Michigan is currently experiencing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said outdoor dining is less risky than indoor dining when it comes to contracting the coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

One such restaurant that ventured into outdoor dining for the first time last year was Super-Natural Brewing and Spirits in Livonia. The brewery at 36685 Plymouth Road erected "beer shan-



Deadwood Bar & Grill server Allison Sawyer brings some drinks to customers in one of the Northville restaurant's outdoor igloos. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ties" last winter, a step that allowed the restaurant to bring back a few employees from furlough during the closure.

Ernie Pacsai, one of the owners, said they plan to bring them back albeit with a slight variation: instead of three smaller tents, they'll keep one small one and combine two to make one larger tent.

The purpose, Pacsai said, is to allow for larger groups the opportunity to gather in a separate setting if they don't want to be inside the brewery.

Will they see a lot of takers? Pacsai isn't quite sure.

"Last year, it was a needed thing. This year, I'm not getting a big draw from our customers," he said. "If you can eat in your own spot with your own people, there's a draw to it."

There's even less uncertainty about outdoor dining in downtown Plymouth. Despite the city allowing for outdoor dining to be allowed through the end of the year, few restaurants have looked to provide it for diners, said Sam Plymale, the downtown manager for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

Just four downtown restaurants applied to keep outdoor dining on public property through the end of the year, and at

least one had already removed the option by early December for a lack of demand, Plymale said.

On the flip side, he's noticed the dining rooms in many downtown Plymouth spots are filling up as they did pre-pandemic.

"My view as I'm driving through town at night, people aren't dining outdoors," he said. "People have gone back to the way things were before COVID and eating inside."

There's already been a good reaction from diners looking to utilize the igloos at both the Moose Preserve and Deadwood, Dzenowagis said. Reservations at the Moose Preserve are filling up fast, and reservations are made even faster at Deadwood.

There's an allure to the igloos, each of which are adorned in different themes with elaborate décor, one that Dzenowagis said customers are attracted to more so that being indoors. "People have their own favorites. It's different than dining inside," he said. "I think even with dining rooms open, it still provides a chance to cheat Mother Nature."

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold a public hearing on January 5, 2022 at 7:00p.m. to receive public input on a request in regard to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance:

- To consider the following variance request on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District on property located at 550 Orchard Dr., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48 005 02 0015 002. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a new residence in the front yard setback. The variance needed is 17.8 feet from the front yard requirement in Section 15.01.

**Meeting Location and Participation**

At this time, the meeting location is undetermined. The meeting will be held in person at City Hall unless the State Legislature amends the Open Meetings Act to allow a public body to continue holding virtual meetings.

Once determined, confirmation of the meeting location will be posted at City Hall in the 24-hour vestibule, on the City website [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us), on the BZA meeting agenda, or you may call the Building Department at 248-449-9902 during normal business hours, Monday – Friday, 8am to 4:30pm.

- If the meeting is held in person, it will be held at the City Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902.
- If the City of Northville BZA is allowed to hold a virtual Zoom meeting, it will be held using the following participation links: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89939450229> 301 715 8592 or 312 626 6799, Webinar ID: 899 3945 0229
- When held by Zoom, members of the public body and members of the public participating electronically will be considered present at the meeting and may participate as if physically present at the meeting. Those needing assistance or accommodations should contact the City Manager's office at 248-449-9905 during regular business hours. Log in instructions, information about electronic meetings, and a user guide can be found on the City website [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us). From the Home page click on the Government tab, Agendas and Minutes, and scroll to the Board of Zoning Appeals section of the webpage.

**Application Review and Written Comments**

The variance application is available for review at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us). From the Home Page, click Services, Building and Planning, Board of Zoning Appeals. It is also available at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, 248-449-9902, Monday – Friday, 8am to 4:30pm.

Written comments to the BZA pertaining to the proposed variance request must be submitted by 4:30pm January 4, 2022 to City of Northville Municipal Building, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, or use the City Hall drop box, or emailed to [dmasa@ci.northville.mi.us](mailto:dmasa@ci.northville.mi.us).

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## Village Elves scramble to help Santa in uncertain times

Susan Bromley

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Christmas is almost here, and Santa seems to be among those suffering from the staffing shortages so common these days.

The Village Elves in Milford are hard at work, but they still can use a few more to find gifts for families in need.

"There is some uncertainty out there and our wish lists are filling lower than normal," Greg Brainer, head elf, said. "It's understandable. There is some uncertainty with the economy and the tragedy that happened in Oxford and a trickle down of other things. I am not sure about the spirit this year."

Brainer, along with a group of Milford neighbors, founded the Village Elves 24 years ago to assist those in need in the village to have gifts and food for their families at Christmas.

About 10-12 different families are helped each year, with Huron Valley Schools assisting in identifying those who most could use generosity from the community.

More than 400 elves, working under the direction of the Milford Police, work to fill the wish lists of these families.

The families remain anonymous to the community; they are assigned names of various streets in the village and not ones on which they live. The members of each family, are given elf names such as this year's "Doodles Gumdrops," an 11-year-old boy, or "Sparky Sleighrunner," a 7-year-old girl.

The gift recipients are all ages, from infants to teenagers to parents and grandparents, as all could use the magic of Christmas.

Among the unfulfilled wishes as Christmas Christmas nears were a Dragon Ball quilt blanket for 7-year-old Coroa Sparklepop, a "nice black dress" for Holly Sparklepants, 9, a winter jacket for Tiny Icemisier, a 16-year-old boy who likes the colors green, red, white, or black, and a plethora of gift cards for the families to spend as needed, whether groceries, or gas, or games.

The elves who sign up to help fill the lists are asked to wrap their presents and then identify the family and child or adult via gift tags secured to the presents and deliver to the Milford Police Department or the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce



Some of the dozens of gifts donated to local needy families at the Milford Police Department. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

by Dec. 20.

Milford Police officers will then deliver the gifts, food, and prepared lasagna dinners from Novella's Pizza, the latter made possible from monetary donations to the Village Elves. This year, the elves requested donations for meals in memory of Maxine Brainer, who died on Thanksgiving. Greg Brainer said his mother always worried about families having enough to eat.

He and the Village Elves are working again to make sure there is plenty on the table this holiday season, as well as under the tree for families who are struggling.

"There will be people reading this that are not in the Huron Valley area and one thing I can't stress enough — yes, there are people in need in Milford," Brainer said. "I say, look around, there are people in need in every community. It's up to us as caring human beings to help identify them."

It's not too late to be an elf. To learn more how to help, visit [www.villageelves.org](http://www.villageelves.org).

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A gift donated to the Village Elves program. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Milford Police Lt. Scott Tarasiewicz, left, and Detective Dan Caldwell help Village Elves' organizer Greg Brainer, right, in sorting through some of the many gifts donated to needy families on Dec. 13, 2021 at the Milford Police Department. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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HAPPY NOW?

# AS YOU LOOK AROUND... SATISFIED BY THE STATUS QUO? PLEASED BY PUNISHING PRICES? GRATIFIED BY GROVELING TO GRANDEES? HAVE YOU GIVEN UP ON THE IDEA OF AMERICA?

NONE OF THIS IS NEW OR UNEXPECTED: IT IS OBVIOUS AND INTENTIONAL (ALSO EVIL)

### FACTS ARE STUBBORN THINGS: SO ARE QUESTIONS

When do you think we should use national emergency war reserve stocks of petroleum? Maybe in a national emergency? Or war? Do you think we should use national emergency war reserve stocks of petroleum because Russian rulers and sovereign sheiks humiliated and rejected us when we begged for more oil? Is it ridiculous to think that canceling America's energy industry would lead to dictators and potentates holding us hostage? How did America's enemies rip away our energy independence? Who delivered us hogtied and weak to our blackmailers? Didn't that just happen?

Russia threatens invasion of Ukraine. Again. Russian pipelines from Russian oilfields supply Western Europe. New pipelines that do not go through the Ukraine. America approves. America shuts down American pipelines and oilfields. America begs for Russian oil. Russia says "Nyet!" Will Russia listen to America about Ukraine invasion? Is good joke, no?

China plans invasion of Taiwan. Et cetera. Et cetera. Will China listen to America about Taiwan invasion? Also good joke, yes?

Some people smash and grab sledge hammers and crow bars from big box home improvement stores. Some people use sledge hammers and crow bars to smash and grab luxury goods from luxury stores. And regular stuff from drugstores, dollar stores, grocery stores. No sledge hammers required. Some congresspersons deny this is a problem.

Some prosecutors refuse to prosecute smash and grab theft. Also minor assaults. Also major assaults. Also murders. Also riots. Also arson of police stations, federal courthouses, stores, small business, single family homes, apartment houses, and basically anything else that burns. Some TV talkers think you should look at the "good news."

Some people rob and murder wealthy, generous, socially-conscious, 80 year-old Black women in their guarded Beverly Hills mansions. Now Oprah Winfrey disapproves.

Some presidents (to media applause) pardon people who were convicted of detonating bombs in the U.S. Capitol building. Some presidents (to media applause) hold people in solitary confinement who are accused of protesting in the U.S. Capitol building.

Some teachers encourage some kids to think of themselves as evil exploiters, based on skin color. Some teachers encourage other kids to think of themselves as helpless victims, based on skin color. Some teachers encourage kids to think of teachers as avenging angels. Some teachers discourage kids from thinking that hard work pays. No more grades. Or advanced placement or study courses. Providing pillows, puppies, and warm, soft comfortable spaces to think correct thoughts about their victimhood. Based on skin color.

Inflation. At least they stopped lying about it and admit that skyrocketing prices for just about everything are here to stay. Happy now?

### THERE IS NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

- The sun also rises, also does it set, And hastens to the place where it arose.
- The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit.
- All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full.
- That which has been is what will be, That which is

done is what will be done. And there is nothing new under the sun.

- There is no remembrance of past things, Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come.

Ecclesiastes 1:5-7,9,11

Is there any mystery as to how we got here or how to get out? Is the world too complex? Should we simply run away? But where would we run to? Is surrender the answer?

"There are no easy answers, but there are simple answers. We must have the courage to do what we know is morally right." Ronald Reagan. How do we know what is morally right? This is not a new question. The answers are not new either.

### SEVEN DEADLY SINS BREAKING NEWS FROM THE 4TH CENTURY

Is it ridiculous to recognize that humans today are the same as humans two thousand years ago? Same temptations. Same ways of getting it wrong. Doing evil.

Same aspirations. Living a good life. Finding meaning in the world. Getting it right. Doing good.

Do you hear preachers these days talking about the time-tested seven deadly sins? Are today's preachers correct that everything is okay? Have good and evil gone out of style? When? Is it a good thing that preachers are most intensely concerned about current social theories about which skin color group is to blame for the misery of other skin color groups? Should we cheer when preachers condemn some people for disapproving of the actions and behaviors of other people, when those actions and behaviors are harmful? To themselves and others? Should the question of good and bad be a popularity contest?

Here is a list of bad attitudes and behaviors first identified by Aristotle thousands of years ago. In the 4th century a Christian monk listed them as 7 or 8. A few hundred years later Saint Thomas Aquinas whittled the list down to Seven:



Lust  
Gluttony/Drunkenness  
Greed  
Sloth  
Wrath  
Envy  
Pride

Can you think of any problem we face today that does not spring directly from one of these mindsets? If someone is pushing schoolkids to embrace Sloth (no grades), Envy (they got stuff you want), Wrath (they stole your stuff), and Pride (they can do no right, we can do no wrong), does that someone really have the best interests of the kids at heart?

Do you insist you are perfect? Do you claim the right to judge others? Are you asking for anything more than the right to try as best you can to do as well as you can? Do you want unjust, undeserved rewards? Do you seek unfair advantage? Do you want a crumb more than what you have earned? Can anyone honestly accuse you of wanting more than simple fairness?

Of course, none of us are perfect. As the sun also rises, so do we fail to meet our highest ideals and aspirations. But just as all rivers run into the sea, we keep trying. Keeping faith. Acknowledging our failures and striving to improve.

### SEVEN CARDINAL VIRTUES HOW TO WIN

Humans have been behaving badly for a long time. No surprise. And humans have been rising above bad behavior for just as long.

Is it ridiculous to recognize that humans today are the same as humans two thousand years ago? Same hopes and dreams. Same aspirations to get it right. Doing good. Making the world a better place. Is that ridiculous?

Fortunately, the folks who gave us the list of the Seven Deadly Sins, left another list. The second list has the simple answers. Remember, these answers may be simple, but they are not easy:

Chastity  
Temperance  
Charity  
Diligence  
Kindness  
Patience  
Humility

Can you think of any problem we face today that could not be solved by applying one of these mindsets? If schoolkids were encouraged to embrace Diligence (do your homework), Patience (good things come to those who wait, and work), Kindness (understand others before you demand understanding from others), and Humility (nobody has all the answers, no one is perfect), would we have parents feeling betrayed and (finally) demanding accountability?

Are you against enduring faithfulness to your spouse? Are you too afraid to see the world clearly, seeking deadly shelter in a drunken haze? Have you given up on extending the helping hand to others? Is it crazy to think that challenging work gets superior results? Do only suckers and chumps practice compassion, loyalty, and integrity? Are you opposed to seeking peace and extending mercy? Do you reject the bravery of listening to the other side and the modesty of acknowledging your faults?

America wins when we all win. That has always been the promise. And America has been pretty darn good at keeping that promise. Better than anyone else. In the history of the world.

But now we are flooded with petulant, peevish professionals: teachers, lawyers, politicians, tech moguls. You know who they are. Unhappy people who find their toxic joy in the misery of others. Resentment is their stock in trade. Utopian promises that deceive only the ignorant.

From National Socialism to Soviet Socialism to Venezuelan Socialism to a Haskin-Robbins assortment of other socialisms, the results are always the same. Repression. Starvation. Death.

Is it a ridiculous idea to think that you can do something about it? Have you given up on the idea of America? Are you opposed to fighting for the way of life that has brought so much happiness to so many?

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A few pebbles bounce down the mountain side. A tiny snowball starts to roll. Tectonic plates slip, just a little. Then a little more. Bouncing pebbles cause rolling rocks. Snowballs grow huge. The earth shudders. Change is coming.

A few people become concerned. They talk to other people. Who talk to other people. The powerful try to shut them up. Ban them. Cancel them. Ridicule them. But like other natural events, the cascade cannot be stopped. Change is coming.

Is it a ridiculous idea to think we have reached a turning point? Do regular folks, the kind you go to church with, approve the current situation? Do you think America has been well served by so-called the best and brightest? America's greatest strength has always been her people, the steady, reliable men and women who get things done. Should we let things slide further? Do you really want to see how far down we can go? Is this a bad time to say, "Enough!"

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## Northville Township's police chief to retire, plans working in private sector

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Paul Tennies grew up in Canton Township and figured he'd return there after the police academy.

But some Northville Township recruiters nabbed his attention and he could not resist their job offer when it came along.

He patrolled township streets, made various arrests, took on more responsibilities and in 2019 became police chief.

Tennies, 40, retires Dec. 17 after 19 years with the department working to keep the township safe.

He has four school-aged children whom he wants to see more often.

"My kids are in that busy phase of life where they're constantly going somewhere," the chief confessed. "I probably have to have more calendars and strategies to get them to all their sporting events."

"From talking to chiefs in the area, they all had the same challenges of doing a lot and the job never ends. (I am) just wanting to make sure to be present."

He also is intent on beginning a new job with a private company that supports accreditation across the country.

For the record, Tennies' surname sounds like "tennis" and not the synonym for sneakers.

It's been one of those things for the man who took to the law enforcement profession in a high school Explorer program that allowed him to do ride-alongs.

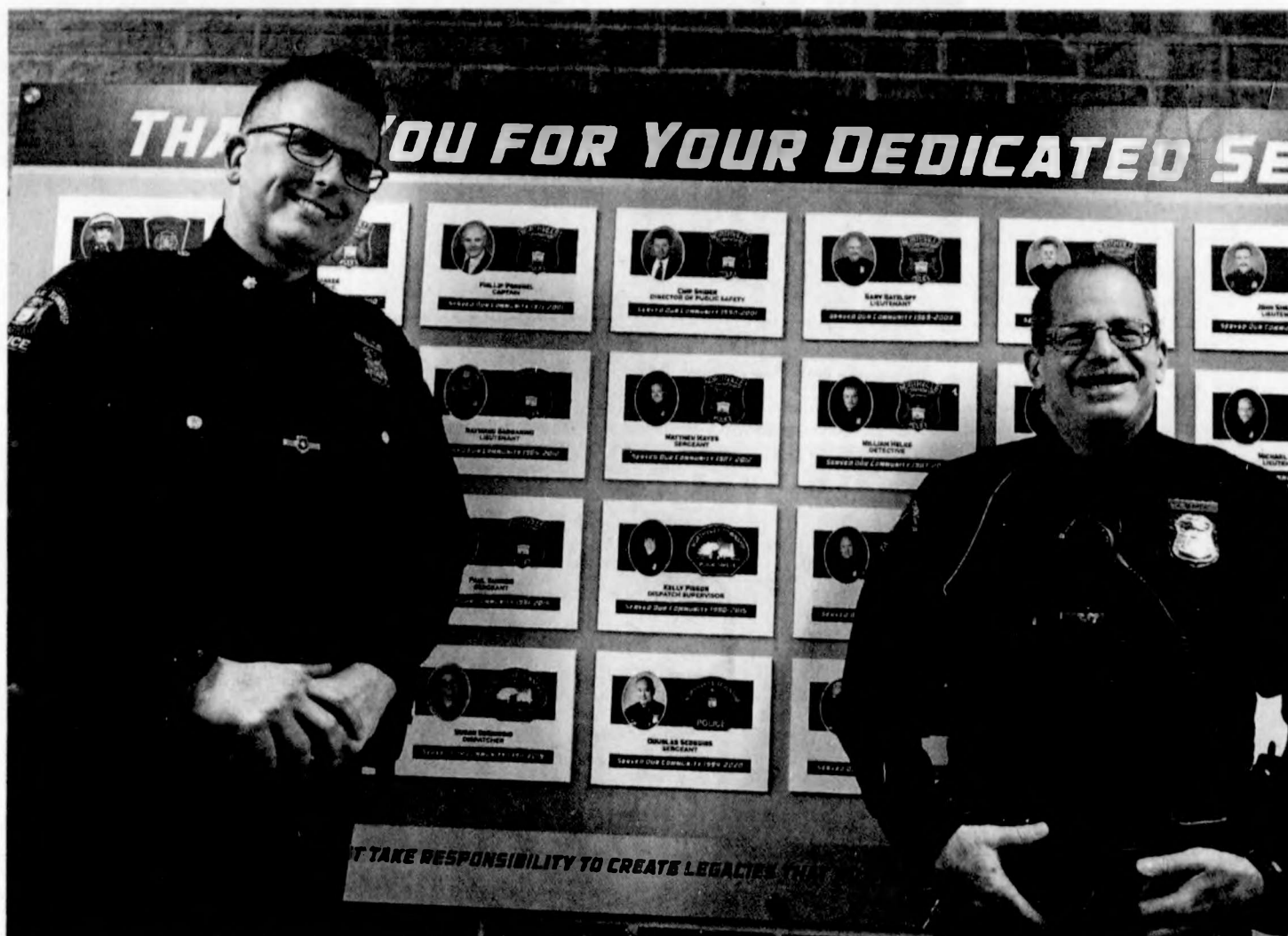
"Nobody ever said it right," Tennies said. "I stopped correcting people."

Whether they're saying his surname right or wrong, townships officials have been praising the chief.

Township Manager Todd Mutchler said he had "some less than good news" when he announced Tennies' retirement plans during a recent trustees' meeting.

"Throughout his career, he's led a fantastic team of officers to new heights," Mutchler said. "He's built bridges with community partners and arrested a lot of people."

"In every role, he made an impact on our department and on our community. It is an understatement to say we will



The Northville Township Police Department is bidding goodbye to retiring Chief Paul Tennes, left, and Officer James Beamish. They have 20 years and 32 years respectively in the township force. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

miss him greatly."

Tennies pursued a bachelor's degree while gaining practical, civilian experience at law enforcement agencies.

Once joining Northville Township's patrol staff, he knew he wanted to do more. In time, he completed stints with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force in Detroit and the Michigan State Police Western Wayne Narcotics Task Force.

He has worked to make Northville schools safer by enhancing emergency response plans and established a partnership with the Michigan State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Tennies also became an assessor for a state commission and is credited with incorporating best practices into

the township police department. According to township officials, their police department was the first agency in Wayne County to obtain state and international accreditation, which happened during the pandemic.

As chief, Tennies has been managing more than 50 personnel and a shared annual budget of about \$9 million with the fire department.

Now that it's nearly time to stop making the daily commute from the other side of Oakland County, near the Macomb County border, to the township's police headquarters on Six Mile Road, he is reflecting on his time with the department. He humbly said he grew up there.

"I've been fortunate to work with a

ton of great people," Tennies said. "Because of that, I've been given a lot of good opportunities."

Tennies also has a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Northville Township officials announced Dec. 6 that Tennies' replacement is Scott Hilden, the former public safety chief and emergency manager for Washtenaw Community College.

He has 24 years' experience with Canton Township's public safety department, where he once served as deputy chief.

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## Sheriff's office investigates report of shots fired at Walled Lake Central

**Susan Vela**  
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A report of shots fired Tuesday morning at Walled Lake Central High School in Commerce Township spurred another Oakland County Sheriff's Office schools investigation into what seems to have been a phony

episode.

Undersheriff Michael McCabe said a report happened at 8:31 a.m. Dec. 7 but arriving deputies found no evidence of injuries or confirmed shots fired.

Other police departments responded as well, and deputies cleared the building, 1600 Oakley Park Road.

Shortly after 9 a.m., the sheriff's of-

fice canceled additional police response.

Deputies are investigating the original call.

No other information is available.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susanvela.



**Rick Bloom**  
Financial Columnist

## When to consider donations, investments for your year-end financial planning

**H**ere we are in the home-stretch of 2021. I know at the end of 2020 we were happy to see a new year and I think we all feel similarly about 2021. Before we close out the year, I want to run through some of the financial things you can do before the end of the year that may be beneficial to you. Of course, the events won't apply to everyone because everyone's situation is different. However, taking advantage of these issues can help you financially.

The first reminder - and one that I've mentioned many times in the past - is a Roth IRA conversion. The benefit of a Roth IRA conversion is the fact that when money is withdrawn from a Roth IRA, there is no income tax. In other words, when money is withdrawn from a Roth it is income tax free.

In addition, Roth IRAs are not subject to required minimum distributions. Therefore, when you turn 72, you do not have to take a distribution; you can let the money grow tax free for as long as you choose.

To determine whether a Roth IRA conversion makes sense for you, you need to understand where you are with taxes this year. A conversion is a taxable event, so it could potentially throw you into a higher tax bracket.

Therefore, it is important to do projections based on last year's information as to where you stand with your current taxes. If you find that you can convert money and 1) it will not throw you into a higher tax bracket; 2) you have the money to pay the tax on the money that you're converting; and 3) you can leave the money in the Roth IRA for at least five years, then generally, a Roth conversion will make sense.

On the other hand, if the conversion will throw you into a higher tax bracket or you don't have the money to pay the taxes without touching the money that you are converting, then a Roth conversion probably doesn't make sense. The key is that everyone should look at their individual situation to see if Roth conversions make sense.

Investors who are charitable in nature can be more tax efficient with year-end charitable contributions by donating appreciated securities. When you donate appreciated securities, the charitable contribution is equal to the full fair market value of the securities donated; however, you avoid paying capital gain tax.

For example, if you have a stock that you paid \$10 a share for and today it's selling for \$50 a share, if you donate that security, you can write off \$50 as a charitable contribution and you avoid paying taxes on the \$40 of capital gains.

In addition, if you are taking required minimum distributions, and if you're not itemizing your deductions, you can donate all or a portion of your minimum required distribution directly to a charity. This gives you the benefit of avoiding paying tax on that portion of your minimum required distribution. You shouldn't donate money just to get a charitable contribution; however, if you are donating to a charity, you might as well make it as tax efficient as possible.

Lastly, if you have a flexible spending plan through your employer, it is important to spend all remaining funds in the plan before year end. In some of these plans, if you do not use it before the end of the year, you lose the money. Therefore, it is important that you understand the terms of your flexible spending account, and spend the money before you lose it.

The reality is that you no longer have time to delay. If any of the aforementioned items apply to you, do it now because you may find that in a few weeks, it's too late.

Good luck!

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## Crowds fill downtown Hartland for annual Polar Express Day

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Hartland's annual Polar Express event on Saturday welcomed crowds eager to make holiday memories.

The event, organized by Hartland Crounse Library in partnership with numerous sponsors, returned to its normal structure this year after the COVID-19 pandemic led to last year's drive-through replacement.

High wind gusts challenged some displays, but warmer than normal temperatures inspired a large turnout.

Activities on Saturday included rides on a trackless train, meeting reindeer, musical acts inside the Music Hall, dance performances, several crafts and numerous photo ops with the likes of Frosty, the Grinch and Santa.



2-year-old Sylvie Koppen and her mom Jamie, of Hartland, ride the Little Conductors train that runs up and down Avon Street in the village of Hartland for the annual Polar Express Day on Saturday. PHOTOS BY GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY



Hartland residents 4-year-old Chase Mager and his sister Luella, 6, with their 4-month-old sister Ruby sit with Santa for a photo inside Universal Credit Services.



While mom Rebecca Boehm watches, daughter Lillian, 2 1/2, puts a ring on the antlers worn by her dad Ryan, all from Brighton, at the Beauchamp Water Treatment & Supply table.



3-year-old Zeke Motte visits Poinsettia, a 5-year-old reindeer provided at Polar Express Day by Shining Star Ranch.



8-year-old Taylor Love of Brighton rides a bouncy horse, one of several attractions provided by SportPort at Hartland's Polar Express Day Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021.





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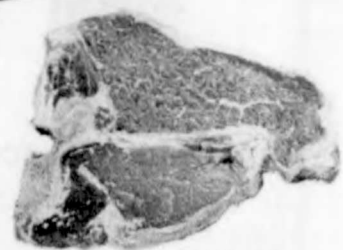
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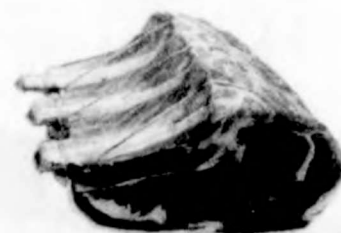
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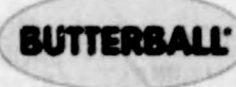
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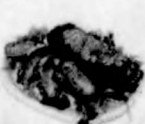
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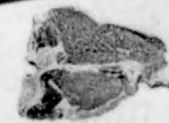
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## Wayne Memorial struggles but shows promise in season opener

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Wayne Memorial played like a girls basketball team with the deck stacked against them.

The Zebras trailed state power Ypsilanti Arbor Prep by 28 when coach Jarvis Mitchell called a timeout with 1:35 left.

"What do I always say?" the eighth-year coach asked his players as they sat down. "Every possession we can always get better. So let's get out there and get better."

Long Beach State commit Davai Matthews instantly made a basket down low.

And then Mia Bass came up with a steal.

And then Paris Bass poked free another ball.

Time expired, and Arbor Prep walked off the court with the 67-41 victory in Saturday's Best of Michigan Holiday Classic girls basketball showcase game at Belleville, but Memorial proved Mitchell right in the final 95 seconds.

Entering the matchup, the Zebras (0-1) were already at a disadvantage.

Not only were they playing the Ga-tors, who've appeared in three state finals since 2016, but it was their first game of the season. Most teams have already played three, maybe four games, but Memorial was making its debut.

Plus, they were breaking in four new

freshmen (part of five underclassmen it's using in its rotation) and trying to move on after graduating three seniors, all of whom are playing in college. That includes Minnesota's Alanna Micheaux, Eastern Michigan's LaChelle Austin and Lawrence Tech's Paris Robinson.

What's more, the baseline was lined with college scouts. Sixteen of them to be exact. From Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin to Detroit Mercy, Eastern Michigan, Oakland University, and Western Michigan, among others.

Although scouts haven't been strangers to the Zebras' practices over the years (Mitchell estimates 25 have already visited their open gyms in 2021),

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Wayne Memorial's Mayla Ham (right) battles Ypsilanti Arbor Prep's Stacy Utomi for a rebound during the Best of Michigan Holiday Classic girls basketball showcase on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at Belleville. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Livonia Franklin girls basketball dominates Dearborn Crestwood



The Livonia Franklin Patriots host Dearborn Crestwood. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

**Ben Szilagy**

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Livonia Franklin started out its season the way coach John Santi hoped. The Patriots are running hard, executing on offense and playing really tough defense.

It also helps that Santi has two good players in seniors Kalin Bates and Erin Young who have seen a lot of minutes as four-year players.

"When your top players are your hardest workers, it makes any coach's job very easy," he said.

At times, he's catching his players correcting themselves before he can offer a teachable moment, as well. That type of leadership translated into a dominate performance Thursday against Dearborn Crestwood where the Patriots won, 61-21.

"Overall we did a lot of good things," Santi said.

"We played very hard defensively. We spend a lot of time on our defensive sets

in practice. A lot of what we went through in practice showed up in the first quarter. We shot the ball really well tonight, which a lot of times can cover up some of your deficiencies."

Franklin (2-0) came out with sharp intensity on defense that led to its offense playing well.

Young used a swing pass to find senior Sam Provenzano for a corner 3-pointer, and a steal by Bates led to an easy transition basket by fellow senior Emily Burton for a quick five point lead. That lead swelled to a 19-2 lead at the end of the quarter with the Chargers (0-3) not making a single field goal in the process and only hitting two free-throws.

The second quarter had more impressive shooting on display, in particular a buzzer beater as time expired in the half by Provenzano who had 14 points, while hitting four 3-pointers in the first half.

"Sammy can shoot. Now, that doesn't

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Livonia Franklin Patriot Gabriela Sanchez puts up a shot. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Bloomfield Hills rolls past Novi in boys basketball season opener

**Ben Szilagy**

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Any coach will tell you that the first win is always the most important one. That message echoed from Bloomfield Hills coach Paul Kurajian after the final whistle blew on the Black Hawks' 67-60 victory over Novi Tuesday night.

"We just played hard and executed our stuff," he said. "We were able to play well defensively which got us going on our transition game. It's something we want to do, is to run the floor. It gave us a good jump start early."

"The first win is always important. Novi is an unbelievably well-coached team. Any time you can beat a team like that, that is that scrappy and can run good stuff, we're happy."

It's easy to be happy with the start Bloomfield Hills (1-0) received from the early going.

Using a suffocating man-to-man defense and cutting off passing lanes, the Black Hawks jumped out to a 18-9 lead at the end of the first quarter including a 11-0 run that stymied Novi.

Bloomfield Hills had balanced scoring across the board throughout most of the game, and especially in the first half. Three different juniors — Ahmed Tayler, Derrick Lee Jr and Noah Adamczyk — had six points apiece while senior Carson Brodsky had five in the first half that helped build a comfortable 31-19 lead.

That lead swelled to 17 points at the end of the third quarter, 51-34, using the same transition offense that helped build the lead all half long.

"Effort and the execution was there," Kurajian said. "We stressed cutting off the passing lanes, because Novi is a good passing team. We had to be in gaps, and really use our hands to get deflections."

Adamczyk led the way with 20 points, while Lee Jr. chipped in 14 points and 6 rebounds. Brodsky finished with 8 points and 13 rebounds.

"We're excited for the group this year. We have a lot of guys that can hurt you," Kurajian said. "We have a team that doesn't have to stress one guy. We can run anything through any one of our guys. We're fortunate to have that flexibility."

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# NHL goalie's death in Novi ruled accidental by Oakland County prosecutor

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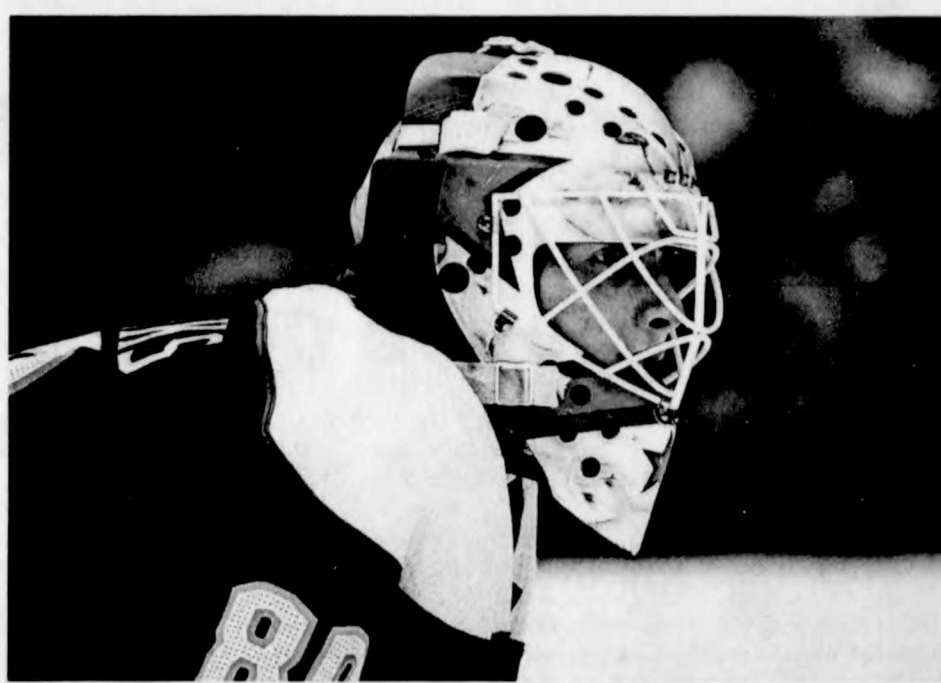
Blue Jackets goaltender Matiss Kivlenieks' death July 4 in Novi has been ruled accidental by a Michigan county prosecutor's office and no criminal charges will be sought.

Oakland County prosecutor Karen McDonald's office deliberated over the case for nearly five months after receiving a report about the fireworks accident from Novi police. Kivlenieks, 24, died after being struck in the chest by a mortar shell fired from a tube that tipped toward a hot tub in which he was seated.

The fireworks device was a "cake style" rack of nine mortar shells in tubes arranged in three rows of three. It was set off in the backyard of a home owned by the team's goaltending coach, Manny Legace, who was hosting a celebration that followed his daughter's wedding.

Kivlenieks, from Latvia, sustained extensive damage to his chest and fatal damage to his heart and lungs from the mortar shell. He attended the gathering with Blue Jackets goalie Elvis Merzlikins and Merzlikins' wife.

Merzlikins has since described his version of what happened and said Kivlenieks saved others from injuries



Blue Jackets goaltender Matiss Kivlenieks, 24, was extremely popular among his teammates. ADAM CAIRNS/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

or death, including his son, — who was born Aug. 20 and was given the name Knox Matiss Merzlikins.

Novi police conducted the initial investigation into the incident and concluded Kivlenieks' death was a tragic accident. Criminal charges were not recommended. The report was sent to

McDonald's office for review. Shortly after getting the report, the prosecutor's office requested further information from police, but the specifics of that request were not released.

The ruling Dec. 1 closes the case. [bhedger@dispatch.com](mailto:bhedger@dispatch.com)



In the midst of a bunch of Dearborn Crestwood players Erin Young, center, puts up a shot. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Franklin

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mean... she didn't shoot the ball very well on our opening night against Trenton. She didn't shoot the ball too well in practice this week too. Sometimes it's just a confidence thing," Santi said.

"Once you see it go in one time, you feel a lot better about yourself and your ability."

Leading the charge in the third quarter was Young herself who opened the quarter with seven points and finished the quarter with 13 points. She had 20 points, seven rebounds, two steals and two blocks on the night.

"We rely on her for a lot of stuff. We rely on her to score, to bring the ball up and get us into sets. She just kind of does everything," Santi said of his senior.

Young, however, said that her play was more symptomatic of how great the team played.

"It was just more of a team game, other than a me game, really," the humble 5-foot-10 senior said.

"They had a lot of opportunities that they pitched in with. Our team did our job perfectly. Growing is more of a team thing. You can't grow with your team. This team has gotten better each year. This year we've gotten tremendously better. We work together very well."

Franklin rode that performance to a comfortable 55-14 lead with a quarter to play.

Crestwood was led by Lachelle Moreland-Jones who had six points, while Sohair Holman and Mallak Saleh each had four points.

Even though the game was well in control the entire contest, Santi like that he only only could help build his depth, but that his team stayed focused.

"I still want to see them compete. I want to see them do things the right way. It doesn't just have to be fast breaks. It can be working on sets, working on things you need to work on to improve for later in the year," he said.

"Plus, we're not real deep. So it's good to get some of the other girls some experience and time on the floor against a team that won't give up, like Crestwood."

The Patriots look to stay undefeated against rival Livonia Stevenson Dec. 16 on the road.

## Wayne

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it's still jarring to see a bunch of scouts sitting courtside with notebooks out.

So Memorial learned a lot about itself on opening night. And it's not going to get any easier.

But Mitchell wouldn't have had it any other way.

"You'd rather take lumps like that than win big when it's false security on what you're really going to face (in the Division 1 playoffs)," Mitchell said. "In that tournament, everybody is pretty much good. When you play cupcakes in the beginning and your kids never have any adversity, you're never going to get better."

"We got better tonight. We lost, but we got better."

Matthews (17 points) helped Memorial keep it close in the first quarter. The 6-foot-2 power forward made a jumper and sank a pair of free throws, and then Mia Bass made two foul shots to make it a 13-10 score.

However, Arbor Prep made back-to-back 3-pointers to close out the period, including Taylor Wallace burying one from the corner at the buzzer to ensure the Gators a 19-10 lead at the break.

And then Mya Petticord, a four-star Texas A&M commit who scored a game-high 23 points, took over the rest of the night. The senior guard was vir-



Wayne Memorial's Paris Bass shoots against Ypsilanti Arbor Prep during the Best of Michigan Holiday Classic girls basketball showcase on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at Belleville. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

tually unstoppable. Whether it was turnaround jumpers, drives to the hoop or pull-up shots, the Arbor Prep star had no trouble scoring in front of the scouts.

So Memorial didn't have its best

showing, especially on defense while Matthews sat with four fouls most of the second half.

But the team knows it can only go up from here.

"In Wayne history, we're never great early, but you can expect to see us in March," Mitchell said of his team's history of scheduling tough non-conference games. "We've been to three final fours in the last four years. You might get me now, but we'll get better over the course of the season, and then we'll be right where we are normally are at."

This week Memorial plays Renaissance and Kensington Lakes Activities Association rival Belleville in back-to-back games (Renaissance actually edged Belleville 38-34 on Saturday).

And then two of its following three games are on the west side. It faces East Grand Rapids on Dec. 18 at Aquinas College and East Kentwood on Jan. 8 at Cornerstone University.

It's not going to get any easier over the next month.

"That's the only way I play. That's the only way I play," Mitchell said proudly. "Part of the thing about being at Wayne is we'll forever schedule like that. We want to play the best, whether you beat us or we win. The only way to ensure these kids get better is to play (against) the best."

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## Bloomfield

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Novi coach Chris Housey said the Wildcats struggled getting back on defense to keep up with the Black Hawks.

"We were a little behind on running the floor. Bloomfield Hills pushed the tempo on us, and were a little faster down the floor," he said. "We just didn't do a good job of sprinting back on defense. We talked about it at half time that there were a lot of two-on-zeros, three-on-one down the floor."

"When you play good teams, you can't come out slow. They just took it to us in that first half."

Despite being down most of the game, Novi (0-1) wasn't going to go out without a fight.

Leading the way for the Wildcats in the fourth quarter was junior Te'John McGowan who almost single-handedly clawed Novi back into the game.

McGowan went on a 10-2 run of his own knocking down a free throw, a 3-pointer and a couple of baskets to cut the lead to 59-48 with 2:06 to play in the game.

"Te'John is a great player, and a special kid. He works incredibly hard, too. When he gets into a rhythm, he's really hard to stop. Coming into the game we had a lot of respect for their players, but we showed that we have a really good one, too, in him," Housey said of his star.

"Even when he was banged up, he pushed through, played hard defense, and made us really proud. He's got a lot



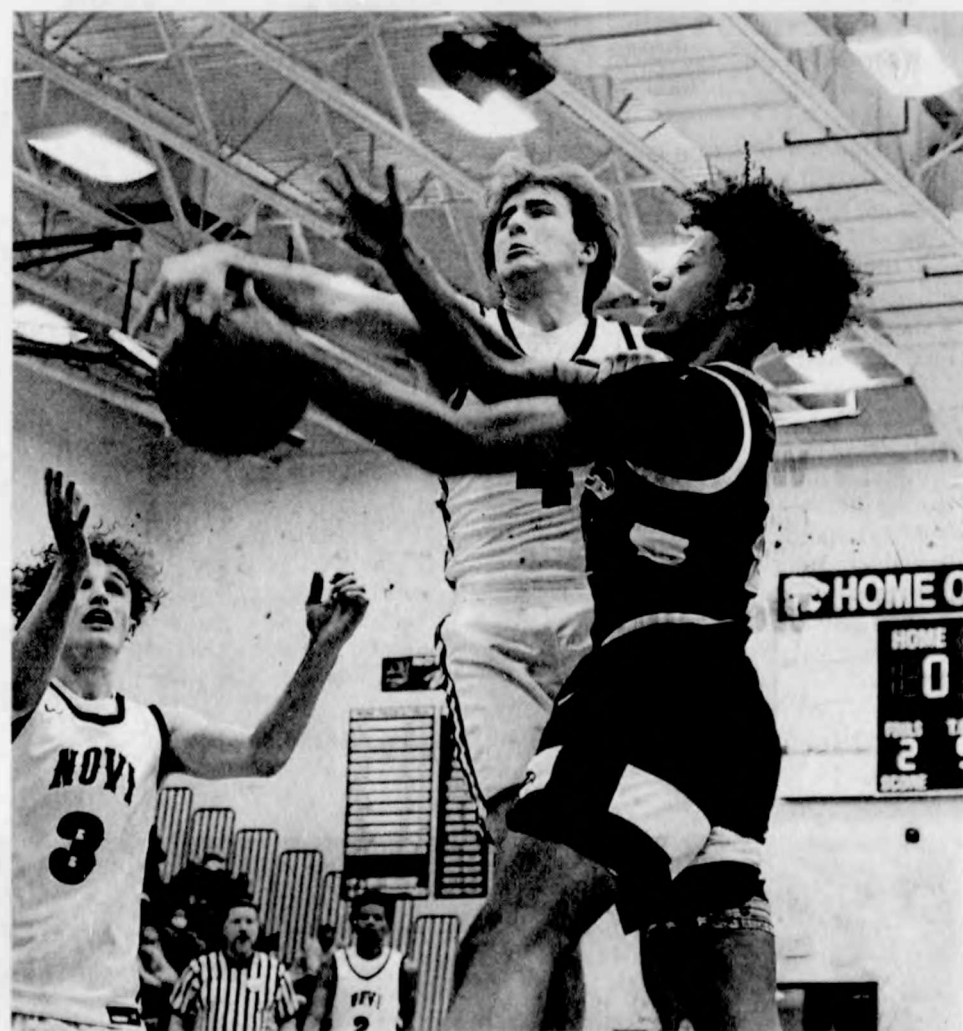
Wildcat Danny Groechel, right, grabs a rebound. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

of good things coming."

The Black Hawks were able to keep the Wildcats at bay with its free throw shooting late in the fourth quarter to sulk away the clock and leave with a 67-60 win.

Novi senior Danny Groechel added 18 points, six in the first half, while fellow senior Blake Ellison added 12.

Housey said that even though the game didn't go the way he'd like and that his team was out hustled for most of the game he's proud of the way his team fought.



Wildcat Luke Aurilia, center, goes up for a rebound. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"That's one of the things I love about this team is their fight. They won't quit. It would have been easy to pack it in, or give up. We just kept fighting through

every possession. As much as you hate to lose, there are things you can build on, and that's what we'll build on going forward."



# Brighton defense hands Mercy largest loss in 7 years

Bill Khan  
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**BRIGHTON** — The toughest sales pitch for many basketball coaches is getting their players to be as committed on defense as they are on offense.

At Brighton, it isn't a difficult sell for girls basketball coach Paul Ash.

It's fully understood that playing all-out on the defensive end is responsibility No. 1 for anyone in a Brighton uniform. That point is nonnegotiable.

For some teams, playing defense is a necessary evil. For Brighton, it can actually be — dare we say? — fun.

The Bulldogs' commitment and energy on the defensive end Friday night carried them to an impressive 58-32 victory over Farmington Hills Mercy.

Particularly in the first half, as Brighton built a 38-20 lead through two quarters, it seemed nearly every basket the Bulldogs scored came off a turnover.

"When you get that steal or that turnover or somebody gets that touch and they dish it to you for that open layup, it's so fun," said Brighton senior Sarah Ebel, who scored a game-high 19 points. "It makes you feel accomplished for all the hard work we put in in practice and how we get up in each other's faces."

A relentless defense helped Brighton (2-0) hand Mercy its largest margin of defeat since a 65-28 loss to eventual state champion Bloomfield Hills Marian on Feb. 13, 2015.

In addition to scoring 18 points, Brighton junior guard Mary Copple had eight steals to lead the defensive charge.

"It's so much fun," Copple said. "A lot of teams dread defense, but we really take pride in our defense. When you get steals and it turns into offense, it's rewarding and it makes us want to keep at it."

There's no telling how far the Bulldogs can go this season playing the brand of defense they did against Mercy.

The Marlins are no slouches, having won 12 district championships in the last 16 years and winning their first three games of this season.

"It's tough for teams to simulate how we play defense in their practices," Ash said. "We think it's going to be hard for them to adjust to what we're trying to do. But we kind of caught them on a



Brighton's Sarah Ebel drives for two of her game-high 19 points while defended by Farmington Hills Mercy's Sara Cunningham on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

night when they didn't shoot well. You defense always looks better when the other team doesn't shoot particularly well. You know Mercy's going to win a lot of games this year. I like where our defense is right now."

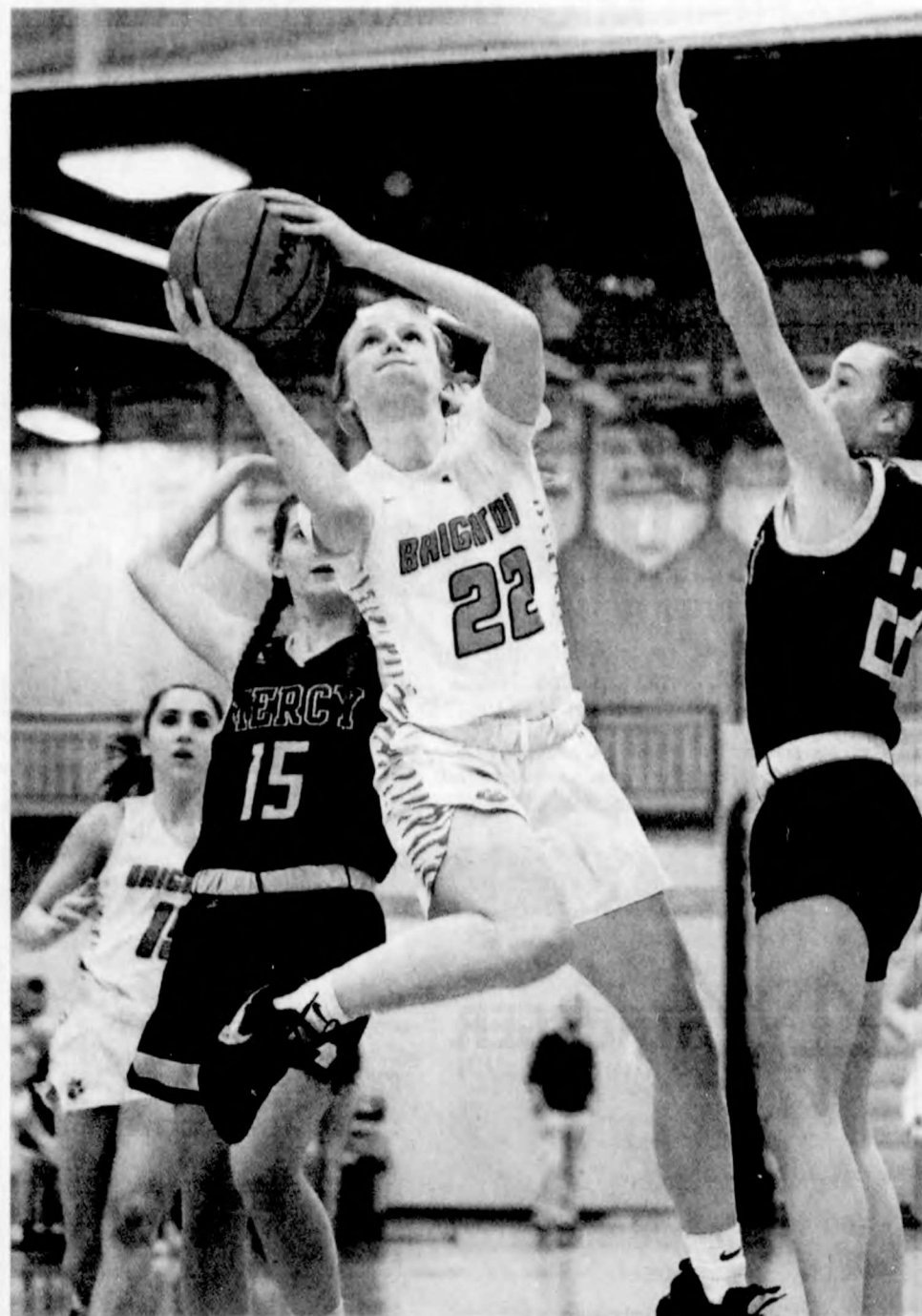
The ability to beat a bigger team was also a positive sign for the Bulldogs.

Mercy has three players who are at least 6 feet tall, while 6-foot Makena Smith is Brighton's only player taller than 5-10.

"Our coach prepared us really well for this game," Ebel said. "He came in telling us they're a very physical team. A lot of people see us as more of a finesse team. We're not super big. We're kind of small. So, when we come in and beat a huge team that's very physical and has those big posts, it's accomplishing, because we know we can play that way."

Mercy led 4-2 in the first two minutes, but it didn't take Brighton long to seize control of the game. After a 16-2 run by the Bulldogs made it 20-6 early in the second quarter, Brighton was never threatened.

Brighton led 38-14 before Mercy scored the last six points of the first half.



Jessica Andrew had 10 points and six rebounds for Brighton in a 58-32 victory over Farmington Hills Mercy on Friday. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

Ebel had 11 points and Copple 10 in the first half.

Sara Cunningham, a 6-foot senior, led Mercy with 14 points. No other Marlin had more than four.

Jessica Andrew had 10 points, six rebounds and three steals for Brighton.

"I think we can be a solid team this year," Ash said. "We'll find out more. We

play two solid teams next week. Then we play West Bloomfield in the Motor City Classic, so that will give us a real test of where we are. We're not ready to say we've accomplished anything yet, but we feel good about the work we've done so far, I'll say that."

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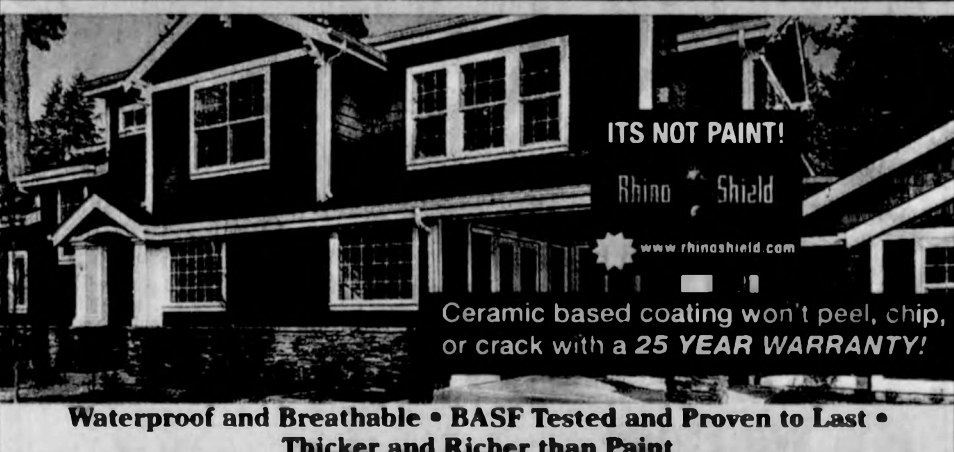
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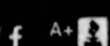
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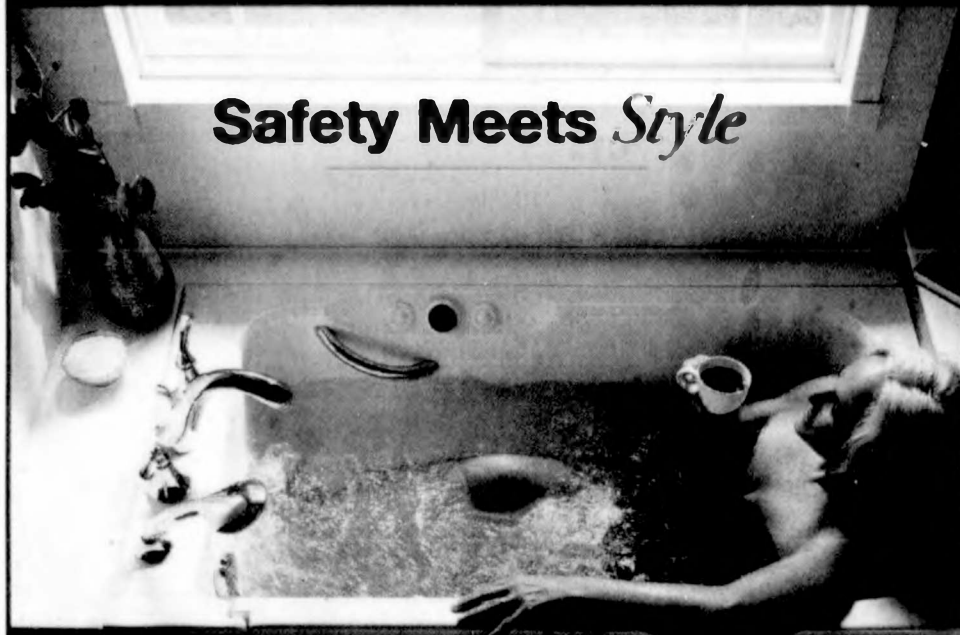
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## Brighton hockey coach encouraged by play in loss to Catholic Central

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LIVONIA — Brighton coach Kurt Kivisto came away from a 3-0 hockey loss to Detroit Catholic Central Saturday night feeling confident the Bulldogs can change the outcome if the teams meet in the state playoffs.

It was essentially a 2-0 game, with the Shamrocks scoring into an empty net with 48 seconds remaining in the Adam Mitchell KLAA-MIHL Memorial Showcase at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

"There is a lot you can take away," Kivisto said. "We're going to go back and look at the film. We'll be better because of it. We're excited. Hopefully, we do get to see them in March. That's ultimately the goal to do that."

In the seasons in which the Bulldogs and Shamrocks play twice, Brighton typically plays better the second time around.

Brighton lost 3-0 to Catholic Central in the first KLAA-MIHL Showcase in 2017, but beat the Shamrocks 2-1 in the state semifinals en route to the Division 1 championship.

After losing 5-0 to Catholic Central early last season, the score was only 3-0 when the Shamrocks won the state semifinal matchup.

"It's a game we knew we were going to expect from them," Kivisto said. "They're deep, they keep coming at you, but I like the way we played. We

were a couple of bounces away from getting one. We had a couple opportunities we didn't put in the net and they capitalized on a couple against us. I'm happy with the way we played. Our guys prepared well, we competed the whole game and we were a bounce away for a lot of that hockey game."

To beat Catholic Central in March, Brighton will have to find a way to score against the Shamrocks.

Nick Galda made 16 saves, as Catholic Central shut out the Bulldogs for the fourth straight time. Brighton has gone 229 minutes, 3 seconds without scoring a goal against the Shamrocks since Noah Stanko scored at 8:57 of the second period of a 4-1 loss on Dec. 15, 2018.

Levi Pennala stopped 24 of 26 shots in his first Brighton-Catholic Central game.

"I thought he played well," Kivisto said. "The first one, I don't think he saw it. It got through and they tapped it in behind him. The second one, he had no chance. I'm very happy with the way Levi competed tonight. I thought he did a great job."

The Shamrocks opened the scoring at 5:03 of the first period on a goal by Brian Apple. The made it 2-0 at 12:14 of the second on a goal by Jackson Walsh. Nate Grondzieleski scored into an empty net with 48 seconds remaining during a Brighton power play.

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Brighton's Cameron Duffany (16) and Detroit Catholic Central's Nate Grondzieleski (5) collide during the Bulldogs' 3-0 loss on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 in Livonia. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY



Brighton's Ian Samp gets ready to fire a shot while defended by Detroit Catholic Central's Garret Freeland during the Bulldogs' 3-0 loss on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 in Livonia. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

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David attended the University of Michigan for his undergrad and graduated from University of Detroit Dental School. As a dentist, he was known for his compassion and gentle demeanor towards his patients and colleagues. David's paradise was on Harsens Island where he spent a lot of time with friends and family but if he was quiet with a smile on his face, you knew he was up to something. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Go Blue!!!

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## Hartland's Hough part of history

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Riley Hough of Hartland placed fifth in the fastest high school cross country race of all time Saturday in the RunningLane Cross Country Championships in Huntsville, Ala.

The top four runners broke the national record of 14:10.4 set by three-time Olympian Dathan Ritzenhein of Rockford in the 2000 Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 meet at Michigan International Speedway.

Hough barely missed Ritzenhein's mark with his time of 14:10.56. His previous fastest time was 14:37.1 on Oct. 9 in the Portage Invitational when he broke Ritzenhein's course record.

The top three runners are from the same California high school, Newbury Park.

Senior Colin Sahlman won in 14:03.29, junior Leo Young was second in 14:05.07 and junior Lex Young was third in 14:05.49. Senior Zane Bergen of Colorado was fourth in 14:09.91.

"It felt like a normal race, nothing really different from that," Hough said. "Competition wise, it was really nice to have something like that."

The top 71 runners in the field of 304 broke 15 minutes on the John Hunt Running Park course.

"Obviously, it's fast, but it's an actual 5K, as well," Hough said.



**Riley Hough of Hartland ran 14:10.56 to place fifth in the RunningLane Cross Country Championships in Alabama.** DAN ZEPPA/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

the whole time, except for when they started to kick in the last 400, 500 meters. I was pretty much with them the whole time."

Newbury Park won the team competition by a 28-117 score over Cheyenne Mountain (Colo.). Newbury Park had the first four runners in the California high school meet, winning with 16 points.

Hough has been busy since winning his second state cross country championship on Nov. 6. He won the Michigan Meet of Champions in 15:08.5 on Nov. 13 and won the Eastbay Midwest Region meet in 14:49.5 on Nov. 27 before racing in Alabama.

He will conclude his amazing high school cross country career Saturday in the Eastbay (formerly Foot Locker) National Cross Country Championships in San Diego. Of the four runners who finished ahead of him Saturday, Bergen is the only one running Eastbay. Bergen was third to Hough at the Midwest Region meet.

He won all 15 of his races this season before Saturday.

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# Hartland's Hough is national champ

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Riley Hough didn't need to become a national champion to establish himself as one of the greatest cross country runners ever to come out of Michigan.

But now that he's added one of the most prestigious championships to his legacy, he has cemented his name on a very short list of all-time greats from a state known for producing tremendous distance runners.

Hough became the sixth Michigan boy to win the Eastbay (formerly Foot Locker) Cross Country Championships on Saturday at Balboa Park in San Diego, pulling away from a pack of five contenders to win in 15 minutes, 11.4 seconds.

He won by 3.4 seconds over Kenan Pala of San Diego.

The other Michigan winners were Brian Grosso of Walled Lake Western (1988), Abdul Alzindani of Dearborn Fordson (1995), Dathan Ritzenhein of Rockford (1999, 2000), Tim Moore of Novi (2001) and Grant Fisher of Grand Blanc (2013, 2014).

Hough's victory marked the eighth time a Michigan boy has won the meet, which began in 1979. Michigan is tied with California for the most male champions.

"I've always looked up to the guys from Michigan who won this race," Hough said. "To join them has just been an honor."

Hough is a two-time Division 1 cross country state champion who is the first runner to break 15 minutes twice at Michigan International Speedway.

With a pack of five still in contention heading into a hill that often determines the outcome of the race, Gavin Sherry of West Hartford, Connecticut, made a bold move in an attempt to create an insurmountable gap. As the pace picked up considerably, each runner had to decide how badly he was willing to hurt.



Hartland senior Riley Hough (left) won the Eastbay Cross Country Championship, while Pinckney senior Caleb Jarema was 32nd on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 in San Diego. COURTESY PHOTO

Hough used a slingshot move around a turn to take the lead with about 500 meters remaining and dropped the hammer.

"I was a little worried, I'll tell you that, because I was struggling up that hill," Hough said. "We were all basically crawling up that hill, because we were so tired. It definitely worried me a little bit."

Even once he had the lead, Hough couldn't allow himself to enjoy the moment until he raised his arms crossing the finishing line.

"Probably the last 200 is mostly uphill," he said. "I couldn't hear whether there were people behind me or not. I was a little scared they were going to come up out of nowhere."

"I was in so much pain, but I had to push through it."



Hartland senior Riley Hough celebrates his victory in the Eastbay Cross Country Championships on Saturday in San Diego. PHOTORUN.NET FOR EASTBAY

The race completed a busy postseason for Hough. After winning his second straight state championship, he won the Michigan Meet of Champions and the Eastbay Midwest Region before taking fifth in the fastest high school cross country race in U.S. history in Alabama.

All of that experience in big meets prepared him for his finest moment.

"I feel like it's definitely helped to make sure I know what it's going to feel like," Hough said. "Running Lane last week was a good way to experience what it would feel like at the end, because at Running Lane I worked really hard, harder than I ever have before. The same thing with (Eastbay). It actually prepared me for the pain."

Caleb Jarema of Pinckney was also part of the 40-man field, placing 32nd in 15:58.9.

"Overall, the whole couple days has been really cool," Jarema said. "We've done all kinds of activities, gone to the beach, got a lot of free stuff, that was pretty cool. The race itself was pretty packed. I don't think I had my best race, but it was still just a really fun experience. It was cool to see Riley win, too."

Other Michigan finishers were Farmington's Peter Baracco (14th, 15:34.0), Traverse City Central's Luke Venhuizen (25th, 15:53.4) and Benzie Central junior Hunter Jones (33rd, 16:00.7).

Their performances helped the Midwest win the four-team competition by a 32-49 margin over the Northeast.

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## Howell ends hockey losing skid to Hartland in OT

**Bill Khan**

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HARTLAND — Howell hockey players mobbed Ryan Moran along the glass near the Highlanders' student section after his overtime goal beat Hartland, 2-1, Wednesday night at Hartland Sports Center.

But when that celebration began dying down, a second wave started as players turned their attention toward senior goaltender Ean Badgett.

Without Badgett's heroics throughout the entire game, the Highlanders wouldn't have had an overtime hero.

"I've been telling everybody he's probably the best goalie in the state of Michigan," Howell coach Rocky Johnson said. "He's showing it night in and night out. He's the one that's kept us in these games. Tonight he faced a lot of shots, but he was perfect almost."

As has been the case recently, Badgett held his ground while facing a barrage of shots. He made 40 saves against Hartland, while the Highlanders put only 18 shots on net.

Howell, which was shut out in its previous three games, has been outshot 176-72 over the last four games. Badgett has been a rock between the pipes, posting a 2.24 goals against average and .949 save percentage in those games.

"I've got to provide for my team as best as I can," Badgett said. "If that means saving 40 shots every night, I've got to do it."

Badgett was in net when Howell beat Brighton in the regional championship game two years ago, 4-2, to end the Highlanders' eight-game losing streak against the Bulldogs. On Wednesday, he backstopped Howell's first victory over Hartland since a 2-1 decision on Dec. 1, 2015.

The Eagles had won seven in a row over Howell and were 14-0-2 against Livingston County teams since that loss.

"A game like this, a rival, we haven't beaten Hartland in a long time," Johnson said. "To come in here in overtime and be successful is so amazing for the emotion and psychology of these young men."

Hartland outshot Howell 14-5 in the first period, but couldn't get a puck past Badgett. The play began to even out after that, with the teams heading into the third period still scoreless.

An unlikely source produced the first goal of the game, with junior forward Dwight Bekkala knocking in the rebound of a shot by Michael Mukavetz

2:05 into the third. It was Bekkala's first point and only the second for Mukavetz.

It was Howell's first goal in 190 minutes, 2 seconds of action spanning five games.

"We have a third line with Bekkala, (Ethan) Lamentola and Mukavetz," Johnson said. "Those guys really helped us a lot. They kind of slowed down the pace of the game when they were in there. Without them in there, we would not have been able to rest our top six. That was really huge for us."

It took Hartland four minutes to tie the game on a wrist shot from the left circle by Isaac Frantti with 10:46 left in the third period. The goal came shortly after Hartland killed a five-on-three power play that lasted 1:50.

Howell (3-4-1) had to kill a five-on-three power play for a 1:34 span late in the third to get the game to overtime.

The winning goal would come on a conventional power play just five seconds after Hartland's Jordan Haydu went to the box.

With the faceoff to the right of Hartland goalie Cole Gumela, the puck came over to Hartland defenseman Jack L'Esperance. Moran poked it away, whiffed on his first attempted shot, but backhanded the loose puck in the crease into the net at 1:11 of overtime.

"On our power play, I play right wing," said Moran, a second-team all-state defenseman. "I went to the faceoff and got the puck from the defenseman. I shot it, then the rebound just came right out and I went around the goalie. It was pretty fun."

"It's an amazing feeling. It's my senior year. I've played against Hartland two years in a row. We lost every game. To win in overtime the last time I'll play them, it's crazy. It doesn't feel real. It's awesome."

The power play was the sixth of the game for Howell.

"We were better tonight penalty wise than it's been," Hartland coach Rick Gadwa said. "Our penalty kill has been really strong. End of the day, you can't live in the box. You can't take a penalty in overtime. Those just hurt a team. We were already struggling enough tonight in creating offense, so that was the end of it for us."

Howell, Hartland and Brighton will play Saturday in the KLA-MIHL Showcase at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

Howell will face Detroit U-D Jesuit at 4:30 p.m., Brighton will take on Detroit Catholic Central at 5:30 and Hartland will clash with Trenton at 6:30.

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Howell's Ean Badgett makes one of his 40 saves on a shot by Hartland's Brady Balagna during the Highlanders' 2-1 overtime victory on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 at Hartland Sports Center. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

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## How To Accept a Job Offer the Right Way

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If you're reading this, it could mean that you're in the home stretch of your job search. (And if you're not, kudos for planning ahead!)

You've likely written a web-friendly resume, made it through pre-screen calls, dressed for interview success, sent a great

thank-you note, and used these tips to negotiate your job offer. The hard part is over. Now, all you have to do is formally accept the offer.

Here is the right way to do that:

### Ask for It in Writing

Nothing in this world is guaranteed, but getting it in writing sure helps. Get your offer in writing so that you can review it and confirm both sides are on the same page in terms of compensation, title, start date, and anything else

that has been discussed. DO NOT quit your current job until you've received the letter. You don't want to risk ending up in a situation where you give notice at one job, then find out there was a miscommunication about the new one.

### Don't Sell Past the Close

Once you have the offer in writing and have formally accepted, tell your new employer how excited you are to join the team. No matter how difficult the interview process may have been or how heated the negotiation got, move on from it and share your excitement and gratitude. This moment is about making your new employer, and yourself, confident that you've made the right decision.

### Shift Immediately to "We"

As soon as you accept the job, you become a member of the team. But there is a good chance your teammates will still see you as the "new" person. It will take some time for everyone to get comfortable, but a shift in the way you speak about them, and yourself, can help speed up that transition. From the moment you join, when you speak about your new company and the work you'll do together, use words like "we" ("We are going to crush our goals this quarter"), "our" ("Our presentation is going to blow everyone away"), and "us" ("You can count on us to deliver this on time"), to make it clear you're in this together.



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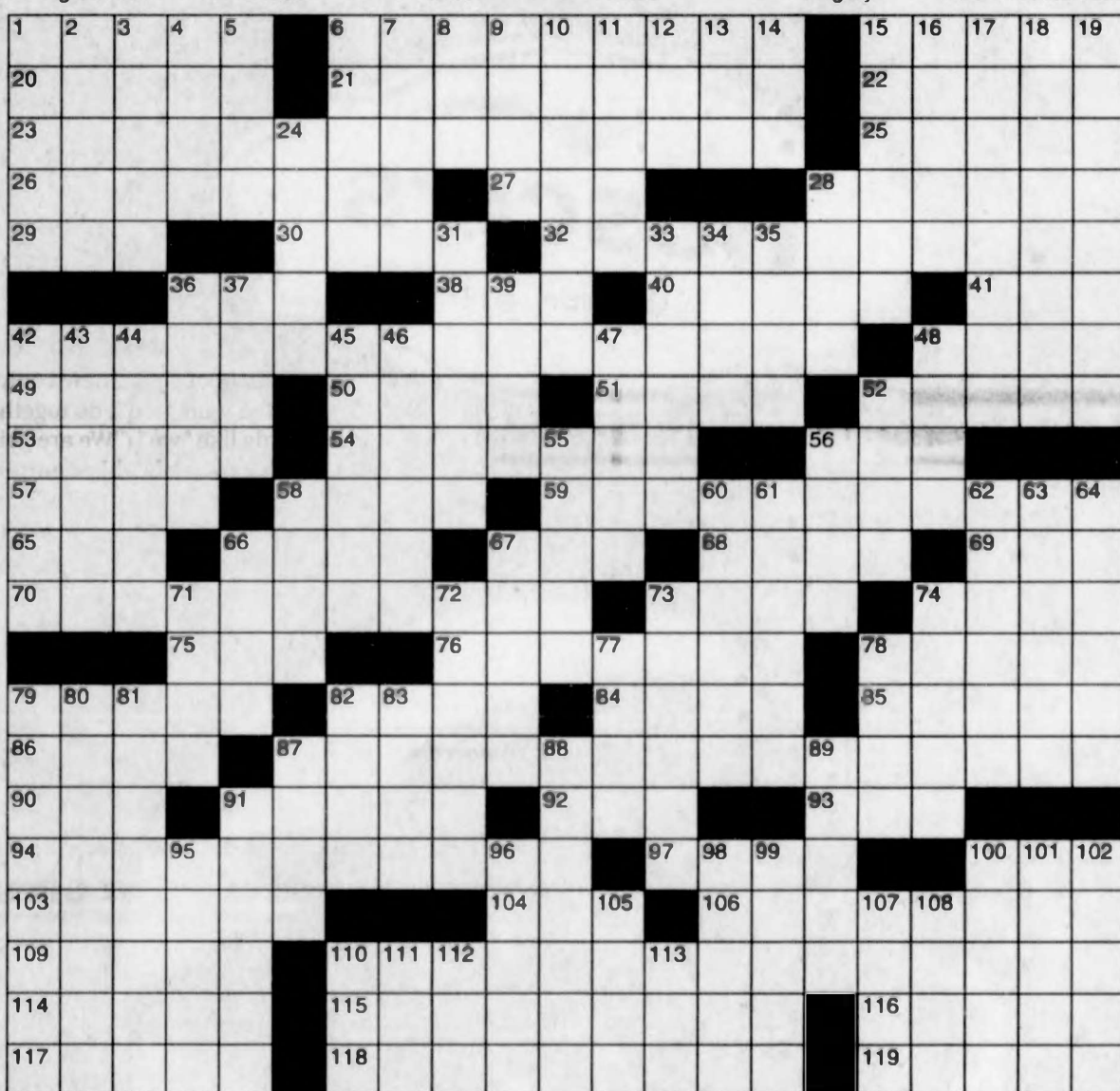
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Requested  
6 Mass helpers  
15 Foil maker  
20 Empathetic declaration  
21 Steak lover, e.g.  
22 Lounges idly  
23 Italian developer of an educational method  
25 Third month  
26 "Two Years Before the Mast" star  
27 Film director  
28 Craven  
29 Family-style Chinese dish  
30 Body design, in brief  
31 The new girl on "New Girl"  
32 French painter of "The Horse Fair"  
36 Commotion  
38 The "N" of USNA: Abbr.  
40 "— never believe me!"  
41 Rap's "Dr."  
42 She played Abby Parker on HBO's "The Deuce"  
48 Cut with a light beam
- 49 Continuously  
50 Cruel emperor  
51 Troop's group  
52 Partners  
53 Scenes  
54 Title sorority in a 1985 film  
56 Turkish cap  
57 French friends  
58 Smithereens  
59 Onetime rival of Steffi Graf  
65 Swimmer  
66 Farm female  
67 Disfigure  
68 Calculus, e.g.  
69 Made in the manner of  
70 American Red Cross founder  
73 Therefore  
74 Fix, as a pet  
75 Frigid  
76 House pests  
78 Spirited  
79 Flub up  
82 Sense by touch  
84 Zeus' wife  
85 Singer Della  
86 Fencing sword  
87 She played Miss Ellie Ewing on "Dallas"
- 90 Gore- (rainwear fabric)  
91 Herb in pesto  
92 Farm female  
93 FedEx competitor  
94 1996-2002 "Saturday Night Live" cast member  
97 Agra apparel  
100 Band's job  
103 Guarantee  
104 The, to Henri  
106 "Velvet Fog" vocalist  
109 Actor Falk  
110 Comedian with the 1990 HBO special  
111 "Cats, Cops and Stuff"  
114 Bel — (Italian cheese)  
115 Resistance to alternating current  
116 Hunter constellation  
117 RBIs, e.g.  
118 Engulfed by fire  
119 It can precede eight first names in this puzzle to form the names of California cities
- DOWN**
- 1 Get a lock on  
2 Milan's La —  
3 Gold purity unit  
4 St. Pat's land  
5 Bargain buy  
6 Home  
7 Advances, as money  
8 Vietnamese New Year  
9 Several  
10 Lay away  
11 Deep-voiced singer  
12 Siouan tribesperson  
13 "— out!"  
14 — Lankan  
15 Kind of nut  
16 Averse  
17 Criticized petulantly  
18 "No question"  
19 Some hardwoods  
24 Part of MLB  
28 Boxer Oscar de la —  
31 Curs' sounds  
33 Add while mixing  
34 Throat-clearing noise  
35 Flock of quail  
36 Dancer de Mille  
37 Puppies  
39 Boatloads  
42 Piece of tile art  
43 Zoo dweller  
44 Eyeball part  
45 India's Gandhi  
46 Be wobbly  
47 Fog or steam  
48 Lounge around  
52 Fishnet stuff  
55 Oven brand  
56 "Good" or "bad" dietary intake  
58 Bundle of joy  
60 Cry upon arriving  
61 Leading to something  
62 Drank like a dog or cat  
63 Go by  
64 Gives assent  
66 Speed-of-sound ratio  
67 Green stuff  
71 Paddy crop  
72 Like a tinny recording  
73 City of ancient Egypt  
74 Plants-to-be  
77 Tobacco plug  
78 Get set for surgery  
79 Test versions of smartphone programs, e.g.  
80 Vacant political position  
81 Oil, in slang  
82 High-speed  
83 A Great Lake  
87 Military post  
88 Scans again  
89 Artisans' club  
91 Rails in ballet  
95 Invited one  
96 Actress  
98 "Duck —" (Warner Bros. short)  
99 Zellweger of the screen  
100 Body part often pulled by an athlete  
101 "— buying it"  
102 "Hero" actress Davis  
105 Emailed junk  
107 General — chicken  
108 Other, in Oviedo  
110 More, in a music score  
111 Band blaster  
112 News svc.  
113 Vocalist Yoko



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Average time of solution: 83 minutes

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12/17

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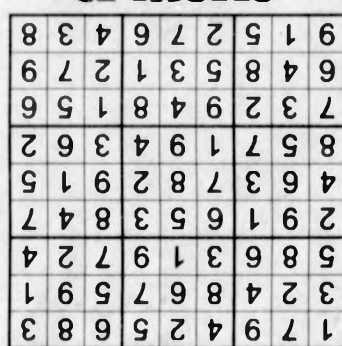
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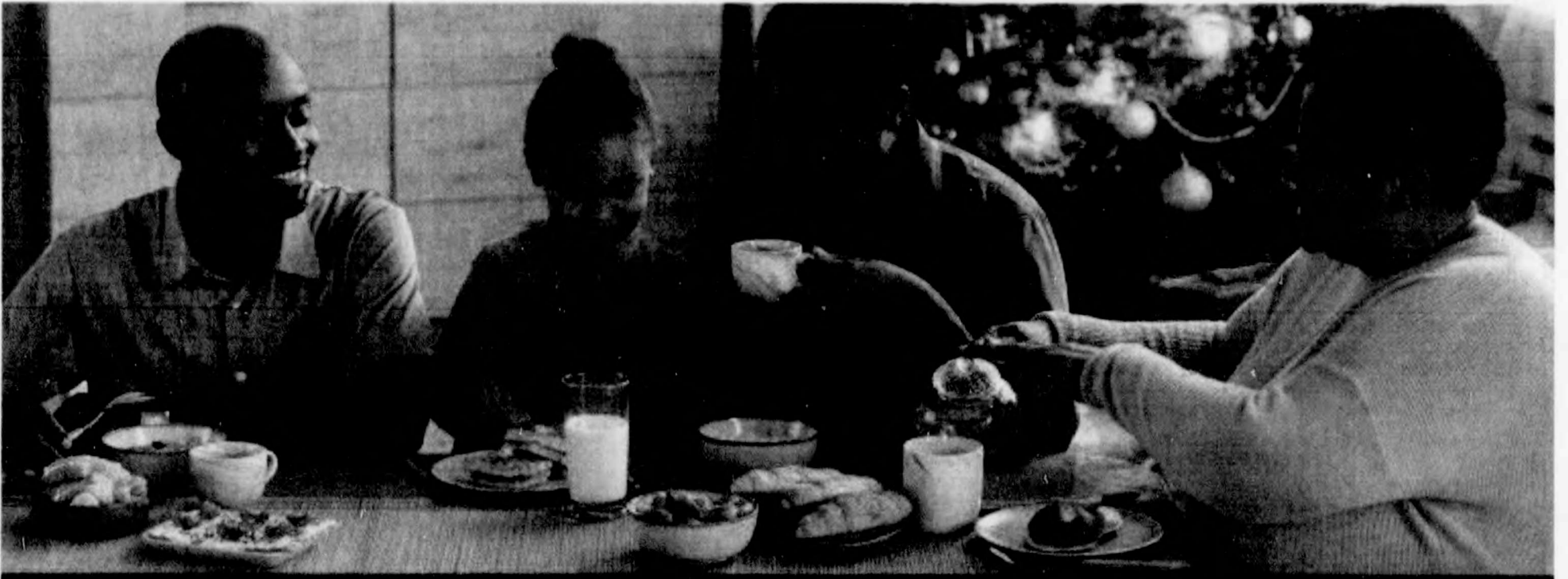
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