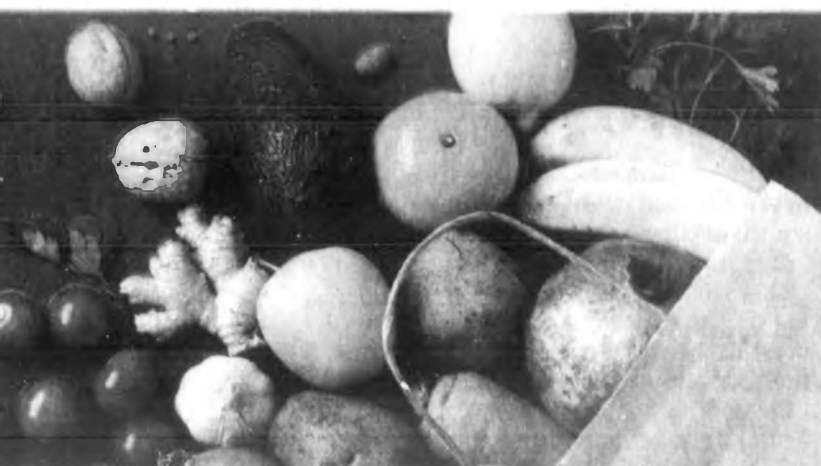




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Highland post office damaged in Dec. 26 fire

County sheriff's deputies
say they suspect arson

Susan Vela hometownlife.com
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An apparent arson recently caused more than \$100,000 in damage to the U.S. Postal Service office in Highland Township.

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies said they are looking for the suspected female, who entered the 376 Beach Farm Circle post office lobby the night of Dec 26, ignited a paper and placed it inside a trash bin.

Deputies responded to a post office burglary alarm at about 10 p.m. Upon arrival, they saw smoke and flames in the front lobby, which was open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The main lobby area seemed the most damaged. Insulation and ceiling tiles fell to the ground.

See FIRE, Page 6A

Northville's social district will stay open

Ed Wright hometownlife.com
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Now that COVID-19 pandemic-generated indoor dining and retail limits are far more relaxed compared to a year ago, should vital sections of Main and Center streets in the heart of downtown Northville continue to be closed to vehicular traffic, allowing expanded service space for businesses?

That was the question posed to Northville City Council during Monday's meeting held via Zoom.

The council members' unanimous answer: yes, at least until Nov. 7, 2022.

Prior to Monday's meeting, the city's social district (tagged The Twist) — an area created for expanded outdoor restaurant dining, weekend food

See SOCIAL DISTRICT, Page 6A

Expanding universe



Catholic Central school president Ed Turek, left, and Father Patrick Fulton look at some blueprints of the school's planned STEM expansion. The new building will sit just to the north of their current main facility. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Catholic Central preps for future of science with \$35M project

Susan Bromley hometownlife.com
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Catholic Central in Novi is set to double in size, beginning next summer.

A \$35 million STEM center will add 57,000 square feet of academic space to the private high school located at 27225 Wixom Road.

The amenities are abundant and forward-thinking — the expansion will

add eight science laboratories, four dedicated lab prep rooms, an engineering lab, a 5,300-square-foot robotics competition space, a robotics building room, a greenhouse, a lecture hall, several multi-use spaces and an observatory.

"If you want to reach for the moon, you've got to shoot for the stars," Fr. Patrick Fulton said. "We want our students to have the full experience of science curriculum, and that includes astronomy."

The school is looking to prepare its more than 900 students for "vigorous growth" in science and engineering career fields. School officials cite the Bureau of Labor Statistics which predicts STEM jobs will increase by 10.5% before the decade is out. The average STEM job pays more than twice as much as non-STEM jobs as of 2020: \$89,780 compared to \$40,020 annually.

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Northville man moves summer cottage to Lexington

Bryce Airgood Port Huron Times Herald
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It's weird when you've seen a building in one spot your whole life, for almost 50 years, "then suddenly it's on the road," Northville resident David Di Rita said.

Di Rita, a Roxbury Group founder and principal, has had family in the Lexington area since the 1930s. His grandfather built a home in the Worth Township Blue Water Beach subdivision in 1967 and his father built a summer cottage there in 1972.

But late last week that summer cottage took the trip of its life, about 1,300-square-feet of it traveling five miles on M-25 to Lexington with a police escort.

Di Rita wanted to ride in the home while it traveled, watch Sanilac County pass by from the dining table, but that unfortunately was not an option. He thought moving the house down the highway would be harder, "but they did that in 10 minutes," he said.

The home is a mid-century style Viceroy Home, a kit home that had engineered pieces cut to size and ready for site assembly.

Di Rita, who is one among five siblings, said the family spent their summers in the cottage.

They watched the moon landing at their grandparents' house next door, played softball in the area and built multiple tree forts.

It gave them the opportunity to grow up with their cousins and provided a multigenerational, multi-year parade of "idyllic childhood experiences."

He really wanted to ensure that the next generation and generation after that used the cottage the same way his family did.

"I really felt like that was more likely to happen if the cottage was in the town,



David Di Rita bought a lot in Lexington a year ago and moved his 1,300-square-foot summer cottage there Nov. 11. PROVIDED BY DAVID DI RITA

in the village," he said.

Di Rita bought a lot in Lexington near the intersection of Hubbard and Washington streets around a year ago and the cottage made the voyage Thursday.

He said he'll either sell the vacant lot, which has sewer access and a garage that was left behind, or he'll build a new

house on the property and sell the whole thing. Once he sells the lot, it will about cover the cost of the move so he's coming out about equal.

"It wasn't as crazy as it sounds," he said.

But at the end of the day, what he gets from moving the cottage is using the

home his dad built. His father died about three years ago and his mom is still very attached to the place. She loved the idea of moving the home, he said.

"I feel like it's a way to honor both of them versus just a real estate decision," Di Rita said.

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Group to honor King legacy, promote day of service

Courtesy of Huron Valley MLK Day Committee

The 17th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration in downtown Milford, including the March on Main Street and Soup Meal Assembly event, returns for another community-wide observation of the National Day of Service.

All residents in Metro Detroit are invited. To further support their mission of encouraging volunteerism and community engagement, the Huron Valley Martin Luther King Day committee will offer a series of events in January as well as throughout the year.

Details for all events can be found at www.hvmlk.org.

Lift Every Voice! – Art/Writing/Multimedia Contest

Submissions due Jan. 7

Held each year in the months preceding the holiday, the contest awards prizes in three age groups for submissions based on a specific theme, this year's theme being "Lift Every Voice!"

Submissions can be in any creative medium, including visual art, speeches, poems, songs, and essays. Individuals must register their pieces at www.hvmlk.org under the 2022 News tab and drop them off at the Carls Family Y. Selected submissions and winners will be on display at The Suzanne Has-kew Arts Center (The SHAC), located at 125 South Main Street, Suite 700.

Winners will be highlighted and awarded, and all participants will be recognized for their efforts at the conclusion of the March on Main Street.

Film Appreciation Night: Selma

7 p.m. Jan. 10 – 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at the Milford Independent Cinema

The Huron Valley Martin Luther King Day committee is sponsoring January's Film Appreciation Night at the Milford Independent Cinema, 945 East Summit, with a special screening of "Selma," the acclaimed 2014 historical drama directed by Ava DuVernay. "Selma" chronicles the efforts by King, John Lewis, and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement to secure equal voting rights in 1965, including a march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

The critically acclaimed film received a variety of award nominations, and it regularly tops lists of recommended films to view and discuss on MLK Day. Film Appreciation Night at the Milford Independent Cinema is free to the public, but attendees are encouraged to donate \$5 in support of the cinema and concessions will be available for purchase.

At the conclusion of the film, the Huron Valley Martin Luther King Day committee members will facilitate a discussion of how it depicts the struggle for voting rights in the past, and how that story continues to impact society today.

17th annual March on Main Street

1 p.m. Jan. 16 (line up at 12:30 p.m.) Prospect Hill Shopping Center to The SHAC

The 2022 March on Main Street begins at Prospect Hill in Milford (Kroger parking lot) to The SHAC. Line up for the march starts at 12:30 p.m. with a special ceremony beginning promptly at 1 p.m. The march travels through downtown Milford.

A presentation of "Lift Every Voice" winners will be awarded along with music in celebration of the MLK holiday. In addition, the Huron Valley Martin Luther King Day committee will provide information on how to be a part of a yearlong service project to continue King's vision of the "beloved communi-

ty" where citizens of all ages and backgrounds are asked to donate their time, effort and energy to promote unity.

Soup Meal Food Drive and Soup Meal Assembly at The SHAC

5-8 p.m. Jan. 17

All area residents are invited to observe the MLK Day National Day of Service by purchasing and donating special non-perishable soup ingredients included in the recipe below to assist local families in need.

Community Sharing Outreach Center has partnered with the Huron Valley Martin Luther King Day committee to design a community service event to support efforts to combat food insecurity faced by local families.

Red bins will be placed at collection sites throughout Milford and Highland where residents can leave their donated soup ingredients. Volunteers will pick up item donations from the bins and transport them to The SHAC for the Soup Meal Assembly event.

The Huron Valley Martin Luther King Day committee invites everyone to participate in assembling the soup ingredients into individually decorated bags on the national holiday, 5-8 p.m. Jan. 17 at The SHAC.

Alternatively, families can opt to decorate bags and assemble their soup meal donations at home, dropping off their donation at The SHAC during the event on Monday evening. Individuals can also support Huron Valley Martin Luther King Day's sponsorship of the Hearty Soup Shelf throughout 2022 by making a monetary donation to Community Sharing at the Soup Meal Assembly event.

The committee recommends a \$20 donation. Checks can be made payable to Community Sharing Outreach Center.

Collection sites

- Matti's Fresh Market (formerly Milford Grocery)
 - Colasanti's Market
 - The SHAC
 - Milford High – Main Office
 - Lakeland High – Main Office
- Watch www.hvmlk.org for additional locations

Soup ingredients

- 12 oz. Jar Salsa Verde
- 24-25 oz. Canned Chicken Breast
- 12 oz. Can Cannellini Beans
- 24 oz Can/Container Chicken Broth
- Option: Tortilla Chips or Strips

Be sure to make a donation of ingredients and attend the events so that you can be a part of this community-wide effort to answer what King identified as life's most urgent and persistent question: What are you doing to help others?

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, a snow emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever: (1) freezing rain, sleet or four (4) or more inches of snow has been forecasted for the area by a newspaper circulated in the city, or by a radio or television station with a normal operating range covering the city; or (2) freezing rain or sleet has fallen or four (4) or more inches of snow have accumulated in the city.

Whenever any vehicle without an operator is found parked or left in violation of any provision of this Division, the Director of the Department of Public Works, or his designee, or the Police Department may immediately remove the vehicle or cause the vehicle to be removed to a place of safekeeping at the expense of the registered owner of the vehicle.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

Jeffrey Herczeg
Director of Public Works

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City of Novi - Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **Proposal for Approval of Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Park Improvements Grant Program for Development of Novi Northwest Park.**

The proposed Nature Based park improvements include a nature play area, nature trails, parking area, sidewalk and a prairie restoration. The park is located at 50635 Twelve Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374.

A conceptual plan for the park is available for examination and review at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., or by contacting Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services at the following email address: jmuck@cityofnovi.org

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 12:00 P.M., Monday, January 10, 2022.

Courtney Hanson
CITY CLERK

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BEST, WORST MOMENTS OF 2021

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Altered by the pandemic that has become a new normal for society, 2021 showed us tragedy and loss but also humanity, triumph and community.

People were ready to get life back to normal in 2021, and in many cases that happened, though as Hometown Life staff photographer John Heider puts it: "Just about every photograph I took, the pandemic had something to do with it."

The pandemic affected schools, dining, entertainment and sports. It led to strife as not everyone agrees how best to respond to COVID-19.

Here's a look at just a few of the moments that have made up the past year.



Milford Police Officer Nicole Adams cradles Andrea Pipa's dog Coco in January. The Havanese poodle was rescued from under a recliner earlier that week. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Plymouth's Tyler Harris gives a piggyback ride to Sunshine Football Clinic camper Carlos Teran in July.



Protesters gather Jan. 12 in front of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education building to urge that students be able to return to full-time in-person classes. School districts returned to in-person classes this fall, but county health orders require students and staff to wear masks.



Gavin Gibson skateboards at Hines Park's Hawthorne Ridge Bike Park in September.



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Angela French demonstrates a goat yoga session at Blue Line Farms.



A man walks by police cars during the Dec. 9 lockdown after a report of a student with a gun at Plymouth-Canton high schools.



Erwin Orchard in Lyon Township may soon sell off much of its 180 acres of apple trees for a housing development. Ericka Kruegel lifts up her daughter Madelyn, 4, so she can snag some apples Sept. 1.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **January 26, 2022**, at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **JSP21-03: IXL LEARNING CENTER OF NOVI FOR A REVISED REQUEST TO AMEND THE MAPLES OF NOVI PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND AREA PLAN**. The subject property totals approximately 30.32 acres and is Parcel 50-22-02-200-039, which is located east of Novi Road and south of Fourteen Mile Road (Section 2). The subject property is zoned RA (Residential Acreage) with a PUD (Planned Unit Development) Agreement. The applicant is proposing to repurpose the Maples of Novi clubhouse into an education center for 125-175 children and will transition the current golf course into maintained private open space for Maples of Novi Residents.

Plans and more information are available for review by contacting the Community Development Department at the following email address, bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org, or by accessing the City of Novi website with the QR Code below.

QR CODE (SCAN):



Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-02-200-039

All interested persons are invited to attend this in-person meeting. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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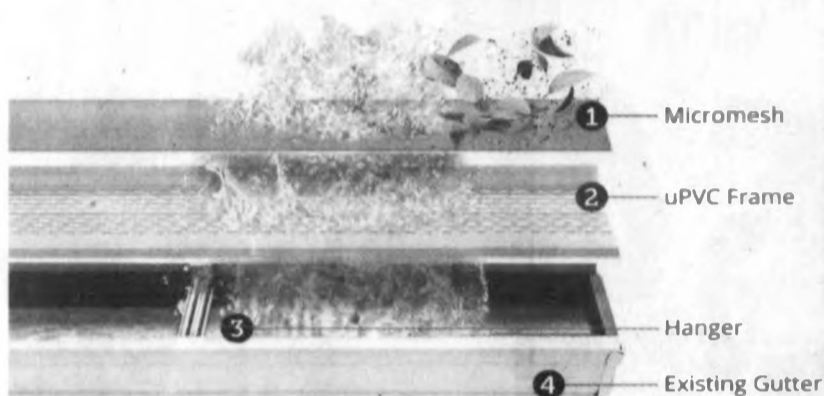
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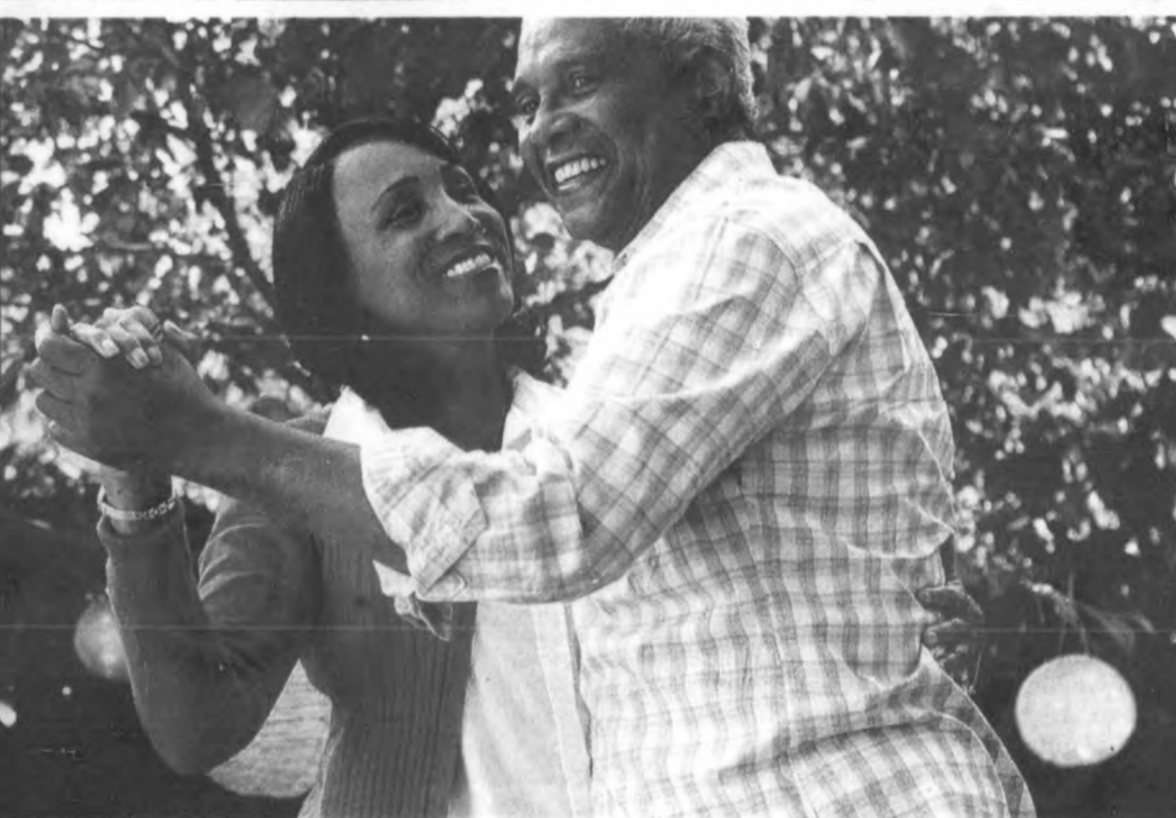
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New Year's Eve fire destroys Northville Twp. home

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
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Flames destroyed a Northville Township home on New Year's Eve.

Fire Chief Brent Siegel said a caller notified dispatchers at about 10:48 p.m. that flames were shooting from the rear of a residence in the Sutters Lane area.

Firefighters would learn the blaze actually was happening along Camden Court, a short street southeast of the intersection of Six Mile and Northville roads.

Crews found the entire two-story colonial home ablaze.

"It was a significant fire," Siegel said.

"The house was pretty much a total loss."

Extreme fire conditions and structural damage prevented crews from entering the home and attached garage to fight the blaze.

They had to extinguish flames from outside.

No one was home. No one was injured.

Livonia, Northville and Plymouth Township firefighters assisted.

The fire remains under investigation.

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



A home on Camden Court in Northville Township was destroyed in a fire on Dec. 31. No one was home at the time, and no one was injured in the blaze.

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Fire

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Post office officials provided video of the suspect wearing a black hat and gray coat, carrying a red hand bag and wearing white tennis shoes. She departed after apparently igniting a paper.

The joint investigation involves the U.S. Postal Service, sheriff's deputies, Highland Township firefighters and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The Detroit Crime Commission and CrimeStoppers are offering reward money. To reach CrimeStoppers, call 1-800-SPEAKUP or 800-773-2587.

The Highland Township post office located at 376 Beach Farm Circle is temporarily closed due to damage sustained in a recent fire police said was an arson, but is trying to provide some services anyway.

For customer convenience, beginning Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, p

All Post Offices are closed on New Year's Day.

The collection box in front of the post office is also temporarily removed.

There is no retail service available at the Highland Post Office. Retail services can be accessed at nearby post offices.



A suspected arsonist caused more than \$100,000 in damage to the Highland Township post office Dec. 26. PHOTOS BY PHIL ALLMEN/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Retail services can be accessed at nearby post offices. Suggested locations include the Davisburg Post Office, 12795 Fountain Square, with retail hours of Mondays through Fridays, 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon.



There is no change to business or residential delivery in Highland.

"We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused by this temporary change to services," officials said in their statement.

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

Expanding

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Still, Catholic Central also retains a liberal arts focus and the STEM addition will allow for former science classrooms in the original building to be utilized in the arts area.

"We want to provide a rich experience and expand career opportunities and we're not pigeon-holing to science," Fulton said. "Catholic education doesn't produce people as products, but gives them a broad experience that helps them discover things about themselves. In the future, we want to preserve dramatic offerings."

Fulton does not expect to dramatically increase the school's enrollment, which currently stands at about 930 male students, but said some teaching staff will be added with the expansion. Construction is expected to be completed by January 2024.

The STEM center addition has been planned for about three years and is funded entirely by donations, many from alumni, with no tuition dollars used.

"The incredible generosity of our alumni and benefactors makes our vision to provide a world-class education possible for our students," Catholic Central president Ed Turek, a 1985 graduate of the school, said. "It is important to us that we offer the best possible facilities and experience for our students,



Catholic Central's new STEM building will take over most of the parking lot. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

but it is even more important that we work to remain accessible for students from all backgrounds. We can only do that if we are funding projects with private donations."

Detroit Catholic Central, founded in 1928, moved to Novi from Redford in 2005. The addition is the third major project in the campus master plan. The

most recent was renovation of the school's Learning Commons, which opened in August. The first was an improved school entrance on Wixom Road, completed in the fall of 2020.

Fulton is thrilled to see the STEM center addition come to fruition ahead of the school's 100th anniversary in 2028.

"I never thought I'd live to see the day, but we're more than excited to provide greater opportunities for teachers to teach and students to learn, participate and be engaged," he said.

Contact reporter Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com or 517-281-2412. Follow her on Twitter @Susan-Bromley10.

Social district

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stands, dining pods, cocktails to go and shopping — was slated to run until February 2022.

During a pre-council vote presentation, Downtown Development Authority Director Lori Ward explained the extra eight months would give the DDA and city officials time to collect opinions and data from residents and business owners affected by the street closures.

"In October, the DDA and an executive committee met to discuss ... the street closures and the consensus was to extend them until Nov. 7, 2022," Ward said. "This will give the DDA and city more time to collect information on how well-used the outdoor dining areas are

now that businesses are open inside.

"We will have a better understanding of whether residents and visitors will be willing to sit outside in an indoor structure when they have the option of sitting inside."

Main Street has been closed to vehicular traffic from Center to Hutton streets; and Center Street has been limited to pedestrian traffic from Main to Dunlap streets since July of 2020 due to state-mandated indoor seating capacity restrictions.

Social district surveys will be distributed beginning in spring 2022, Ward said.

Although the social district has been popular and beneficial for many of the businesses affected, the concept is not flawless, Ward added.

"Not all businesses benefit from the street closures equally," she said. "The

street closures also impact special events downtown and potential traffic studies needed for future development."

Among the special events altered by the closure of sections of Main and Center streets have been the city's Fourth of July parade and Holiday Lights parade, which were rerouted from their longtime paths through the heart of the city to side streets.

Ward said the street closure extension will allow the DDA and city to evaluate whether just one street should be closed in the future, whether a seasonal closing period should exist and other tweaks that survey results may reveal.

No one objected to the extension during a citizens' comment portion of the meeting. The council members were also agreeable to the proposed Nov. 7 date.

Ward said Northville was among the first five cities in Michigan to adopt a social district. There are currently approximately 76 socials districts in 37 counties in Michigan, she said, including one in nearby Farmington.

"Thanks to the social district concept, many restaurants and retailers have experienced some of their best times since they've been in business," Ward said. "Some have even opened second or third businesses."

The Northville social district grew by one business Monday when city council unanimously approved the addition of the Marquis Theater. The business recently acquired a Class D liquor license, making it eligible to join the district, Ward explained.

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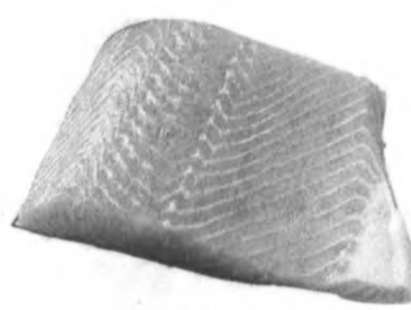
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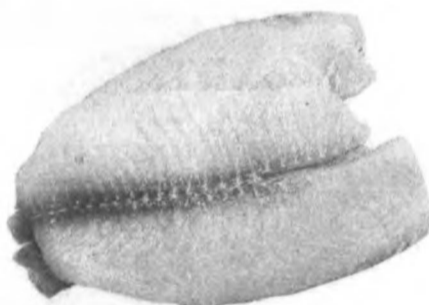
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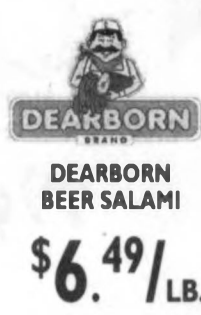
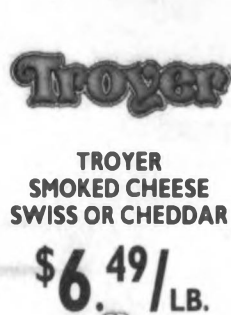
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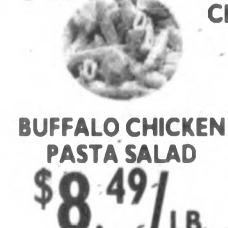
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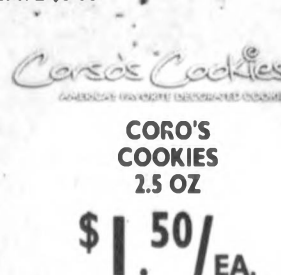
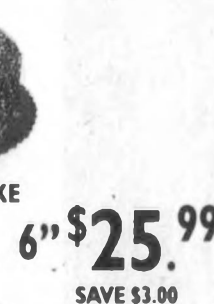
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SPORTS

How Shamrocks stack up in CHSL-Central

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The Catholic League-Central couldn't be any better.

All five teams are currently ranked in the top 15 of The D Zone's Top 100 teams in the state, regardless of division.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's, which fea-

tures the top-ranked player in the state in three-star JaVaughn Hannah, who transferred to the Eaglets after playing with Emoni Bates and Ypsi Prep Academy over the past two years, is No. 1, while De La Salle and Brother Rice are ranked 3 and 5, respectively. Even Detroit U-D Jesuit is ranked 14th.

But don't forget about Detroit Catho-

lic Central, which The D Zone has tabbed at No. 10.

Since losing to Detroit King (ranked No. 4) in its second game, it's ripped off three-straight, all in blowout neutral-site games.

The Shamrocks (4-1) almost beat Port Huron Northern by 40 points in the Calihan Challenge at Detroit Mercy. Then

they almost downed Rockford by 30 in The Showcase at Cornerstone University.

They got another big win in the Motor City Roundball Classic showcase game at Ferndale.

Kam Mayes scored 21 points and was

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Northville boys claim 7th holiday tourney win

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Northville worked the ball around the arc as the final 15 seconds faded off the clock.

Jack Holland strong-armed a pass toward the corner that found Matt Gorski, who proceeded to dribble into the paint until the defense finally collapsed on him. Then the senior jumped in the air and kicked the ball outside to Angelo Rodriguez with 4.8 seconds left.

Rodriguez collected the ball, squared up and shot a Steph Curry-length 3-pointer at the buzzer. He drained the basket, gave a fist pump, turned around and then flexed as hard as he could before his teammates mobbed him.

The walk-off gave the Mustangs a 49-46 victory over Erie Mason in Monday's semifinal of their annual four-team holiday tournament.

As fun and exciting as that finish was for Northville, it knew it couldn't play another close game like that in Tuesday's championship if it wanted to win its seventh-straight tournament title and eighth overall since 2010.

So it didn't.

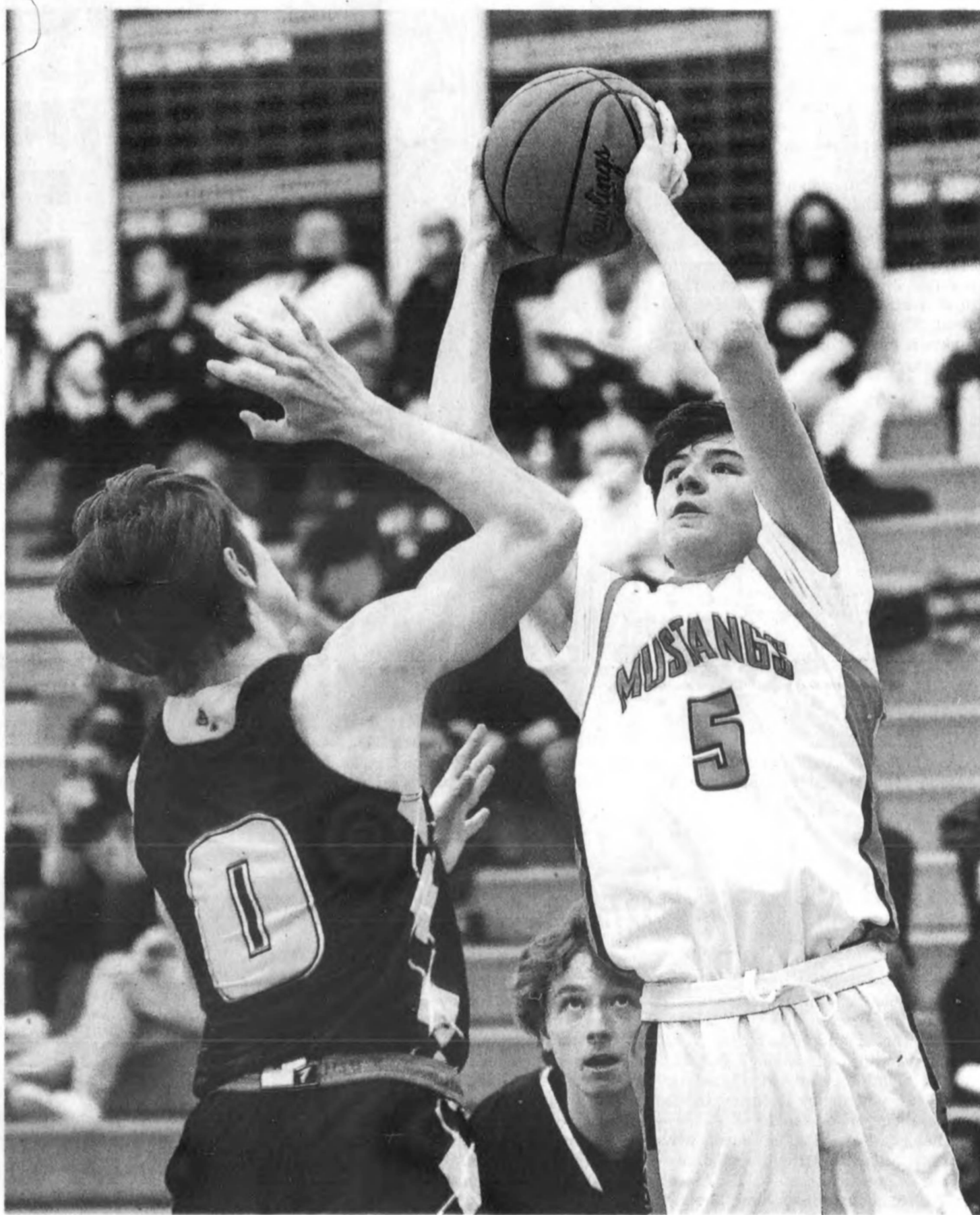
The Mustangs (3-1) laid down the hammer early in the first half against South Lyon. Their rebounding limited the Lions' second-chance opportunities. They ran the floor in transition, and they sank four crucial 3-pointers.

Outside of a short 6-0 run by South Lyon in the second quarter, Northville controlled the play. It was the more physical team. It had no trouble grabbing a 28-19 lead entering halftime, one it wouldn't relinquish.

Northville maintained that pace the rest of the evening and enjoyed walking off the court with a comfortable 52-38 victory over a former rival.

"I thought we had a much more complete game tonight," coach Todd Sander said. "We played four quarters. We scored in double digits each quarter. I thought we got great shots and great looks all night. The guys were really patient. We continued to be unselfish and share the ball, and I thought that led to a lot of open looks for us."

"We did a really good job, in the first half especially, of cleaning up the defensive rebounds, which have been an issue for us. So I was really proud of how we owned the glass in the first half. South Lyon shoots the ball really well



Northville's Matt Gorski shoots against South Lyon on Dec. 28 during the Mustangs' annual holiday tournament. It was the seventh-straight holiday tournament win for Northville, which beat South Lyon 49-46. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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South Lyon East girls topple Northville in tournament

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A lot of opposing coaches will have Taylor Anderson as the No. 1 bullet point on their scouting reports.

And it's easy to see why.

The Central Michigan commit is one of the top defenders in metro Detroit.

Her athleticism makes her a spark plug when it comes to getting up and down the floor with steals.

South Lyon East relied on her when it won the Lakes Valley Conference a year ago.

But sophomore Anna Lassan is also becoming a key player for the Cougars, who downed Northville, 60-44, on

Tuesday during the championship game of the Mustangs' annual holiday tournament. It's the first year the Mustangs (2-2) haven't won the showcase since 2015.

Despite missing most of the first half because of foul trouble, the 5-foot-11 forward scored 17 points, 12 of which came in the second half.

Northville trimmed its six-point halftime deficit to just 36-34 early in the third. But then Lassan reentered the game and scored eight points, including sinking a pair of 3-pointers.

She went 4 of 4 from the foul line down the stretch to ensure the Cougars

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Northville

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from the outside. One of the best 3s in basketball is the kick out after an offensive rebound because it just leads to extra possessions. It's really been a problem for us (to limit that) to this point, so I was really, really happy with how we responded to do that."

Northville was streaky in the second half. It used an 8-2 run to carry a 41-31 advantage into the fourth. Then it scored 10-straight during a brief stretch of the final 8 minutes to secure the win.

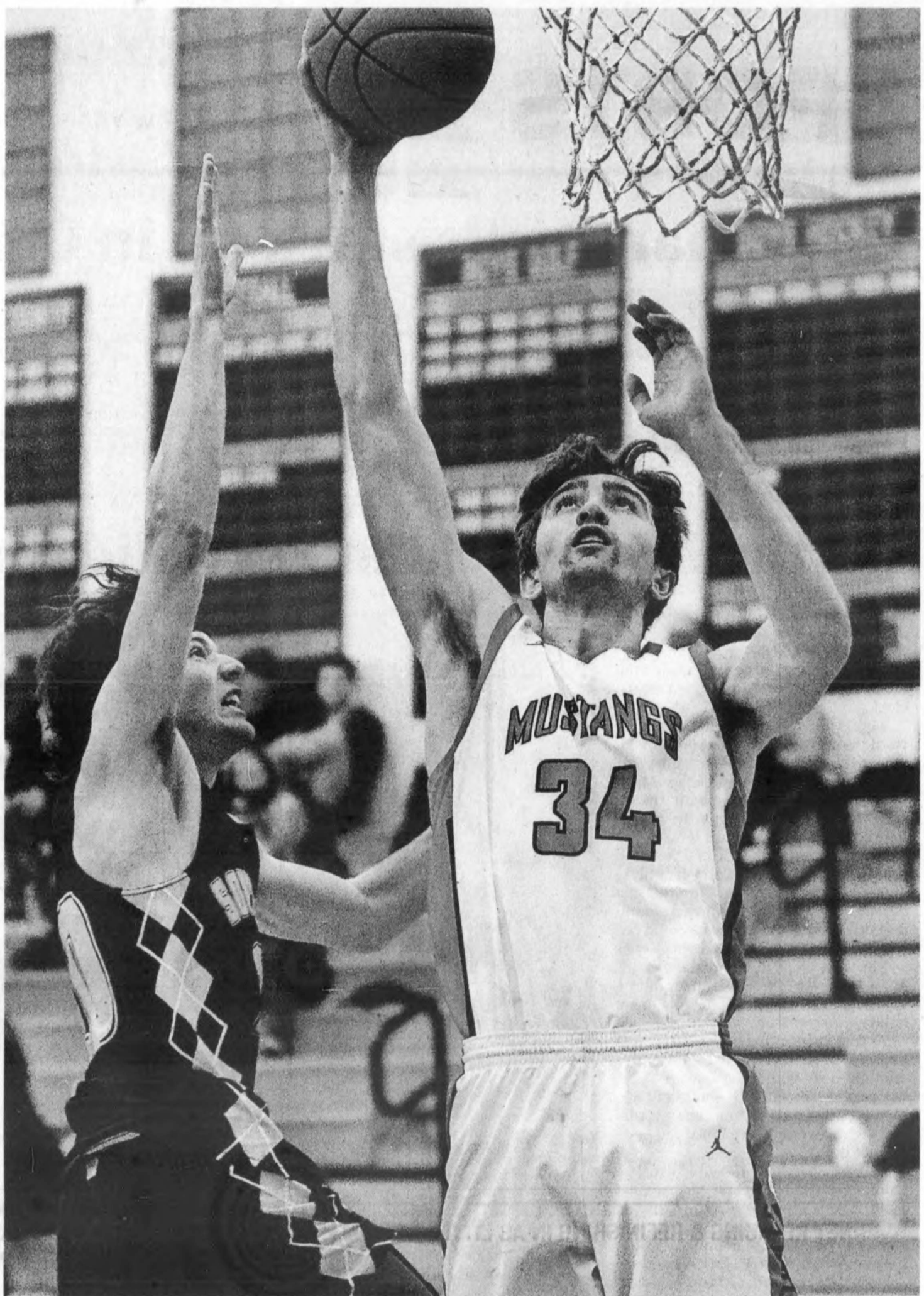
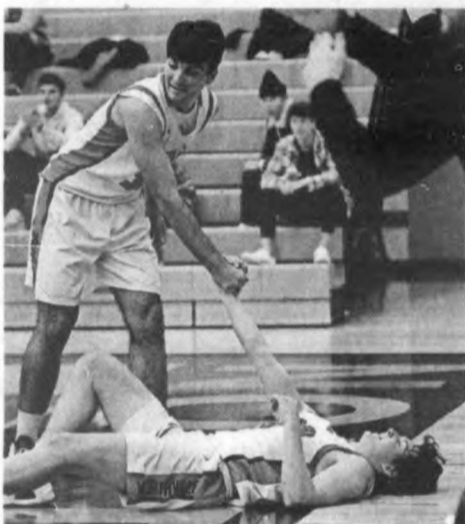
Gorski led with 17 points followed by Cullen Foley and Sam Barnhart with nine apiece.

"Last night, we kind of lacked a lot of energy," said Foley, a junior point guard. "Tonight, we were all gas, no brakes. We definitely jumped on them early. ... South Lyon is a physical team, and we knew that coming in. We knew we had a little bit of a height advantage with our center (Gorski). So we tried to get it to him, and he was very active on the glass, and he did a great job. All of our shooters knocked down their 3s."

Northville limited South Lyon point guard Logan Doty, one of the top scorers in metro Detroit, to just 11 points (only three made field goals). Max Peters helped the Lions (1-3) with 15 points.

Sander said he's happy with how much his Mustangs have improved since their 10-point loss to Ann Arbor Skyline in the season opener three weeks ago.

"The one thing about this group is we're so much better right now on Dec. 28 than we were the day of our first game when we played Skyline," the 14th-year coach said. "They come to practice every day. They work. They push each other. Their attitudes are great. They're easy to coach, and it makes it fun to come and watch them work every day."



Above at left, Northville's Matthew McLaughlin helps up Cullen Foley on Dec. 28 during the Mustangs' annual holiday tournament. Above at right, Northville's Sam Barnhart shoots against South Lyon. Barnhart and Foley had nine points apiece for the game. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Shamrocks

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named the MVP following a 74-36 victory over Bloomfield Hills.

The Shamrocks have matchups against Dexter and Hamtramck when they return from the holiday break. But they're definitely ready to compete in the CHSL when they welcome De La Salle to their gym on Jan. 14.

That is, after all, a big reason why Brandon Sinawi left Novi to take over CC.

"We've got film on everybody already. We haven't watched any of it yet," the fourth-year coach said. "We know how talented each of the rosters are, and we know how well-coached each of the teams are going to be."

"But, truthfully, we're just going one day at a time, and we're focusing on the next opponent. We've always got our league in the back of our heads, of course. ... It's fun, though, and I wouldn't want it any other way. It's a challenge. It's great for high school basketball in the state of Michigan, and it's great for our kids to experience those types of games and the atmospheres the fans and student sections are going to bring."

"One of the big reasons why I came over here, too, is because the league is so respected and talented, and it's fun to be a part of."

So what's been the key to CC's success in December?

"Our defense has traveled every place that we've gone, and that's going to be a staple for us," Sinawi added. "We need to continue to defend, continue to guard their tops guys. And tonight was no different. The defense was tremendous."

"We've only had one home game, and everything else has been neutral site. So it's important our defense comes every single night because it's going to keep us in the basketball games."

The defense certainly showed up

against Bloomfield Hills.

The Black Hawks (4-2) couldn't score more than seven points in either the first or second quarters. Multiple times coach Phil Kurajian was forced to call timeouts to stop the bleeding as the Shamrocks turned turnovers and defensive rebounds into transition points.

CC held Bloomfield Hills guard Noah Adamczyk, a Foster-Loyer level of a 3-point shooter, to just 20 points, most of which came in garbage time after half-time.

"We've got a couple of guys who are just sound defenders," Sinawi said. "Brady Hower, No. 5 for us, is the pillar of our defense. We know he's going to do his best to lock down the other team's best player, and he sort of frustrated Noah tonight. He got him off his game. He still had a great game, but I think it led to some good plays for us offensively when our defense turns into offense. We stay true to our shell drill. We stay true to helping the helper and keeping them to one-and-done and just rebounding and pushing the ball."

Their effort in the second quarter was key. That's when Cooper Craggs scored 11 of his 15 points, including the center making a pair of 3-pointers, while Mayes had nine.

They started on a 13-3 run and totaled 26 points in an 8-minute span to lead 40-14 entering halftime.

Also contributing to the victory was Chas Lewless, who scored 16 points.

With four big victories under their belt, they're ready to see how they stack up in the Catholic League.

"We talked about how we wanted to end 2021 on a high note playing against a talented team, a well-coached team. It was nice to see," Sinawi said. "We're rolling a little bit now. We're playing hard. We're playing unselfish. We had different guys stepping up on different nights. We're proud of the guys."

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Catholic Central's Kam Mayes shoots against Bloomfield Hills on Dec. 29 during the Motor City Roundball Classic at Ferndale. Mayes, who had 21 points, was named MVP after the Shamrocks' 74-36 victory. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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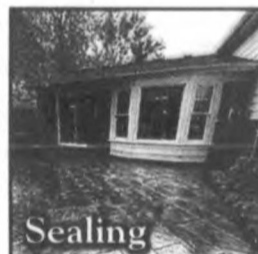
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The past year was a continuation of the unexpected as high school sports teams maneuvered through the pandemic that started in 2020 but continues to impact our everyday lives.

High school football wrapped up the 2020-21 season in January. Normally, the state finals are played Thanksgiving weekend.

Marian High School made history by winning its fourth straight state soccer title.

Marian claimed another volleyball state title this fall, as well.

Country Day picked up a soccer title, South Lyon won the softball state title, and Brother Rice won in golf, hockey and lacrosse, while Catholic Central and Cranbrook Kingswood earned hockey state titles. Cranbrook and Birmingham Groves won state titles in tennis.

Birmingham Seaholm boys earned their eighth state swim and dive title, and the Seaholm girls followed up with a state title of their own about eight months later.

Here are some of staff photographer John Heider's favorite sports moments from 2021.



Varsity cross country runners compete in the Aug. 20 Lamplighter meet at Ford Field in Livonia. "I'd never covered a cross country meet on a warm, humid August (night) until 2021," said Hometown Life staff photographer John Heider.

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Catholic Central's Owen Semp hauls in a pass against Davison in mid-January, with snow on the field. The pandemic pushed back high school football playoff games across the state.



Grosse Pointe North's Tommy Harris grimaces in pain as Brother Rice's Nico Kalaj helps him with a calf cramp toward the end of the playoffs Oct. 28.



North Farmington students celebrate their team's many touchdowns Aug. 27.

Obituaries

Richard A. (Dick) Faulkner

Richard A. (Dick) Faulkner passed away December 15, 2021 at the age of 85. In that moment when he was received by his Heavenly Father the world

lost a bright light but Heaven gained a bright saint. He was married to the two loves of his life – Irene (deceased) and G.I. (Joe). A faithful husband, a confidant, and

a care-giver who embraced his family and set an example for his sons to follow on how to be a loving husband. He loved his family fiercely; children, Richard, Jr. (Christina), Melissa (deceased), Todd (Julie), and Nathan. He taught them to always treat people with kindness and respect and to be productive citizens who contribute to their community. His grandchildren and great grandchildren were his pride and joy – grandchildren Caleb, Jacob, Hannah, Nanette, Alexis, Lauren, Lea and Christian and great grandchildren Anslei, Eli, Ayden, Jace and Mia. He was a brother to Carol Hood (deceased), Jack, Brad (deceased), Warren and Paul (deceased). He was a proud patriot serving in the U.S. Army in Korea. He was a public servant in every possible respect. He retired as Deputy Chief, Novi Police Department after serving 30 years and was known for his integrity, honesty and fairness. He was a lifelong learner who attained his Associates Degree from Schoolcraft Community College and his Bachelor's Degree from Madonna University. He had previously attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He loved his community and served it well; was a charter member of the Novi Lions Club, and President of the Society of the 3rd ID, Outpost 13. He was a very active participant in other military organizations including VFW Post 9914 in Highland and the AMVETS Post 2006, Milford where he served as a member of the Honor Guard Team. He was member of St. Perpetua's Catholic Church in Waterford. Richard's love for people, sense of humor, kindness, grace and religious faith will be sorely missed by those who knew him, but his legacy will live on for years to come.

A funeral mass celebrating Richard's life will be held on January 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Perpetua Church on Airport Rd., Waterford, MI.

Committal Service with Military Honors will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan at a date to be determined later.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial tributes to American Legion Post 216, 510 W. Commerce St., Milford, MI 48381 or the Huron Valley AMVETS Post 2006, P.O. Box 48, Highland, MI 48357.



Brother Rice baseball teammates tip their caps to their Stevenson opponents after besting them 6-1 on June 9. Because of the pandemic, most teams tipped their caps after a game instead of the usual lineups to shake each others' hands.



Marian teammates on the court and on the bench begin to celebrate their state semifinal victory over Hudsonville on Nov. 18. Two days later, Marian won the state championship in the same arena.

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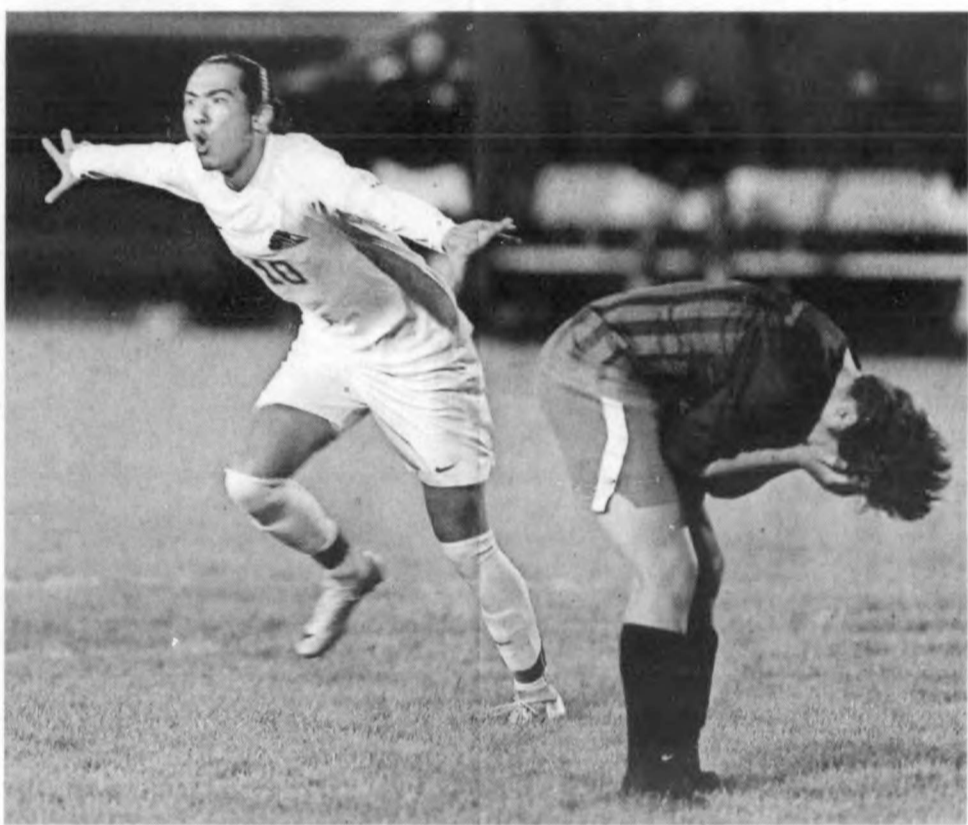
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Novi's Andrew Abler pitches April 27 against Northville. "This photo was taken at 1/4,000th of a second - in the blink of a blink of an eye - stopping the baseball so well that you can count its individual stitches," said Hometown Life staff photographer John Heider.



A Churchill coach and the bench celebrate a late-game stop against Belleville.



A Canton soccer player buries his head in his hands as Salem's Anthony Deruvo celebrates his goal. Canton beat the Rocks to move on into the state semifinals.



Though it looks like it's in reverse, Victoria Miller leaps into the arms of Country Day's Madison Salzenstein to celebrate her goal against Boyne City in the state final soccer game at MSU. Country Day beat Boyne City 3-0 for the win.

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(5-1) the victory.

"She just works so hard with everything she does," East coach Rob Leadley said. "Even during warm-ups, if you watch her, she's constantly in high gear the whole time. It's just her. She's a gym rat. She loves to be out there shooting, practicing and getting better. She just shows up."

Lassan has the size and strength to battle in the post, but she can also dribble the ball up the floor like a guard.

She's a well-rounded player. She even has a smooth shooting motion (she made a trio of 3s on the night).

The second-year varsity player said

she owes her success to her time with the Detroit-based Michigan Crossover travel basketball program.

"I play in the same organization as Taylor, and I've been playing there since fifth grade," Lassan said. "That's where I learned and grew as a player, mostly. The coaches there are amazing and have helped me get better with all my skills: Shooting, passing, dribbling, everything."

"As soon as I started Crossover, all the girls there were so much better. So I set a goal for myself that I wanted to be as good as the girls there or maybe even better. Then I started taking it seriously. I started practicing a lot more, and that's when it all started."

Leadley said he first noticed Lassan's talent about a year after she joined Crossover.

"You kind of look back to sixth grade, probably," he said. "She was at our camps, and you kind of knew she had some skills and some passion for the game."

"You saw it at that point. You just watch her grow up, and you kind of knew she was going to be a special player for us, but you don't make special players. They make themselves."

When Lassan was on the bench with three fouls in the first half, the Cougars relied on Anderson, who scored 10 of her 17 points in the second quarter. Five of those 10 points came during a 14-2 run.

Ella Kruschka added 15 points, including making a pair of 3-pointers in the third. Eve Tanaskoska paced the Mustangs with 13 points, including making two 3s, while Sydney Brown had 10 points and Susy Heller tallied nine.



South Lyon East's Anna Lassan dribbles during Northville's holiday tournament Dec. 28. Lassan, a sophomore, had 17 points.



South Lyon East's Taylor Anderson attacks the basket against Northville.

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- The White House announced that by mid-January, employees of private companies will be able to get health care reimbursement for at-home Covid tests.
- Two courts temporarily blocked President Biden's vaccine mandates; in Louisiana, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has been blocked from enforcing vaccines for healthcare workers, and in Kentucky, the Biden administration has been blocked from enforcing a regulation that requires contractors' employees to get vaccinated.
- New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that all private sector employees will be required to implement a vaccine mandate starting December 27. Children between the ages of 5-11 will also be required to show proof of at least one vaccination dose before entering indoor dining, entertainment venues, and more indoor activities.
- According to US health officials and Dr. Anthony Fauci, early information on the coronavirus Omicron variant shows it may be less dangerous than the Delta variant.

- With the share of American workers voluntarily quitting their jobs each month at a record high, a new trend is emerging. "Quittoks" and Reddit's forum R/antiwork showcase the growing trend of publicizing one's resignation.
- A global chip shortage is making it harder to purchase smartphones and video game consoles for the holidays.
- Major League Baseball owners unanimously voted to trigger a labor stoppage, the league's first since 1994, in an attempt to sign a new collective bargaining agreement between the MLB and the MLB Players Association (MLBPA) ahead of the upcoming season. The MLBPA opposes the shutdown arguing that it is unnecessary and imposes a hardship on players, who now cannot sign with new teams or be traded until the lockout ends.
- Vishal Garg, the CEO of mortgage company Better.com, laid off more than 900 employees (about 9% of its staff) via a Zoom call. He cited efficiency, performance, and productivity as the reasons for the layoff.



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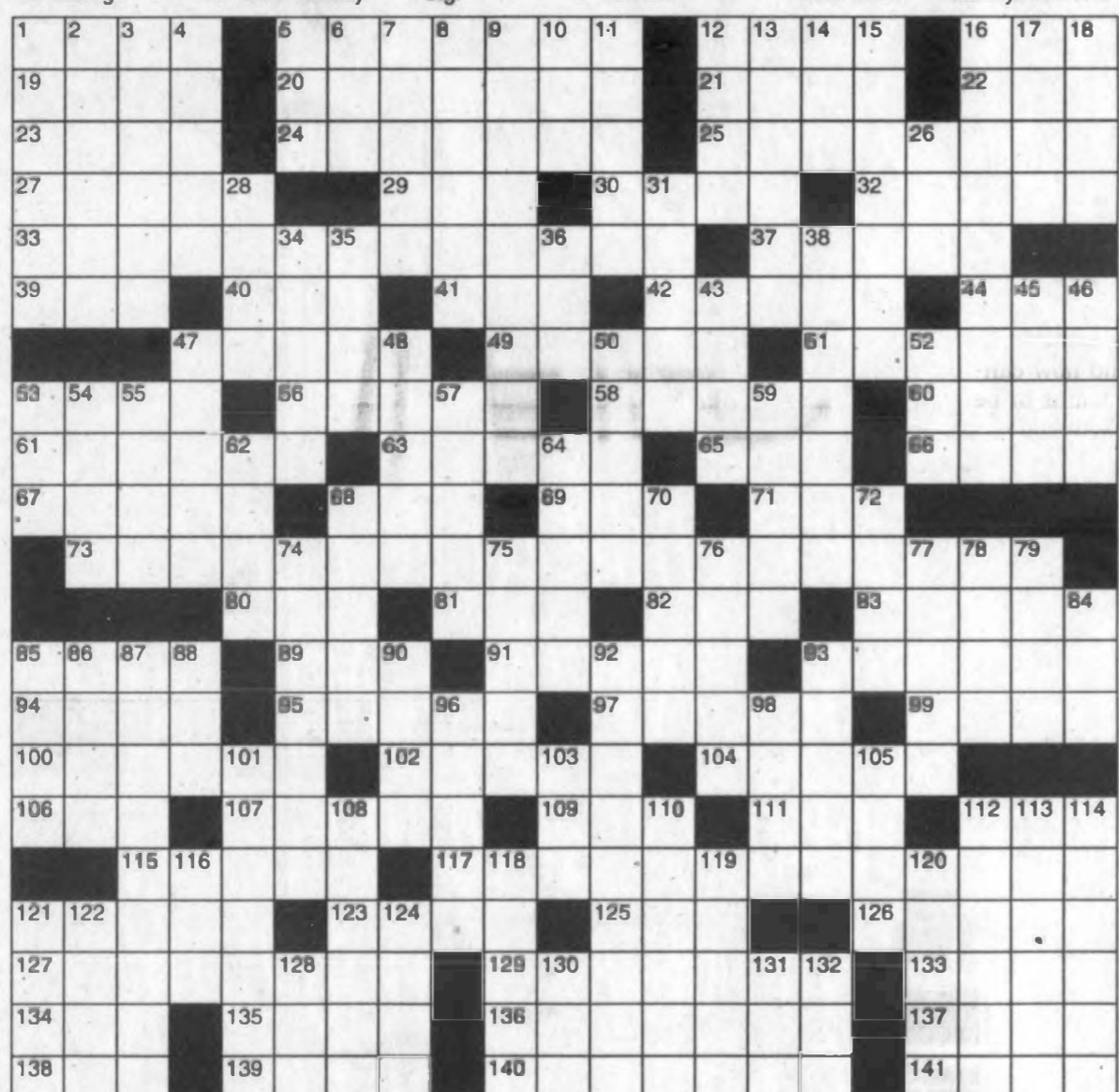
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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

**A TO Z
REPEATEDLY**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Dubya or JFK
5 Horse riders
12 Bandleader
Lawrence
16 NBA's Erving,
familiarily
19 Totally alter
20 Visibly sulky
21 Pack of yaks
22 Coastal inlet
23 Monumental
24 Of very hilly
regions
25 Liveliness
27 Betray by
snitching
29 Possible
answer to
"Who is?"
30 Scottish
refusals
32 Lupe of
"Mexican
Spiffire"
33 With 73- and
117-Across,
notable fact
about this
puzzle's
solution
37 Antigen-
attacking
lymphocyte
39 Abbr. ending
a math proof
40 Suffix with
form
41 Deer relative
42 Surgical tool
44 Put a levy on
47 Smidge
- 49 Des Moines
native
51 Cry to a
lifesaver
53 Move in
spasms
56 "American
Pie" actor —
William Scott
58 Visibly awed
60 Tailless cat
61 Pop's Grande
63 The Beatles'
"Eleanor —"
65 Gibson liquor
66 1847 Herman
Melville novel
67 Big name in
utility knives
68 Atty.'s title
69 18-wheeler
71 Div. of a
hoops game
73 See
33-Across
80 Mine, in Italy
81 ROY G. —
82 Albuquerque-
to-Denver dir.
83 Chef's hat
85 Travel by foot
89 Cable inits.
for old films
91 Reverend
Jackson
93 Tweak
94 Ending for
buck
95 "El" —
(nickname of
a drug lord)
- 99 Acorn trees
100 "Incredible!"
102 D-Max pickup
maker
104 Tips, as a hat
106 Wd. often
ending in "-ly"
107 Rho-tau link
109 Western
treaty inits.
111 U.S. spy gp.
112 Former Pan
Am rival
115 Decide you
will
117 See
33-Across
121 Part of a
ship's hull
123 Cartoon hits
125 Cool, man
126 Some Native
Americans
127 Getting a
laugh of out
129 Cool guy on
"Happy Days"
133 Years, in Italy
134 Traffic snarl
135 Lawn digger
136 Popular place
for a piercing
137 Give a test to
138 Log splitter
139 "— Out of My
League"
140 Basic nature
141 "That's clear"
- DOWN**
- 1 Trig. for calc,
e.g.
2 Put new
concrete on
3 Revised copy
4 Cholesterol-
lowering drug
5 Funny Carrey
6 Artist Yoko
7 "Be quiet!"
8 Univ. about
50 miles
west of
Topeka
9 Coating
with glossy
varnish
10 Yang partner
11 Office scribe
12 Interlaced
13 Is
14 Third bk. of
the Bible
15 Roguish
behavior
16 Group of
precision
marchers
17 Ceremony
18 "Run This
Town" rapper
26 Toon frame
28 Laugh
syllable from
a Stooze
31 Plant —
(claim some
territory,
maybe)
34 Writer Mario
Vargas —
35 Mitigate
36 "King Kong"
studio
- 38 Solidifies
43 "Seminar,"
for "Marines,"
e.g.: Abbr.
45 River in Italy
46 "Kisses and
hugs" symbol
47 Glide in a rink
48 Glaring
50 "That's the —
goes"
52 Med. insurer
53 NFL's
Jaguars, on
scoreboards
54 The "E" of
39-Across
55 Well-off
57 Muslim face
veil
59 Arouse
62 Linguist
Chomsky
64 Mark over a
short vowel
68 Pliocene, e.g.
70 Big name in
infomercial
knives
72 Eligible for
Soc. Sec.
74 Class for an
Eng. major
75 Little jewel
76 Sam of golf
77 Judo halls
78 Blue hue
79 Walrus tooth
84 Aliens, briefly
85 Tot's glassful
86 Yank who
wore #13
- 87 Small
amount,
as of sales
88 Jazz
saxophonist
Dave
90 Injure
greatly
92 People
crushing
things
93 Stick on
96 Biblical song
98 Points of
convergence
101 Prizes highly
103 Animals:
Suffix
105 Kismet
108 Wolf down
110 Suppress
112 Pre-lift-off
expression
113 Hot dog
114 Judicial
inquest
116 Book divs.
118 Lauder of
cosmetics
119 Cereal
utensil
120 Basra
citizen
121 Mexico's —
California
122 Huge-screen
film format
124 In-favor votes
128 "Stupid me!"
130 Partakes of
131 "Grimm" ailer
132 Wye follower



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SUDOKU



Difficulty Level ★★★

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BUT Y?

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even
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Y O Y A M U M S Y A R N Y Y U A
L A K Y Y Y C O E E K N A Y B M
E M H E Y O R K E R R A M E Y H
D Y K O L Y K A Y Y Y U F L O S
O Y A G O Y Y L Y Y I A Y P U A
Y O U R S N I Y E R E E R P N Y
N R A E Y D Y I T W Y A L R G Y
Y Y Y O E E H T Y M E V S D O R
A U O P L P Y M Y R A Y Y T Y W
R K A Y L P A K L O Y Y I K E S
T A C U O A W Y Y I D D I S H G
N T C M W Y S Y N W A Y G Y L N
A A U M N E Y H T U O Y Y G B A
Y Y Y Y K O O B R A E Y S Y L Y

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