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A whitetail deer bounds through the forest of Milford's Kensington Metropark.  
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## Deer culls will continue at metropark to thin herd

Susan Bromley  
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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Deer culls at Kensington Metropark in Milford will continue after threats last year canceled the cull and prompted a reexamination of how deer herds are managed in the parks.

Huron-Clinton Metroparks officials recently released a 68-page report in which they determined that sharpshooters remain the best strategy for control-

ling overpopulation of deer herds.

Danielle Mauter, chief of marketing and communications for Huron-Clinton Metroparks, wrote in an email that staff are performing aerial surveys across 11 parks in the system, including Kensington, to calculate updated deer herd population numbers, upon which "the need for any deer management activities will be determined."

"To ensure the safety of our staff, ex-

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## Northville's gritty industrial property on verge of new development

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Transforming downtown Northville's historic four-acre industrial property known affectionately as Foundry Flask from gritty to pretty gained steam this month when the Northville Historic District Commission approved (with conditions) Utah Development, LLC's new construction application.

The value of the mixed-use building slotted for 456 Cady St. is \$20 million, according to the application form.

If the project clears a series of late-game hurdles as expected, a three-story structure with industrial-themed exterior elements will start to rise on the long-dormant property that was the home of components manufacturers including Stinson Aircraft and Stimpson Scale and Manufacturing.

Historic district Commissioner Jeff Gaines sought assurances from building designer Robb Burroughs of OX Studio, Inc. that the new building would pay homage to the property's manufacturing-coated heritage.

"It is very important that this site's legacy and history are preserved," Gaines said Dec. 14. "The neighborhood I lived in — Beal Town — and the neighborhood to the north — Cabbage Town — wouldn't exist without the manufacturing companies that functioned on this property."

"These manufacturing companies provided the livelihoods of several residents of this area. This is where they worked. This was their community."

Gaines, who said he would have preferred a series of buildings erected on the

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## New Hudson winery expands



New Hudson's Whole Hearted Winery at 56808 Grand River resides in a structure that was originally built in the 1850s.  
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It's been nothing but growth for New Hudson's lone winery the last few years.

First open in 2019, Whole Hearted Winery, 56808 Grand River, began in the back of the building that formerly held Bon-A-Rose restaurant. The winery launched by New Hudson residents Dan and Brenda Wejand has ex-

panded into the rest of the building, moving its bar to the front and adding space for dozens more guests to sit down and enjoy a glass of chardonnay.

"It was one table inside and two igloos outside. That was all we had," Dan Wejand said. "Now, we have all this, three igloos outside and the whole upstairs."

It was always the plan for the Wejands to grow the winery into the rest of the building, but several challenges delayed that expansion. The

space needed to be connected to municipal water, but the COVID-19 pandemic delayed that connection and the ability for the couple to raise enough money to make the connection. The couple took advantage of a program through Lyon Township to help finance such connections and moved forward with their expansion.

They acquired the rest of the building via lease in August and began

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# Church, other places of worship OK'd for Oak Pointe Plaza in Novi

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Impact Church is re-locating into the Oak Pointe Plaza in Novi with the unanimous blessing of the city council.

The congregation of about 75-100 members will worship in 9,000 square feet of space in a building with 20,500 total square feet at 22104 Novi Road after the council approved an amendment Dec. 20 for uses in the plaza.

David Landry, speaking on behalf of Impact Church and Rev. David John during the council meeting, noted that the property was unique: After a 1988 lawsuit, a consent judgment limited uses to B-1 local businesses plus restaurants.

"The only consistent use since 1988 is the CVS," Landry said. "My client bought a third building and spent considerable money to fix the exterior with city permits. A year and a half ago, you approved

an instructional center and indoor recreation facility and then COVID hit and that project didn't go through."

The formerly-approved use would have been more intense with up to 300 children using the facility, and open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days a week and Sundays noon to 6 p.m.

Impact Church will be open only on Sundays with plenty of parking and no adverse effects on nearby businesses or significant detriments to area traffic, Landry said.

City planners had recommended approval for places of worship to be an allowed use in the plaza, as long as the facility spaces are under 10,000 square feet.

Nova Oak Properties, owner of the building which has a total of 20,500 square feet, will lease 9,000 square feet to Impact Church. The facility will include an auditorium with stage, office, two rooms for children's services, two rooms for specialized and volunteer team ser-

vices, a lobby and rest-rooms.

The lease space has been vacant for more than 13 years.

Impact Church, according to its website, began in 1996 in Jacksonville, Florida, by native Detroiters George and April Davis, who had "a bold vision to spread the Gospel across seven cities in Florida."

That vision expanded with churches subsequently founded in Georgia, Maryland, Texas, Virginia, and Peru.

In September 2020, Impact Church came to Novi, with David and Grace John as lead pastors and 90-minute gatherings "filled with great music and a relevant and inspiring message from the Bible."

The church's mailing address is 39555 Orchard Hill Place, Suite 600.

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# Huron Valley Schools seeks new board member after Jeff Long resigns

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Jeff Long has stepped down from the Huron Valley Board of Education after more than a decade.

Long, absent from the Jan. 10 board meeting, submitted a resignation letter which school board President Sean Carlson read aloud on his behalf.

In the letter, Long explains that while his resignation seems sudden, he began weighing the decision shortly after retirement from his professional career last May and concluded the best time to leave would be after the holiday break to give an incoming board member time to be part of planning for next school year and to decide whether to run for election.

The board must appoint a new member within 30 days to serve until November, when an election will be held to complete Long's term, which ends in 2024.

"I'm sorry for not being there, but I wanted to leave without fanfare," Long wrote in his



Long

letter. "My reward is having been fortunate to have spent the last decade being able to serve the district and community where I was raised and to have gotten to know and admire so many educators from my school years in Huron Valley on a level most students never get the opportunity to."

While Long may have wished to avoid attention, he earned praise from Trustee Tom Wiseman, who called Long an "outstanding" individual in education, who had served an "unheard of" three years as board president.

"He has a lot of pride and passion for this community, and I will miss him," Wiseman said.

Carlson agreed, calling Long "a dedicated, committed member of the board who has served his community very well. Throughout his decade of service he has demonstrated, time and time again, his passion for public education and specifically the students and staff of

Huron Valley Schools."

## School board to pick replacement

The board is taking applications for appointment to Long's seat. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and a registered voter who resides in the Huron Valley Schools district boundaries.

A school board seat is non-partisan and the district seeks acknowledgment of that by potential candidates in one of 16 questions they are asked on the board application.

The deadline to apply is 4 p.m. Jan. 21, with the board expected to review applications during the Jan. 24 meeting, with candidate interviews taking place on Jan. 26 and 27.

Board members can expect to devote a significant amount of time each month to their position serving the community, including attendance at not only two to three school board meetings, but also committee meetings, and may receive up to 50 communications per week, as well as attend

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**City of Novi  
Public Hearing Notice**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Zoning Board of Appeals** for the **City of Novi** will hold a public hearing on **February 8, 2022, at 7:00PM** in the **Council Chambers** of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

**PZ21-0081 (Joseph Yono) 1401 E Lake Drive, West of Novi Road and South of Fourteen Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-02-329-027.** The applicant is requesting a variance from The City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.32-10.ii.a, for the building of a proposed 240 square foot shed on the waterfront (100 square feet allowed by code, variance of 140 square feet). The variance would accommodate the building of a new lakefront accessory structure. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

**PZ22-0001 (Metro Detroit Signs / Aspen Dental) 26222 Novi Road, East of Novi Road and North of Grand River Avenue, Parcel 50-22-14-352-002.** The applicant is requesting variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(d)(2) and 28-5(b)(1) for the installation two additional wall signs exceeding the limit of the permitted number of signs and size of signs. A 60.6 square foot illuminated wall sign on the east elevation of the building (24 square feet allowed, variance of 36.6 square feet) and a 60.6 square foot illuminated wall sign on the west elevation of the building (24 square feet allowed, variance of 36.6 square feet). This property is zoned Town Center (TC).

**PZ22-0002 (Catholic Central High School) 27225 Wixom Road, West of Wixom Road and South of Grand River Avenue, Parcel #50-22-18-200-027.** The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.2.D to allow an increase of building height to 44 feet at the west entry and 38.45 feet for the robotics room on the east side of a proposed addition to the school building. The remainder of the addition is less than the 35-foot maximum height required by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-1).

**PZ22-0003 (Pro Image Design / IEP Urgent Care) 27204 Beck Road A3, East of Beck Road and North of Grand River Avenue, Parcel 50-22-16-176-033.** The applicant is requesting variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(b)(1)a for the installation of a 33.37 square foot illuminated wall sign on the west elevation of the building (32.5 square feet allowed, variance of 0.87 square feet). This property is zoned Office Service Technology (OST).

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**CITY OF NOVI  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **February 9, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.** in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **JSP21-48: LITTLE GEMS OF NOVI FOR A SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST.** The subject property totals approximately 0.25 acre and is located at 41959 Aspen Drive (Parcel 50-22-26-254-041), which is west of Meadowbrook Road and south of Ten Mile Road (Section 26). The subject property is zoned R-4 (One-Family Residential) and is part of the Orchard Hills West Subdivision. The applicants would like to operate a Montessori based group daycare home in their existing residence for up to 12 children, which is a special land use in the R-4 district. For several years, the applicants have run a daycare with up to 6 children, which is permitted by right in the R-4 district.

Plans and more information are available for review by contacting the Community Development Department at the following email address, **bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org**

**Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-26-254-041**

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, **February 9, 2022.**

Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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# Novi battery maker sends Tesla S to the U.P. and back on one charge

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Ijaz

The race to alleviate range anxiety among electric vehicle owners got a potential boost thanks to a Michigan battery maker that used its cutting edge technology to power a 2021 Tesla Model S 752 miles across the Great Lakes State on a single charge.

That real world test drive of Our Next Energy's (ONE) Gemini battery took place Dec. 17, said Mujeeb Ijaz, founder and CEO of the Novi-based company.

The Tesla drove an average of 55 mph on the trek from ONE's Novi headquarters to the Upper Peninsula and back. The results were validated by a third party using a vehicle dynamometer. Ijaz said he could not name the firm that validated the results due to ONE's agreement with it but said it was a global company in metro Detroit that does

EPA certification for automakers.

The retrofitted Tesla is currently

parked in Las Vegas, where the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) is being held. Ijaz plans to meet with investors there.

A 30-year veteran of auto companies (having worked at Ford and Apple), he left 18 months ago to join the ranks of entrepreneurs when he launched ONE.

He moved his headquarters from Silicon Valley to metro Detroit last year and already gained investments to the tune of millions from Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos and BMW to name a few.

Finding a way to allow a vehicle to go 752 miles on a single charge represents the Holy Grail of EV's future. Right now, the range for a single charge for most EVs on the road is roughly half

that.

The global race now among battery makers is to create technology that will resolve the range anxiety issue drivers have and make EVs a practical vehicle for more consumers.

"This is very impressive," said John McElroy, longtime host of "Autoline" and auto analyst at WWJ Newsradio 950, when asked about ONE's test drive results. "It's pretty good for a battery still under development. But, unless they do the EPA driving test, going 55 mph like others under same conditions, it's hard to stack them up."

I asked Ijaz why ONE didn't do the EPA test and he explained: "When reviewing what Tesla did to originally certify range of the Model S, it took six days of testing in a special procedure. We did not have time to run that test and decided a 55 mph run would suffice as a proof that we did not game the real world road test."

Glenn Stevens, executive director of MICHAuto, who has been involved with the industry for decades, said of ONE's test drive results: "This is great news. We are seeing a revolution right now in EV battery technology and it's great to see it taking place in Michigan."

Stevens, who hails from Marquette, test drove a Ford Mach-E across Michigan last summer and said he opted against going to the U.P. as there were scant charging stations.

"As this revolution unfolds, it will be great to see who leads in this battery space as that really is the Holy Grail of convincing people to buy electric," Stevens added.

I've talked to many in recent months — folks like actor William Shatner, auto icon Bob Lutz and students at Oakland University — about what it will

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# Schools: Even if it's 'just the sniffles,' students urged to stay home

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In normal times, daily attendance rates in districts including Huron Valley, South Lyon and Novi average about 97% of kids in class.

But these aren't normal times.

And while higher absences might be expected in the COVID-19 era, the first two weeks of 2022 are setting a new benchmark. Officials from all three districts confirmed that since a return from the holiday break in early January, attendance had been around 10% below the average.

Huron Valley Superintendent Paul Salah said the district fell to 87% attendance on Jan. 10, it's lowest point.

"Based on today's data, we fully expect an increase in COVID cases," Salah said. "Please, parents, don't take risks. Every time we send kiddos to school with the sniffles and say, 'It's just sniffles, it might be COVID. And whether it is severe or not, the more kids that get it, the more protocols we have to follow. Please be vigilant regardless of your feelings on COVID, it's about keeping the doors open.'"

Both Novi and South



**Kurtz Elementary School children play outside on Nov. 3, 2021.** JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Lyon officials confirmed that attendance rates since a return from the holiday break were in the mid-80s percent range.

In order to count as a school day, at least 75 percent of students must be in school district wide. Failing to meet that standard can result in being required to make up days, often added on at the end of the year much like is done when snow days exceed what districts have allotted for.

The increase in absences comes despite a change in CDC guidelines reducing the days of quarantine required after a positive COVID-19 test.

Districts are required to be transparent with the number of daily positive identified COVID-19 cases.

In Huron Valley, 160 cases were reported in the first week of January. Salah noted that if close contact quarantines were still required, the district

would not be in face-to-face instruction. Still, two Heritage Elementary classrooms were moved to remote learning as more than half of the students in each classroom were out.

"We do that so the remaining 450 students can stay in school so we can curb or mitigate the spread of COVID-19," Salah said.

The COVID-19 spread worsened from Jan. 10-14 in Huron Valley, with 242 students and staff testing positive. In South Lyon, it was even worse, with 287 testing positive for COVID-19 that week.

In Novi, 155 students and staff tested positive for COVID-19 through Jan. 13, the latest day for which information was available.

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## Battery

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take to encourage people to own EVs as part of a recent TV special for CBS 62 called "Our Electric Future." It talked about EVs and highlighted concerns over range anxiety.

"To reach the full market potential for electric cars, we need to eliminate the barriers holding back the market," Ijaz said. "We want an electric car to become an obvious choice as your only car needed. This demonstration marks the beginning of a new era making that possible."

The solution to range issues currently focuses on adding more charging stations — something municipalities and companies in Michigan and elsewhere have been doing.

Ijaz said relying on charging stations, even fast charging ones, still presents challenges like waiting in lines and not recharging as fast as advertised. The solution is a battery with more firepower that will take a vehicle longer distances on a single charge.

ONE has created two EV batteries. The first, called Aries, uses a material called lithium iron phosphate. Ten years ago, this technology could offer 150 miles of range for an electric vehicle. What Aries has done is improve upon that and offers 350 miles in the same vehicle without additional costs, Ijaz said. The company has a contract with a commercial truck maker to provide it with the Aries battery later this year.

His second battery, Gemini, uses a dual battery technology that works together as one chemistry, as one is designed to use every day for 150 miles, then the other extends the range another 600 miles in extender architecture that uses no cobalt or nickel and can power an EV 750 miles on a single charge. Lithium iron phosphate is always powering the vehicle.

ONE plans to begin production of Aries later this year, with a goal of producing the Gemini prototype batteries in 2023, as it is still in the research phase.

Ijaz chose a Tesla for his test drive because, "it was easy to convert by having a large battery vol-

ume (over 400 liters of space), was readily available on the market, and a had a well-engineered efficient electric drive and aerodynamic platform."

He also explained why ONE decided to do its test drive in Michigan versus warmer states.

"We studied going south where the climate was not freezing but decided that ONE is proud to be a Michigan battery company and what better way to celebrate innovations born in Detroit than to make the destination for our range run the Upper Peninsula," he said. "Also it's a tribute to the clean air and water we seek to protect as we transition away from fossil fuels."

Contact Carol Cain: 313-222-6732 or ccain@cts.com. She is senior producer/host of "Michigan Matters," which airs 8 a.m. Sundays on CBS 62. On this week's show Latora Barnes, chair of Michigan Democratic Party, Rocky Raczkowski, chair of Oakland County GOP, David Dulio of Oakland University and Matt Grossmann of Michigan State University.

## Long

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various school events.

Long offered some insights to those considering replacing him on the school board, explaining they would make decisions that would be unpopular with some people, including their own children, and would even support decisions they may not agree with, but would be making the right decisions.

"Why?" he asked,

and then answered, "Because a school board isn't a group of experts on education. It's a group of citizens who want to get involved by learning how schools operate and are financed and then they run for office hoping to get approval from the community to be involved. Schools have to deal with so much more than education. I encourage anyone to consider it, just realize the commitment is full time and very personal. It's children, so it should be."

An appointed board member will take office in February and serve up to the November 2022 election. The appointed board member may choose to run for the balance of Long's four-year term, which expires Dec. 31, 2024.

For more information, visit the district's website.

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Whole Hearted Winery recently opened this second level space that'll be used for visitors, comedy shows and weddings. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Winery

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working on the space for more than three months: they relocated the bar to the front room and renovated the first floor and second floor to add seating. Now, dozens of people can visit and enjoy a glass of wine in the building, which was constructed in the 1850s.

In addition to the work inside, the couple poured a concrete patio and added another igloo for outdoor dining, a popular option at the winery. They've fenced it in and added lighting, creating a space that's suitable for events like comedy nights or hosting music.

"The only thing I didn't do out here was pour the cement," he said.

The winery began as a project that also had a good cause behind it: money from every bottle sold went to Giving 360, a charity the couple founded more than a decade ago. It aims to give people in need items they collect from area stores.

The Weands hope to expand that charity: they want to offer auto mechanic services to those in need, potentially starting in 2022. Everything with the charity is handled word-of-mouth.

"It's developing on its own without us doing anything. It's great," said Brenda Weand.

The variety has grown, with dozens of wines being offered compared to the few they had at launch. Customers who can't make it for a bottle at the winery can now find some at a local superstore: Meijer stores in places such as Northville Township, Howell, Livonia, Westland, Commerce Township and



Whole Hearted Winery co-owner Dan Weand checks out a stainless steel tank the New Hudson business uses to blend and create its wine. Each tank can hold enough wine for 600 bottles. Most of the winery's wine come from Italy, Chile and California. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Hartland now carry some of their wines in-store.

The expansion isn't the last steps the couple would like for the winery. They want to add a kitchen, as well, and plan to add food options in addition to the wine.

Despite opening the space earlier in December, the couple said they're still in awe of everything and how it turned out.

"This whole thing, it's nuts where we're at," Dan Weand said. "We started a charity 12 years ago and now we have a winery."

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Brenda Weand pours a glass of Whole Hearted Winery's wine Dec. 13. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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## Property

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property to give it more of a community feel, emphasized that he doesn't want the property's rich history "white-washed" or erased by a modern new development.

"For a lot of folks, (new development) is what they want ... they see what's there now as an eyesore that's been there for the past 10 years," Gaines said. "Personally, I'd like to see the best of both worlds: retaining the history while moving into the 21st century with active and robust uses."

Robb Burroughs, an OX Studio, Inc. architect leading the design phase of the project, said his team is committed to retaining the property's impactful heritage. Burroughs noted that a timber frame from one of the existing buildings on the site built in 1910 can be salvaged for use in the design of the development.

"Using the salvaged wood on an exterior part of the building would be challenging, so we're looking at interior usage, potentially as a decorative feature in the public lobby," Burroughs said. "I think the worst thing you can do is put something in a time capsule and let it sit there; it's better to try to make something like this active as part of the lobby or in another location."

Jim Long, a representative of the devel-



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Images show the gritty past of the Foundry Flask property. COURTESY OF CITY OF NORTHVILLE

oper, said he'd like to see the building's commons area resemble the corridors of Comerica Park, the Detroit Tigers' relatively new home, with multiple pictures of the site's now-demolished factories viewable alongside documentation describing how important the site was to Northville's history.

"I was born and raised in this town, so I am very sensitive to its history," Long said. The first floor of the development is

scheduled to include a combination of parking, residential amenities and commercial space — ideally a grocery store, Burroughs' presentation explained.

The second and third levels will be exclusively residential rental spaces, totaling 79 units with one-, two- and three-bedroom layouts.

In May, the HDC granted the developer's request for demolition of the site's existing buildings — one built in 1910 and others

constructed in the 1960s — provided that it obtain the Northville Planning Commission's approval of the new development proposal and that it document the existing buildings on site as a historical record (through photographs and drawings), and provide that record to the city and Northville Historical Society.

The HDC unanimously approved the new construction application with conditions that the developer provide elevation records and floorplans of the existing buildings before they are razed.

The developer is working through a Planned Unit Development (PUD) process in the Zoning Ordinance. The property is currently zoned as PR-I performance regulated industrial district.

A mix of commercial and residential uses on this site is in sync with the Master Plan, the city's website revealed.

The site's final manufacturer was Foundry Flask & Equipment Co., which produced foundry components including molds, shovels and ladles.

One rendering included in the architect's presentation showed "The Foundry" painted on one side of the building, but Burroughs said the name of the development has not been determined.

"Although," he added, "The Foundry" would be a pretty cool name for it."

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## Deer

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act dates of any required deer culls will not be published publicly," Mauter said. "Safety is of utmost importance, and all park closures will be planned with a keen focus on ensuring community safety and the safety of those conducting any needed deer culling activity."

Weather conditions can also impact the ability to perform a cull on a specific date, she noted. The park will close at 4 p.m. on days when culls are planned, with closure signs posted.

Metroparks staff strives to follow Department of Natural Resources recommendations to keep white-tailed deer population at a density threshold of 15-20 deer per square mile, which protects the health of deer and avoids detrimental impact on the ecosystem, including plant species and other wildlife.

Last year, an aerial survey found that

Kensington had about 120 deer in the 4,500 acre park and planned to cull approximately 50 deer last February.

However, the cull was canceled after a Royal Oak man threatened to shoot police officers taking part in the cull.

### Albino deer not targeted in cull plans

She was unsure if a significant increase in the deer population at Kensington occurred due to last year's cull cancellation. However, if the cull takes place this year as it has most years since 1999, special precautions will again be taken to avoid killing any albino deer.

"Adjustments will continue to be made to hunting zones to greatly minimize the chance of impacting any of these known deer," Mauter said. "While state law does not specifically protect these deer, Metroparks staff understand that this unique animal is enjoyed by many visitors, photographers and wildlife enthusiasts and are taking all

possible precautions to avoid it during culls."

The public will no longer be notified of deer culls, a change made during a comprehensive review of the Deer Herd and Ecosystem Management Plan, which will be in effect through 2026. Mauter said there are no notification requirements under permitting or local ordinances, but "as part of the Metroparks commitment to transparency," adjacent park neighbors and municipal leaders will be notified.

She stressed that the park's management plan ensures that officials are "doing everything possible to humanely address overpopulation while supporting a healthy, thriving herd and protecting the diverse flora and fauna throughout the parks."

"The plan really speaks to the importance of balancing that ecosystem and making sure that the total ecosystem is healthy," she said.

The report noted that "non-lethal techniques" including sterilization or

relocation of deer, are generally well-accepted by the public, however, "limited effectiveness and/or high cost may prevent their exclusive use to resolve deer conflicts."

Deer culling will continue to be conducted by trained sharpshooters, with continuing reexamination of the practice promised by the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

Since 1999, when deer culling was first implemented in the metroparks, about 4,200 deer have been taken, including 1,038 at Kensington. Over the course of 22 years, there have been only three years in which deer have not been culled at Kensington, including last year.

According to the report, more than 183,000 pounds of venison was distributed to food banks throughout Michigan as a result of these culls.

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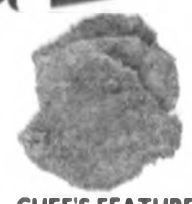
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# SPORTS

## From embarrassed to impressive, Mustangs bounce back quickly

Northville used its grind-it-out offense to outlast Salem

**Brandon Folsom**  
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Friday night was much more than a mid-season Kensington Lakes Activities Association game for Northville. It was about redemption. It was about licking its wounds and

finding a way to bounce back. It was about proving it wasn't as bad as it had looked earlier in the week. The Mustangs (6-2, 3-2) got pummeled by Canton the previous Tuesday, losers of a 52-22 lopsided matchup against a Chiefs' squad that was ranked in the top 25 of The D Zone's 100 poll earlier this season. It should've been a test to see where they were at as a program. Instead, they embarrassed themselves. Northville didn't embarrass itself at Salem, though.

It got the redemption. It licked its wounds. It earned the bounce back. And it picked up a 48-42 comeback victory while playing its style of grind-it-out basketball. "I'm really proud of how our guys responded," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "It's been a tough week. Canton made us look awful on Tuesday, or we made ourselves look terrible. So we've had a lot of ups and downs over the last seven days. I'm so happy with how our guys hung together and came together to fight today."

"They really did a great job." Salem put together an 18-point second quarter to take a four-point lead into halftime. That included 6-foot-4 forward Ashton Wheeler scoring eight of his team-best 17 points in the eight-minute span. The Mustangs didn't panic. Instead, it got back to work in the second half. They scored eight of the final 10 points of the third to knot the score at 34. Sam Barnhart's put-back attempt

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## Meet North Farmington's new secret weapon



North Farmington's Lee Hardy (front) boxes out Farmington's Bassiru Jallow (back) during an Oakland Activities Association-Red boys basketball game on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### The junior is providing a Dikembe Mutombo-like attitude to the Raiders' lineup

**Brandon Folsom**  
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Seeing Lee Hardy play, you'd think he spends his free time binge-watching highlights of former Detroit Pistons stars Ben Wallace and Dennis Rodman on YouTube.

"Nah, I be watching like Michael Jordan and LeBron play," the 6-foot-6 North Farmington junior said. "I've been watching they highlights and seeing what they do."

Jordan and James wish they could withstand the knee scrapes that Hardy is currently exiting games with.

Right now, Hardy is the Raiders' Mr. Do-It-All, as witnessed in their 80-26 victory at rival Farmington.

He dove on the floor for loose balls. He strong-armed opponents for jump balls. He packed the paint and grabbed rebounds.

He had a dunk, a handful of buckets down low, a put-back and a jumper, totaling 16 points in all. Only West Bloomfield transfer Ryan Hurst finished with more points (scoring 21 of his game-high 22 points in the first half).

Now here's the catch: Hardy hasn't been providing this kind of effort for the Raiders for very long.

"He's really coming into his own about the last 10 days, two weeks," coach Todd Negoshian said. "He's starting to play more comfortably, and he's only played basketball for about the last few number of years. The more

he plays, the more comfortable he's getting and the more confidence he's getting."

Wait, what? How is Diet Dikembe Mutombo not just naturally gifted? You're saying the guy who scored eight points in the third quarter alone, helping ignite the 40-point running-clock rule against his rival, is basically brand new?

"He's young. He's only been playing basketball for a limited number of years so it's all new to him," Negoshian added. "He's only a junior who played on the JV for us last year because of our depth. It's all kind of new to him, too, but it's been unbelievable watching him progress."

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## Hometown Life's All-Area football team: Who was metro Detroit's best?

**Brandon Folsom**  
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And the votes are in! Throughout December, Hometown Life asked its readers to vote for the top football players at each individual position.

Hundreds of players were nominated by area coaches. We have finally tallied the results and broke them down to determine who has made our 2021 All-Hometown Life football team, which features only the best of the best from around metro Detroit.

The top vote-getters earned First Team honors, followed by the second-most vote-getters making the Second Team, the third-most earning Honorable Mention honors and all the rest appearing as Special Mentions.

Note: Don't see players from your favorite team on the team? The following schools did not nominate players for the polls: Birmingham Brother Rice, Birmingham Detroit Country Day, Bloomfield Hills, North Farmington, Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn.

The below list is how our All-Area team shook out for this past season.

### First Team Offense

QB - Dominic Pesci, Farmington (Junior, 6-foot-6, 210 pounds)

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Franklin's Dominic Simpson carries the ball against Stevenson during a Kensington Lake Activities Association football game on Friday, Oct. 8, 2021. DAVE DONOHER/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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# Novi grad, teammate win ice dancing at U.S Figure Skating Championships

**Mike Organ**  
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Madison Chock and Evan Bates won their third ice dance national title Jan. 8 at the 2022 U.S. Figure Skating Championships at Bridgestone Arena.

The win sends Chock and Bates to their third Olympic Winter Games.

Chock, 29, and Bates, 32, staged a near-flawless, ultra-modern free dance performance after taking just a 2.5-point lead over rivals and reigning champions Madison Hubbell, 30, and Zachary Donahue, 31, in the rhythm dance Friday.

"It feels really good to be sitting here and to have won the national championship again against some of the toughest competitors that we've ever faced," Bates, a 2010 Novi High School graduate said.

"We really had to work hard for it. The training and the preparation, we needed all of it because it wasn't easy and it wasn't necessarily the best performance that we dreamt up (Saturday). But I'm really proud of all the work we put in because it showed up and we relied on it."

Chock and Bates scored 135.43 in the free dance for a total of 227.37,



Madison Chock and Evan Bates hold their gold medals during the championship dance victory ceremony at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn., Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022. ANDREW NELLES / TENNESSEAN.COM

which was enough to hold off Hubbell and Donahue, who scored higher in the free at 136.2 and finished at 225.59 to earn the silver.

It was the final national champion-

ship for Hubbell and Donahue.

"For Zach and I, our performance meant a lot to us," Hubbell said. "We wanted to end our career at the U.S. Championships with a performance (Saturday) that we're both very satisfied with. We couldn't make up the 2.5 points from a poorly-skated short program, but we're really satisfied with the feeling that we left this championship with."

Bates said it was important for he and Chock to keep their composure after Hubbell and Donahue performed so well in the free. Going last among the 14 teams in the competition also made it tough for Chock and Bates.

"It was frankly a challenging set of circumstances being last and knowing that Zach and Maddie had skated well just based on crowd response," Bates said. "And I expected them to skate well. That's why we really relied on our training. We've been working very hard to be as prepared as we can be for this next stretch in our careers."

Kaitlin Hawayek and Jean-Luc Baker (205.68) won the bronze.

Hubbell and Donahue and Hawayek and Baker will join Chock and Bates at the Olympics in Beijing.

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Madison Chock and Evan Bates compete in the championship ice dance during the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn., Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022. ANDREW NELLES / TENNESSEAN.COM



## Oakland Hills to host US Women's Open in 2031, 2042

Course reopened in July after \$12 million restoration

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The U.S. Golf Association announced Friday that Oakland Hills Country Club will host the 2031 and 2042 U.S. Women's Open.

The venerable club in Bloomfield Township was among five future sites announced for the women's national championship, including Inverness Club in Toledo.

Oakland Hills is still vying to host its first U.S. Open since 1996. The next available date for the U.S. Open is 2028.

"This is truly a banner day for Oakland Hills Country Club as we proudly say we'll be the site of the 2031 and 2042 U.S. Women's Open Championships," club president Rick Palmer said in a released statement. "We have added to our heritage and our long-standing relationship with the USGA with this great news. We are also pleased it has come so soon after we re-opened our restored and iconic South Course. It's a momentous time for Oakland Hills."

The 1916 Donald Ross course reopened in July after a \$12-million restoration that lasted nearly two years. The extensive work transformed it from Robert Trent Jones' fabled parkland "Monster" renovation that hosted the 1951 U.S. Open into a modernized, television-friendly, unencumbered layout with high-tech drainage that allows for minute control of green

speeds — two key ingredients the USGA looks for at a U.S. Open venue.

"Our Donald Ross classic has been transformed into a contemporary course that will challenge and delight our membership," then-club president Mike Dietz said in June, "while hopefully continuing our rich tradition of hosting championship golf at Oakland Hills."

The club had no comment Friday on its ongoing efforts to land a seventh U.S. Open and its first major since the 2008 PGA Championship.

But hosting the U.S. Women's Open, and the 2016 U.S. Amateur, are key steps in the process because the USGA looks for partnerships with clubs to host multiple championships rather than just one premier event.

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## Former U-M DL Messner elected to College Football Hall of Fame

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INDIANAPOLIS — Hartland's Mark Messner is among a list of 21 former players and coaches in this year's College Football Hall of Fame class.

Messner was a four-year starter at Michigan and was named All-Big Ten each season.

He holds the school record for most sacks in a game (five) and career (36) and tackles for loss for a career (70). After his final season at U-M, he was also the program leader in tackles for loss in a game and a season and sacks in a season. He was a consensus All-American in 1988.

Messner played in high school at Detroit Catholic Central.

Late Heisman Trophy winner Rashawn Salaam of Colorado and two-time Heisman runner-up Andrew Luck of Stanford are among the national headlines among this year's Hall of Fame class.

The National Football Foundation announced the new inductees Monday. The ceremony is scheduled for Dec. 6.

Salaam and Luck will be joined by Penn State linebacker LaVar Arrington, who won the Butkus and Bednarik awards in 1999, and Georgia defensive back Champ Bailey, who was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2019.

There also was a heavy emphasis on offensive and defensive linemen. Alabama center Sylvester Croom, who later became the Southeastern Conference's first Black head football coach, led the list. Illinois defensive tackle Moe Gardner, Illinois State linebacker Boomer Grigsby, Alcorn State center Dennis Thomas Nebraska offensive lineman Zach Wiegert and Messner all were linemen selected for induction.

Texas Tech receiver Michael Crabtree, Ohio State safety Mike Doss, LSU running back Kevin Faulk, Oregon State receiver Mike Hass, Florida State linebacker Marvin Jones, Oklahoma State running back Terry Miller, and Oklahoma defensive back Roy Williams round out the list of players.

Three coaches — John Luckhardt of Washington & Jefferson (Pennsylvania), Billy Jack Murphy of Memphis and Gary Pinkel, who coached at Toledo and Missouri — also will be honored in December.



Former Michigan defensive lineman Mark Messner DFP FILE PHOTO

## Mustangs

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with 2:06 left in the period gave them their first lead, 34-32, in over 10 minutes.

The two squads briefly traded leads early in the fourth before Northville stepped up and put away the game.

It went on a 10-2 run that essentially put a comeback out of reach for the Rocks, who dropped to 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the league. That scoring spree was started by Matt Gorski, who buried a jumper and then converted on a tough drive to the basket to total four of his game-high 19 points.

Salem had plenty of opportunities to keep pace with Northville, but it looked gassed for most of the fourth.

The Rocks were playing in their first game in 17 days because of a COVID-19 layoff.

Once Northville grabbed a brief lead, its offense passed and dribbled out possessions for 30-45 seconds, looking for the best shot it could get while also tiring out Salem's defenders.

Salem couldn't cash in on the offensive end when it got wide-open shots. Six-straight possessions ended with

rimmed-out jumpers or turnovers late in the fourth.

Wheeler scored down low, and Ryan Peters buried a 3-pointer with 9.4 seconds remaining. The Rocks just didn't have enough time to erase the full deficit.

"They put a little run on us to finish the third quarter," Rocks coach Ryan Nimmerguth said. "Northville's very tough. They're a tough team. They're very tough when they got the lead, and they'll grind you out defensively and keep moving the ball. They do a great job of taking care of the ball, moving the ball and being patient. So they started to do that, and we started to press on the offensive end and maybe not take the best shots. We missed a couple of open shots, and you could see frustration with our guys."

"They kept battling, but we missed some shots that we probably could've made, and that's a big difference, especially against those guys. Once they get the ball, they're going to run it for 30, 45 seconds to make sure they take a good shot, so you'll spend a lot of energy on defense, and it's tough to turn them over. They're well-coached and they do a good job of running their stuff."

Carlos Adamson helped Northville with six points, while Cullen Foley and

Nolan Thomson scored four apiece.

Salem's Pryor Reynolds and Peters each finished with 10 points.

However, it was the game within the game that might've helped determine the win for Northville.

Wheeler is one of the most athletic big men in the KLAA. He brings size, speed and poise when battling near the rim.

Sander assigned Barnhart (11 points, 5 of 7 from foul line) to stay on Wheeler the entire night. Wheeler got his points, but Barnhart was the annoying gnat bothering him in the paint.

"Wheeler is such a great player, and I was really proud of how Barnhart guarded him, and you've got to guard him with more than one guy," Sander said. "He battled him the whole night. They call him 'Sleepy Sam' because you never see much emotion out of him, good or bad. He just stays very even keel, and I think that was the key to his success. He played great defense. Wheeler, because he's so good, would make a great shot, but Sam would not get discouraged. He kept playing, and he really kept battling on the glass, which was good, and he shot some free throws tonight, which we need out of him."

Barnhart stayed out of foul trouble and off the bench while limiting Wheel-

er to only seven points (three field goals) in the second half.

"We practiced a lot, and we came up with a plan," the 6-foot-5 senior said of guarding Wheeler. "I had less help responsibilities, which the other guys did a really good job of. Usually, I'm the big-time helper, but the other guys did a good job stepping up. I was able to focus more on defending Wheeler and face-guarding him instead of guarding him normally. He's really fast, and he hit some good shots on me, but if I'm solid on him and keep my ground, it helps."

Sander was excited about the bounce-back. But he knows it's not going to get any easier with matchups against Howell and Novi this week.

"We were feeling really good about ourselves and we got humbled a little bit earlier this week," the coach said. "We just need to keep moving forward. Back to the drawing board."

In girls basketball action, Northville edged Salem 47-43 in overtime Friday night. Salem's Madison Morson scored 36 points, five of which came in OT.

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## Baseketball

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Hardy didn't have an AAU start to his career like a lot of his teammates.

He tried out for middle school basketball but was cut from the seventh-grade team. He made the eighth-grade squad, but he spent the season on the bench as a third-stringer.

Hardy grew as a JV player, but his success on the basketball court started as soon as he took the weight room seriously.

"I think the key is he's getting into the weight room with Billy Slobin, our strength and conditioning guy," Negoshian said. "They've been on a mission to get him bigger, stronger and tougher and to change his mentality. I think it shows every day as we've progressed."

"It's been huge. It's just another guy who does all the little stuff that we need in our program. It allows us to spread that out, and now we're not counting on one person to rebound or one person to block shots. It's coming from multiple people at multiple times, which gives us depth and allows kids to put less minutes on their legs, which is good."

Aside from past middle school woes motivating Hardy, he said he's also received some flack from outsiders who believed he should've already been playing at a high level.

He calls it "a lot of hate." Whatever it

is, it's been motivating him to improve.

"I just use that as motivation," he said. "Just a lot of people. They don't really matter as long as you just focus on the game. So I've got to thank my coach (Negoshian) for that because I wasn't doing that (playing well) two weeks ago."

"Coach's pushing me hard in practice because he wanted me to get physical. So I've been in the weight room a lot. Coach has been helping me a lot, mentally and physically. He wants me to be strong with the ball."

North Farmington (8-1, 2-0 Oakland Activities Association-Red) continues to rank in the top 10 among the various polls out there.

It's easy to see why.

Aside from Hurst, who's one of the best scorers in metro Detroit, the talented cast around him, which includes Tyler Spratt (eight points), Landon Williams (seven) and Aaron Rice, gives the Raiders quite the mix of athleticism, size and scoring.

Adding Hardy into that equation just makes them even scarier to try and stop.

"It's just fun playing with your teammates," Hardy said.

Farmington (2-6, 0-2) got nine points from Nick Morgan, seven from Tony Tolbert and four from Bassiru Jallow.

Also for North Farmington, Donovin Williams scored 11 points off the bench.

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Farmington's Chris Boyd dribbles up the floor against North Farmington during an Oakland Activities Association-Red boys basketball game on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Farmington's Jalen Silver goes up for a layup against North Farmington during an Oakland Activities Association-Red boys basketball game on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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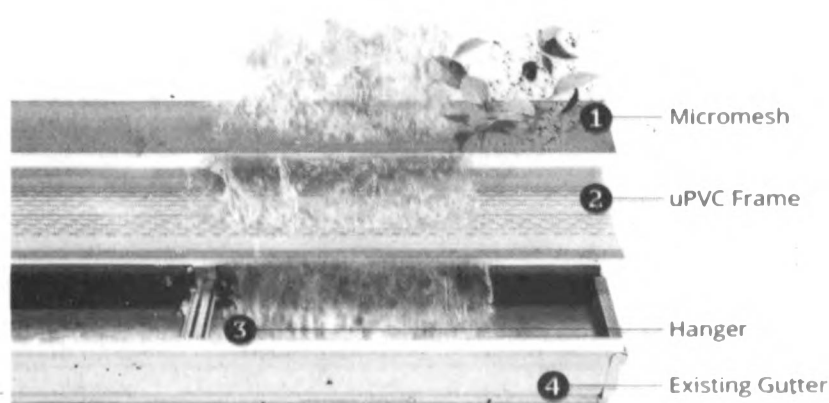
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## Panthers edge rival Eagles 52-50 to win 3rd-straight City rivalry

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It took quite the effort, but the game crew finally got the music going.

Almost seven minutes of pre-game warmups had already ticked off the scoreboard by the time "Is You Ready?" by Migos started playing on the loudspeakers in Redford Union's gymnasium.

Whatever the snafu was, the fans and players didn't care. It was fixed. Almost everybody started bobbing their heads. The music came on just in time to get everyone hyped for the start of the City rivalry game.

Which is funny because it took about seven minutes for the Panthers them-

selves to get going.

After a sluggish start, which saw Redford Thurston go on a 10-2 run and grab an early eight-point lead, Union fought its way back into the game in the second quarter. The Panthers (3-3) used a 14-2 run of their own to take the lead.

They kept the Eagles (1-5) at arm's length the rest of the way, even escaping a late comeback by Thurston, to pull out the 52-50 victory.

The win marked Union's third-straight year of capturing the City rivalry trophy.

The team celebrated by snapping photos with its dance team, cheerleaders and fans at halfcourt afterward.

"I think we just have such an inexperienced team — and this is probably my most inexperienced team I've had the

opportunity to coach — that I just think they came out with so many nerves," 12th-year Union coach Randall Taylor said. "We didn't play like we normally play. We didn't play aggressively in that first half. Our defensive energy wasn't there. Once we got those butterflies out the way, we were able to open some things up a little more."

Despite leading by as many as eight in the first, it took two baskets down low late from Russell Wilcox, who finished with eight points, for Thurston to escape the quarter with a 15-11 lead.

Union scored 10-straight to open the next period. That included Mike Myles (game-high 20 points) driving to the hoop for a contested layup that knotted the score at 16 just 5:45 before halftime.

Shortly afterward, Denim Ray-Barrow (16 points) threw down a one-handed dunk in transition to give Union its first lead.

Baskets by Myles and Amare Slaughter-Taylor (eight points) to close out the half ensured the Panthers a 25-18 lead entering the locker room.

Thurston scored just three points in the eight-minute stretch.

"We got a little discombobulated," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "We got out of position a little bit offensively and defensively, and we had to get it back together a little bit. Other than that, the kids played well."

And the Eagles did play well to close out the game.

Union extended its lead to 10 points in the third, but Thurston briefly trimmed its deficit to 31-28 following a 3-pointer from Cameron Williams.

Once the Panthers grabbed a 12-point lead in the fourth, they looked to stall the clock by slowing down the offense. Instead, Thurston's full-court trap forced Union into making turnovers.

The Eagles went on a 16-3 run, which included Williams burying a jumper that made it 49-48 with 1:13 left.

Union finally snapped out of its funk when Myles made a layup.

Thurston's Kahlil Bedford attempted an NBA-ranged 3-pointer to try and tie it at 51 with 27 seconds remaining, but the shot rimmed out. The Eagles didn't score again until Williams cashed in on a put-back with 2.3 seconds left.

The Eagles sent Myles to the line in an attempt to get the ball back, but the sophomore made one free throw to extend Union's lead to two points.

"We did not play the way we practiced at all," Taylor said of the Panthers fumbling a big lead late. "We practiced to learn how to handle pressure. But we sped things up and played out of control tonight. We turned the ball over a lot. We didn't play how we normally play, and I



Amare Slaughter-Taylor, right. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Thurston High's Nathan Thompson, left. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

know we had 24 turnovers tonight. So we were just fortunate enough to get the win turning the ball over. It's an ugly win, but we'll take it."

Williams, who scored 11 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter, attempted a half-court buzzer-beater but it didn't fall in. Bedford added 19 points for Thurston.

"We ran out of time, but the kids played hard," Bates said. "They played really hard tonight, but you've got to make shots and you've got to make free throws. They (Union) did a nice job. They played hard and executed at the end to win the game."

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## Obituaries

### Jerome L. "Jerry" Kuhnlein, Sr.

ST. JOSEPH - Jerome L. "Jerry" Kuhnlein, Sr., of St. Joseph, Michigan passed away peacefully on Monday, January 3, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. Arrangements are entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at [www.starks-menchinger.com](http://www.starks-menchinger.com).

Jerry was born on July 6, 1932, in Detroit, Michigan to Frank & Evelyn (Petz) Kuhnlein. He graduated in 1950 from the former all boys St. Joseph High School in Detroit, where he played four varsity sports and was a star athlete. His senior year, his football team traveled across the state, and he had a standout performance in one of the first games ever played at Dickinson Stadium in St. Joseph. Little did he know that, nearly 50 years later, he would make that same trek across the state to enjoy his retirement years in the same city. In high school, Jerry proudly enlisted in the United States Navy Reserves, where he served for nine years. In 1955, he married the love of his life, Mary, and the two would spend 66 wonderful years together before his passing. Jerry often worked two or three jobs to put himself through school and, later, to support his family. His primary employment was working in the Trust Department at NBD Bank for over 40 years. Jerry was an active member of the Jaycee's and also of Our Lady of Sorrows School Board. An accomplishment that meant a lot to him was being the second member in his family to receive the American Legion Award. Whenever baseball or football games were on TV, family members knew to not interrupt Jerry while he was cheering on his favorite teams. An avid golfer, bowler, and card player who was quick with a joke and a laugh, Jerry touched the hearts of everyone who had the good fortune to meet him.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Debbie (Bill) Schorger, Dr. Jerry (Colleen) Kuhnlein, Jeff (Jeannie) Kuhnlein, Greg (Theresa) Kuhnlein, Tim (Gail) Kuhnlein, and Mary Ann (David) Doyle; eighteen grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and sisters-in-law Marie Kuhnlein Gilbert and Jackie Kilcline. He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Mary Rutt, Dan Kuhnlein, Frank "Bud" Kuhnlein, Mary Lou Henze, Marilyn Lee and Pete Kilcline. In lieu of flowers or donations, Jerry asks that you hug a loved one and tell them that you love them.



### Steven Carl McBride

On January 6, 2022 at the age of 56, Steven Carl McBride met his maker with a handshake and a take down. He continued to fight for his life until the clock won. He was surrounded by friends and family holding his hands and letting him know how much he was loved. It was time for this one last match to end.

Steve was born July 11, 1965 in Ponca City, OK to Judith Karen McBride & Carl Henry McBride who survive. Those who had the opportunity to know Steve, know this wasn't an easy task as he liked to scrap. But he was also a gentle soul. His sibling Tim (wife Haley, daughter Malorie) will always be known as 'the runner' from Steve' as he waited patiently on the porch for Tim to come home so they could wrestle one more time. Wendy (Brent Whiteside) was always the ultimate referee, her favorite match of theirs was when she visited Ferris State while they lived together. Tim, being an RA of the floor they lived on, wouldn't let her in the dorm because it was past visiting hours and Tim was a wonderful rule follower. So through the door she watched her brothers wrestle on the dorm floor. Mark (Viktorija, daughter Zoey), Steve's youngest brother was always the light-weight hanging onto him while Steve, the heavyweight wrestler, flipped him around like a little dog...and Mark would re-climb him every time he was thrown off.

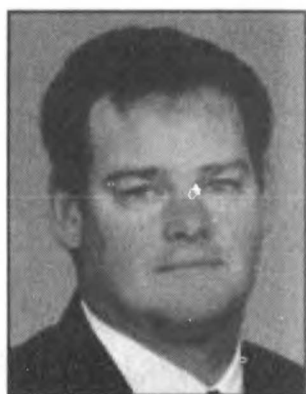
He had amazing super strength. Many times it has been said "how in the hell did he just lift that by himself?" His physical strength was matched by his quick wit. His sense of humor was endless and he was one of the best stand up comics that never did stand up. I so wish I had written his jokes all down! He brought into his life-match a beautiful daughter Hanna (mother Alejandrina McBride), who shares in many of her father's great qualities. His loving mom and dad, one always in the corner of the mat, the other in the stands guiding and cheering him on...for all of them, this match was the hardest to decide and ultimately his maker won with a tap on the mat and a hand raised.

A celebration of Steve's life is being planned and will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to Novi High School's Wrestling Program. Donations may be sent to Novi High School, 24062 Taft Rd., MI 48375 Attn: Athletic Off. Please note "Novi Wrestling" in the memo.

Please share condolences and memories with Steve's family at [www.fayettevillecremationservices.com](http://www.fayettevillecremationservices.com)

Arrangements are with the Fayetteville Cremation Services of Fayetteville, North Carolina.



Thurston's Cameron Williams, center, fights for a rebound. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Redford Union head coach Randall Taylor lets his players know he wants their hands to be up on defense. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Thurston High guard Cameron Williams prepares to put up a basket. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



## Best

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RB - Robert Jones, Salem (Junior, 6-foot-1, 205 pounds)  
 WR - Jack Ellis, Lutheran Westland (Senior)  
 OT - Owen Hawley, Livonia Franklin (Junior, 6-foot-6, 275 pounds)  
 OT - Gavin Miller, Farmington (Junior, 6-foot-4, 280 pounds)  
 OG - Lawrence Nash-Martin, Livonia Churchill (Senior, 6-foot-3, 260 pounds)  
 OG - Jamire Hall, Redford Union (Junior, 6-foot-2, 285 pounds)  
 C - Caleb Lebar, Livonia Churchill (Junior, 6-foot-2, 265 pounds)

### First Team Defense

DT - Terence Williams, Livonia Clarenceville (Senior)  
 DE - Dillon Gacki, White Lake Lakeland (Senior, 6-foot-1, 240 pounds)  
 DE - Andre Evans, Redford Union (Senior, 6-foot-3, 250 pounds)  
 OLB - Colin Goins, South Lyon (Senior, 5-foot-9, 185 pounds)  
 OLB - Paul Davenport, Lutheran Westland (Senior, 5-foot-6, 145 pounds)  
 MLB - Quincy Salter, Livonia Stevenson (Senior, 6-foot-2, 215 pounds)  
 MLB - John Kersh, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (Junior, 6-foot-3, 220 pounds)  
 CB - Bryce Lambeth, South Lyon East (Senior, 6-foot-2, 185 pounds)  
 CB - Caleb Williams, Canton (Sophomore, 5-foot-11, 165 pounds)  
 FS - Drew Moyer, South Lyon East (Junior, 6-foot, 165 pounds)  
 SS - Dominic Simpson, Livonia Franklin (Junior, 5-foot-10, 175 pounds)

### First Team Special Teams

KR/PR - Curtis Keels, Redford Union (Senior, 5-foot-9, 160 pounds)  
 K - Ryan Kennell, Livonia Churchill (Senior, 6-foot, 175 pounds)

### Second Team Offense

QB - Noah Etnyre, Lutheran Westland (Junior, 6-foot-2, 180 pounds)  
 RB - Matthew Gazzarato, Livonia Stevenson (Senior, 5-foot-9, 161 pounds)  
 WR - Braeden Tillman-Jones, South Lyon East (Senior, 5-foot-11, 175 pounds)  
 OT - Elijah Tripplett, Redford Union (Sophomore, 6-foot-3, 275 pounds)  
 OT - Charlie Griesbeck, Milford (Senior, 6-foot-1, 210 pounds)  
 OG - Donte Taylor, Milford (Senior, 6-foot-2, 250 pounds)  
 OG - Charles Tams, Plymouth (Senior, 6-foot-1, 225 pounds)  
 C - Tyler O'Connor, South Lyon (Senior, 5-foot-11, 240 pounds)

### Second Team Defense

DT - Charlie Davidek, Livonia Stevenson (Junior, 6-foot-3, 250 pounds)  
 DE - Cal Rutherford, Plymouth (Sophomore)  
 DE - Nicholas Briggs, Milford (Senior, 6-foot-2, 215 pounds)  
 OLB - Trever Perczak, Livonia Franklin (Senior, 5-foot-10, 184 pounds)  
 OLB - Derek Johnson, White Lake Lakeland (Senior, 6-foot, 180 pounds)  
 ILB - Wyatt Lesnew, Milford (Sophomore, 5-foot-11, 225 pounds)  
 ILB - Dakota Schultz, White Lake Lakeland (Senior, 6-foot-1, 175 pounds)  
 CB - Dakota Blackwell, South Lyon (Senior, 6-foot, 175 pounds)  
 CB - Ray Shukeireh, Northville (Senior, 5-foot-9, 168 pounds)  
 SS - Julius McElroy, Redford Union (Senior, 5-foot-9, 155 pounds)  
 SS - Evan Dundon, Birmingham Groves (Senior, 6-foot-1, 170 pounds)

### Second Team Special Teams

KR/PR - Dylan Fleming, Salem (Senior, 5-foot-7, 145 pounds)  
 K - Alex Stoyanovich, South Lyon (Junior, 5-foot-8, 165 pounds)



Franklin's Cordell Mabins rushes against Stevenson during a Kensington Lake Activities Association football game on Friday, Oct. 8, 2021. DAVE DONOHER/SPECIAL TO HOMETIMELIFE.COM

### Honorable Mention Offense

QB - Dawson Skupin, South Lyon (Senior, 6-foot-4, 175 pounds)  
 RB - Cordell Mabins, Livonia Franklin (Junior, 5-foot-11, 190 pounds)  
 WR (Slotback) - Reed Jabiro, White Lake Lakeland (Senior, 6-foot-3, 180 pounds)  
 OT - Andrew Berg, South Lyon (Junior, 6-foot-2, 240 pounds)  
 OT - Tommy Phimster, Nov (Senior, 6-foot-3, 285 pounds)  
 OG - Caleb Gardner, Redford Thurston (Senior, 6-foot-1, 340 pounds)  
 C/OT - Evan Loiselle, Lutheran Westland (Senior)

### DEFENSE

DT - Jaden Mitchell, Redford Union (Junior, 6-foot-2, 400 pounds)  
 DE - Caden Calhoun, White Lake Lakeland (Junior, 6-foot-2, 260 pounds)  
 DE - Alex Smith, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (Junior, 6-foot-2, 220 pounds)  
 OLB - Ty Wagner, Salem (Senior, 5-foot-10, 205 pounds)  
 OLB - Kam Kuban, Northville (Senior, 6-foot-3, 200 pounds)  
 MLB - Niko Krall, Novi (Junior, 5-foot-8, 196 pounds)  
 ILB - Trey Rowley, White Lake Lakeland (Junior, 5-foot-10, 175 pounds)  
 CB - Patrick Coughlin, Livonia Stevenson (Senior, 5-foot-8, 165 pounds)  
 CB - Gary Morris, Livonia Franklin (Senior, 6-foot-3, 180 pounds)  
 SS - Jake Pasuit, Milford (Senior, 6-foot-3, 205 pounds)  
 SS - Evan Cosgrove, Plymouth (Junior, 5-foot-11, 195 pounds)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

KR/PR - Jordan Newbill, South Lyon East (Junior, 5-foot-10, 170 pounds)  
 K/P - Christos Tzoumakas, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (Junior, 5-foot-8, 170 pounds)

### Special Mention

### OFFENSE

QB - Cory Chavis, Redford Union  
 QB - Taj Williams, Livonia Churchill  
 QB - Zac Olesuck, Livonia Franklin  
 QB - Nathan Wasil, Garden City  
 QB/ATH - ArJon Thompson, Livonia Stevenson  
 QB - Tate Farquhar, White Lake Lakeland  
 QB - Braden Fracassi, South Lyon  
 QB - Luke Aurilia, Novi  
 QB - Billy Sternberg, Milford  
 RB - Evan Percin, White Lake Lakeland  
 RB - Jordan Williams, Livonia Clarenceville



Lakeland's Derek Johnson runs after recording an interception against Milford. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### DEFENSE

DT - Henry Everett, Birmingham Groves  
 DT - Lucas Tafelski, Canton  
 DT - Demarius Gibson-Wells, Livonia Churchill  
 DT - Preston Phimster, Novi  
 DT - Ryan Fisher, Plymouth  
 NG - Luke Kaletto, White Lake Lakeland  
 DE - Logan Flaherty, Birmingham Groves  
 DE - Victor Berger, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook  
 DE - Guilin Bodiu, Canton  
 DE - Kameron Balhorn, Livonia Churchill  
 DE - Chibi Anwunah, Lutheran Westland  
 DE - Justin Gross, Milford  
 OLB - Julian Lockett, Canton  
 OLB - Kaden Williams, Garden City  
 OLB - Daniel Moore, Livonia Clarenceville  
 OLB - Donte Robinson, Livonia Clarenceville  
 OLB - Malachi Bratton, Livonia Churchill  
 OLB - Parker Ladach, Northville  
 OLB - Jeremiah Alston, Redford Union  
 ILB - Nick Mason, Birmingham Groves  
 MLB - Jacob Vance, Birmingham Seaholm  
 MLB - Luke Wischmeyer, Birmingham Seaholm  
 ILB - Amare Reed, Canton  
 ILB - Alex Roberson, Farmington  
 MLB - Abe Schueler, Livonia Churchill  
 MLB - Spencer Vos, Plymouth  
 ILB - Nathan Grooters, South Lyon  
 ILB - Simeon Mardossian, South Lyon  
 MLB - Damon Powers, Westland John Glenn  
 CB - Josh Brown, Livonia Churchill  
 CB - Jayden Allen, Livonia Churchill  
 CB - Jaden Mangham, Birmingham Groves  
 SS - Kyle Robbins, Birmingham Seaholm

### SPECIAL TEAMS

KR/PR - Tyler Patrick, Novi  
 P - Luc Diamini, Plymouth  
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Stevenson's Matthew Gazzarato rushes against Franklin during a Kensington Lake Activities Association football game on Friday, Oct. 8, 2021. DAVE DONOHER/SPECIAL TO HOMETIMELIFE.COM

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## The Big Quit and the Tightest Labor Market Ever

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It is usual for businesses to report difficulty retaining qualified workers and attracting new ones, even in normal times. But the recent Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) report, with data through the end of November, confirms what many businesses know to be true: This time is different.

An all-time record high 4.5 million workers quit their jobs in November, with quits hitting new records in accommodation and food services, healthcare and social assistance, professional and business services, and state and local government (excluding education).

But replacing those workers is proving unusually challenging. Although businesses are advertising 10.6 million job openings, there are only 6.9 million unemployed people actively seeking them. That is an all-time record-low ratio of unemployed people to vacancies (0.62)—a sign that this is the tightest labor market ever.

### A Record-Low Ratio of Unemployed Job Seekers to Job Openings

Prior to the pandemic, there were usually about 2.3 unemployed people per job opening. Following recessions, that ratio has tended to surge: to 3.0 af-

ter the dotcom bubble crash, to 6.5 after the Great Recession, and to 5.0 at the bleakest point of the Covid recession.

But it has now fallen more quickly than ever before and to the lowest point on record, thanks to a strong demand-driven economic recovery, paired with a protracted pandemic-induced decline in labor force participation. There are now 50.6% more job openings than before the pandemic overall, and over 100% more in manufacturing.

### A Record-Low Ratio of Hires per Job Opening

The number of hires per opening is near the all-time record low reached in October after a dramatic post-pandemic drop. With so few candidates to choose from, employers are struggling to complete hires. In other words, job openings are yielding fewer hires than usual.

Before 2015, there were usually more hires made during each month than vacancies left at the end of the month. But towards the end of the 10-year economic expansion following the Great Recession, job openings had soared above hires, with the hires-per-opening ratio falling to 0.76. That in itself was a remarkable development and it produced aggressive competition between firms for talent.



But the pandemic economy has smashed all prior records. In November, firms only hired 6.7 million people, despite the 10.6 million job openings advertised, a ratio of just 0.65.

### Record-High Retirements and Quits

Given difficulty attracting new talent, employers are hanging onto the workers they have for dear life. Historically, layoffs and discharges have been fairly frequent, accounting for 40% of all separations from employment, on average. That share has now been below 25% for five straight months.

While layoffs have fallen, quits and retirements have surged. Since 2000, about 1.9% of workers have voluntarily quit their jobs each month. The quits rate in November stood at a record-high 3% overall—and 6.4% in the leisure and hospitality sector. Quits have soared in establishments of all sizes, not only in

small businesses, as was the case earlier in the pandemic.

So-called “other separations”—a term that mostly refers to retirements—are also higher than usual. There have been 1.15 million “other separations” in the past three months—the most in one quarter since 2016.

In other words, companies are not only battling record-high recruitment challenges, but retention difficulties, too.

### How Companies are Responding

An unprecedented challenge calls for an unprecedented response, and we are seeing companies snap into action across the economy. Data from ZipRecruiter job postings show the extent to which companies are peeling back job requirements and expanding hiring incentives, making this a golden age for job seekers.

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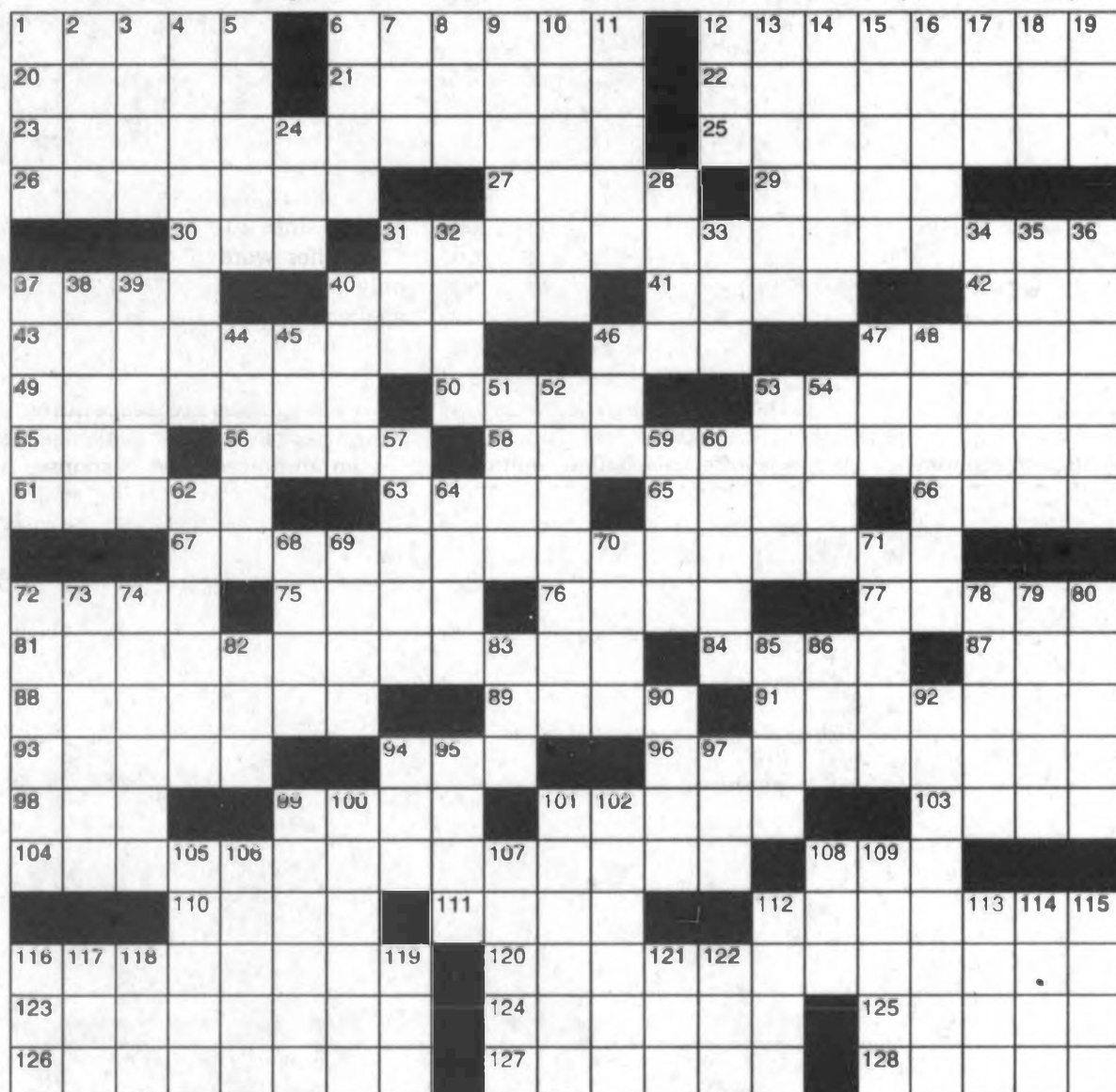
# THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

### PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

### LOVE OF SOLVING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Picked instrument  
6 Type of small grocery store  
12 Bloppy light source  
20 Viva voce  
21 Spoil, as "my parade"  
22 Roast joke  
23 Like baggy clothes  
25 Winter wreath ornament  
26 Gave away temporarily  
27 Money, informally  
29 Jagger of the Stones  
30 "Raggedy" doll  
31 Monty Python tune about a logger  
37 Addams who created Morticia  
40 Quick attack  
41 Cover girl Macpherson  
42 "— gratia" ("by the grace of God")  
43 Dwell in the company of  
46 Outer: Prefix  
47 "— the Night" (2007 Joaquin Phoenix film)
- 49 Had to admit a goof-up  
50 "Behold!", to Caesar  
53 Totally bummed out  
55 Stuff in a sty  
56 Avian hooters  
58 Texas banner  
61 Big twitch  
63 Safari sight  
65 Envoy's asset  
66 "There — comparison"  
67 Chinese black tea with a smoky flavor  
72 Anita of jazz  
75 Env. notice  
76 Estrada of TV  
77 Ones staring  
81 Best Actress winner for "The Farmer's Daughter"  
84 Grammy winner Bareilles  
87 "And how!"  
88 German city on the Elbe  
89 With 115-Down, "Piece of cake!"  
91 Web page  
93 Slacks  
94 Extra charge  
96 Pea-souper in England
- 98 Anticavity gp.  
99 Supreme Norse god  
101 "I love you," to Luisa  
103 Jane in an 1847 novel  
104 Go bankrupt, say  
108 Del.-to-Vt. direction  
110 Bakery treats  
111 Snootiness  
112 Noisy tigers  
116 Cite famous people as friends  
120 Method for calculating a quotient ... or what occurs eight times in this puzzle?
- 6 Liverpool or Leeds native  
7 Horse bit  
8 Morse bit  
9 Conundrum  
10 Of yore  
11 Trig measure  
12 Slice (off)  
13 Zoo attraction  
14 Gondola city  
15 Smart — (cocky sort)  
16 Guitar riffs  
17 Year, in Brazil  
18 Roughly half of all adults  
19 Beginning to mature?  
24 Amusement  
28 Frightful dino  
31 Chilling Chaney  
32 Strong desire  
33 "Selena" actress, to her fans  
34 Nonalcoholic beer brand  
35 Georgia city near Atlanta  
36 Ornamental street tree  
37 Bivalve mollusks  
38 Ask for moola  
39 Brand of skin care and cosmetics  
40 Turkey, e.g.  
44 Pleasant odor
- 45 Do some yard maintenance  
46 Poet's twilight  
47 Major battle  
48 Crude model of a despised person  
51 Choke up  
52 Give the OK  
53 Strong desire  
54 Big mil. alliance  
57 Dull, dark bluish-gray  
59 Decorative sewing case  
60 Burlap bags  
62 Most cunning  
64 — uncertain terms  
68 Pricey liver spread  
69 Superhero creator Lee  
70 Agcys., e.g.  
71 "Nifty!"  
72 Chum from way back  
73 El — (treasure city)  
74 Vying venues  
78 Uplift  
79 Whirlybird blade  
80 Drawn-out battle  
82 Six-pt. scores  
83 Driver's 180  
85 Year, to Caesar  
86 Gamet, e.g.
- 90 Ladd of "Shane"  
92 Shows lip-curling contempt  
94 Holiday tree  
95 "Orinoco Flow" vocalist  
97 Texter's "I'm shocked!"  
99 Carry to excess  
100 Spanish explorer Hemando  
101 Grew vigorously, old-style  
102 Former Disney exec Michael  
105 Sword types  
106 Duck type  
107 Mosaic maker  
108 Autumn mo.  
109 Manicurists file them  
112 Divests (of)  
113 Ireland, in Ireland  
114 Be a drifter  
115 See  
89-Across  
116 "Rambo" setting, briefly  
117 Era or eon  
118 "— Doubtfire"  
119 Fluffy lap dog, for short  
121 Safari sight  
122 Safari sight



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

### SUDOKU



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1/20

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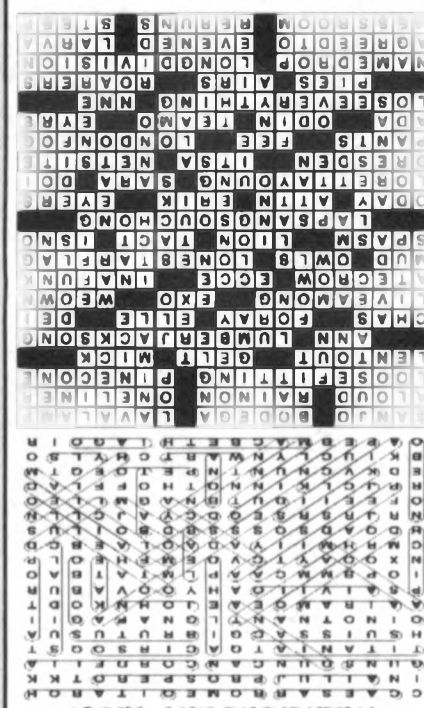
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### WHEREFORE ART THOU?

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

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A A I R A M O E A E J O H N K O D T  
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