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Historic log cabin in Northville gets new life

Demolition seemed imminent until 2 men stepped in

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Not long after facing the threat of being bulldozed into the ground, an 86-year-old Northville log cabin has new life thanks to the dogged determination

of a group of local preservationists. Built in 1936 for retired kindergarten teacher Mary Gilbert near the banks of the Middle Rouge River, the non-descript — but historically significant structure, its saviors insist — will most assuredly remain at its current location

at 318 River St. (best-case scenario) or be moved (either intact or by being disassembled and reassembled on its new property) to an alternate space in Northville. "We're optimistic now that it will survive after hearing initially there were plans to demolish it," said Northville resident Dan Stedem, who has part-

nered with preservationist Bill Stockhausen in efforts to save the building that sits on 1.6 acres of the Northville Downs property slated for redevelopment. The home is owned by Northville Downs and used to house temporary

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Milford Twp. woman dies from train-car crash injuries

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A vehicle collided with a train in the Village of Milford on Wednesday, Feb. 9, killing a 64-year-old woman. Milford police say they received multiple 911 calls around 11:30 a.m. reporting the collision at the Old Plank Road crossing.

It was obvious the woman was seriously injured and firefighters provided medical care before transporting her to Ascension Providence Hospital's Novi campus. A hospital physician pronounced the Milford Township woman deceased.

A preliminary investigation indicates the unnamed woman was traveling north when she failed to stop for the train. Police said there are no indications the crossing signals malfunctioned or were not working properly.

"We ask travelers of the Milford community to have patience as this train is currently blocking all crossings throughout our community," Police Chief Thomas Lindberg said in a statement. "Temporary detours are in place and all businesses will remain open and accessible to residents and guests."

Railroad crossings throughout the village were impacted by the accident.

Michigan State Police were on hand mid afternoon, and Milford police were not letting anyone approach closer to the scene until troopers concluded their investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 248-684-1815.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com.



Lyon Township Library Director Holly Teasdale stands in the children's section. Many materials are stored on carts, as seen at right; the library has run out of shelf space and is looking for a new location to call home. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Vote on Lyon Twp. library's new location at open house

Susan Bromley HometownLife.com
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Where should a new Lyon Township Library go?

After more than a year of tense discussions between library and township officials, the public's opinion is wanted during a new library proposal open house planned for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at the library, 27005 Milford

Road. Virtual attendance is welcome via Zoom with registration available on the Lyon Township website, lyon.lib.mi.us.

"There are different possibilities," Library Director Holly Teasdale said. "It's just a question of what the public wants to do and what the township board is willing to entertain."

The existing library is in a township-owned building that also serves as a community center. In total, the facility

is about 6,000 square feet, with just over half usable space for the library, which rents the space.

The library is much too small for one of the fastest-growing communities in Oakland County, Teasdale said, and far smaller than libraries that serve communities of comparable size to Lyon Township.

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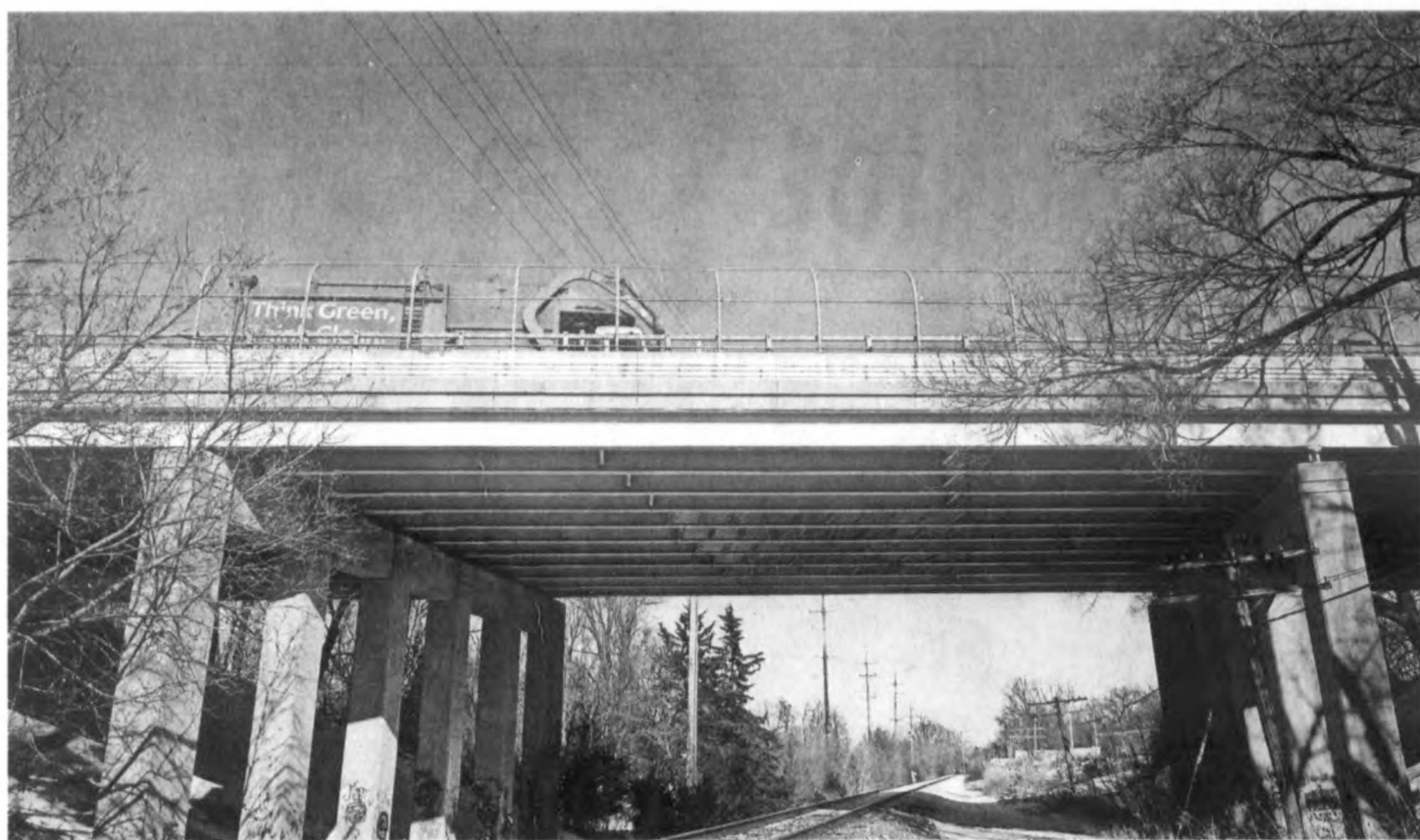
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The Eight Mile bridge over the CSX train tracks just east of Novi Road. Boards have been positioned under the bridge to prevent pieces of concrete from falling on the tracks. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Northville bridge safe despite deteriorating areas, official says

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Like thousands of bridges across the United States, the Eight Mile Road (Baseline Road) bridge in Northville that daily carries thousands of vehicles over a line of CSX railroad tracks is going through a mid-life crisis.

Although significant erosion on the underside of the bridge has necessitated placing sheets of plywood to catch

debris from falling on the tracks and closing two of the structure's four lanes limits the amount of weight on the bridge, motorists are not putting their lives in danger by using the span, assured Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki.

"Our No. 1 priority is always safety," Marecki said. "Wayne County is regularly performing inspections of the bridge, and it has been deemed safe to travel with a limited weight load, which is why there have been lane closures. Closing lanes to limit the weight load on the bridge was deemed the best option, as opposed to closing the bridge to traffic all together."

Northville residents and motorists who use the bridge frequently were curious why the two inside lanes of the bridge have been closed for over one year with no hint of work being completed.

Marecki said Wayne County has been working with CSX to ensure pieces of the bridge do not break off and fall onto the tracks, creating a potential disaster. "When engineers inspect the underside of the bridge, they have to remove the plywood to get a better look at the structure," Marecki said, "and then re-apply the wood once the inspection is completed."

"The county is working closely with CSX when inspections occur because they have to make sure there are no trains scheduled to travel that portion of the track while the underside of the bridge is being looked at."

Marecki revealed Wayne County was awarded a grant through the federal Local Bridge Program to make necessary repairs to the bridge. The design for the reconstruction of the bridge is underway and scheduled to be finished in 2023.

The entire construction project —

includes deck replacement, steel beam painting, bearing replacement and substructure patching, Marecki said.

"This middle lane closure is a compromise for not shutting the entire bridge down like some areas are," Marecki said. "I am truly hoping this doesn't take until 2024 to fix. We have many bridges in Wayne County that are out of commission."

In response to residents' complaints that the sections of the bridge closed to traffic are riddled with rolling construction barrels and generally unkempt conditions, Marecki said the county will construct a more secure lane-closure system that will eliminate the need for cones and other temporary items.

Northville resident Dana DaQuano said she feels safe driving over the bridge, but she does have other infrastructure concerns on Eight Mile Road.

"I felt totally safe driving over the bridge (Feb. 9), but the roads around it have a ton of huge potholes," DaQuano said. "I know the salt does work on the roads, but the city should consider redoing the roads fully."

The projected cost of the project is \$1.5 million. The Michigan Department of Transportation will be cover 80% of the cost, with Wayne County funding 20%, Marecki confirmed.

Marecki said the county is also working on an online site that will post updates on the phases of the construction.

"As always, if residents encounter any road issues with this area or elsewhere in Wayne County, they can reach the Department of Public Services by calling 1-888-ROAD-CREW (1-888-7623-2739).

Contact reporter Ed Wright at eawright@hometownlife.com.

Novi to provide free feminine hygiene products in restrooms owned by city

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Three young Novi women are fighting period poverty and they have scored a big win.

Varnika Chandra, Vaishnavi Jagalur, and Medha Maraju, Novi High School seniors, led a successful effort to put free tampons and menstrual pads in all public buildings owned by the City of Novi.

The council unanimously approved making free feminine hygiene products available in municipal restrooms, including the civic center, police station, fire stations, and park restrooms at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 for implementation of the program, effective immediately.

"This was really unexpected and we're really happy," Jagalur said. "We didn't expect it to pass so fast. It's inspiring for us to take next steps... It is a public health issue at the end of the day. We don't overthink putting toilet paper in the bathroom."

Chandra agreed.

"It shouldn't be politicized. It's a health issue and shouldn't be debated," she said. "This is for the women in the Novi community."

The three teenagers began their "Carefree Campaign" in fall 2020, taking up the age-old issue of period poverty by adding their voices to an ultimately successful call for ending taxes on feminine hygiene products in Michigan and also by seeking to put free tampons and pads in public buildings. Last fall, Ann Arbor became the first city in Michigan to do this. Both Novi and East Lansing approved similar measures this week.

Chandra, Jagalur and Maraju renamed their campaign the Fearless Flow Foundation and were inspired to tackle period poverty issues particularly by what they have witnessed in India where they have family.

Women's periods are often viewed as "dirty" and it is a taboo topic in that country, they said, with a stigma attached from a lack of education.

The Fearless Flow Foundation saw an opportunity to effect change here and said they were mentored by Novi Councilwomen Laura Marie Casey and Ericka Thomas.

Casey said at its core, providing the feminine hygiene products for free in city buildings is an issue of "health and welfare."

Thomas agreed.

"As a woman, I know what it's like to not know when you need (tampons or pads) and they should be provided," she said. "It's mandatory for women who need it and it's important to show support for women in our community."

Mayor Bob Gatt, who brought forth the measure as a city goal, said he had been impressed by the poise, professionalism and passion of the Novi students, and they had his complete support.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF MARCH 2022 BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the March Board of Review shall convene for the Organizational Meeting at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 8, 2022 in the Mayor's Conference Room/Civic Center at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The Board of Review will not hear appeals at the Organizational meeting.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Event Quarter Room at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 14, 15 and 16, 2022.

If you or your representative want to appeal in person, you are strongly encouraged to come into the assessing department on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 11, 2022 in order to schedule an appointment to ensure your time before the Board of Review. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org > Services > Board of Review Notice.

NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

Written Appeals: Taxpayers may file a protest and petition in writing, instead of appearing in person. Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 3:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property other than their own MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.cityofnovi.org. Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 14, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Event Quarter Room
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Event Quarter Room
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Event Quarter Room

Located in the Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375.

In accordance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services advisory dated November 19, 2021, all persons in indoor public settings are advised to wear a face mask, regardless of their vaccination status.

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Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process: Public Participation

T-Mobile proposes the upgrade of two transmission tower telecommunications facilities and associated ground level equipment approximately 0.23 miles north-northeast of Meadowbrook Rd & Bridge St, Novi, Oakland County, MI and approximately 390 feet southwest of Trillium Hills Dr & Solace Dr, Commerce Township, Oakland County, MI. Members of the public interested in submitting comments on the possible effects on historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Andrew Smith, RESCOM Environmental Corp., PO Box 361 Petoskey, MI 49770 or call 260-385-6999.

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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 March 8, 2022, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

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 up to a 34.50 square foot illuminated wall sign on the west elevation of the building (32.5 square feet allowed, variance of 2 square feet). This property is zoned Office Service Technology (OST).

PZ22-0004 (Meridian Homes Construction) 29906 Brush Park Court, West of West Park Drive and South of South Lake Drive, Parcel 50-22-04-451-028. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.3 for a rear yard setback of 29.26 feet (35 feet minimum required, variance of 5.74). This variance will accommodate the construction of a new home. This property is zoned Residential Acreage (RA).

PZ22-0006 (Johnson Sign Company / Varsity Lincoln) 49251 Grand River Avenue, East of Wixom Road and South of Grand River Avenue, Parcel 50-22-17-101-017. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(g) to update a sign previously approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals on April 5, 1994, in case No. 94-035. To convert the existing monument sign to a digital changeable copy sign. The size and location of the existing sign will not be altered. This property is zoned General Business (B-3).

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The first plunger leaps into the air before coming into contact with Walled Lake's nearly-frozen water Feb. 12 during the annual Oakland County Polar Plunge. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Rob Charlick leaps into Walled Lake.

Polar Plunge brings in \$100K for Special Olympics

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They shivered and slipped Saturday, making their way toward a square cutout chainsawed through about a foot of Walled Lake ice.

Then they jumped, raising more than \$100,000 for Special Olympics Michigan.

By crossing the \$100,000 mark, they may raise the most of any Polar Plunge in the state, said Ted Grossnickle, a Special Olympics spokesman.

"We're thrilled," he said. "This is the largest Oakland County Polar Plunge we have hosted to date. We're really thrilled to see the community come together."

"Our fundraisers here have definitely proved to us they're ready to get back out and fundraise for our athletes."

More than 230 people, including first responders from Farmington Hills and Bloomfield, Waterford and White Lake townships, signed up for the Feb. 12 noon jump.

The police departments revelled in the opportunity to have fun. Farmington Hills Police Chief Jeff King sported a cowboy hat and cape in patriotic red, white and blue. White Lake's team entered the water wearing black-and-white striped jail uniforms.

The Polar Plunges happening across the state are Special Olympics Michigan's biggest fundraiser of the year. They're making a comeback after last year's virtual events, which raised about \$709,000, compared to a normal pre-pandemic total of more than \$1.2 million.

Law enforcers across the state are known to rally for their local Polar Plunges. But Team Cross-Country Mortgage Bloomfield Hills Heroes, with nearly 50 members, raised nearly \$23,000, which was a first in the team competition.

White Lake Township Police Department took second, raising at least \$22,200 with about 25 team members. Farmington Hills and its third-



Oakland County Sheriff's Department Deputy and Dive Team member Scott Brill clears some ice from the hole cut into Walled Lake for participants.



John Dimanbro strips down before hitting the nearly-frozen waters of Walled Lake.



The air temperature at the time was around 20 degrees.

place team of first responders raised about \$11,700.

Upon leaving the lake, waterlogged jumpers moved as fast as possible across the ice. They then moved into warming tents to change their clothes. Some of them returned to the warmth of The Beach Tiki Bar & Boil, the event's host.

White Lake Township Police Chief Dan Keller was still cold despite his knitted hat, hoodie and coat.

"It was terrible," Keller said. "Especially getting out and then having to run into the tent. There was a stiff breeze out there. I really wasn't even planning on going into the water, but, once you get out there, it's the spirit of giving."

Some people donated money but didn't make the jump. Or they just braved the cold to offer

support and watch. Kimmie Bailey used words like "fun" and "awesome" to describe the day, even though she somehow managed to miss her husband's plunge with Farmington Hills' team. She explained that she's short and the crowd was large.

Bailey's companion noted that Bailey's husband, Stan, hustled through his plunge. "It's a good cause," Bailey said.

Team Diesel member Samantha Mallia signed up for her first Polar Plunge months ago. The time between registering and jumping helped.

She wouldn't be surprised if she returns to Walled Lake for another winter splash.

"Afterwards, it was pretty exhilarating," she said.

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"The vaults at Federated Mint are going empty," said Laura A. Lynne, Director of Coin and Currency for Federated Mint.

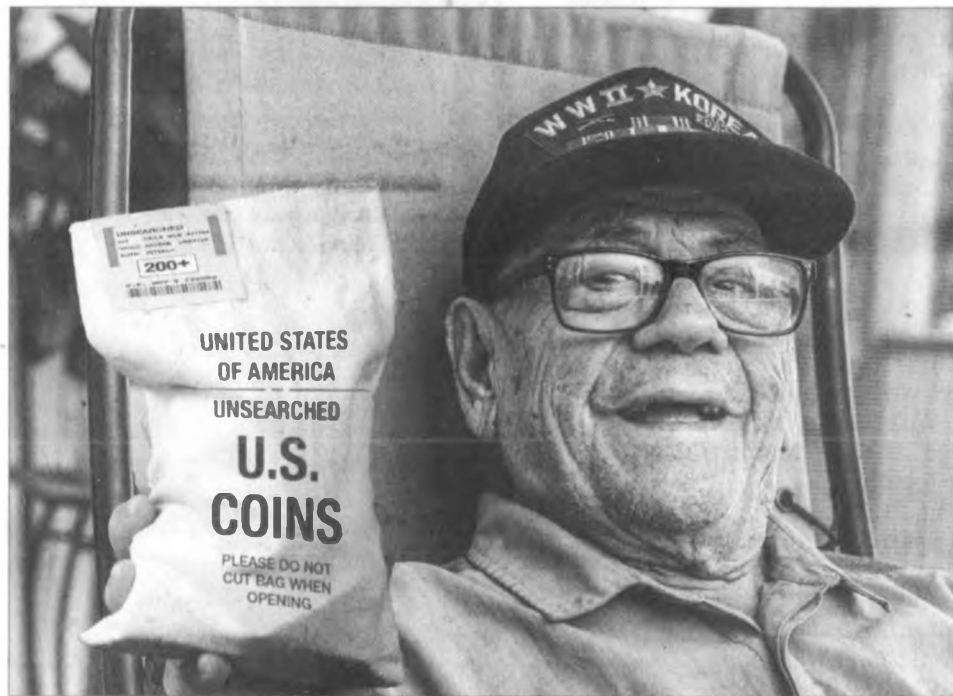
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The only thing U.S. residents who find their zip code printed in today's publication need to do is call the National Toll-Free Hotline before the 48-hour deadline ends.

This is very important. After the



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Vault Bags were loaded with over 200 Gov't issued coins, each verified to meet a minimum collector grade quality of very good or above, the dates and mint marks were never searched to determine collector values. The Vault Bag fee has been set for \$1,500 for residents who miss the 48-hour deadline, but for those U.S. residents who beat the 48-hour deadline the Vault Bag fee is just \$980 as long as they call the National Toll-Free Hotline before the deadline ends.

"Remember this, we cannot stop collectors from buying up all the unsearched bags of coins they can get in this special advertising announcement. And you better believe with each bag being loaded with nearly 3 pounds of Gov't issued coins we're guessing they're going to go quick," said Lynne.

The phone lines will be ringing off the hook beginning at precisely 8:30 a.m. this morning. That's because each unsearched Vault Bag is loaded with the rarely seen coins pictured left and highly sought after collector coins dating clear back to the 1800's including iconic Morgan Silver Dollars, a historic Peace Silver Dollar, stunning

Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars, the collectible Silver Eisenhower Dollars, spectacular Silver Liberty Head Half and Quarter Dollars, rarely seen Silver Franklin Half Dollars, high demand President Kennedy Silver Half Dollars, beautiful Silver Standing Liberty Quarter Dollars, American Bicentennial Quarters, rare Liberty V Nickels, one cent Historic Wheat Coins including 1943 "Steel Cents", one of the beautiful Winged Liberty Head Dimes, scarce Indian Head one cent U.S. coins and the last ever minted Buffalo Nickels.

"With all these collectible Gov't issued coins up for grabs we're going to do our best to answer all the calls," said Lynne.

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employees at the racetrack. The preservationists will inspect the inside of the structure once the Downs property is sold officially to Hunter Pasteur Homes, which is in the midst of a marathon planned unit development process.

Research conducted on the history of the cabin revealed it was built with 1930s-patented hollow logs that don't shrink or crack in freezing temperatures, extending the life of the building.

The home is also adorned with a majestic chimney made of massive stones that Stedem learned extend into a width of the north interior wall fireplace.

"This building, even as insignificant as it seems and even though it's off the beaten path, is a treasure," said Stockhausen, who also played a key role in saving a Civil War-era structure at 341 E. Main Street in Northville.

"If this building were located in Livonia, Westland or Canton, it would be prized. I think that because we have so many historic buildings in Northville, we tend to ignore ones like this."

Stockhausen said he would like to see the structure remain at its current resting place.

"If the cabin is relocated, any chance of it being officially recognized as a historic site are erased and it would not be



The cabin must be de-assembled and rebuilt at a new site, Hunter Pasteur representatives said.

eligible to receive historic grants," Stockhausen said.

The structure's close proximity to the Middle Rouge River could make its relocation inevitable. Hunter Pasteur has committed to daylighting the river if given the green light to develop the Downs property.

A restoration of the river would require widening it to withstand a 100-year flood, pushing its eastern banks perilously close to the rear of the cabin.

If the cabin has to be moved, Hunter Pasteur has committed to pay \$125,000 — an estimated half the cost of restoration and relocation — with the remainder of the fee left to private donations and/or grants.

"I think it is incredibly gracious of Hunter Pasteur to offer as much as they have," Stockhausen said. "It's a gesture they didn't have to make."

Once the structure is cleared for an



Bill Stockhausen (left) and Dan Stidham talk about how to save the historic log cabin on the Northville Downs property. PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

internal inspection, Stockhausen and Stedem have arranged for "Grizzly" Bob Kenel, a log cabin expert who lives in St. Charles, Michigan, to visit the cabin and determine whether it can be moved intact or if disassembly/reassembly is required.

Potential relocation sites are on the west side of the river, not far from where the structure currently sits, or Northville's Ford Field.

An effort to save the log cabin was ignited after a Middle Rouge River restoration task force documented the factories, places, people and history that took place along the Middle Branch of the Rouge River.

"When the trees around here are in full bloom, you can barely see the cabin," Stockhausen said. "It's camouflaged really well. But it's a gem and it needs to be saved."

Library

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Quinn Evans Architects investigated nine properties throughout the township for potential location of a new library.

The options were narrowed to three, all parcels owned by the township, and the pros and cons of which will be discussed at the meeting:

• **Abbey Park at Mill River.** This is the 13-acre parcel on the west side of Milford Road just north of 12 Mile Road where the library board had originally proposed constructing a 24,000-square-foot library in a 2016 ballot question that voters shot down. The town-

ship board had been amenable to the use of this property for a library at that time, but is non-committal now, citing other potential needs for the property.

• **11 Mile and Milford Road.** This property was originally planned for a township park, but would be costly to develop with wetlands and drainage issues.

• **The current library property.** While Teasdale said adding on to the existing library building is not an option, there is enough land at the site to build a new facility. However, there are wetlands challenges to this property, as well.

It is important to the library board to be able to use a piece of property already owned by the township to keep the cost of the proposal to construction of a new

facility only, particularly with property values at a premium in the township.

"We need the library to be centrally located and on a paved road," Teasdale said. "That increases the cost of a piece of property. If there is township property available for use, it makes sense to use the township property for a township facility."

Teasdale's ideal location remains the Abbey Park at Mill River site, since there would be "major infrastructure costs" at the other township sites considered. Still, Teasdale said the 11 Mile and Milford site is "exciting," due to the possibility of cost-sharing on parking, drainage and an entrance to the site if the township should also use the parcel for a park adjacent to the library.

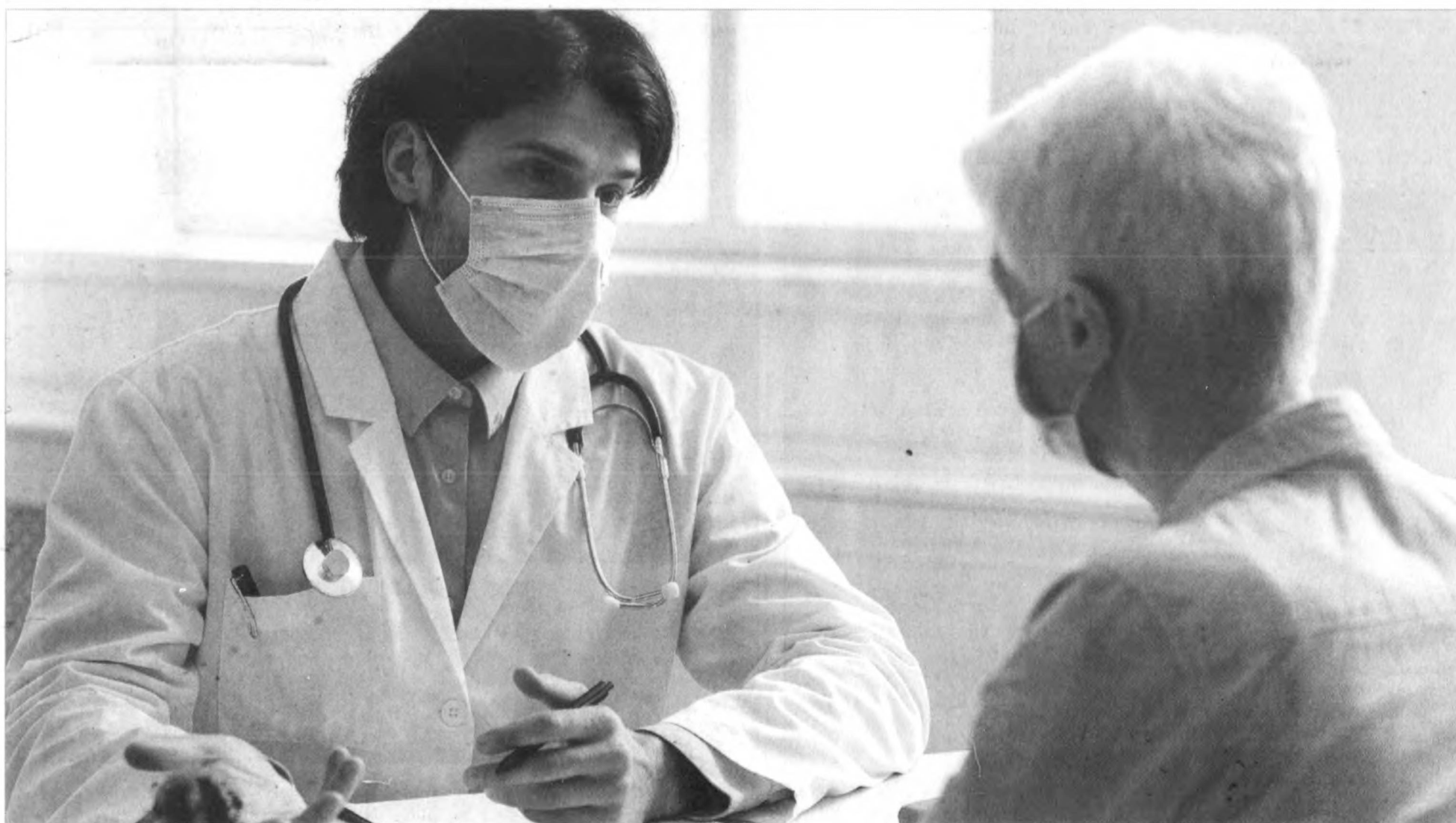
"From a resident's point of view,

you're offering two amenities at the same spot," she said. "And 11 Mile and Milford is the bull's-eye center of the township."

The library board will meet the day after the open house to review the public input before going to the township board and making a formal request to use one of the township-owned properties for a new library.

If an agreement is reached between the two boards — the library board operates independently from the township board of trustees — a proposal for a new library could be before Lyon Township voters on the November ballot.

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Snow snarls motorists across metro Detroit

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A snowy Super Bowl Sunday with whiteout conditions saw crashes on highways across Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties.

Michigan State Police, in a series of tweets, reported one crash in which someone was critically injured but, otherwise, stated there were no serious injuries reported in the majority of crashes. Some drivers and passengers were taken to nearby hospitals as a precaution, however.

I-696 at Orchard Lake

All lanes of traffic were closed because of crashes on I-696 between the I-96/I-275/M-5 interchange and the Orchard Lakes exit in Oakland County on Sunday afternoon.

Dozens of cars, believed to be more than 50, appeared to be involved in crashes on eastbound I-696, with crashes both eastbound and westbound amid whiteout conditions, a Free Press staff member reported about 12:30 p.m.

At least 20 cars appeared to be involved in a crash on the westbound side of I-696, as viewable from Exit 5 about 2 p.m.

Jeremy Otto, of Livonia, said he drove into a snow squall just after the I-96/I-275/M-5 interchange while traveling east on I-696 Sunday. Soon after, traffic stopped and Otto found himself surrounded by damaged cars on the highway and the nearby ditch.

"We were weaving through crunched cars," Otto said. "It's amazing that our car is unscathed."

Otto said his family transported two adults, whose car was severely damaged, and their young child away from the traffic crash.

As of 5:17 p.m., both directions were open, state police said on Twitter.

I-696 at Van Dyke

I-696 was closed in both directions at Van Dyke following traffic crashes around 2 p.m., according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

As of 3:30 p.m., state police reported



A crash on I-696 in Farmington Hills on Sunday involved multiple vehicles. PHOTOS BY ANNIE BARKER/DETROIT FREE PRESS



The I-696 crash collected dozens of vehicles amid whiteout conditions.

that eastbound lanes were clear at the Van Dyke exit, but westbound lanes remained closed.

Warren Mayor Jim Fouts, in a Facebook post, said six people were transported to local hospitals with minor injuries.

I-96 at Grand River

A pedestrian crash closed the eastbound lanes of I-96 at Grand River in Farmington Hills, a Free Press staff member and MSP reported.

One lane opened around 5 p.m., but express lanes remained closed. An investigation of the crash is underway.

Preliminary investigation showed that, in a crash on the express, a driver involved in a prior crash got out to look at their vehicle, another vehicle couldn't stop, and the second vehicle hit the first and pushed it into the pedestrian, MSP said. The pedestrian was subsequently pushed into the wall.

The pedestrian was taken to a local hospital with critical head injuries, police said.

Of the crashes at I-696 at Orchard Lake, I-696 at Van Dyke and I-96 at

Grand River, state police said, in a tweet, that they "started from a driver going too fast and losing control or a driver driving too close to the car in front of them and not being able to stop."

State police warned drivers to leave room to react on snowy roads.

I-94 at I-696

Eastbound and westbound I-94 ramps to westbound I-696 from were closed due to a crash, MDOT reported just before 3 p.m. The crash was reported cleared as of 7 p.m.

Drivers who had to leave their cars behind and later found them missing were told by state police, in tweets, to call 248-584-5740 for cars in Oakland and Macomb counties and 734-287-5000 for cars in Wayne County. The state police posts open 8 a.m. Monday.



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Presidents who visited metro Detroit during their terms

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Bill Clinton interrupted Jerry Spisak's family reunion.

The current executive director of maintenance and operations for Wayne-Westland Community Schools remembers getting the call from his supervisor while he was in Tennessee visiting with family: he had to return to Michigan and help prepare for a visit from the president of the United States, who planned a 1996 campaign stop at John Glenn High School in Westland.

"I was down there for a family reunion. We were all down there," he said. "It was all hands on deck when they decided to come to John Glenn."

It was just one of many visits to the northwestern suburbs of Detroit by a sitting president.

With the region's major growth in the middle of the 20th century, several presidents visited communities in both Wayne and Oakland counties, mostly making stops during reelection campaigns and highlighting local industry.

Looking back at the 46 men who have occupied the office of the presidency, more than half-a-dozen have traveled to Detroit's suburbs, all in the past 50 years.

Clinton's visit Sept. 17, 1996, marked the first time a sitting president had visited Westland, a fact the Democrat mentioned during his address to the crowd.

"I understand I am the first President to come to Westland," Clinton said. "I'll tell you something folks, they get a good look at you on the evening news tonight, I won't be the last President to come to Westland, I can promise you that."

Both Democrats and Republicans have visited the region over the decades, highlighting the political diversity in the surrounding communities.

That Clinton visit took plenty of work, preparing with the Secret Service beforehand to make sure the school was secure and presentable.

They even remodeled a bathroom for the occasion just in case the president had to take care of business.

"It was the cleanest bathroom in the district," Spisak said.



Birmingham Historical Museum and Park museum specialist Caitlin Donnelly holds a poster for a rally for then-President Gerald Ford for a 1976 visit to Birmingham's Shain Park. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Reagan in Redford 'a day to remember'

Clinton remains the only president to have visited Westland, but several other area communities have welcomed the commander-in-chief.

Redford Township welcomed its first president in 1984, thanks to a letter asking for a visit sent by St. Agatha High School junior Carol Tumidanski. That letter made it to the president from California and prompted the Republican to stop by the since-closed school on Beech Daly.

Roberta Clemak, then principal of St. Agatha Elementary School, remembers the day Reagan visited well. She said Reagan wanted to speak with students in the background wearing uniforms, which gave an opportunity for the younger students to be on stage.

"At that time, the high school didn't have them. We had the grade school sit with him on bleachers," the retired Northville resident said. "We had the first and second graders in the hall facing Reagan when he came out of the gym. He shook hands with a few of them. It was a day to remember."

He spoke on several topics before taking questions from several students. Those included serious topics such as

nuclear disarmament and medical care, as well as a discussion on the Detroit Tigers, who would win a World Series title that fall.

Less than 30 years later, another president came to Redford. Barack Obama addressed a crowd at Detroit Diesel in December 2012 after a company announcement saying it would invest \$120 million into the facility, creating 115 additional jobs.

"Since 1938, Detroit Diesel has been turning out some of the best engines in the world," he said during his speech. "Generations of Redford workers have walked through these doors. Not just to punch a clock. Not just to pick up a paycheck, not just to build an engine, but to build a middle-class life for their families."

President Ford says 'people are excited'

Despite being a state since 1837, just one president hailed from the Great Lakes State. That was Gerald Ford, who became president upon the resignation of Richard Nixon. Ford stopped by several communities when campaigning in 1976, including stops at Wonderland Mall in Livonia and Shain Park in downtown Birmingham.

"You don't know how nice it is to come back home on a beautiful day in May and to see so many wonderful people who are here because they want to hear a story about what we have done and what we're trying to do and what we intend to do in the next four years," Ford is recorded as saying at Shain Park during a political rally. "I ask you on the basis of performance — the achievement and the maintenance of peace; prosperity; a progress out of a recession toward a healthy and prosperous economy; and the restoration of trust in your Presidency — I ask for your help and assistance, performance versus promises."

Leslie Pielack, director of the Birmingham Museum, said Ford's visit was part of his plan to bring back the whistle-stop campaign tour conducted by presidents in previous decades.

"He revived the concept of the train campaign. He did that in southern Michigan," she said. "He was sort of doing a throwback to that."

Among metro Detroit's most affluent

areas, several sitting presidents visited the Birmingham area in recent decades. Clinton visited both Bloomfield Township and Bingham Farms at the end of his presidency in 2000 for campaign visits.

In addition to Ford's visit to the former mall at Plymouth and Middlebelt roads, two other presidents stopped by Livonia while in office since 2000: Clinton visited in fall 2000, and George W. Bush stopped by multiple times, including a visit to Beaver Aerospace and Defense in 2003 and a Republican Party dinner in 2008 at Laurel Manor.

Laura Toy, Livonia City Council vice president and a former legislator, met Bush when he came to Michigan a handful of times. She described the Texas Republican as "a character."

"I think he's rather bright, and I think he quips a lot," she said. "I find him to be kind of funny."

She still holds a memento of Bush's 2003 visit to Beaver Aerospace: a small American flag Bush autographed at the event. She remembers the outcry afterwards, with national news stories being written about Bush writing on an American flag.

"George W. Bush came through and he signed those American flags. I said to the kids, 'Stick out your flags,'" she said. "He signed it."

His father, George H.W. Bush, took a train tour throughout the region during his reelection campaign. In addition to spending the night at a hotel in Livonia, the elder Bush embarked on a regional train tour that saw him speak in communities such as Wixom, Milford and Plymouth, where a plaque on the old train station commemorates his Sept. 26, 1992, visit.

"You know, Barbara and I are on a 233-mile train ride through the great heartland of America," Bush said in Plymouth. "We just came across the line into Michigan, and let me tell you, Barbara and I think it is fantastic to be here in Plymouth and see this marvelous turnout."

The energy around a presidential visit is unlike any other, Toy said.

"It's just everybody piles in, it's crazy," Toy said. "People are excited. It's the president of the United States."

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Why MSP wants more women on force

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Amaris Dawson was worried. It was summer 2021 and she was months away from beginning recruit school to become a Michigan State Police trooper, like her father.

But the question lingered: How was she going to do it without braids, long forbidden on the force?

Dawson, 22, knew recruits had around five minutes to get ready each morning between personal training and breakfast — not nearly long enough for treatments her hair requires when it's not worn in protective styles like braids.

"That's all I wore," said Dawson, of Lathrup Village, near Southfield. "It's the only thing that helps. It just takes longer to do our hair."

As a Black woman, Dawson is part of a future MSP is trying to usher in, where the force is no longer made up predominantly of white male troopers — more or less the case for its 105-year history.

According to the state workforce report for last fiscal year, MSP employed 1,968 white men across all of its departments, more than double the next group, white women, at 733. There were only 42 Black women the same year.

With troopers, the numbers are even more divided. According to a personnel report from December 2021, 819 out of 999 MSP troopers were white men. The next largest group, white women, had 83. Black women? Eight.

Dawson was already concerned about being taken seriously as a woman in law enforcement, standing at 5-foot-4 with an easy smile she later learned to turn off when the job called for it. But history wrote the rules: no braids.

She couldn't think of anything to do except hope a rumor she'd heard was true: that MSP brass had finally overturned the rule. She got her hair braided a week before leaving for recruit school in Dimondale, near MSP headquarters.

She hoped it would be okay. When she arrived, for the first time in over a century, it was.

"I was just so thankful," she said. "I didn't know how I was going to manage."

The rule change was one of the first spearheaded by an employee resource group for women in MSP. The same group has pushed the department to pledge that 30% of its troopers will be women by 2030, up from 9% today.

MSP is one of more than 100 police forces that have signed on to the "30 by '30 Initiative," which posits that female officers are less likely to use excessive force, make fewer discretionary arrests and see better outcomes for crime victims, especially in assault and abuse cases. MSP signed on to the program in November, a few years after it was born of a U.S. Department of Justice report on women in policing.

"Not that men can't be, but I think women are born empathetic," said 1st Lt. Sarah Krebs, co-chair of the MSP resource group for women. "When you put that in an investigative role, that you truly care for people, it makes you a better investigator."

'The same for far too long'

MSP Maj. Beth Clark cites a case from 2004 in which she believes being a woman played a role.

Then a state trooper, Clark was coaching a young boy through testifying against his stepfather in a sex abuse case. The boy had clammed up in interviews with male officers, but opened up to Clark.

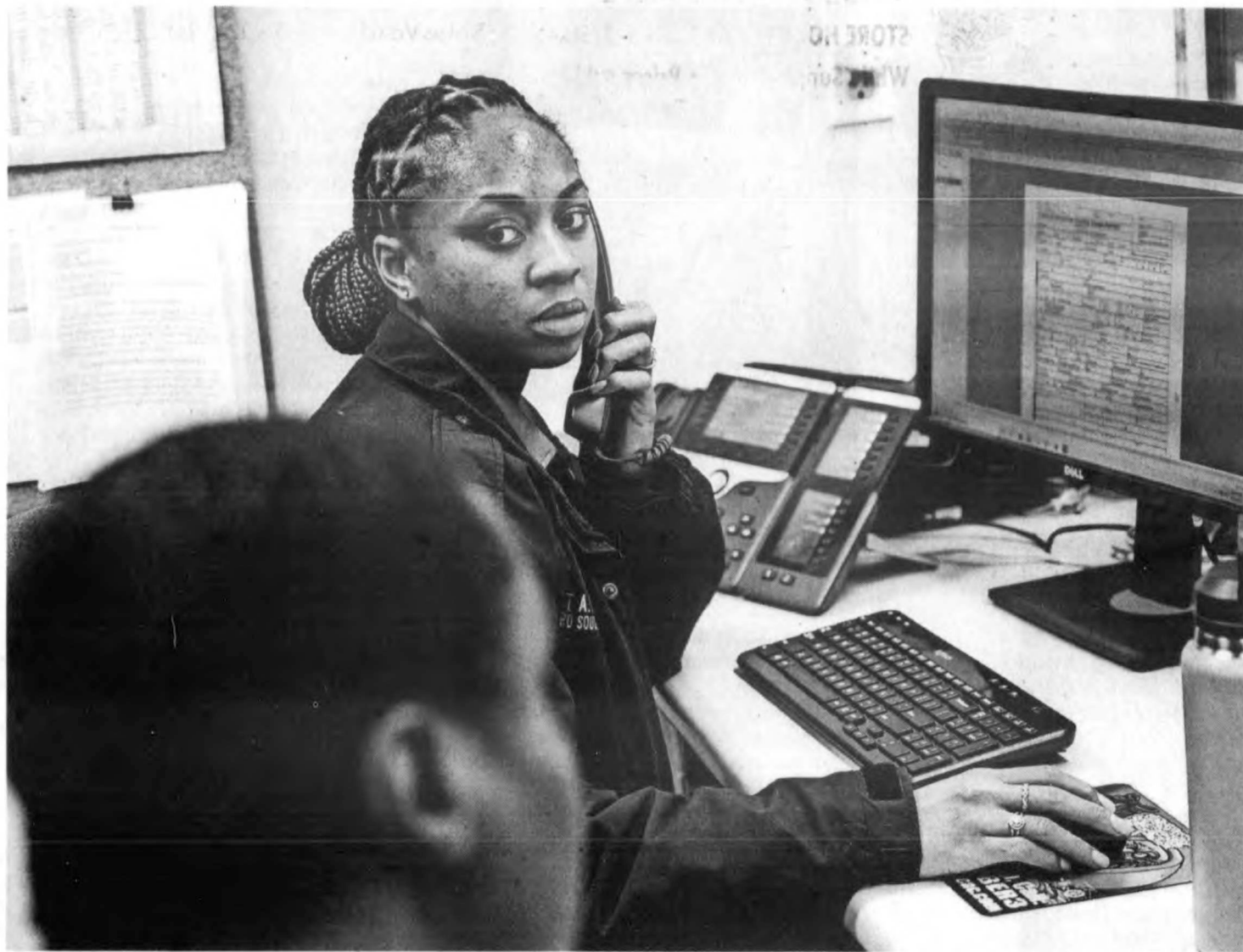
"I didn't want to talk to a boy," Clark recalls him telling her, surmising he probably saw her as a maternal figure.

A witness in the case herself, Clark wasn't allowed in the courtroom when the boy testified. So before the trial, she walked him through the courtroom. She told him where he'd walk in, where his stepfather would be sitting, that he didn't have to look at him if he didn't want to.

"I'm not saying a guy couldn't do it, but even adult women who deal with sexual assault, sometimes they don't want to talk to a guy," said Clark, now the assistant deputy director of MSP's Field Support Bureau. "There are these advantages."

Clark's sense that she made inroads with the child isn't misplaced. Social science research suggests that women officers have more success than men resolving sensitive cases, particularly those involving domestic violence and sexual assault.

Multiple studies suggest women officers use less excessive force than their male counterparts. A 2021 Harvard study of traffic stops by police in Florida and North Carolina found that women were less likely to stop drivers and more



Michigan State Police cadet Amaris Dawson talks with trooper Jonathan Taylor while taking a call at the front desk of the Michigan State Police Metro South Post in Taylor on Jan. 31. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS



MSP Major Beth Clark talks about her duties as Assistant Deputy Director of the Field Support Bureau on Jan. 26. MATTHEW DAE SMITH/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

likely to find contraband when they did.

Some reformers say addressing gender equality can quell bad behavior by police, of which MSP has been accused of plenty. In the past year, the force has faced lawsuits over a trooper charged with assault for using his dog to subdue an unarmed man and another in which a trooper says he was fired after blowing the whistle on troopers he said were drinking on the job.

A recent report from Michigan State University's School of Criminal Justice found significant racial disparities in MSP traffic stops, with troopers disproportionately stopping Black drivers. The study also found that Black and Hispanic drivers were more likely to be searched or arrested after traffic stops than white drivers stopped by MSP.

Krebs said pushing the agency to take the 30 by '30 pledge was a no-brainer. She called the initiative a zero-cost way to network with other agencies nationwide trying to bring women in.

Krebs and Clark are two of five women statewide in the first lieutenant rank, compared to 67 men. Like Dawson, Krebs wanted to join MSP after growing up with a dad on the force, a forensic artist. Krebs went into forensics too, going from an anthropology program at MSU directly to 22 years with MSP.

She has spent most of her career matching unidentified remains with unsolved missing persons cases. She prides herself on being able to tell a family what happened to their child.

MSP's goal of a 30% female force is complicated by the types of jobs women typically want to pursue in law enforcement. Many, like Krebs, are not in the field.

According to the workforce report, women make up 27% of overall MSP employees compared to 9% of troopers. Part of the reason why is a focused interest in fields like forensics.

"You can find that there's pockets that are female-dominated," Krebs said. "But when you're looking at trooper road strength, that's a niche that a lot of women don't want to do. Maybe they

don't want to drive a patrol car around and write tickets to people."

The first women graduated from MSP recruit school in 1967, 50 years after the force was established. They were called "state policewomen" until 1975, when they became troopers.

Since then, one woman has held the top job at MSP, Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue — a landmark complicated after she published a Facebook post criticizing NFL players for kneeling during the national anthem, leading former Gov. Rick Snyder to dock her five days' pay.

Her successor, Col. Joe Gasper, upset some MSP officers by calling the force "way too white and way too male" at a forum in 2019. Those comments found their way into two lawsuits by white state troopers and leadership saying they had suffered career setbacks and retaliation because they were white men.

A federal judge dismissed both lawsuits in December 2021, finding plaintiffs in the case had failed to prove any actual discrimination had taken place.

When Dawson heard about the reverse discrimination lawsuits, she was amazed.

"How do you think we (as Black women) feel?" she said. "You have to know how ridiculous that sounds."

Fishing from the same pool

MSP recruiters know getting to 30% female troopers is a challenging goal — one complicated by the fact that fewer young people than ever want to go into police work. MSP was already facing recruitment problems before signing on to 30 by '30.

With in-person recruiting sidelined by the pandemic, MSP is doing what it can to replace a wave of retiring cops, themselves recruited during the tough-on-crime 1990s.

Sgt. Dwayne Gill, MSP's lead recruiter, recently went to a hiring conference in Philadelphia, where he competed with dozens of other departments also trying to pull more women into policing.

"We're all going after the same people," Gill said. "We're all fishing from the same pool."

That's left MSP getting creative with recruiting. In addition to going after female military veterans, MSP also scouts college athletes from Division 1 schools like MSU and the University of Michigan. MSP hosts seminars for athletes, arguing that their team experience and physical strength make them ideal candidates for trooper school.

Clark was working as a basketball and volleyball coach at Grand Valley State University when she decided to join. She was sitting in a seminar with her athletes 24 years ago and decided it was a match. She quit her coaching job and entered recruit school at age 32, a decade older than most of her peers.

Clark understands that going into law enforcement is less attractive to young people these days.

"But if you don't come in here, you don't make a difference," she said. "We've got to have those people that want to publicly serve, that also want to be a part of change. Because we've been the same for far too long."

'This won't be the end of me'

When Dawson finally enrolled in the 140th Trooper Recruit School, she was the only Black woman and one of a dozen women overall. She and the other women lived on their own separate floor in Dimondale and forged fast friendships.

But two and a half months in, Dawson's phone rang. She had flunked out. She'd answered five questions wrong on an exam about search and seizure, and had to leave recruit school with three months left in the program.

Dawson moved off the floor, left the group text chat with the other female recruits, and went home.

"The first thing that popped into my mind was, 'I'll be back,'" she said. "This will not be the end of me."

Less than a week later, her phone rang again. There was a cadet job open at the Metro South Post in Taylor, outside of Detroit. It was hers if she wanted it.

She's now two months into the job, where she mostly handles administrative duties: desk work, phone calls, crash reports, entering names into the sex offender registry. Some days, she still can't believe she had to leave recruit school over five points on a 200-question exam.

Her peers from the 140th will graduate in a few weeks. The next school Dawson can join starts in June.

While in recruit school, Dawson learned she loves training underwater, passing bricks and doing sprints in the facility's pool. Now, she's thinking she wants to try out for MSP's dive team, wading into Michigan's waterways.

She knows that wherever she goes, she'll be one of few women and even fewer women of color. It's an isolating feeling, but familiar by now.

"I've made my peace with it," she said. "The career I chose is male-dominant, and maybe no one understands me, but this is what I chose. You make peace with it and just look forward."



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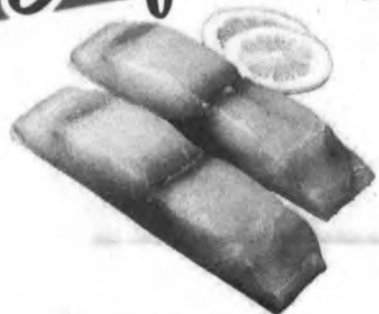


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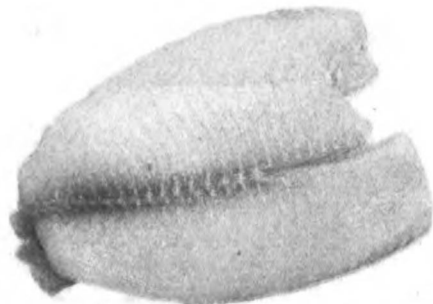
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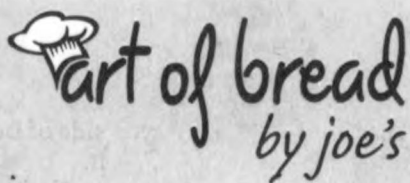
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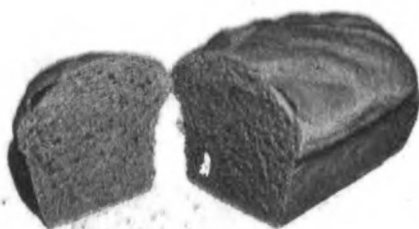
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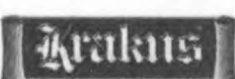
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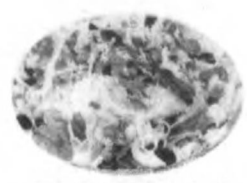
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Canton beats Plymouth to snap losing streak

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Canton girls basketball coach Kayla Bridges knows exactly what it takes to win in rival Plymouth's gym.

The second-year coach graduated from Canton in 2011 and spent four years playing games against the Wildcats.

What's more, when she got into coaching, she joined the staff at Plymouth and learned under head coach Ryan Ballard for five years.

She's seen the heartbreaking losses. She's seen the blowout wins. She's even seen the Wildcats win district championships.

So she was prepared to help her

Chiefs pull off a 35-33 comeback victory at Plymouth and snap their nine-game losing streak.

They almost erased a 15-10 halftime deficit in the third quarter and then went on a 9-0 run in the fourth that made the comeback even possible. That included Justice Tramble and Ava Murphy each hitting 3-pointers to put Can-

ton ahead by six.

"They were double-teaming our big (Tramble) and clogging up the lane," Bridges said. "So we changed it up a little bit to get a little more space and open up driving lanes for us. Once you hit one shot, they get some confidence and

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Rice, Catholic Central play OT thriller



Catholic Central's Kam Mayes had this shot blocked by Rice's Xavier Thomas. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Missed opportunities at the foul line ultimately decided Rice's 76-73 victory

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Finally, the losing was going to end. The Detroit Catholic Central boys basketball team had lost three-straight in the Catholic League-Central, Michigan's toughest conference.

The Shamrocks were going to knock

off rival Brother Rice. And it was going to be a pretty easy feat, too. The Warriors kept sending them to the foul line in overtime.

First, Kam Mayes went to the line. Chas Lewless went next. And then Mayes was fouled pulling down a crucial rebound and went back to the charity stripe. And, once again, Lewless found

himself toeing the line for another pair of freebies.

The problem? The Shamrocks split each pair of free throws. Instead of taking a two- or three-possession lead, they left four points on the table.

Lewless' last miss led to Rice racing down the court and four-star forward Curtis Williams burying a 3-pointer to

put the Warriors ahead 72-71 with 30 seconds left.

CC's Cooper Craggs missed a 3 of his own on the ensuing possession. And Williams went 4 of 4 in the double bonus in the final 8.2 seconds to secure the win.

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New England Patriots-like entrance inspires Country Day win

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Hey, it worked for the New England Patriots before Super Bowl 36 in 2002.

Instead of singling out each individual starter during player introductions, the Patriots elected to be introduced as a team while the entire squad ran out of

the tunnel of the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

Their opponent, the Kurt Warner-led St. Louis Rams, went with the traditional, flashy made-for-TV player intros.

Who knows if it had any impact on the outcome, but New England did win, 20-17. It was hard for NFL fans to root against a team that identified itself as

one single unit back then.

So that's the route the Detroit Country Day girls basketball team went with Monday at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

One by one, the Lakers' players jumped off the bench, slapped fives with their teammates and made their way to half court as is tradition around

the state before the opening tip.

The Yellowjackets, though, grouped together and cheered in a huddle as Lakes' public-address announcer said they were forgoing individual introductions.

So it wasn't a shocker to see a total

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Senior guard wills Canton past Plymouth

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The Canton boys basketball team tweeted that guard Cole Vickers had officially signed with Ferris State.

Attached to the post was a picture of the senior signing his national letter of intent with coach Jimmy Reddy and eight teammates standing behind him.

And about 90 minutes later, Northville coach Todd Sander retweeted it and gave Vickers one of the greatest compliments you can get.

"Congratulations, Cole Vickers!" the tweet started. "You can't get to Ferris State soon enough!"

Sander was joking, of course, but the sentiment is one that many coaches agree on around the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, and that's: Good riddance!

Vickers has been an absolute nightmare for defenses to try and stop. And, mostly, none of the teams ever really stop him from scoring. He's somehow going to get his points.

Just ask park rival Plymouth.

The Wildcats actually bottled up the 6-foot-4 guard during Friday's match-up.

He was shut out of both the first and third quarters and had just two points — a fadeaway jumper with 2:16 left in the first half — entering the fourth quarter. He didn't even score again until four minutes were left.

Plymouth did everything it needed to. Kelvin Amoako (14 rebounds) cleaned up the glass to limit Canton's second-chance opportunities. Jace Petree (20 points) and Bryce Garbacz (11) hit their shots to keep the Wildcats barely ahead for most of the night. And the team just looked locked in on upsetting its rival.

But this is Vickers we're talking about.

He buried a 3 to knot the score at 42 with 2:41 left and never looked back. He scored 13 of his 17 points (yes, really) in the final three minutes. That included him going 6 of 7 from the foul line.

And no bucket was bigger than his steal with just over 60 seconds left. He nabbed a turnover and raced up the floor and was fouled while finishing at the rim. The bucket counted, and as he regained his footing, he flexed in front of Canton's student section under the basket, a relief that he had finally got himself going again.

He made the ensuing and-one opportunity, and the Chiefs held on for the hard-fought 54-48 comeback win.

These are the moments that have opposing coaches firing off tweets in the middle of the week.

"Cole Vickers, who was not playing great, finished the game strongly," Reddy said. "That last three or four minutes,



Plymouth's Kelvin Amoako (middle) battles Canton's Devon Pettus (left) and Jaden Williams for a rebound Feb. 11.
BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

he was awesome. He doesn't usually come out, but we took him out to talk about a couple of things. He did a good job of running toward the pressure toward the end of the game. He hit big shots and big free throws, and he's a college basketball player. He's got to do those things for us."

Canton (11-4, 11-0) just needs one win to earn at least a share of the KLAA-West title and two victories to win the division outright.

When Garbacz nailed a 3 to close out the first half and ensure Plymouth a 24-16 lead entering the locker room, it sure didn't look like the Chiefs were going to get a step closer to winning the league.

"We shot 22% in the first half," Reddy added. "Us not getting any second-chance opportunities was frustrating for our guys. But we did a better job in the second half of making the extra pass. The ball stuck in the hands of our guys too long in the first half, so we weren't getting great shots."

"Jaden Williams was a guy who was open. So we got it to Jaden in the second half, and that's a credit to him. He knocked down some big 3s."

It's true.

Vickers doesn't get the opportunity to play hero ball in the final four minutes

without Canton's 6-foot-5 senior igniting his team's offense in the third quarter.

Williams buried four 3-pointers in the period alone while Lake McIntosh (14 points) also drained a 3. The effort was good enough to trim the Chiefs' deficit to just 32-31 entering the fourth.

"We were moving the ball well as a team, so I just got open looks, and I made them. I executed," said Williams, who scored all 12 of his points on those four shots from downtown. "We just had to do what we did. We started off slow, but we just had to keep our heads in the game. I just happened to have the hot hand."

Devon Pettus' basket seven seconds into the fourth gave Canton its first lead, 33-32, since midway through the first quarter.

But Petree and the Wildcats kept battling back, even using a 9-0 run to gain some breathing room until Vickers finally straightened out his play.

"I was struggling in the first half, and I couldn't get anything to drop," Vickers said. "I feel like I was kind of forcing it a little bit in the first half, too. I was upset about it."

"Coach, at halftime, really told me that we've got to pick it up. We've got to

get back at it. I felt like I started to get a feel for it back in the fourth quarter. Jaden, on our team, hit a lot of 3s, and that really boosted up our energy and got a lot of the guys going."

"But I was struggling. I couldn't make anything. I wasn't playing great defense. He (Reddy) pulled me out there and kind of got me right. He told me that great players make plays in big moments. I took a little break and subbed back in, and I was ready to go."

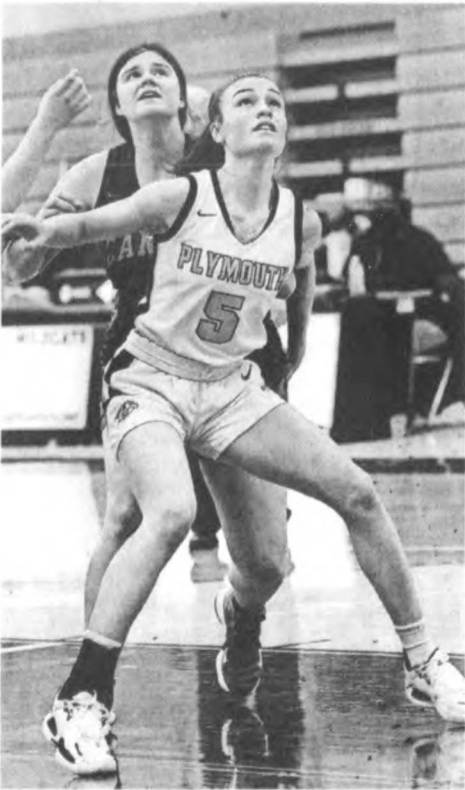
And that's all it took.

"I told them we can't fault our effort," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said of his team fumbling its lead late. "There were a lot of good things out there. But how far are we willing to sprint when we don't know the distance? Tonight we didn't sprint for the last two minutes. We just had bad possessions. We need to continue to sprint to the finish."

Soukup was happy with how his defense shut down Vickers early on.

But he wasn't going to give away his game plan afterward. Plymouth and Canton might meet again in the playoffs next month.

"Hmm... We had a good game plan for Cole, how about that?" Soukup said, smiling. "Let's just say he's definitely somebody we planned for."



Plymouth's Morgan Miller boxes out against Canton on Feb. 11.
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The Farmington Hills Mercy girls basketball team won the Catholic League-Central title by beating Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard on Feb. 10. COURTESY OF FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY ATHLETICS

Snap

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start hitting two, three and four shots. It just opened it up for us, really."

Plymouth made one last-gasp effort to steal back the win, and it almost pulled it off with an 8-0 run of its own.

Morgan Miller, who scored a game-high 18 points and buried four 3s, got a basket in transition and then turned around and made a shot from downtown to knot the score at 33 with 1:41 remaining.

Shortly afterward, however, Canton's

Marisa Cribari iced the win by corralling a rebound and making a put-back near the rim.

Plymouth's Meghan McCarthy attempted to tie the score with a baseline jumper at the buzzer, but the ball hit the front end of the rim.

"It's a hard game. Emotions were high. I think in times like that it's really important to keep your team calm, so I was telling them to make the easy pass, calm down and take a deep breath," Bridges said. "We were really trying to stay within ourselves and don't let the outside get us flustered. I think they did a good job of that."

Canton (3-13, 2-10 Kensington Lakes

Activities Association-West) got 13 points, three 3s and three steals from Cribari, followed by eight points and 11 rebounds from Tramble and eight points and eight rebounds from Crampton.

Helping Miller, who scored 13 points in the second half alone, and the Wildcats (4-12, 2-10) was McCarthy, who scored a basket in each quarter and finished with eight points.

"It's definitely a weird feeling," Bridges said of coaching in her old gym. "This place was home for me for a few years, and I learned a lot from Coach Ballard. I still know a lot of the girls, but they gave me their blessing to branch

off. They've been nothing but supportive and have had good emotions about me coming back over here. I love coming back here because it's like a family reunion almost."

Marlins capture Catholic League-Central title

The Farmington Hills girls basketball team (13-2) closed out its Catholic League-Central schedule with a convincing 46-32 victory against Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard.

The win ensured them first place in the league standings with a 9-1 record as well as their first league title since 2020.

Thriller

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That's right, Rice somehow escaped with a 76-73 victory, despite the Shamrocks having multiple opportunities to snap their losing streak on Tuesday night.

"It's not easy. I can sit here and say we're playing tough teams every night, but that's not acceptable to me," CC coach Brandon Sinawi said. "You've got to give every coach and team credit in this league for playing hard. But there's no reason for us to lose four games in a row. To have a lead late in the game and not make free throws and not close out games, it's not going to take us where we want to go. I can say this league is great and fun to be part of, but it sucks to lose."

Rice coach Rick Palmer wasn't much happier on the opposite bench.

The Warriors (10-4, 4-3 CHSL-Central) entered the evening three days removed from an overtime loss to then-ranked No. 4 Grand Rapids Northview at The Showcase at Cornerstone University.

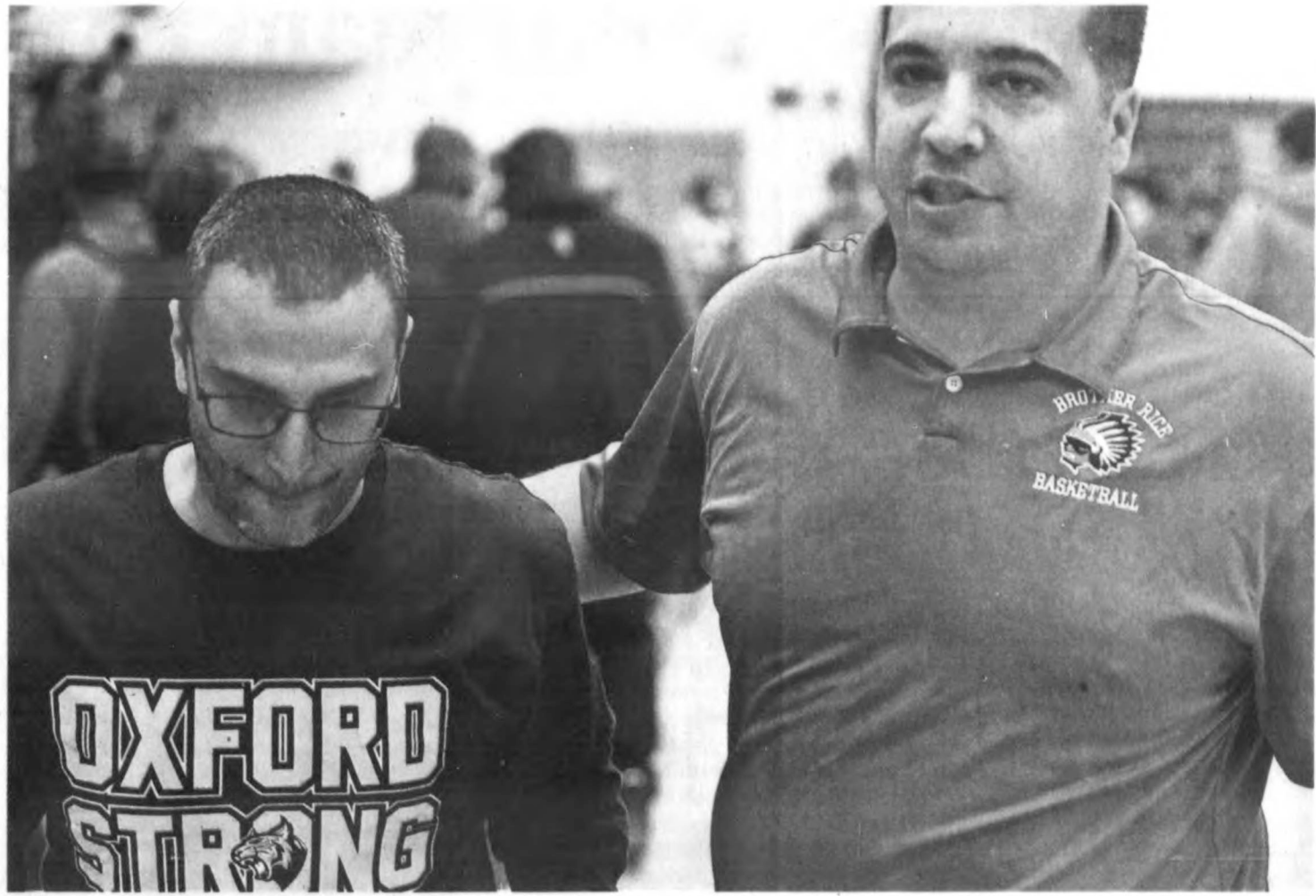
They played as well as you expected against a top-10 team. They competed like they have night in and night out. Except Belmont University commit Kyler Vanderjagt sank a 3 to knot the score at the end of regulation. And the wheels fell off in sudden death with the Wildcats, quite literally, using a layup line to beat Rice.

Palmer reminded his team of their inability to close out its game in west Michigan before sending them back on the court for OT at CC.

"Finally, at the end of the game, we trusted each other and were passing how we normally do," he said. "It took us a long time to figure out how to play the right way, but we found a way to win."

"I just think we weren't moving the ball or trusting each other like we have normally done. That's how we played early on in the Catholic League when we weren't successful. When we started having success and winning games, we were moving the ball. Tonight, we didn't move the ball. We won because of our talent. We had to overcome a lot tonight, but we made enough plays to win."

"I'm happy with the win, but I'm not thrilled about the way we played. Hopefully, we can learn from it."



After a tough game, Catholic Central coach Brandon Sinawi (left) and Brother Rice coach Rick Palmer exchange kind words.

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Brother Rice's Jonathan Blackwell.

It was no surprise to see the action go back and forth with each squad swapping leads. Different players traded hero moments, especially in the second half. The final four minutes of regulation saw Rice and CC go blow for blow, as the

score was tied four separate times.

That included Rice three-star guard Johnathan Blackwell, who scored 17 of his game-high 25 points in the second half, sending the game to OT off a dribble-drive to the hoop that went for two points, knotting the score at 65 with 59 seconds left.

Others helping the Warriors were Williams (17 points), Xavier Thomas (13), Warren Marshall (11) and Keithan Gilmore (eight). Gilmore, however, exited the fourth quarter with an injury.

The Shamrocks (8-6, 2-5) held the ball on the final possession of regulation to attempt the winning shot at the buzzer, but Lewless, who scored 21 points, couldn't sink a hurried jumper.

Players stepped up all game for CC. TJ Nadeau (19 points) made shot after shot in the second half to keep pace with Rice. Craggs (17) had a solid first half by scoring in the paint. Brady Hower (eight) ended several of Rice's posses-

sions with steals that led to transition baskets.

CC just couldn't keep that mojo going in overtime.

"We wanted to continue to just get to the basket and find our looks when we could," Sinawi said. "The drive and kicks were there. The layups were there. We just needed to continue to fight, and that was the message. We did. They just made more plays than we did."

The Shamrocks will likely finish in last place of the Central as long as Rice beats Warren DeLeSalle to close out league play. However, the Warriors still have a chance to win the league title. It needs CC to somehow upset first-place Detroit U-D Jesuit.

"We wanted to control our own destiny, but we can't," Palmer said. "We just need to keep bouncing back. I've got a great group of guys and I wouldn't want to be coaching anyone else. I'm just thrilled we're finding a way to win."

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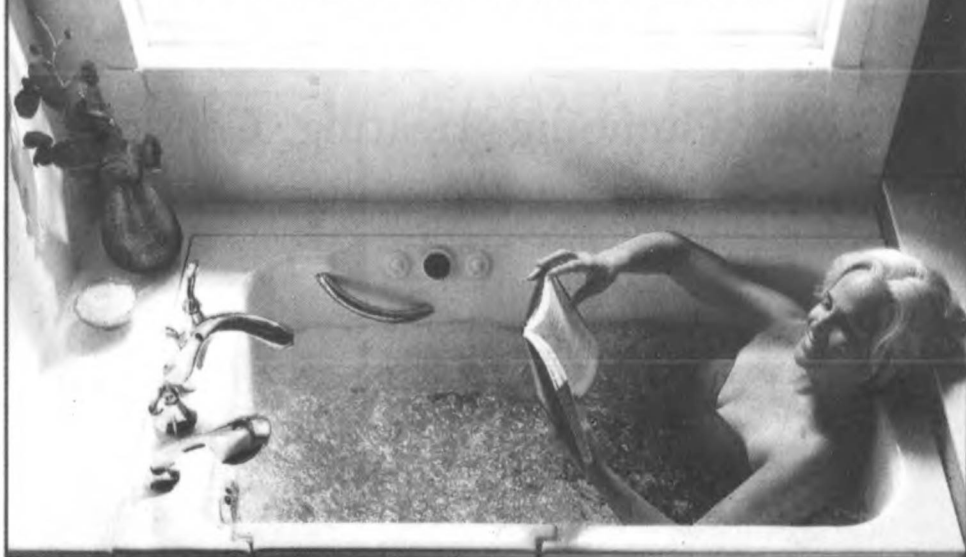
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U.S. wins silver in team competition

Clutch performance from Chock and Bates seals 2nd

Tom Schad
USA TODAY

BEIJING — Novi High graduate Madison Chock and Evan Bates lingered in the mixed zone after speaking with reporters, watching on a nearby TV screen as Karen Chen took the ice.

"Yes!" Chock whispered as Chen landed one jump. Bates wrapped her in a hug after another. As Chen froze at the end of her long program, overwhelmed by emotion, the two veteran ice dancers clapped from the mixed zone.

The silver medal was officially theirs. On a roller coaster final day of the team figure skating competition at the 2022 Winter Olympics, it was Chock, Bates and later Chen who sealed the deal on the Americans' silver medal — the best performance in the short history of the team event.

The U.S. previously won bronze in both 2014 and 2018.

"We've been lucky enough to sit in the box at every one of those events. And this year, knowing that we'd get the chance to participate, was a big deal to us," Bates said.

"(We knew) that we have an opportunity to inspire the next generation of American skaters, with what we do here. Because let's be honest — (there are) so many new eyes, so many new viewers to our sport at this event. That's what makes it so unique."

The Russian Olympic Committee, which entered as the favorite, won gold in the team event in dominant fashion, while Japan took the bronze.

For the Americans, a team silver medal is about as strong a result as could have reasonably expected — even if they might have had an outside chance at gold just a few days earlier. Fueled in part by Nathan Chen's brilliant short program, they led the team standings after Day 1 of competition.

By Day 3, however, the Russians had pulled away and the U.S. found itself deadlocked with Japan in second, with just two more events to go: The free dance and women's long program.

As the captains of the U.S. team, Chock and Bates admitted they knew

the stakes when they took the ice in the penultimate event of the competition.

"We were very aware of what was going on. We were in the team box watching all of the events," Chock said. "But that doesn't change what we do when we get on the ice."

Chock and Bates' long program has an outer space theme, with Chock portraying an alien and Bates an astronaut, set to music from Daft Punk. And, at a time when they needed it most, they delivered a season-best performance, winning the event and re-constructing their lead on Japan.

The ice dance victory also eased the pressure a bit for Chen, who redeemed herself after falling in the short program the previous day.

"Weirdly, I felt quite calm," Chen said. "It's definitely hard to just come back after a hard skate, but for some reason I just felt very determined and very focused on what my job is. And I delivered just that."

All told, nine of the 16 American skaters competing individually at the Beijing Games also contributed in the team event, and will receive silver medals.

All but one of them were able to celebrate the achievement on the ice Monday; Vincent Zhou was notably absent after testing positive for COVID-19. It is unclear if he will be able to compete in the men's short program, which will take place Tuesday.

"Team USA has always been strong, but certainly this group of athletes — we've grown up together," ice dancer Madison Hubbell said. "So to come together in a different way, a more supportive way — and especially with our training mates Madison and Evan, to be able to accomplish this together has been really touching."

A reporter asked Bates if, given the Americans' hot start, the silver medal felt bittersweet somehow — like a missed opportunity to possibly upset the Russians. He said no.

"We're celebrating silver," Bates said. "Winning a silver medal at the Olympic Games is an incredible achievement, and the fact that we all get a silver medal, the whole team — I'm so happy."



Madison Chock and Evan Bates perform in the ice dance free dance portion of the figure skating team final Feb. 7. ROBERT DEUTSCH/USA TODAY SPORTS

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Brighton's win over Hartland elicits memories

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

BRIGHTON — It was a night that brought back memories.

For Brighton junior Eddie Millington, it was a flashback to a similar basketball game against Hartland on a smaller stage.

"Back in middle school, we had the same game, a quadruple-overtime game just like this," Millington said. "It's crazy to think about."

The major difference was that the crowd was considerably smaller that day and didn't rush the court.

"Oh, no, nothing like this at all," he said. "The atmosphere here was great."

For those who were around during Brighton's heyday a dozen or so years ago, a 57-55 triple-overtime victory over Hartland and the reaction of a large student section evoked pleasant memories.

"I have Jackson Armstrong on my bench," Brighton coach Mike Griest said. "Zach Nichols was here tonight. When they played, we had crowds like that that would storm the court. It brought back all those memories of how special it can be here at Brighton if you supply a team that works hard, plays tough, and that's what we were tonight."

The Bulldogs slugged it out toe-to-toe with a Har-

land team that came into the game with a 12-2 record and was one game out of first place in the KLA West. Brighton did so despite having two of its best players foul out in the fourth quarter, red-hot Ashton Tomassi with 4:58 left and point guard Dallas Armstrong with 2:53 remaining.

Brighton had to play nearly 15 minutes without the services of either player.

"That's a fantastic win for the program, for the school," Griest said. "All week they've been building up toward this. You want to give the students something to cheer about; I think we did. It was just a great, great night all around. I'm proud of the guys for their resiliency. Hartland's a very good team. Obviously, they only lost twice before tonight. We had our work cut out and we came through."

Millington had to shoulder more of the scoring load, scoring seven of his 22 points in the three overtimes. He also had eight rebounds.

The biggest shot of the night was a buzzer-beater by Millington at the end of the first overtime.

Hartland took a 45-42 lead on two free throws by Carson Conrad with 19.2 seconds left. After a missed 3-pointer by Jared McGill, Ben Anderson tipped the ball out to Millington, who hit a game-tying 3-pointer

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Hartland's Anthony Huerta makes two points in the fourth quarter of the game at Brighton on Feb. 11. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

Obituaries

Linden Beebe

Linden Beebe, age 81, passed away on February 5, 2022 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on August 24, 1940 to the late Charles and Violette (Lape) Beebe. On June 1, 1968 Linden married the love of his life Linda Hernandez in Orchard Lake, Michigan and together they shared 53 wonderful years of laughter and making memories together. He was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church in Lake, Michigan. Linden enjoyed hunting, fishing, motorcycles, and in younger years he enjoyed youth sports. He was President of both the Little League baseball and Youth football programs in South Lyon in addition to many miles of travel with hockey. He was also a great mentor as an adult leader of Boy Scout troop 38 for many years. Linden is survived by his wife, his children; Wayne (Kirsten) Beebe, Charles Beebe, Patrick (Teauna) Beebe, and Christine Teets. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren. Linden is predeceased by his grandson; Nicholas Rogers and his sister; Rita. According to his wishes cremation has taken place and a memorial maybe held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lee-Ramsay Funeral Home-Gladwin Chapel.

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Dolores Mary Donnellon

MILFORD - Dolores Mary Donnellon, age 81, of Milford, Michigan passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 5, 2022.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 from 1:00pm-8:00pm at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 404 E. Liberty St. Milford, MI 48381. A Rosary will be held at the funeral home at 6:30pm.

A Funeral Mass @ 11:00 am will be celebrated Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at St. Mary Catholic Church 1955 E. Commerce St., Milford, MI 48381. Visitation begins at the church at 10:00am.

For further information, please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Home at 248-684-6645 or visit LynchandSonsMilford.com



Margaret Rariden

HOWELL - February 3, 2022, age 91.

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Services will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, Brighton Church of the Nazarene, 7679 Brighton Road, Brighton. Visitation will be at 9:30 am until the time of funeral service at 11 am.

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Hartland's Gracey Metz hits a 3-pointer with two seconds left in the first half to give the Eagles their first lead in a 45-41 victory at Brighton on Feb. 11. PHOTOS BY GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

Sparked by 'steal of the draft,' Hartland rallies past Brighton

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

BRIGHTON — In an era in which there's too much pressure for kids to specialize in one sport, Hartland girls basketball coach Don Palmer is a throwback.

Could it have benefited his team to have Leah Lappin playing basketball year-round? Maybe.

But he wasn't hearing it when Lappin considered giving up volleyball her senior year to focus on basketball.

"I talked her out of it, because, 'You seem to love it, it seems stress-free, you're having fun and you're good at it. So just do it,' " Palmer said. "It's high school. I'm not an advocate of specialization. I just think kids get burned out real quick."

In retrospect, Palmer blames himself a little bit for the lack of attention Lappin has received so far from college recruiters.

Lappin is one of four four-year varsity players on the Hartland roster, but the only one who hasn't locked up a college basketball scholarship.

Yet, Lappin's stock is sure to rise after back-to-back strong performances against the Eagles' top rivals.

She had a career-high 18 points to go with eight rebounds Friday night in a 45-41 come-from-behind victory at Brighton.

On Tuesday, she had nine points and nine rebounds in a victory over Howell.

"I started out kind of slow, so I didn't really have many offers for basketball, but I'm starting to get looks," Lappin said. "I think it will help a lot. Obviously, everyone kind of looks to the Howell and Brighton games. It's just really exciting to be able to play."

Palmer believes colleges who have overlooked Lappin are missing out.

"Their recruiting is done in AAU, and she played volleyball and didn't play much AAU," Palmer said. "I'm hoping somebody takes a look at her, because I



Hartland's Leah Lappin drives to the basket for two of her career-high 18 points at Brighton on Feb. 11.

just think that would be the steal of the draft. We're hoping, because the kid can play, the kid can just flat-out play."

Brighton, which lost 47-26 to Hartland in the teams' first meeting, put the Eagles on upset alert early.

The Bulldogs scored the first nine points of the game and led 19-5 early in the second quarter.

Hartland scored the next eight points and took its first lead of the game, 26-24, when Grace Metz hit a 3-pointer with two seconds left in the first half.

"It was a big momentum changer, because we were behind," said Metz, who had eight points. "We had to get a shot at the end or at least a good look to get the

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It's the Hartland show in individual wrestling districts

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Hartland has been one of the top wrestling programs in Michigan for two decades, but the Eagles have never had a day at individual districts like the one they experienced Saturday.

There were 14 teams in the Division 1 district at Birmingham Groves, but it was the Hartland show. The Eagles won 12 of 14 weight classes and qualified all 14 of their wrestlers for regionals for the fourth time in the past five years.

Over those five years, 69 of 70 Hartland wrestlers have advanced to regionals.

Hartland's total of 12 district championships shatters the Livingston County record of eight shared by the Eagles' 2005 and 2021 teams and Brighton's 2019 squad.

Seniors Patrick Wlodyga (33-8) and Avery Dickerson (37-1) became four-time district champions, while Chase Kern won for the third time. Kern also won his 100th career match, improving to 36-4 this season by winning the 189-pound title.



Hartland's Chase Kern stands with his grandfather after his 100th win. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

Wlodyga won his two matches at 112 with pins in 57 and 55 seconds.

Dickerson won all three of his matches at 215 with first-period pins.

Also winning for Hartland were Jake Gillespie (36-2) at 103, Easton Culver (19-6) at 119, Liam Wiitanen (28-8) at 125, Vinnie Abbey (33-4) at 135, Gabe Cappellano (36-4) at 140, Justin VanVaerenbergh (36-2) at 145, Nick Dimitroff (16-1) at 152, Nick Rochowiak (29-3) at 160 and Brayden Bobo (34-3) at 171.

Qualifying for regionals with third-

place finishes were Gavin Kern (32-11) at 130 and Isaiah McPherson (12-2) at 171.

Hartland will host an individual regional tournament next Saturday. The top four in each weight group will qualify for the state tournament March 4-5 at Ford Field in Detroit.

Zac Egan (140) and Dru Taylor (152) finished second, while Jake Lynn (103), Drake Blazeovski (145) and Dom Kernes (171) placed fourth for the Highlanders.

Division 2 district at Mason

Pinckney qualified a program-record six wrestlers for regionals and Fowlerville advanced four.

Lucas Nagle (33-2) won at 135 pounds and Vinny Patierno (37-4) took the title at 215 for Pinckney.

Sixth-ranked Brady Raymond (31-2) of Pinckney was second at 171, losing for only the second time this season in a 10-8 decision against fourth-ranked Derek Badgley (43-1) of Mason in the final. Lance Trost (189) also took second for the Pirates.

Finishing fourth for Pinckney were Drake Hurley (152) and Sean O'Keefe (215).

Fowlerville senior Jimmy Buurma won the championship at 145, improving to 37-6.

The Gladiators got second-place finishes from Levi Baker (112), Dalton Daniel (119) and Jonathen Davis (152).

Division 1 district at Jackson

Brighton senior Aiden Smith (37-1), the top-ranked wrestler in Division 1 at 135, won his third straight district championship after finishing second as a freshman.

Travis Richardson won his second straight district crown by taking the title at 145.

Also winning district championships for Brighton were Colin Jewell at 119 and Nathan Stark at 152.

Jackson Johnson (119) and Zak Knapp (135) of Brighton qualified for regionals by placing second. Easton Hardesty (130) moved on with a fourth-place finish.

Howell qualified five wrestlers for the individual regional tournament it will host next Saturday.

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momentum in our favor.

"We were pushing each other. We fell behind 17-5 to start the game, and everyone on the bench was there to pick us up and give us motivation. We're all there as a team."

Despite allowing a large lead to evaporate, the Bulldogs fought back and kept the issue in doubt until the final minute.

Brighton took a 37-36 lead with 3:36 left in the game on a basket by Payton VanDeven before Lappin scored the first five points in an 8-0 run that enabled Hartland to seize control of the game.

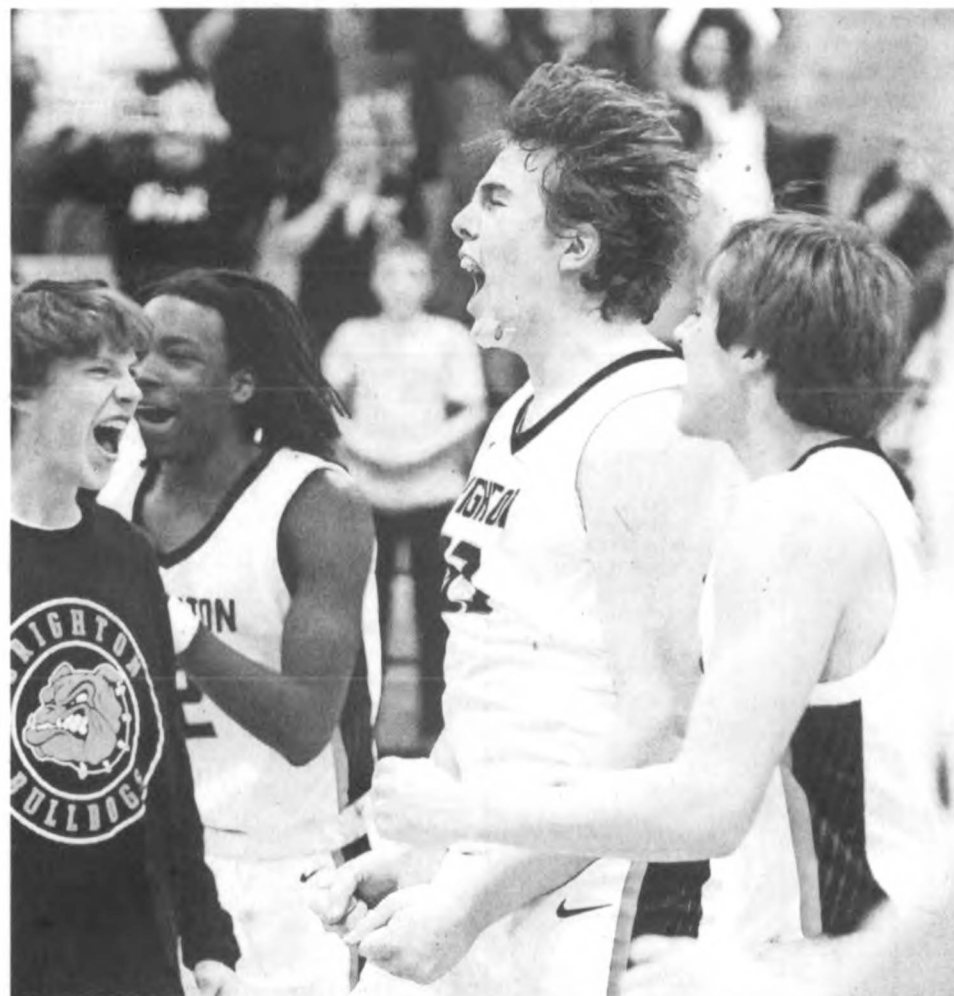
After a putback by Brighton's Make-na Smith off a missed free throw made it a 44-41 game with 9.2 seconds left, Lap-

pin hit the front end of a one-and-one with 4.8 seconds remaining to prevent the Bulldogs from tying it on a 3-point-er.

"We talked after that Northville loss, which was a bad loss, there's no way to sugarcoat that one," Brighton coach Paul Ash said. "I said, 'We've got three weeks to get better.' The kids have bought into it. We've had great practices. We were hungry for this game. They're excited for next Friday at Howell. I think we're starting to peak at the right time. What we can't do is be satisfied, because we still missed shots and we still had turnovers we can't have, but we did definitely get better."

Amanda Roach had nine points for Hartland, including seven in the second quarter to spark the comeback.

Sarah Ebel led Brighton with 12.



Brighton's Ben Anderson celebrates with teammates following a 57-55 triple overtime victory over Hartland on Feb. 11. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

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with two seconds left in the first overtime.

"It was supposed to be for me in the corner," Millington said. "One of my teammates just shot it. Ben Anderson with a good tip out to me, took a dribble, let it fly, stuff you think about when you're younger. It's a great feeling; you dream about it."

With the game tied 47-47 after a low-scoring second overtime, McGill hit a huge shot of his own by nailing a 3-pointer to open the scoring in the third overtime. He then hit two free throws to give the Bulldogs a 52-47 lead with 1:25 left.

"I'm so happy for him, because he's a really good shooter," Griest said. "He's hesitant at times. He stepped up and knocked it down. That will do a lot for his confidence. We've been confident in him all year; now, hopefully, he'll feel that same way."

Down by two points following a missed Brighton free throw with 6.2 seconds left, Hartland pushed the ball up the floor and got off two 3-point attempts that hit the rim but didn't fall.

All three of the Eagles' losses have been in overtime, the others against Pinckney and Canton. Hartland is 9-2 in the KLA West, while Canton leads the way with an 11-0 record. The Eagles will visit Canton Tuesday night.

"We're right there," Hartland coach Kevin Blouin said. "It's a fun league right now. We're still in the mix. We're going to be playing Canton Tuesday. We're really looking forward to getting a shot at them next. That will be a monster game. We're really looking forward to getting back on the court."

Michael Kramer had 13 points and McGill nine for Brighton. Anderson had 10 rebounds.

Ryan Bohlen had 19 points while also defending Tomassi. Conrad finished with 13.

Tomassi, who averaged 24.6 points in his previous five games, battled foul problems and was held to two points.



Detroit Country Day shooting forward Jaidyn Elam puts up a shot against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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team effort from a squad that wanted to identify solely as a team.

All but two of Country Day's players scored during its 71-24 victory, including Jaidyn Elam, who made a trio of 3-pointers and finished with a game-best 26 points.

Also assisting the Yellowjackets (7-3) was Aysia Yokely, who also drained a trio of 3s and posted 12 points. Ariyana Wiggins added eight points, while Mercedes Arinez and Emma Arica had six apiece.

A 22-0 run that spanned the end of the first quarter and the beginning of

the second helped Country Day quickly distance itself from Lakes, which scored just four points in the opening 11 minutes.

The Yellowjackets grabbed a 40-point lead midway through the third quarter to ignite the running-clock rule.

As bench player after bench player attempted shots throughout the second half, Country Day's starters could do nothing but cheer from the sideline. It was almost like watching the old school Patriots, except a 48-yard game-winning field goal from Adam Vianieri wasn't needed to ensure the victory. The starters took care of that early on.

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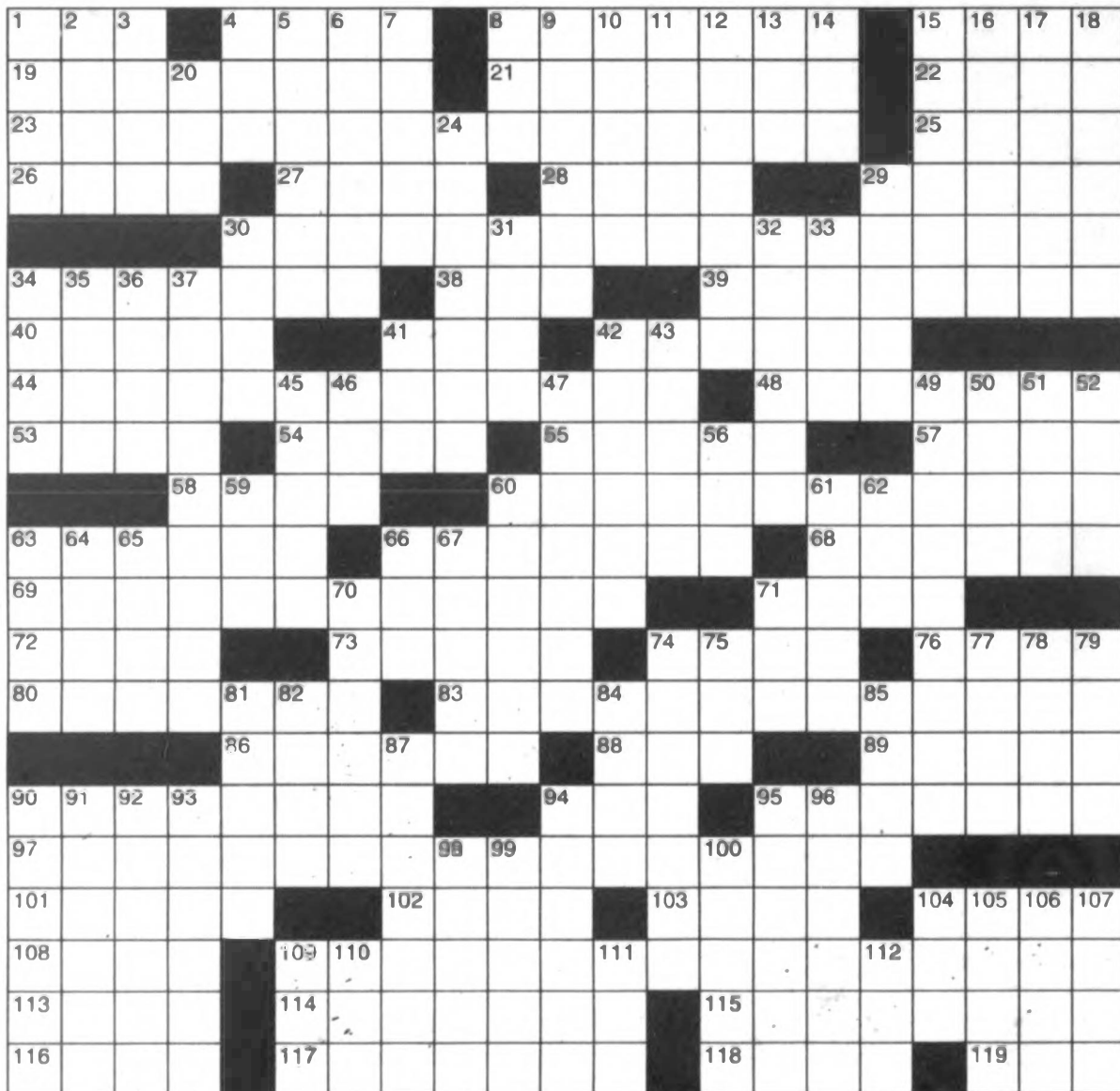
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| 44 Place to disclose sins [2010] | 90 Plant snugly | | 33 Director Joel or Ethan | 70 President before Donald | 107 Gymnast Korbut |
| | 94 — cone | | 34 Killer whale | 71 Shallow pan | 109 Eily May Clampett's pa |
| | | | 35 Neighbor of Myanmar | 74 Swarms | 110 Good Grips kitchen brand |
| | | | 36 Early James Bond foe | 75 Huge conflict | 111 "— a trap!" |
| | | | | | 112 Ark.-to-ill. dir. |



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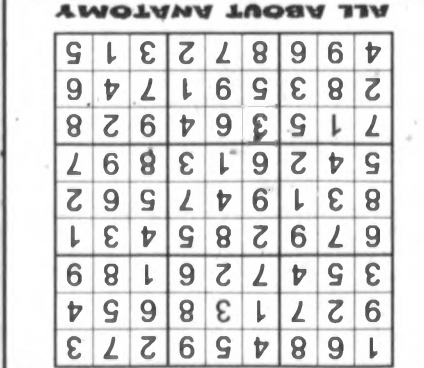
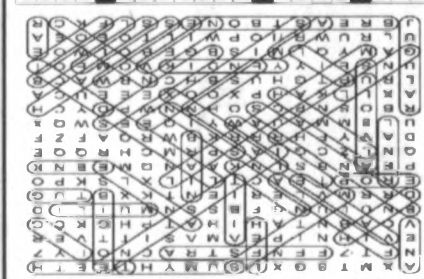
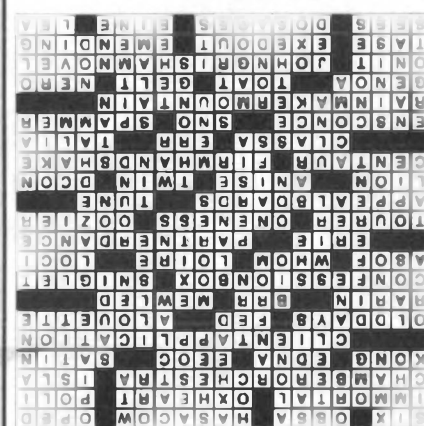
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 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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



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Over the past 16 months, there has been a strong relationship between daily new Covid cases and employment. If that relationship had continued to hold true even as daily new Covid cases surged to 800,000 in mid-January, we would have seen 2.3 million Americans lose their jobs.

And yet, instead of that catastrophic outcome, the economy barely sneezed at Omicron. According to the establishment survey, businesses added 467,000 payrolls in January. The household survey paints a similar picture, with the employment level rising by nearly 1.2 million and labor force participation rising by nearly 1.4 million. The labor force participation rate increased significantly from 61.9% to 62.2%, with the largest increase among African Americans (from 60.8% to 62.0%).

Note that these outcomes were partly the result of both seasonal adjustment factors and annual benchmark revisions. The economy usually sheds upwards of 2.8 million jobs in January as the seasonal bump in retail and transportation employment subsides. But pre-Covid seasonal patterns no longer seem to hold. Retailers, and transportation and warehousing companies raised hiring earlier than usual in 2021 and held onto workers after the holidays.

Even if one looks at unadjusted figures from the household survey,

however, employment only fell by 114k—far less than the usual 1 million decline.

Furthermore, the number of people working part-time for economic reasons continued to fall, reaching levels not seen since 2001.

Those figures are particularly remarkable for a month in which 15 million people contracted coronavirus and substantial labor market disruption ensued. The jobs report details several ways in which Omicron affected employment, even as employment and participation rose:

- 3.6 million workers were absent from work due to illness—more than three times the usual January number. Those absences disrupted production and likely also caused income losses for workers without access to paid sick leave.
- The share of workers teleworking due to coronavirus also rose to 15.4% from 11.1% in December, after steadily declining for months as offices reopened. Temporary office closures caused some pain for the

downtown businesses that serve office workers.

- 6.0 million people reported that they had been unable to work because their employer closed or lost business due to the pandemic, up from 3.1 million in December. Only 23.7% of those workers received at least some pay.
- 1.8 million persons were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic, up from 1.1 million in the prior month.

Perhaps most surprisingly, employment in leisure and hospitality rose, despite visible declines in restaurant dining and travel in high-frequency data from OpenTable and the Transportation Security Administration.

Private sector wage growth rose to 5.7%—the predictable outcome of the tightest labor market on record, where there are almost two job openings for every unemployed American and employees are quitting their jobs in record numbers. Wage growth was highest in leisure and hospitality (13%), followed by professional and business services (6.9%), and healthcare and educational services (6.8%).

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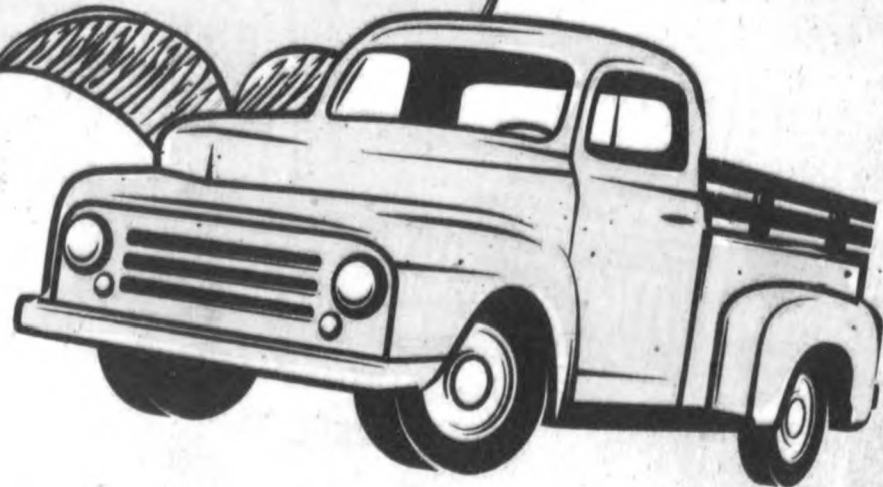


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