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South Lyon uses \$100K grant to add park

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A vacant lot in South Lyon will be transformed to a new park thanks in large part to a \$100,000 grant.

"We're very excited," Downtown Development Authority Director Nate Mack said. "It will add to the south side of downtown and add a destination for people to go."

The community grant, awarded by Oakland County Parks and Recreation, is matched with \$50,000 in funds from the city to develop a 100-foot by 60-foot lot at 390 S. Lafayette into a pocket park. The project will include a 10-foot by 10-foot shelter, pergola with swinging benches, decorative paving, a lawn area and various plantings.

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Novi school board member violated policy in interaction

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The Novi Board of Education determined Trustee Willy Mena violated board ethics in touching the hair of a student, but called it without malicious intent.

The findings came after a six-hour board meeting that began Thursday night and ended early Friday morning. In a 4-hour closed session, the board met with attorneys who investigated the student complaint.

"After receiving all available evidence from the Allen Law Group, there was no malicious intent found in the investigation," School Board President Danielle Ruskin announced after the board returned to open session. "There was a preponderance of evidence that Mr. Mena violated the board's code of

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Specialized care



Living and Learning Enrichment Center students and staff hang out at the Northville facility April 6.
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Michigan police agencies training for calls with autistic people

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Rachelle Vartanian has moved beyond a lot of fears tied to her son's autism spectrum disorder.

But he has a driver's license now, and the founder of a Northville center working to help others on the spectrum cannot quell the fear that he'll one day encounter the wrong police officer.

"Personally, that's my biggest fear," Vartanian said. "He won't tell you he has autism. My biggest fear is that he's going to get pulled over. Something bad will happen."

Autism is becoming more prevalent, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimating that 1 in every 44 children rests somewhere on the spectrum.

Studies show that nearly 1 in 5 people with autism are likely to have police stop and question them by their early 20s, fueling concerns among caregivers such as Vartanian who are familiar with headlines about police becoming violent with autistic people.

Aware of the apprehension, the Northville Township Police Department, Michigan State Police and other law enforcement agencies have spent the past year introducing new autism awareness techniques.

Researchers, educators and critics call for more research regarding this latest training trend among police departments.

"For us, it has been a huge success," said Andrew Domzalski, Northville

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A Canton Police calming kit.
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Central Park patron pleads guilty to March assault on basketball players

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A 25-year-old man has pleaded guilty to trying to assault some basketball players at Milford's Central Park.

He submitted a plea of guilty to an assault with a dangerous weapon charge in late April. A judge had sent his case to trial a few weeks prior.

Clarence Dass, the man's attorney, could not immediately be reached for comment.

During a preliminary examination, Dass had worked to establish that, for much of the incident, 20 to 100 feet were between his client and the basketball players who testified.

He also defended his client by saying he was never a real threat since the basketball players escaped in a vehicle with doors locked and windows up.

Some park patrons had testified that they still felt threatened since the man held a knife.

According to police, a basketball

player called 911 the evening of March 27 after escaping from a man with a knife. The man had been observing him and his friends play from a nearby bench before he stood up and flashed a knife.

The basketball players started walking toward their car, and the man followed. He jogged when the basketball players jogged, and his wrists appeared bloody.

The basketball players called 911 upon leaving the park. An officer found the man, who told police he wanted to

die.

He was taken to a hospital for medical treatment. He told first responders he had voluntarily departed from a sober living home.

He is now scheduled for a June 2 sentencing. He faces punishment of up to four years in prison and a fine of up to \$2,000.

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

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Tipping Point Theatre presents show on MLK

Courtesy of Tipping Point Theatre

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. traveled to Memphis, Tennessee, 54 years ago to speak for and march with sanitation workers there. King found himself feeling under the weather upon his arrival and made a decision to skip the speech he was scheduled to give at Mason Temple, sending his friend the Rev. Ralph Abernathy instead.

Upon arrival and seeing the large crowd expecting to see King speak, Abernathy implored him to come and he did just that. King ended up speaking for 40 minutes, feeding off of the crowd and delivering his final speech, now known as the Mountaintop.

An Olivier Award winning play, "The Mountaintop" was written by playwright Katori Hall. A Memphis native, she grew up with the history of King all around her. Inspiration for the story came from her mother's experience as a 15-year-old. She longed to march with the civil rights activist and planned to go see King at the Mason Temple on April 3 but, due to fear of violence, she did not attend. Hall says it was one of her mother's biggest regrets as King's death was the very next day.

"I wanted to put both of them in the same room," Hall said in an NPR interview back in 2011, "and give my mother that opportunity that she didn't have in 1968."

Named after her mother, the mysterious maid Camae joins King on his final night where we see a vividly human portrayal of King. A "warts and all" look may not be what patrons are used to seeing but Hall felt "by portraying him with his flaws and foibles, we, too, can see ... that we, too, can be Kings; we, too, can carry on that baton that he has passed down to us."

The piece is a tale of the historical, irreverent figure King was that blends the past with current events. The show's focus on how far we have come as a society and how far we still have to go runs parallel to the theater's own initiatives in their first season since 2020.

"We took the time to reflect on what was going really well for us but also cor-

rect the things that we were falling short on," said Producing Artistic Director James Kuhl.

Their journey began with a new mission, core values and the implementation of an anti-racism statement and policies. The theater is focusing on increasing diversity at every level of the organization. This is notably highlighted with "The Mountaintop" being their first show from a Black playwright on the main stage that also features their first all-Black cast.

"The Mountaintop" is helping pave a new and conscious road in the Northville theater's history. The Mountaintop runs May 19 to June 18 in Northville.

Tickets are on sale at 248-347-0003 or online at TippingPointTheatre.com. Discounts include \$2 off for seniors and military with students 26 years or younger able to purchase tickets for just \$10. Groups of 15 or more receive a \$3 discount that can be combined with the senior rate for a total of \$5 off. Current Covid-19 policies require properly fitted masks to be worn at all times.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU22-0005 PTSLU22-0006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for **Suburban Collection Showplace and Premier Relocation Mayflower** is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for **Temporary Parking of Trucks and Trailers** for parcel **50-22-15-152-007 and 50-22-15-301-010**, East of Taft Road and North of Grand River Avenue from **June 1, 2022, through June 1, 2023**. The properties are zoned I-1 (Light Industrial) and the use is contrary to 3.27 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held at **10:00 am on June 1, 2022**, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the **Mayor's Conference Room**. All written comments should be directed to Nina Schaffrath and must be received prior to **Tuesday, May 31, 2022, by 3 P.M.**

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU22-0007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for **Servman LLC** is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for **temporary parking/vehicle storage** for parcel **50-22-16-176-019**, North of Grand River Ave and East of Beck Road from **June 1, 2022, through June 1, 2023**. The properties are zoned OST (Office Service Technology) and the use is contrary to 3.27 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held at **10:30 am on June 1, 2022**, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the **Mayor's Conference Room**. All written comments should be directed to Nina Schaffrath and must be received prior to **Tuesday, May 31, 2022, by 3 P.M.**

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City of South Lyon Weed Control Notice

To the owners or occupants or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any lands in the City of South Lyon: Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of South Lyon, Oakland County, Michigan, must be cut down and destroyed. It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any lot or parcel of land within the City of South Lyon to permit or allow to grow thereon any weeds of any kind (including grasses and similar plants exceeding 8 inches in height) scattered among which are noxious weeds such as Canada thistles, doddars, mustards, wild carrot, bindweed, perennial sow thistles, hoary alyssum, ragweed, poison ivy, poison sumac, or any other plant or varieties of plant which are recognized as inducing hay fever or other diseases, or being in any other way deleterious to the health or comfort of the community.

Failure to comply with this notice shall make the parties so failing liable for the actual costs for cutting by City personnel or contractor plus an additional administrative fee as set by the City of South Lyon Fee Schedule to be levied and collected against the property in the manner provided by law.

Lisa Deaton
Clerk/Treasurer
City of South Lyon

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VILLAGE OF MILFORD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CDBG ADA SIDEWALK AND RAMP INSTALLATION PROJECT

The Village of Milford, Milford, MI will receive sealed bids for the removal and reinstallation of sidewalks at designated intersections in the public right-of-way. The goal of the project is that the reinstallation of the walks, landings, detectable warnings and ramps will create compliance with current standards found in the Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG). This is a Federally Funded Project.

The Contractor and Subcontractors on this project must comply with HUD contract provisions 24 CFR part 85.36(i), the Davis-Bacon Act, Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 requirements, Anti-Kickback Act, Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and Department of Labor Standards and Regulations as set forth in the Contract Bid Documents. Bids will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. This municipality is an equal opportunity employer, businesses owned by women or minorities are strongly encouraged to bid.

The Village Clerk will receive sealed bids at the Village offices located at 1100 Atlantic Street, Milford, Michigan 48381 until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday June 1, 2022 at which time and place all bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. All bids will be received only on the Bid Form furnished and at the above address. All bids must be sealed and clearly marked "ADA RAMP INSTALLATION PROJECT".

Exceptions to the specifications must be clearly identified and explained. Prices are to be inclusive of taxes and other charges.

The Village of Milford reserves the right to reject any and all Bids.

Deborah S. Frazer, CMMC
Assistant Manager/Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on variance requests in regard to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance:

- On premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District on property located at 235 High St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48 002 01 0484 002. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a new garage that occupies 45% (or 480 square feet) of the required rear yard. The variance needed is 214 square feet from the requirement that an accessory structure may occupy not more than 25% (or in this case, 266 square feet) of the required rear yard, per Section 18.04.

- On premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District on property located at 612 Orchard Dr., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48 005 02 0003 000. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a building addition in the front yard setback along Scott Ave. The variance needed is 12.9 feet from the front yard setback requirement in Section 15.01.

- On premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District on property located at 659 Horton Ave., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48 001 02 0038 000. The applicant is seeking a variance to erect 85 lineal feet of fence in the front yard along E. Baseline Road, from the requirements of Section 18.09 of the Zoning Ordinance.

The public hearing will be held on June 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance requests.

The variance applications are available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City website www.ci.northville.mi.us (Services, Building and Planning, Board of Zoning Appeals).

Written comments to the BZA pertaining to the proposed variance requests must be submitted no later than 4:30pm, May 31, 2022 to the City Clerk at the above address, or using the City Hall drop box, or emailed to dmassa@ci.northville.mi.us.

DOMINIC SILVESTRI, CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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Denise Scott helps her son, Michael, put on his boxing gloves at Kronk Boxing Gym in Westland. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Mom learns boxing to coach sons at Kronk gym

Shelby Tankersley
Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICH.

Denise Scott is raising five kids, so it goes without saying that she's basically a superhero.

But when her oldest child D'Monte got into boxing, she took her support for her kids a step further by learning the sport herself. You don't see a lot of moms coaching ringside at fights, but that's exactly what Scott does.

"I feel like they love it," she said. "Mikey and Monte, the two who've been boxing longest, know that you don't see too many mothers being a coach. You don't really see a lot of the mothers - it's always the fathers. So, I feel like they think it's even better because I'm there with them doing the thing they love."

Scott, who lives in Redford Township, is a certified boxing coach and can be seen hitting the bags and getting in the ring with her sons at Kronk Boxing Gym in Westland. Kronk, inside

the Jefferson Barns Vitality Center in Norway, offers free boxing and tutoring to students if they agree to do well in school and be an upstanding person outside of the gym.

For Scott's family, training together makes the boys' boxing pursuits feel more like a team sport and gives Scott a way to show her kids that she supports their dreams. Two of her kids don't enjoy competing in the sport, but they are there at the gym with everyone else.

"It's just seeing my kids happy," Scott said. "My youngest son, Lavell, wants to be a pro fighter. So, my thing is if I can help him make that dream come true, I'd love that. I just want them to be successful in whatever they do."

That hard work has paid off, especially for her two youngest sons. Lavell, 10, recently became a national Silver Gloves champion in his age bracket. Next month, the whole family will travel to Ireland to watch Michael

fight in a USA vs. Ireland competition.

Scott joked that, though boxing is a heavy contact sport, she doesn't plan to start taking punches to the face anytime soon.

"They know not to hit me. But I do get in the ring with them and put the gloves on," she said. "We spar and they throw little punches, but they never really hit me."

Boxing is one of those sports where parents can truly train alongside their kids, not just coach or watch from the stands. Scott said that aspect of the sport has brought her closer to her boys.

"I know first hand the heartaches that he's going through," she said. "You understand a lot more when you're actually doing it, even with all the behind the scenes things like the pushups and jumping jacks. When you're going through the motions with your kids, you feel exactly what they're feeling."

At graduation time, gifts of continuing education are best



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest
Columnist

High school graduation season is here. I congratulate all the graduates and their families for a job well done. The last few years have been difficult.

Whether a graduate is going to college or not, it is important that they dedicate themselves to continuing their education.

Education doesn't initially have to be at a university; it could be a community college or even a trade school. If you do not want to be locked into a low-paying job for the rest of your career, you must invest in yourself and pursue some sort of continuing education.

If you are considering a gift for a high school graduate, I suggest donating money into a 529 plan such as the Michigan Education Savings Plan (www.misaves.com).

I always encourage parents of high school graduates to establish a 529 plan for them and let family and friends know about it so they can contribute to it if they choose. I believe the gift of an education goes a lot farther than giving the graduate a gift card or cash that will be quickly forgotten.

I recognize that a high school graduate will not be thrilled to receive a contribution to a

529 plan. However, whether the graduate is thrilled should not be the criteria. Use your gift to make a statement, and I believe a gift of an education makes the statement that you believe education is important to their

future, which it is.

There are many 529 plans to consider. I strongly recommend the Michigan Education Savings Plan because of its flexibility, performance and low cost.

Good luck.



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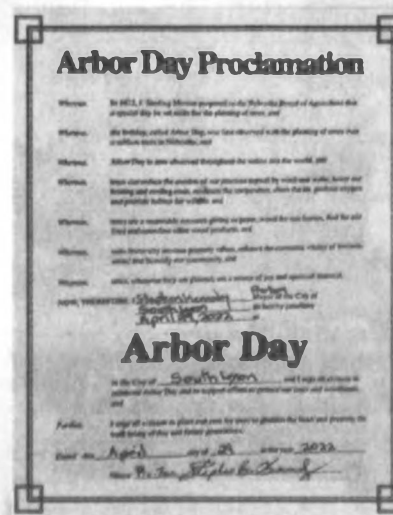
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The city of South Lyon has been designated "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation for twenty-two years. Last week (04-29-2022), Mayor ProTem Stephen B. Kennedy (for Mayor Daniel L. Pelchat), made the city's proclamation to Arbor Day with a ceremonial planting of a "Green Mountain Maple Tree" located in Volunteer Park off North Dixboro Road, South Lyon, MI. Trees have many benefits, including reducing erosion, cleaning the air, increasing property values, beautifying areas, and they are a renewable resource. "I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations," signed Mayor ProTem Stephen B. Kennedy. Sponsored by the City of South Lyon Department of Public Works. southlyonmi.org

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALEM-SOUTH LYON DISTRICT LIBRARY Counties of Oakland and Washtenaw, Michigan ON THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE SALEM-SOUTH LYON DISTRICT LIBRARY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Salem-South Lyon District Library, Counties of Oakland and Washtenaw, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 23rd day of May, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Olson Meeting Room of the Salem-South Lyon District Library, South Lyon Michigan to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Salem-South Lyon District Library for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Library Director at the Salem-South Lyon District Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, Michigan, for inspection during regular library hours or online at saldl.info. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners of the Salem-South Lyon District Library District, comprised of the Township of Salem and the City of South Lyon, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the budget.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees of the Salem-South Lyon District Library, Counties of Oakland and Washtenaw, Michigan. Any citizen requesting accommodation to attend this meeting or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact Paulina Poplawski, Library Director at 248-437-6431 ext. 206.

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St. Joseph County, Indiana Superior Court; Cause No. 71D07-2010-PL-000351; Safe Auto Insurance Company, Plaintiff v. Stacey Frazer, Defendant et al.; Summons by Publication; To the above-identified Defendant, Stacey Frazer: a Complaint has been filed against you in the above-identified court and cause of action. The name and address of the attorney seeking service upon you are as follows: Garrett M. Lewis, Goodin Abernathy, LLP, 301 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205. The above-identified cause of action is one for declaratory judgment as to whether Plaintiff owes any duty of coverage, defense, or indemnity to any party thereto arising out of a motor vehicle accident which occurred on or about September 11, 2020 in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana. You are listed as a defendant therein as your interest appears as the operator of a 2014 Chevrolet Equinox that was involved in the subject accident. You must respond to Plaintiff's Complaint within thirty (30) days after the last notice of the above-identified cause of action is published. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in Plaintiff's Complaint.

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Dated 4/13/2022

Rita L. Blinn
Clerk, St. Joseph County, Indiana



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Recent business openings, closings in metro Detroit

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Another month, another new batch of business activity across metro Detroit.

Here is the latest group of businesses that opened or closed in recent weeks across the Hometown Life area, which includes the northwestern suburbs of Detroit.

Did we miss one? Have a business opening or closing soon? Let us know by emailing dveselenak@hometownlife.com.

Livonia

A handful of new restaurants joined the Livonia landscape in recent weeks.

One of the highest profile openings occupies a long-vacant bar and former comedy club. Punjab Indian Cuisine and The Celebration banquet center recently opened at 36071 Plymouth inside the former Kickers sports bar and Joey's Comedy Club.

A building that's been empty for several years after another restaurant that was originally planned for the property fell through, the new restaurant and banquet center boasts a completely new look.

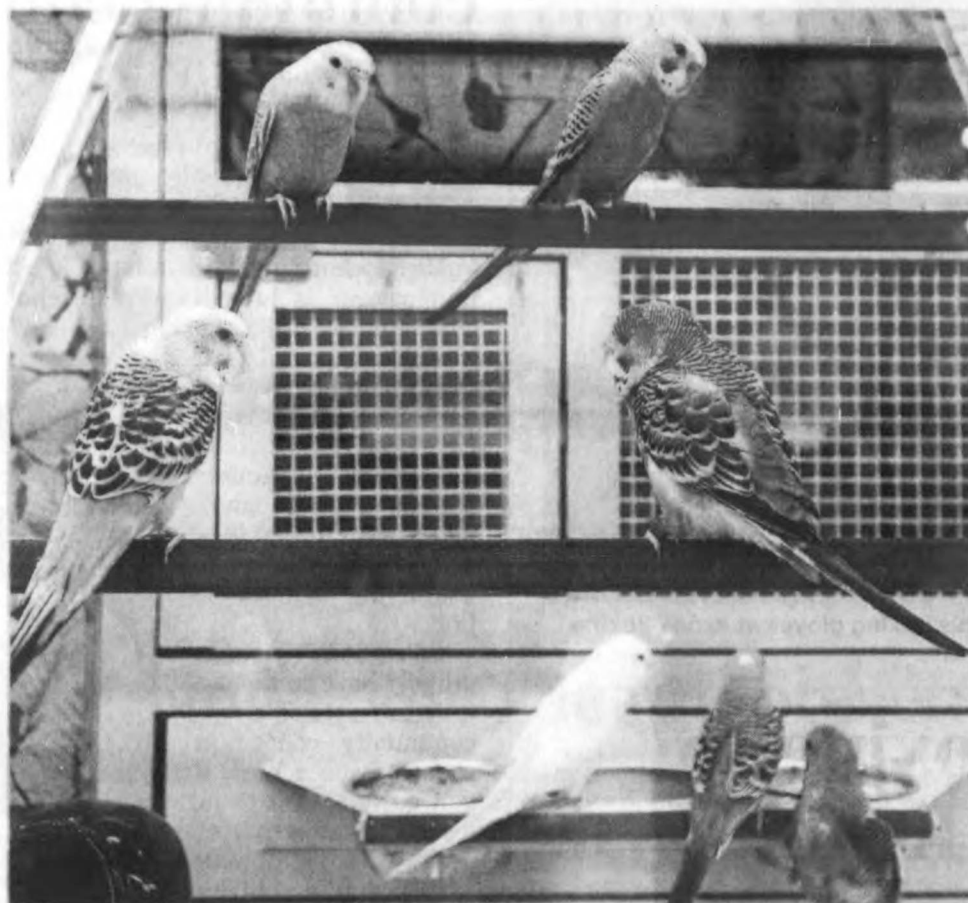
A completely revamped interior includes a new banquet area capable of seating more than 250 people on the ground level and more intimate seating on the upper level, which houses the restaurant.

Another Asian restaurant also recently opened its doors, taking the place of another.

The Chopstix took over the space previously held by Saigon Boulevard. The Chopstix serves up dishes such as pho and sushi, the latter of which can be presented to guests dining in on one of several wooden ships.

Heading across the world culinary-wise, Mr. Miguel's Mexican Grille and Cantina replaced Richard's Family Restaurant at 39305 Plymouth Road.

Right on the border of Livonia and Plymouth Township, the restaurant is the third Mr. Miguel's to open in metro Detroit. Typical Mexican fare fills the menu, such as tacos, burritos and others.



Parakeets for sale at the Petsmart at 2197 N. Telegraph in Bloomfield Township.
PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The Celebration's main banquet hall at its Plymouth Road location in Livonia.

Farmington

A well-known restaurant that closed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic has returned.

Browndog Barlor and Restaurant recently reopened its doors at 33314 Grand River after closing in 2020 due to a lack of staffing. It's brought back its well-known ice cream, as well as restaurant items like sandwiches and burgers. The bar has also reopened, serving up several drinks that were popular before the closure. It joins the Northville location, which also has a restaurant and bar.

Westland

Customers who typically get prescriptions filled at the CVS at Warren and Venoy now need to find a place to pick them up, as the pharmacy is closing its doors.

The business in the Hunter Park Plaza announced it was shutter its doors May 3, according to the company. The closure is a part of CVS's plan to hundreds of stores over the next few years.

South Lyon

Gone is a popular pottery studio in town, but its owners say plans are to bring the space back with new ownership.

Glazy Days Paint Your Own Pottery planned to close April 30 after its owners retired, according to the business's Facebook page. The shop at 22896 Pontiac Trail is expected to reopen under a different name with new owners.

Northville

Lamya Ammouri noticed Northville did not have the type of boutique resale shop she enjoyed. So she decided to open her own. That resulted in the opening of The Posh Consignment, 426 S. Main St., early this year.

"Of course I wouldn't go anywhere else to open," said Ammouri, a Northville resident. "I'm also a big resale shopper myself."

The shop sells many types of women's items, including purses, clothing and more. She said the shop sells its items on consignment at a higher rate than other shops.

The shop occupies two stories on the outskirts of downtown. It is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. More information can be found at poshconsignmentboutiques.com.

Bloomfield Township

Telegraph Road has gone to the dogs. And cats. And birds. And chinchillas.

PetSmart has opened a new pet supplies store at 2197 N. Telegraph in Bloomfield Township. A location for all pet-related items, the store includes the a self-service dog wash station, a full-service grooming salon, a dog training space and more. The store is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. More information can be found at petsmart.com.

Also open in recent months in Bloomfield Township is Maple Eye Care and Eyewear. An optometry practice run by Brother Rice High School alumnus Dr. Kevin Semma, the office is located at 3683 W. Maple on the southeast corner of Lahser Road.

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Farmers market season underway in metro Detroit

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Farmers market season is here with most area farmers markets having started in the beginning of May.

Shoppers of fresh produce, Michigan-made products, crafts and more can find a farmers market fairly close by just about any day of the week.

Here are some of the nearby farmers markets in metro Detroit:

The **Belleville Farmers Market** runs 4-7:30 p.m. Mondays at 396 Main St., starting in June. Visit www.belleville-centralbusinesscommunity.com to learn more.

The **Oakland County Farmers Market** runs 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 2350 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford. Go online for more information at www.oakgov.com/parks.

The **City of Walled Lake Farmers Market** runs 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at 1499 E. West Maple Road. Find the market on Facebook.

The **Wayne Open-Air Market** runs 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays at 3144 S. Wayne Road, starting May 25. Learn more at notredamehall.com.

The **MSU Tollgate Farm Farmers Market** runs 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 28115 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. Visit tollgate.msu.edu to learn more.

The **Inkster Farmers Market** runs 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays at 27020 Michigan Avenue. Find more on the market on Facebook.

The **Northville Farmers Market** runs 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday on S. Center Street. Visit northville.org for more information.

The **Westland Farmers and Artisans Market** runs 3-7 p.m. Thursdays at 1901 N. Carlson St. Visit www.westland-farmersmarket.com to learn more.

The **Milford Farmers Market** runs 3-8 p.m. Thursdays at 115 E. Liberty St. in Milford. Visit www.milfordfarmers-market.org for more information.

The **Troy Farmers Market** runs 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3179 Livernois, starting in June. Go to www.troymi.gov/farmersmarket for more information.

The **Dixboro Farmers Market** runs 3-6 p.m. Fridays at 5221 Church Road in Superior Township. Visit www.dixboro-farmersmarket.org for more information.



Geraniums for sale at the Northville Farmers Market. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

farmersmarket.org for more information.

The **Romulus Farmers Market** runs 5-9 p.m. Fridays, June-August at 11111 Hunt St. Visit cityofromulusgov.com for more.

Brightmoor Artisans Farmers Market runs 4-7 p.m. Fridays at 22735 Fenkell Avenue, starting in June. Visit brightmoorartisans.org/whatwedo/ca-femarket for more.

The **Farmington Farmers and Artisans Market** runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 33113 Grand River Ave. Visit www.farmingtonfarmersmarket.com to learn more.

The **South Lyon Farmers Market** runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at 110 W. Liberty St. in South Lyon. Visit www.southlyonfarmersmarket.org for more information.

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The **Plymouth Farmers Market** runs 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays at 736 Penniman Ave. Visit www.plymouth-chamber.org to learn more.

The **Highland Farmers Market** runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at the corner of Milford and Ruggles roads, starting in June. Visit www.highlandfarmmarket.com for more.

Livonia Farmers' Market at The Wilson Barn runs July to October on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit www.wilsonbarn.com for more information.

The **Brighton Farmers Market** runs 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at 200 North 1st St. Find the market on Facebook for more information.

Birmingham Farmers Market runs

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 660 N. Old Woodward Avenue. Visit www.allinbirmingham.com to learn more.

The **Hartland Farmers Market** runs 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at 10400 Highland Road. Find more on the market on Facebook.

Canton Farmers Market runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays at 500 Ridge Road. Visit cantonfun.org for more information.

Redford Township Market at the Marquee runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays at 15145 Beech Daly, starting in June.

The **Michigan Farmers Market Association** maintains a list of farmers markets throughout Michigan. Visit mifma.org for a full list.

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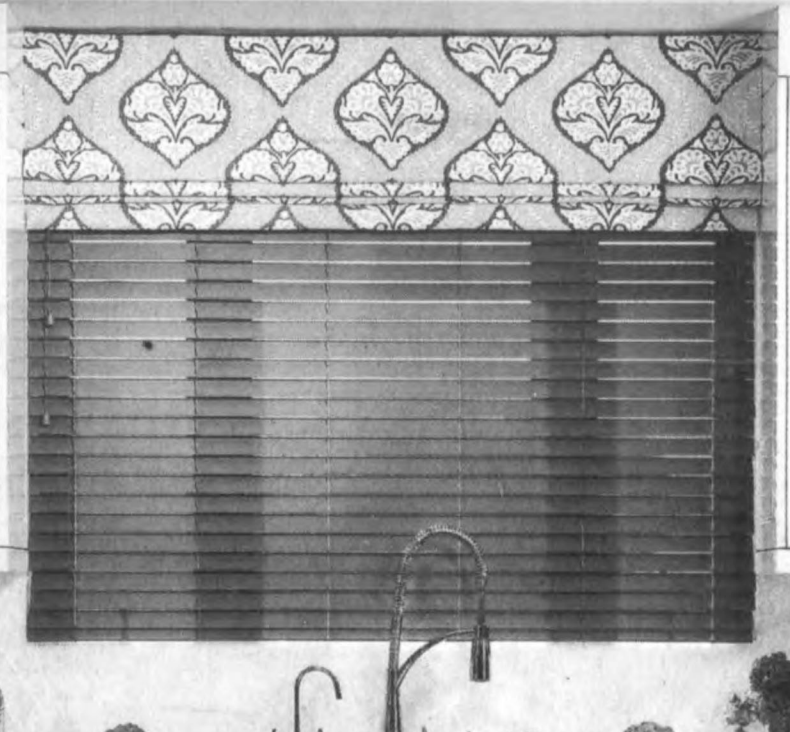
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Wayne County COVID-19 cases and deaths tracker

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New coronavirus cases leaped in Michigan in the week ending Sunday, rising 30.8% as 18,945 cases were reported. The previous week had 14,482 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked 17th among the states where coronavirus was spreading the fastest on a per-person basis, a USA TODAY Network analysis of Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the latest week coronavirus cases in the United States increased 33.2% from the week before, with 501,037 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 3.78% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 43 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Wayne County reported 4,124 cases and 13 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 3,399 cases and 18 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 410,889 cases and 7,953 deaths.

Oakland County reported 3,341 cases and eight deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 2,771 cases and eight deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 296,058 cases and 3,845 deaths.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Washtenaw County with 398 cases per 100,000 per week; Oakland County with 266; and Keweenaw County with 236. The Centers for Disease Control says high levels of community transmission begin at 100 cases per 100,000 per week.

Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 4,124 cases; Oakland County, with 3,341 cases; and Macomb County, with 2,017. Weekly case counts rose in 75 counties from the previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Wayne, Oakland and Kent counties.

Michigan ranked 35th among states in share of people receiving at least one shot, with 67% of its residents at least partially vaccinated. The national rate is 77.7%, a USA TODAY analysis of CDC data shows. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which are the most used in the



Kites soar at the Rockport Kite Festival on April 30. The festival returned after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. ASHLEE BURNS/USA TODAY NETWORK

United States, require two doses administered a few weeks apart.

In the week ending Wednesday, Michigan reported administering another 89,246 vaccine doses, including 9,262 first doses. In the previous week, the state administered 77,455 vaccine doses, including 6,524 first doses. In all, Michigan reported it has administered 15,906,503 total doses.

Across Michigan, cases fell in seven counties, with the best declines in Luce County, with 6 cases from 12 a week earlier; in Dickinson County, with 35 cases from 40; and in Mecosta County, with 31 cases from 35.

In Michigan, 62 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 67 people were reported dead.

A total of 2,444,891 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and

36,064 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 81,863,725 people have tested positive and 997,526 people have died.

Note: In the Johns Hopkins University coronavirus data, cases and deaths for the Michigan Department of Corrections and the Federal Correctional Institution separately from Michigan counties.

Michigan's COVID-19 hospital admissions rising

USA TODAY analyzed federal hospital data as of Sunday, May 8.

Likely COVID patients admitted in the state:

- Last week: 1,133
- The week before that: 915
- Four weeks ago: 605

Likely COVID patients admitted in

the nation:

- Last week: 45,875
- The week before that: 42,092
- Four weeks ago: 37,354

Hospitals in 36 states reported more COVID-19 patients than a week earlier, while hospitals in 32 states had more COVID-19 patients in intensive-care beds. Hospitals in 35 states admitted more COVID-19 patients in the latest week than a week prior, the USA TODAY analysis of U.S. Health and Human Services data shows.

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Policy

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ethics contained in the board's operating procedures by touching the hair of a student."

As a result, she continued, the board removed Mena from his position as board secretary and his board chair committee positions. Additionally, Mena will not attend any extra-curricular activities for the remainder of this school year, including the Novi High School graduation ceremony "out of respect for the student's concerns."

Those decisions came in a 5-1 vote, with Mena abstaining and Trustee Mary Ann Roney voting no. Roney said she disagreed with removing Mena from his committee positions and as board secretary, but "felt for the student and agreed with everything else on there."

Board Vice President Paul Cook said the decision and discussion preceding it was one of the toughest the board and he personally had ever had.

"The fact that Mr. Mena is still sitting here speaks volumes," Cook said. "Innocent until proven guilty. It's hard on him and all of us, I appreciate the discussion we had. I hope we can move beyond this and move on to very important matters in the district."

He later added that the board's concern for the student and her feelings on what she had to go through was in no way diminished by the actions the board took.

"It's strictly board business and what we can do with another board member," he said. "It's sad it came down to this, but everyone has different feelings about different things and we need to make sure those are addressed."

Mena read a tearful apology moments before the board went to closed session to hear the results of a third-party investigation into his interactions with a student.

Mena described the incident as one he believed to be a "benign and uplifting" conversation about alternative hair colors between himself and a student prior to a Feb. 17 board meeting. During the public interaction which was captured on video, Mena said he "pointed at the student and for a very short period made contact with her hair."

"At no time did I ever feel she was harmed or offended," Mena said. "Had I



Novi Board of Education Secretary Willy Mena reads a prepared statement prior to the board going into closed session May 5 regarding an investigation into a February interaction he had with a student. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"There was a preponderance of evidence that (Willy) Mena violated the board's code of ethics contained in the board's operating procedures by touching the hair of a student."

Danielle Ruskin Novi school board president

known, I would have immediately apologized. I certainly never want to make any student feel awkward or uncomfortable."

The board approved hiring Allen Law Group as a third party investigator

March 3.

Ruskin revealed April 21 that the board had been made aware of a complaint by a student the district was investigating it. At the time, Mena was not identified as the one involved.

No police reports were filed regarding the complaint. Ruskin stressed that there was "no child endangerment" and the matter did not rise to the level of calling in Child Protective Services.

Trustee Bobbie Murphy said a video of the incident was not seen by the board until the May meeting.

"It was a surprise when people started talking about the video they had seen," she said, adding that when the board agreed to hire the third party law firm, members were not aware of which board member was being investigated.

Ruskin said she was the only board

member told by administration that Mena was the subject of the investigation, and she kept the information confidential.

Hometown Life submitted a FOIA request for a copy of the video.

Some parents, students and staff spoke in defense of Mena, citing his volunteer efforts and vouching for his character.

Others urged a complete investigation of the matter and not to dismiss a student's feelings of discomfort.

Ruskin said the district will continue to provide support services to the student until further notice, and all board members will participate in training on legal standards moving forward.

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Training

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Township's community service officer. "The big success is watching all the other agencies adopt the Action For Autism program or to implement calming bags into their patrol vehicles as well. This kind of branched out statewide.

"It's a big win not only for law enforcement but for those who have children and adults with special needs," he said.

First responders learn about autism

Last spring, Domzalski introduced Action For Autism, an umbrella title for solutions intended to better know the community's autistic population and their families, plus prevent quick judgments and emergency-situation perceptions that people with autism are combative or defiant.

The endeavor has meant training with the Autism Alliance of Michigan, and autism training beyond that. This helps officers understand more about those with autism and how to effectively interact with them. Officers have offered stickers that families with autistic loved ones can place on their cars and homes.

Northville Township police have collected profiles about autistic people, and the profiles include their picture, medications, mental health professionals and bodies of water to where they may wander. The information is accessible during 911 calls.

And their patrol cars have calming bags filled with sensory-calming items such as earmuffs, chew lanyards and sunglasses.

While the department has only used about 20 calming bags and gathered about 30 profiles in the past year, Domzalski said they've learned a lot about the township's autistic community as a group and as individuals — such as the man who will make himself known to police if officers play his favorite Abba song over their P.A. system.

"There's value in knowing your community members," Domzalski stressed. "It just builds a better relationship and more of a sense of trust between us and them."

Michigan State Police Inspired by Northville Township

Michigan State Police First Lt. Sarah Krebs learned of her friend Domzalski's work and secured her agency's support for a similar effort. About 1,500 MSP troopers and other personnel received autism training.

With donations from big companies such as Meijer and Blue Cross Blue Shield, 1,250 of MSP's patrol vehicles now carry calming bags as troopers work across the state.

Krebs shared two success stories from northern Oakland County, near Holly. Soon after the new efforts started, parents called for help because of their teenage son. The arriving trooper's training kicked in. The trooper realized he was dealing with a teen with autism and offered the calming bag, which worked its magic and laid the groundwork for a connection. The trooper maintains a friendship with the family.

In March, a group home resident on the autism spectrum went missing. Troopers recognized the dangers of nearby water and called for air assists and reinforcements. They were able to rescue the missing man after they received a 911 call that he had fallen through an icy pond about five miles from the group home.

Krebs, with the Michigan State Police for more than 20 years, said previous training about autism was limited to speaking engagements, including troopers with children on the spectrum.

"It definitely was the largest autistic project that I've ever seen our police agency do," she said. "I got a lot of buy-in from my own agency. They're very supportive of community outreach. I'm very happy that it ended up coming to



Rachell Vartanian, director of the Living and Learning Enrichment Center in Northville, sits down to talk with students Dominic Czarnecki and Dakota Sokolo on April 6. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Farmington Hills Police sensory bag. COURTESY FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

fruition."

Mistakes still possible

Time will tell whether the efforts are worthwhile or go beyond positive feedback and rescue stories. Some states such as Minnesota mandate autism training for police; that is not a requirement in Michigan.

The general consensus seems to be autism training is a smart idea and items in calming bags can help.

But police officers and those with autism are not emotionless widgets. Communication is a two-way street. Disclosure of being on the spectrum can mean the difference between a good and bad emergency response.

Training officers and advocates connected to the autistic community say, even with training, mistakes will happen.

"Autism is a spectrum, but it isn't a linear spectrum," said Whitney Lee, founding director of Neurodiverse UT, an autistic-led advocacy group. "Instead, it is like a sundae bar or color wheel. Because of this, you can't effectively train people to identify autism."

"The most effective method of training police would be to train them in de-escalation and anti-ableism (ableism meaning the discrimination of disabled people)."

Dr. Neelkamal Soares, a Michigan Autism Council member who teaches pediatric and adolescent medicine at Western Michigan University, acknowledged the rampancy of calming bags

and kits, which Westland, Canton Township and Farmington Hills police also offer.

He's skeptical that the non-uniform calming bags always have the right tools for the individuals involved or are appropriate for every situation involving anxiety, bright lights and sirens.

"Nobody can say for sure what are the five best things (for the bags)," he said. "The jury is out on this, but it makes for very good press. It makes for a great, family-centered approach. I'm all for that but I think there should be a lot more thought into putting these together, using them correctly and getting trained."

He's also in favor of police officers and first responders knowing more about autism.

"I'm a big believer that educating first responders and law enforcement officers about autism is critical," he said. "We have seen many, many examples of bad outcomes because people did not understand that somebody who is avoiding eye contact and mumbling to themselves is not a threat."

University of Michigan education instructors Christine Kenney and Melissa Sreckovic join Soares in calling for more research documenting the results of law enforcement's autism initiatives. Kenney and Sreckovic want to seek feedback from autistic individuals on autism training and study police officers in the field, after they have received autism training.

The instructors shared a promising 2021 study that involved autism train-

ing for hospital security officers. The conclusion three months later indicated the officers felt more comfortable and demonstrated knowledge with those with autism.

Training to become better

In the past decade, the Southfield-based Autism Alliance of Michigan has "reached and trained" more than 14,000 police, fire and EMS personnel across the state. Last year, the agency trained Michigan State Police and law enforcers from about 20 other agencies.

The agency works with families navigating the challenges and surprises that come with autism. Representatives like Community Resource Specialist Joanna Lofton can help with Medicaid applications and provide names of the agencies and organizations that could help the family dealing with unique and individual problems.

Lofton understands the challenges. She has an autistic son. He is Black, college educated and employed as a Ford design aide.

She took him, when he was 8, to the police station to let officers know he has autism.

"I wanted them to know him," Lofton said. "I wanted them to understand these are the things that he may do and this is why. He's not being aggressive. He's not a bad kid. He's not trying to escape from you if he sees you and he's running away. That's the behavior. They're either running away from something or running to something."

Her son's autism has always added another layer of fear regarding any police interaction he may encounter.

"Police, in general, don't understand disabilities," Lofton said. "What they do to de-escalate are the very things that will escalate an individual who has autism. The perception that police have of individuals with autism is that they are out of control, that they are dangerous, that they are attacking when they don't know how to work with them. They don't know how to de-escalate them."

"There are so many things that can happen that are out of a parent's control. There's that constant fear."

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Park

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The space is envisioned to also house rotating artwork in the future, and includes sustainability measures such as native plantings, low-volume drip irrigation, LED lighting and recycled plastic benches and receptacles.

While the grant will not cover the entire \$405,000 projected cost of the park, it will help the city begin making the space into a park instead of weeds and grass and dirt, Mack said.

The lot at the corner of S. Lafayette

and McHattie is often mistaken as property belonging to the adjacent Heine-mann Engineering, but the city acquired the land about eight years ago.

Mack said the master plan called for a mixed use development on the site. That plan was scrapped after soil borings revealed a high water table would not support a two-story building without expensive modifications.

Now it will become a nice place to hang out downtown, Mack said, with the grant stipulating funds must be used within three years.

South Lyon was one of 14 communities awarded a total of \$1.15 million in Oakland County Parks and Recreation

grants this year.

The city will pursue additional grants to complete the park.

South Lyon has other park plans in the works, too.

The city council recently approved refurbishment of three existing tennis courts at Columbia Park. The work will be done by Laser Striping at a cost of \$39,500 and includes upgrading the courts for pickle ball. Columbia Park is tucked in the back back of the Hunters Creek subdivision off 10 Mile Road, west of Griswold.

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South Lyon DDA Director Nate Mack stands at a parcel of land at 390 S. Lafayette that the city plans to convert to a small park using a grant. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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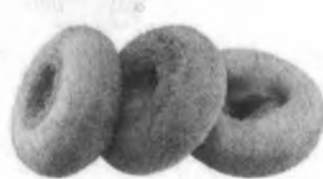
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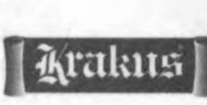
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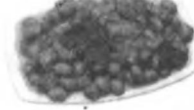
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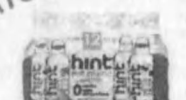
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John Glenn hires next program builder

White Lake Whiteford's Jason Mensing to be football coach

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John Glenn recently hired White Lake Whiteford's Jason Mensing to become its next football coach. COURTESY

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Northville's Addie Saline (left) battles White Lake Lakeland's Amy Palaian for possession during a game May 7. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

No. 3 Northville finds winning recipe

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Let's make it make sense, shall we? The Northville girls soccer team did not return any all-state players this spring.

What's more, the Mustangs brought in a new coach, one who has jumbled up the roster by having players switch positions, even benching some returning starters for backups.

And also sprinkle in the fact they play in one of the toughest leagues in the state, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, which currently has four teams ranked in Division 1, including defending state champion Hartland.

That sounds like the recipe for a bonafide rebuild project, for sure, right?

Well, actually, Northville is far, far from that.

Right now, it's, one, undefeated, two, on a collision course with Salem and

Hartland to see who is going to win the KLAA-West and, three, ranked third in the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association's most recent poll.

Exactly which recipe book is the Mustangs following right now? Because this isn't your typical cookie-cutter rebuild.

"Is there a recipe?!" first-year coach Jeannine Reddy asked with a smile. "I don't know?!"

Yes, that's right. The Mustangs' new

coach is *that* Reddy. You know the one who has spent the past 18 years roaming the sidelines at Canton, from the club and travel ranks up to the varsity level.

The same Reddy who took the Chiefs to the 2016 state championship.

If you've got to replace a caliber of a coach like Eric Brucker, who led the Mustangs to a 2014 state title, you might want to go out and get one like her.

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Plymouth's No. 2 NFL draft pick a 'great, humble kid'

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During his third-grade year at Plymouth's Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Aidan Hutchinson was a respectful, fun-loving student whose daily goals included making his teacher, Lindsay Bosker, laugh.

"More often than not, he succeeded," Bosker recalled, chuckling. "One memory that is burned into my mind is the day

he returned from vacation and he was just staring at me. When I asked him what was up, Aidan said, 'I haven't seen you in a while; you look different.'

"It was really funny ... not something you hear every day from a third-grader."

Fourteen years later, Hutchinson is bound for National Football League stardom after being selected by the Detroit Lions with the No. 2 overall pick in Thursday's draft.

During his final season as a defensive

end for the University of Michigan's football team, Hutchinson was a finalist for the Heisman Trophy, college football's top honor.

He prepped at Dearborn Divine Child High School, where he earned all-state honors on the football field and honor roll status in the classroom.

At 6-foot-6, 265 pounds, Hutchinson is larger than life, but his ego hasn't grown with his physical stature, Bosker and several other teachers and coaches

who knew him during his formative years in Plymouth confirmed.

"The nice thing about Aidan," Bosker added, "is that he was a really good kid and he hasn't lost that goodness as an adult, which is amazing because the world has a way of changing people."

Terry Zimmerman, Hutchinson's seventh- and eighth-grade science teacher at Our Lady of Good Counsel

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Northville

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She's been to the big game before, too.

"They've welcomed me here, and they've been great," Reddy said following Saturday's 4-0 victory over White Lake Lakeland. "I was just worried about coming in and being new and wondering how they'd adjust to having things done a little differently than what they were used to last year.

"I've got people in new positions. Some girls who didn't play high school (because they were on spring club teams) have come back to play their senior year, which was nice. And they all have the same goal, and that's to play on June 18. That's kind of my goal every year."

Worry no more, coach.

Northville (10-0-3) is winning the games it's supposed to and, unpredictable spring weather be damned, salvaging ties as it needs to as well.

So how are the Mustangs doing it?

It's not the formations, nor is it how the team has structured its lineup.

It's all about the chemistry.

Reddy has come in and made each girl, from the top goal scorer to the last player off the bench, felt like they belong on the varsity, which is saying something because she has a staggering 24 players on the roster.

"Honestly, I think it's that she's just given everybody a chance," said junior Reese Cassie, a second-year player who booted in a pair of goals vs. Lakeland. "I feel like it's giving people who usually sit on the bench in most games a chance to make an impact on the field. I feel like she's had an influence on the team in the sense of including everyone.

"Everybody this year has just been so close and so encouraging. If you're on the bench, you're cheering your heart out for everyone on the field. And I think that's been, honestly, the biggest impact on our success this year. We all just encourage each other to push the farthest we can go and be the best we can be."

Northville has 11 seniors, including Emily Takahashi and Lauren Moraitis, a pair of career club players who wanted to finish their final spring of high school as Mustangs.

Three of the seven juniors already have varsity experience, which includes Cassie, Ana Murillo and Grace Koski, who scored a goal off a corner kick on Saturday.

Caroline Meloche, who pushed in the game's final goal, is a sophomore who is also a returner.

That's a lot of experience the squad's brought back.

"I think all 24 girls on the team serve a really good purpose and balance each other out," Reddy said. "I have a good starting group. I have 11 seniors who are seasoned players. Coming in new, it was very difficult for me to figure out the re-



Northville's Emily Takahashi makes a play against White Lake Lakeland's Winter Runyan during a game May 7.

PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Northville's Emily Takahashi (right) moves the ball past White Lake Lakeland's Zeena Ahmed.

turning players from last year. I wanted to come in with a clean slate.

"I came in trying to figure out what I was looking for so it could benefit them the best. Obviously, coming in new like that, we were probably going to do something that wasn't going on last

year. Someone who maybe started last year is not starting this year. To them, that's upsetting, but I had to look at it with a clean slate. I had to come in and tell them that this is what I see and this is what best helps this team to get us where we want to be, and that's obviously states."

Northville doesn't have an easy road ahead. There's a chance it could suffer its first loss. Especially with half of its division also in its district to begin the Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament.

But it has Hartland, which currently has two losses in the division, coming up, and it's never easy to face the defending state champions, regardless of which players the Eagles graduated from a year ago.

And, most importantly, many fans are looking forward to the Mustangs' rematch with Salem on May 19.

Northville currently sits at 8-0-2 in the West, while the Rocks are 7-0-3. The two played to a 1-1 tie on April 25.

A winner should determine the divi-

sion champion.

And let's not forget that Salem is one of Reddy's park rivals from her Canton days.

"It's a struggle for me, going back there and playing against Canton, Salem and Plymouth," Reddy said. "That's the rivalry I just came from, and it's almost a rivalry again for me.

"Coming out of that last Salem game, they felt like they left the game knowing they wanted to win it. And they have every opportunity to do so this time. It's a big, big game for us."

When asked what Reddy did with all of her old Canton gear, she said it's "all in garbage bags."

That was an obvious joke because her husband, Jimmy, is still the boys basketball coach at Canton. She'll always be a supporter of her old school, aside from cheering on her husband's team.

She might have had to put away her Chiefs' gameday attire, but Northville is happy she kept out her recipe book because, for right now, the Mustangs are cooking.

Coach

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Since then, they've made the playoffs only three times — four, if you count the COVID-19-shortened season where the Michigan High School Athletic Association allowed every team in the state to play a postseason game.

No coach has been able to establish a similar foundation there since Gordon, the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Famer who won 211 games with the Rockets from 1977 to 2003, good enough to put him on the MHSAA's all-time coaching wins leaderboard, left the Westland area and returned home to Central Lake.

That ugly storm cloud hanging over the program should dissipate this coming fall, however.

Last week, Wayne-Westland Community Schools announced it has hired Jason Mensing as John Glenn's newest coach, as he replaces Calvin Griggs, who had a 4-12 record after two seasons leading the team.

Yeah, the Rockets have probably made the biggest hire of the football off-season.

If you're a true high school football fan, you know just who Mensing is.

If you're just a local Rockets fan, listen up because you're going to want to get to know this guy.

Mensing comes to John Glenn after building Ottawa Lake Whiteford into an absolute powerhouse over the past 10 years.

The Bobcats went 93-24 with no losing seasons under his leadership. He took them to back-to-back Division 8 state championships in 2016 and 2017, which included them beating Saginaw Nouvel 42-21 to win the school's first state championship in football ever in



Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Famer and former John Glenn coach Chuck Gordon addresses the audience during the 68th annual Petoskey High School Varsity Awards Banquet. FILE

2017. The Bobcats also won five district titles, four league championships and made four final-four appearances with him on the sidelines.

Now he steps down from his roles as athletic director, football coach and director of student advancement at Whiteford Agricultural Schools to take over the Rockets, who are in dire need of structure and stability.

John Glenn needed someone who could rebuild its football program. Now it has a proven program builder.

"I'm a spiritual man, so when I'm called to do something that I feel like I can help with and make an impact, I have to pursue it," Mensing, 44, told Hometown Life. "I believe that John Glenn football is going to be very successful. There is some history here from years ago. After studying the film, I feel like this is a place where, if we can get the right coaching staff in place and can commit to the cause, we're going to have an opportunity to build something great

here."

And the naysayers might say, "Yeah, but he's only coached at the D-8 level. That's not really big-boy football."

Actually, prior to Whiteford, Mensing spent three years at Owosso, back when it was a D-2 school, and another four seasons at Tecumseh, aside from stops at both Addison and Grayling.

Mensing knows how to coach big-boy football. He's game-planned against the top recruits in the state. He's won games against state powerhouses.

"We played in the Big 9 back when I was at Owosso, and back then, we played against the top Flint area schools, and it was very competitive," Mensing said. "It was also a lot of fun. I've had experience in that type of environment before, but there is a lot of difference. Ultimately, the things that really lead to a successful program are people sharing a common vision, regardless of size and situation. If you can get a collective pool of people together who care about each other and have a common vision, you can be successful."

Still, it's going to be an uphill battle for Mensing to quickly turn around John Glenn.

College football recruiting factories Belleville and Dearborn Fordson are still in its division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Livonia Franklin just went to the D-2 state semifinal.

Livonia Churchill is bringing back several studs from its near-KLAA championship team.

Ar'Jon Thompson is still one of the best players in the state and should lead Livonia Stevenson to wins this fall.

If Mensing can start with beating rival Wayne Memorial on regular basis, as it has for the past 15 seasons, that's a solid start for the program. But it needs to be beating the likes of Dearborn or a few of the Livonia schools before it re-

turns the program to the caliber it once was under Gordon.

"No. 1, everything we do has got to be about growth," Mensing said. "Where we're at today, we've got to try to grow a bit by tomorrow. We need to focus on the results as much as we can. We've got to be hyper-focused and have a collective growth on our team. Culturally, we'll do things significantly different than they have been doing in the past here as far as the day-to-day operations.

"We have to develop relationships so there's trust in those things we're doing as a program. Over the next month, I want to generate as much interest in the school as I can and find young people who want to participate in the program. We'll start with installation in the summer. At the end of the summer, we'll see where we're at. ... I've got into situations where I thought it was a five-year rebuilding process, and, suddenly, it was a one-year process. It's hard to predict where we'll be at. But what I'm going to sell is that we're building trust in one another and a common vision."

Mensing enters his new gig at John Glenn with a 171-73 career record.

He's anywhere from four to eight seasons away from surpassing Gordon on the wins leaderboard, should things go well while leading the Rockets.

That's actually great news to Gordon, who wrote to Hometown Life about his excitement for John Glenn's new coaching hire.

"He's fired up, and I think he's a great hire," Gordon wrote in an email. "Yes, he's got a battle on his hands. But he's ready."

The best way to return the program to Gordon's level of success? Hire a guy Gordon approves of.

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Making a splash

Kensington Metropark hosting HS rowing teams

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For Kit Bennett, joining the rowing team at his middle school in southwest London, England, led to a lifelong passion that is now paying off with opportunities for rowing teams in Michigan, and across the Midwest.

The Kathryn Bennett Race Course at Maple Beach in Milford's Kensington Metropark hosted its first race April 23. The course is named for Kit Bennett's wife because, he said, she has been supportive of his commitment to coaching rowing.

"Outside of getting married and having children, this is probably my most proud moment," Kit Bennett, 37, said.

That sense of accomplishment extends to the student rowers who took part in the race. Matthew Sept, a senior at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor, said the April 23 regatta was, "a lot of fun."

The region needed a race course

When Bennett moved to the United States in 2006, he already had several years of coaching experience. However, while he was working at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor, he realized most races were taking place out of state, often in Ohio.

Five years ago, Bennett came up with the idea of setting up a rowing course at Kensington Metropark.

"The region needs a race course," Bennett said at the time.

He spent several years raising money and coordinating with Kensington Metropark to make the course a reality.

Now, the course is in the process of hosting regattas on five weekends this spring:

- April 23, Mitten Series 1
- April 30, Mitten Series 2
- May 7, Mitten Series 3



The Kathryn Bennett Race Course at Maple Beach in Milford's Kensington Metropark hosted its first race April 23. During each race, eight teams row at a time. PHOTOS BY SOPHIA LADA/LIVINGSTON DAILY

- May 13-15, Midwest Scholastic Championships
- May 20-21, State Championships

The April 23 regatta featured teams from 16 high schools in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania. Each regatta starts about 8 a.m. and concludes about 2 p.m.

The regatta winners get a gold, silver or bronze medals for each member of the boat. The top three teams in each event at the Midwest Scholastic Championships will qualify for nationals.

When it comes to high school rowing, there are no particular characteristics a person needs to join a team, they just have to be, "willing to work hard and push yourself," Bennett said.

Once rowers get to the collegiate level, though, it's typically important to have long, strong legs, Bennett pointed out.

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Several trucks with large trailers attached hold the racing boats until they're ready to be carried by the team to the water.

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Once the teams pass the finish line, they row to the docks, where they take the boat out of the water. PHOTOS BY SOPHIA LADA/LIVINGSTON DAILY



To learn more about the Kathryn Bennett Race Course or spring regattas, visit MidwestScholasticRowing.com.

Rowing

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Each team has a coxswain, who keeps the boat heading straight and issues commands to keep the rowers in sync.

In any given race, there are one to nine people in the boat.

The races are divided by gender and by varsity, junior varsity or freshman level teams.

Bennett also works with the Washtenaw Rowing Center in Ann Arbor, which played a large role in putting the race course together. The center received a federal Small Business Administration loan, which helped to speed up fundraising.

Bennett said it cost about \$120,000 to put the course together. Costs include buying a series of buoys and cable placed in the lake each year, as well as engineering fees for the design work. Expenses include an office trailer at the finish line and safety launches at the starting line.

Based on research, Bennett estimates economic impact on the surrounding local businesses, hotels, res-

taurants, etc. could be \$3 million to \$4 million for the five races hosted this year.

What rowing is all about

Matthew Sept is a captain on the Skyline varsity rowing team. He decided to start rowing because his mom convinced him. Once he started, he liked that it was all about teamwork; everyone is important and needs to work well together to make the boat go quickly, he said.

His team practices 12 hours per week. The 65-member Skyline team is trying to create a community in which anyone can come and row with them, according to Sept.

Now, they get to extend that passion to the Kensington Metropark race course.

"I think just the feeling of hosting regattas is pretty cool," he said.

At the end of the day, Sept said, rowing is really all about perseverance and deep friendships.

"We all depend on each other to perform well," he said.

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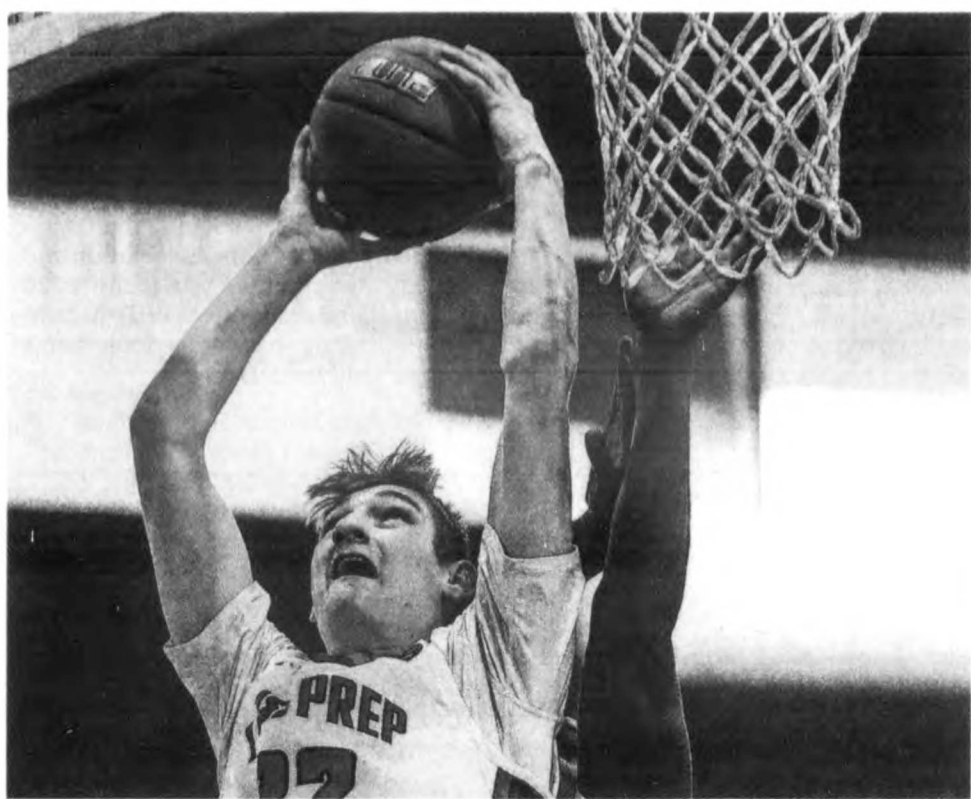
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Carson Cooper, a 6-foot-10 center, played as a junior with Emoni Bates at Ypsi Prep then transferred to IMG for his senior season. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

MSU gets commitment from former Ypsi Prep big man

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Michigan State has added a big man to its 2022 recruiting class.

Carson Cooper, 6-foot-10, 220-pound center from Jackson who played last season at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida, announced his commitment to coach Tom Izzo and the Spartans on Sunday afternoon.

Cooper spent his first two years of high school at Jackson Northwest, played for the Emoni Bates-led Ypsilanti Prep as a junior in 2020-21, showing improvement in his game, and then transferred to IMG for his senior season.

"100% committed I'm extremely blessed and grateful for everyone that has helped me get to this point in my basketball career!" Cooper wrote on Twitter. "I also want to thank all of the college coaches that have put their time into recruiting me. I am officially a Spartan!"

Cooper flashed a few nice perfor-

mances for Ypsi Prep, playing with a good motor and improving his footwork as the season progressed. He went from a reserve big to a spot starter, and once he learned Ypsi wouldn't be back for 2021-22, he landed with IMG Academy, one of the best programs in the country.

"He's a kid who his best basketball is definitely ahead of him," Ypsi Prep coach Corey Tucker told the Free Press in March. "The academic part is always solid, a 4.0 (GPA) student, 4.2 student. But, you know, the basketball, he just needed the experience and to get more time against better competition."

"It's great to see that kid flourish and develop."

By March, Cooper's scholarship offer list had grown from nearly nonexistent to the Division I level: Vermont, Eastern Michigan, Stetson and Duquesne.

Now, Cooper rejoins sophomore guard Jaden Akins, who briefly played at Ypsi Prep with Cooper before transferring for his senior season, in East Lansing.

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The Mitten grabs gold at World Beer Cup with brown ale

Brian Manzullo Detroit Free Press
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The Mitten Brewing Co. struck gold at the 2022 World Beer Cup.

The Grand Rapids-based brewery, with taprooms in Northport and Saugatuck, won first place in the "English mild or bitter" category with its Triple Crown Brown, an English brown ale with chocolate and roasted malt character.

The Mitten also earned a silver medal for its Rye Baby, an imperial red IPA, in the "strong red ale" category. Five other Michigan breweries earned medals at the World Beer Cup:

- Silver medal for "rye beer": Ryetail, Schaendorf Brewing Co.
- Silver medal for "historical beer": Lange Wapper, Brewery Vivant
- Silver medal for "fruit beer": Berry, Berry, Quite Contrary, Territorial Brewing Co.

• Bronze medal for "American style strong pale ale": Easy Button, Urbanrest Brewing Co.

• Bronze medal for "chili beer": Ring of Fire, Dragonmead Microbrewery

The World Beer Cup, which dubs itself "the Olympics of beer," is hosted by the Brewers Association and takes place biennially (every other year); the 2020 competition was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2018, 10 Michigan breweries took home awards, including four gold medals.

Obituaries

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Norman Russell Duffy

MILFORD, MI - Musician and retired owner of Duffy's Business Machines, Norman Duffy, passed away at the age of 86, after succumbing to late stage Covid. His battle with serious medical issues in recent years showed his courage in facing life's challenges.

Born in Detroit, Michigan to Edward Murray Duffy and Billie Duffy, he grew up eldest of three on a farm in Milford, MI. He is survived by his two siblings: E. James Duffy and Patricia Lynne (Duffy) Smiley. His first real job as a laborer was for Milford Township under JD Caswell doing the rigorous physical and unsavory job of septic and sewer system clean out or "honey-dipping" as his dad called it. He also studied piano, much to the delight of his father. His natural talents served him well. He got his first job playing the piano at Coral Gables in East Lansing. Undertaking a career in the milking business, he continued playing piano until 2 AM and then went home and milked 32 cows daily at 6 AM and 6 PM before going back to play piano that evening. He was a hard worker and continued to work two jobs for much of his life.

Norm attended and graduated from Hartland High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University. During college he earned money playing piano at the Canopy in Brighton and also often played for free at his fraternity, Delta Upsilon. Soon he was known throughout several counties for his ability to lead singalongs on the piano. The Rathskeller at Coral Gables in Saugatuck, K Falls, Duffy's, Red Nose Tavern, Sonny's, and Appeteaser, were some of his long-standing gigs. Often working without a break, Norm always entertained the crowd and could play a song after only hearing a few of the notes hummed by a patron. He could carry on a conversation while playing and made it look easy, but it was work. He drew much satisfaction from providing entertainment, and did it like no other.

Norm had a love for new technology and an innate knack for understanding and fixing small machinery, electronics and electrical systems. Self-taught, this skill helped him in his business of machine and typewriter repair and later to expand his services to installing telephone systems at a time when only the telephone companies had been providing the service. He often took his kids on service calls and as they grew older his sons would work with him from time to time.

He is survived by eight loving children: Kristen (Duffy) Smith (Brian Smith), Mary Duffy, Dr. Daniel Duffy (DeeAnn Duffy), Norman Duffy, and Ryan Duffy (Becky Duffy) and eighteen grandchildren: Lucas Smith, Emily Smith, Samuel Smith, Elijah Smith, Adrianna Smith, Diego Villafuerte, Mia Villafuerte, Alice Duffy, Jackson Duffy, Jason Sulen (Kylie Sulen), Keith Sulen, Nicklas Sulen, McKenna Duffy, Naomi Duffy, Kayla Duffy, and Cassidy Duffy, as well as his two dogs: Charlie and Lila, who will now be permanently staying with Norm Duffy Jr.

Please feel free to visit and leave a comment and any photos either on the memorial page at "Legacy.com" or on the Facebook group: "I Remember That In Milford, Michigan."



Geraldine Ellen Downes

MILFORD - October 4, 1935–April 30, 2022
Geraldine "Geri" Ellen Downes (née Lunning), 86, of Milford, Michigan passed away at West Hickory Haven Hospice on April 30, 2022 after a brief illness.

Geri was born on October 4, 1935 to Erhardt Lunning and Hazel Lunning (née Phillips) in Des Moines, Iowa, where her father was stationed on a military base. The Lunnings moved back to Michigan to be closer to family while Geri was a child. Geri graduated from Allen Park High School in Allen Park, Michigan in 1953.

Geri held several interesting jobs during her lifetime: as a legal secretary, Milford Township Clerk, a school bus driver, and a car hop. It was as a car hop that she met the love of her life, Keith Downes, in Allen Park in the mid-1950s. Geri and Keith wed in November 1956 and had three children: Timothy, Victoria, and Kenneth.

A devoted wife and homemaker, Geri's artistic side was also well-known to those who loved her best: her needlepoint, sewing, knitting and crocheting, and other fabric crafts were the envy of all she knew. She was an avid bird watcher and loved spending time appointing her yard with bird feeders and baths to draw the natural world nearer. A keen observer of both animal and human nature, Geri even found time to pen poetry about the world around her. As a couple, Geri and Keith enjoyed dancing, boating, and spending time in northern Michigan both separately and with their dear, lifelong friends, Donna and the late Bill Hargan and Jack and Linda Benson.

Geri's three children and three grandchildren were the darlings of her life—she doted on them and made her home a welcoming, warm harbor. Always sharply dressed, manicured, and wearing elegant jewelry, Geri charmed everyone in the West Hickory Haven Nursing Center she was obliged to call home in her final years. She was a perpetual bingo star, prize winner, and kind soul who, her caretakers reported, felt like "everyone's grandmother."

Geri was predeceased by her parents, Erhard and Hazel; and her sister, Darlene June. She is survived by her husband, Keith Downes, who was her steadfast companion for 66 years; her sister, Grace Joan Gotts; her three children, Timothy Downes (Mary Jane), Victoria Cowan, and Kenneth Downes (Colleen); her three grandchildren, Caitlin Cowan (John Schonbok), Keith Downes, and Kyle Downes; and one dear great-grandchild on the way.

She will be buried at Milford Memorial Cemetery in Milford, Michigan.



Jerome Wesley Ganzel "Coach Ganz"

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP - Jerome Wesley Ganzel, 88, of Highland Township passed away peacefully at home on April 26, 2022, surrounded by loving family. Born in Highland Township on March 4, 1934, Jerry grew up in the area and competed in baseball, football, basketball, and track at Milford High School, where he was also an honor student and president of the student council.

An exceptional athlete, he was starting quarterback and defensive safety at Western Michigan University, where he also played one year of baseball. After college, he met and married the love of his life, Kay Judith Thompson Ganzel, in 1960. Beginning in 1956, he served as a math, science, and gym teacher, as well as a combined 39 years as a baseball and football coach at Milford and Lakeland High Schools. He was inducted into their Halls of Fame, the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame. He relished coaching and helping players build upon their strengths.

Jerry was known for his positive attitude and ever-present smile. He enjoyed a large group of friends in the area. Most of all, he loved his family, and made countless memories with them at his home on the lake and during yearly trips to Florida. He continued his athleticism playing softball, racquetball and tennis, and golfed avidly with his wife.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Judy; daughters Joy (John) Bisaro and Nancy (Jeff) Edgerly; grandchildren Natalie (Hudson), Chet, Angela (Cassidy), and Joy; great-grandchildren Vivian and Rita; brother Jack and sister Jane. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marie and Kenneth, and sister Joyce.

A private service was held for the family. Memorial donations can be made to Community Sharing Outreach Center: <https://www.community-sharing.org>



Marguerite Lane

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP - Marguerite Lane, 85, of Highland Township, Michigan passed away peacefully at home on Friday, April 29, 2022.

Beloved wife of the late Eneas "Jim" Lane. Loving mother of Christine Lane Chesney (James K. Chesney) and James P. Lane. Devoted grandmother of Meredith Rose Chesney (fiancé Alec Rademacher), Brendan Kerold Eneas Chesney, and Eric James Chesney. Caring aunt of Rita Hanschumaker (Russ), Michael Lane, and the late Suzanne Lane. Also survived by many dear friends.

Services are being held privately.

Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy are asked to consider a donation to Planned Parenthood, Doctors Without Borders, or the Nature Conservancy in Marguerite's memory.

Sharon E. Hytinen

Sharon E. Hytinen, age 73, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, May 1, 2022. Family was most important to Sharon; she cherished spending time with her kids, grandkids and church family. She was a member of 1st Presbyterian in South Lyon and Pathway Community Church in Brighton until moving to the Rockford area and joining Blythefield CRC. Sharon had a serving heart and enjoyed helping with the children's Sunday School programs, VBS or attending Bible study groups. She will be missed for her kindness, joy and genuine love for others. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace Hytinen in 2017; son, Scott Hytinen and brother, Patrick "Chris" Myers. Sharon will be lovingly remembered by her children, Shannon (Jason) Rop and Matthew Hytinen; her grandchildren, Maiah "Mac", Anya, Isaac, Olivia, and Tristan Rop, Brenna "Camille", Lisa, and Paige Hytinen; and many dear friends and family. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 11:00 am at Blythefield Christian Reformed Church, 6350 Kuttshill Drive NE, Rockford with Rev. Joshua Grimes officiating. Relatives and friends may meet the family Friday, May 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at MKD Stegenga Funeral Chapel, 1601 Post Drive NE, Belmont and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to American Cancer Society or Blythefield CRC. Condolences may be sent online at www.mkdfuneralchapel.com.



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U.S. OPEN GOLF QUALIFYING

Hartland grad advances to final round

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
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It was typical spring weather in Muskegon — cold, wet and windy.

In other words, ideal golfing conditions for Hartland High School graduate Beau Breault.

Even though Breault spends winters in Florida pursuing his pro golf career, he's still acclimated to grinding it out during miserable Michigan weather better than most people.

"The tougher, the better," Breault said. "It weeds out a lot of players who on a perfectly sunny day when it's 70 degrees can go put up numbers, but when there's any adversity they're not going to show up. I don't mind the elements. I grew up playing in it in the spring in high school. It doesn't bother me. The harder the better. I kind of excel when it gets tougher."

Indeed, he did.

Breault fired a 4-under-par 68 to finish second in a U.S. Open local qualifier Monday at Muskegon Country Club. The top five golfers advanced to sectional qualifying, which is held at 13 sites May 23 and June 6.

The U.S. Open will be held June 16-19 in Brookline, Mass. It's the first time Breault has advanced past a local qualifier after several attempts.

"It's been frustrating in all these U.S. Open local qualifiers, because you expect to get through," Breault said. "But it's just not that easy, because there are so many good players. It's just a one-day qualifier, so anything can happen. I've been playing good."

"I just got back from Florida on Friday, so I went from 91 degrees to 41 degrees; it was kind of a rude awakening. I knew what to expect in Muskegon. It's always nice to play a round of golf the way you know you should. This is the first time I've qualified through to the sectional event, so I'm excited for that opportunity."

There were 8,880 golfers in local qualifiers, with 530 advancing to sectionals.

Breault finished two strokes behind Ann Arbor's Tyler Copp, the 2020 Mich-



Beau Breault advanced from a U.S. Open local qualifier at Muskegon Country Club. GREG JOHNSON/MICHIGAN PGA

igan Amateur champion and younger brother of New York Ranger forward Andrew Copp.

Bradley Smithson of Grand Rapids and Kyle Gaines of Oxford tied for third with 69s, while William Anderson of Portage grabbed the fifth and final qualifying spot with a 70. There were 73 players in the field. Baker Stevenson of Hartland tied for 29th with a 77.

Breault, the 2018 Michigan Amateur champion, felt he was in a good position to qualify throughout a round in which he had four birdies and 14 pars. Three of the birdies came in the final five holes after he made 11 consecutive pars.

"Anything under par, you usually give yourself a chance at Muskegon, just with the weather," Breault said. "I made a birdie early on my second hole. I hit it pretty well. I played really solid coming in. (No.) 17 is a pretty gettable short par-4. I hit it tight there, made a birdie on the final hole. I didn't try to force any-

thing. I knew I was in a good spot. I just had to finish strong. I was happy to get it in the clubhouse."

Breault will play his sectional qualifier on June 6 at a site to be determined. Players are assigned a site after submitting a list of preferred venues. He ranked Springfield Country Club in Springfield, Ohio first; Wedgewood Golf and Country Club in Columbus, Ohio second; and Old Oaks Country Club in Purchase, N.Y. third.

"I've been recommended to go to Springfield, just because it would suit my game," he said. "It's a hard place to get out of, as far as making it to the actual U.S. Open. There's a lot of ex-PGA Tour players and even PGA Tour players who are not exempt who go there and play it. The course is really solid. It's difficult; you don't have to go super low."

Final qualifying consists of 36 holes on one day. The number of players who advance from each site is determined by

the number of players and strength of each site's field.

Breault, 25, made it to the second round of qualifying last fall for the Korn Ferry Tour, the developmental tour for the PGA Tour. His goal this year is to qualify this fall.

"Statistically, I've gotten better with my scoring average," he said. "I've learned a lot in the 2½ to three years I've played professional golf. You pick up so much from being around players who are better than you. You learn how to travel, you learn course management, you learn you don't have to play every week, you know when to rest, when to push, what to practice."

"There's so many good players, even at the mini tour level. I feel like I personally have what it takes to make it on the PGA Tour. It's a matter of continuing to work hard, doing the right things and getting my lucky break when I need it the most."

Draft

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School, remembers him as a very good, inquisitive student with very long legs.

"Sometimes when I'd put him in the front row of class, I'd trip over those very lanky legs of his," Zimmerman quipped. "What a nice young man. I knew he was a very good athlete even back then, but you never know what path life is going to lead you on. Seeing the level of success he's achieved is kind of surreal, but not hard to believe knowing what a nice, hard-working young man he was (at Our Lady)."

During his eighth-grade football season at Our Lady, Hutchinson wasn't always the biggest player on the gridiron, but he was among the most relentless

workers, remembered Paul Gardner, a longtime Our Lady of Good Counsel School football coach and program coordinator.

"Aidan was a very good athlete, a kid who always hustled," Gardner recalled. "And he was a great kid off the field."

"I remember hearing during his seventh- or eighth-grade season he asked the coaches if he could try defense. They let him."

And the rest is history.

Gardner said the fame Hutchinson has earned couldn't have been attained by a nicer human being.

"Last summer I contacted Aidan to see if he could come out to one of our conditioning workouts and talk to the players," Gardner said. "He had a lot going on at the time; he was rehabbing from a knee injury, he was a college football star and he was getting talked about

as a future NFL star."

"With all this going on, Aidan not only came out and talked to our team, but he stayed an extra 45 minutes to an hour to get pictures with all the players. His integrity is off the charts. He's such a role model for our young athletes."

Jeff Falcon, one of Hutchinson's eighth-grade football coaches, said Hutchinson's relentless nature was evident every time he stepped on a middle school field.

"He never gave up on plays," Falcon recounted. "Players on the teams we'd play would come up to him after the games and tell him, 'Hey, nice job.'"

Scott Dickey, who was a defensive coach for Dearborn Divine Child High School during Hutchinson's four years as a Falcon, said he saw flashes of greatness in the defensive end during his sophomore year of high school.

"In our last game that season — a close loss to Chelsea — I remember Aidan just dominating Chelsea's offensive tackle, who was a really good player, if not an all-state player," Dickey said. "I remember Aidan for his high motor and his coachability. He was a 'Yes, sir', 'No, sir' kind of kid. He wasn't a rah-rah kind of player, but a great leader by example."

Zimmerman still remembers hearing about an assignment Hutchinson wrote on an OLGC blackboard in seventh or eighth grade that, looking back, turned out to be prophetic.

"The students were asked to write about what they wanted to do with their lives, what their vision was," Zimmerman said. "Aidan wrote, 'I want to go to the University of Michigan and play football.' His vision became reality, which is pretty cool."

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"I like staying home," Lions first-round draft pick Aidan Hutchinson said. "I like being close to my family. I'm very close with them." DETROIT FREE PRESS

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Rapid Reaction: Employment Cost Index

Private-sector wage growth hits record highs across occupations but fails to keep up with inflation

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Nominal wage growth is at record highs, but failing to keep up with inflation, in most occupations and industries. Here are three takeaways from today's Employment Cost Index (ECI) Report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics:

We're seeing the fastest nominal wage growth, in both goods-producing and service-providing industries, since the government started collecting ECI data.

Wages and salaries for all private-sector workers increased by 5% and total compensation by 4.8% in Q1 2022 over the year. Those are the highest year-over-year growth rates going back to 2001. Both goods-producing (4.4%) and service-providing (5.2%) industries saw record growth.

Nonetheless, inflation is eroding workers' purchasing power in all occupations, except accommodation and food services.

With inflation at a 40-year high, nominal wage growth is failing to keep up. Real wages—what employees earn after taking inflation into account—decreased 3.6% overall—and by as much as 4.6% in professional occupations. Inflation is weighing on consumer confidence.

There is a strong relationship between nominal wage growth and employee quits.

According to data from the Atlanta Fed, wage growth first rose for job switchers but has recently broadened, spiking for job stayers as well. Employers are raising wages not only to recruit new candidates in a tight labor market, but to hold

onto the workers they've got. There is a clear correlation between nominal wage growth, as measured by the ECI, and the quits rate reported in the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey. Most recently, the quits rate was highest in leisure and hospitality at 5.6%. That sector has also seen the fastest nominal wage growth (9.0%).



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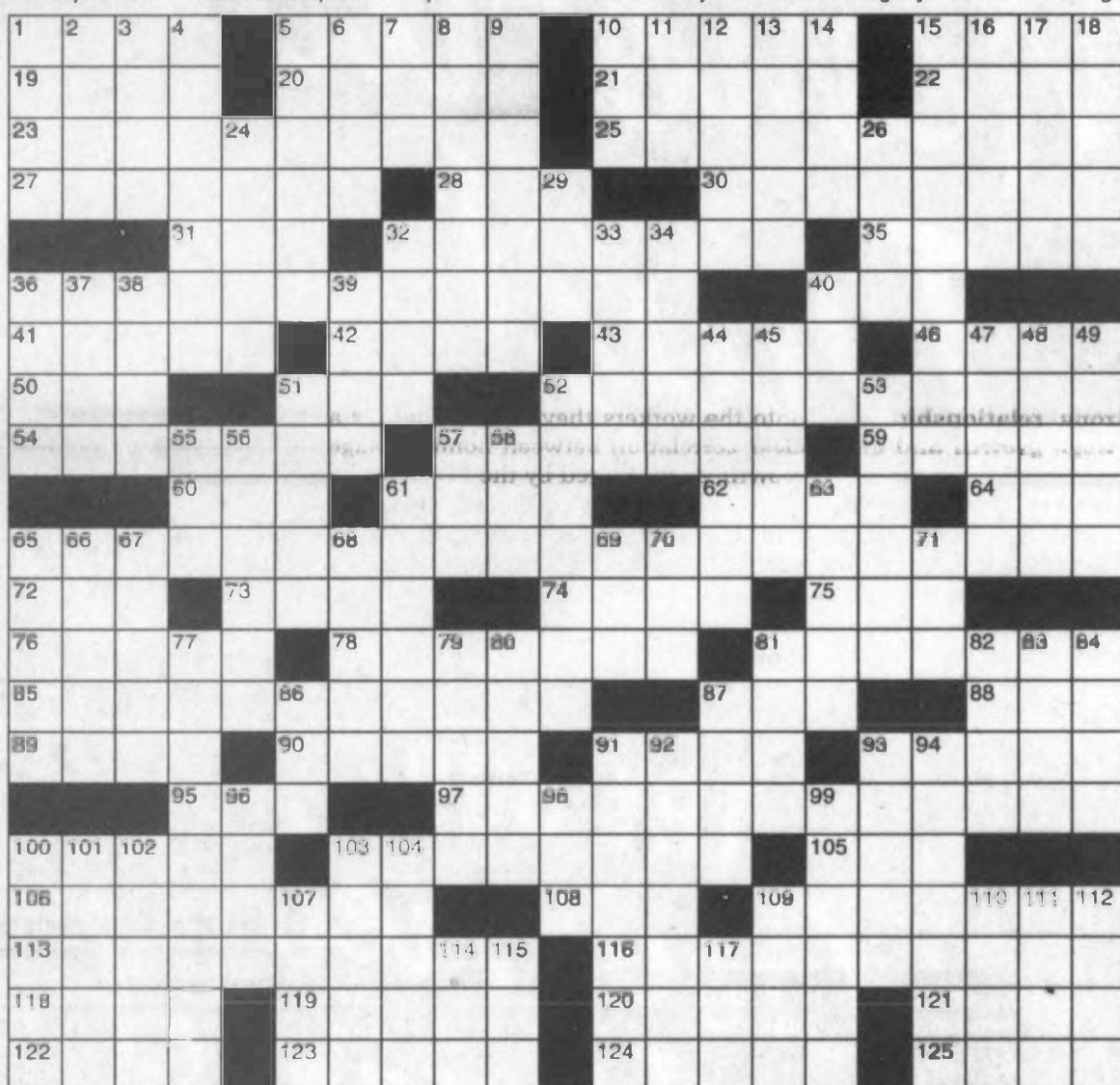
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PUTTING ON A GOOD FACE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Very little bit
 - 5 Large Indian city
 - 10 Discover by chance
 - 15 Elegant
 - 19 Liposuction target
 - 20 Take out — (borrow cash)
 - 21 Journalist — Rogers St. Johns
 - 22 Actor Cronyn
 - 23 Initial impression
 - 25 Printer cartridge contents
 - 27 Still in the future
 - 28 Harsh review
 - 30 Admit defeat
 - 31 Wonder
 - 32 Like bedroom communities
 - 35 Partners of 84-Down
 - 36 Metal sleeve in an engine's piston
 - 40 Slide down a slope
 - 41 Cuts of pork
 - 42 Disney who drew
 - 43 Toot one's own horn
 - 46 Gaius' garb
 - 50 Rand of objectivism
 - 51 "Viva — Vegas"
 - 52 Base coat on a wall, maybe
 - 54 Is a little too fond of
 - 57 Rest on top of
 - 59 Writer Nin
 - 60 Prefix with conscious
 - 61 Dock
 - 62 Honey liquor
 - 64 Cpl., e.g.
 - 65 Big grant-giving group
 - 72 Totally
 - 73 Granny
 - 74 Dog food brand
 - 75 Places with lots of IVs
 - 76 Mental picture
 - 78 Dictators
 - 81 Row of PC-screen buttons
 - 85 Cabaret where the cancan originated
 - 87 Kilmer of "Tombstone"
 - 88 Kitchen utensil brand
 - 89 "Little" actress Rae
 - 90 Decorative tattoo dye
 - 91 Very little
 - 93 Garden pest
 - 95 Mem. of the family
 - 97 Annotation in the text of Christian scripture
 - 100 Server overseas, informally
 - 103 Convention speeches
 - 105 "... flaw — feature?"
 - 106 Mixed with cognac, e.g.
 - 108 Flip (out)
 - 109 Clip out
 - 113 Something cast at sunset
 - 116 What you have passed when you figure out this puzzle's theme?
 - 118 Hydroxyl compound
 - 119 Cooling, as champagne
 - 120 French gal pals
 - 121 To be, to Livy
 - 122 Really resist
 - 123 Former quarterback Rodney
 - 124 French governing body
 - 125 Letters after, pis
- DOWN**
- 1 Not definite
 - 2 "Rolie Polie —" (kids' book)
 - 3 Sour
 - 4 Refrain from drinking
 - 5 Patted lightly
 - 6 Fanning of "Teen Spirit"
 - 7 Baseball's Gehrig
 - 8 Welds influence
 - 9 Occupy
 - 10 TV's Linden
 - 11 Lupino or Tarbell
 - 12 Actress Thompson of "Creed"
 - 13 Brand of fake
 - 69-Down
 - 14 — a one (zero)
 - 15 Go through the motions
 - 16 1/16 pound
 - 17 Aroma
 - 18 "— Johnny!"
 - 24 Small cities
 - 26 Ankara native
 - 29 Convent
 - 32 Span. women sister
 - 33 Steel support for concrete
 - 34 Grill
 - 36 Dressed (in)
 - 37 "Around-the-world" toy
 - 38 Dryer fluff
 - 39 Actor McGregor
 - 40 Fuel additive brand
 - 44 Strong ill will
 - 45 Dutch artist Jan
 - 47 Certain Arab
 - 48 State Farm alternative
 - 49 Fiery crime
 - 51 Spa sponge
 - 52 Actress Valerie of "Lenny"
 - 53 Storm-finding systems
 - 55 Cartoon cry
 - 56 Act starter
 - 57 Qatar export
 - 58 Letter #22
 - 61 Take selfish advantage of
 - 63 "It's —!" ("You're on!")
 - 65 "Darkman" director Sam
 - 66 Actor Edward James —
 - 67 Santa —
 - 68 — nous
 - 69 Liposuction target
 - 70 Mantra words
 - 71 "For shame!"
 - 77 In a harshly bright way
 - 79 Pass quickly on foot
 - 80 "To repeat ..."
 - 81 Unveiling cry
 - 82 — chic
 - 83 Pivot point
 - 84 Fishing sticks
 - 86 Devils' org.
 - 87 Dirt Devils, e.g., in brief
 - 91 Nissan car models
 - 92 Reason for extra innings
 - 93 Get — on reality
 - 94 Ceiling coat
 - 96 Terminates
 - 98 Arrow shooter
 - 99 Short-horned grasshopper
 - 100 Differently — (other-skilled)
 - 101 Pilotless craft
 - 102 Lead-in to "the cloth" or "the hour"
 - 103 Cartoonist Bil
 - 104 Comic and actor Murphy
 - 107 Breakfast chain, in brief
 - 108 "I — bad moon rising"
 - 110 Meeting period, slangily
 - 111 — buco (veal dish)
 - 112 Map nos.
 - 114 Tenth mo.
 - 115 Very little
 - 117 Cousins, e.g.



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Average time of solution: 67 minutes

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SUDOKU



Here's How It Works:

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

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

E Z E E R B P Q F L E S P O R T S
Q T A H C X Y I V U S E A S I D E
B Q O U T I N G E S N X U P A K T
W L X A L E R I V E R N I E N R P
R C B Y S I A D K M W R R I E Z X
E C I J I J A H J A T B F E E P Y
M A R C Q P C O S G E E S C D V S
M M D E P I F U P E K P C M A Z D
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P A N I S B K O N L R E A N M B I
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ANTS
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CLOTH
CRICKET
CUP
DAISY
DOZE
FAMILY
FIELD
FLASK
FORK
FRIENDS
FUN
GAMES
GLASS
GRASS
KNIFE
LEMONADE
LUNCH
MEAL
OUTDOORS
OUTING
PIE
PLATE
READ
RELAX
RIVER
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SELL YOUR CAR
ADOPT A PET
GET A JOB
FIND A HOUSE
BUY A BOAT
FIND A TREASURE
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