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Milford's Central Park to get riverfront makeover

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Riverfronts are having a moment and Milford wants to get in on it.

After many years, the village of Milford finally plans to highlight their Huron River frontage in Central Park.

"It's one of those things that just didn't happen," Trevor Salaski, vice-chair of the Milford Downtown Development Authority said.

Salaski and DDA Executive Director Ann Barnette received unanimous approval March 20 from the village council for a conceptual plan to improve Central Park.

A perimeter walk along the Huron River is one of the biggest improvements, Salaski said. In addition to boardwalks, pathways, landscaping and sheltered seating areas along the river, there are plans to improve the aesthetics of the Main Street entrance and reposition within the park volleyball and basketball courts, as well as the ice rink to better serve users.

In a letter to the village council, the DDA officials wrote that Central Park facilities had been put together in a "piecemeal fashion" over the years with no comprehensive plan. The conceptual layout for improvements at Central Park had been worked on for a year, after at least two decades of creating master plans with the parks and recreation commission.

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Central Park in Milford is set to get improvements at the park's entrance as well as along the Huron River.

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South Lyon teen competes on 'American Ninja Warrior'



Riley Porter, 15, conquers the warped wall at Allstars Ninja Academy in Commerce on March 8. She hopes to do the same on season 15 of "American Ninja Warrior." SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Riley Porter is only 15 years old, but she is about to compete as an "American Ninja Warrior" again.

The South Lyon High School sophomore traveled to California this month to race through challenging obstacles, vying for a \$1 million prize against other extreme athletes during the taping of Season 15 of the NBC show, which is expected to air this summer.

"It was an amazing experience overall," Riley said.

While Riley can't disclose the outcome of Season 15, she has been invited to return to Los Angeles, where she is currently being filmed.

"It's pretty awesome," said Riley, who has been doing ninja training since she was 9, after years of enjoying the show with her parents, Lisa and Steve Porter, and brother Nick, who also trains.

In 2018, both siblings made their television premiere on American Ninja Warrior Jr. While Riley completed the course and hit the buzzer, her time wasn't fast enough to advance.

"I was very nervous then," Riley recalled. "Now I'm a lot more experienced and used to pressure."

That experience in high-pressure situations comes from competing in four leagues, including the United Ninja Athletic Association, where she recently won first place in the elite division in Las Vegas, earning a \$3,000 cash prize.

She excels in league competition and earned an invite to the mature competition of American Ninja Warrior by working out at least four times a week, two to three hours at a time, at three different gyms - Allstars Ninja Academy in Commerce, Gripz Gym in Southfield and Tri-County Ninja in Fenton. She also uses a rock climbing gym, Dyno Detroit.

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Residents speak out against proposed Northville car wash

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NORTHVILLE TWP. — A township board of trustees meeting that attracted numerous angry residents ended with the denial of a consent agreement change that would have allowed construction of a car wash at Seven Mile and Haggerty.

Livonia-based Schostak Bros. sub-

mitted a proposal to Northville Township to amend the consent judgment governing the former psychiatric hospital property that now contains the Northville Park Place shopping center, asking officials to allow a car wash on 3 acres at the northern end of the development. The consent judgment, reached several years ago, currently prohibits car washes on the site.

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This site off Traditions Drive in the Northville Park Place shopping center in Northville Township was proposed to become a car wash, a concept that angered nearby residents.

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Madonna University board chooses school's 8th president

Shelby Tankersley

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LIVONIA — Madonna University's Board of Trustees recently chose Christopher Dougherty as the college's eighth president.

Dougherty has more than 30 years of experience in higher education and is a lifelong Roman Catholic. His most recent role was at Chestnut Hills College in Philadelphia, where he worked as an associate professor after having served as vice president for academic affairs and faculty dean between 2017 and this year.

"I am thrilled to be joining the Madonna University community," Dougherty said in a release. "I was drawn to the university's Felician Franciscan tradition, which was evident in my interactions with students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees and the Felician Sisters during the search process ... The spirit and beauty of the campus and surrounding area comple-

**Dougherty**

ment the university's mission and outreach."

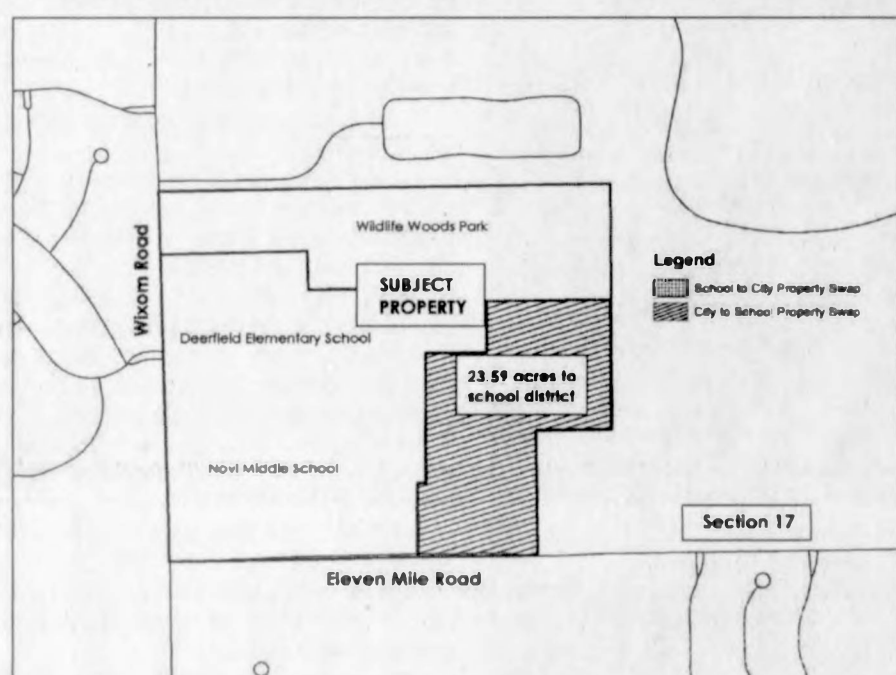
He will take office in July and replace interim President Ian Day. Day, the university's chief operating officer, took over in February 2022 following former President Michael Grandillo's abrupt resignation. Grandillo resigned amid a Title IX inquiry into two of the college's female sports programs, but cited health concerns as the reason for his departure.

"Chris is a mission-driven, servant leader with a strong commitment to academic excellence," D.J. Boyd, chair of Madonna's Board of Trustees, said in a release. "His breadth of experience in the many facets of independent Catholic university administration ... will serve him well and enable him to quickly acclimate to his new role."

Dougherty enjoys cycling and competitive running. He's completed two Boston Marathons and has competed in several USA Track and Field events.

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Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-17-300-016, 50-22-17-300-017

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**.

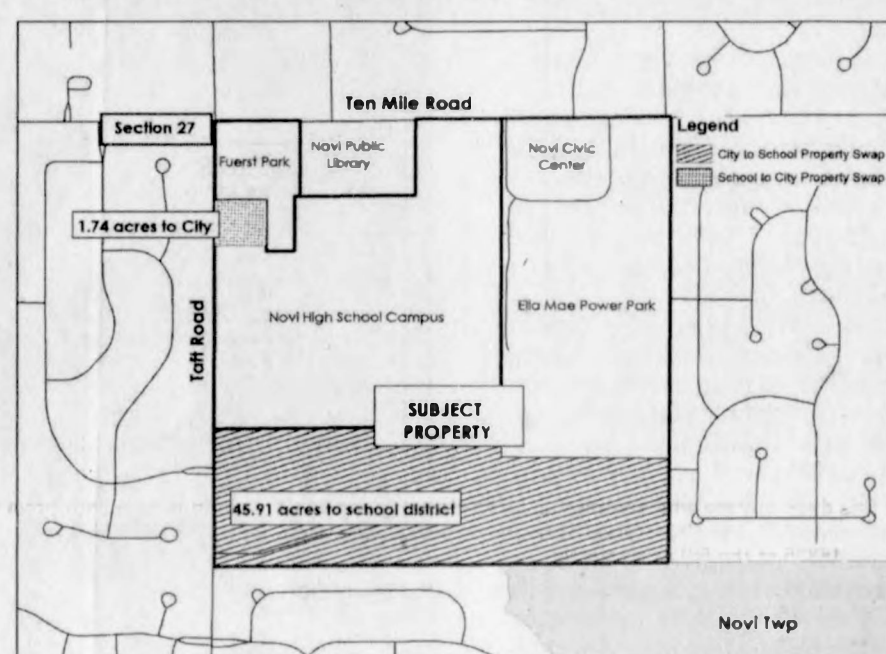
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Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-27-100-005, 50-22-27-100-006, and 50-22-27-100-007

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**.

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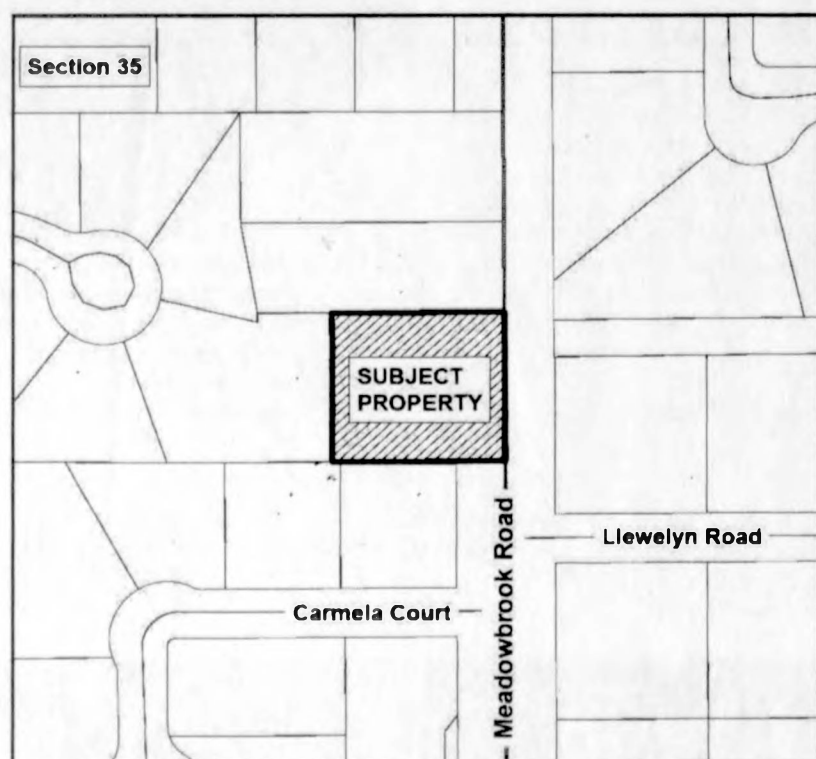
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Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department during regular business hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM).



Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-35-400-071

All interested persons are invited to attend this in-person meeting. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., **Wednesday, April 5, 2023**.

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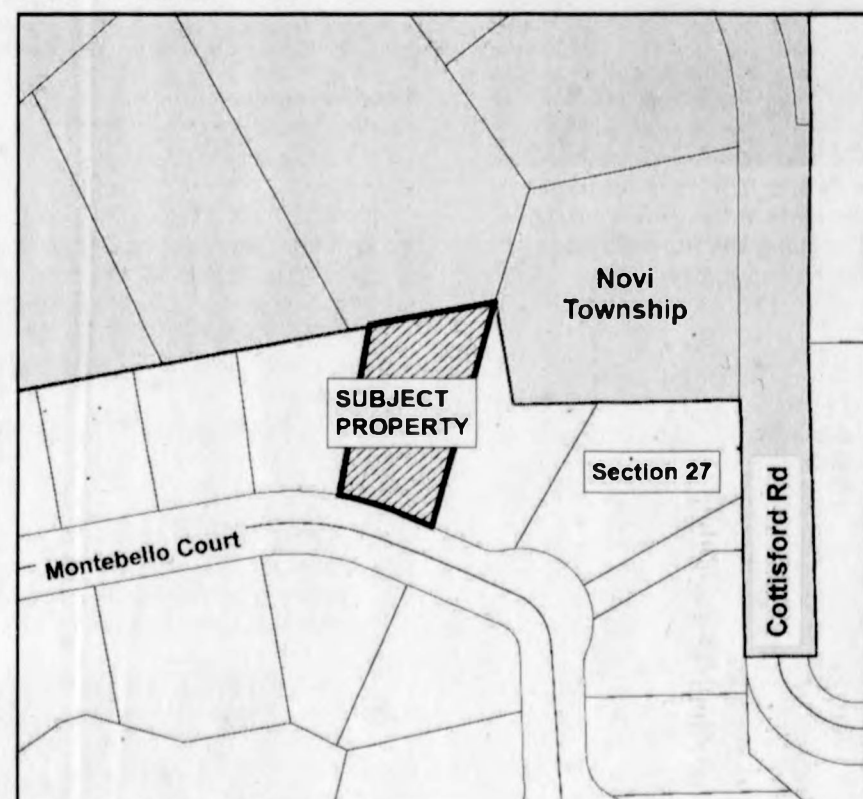
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Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department during regular business hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM).



Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-27-453-014

All interested persons are invited to attend this in-person meeting. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., **Wednesday, April 5, 2023**.

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Bowling, gofundme help Karl's Cabin employees stay together after fire

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A fire instantly put about 100 employees of Karl's Cabin in Salem Township out of work last month.

Caring bosses and customers, as well as a strong sense of devotion by the restaurant's staff, may be the key to holding them together until they can reunite under a restored roof later this summer.

Phyllis Rogazione, a Karl's Cabin manager and 30-year employee, said she feels sick every time she enters the building damaged in a Feb. 15 blaze that started in an outdoor smoking area. No one was injured in the three-alarm fire, but extensive damage will take months to repair.

Rogazione and other employees were cleaning and retrieving salvageable items from Karl's Cabin prior to formal rebuilding, even as they receive only about half of their wages from a business disruption insurance policy.

"We are getting partial pay, but because we love the place, I will take partial pay and do whatever I need to do to get the place open again," Rogazione said.

She said she is grateful for the restaurant's owners and customers.

Following the fire, Thomas Maged, a regular longtime customer, started a gofundme "to help the employees who are out of work due to the fire, and will be for

an estimated 7-9 months. I consider myself one of the Karl's Cabin family members, and can't wait to see everyone working together again as soon as possible. I know that some of the people we know so well need our help, now more than ever."

Peter Poulos, who has co-managed the business with his brother Louis for the past 25 years, was touched by what he called "a beautiful gesture."

"The outpouring of support is overwhelming," Poulos said. "Out of these trying times, you see how great the community is around you ... We were kind of in a haze and dealing with the initial trauma."

The gofundme had raised just shy of \$30,000 more than a month after the fire, all of which will go to staff. Many employees have been forced to find jobs elsewhere.

Poulos keeps faith that loyalty will bring most of his workers back. In an effort to keep up their spirits and sense of camaraderie, he started a Monday night 9-pin bowling league at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth. About 70 Karl's Cabin employees have been connecting with each other and having fun.

"We have an amazing staff who have been loyal and dedicated throughout this unfortunate time," Poulos, who expects to reopen Karl's Cabin in August, said. "We are hopeful they will want to come back."

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Karl's Cabin employees have formed a bowling league at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth, a way to see each other weekly while the restaurant they worked at is restored following a February fire. A gofundme has been established to help the workers in the interim. COURTESY OF PETER POULOS

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NOVI:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Novi who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk, the office of the County Clerk, a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, April 18, 2023**.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the City of Novi Clerk's office, located at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, May 4th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Northville Public Schools will be voting on the following ballot proposition as presented and listed below:

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$134,400,000

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 405 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, telephone: (248) 344-3500.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office.

Cortney Hanson, MMC, MiPMC II
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY MAY 2, 2023 NOVI TOWNSHIP, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF NOVI TOWNSHIP:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Novi Township who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk, the office of the County Clerk, a Secretary of State branch office, or any other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, April 17, 2023.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.497) at the Novi Township Clerk's office, located at 44114 Wyngate Dr., Northville, MI 48167 at the following times:

- Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 8 am to noon and Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 6 am to 10 am
- Election Day, Tuesday, May 2, 2023 from 7 am to 8 pm
- By appointment on regular business days, 9 am to 4 pm

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Novi Township will be voting on the following proposals in the special election:

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NOVI TOWNSHIP LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the Township of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be authorized to levy .73 mills (\$0.73 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all taxable property in the Township of Novi, said funds to be used for the annual cost of access to library services provided under contract by The City of Novi? It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$7,300 per year.

Full text of the ballot may be obtained at the Novi Township Clerk's office, 44114 Wyngate Dr., Northville, MI 48167, 248-404-7529. A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact the clerk's office.

Janeen Crittenden
Novi Township Clerk

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 CITY OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE, please take notice that any qualified elector of the City of Northville who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk, the office of the Wayne or Oakland County Clerk, a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at michigan.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/>.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, April 17**.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the City of Northville Clerk's office, located at 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, May 2 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The election will be conducted in all voting precincts in the City of Northville for the purpose of voting on the following ballot proposal as presented and listed below:

School District:

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Michael Smith, CMC
City Clerk

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Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-20-200-011 and 50-22-20-200-022

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**.

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Novi set to acquire land at 11 Mile, Beck roads

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NOVI — The area around Bosco Fields is about to get larger after a recent land purchase by the city.

The council unanimously approved the purchase of nearly 4 acres on the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Beck roads during its meeting March 20. The city agreed to purchase the land for \$2.1 million from Novi Funeral

Home, LLC, which originally had planned to build a funeral home there.

"Its position is ideal to add on to the existing Bosco Fields," said Councilman Brian Smith. "And I feel it's really important that we get this land and turn it into a park."

The development of the park has been in the works for several years. The city purchased part of the property on the southern half in 2018, with plans to transform it

into athletic fields, which now occupy the site.

In addition to those fields, the park will be the home of a splash pad dedicated to Jessica Starr, a FOX 2 meteorologist who died in 2018.

"This is a very valuable piece of property for the puzzle that we have put together and that puzzle was not an easy puzzle to put together," said Mayor Bob Gatt. "... we're going to build a splash pad and we're going to have every bit of that property unen-

cumbered with any commercial endeavor."

The property is also adjacent to another piece of property the city is looking to acquire through a land swap with the Novi Community School District.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Staudt said it's impressive this development has continued after all these years.

"We're in a position now with this and the finalization of the Bosco exchange agreement with the school district of having one of the most prime pieces of real estate in the middle of our city preserved for parks forever," Staudt said. "And this is what the residents would want and I'm excited to see it finalized and thank you for making

this property available to us."

Contact reporter David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @david-veselenak.

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The Novi City Council recently approved a purchase agreement for this property at 11 Mile and Beck.

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

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- Regular business hours: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 29th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday May 2nd from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that all Northville Township residents, within the Northville School District, will be voting on the following:

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Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 405 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, telephone: (248) 344-3500.

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Northville Township Residents that will be voting in this election reside in precinct 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Northville Township Residents in precinct 7 will not be participating as this precinct is located in the Plymouth Canton School District.

A sample of each ballot is available at the Northville Township's Clerk's Department and at the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us.

Cynthia L. Jankowski
Charter Township of Northville Clerk

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NOVI TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test of voting equipment will be held Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at 44114 Wyngate Dr. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

Janeen Crittenden
Novi Township Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. The test will be conducted at **3:30 PM on Wednesday, April 5, 2023** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

CORTNEY HANSON, MMC, MiPMC II
CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.739

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.739 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

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

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is **April 4, 2023.**

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the **20th day of March 2023.** Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



To rezone a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, T.1N, R.8E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcel 22-16-451-079

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
1 and situated in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 8 East, City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 1325.62 FEET, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16 AND SAID CENTERLINE OF I-197 ROAD, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, 178.14 FEET, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID "ANDES HILLS CONDOMINIUM"; TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID "ANDES HILLS CONDOMINIUM"; AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST, 330.24 FEET, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID "ANDES HILLS CONDOMINIUM" TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID "ANDES HILLS CONDOMINIUM"; THENCE DUE WEST, 545.99 FEET (PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS 545.94 FEET); THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST, 329.38 FEET (PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS 328.96 FEET); THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST, 547.64 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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ORDINANCE NO. 18.739

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CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

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ROBERT J. GATT MAYOR
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Livonia mayor puts pause on Noble Library demolition plans

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LIVONIA — Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan dropped a surprise on attendees of her State of the City address Thursday — she's hitting the pause button on her decision to request demolition of the Alfred Noble Library branch.

Brosnan said an organized effort by some citizens to save the library, 32901 Plymouth Road, prompted her decision.

"We've listened carefully to community members who've shared their passion for saving that library," she said. "As a result of that, we're going to put our plans to bring a demolition contract to the city council on pause for just a moment."

Noble Library has been closed since 2019 — before Brosnan even took office — because of mold and longstanding water issues. The city deemed the building "functionally obsolete" last year, and photos of the structure show significant

mold growth.

Jeff Dutka, a Farmington Hills resident and Livonia native who organized the citizens effort, was encouraged by Brosnan's statements. Dutka's group, "Save Alfred Noble Library," filled a table at the State of the City.

"The community's feelings toward Alfred Noble being recognized in the mayor's State of the City speech is huge," he said. "I see this as encouraging, but I also know that we need to keep fighting."

Brosnan said part of the pause will include meeting with developers who say they're interested in preserving the building.

But, she cautioned the audience not get its hopes up.

"Make no mistake — there is a real chance that building is beyond saving," she said. "But because the community has prioritized this conversation, we're going to take a beat and explore the possibilities."

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Teen

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Riley grew up as a gymnast and soccer and baseball player, and runs track for South Lyon High School. But extreme sports requires unique athleticism, agility and upper body strength as ninja competitors must run, jump, balance and hoist their bodies through extraordinarily difficult, often seemingly impossible, obstacles.

"Ninja is so many workouts," she said, "especially the upper body. At home, I am on the treadmill every other day for two to three miles to keep my cardio up, too."

Physically, the 5-foot-4, 125-pound Riley said the "warped wall," an obstacle in which contestants must leap to grasp and haul themselves over the upper edge of a 14-and-a-half-foot wall, is the most challenging.

She also finds "speedy balance" obstacles tricky.

When she learned American Ninja Warrior lowered the minimum age of contestants to 15, she jumped at the chance to apply.

In her video submission, she played piano and talked about her love for reading (her Instagram handle is Bookworm Ninja). In February, the show contacted her to ask some questions, which she recalls stumbling through before they confirmed she had been accepted. She flew out to California last week with her biggest fans ready to cheer her on.

"She's going to hit the buzzer," her mother said simply.



Riley Porter, center, with "American Ninja Warrior" hosts Akbar Gbajabiamila and Matt Iseman during taping of "American Ninja Warrior Jr." in 2018. Porter, now 15, is competing on season 15 of the main show.

COURTESY OF LISA PORTER

Her Allstars Ninja Academy coach, Joshua Dunlap, noted that ultimately, it is up to Riley to get the job done.

"You yell as loud as you can on the sidelines at them, but you can't talk beforehand," he said. "You just yell, 'Yeah, let's do this!'"

Perhaps the most important thing Riley packs to take with her as she vies for the title of American Ninja Warrior is the right mindset.

"You can't be too confident or too scared," Riley, who wants to study biochemistry and engineering in college, said. "You have to be right in the middle with a clear mind. It's just you and the course, you and the obstacles. I just want to do my best."



Porter, a South Lyon sophomore, practices at Allstars Ninja Academy in Commerce while Coach Joshua Dunlap looks on March 8.

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Belbird	Korora	Rugged
Bowls	Lush	Scenic
Clog	Marine	Solitary island
Clubs	Misty	Stay
Dense	Nambucca	Streams
Elkhorn	Nature reserve	The Mall
Fauna	Opal Cove	Timber
Goanna	Pacific Bay	Ulong
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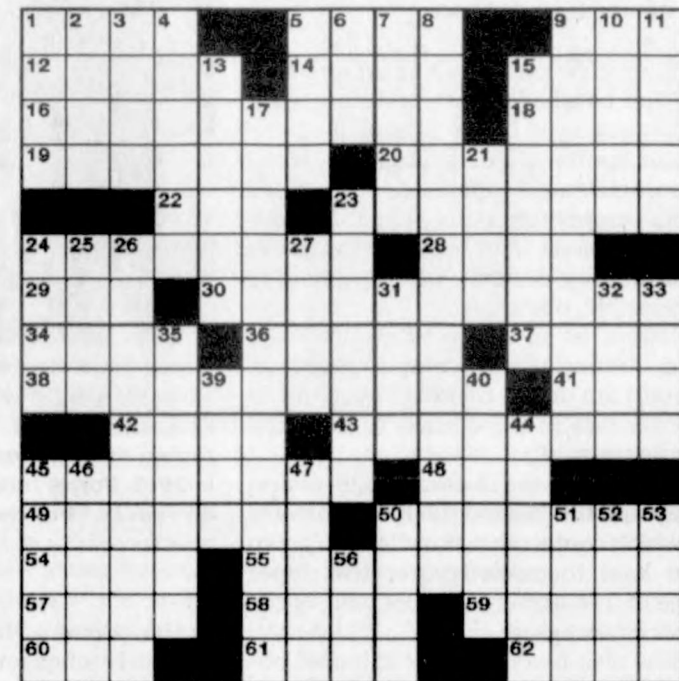
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- 1 Dough additive
5 Some playgroup members
9 Entryway adorned with a butterfly
12 Pineapple resembler
14 Word from the Greek for "jewel"
15 Part of many mid-February presents
16 Publishing bottleneck
18 Behaves badly
19 Certain posing pair display
20 Tout's topper
22 Pokémon platform
23 Dander-free pets
24 Sphere with many openings
28 Pastime for Leonardo
29 Therapeutic shampoo ingredient
30 You might have a ball with it
34 Parts of times tables
36 Little bit of science
37 Where much cork comes from
38 Small corner gatherings
41 Maker of the first Korean bicycles (1951)
42 Aurally muffled
43 Person paid to wave
45 Third quarters
48 Broadband standard, for short
49 Refuses to wait for
50 Farmer's Almanac datum

DOWN

- 1 Plotter's preparations
2 Cultural precursor
3 Put down
4 Section of screenrant.com
5 Half of a current commercial coverage duo
6 Follow closely
7 French beef stew
8 Stay out all night
9 Mix often touted as "moist"
10 Cliffside debris
11 Gets set to brood
13 Seminary student's subject
15 "Turn away and slam the door" Oscar song
17 Contemporary office trend
21 Leave on the floor
23 Takes back
24 No great deal
25 Covering for your elbows
26 Multi-milk Mexican dessert
27 Soup or salad

- 31 Star Is Born guy before Bradley
32 Antonym of "contrary"
33 Junior's undertaking
35 Came unnoticed
39 Very tight pair
40 Skipped
44 More than one kind
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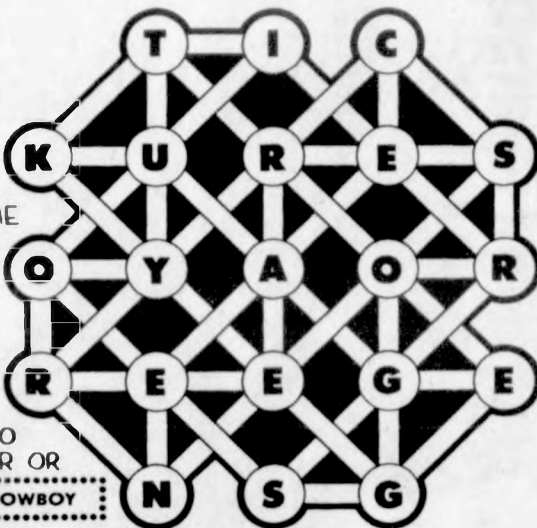


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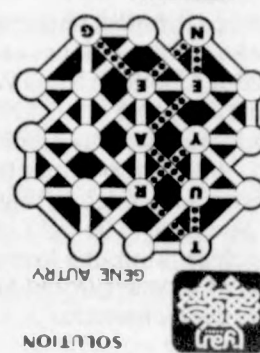
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TODAY'S ANSWER

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TODAY'S ANSWER



Park

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"Our goal is to highlight Central Park as the catalytic link between the two distinct areas of downtown, and to integrate the beauty of the riverfront into the pulse of the community," they wrote. "More and more communities — and downtowns — are celebrating their riverfront heritage with riverwalks, gardens, pavilions and other similar enhancements. We're lucky to have such an amenity at the very center of the downtown, and creating more of a sense of place ... could be the glue that brings both ends of town together."

The DDA concept does not affect areas of the park that include the memorial, amphitheater, wellhead building or playscape.

Barnette, who said the riverfront should be "celebrated as the jewel it is" expects construction to begin this fall. She said the DDA was anticipating putting \$1.5 million toward the improvements.

"We had to get a conceptual plan approved. We couldn't get any further without it," she said. "Now we can hit the ground running and take it to other boards and commissions."



The Milford DDA is planning to enhance Central Park's location on the Huron River with installation of a boardwalk.

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Car wash

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The request, which was ultimately denied by the township board, 4-2, at its March 16 meeting, would have opened the way for such a business to be allowed in the property.

Several residents who live nearby say adding a car wash to the property is a bad idea and voiced their disapproval during the meeting at Northville Township Hall, with many yelling and interrupting board members while they discussed the issue.

"It's out of the character for the area. The car wash just does not fit in," said John Larkin, who lives on nearby Meadowbrook Road. "I don't think this is a need or a use that the citizens of the township are asking for or require."

Four trustees voted against the change: Clerk Cynthia Jankowski, as well as trustees Chris Roosen, Roger Lundberg and Scott Frush. Supervisor Mark Abbo and Treasurer Jason Rhines voted to approve; trustee Mindy Herrmann was absent.

First commercial interest in the site

Abbo said the property is zoned as planned unit development, so developers needed an amendment before anything could take place on the site.

"What we're doing now is just process," he said. "It's a planned unit development agreement, so there's a process that needs to be followed for a planned unit development."

Had the change been approved, the car wash proposal would go through the standard procedures for constructing a

new business, including a site plan review by the planning commission and the board of trustees, Abbo said. The car wash would have occupied the land south of a retention pond and between the shopping center and Cooper Standard Automotive.

Burt Nisbet, president of the Meadowbrook Estates homeowners association, said he was concerned over the lack of information provided.

He said it was difficult to take a proposal back to his members when little information is provided.

"The problem that I have is as the administrator of my (homeowners association) with my team ... is that we would be impacted probably more than anybody else in this township because that's where we live," he said. "That's the issue I have, is no notification."

Abbo said while the amendment was turned down, the developers could offer

the proposal again in the future.

Rhines, who spoke after the vote was taken, said the space has not appealed to any business since the plaza opened years ago. The car wash, he said, was the first to potentially develop on that site.

"I understand some people don't want certain businesses in their neighborhood," he said. "That corner property will go a long way toward paying for the infrastructure of Legacy Park that will actually, I would guess, increase the value of the people who live close to there because there's a beautiful, very nice park in their backyard that's being paid for by the corner development."

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Al Mezher and Sam Ftouni sit in the newspaper-themed room at La Gelati in Northville Township. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Take a selfie after grabbing some gelato at Northville shop

David Veselenak
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NORTHVILLE TWP. — If you're hankering for a frozen treat but craving something a little different, a new shop might have what you're looking for.

Longtime friends Al Mezher, of Dearborn, and Sam Ftouni, of Dearborn Heights, have opened a franchise location of La Gelati, a Dearborn Heights-based gelato shop serving a whole host of frozen goodies.

It's a business the two were familiar with: both have been to other La Gelati locations and decided they wanted their own.

"We were like daily customers there and we enjoyed what they served," Mezher said.

They reached out to the landlord at the shopping center on the northeast corner of Five Mile and Haggerty roads — which has a Plymouth mailing address — and began negotiating. About a year later and after eight months of renovations, the two opened their shop earlier this month at 15444 Haggerty Road.

Occupying the space formerly held by Tiny Town play lounge, the gelateria brings a certain flair for fun. In addition

to having seating to enjoy treats, they've taken some of the extra space and created additional booths that are perfect for selfies. They have a sprinkle room, and a room covered with wallpaper that looks like a newspaper.

"It is a little bit different," Mezher said.

La Gelati began in 2017 in Dearborn Heights. It now has locations in Canton Township, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights. Another location is expected soon in Sterling Heights, as well as in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In addition to the typical treats, the shop specializes in some unique finds. They serve up ashta, a Middle Eastern frozen dessert made with rosewater and pistachio; as well as crepes, including their most popular item, the sushi crepe. No fish is found in the dish; instead, it's made with crepes that are cut and crafted to look like sushi rolls, topped with whatever flavors the customer wants. They even provide chopsticks for a more immersive experience.

"That's the top seller," Ftouni said.

The shop is open from 2 to 10 p.m. daily. More information, including a menu, can be found at lagelatiusa.com.

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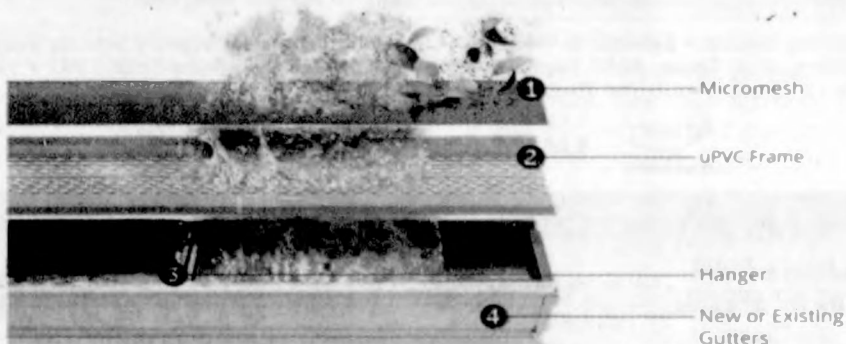
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Salem's Madison Morson is Hometown Life's girls basketball All-Area Player of the Year. NICK KING/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

Morson leads first team

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It was another fantastic girls basketball season around the Hometown Life coverage area, which featured Salem making it to the Breslin Center, several teams winning league and district championships and a handful of players reaching the 1,000-point scoring milestone.

Sports reporter Brandon Folsom is here to cap off the year by putting together his annual Hometown Life All-Area girls basketball team.

Here's how the team shook out (with commentary from Folsom on why each player stood out this past winter):

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All-Area third team, special mentions and honorable mentions, 7B.

Madison Morson, Salem

Player of the Year
Not to toot my own horn, but back when Morson was a sophomore, I proclaimed her to be one of the best players in metro Detroit. As it turns out, I was wrong. She's one of the best players in the state. Period. Coach Rod Wells says she should be a Michigan Miss Basketball finalist next season, and I couldn't agree more.

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Rod Wells, Salem girls basketball coach, is Hometown Life's Coach of the Year for girls basketball. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

All-Area second team

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Eve Tanaskoska, Northville

Easily one of the craftiest ballhandlers in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, Tanaskoska had no trouble weaving in and out of traffic on fastbreaks, dishing no-look passes or finding passes to her post players where no defender could interfere.

Sydney Brown, Northville

Brown always seemed like the Mustangs' go-to player for important buckets. Whenever they were trailing, needed to cut a deficit or just kickstart a run of their own, Brown would bury a 3-pointer and provide just the shot in the arm they needed.

Yasmyn Palmer, Cranbrook

Palmer's collection of Division I college offers is only outmatched by her impressive size. At 6-foot-2, you won't find too many post players with her length and frame. That makes her one of the best in the paint, whether it's scoring down low or grabbing put-back rebounds.

Paris Bass, Wayne Memorial

Bass ends her high school career as another stellar player from coach Jarvis Mitchell's long lineage of D-I players. She's headed to North Dakota after being one of the winningest players in Kensington Lakes Activities Association history. She and fellow senior Mayla Ham were quite a duo to watch.

Morganne Houk, Plymouth Christian Academy

With Anna Fernandez graduating a year ago, Houk took over the point guard spot without ever playing it before. And she did an incredible job. Not only did the Eagles win their league, but she helped keep them competitive in their non-conference games against some of the best teams in Michigan.

Hailey Maulbetsch, Plymouth Christian Academy

Alongside Houk, Maulbetsch ended her career as a 1,000-point scorer, which is a rare feat to see nowadays. Maulbetsch was a stellar spot shooter, but she also excelled in using her strength to get to the basket.

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Indoor facility gives Brighton athletes 'upper edge'

Bill Khan
Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

BRIGHTON — Caitlyn McKenzie's favorite part about the first day of soccer practice was the lack of whining.

"I love not having people complain about the weather and how we shouldn't be out here," said McKenzie, a senior at Brighton. "It's good to not worry about it and get to training."

It was a typical first day for spring practice in Michigan — snow, wind and temperatures hovering around 30 degrees.

The elements weren't a factor for athletes on many of Brighton's teams, which trained in the comfort of the school district's spacious new indoor field house Monday instead of devising with creative alternatives to stay active.

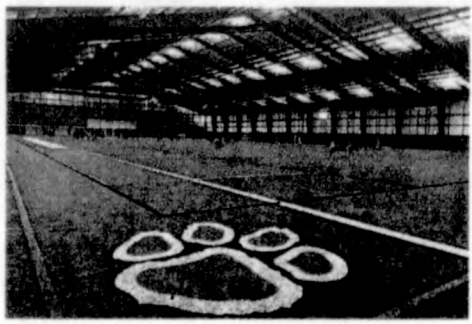
The 97,864-square-foot facility was approved in June 2021 at a cost of \$7.8 million. The funding came from a \$59.4 million bond passed by voters in 2019. It was built on the southeast corner of the Maltby Intermediate School property at the corner of Bauer and Brighton roads, just one mile from the high school.

"Sometimes we had the luxury of renting from other people or going into a

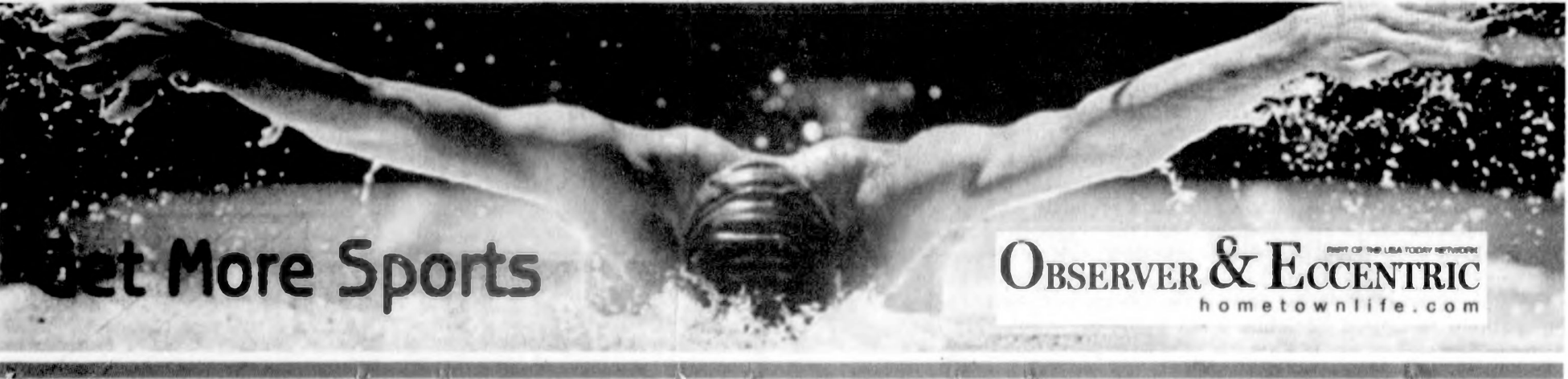
gym," Brighton varsity girls soccer coach Ryan Carriere said. "But it's really nice to have a home to know we're not gonna be pushed out of the space. It's permanent. We walked in here today, and the kids were really excited to be the first people to get on the field as a team."

The indoor facility — nicknamed the "Dog House" — has been open for nearly three months and is available year-round for Brighton teams. It is valuable for spring sports, which seem to be disproportionately impacted by the unpredictability of Michigan's weather.

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Brighton's indoor practice facility has a full field for football, soccer and lacrosse, as well as training areas for the track and field team. BILL KHAN/LIVINGSTON DAILY



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First team

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Shahd Bakkar, Salem

Is Bakkar the second-best player in the Hometown Life coverage area? Far from it. Is she the most-important player? You bet. The Rocks don't make the final four without the Rochester University commit. She's one of the hardest-working, toughest point guards you'll ever see. She, by far, outworks any player on this list, and it's not even close.

Aizlyn Albanese, Farmington Hills Mercy

It's hard to say I'm surprised to see the growth that Albanese had between her freshman and sophomore seasons. She went from having a small role on last year's team to being one of the best players in the Catholic League. It's not unreal to expect her to be a Miss Basketball finalist in two seasons.

Mayla Ham, Wayne Memorial

A McDonald's All-American nominee. A Miss Basketball finalist. A Georgetown signee. And one of the winningest players in Kensington Lakes Activities Association history. What more could you ask for from a shooting guard?

Sela Lefler, North Farmington

The Raiders put together a 21-0 regular season, but they almost fumbled that perfect record a few times. But they didn't because of the leadership of Lefler, who consistently willed her team to tough victories down the stretch. With her heading to Kean University in New Jersey, the area loses one of the most-fun playmakers to watch.

Shamya Reid, Redford Westfield Prep

With Isis Musah-Johnson, one of the top players in Michigan, transferring before the season started, that put a lot of pressure on Reid to become the best player on her team. And the ball-dominant guard was. When the Warriors needed a bucket, she'd do whatever it took to get it for them. It's no surprise



Shahd Bakkar, Salem PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

she was a 1,000-point career scorer.

Siena McNitt, Garden City

The only knock on McNitt is that she attended a small school and didn't play big-time AAU basketball. Not many colleges got a glimpse of this 1,000-point scorer, which is a travesty. She's likely the best ballhandler on this list, can score with both hands and punched well above her weight at Garden City. Going to Schoolcraft College is just the beginning of her story. Expect her to make noise at a 4-year school very soon.

Maya White, Farmington Hills Mercy

When you're the daughter of former NFL defensive lineman Dewayne White, you better be a tough battler in the paint. And the Grand Valley State University signee was just that, scrapping for rebounds, locking down defensively on opponents' post players and utilizing her size to score points and get to the line. And it helps when your AAU coach

is Sacramento Kings assistant Shane Lawal.

Jaidyn Elam, Detroit Country Day

It's hard to stand out in a lineup full of future college players. Yet Elam somehow stood out each and every night. Whether it was getting to the basket, knocking down jumpers or playing hard-nosed defense, she did it all. Her hustle and effort are rarely unmatched.

Anna Lissan, South Lyon East

There's no way the Cougars threepeat as Lakes Valley Conference champions without Lissan, who is a small forward with an unfair size advantage. Looking at her, you'd think she's a physical post-player. And she can be. But she also has a smooth jump shot from long range. She's a premier all-around scorer.

Colleena Bryant, Wayne Memorial

Bryant's only a sophomore yet she's



Aizlyn Albanese, Farmington Hills Mercy



Mayla Ham, Wayne Memorial TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

still one of the craftiest point guards in Michigan. At least once a game, she'll make a pass that will leave you scratching your head like, "How did she do THAT?!" With Mayla Ham and Paris Bass graduating, expect Bryant to be the next star at Wayne.

Mckenzie Swanson, Bloomfield Hills Marian

The Butler University commit had the toughest job out of any player in the Catholic League this past winter. She was asked to lead one of the biggest rebuilds in the toughest conferences in the state. She was the lone veteran on a team chock full of underclassmen and first-year starters, plus they had a new head coach, and that didn't deter her from scoring big buckets when they were needed. Her leadership is a big reason why the Mustangs toughed out a district championship over Birmingham Seaholm.

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Second team

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Emma Arico, Detroit Country Day

One of the most improved players in the Hometown Life coverage area was Arico, whose newfound confidence made her one of the best point guards in Division 2. Yeah, when your mom coaches the University of Michigan women's basketball team, you probably should be a good player. But it was clear Arico put in the work to get as good as she did this past winter. Your last name has nothing to do with the effort you put in on the court.

Ashley Kopacko, Salem

Kopacko was easily the most-recruited player I covered all winter, which is saying something because her teammate, Madison Morson, has all the D-I offers. Almost every night I saw her, which was a lot, Kopacko had junior-colleges on hand to watch her. She's an excellent spot shooter, but she also brought so many other intangibles to the Rocks' final four run. So it's a no-brainer why the local community colleges want her.

Kaitlyn Sanders, Birmingham Groves

With Sanders standing about 6 feet tall, you'd think the Falcons would want to use her in the paint. Especially in the Oakland Activities Association-Red where every night is a dogfight. But, no, she was the team's guard, and she excelled at the position. And that gave her an advantage over most shorter guards. Sanders was just a gamer. Had she not played in arguably the second- or third-best league in Michigan, she would have posted video game-like numbers.

Penelope Creary, North Farmington

The Raiders' senior class was special, and Creary was one of the best ones. There's no doubt her leadership and big-game capabilities are what helped the Raiders win the OAA-White this winter. Whether it was getting steals in the press or burying jumpers, she always showed up in the biggest moments.



Eve Tanaskoska, Northville PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Parker Ostach, White Lake Lakeland

It seemed like every time the Eagles' girls basketball Twitter account fired off stats from their most recent game, Ostach was No. 1 on the list. She rarely had an off night. She rarely was lost on the stat sheet.

Layla Marshall, Redford Westfield Prep

Marshall is just a smooth player. Despite holding a handful of college offers, she's criminally under-recruited. She hits the big shots. She makes the plays when the Warriors need them. And she's every bit as talented as the other top-tier recruits on her team.

Kalin Moorehead, Redford Westfield Prep

It's one thing to get to the basket. It's another to be so strong while doing so that defenders clear out so they don't get run over. Moorehead played like a Mack Truck in a point guard's body. She was an absolute gamer, too.

Fran DeNardo, Farmington Hills Mercy

DeNardo was just too good to take off the floor. She could play both guard positions depending on the lineup currently on the court, plus she would always guard the other team's top perimeter player. Her stats in the box score might not always wow you, but her hustle would.



Sydney Brown, Northville



Yasmyn Palmer, Cranbrook TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Hailey Baumann, Wixom St. Catherine

The Stars don't win 22 games and get ranked in the top 10 of the Division 2 poll without this forward, who coach Dave Skown refers to as "just a freak athlete." She's headed to Wisconsin to play Big Ten women's soccer.

Jeff Simpson, North Farmington

The Raiders were going to be good, but not even Simpson expected them to go 21-0 in the regular season. Sure, they missed out on getting crossover games, but they still showed up and won the games on their schedule, an incredibly hard feat. Credit to Simpson, who has been coaching this year's seniors since they were in elementary school.

PREP GYMNASTICS

Hartland has best state finish since 1999

Bill Khan

Livingston Daily

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Coach Taylor Jayne knew there was the potential for something special back on Dec. 10 when her Hartland gymnastics team put up a score of 137.85 in its first meet of the season.

"I was like, 'Whoa, what just happened?' " she said. "The girls were having fun, working their hardest. You have a lot of new gymnasts on the team. I feel it. I think all the girls did, too, throughout the season."

The promise shown three months ago was fulfilled with a fourth-place finish in the state meet at Lakeland High School, Hartland's best finish since winning the state championship in 1999.

The Eagles, who won the regional championship, scored 140.475 points for only their second top-five finish ever in the state meet.

It's only the fifth time in the past 20 years that a Livingston County team has cracked the top four. Howell was fourth in 2015 and 2016, Brighton third in 2017 and Fowlerville fourth in 2019.

Rockford won with 144.5 points. Howell was 12th out of 13 teams with 135.6.

Aurora Gregory scored 9.35 points on floor, Delaney Gomolka 9.2 on bars, Allie Goyt 9.125 on beam and Brooke Zapfe 9.0 on floor to lead Hartland in the team competition.

"It's a team sport," Jayne said. "That was the team day. That's what it's all about, being able to support each other on all those events and having those girls in their specialties. We had eight girls on Friday; that's a lot for being able to count for scores per event. We had all ages, freshmen through seniors."

The Eagles will graduate three of the eight girls they used in the team competition, but will return a solid group that got experience in the state meet.

"There's a lot of girls coming back and a lot of girls who just progressed throughout the season," Jayne said. "They're excited about the offseason and coming back in November to see how strong they'll be and the new team they'll reshape."



Maria Petru of Howell was fifth all around in Division 1 at the state gymnastics meet March 11 at Lakeland High School. PHOTOS BY DAN ZEPPE/ FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

Maria Petru scored 35.95 all around, 9.325 on floor, 9.225 on bars and 9.05 on vault for Howell.

In the individual competition Saturday, Petru was fifth all around in Division 1 with a score of 37.375, Brighton's Anna Browne was ninth at 36.1 and Gomolka was 13th at 34.875.

Petru tied for fifth on beam (9.3), took sixth on bars (9.225) and floor (9.45), and was seventh on vault (9.4).

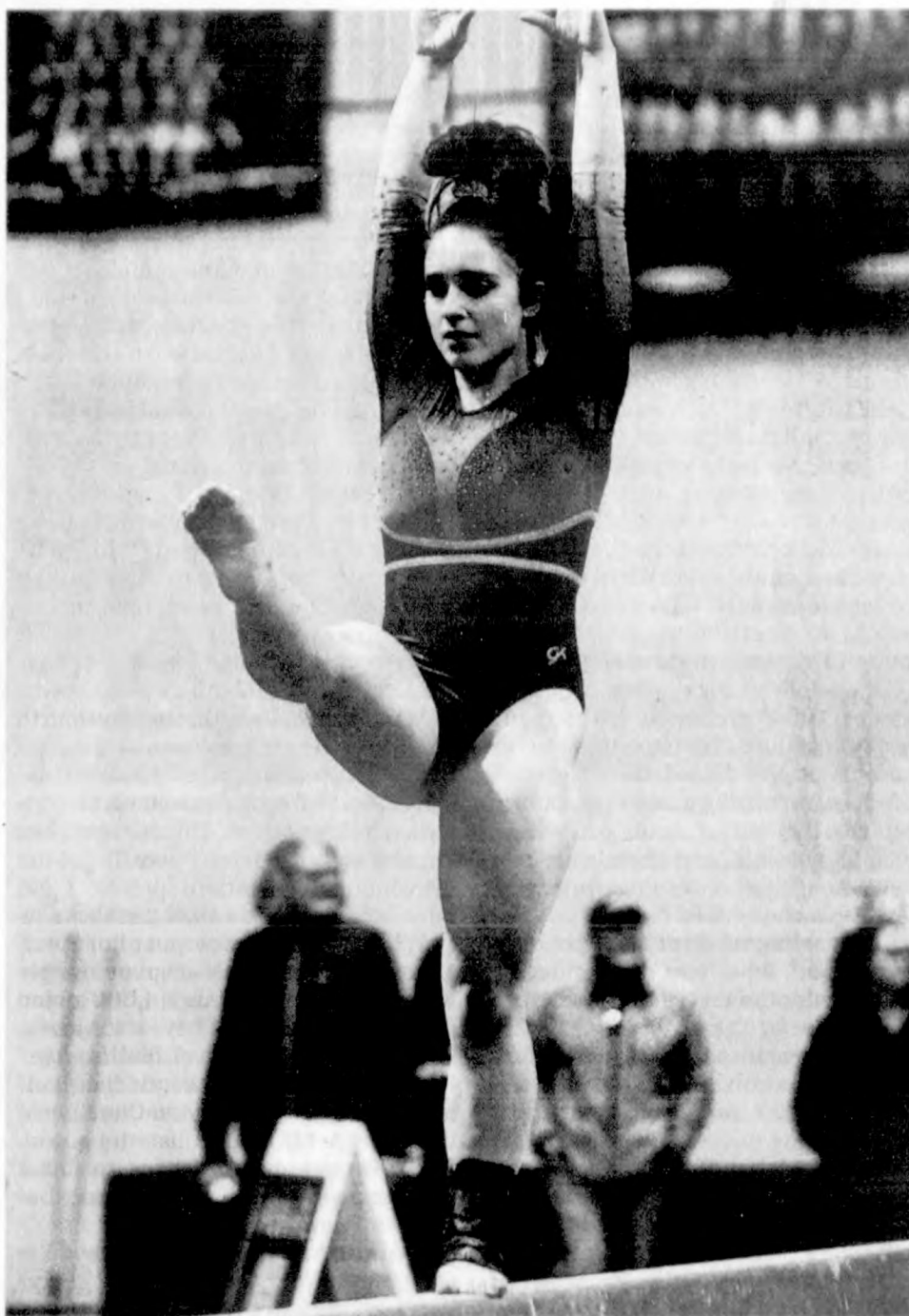
Browne was fourth on vault (9.525), tied for 10th on bars (8.7) and was 12th on beam (8.975).

Gomolka's best finish as a tie for fourth on bars (9.25).

Howell's Kayla Forsyth, limited by injury, pulled off a third-place finish in Division 1 vault with a 9.55. Gregory was 12th (9.25) and Goyt was 15th (9.075).

Gabby Schulte of Hartland tied for 15th on bars (8.4).

Among Division 2 gymnasts, Fowlerville's Morgan Thomas was 14th all



Hartland's Delaney Gomolka was 13th all around in Division 1 at the state meet.

around with a score of 34.425. She was 11th on floor (9.275) and tied for 13th on vault (9.0).

On Division 2 beam, Fowlerville's Brooke Krueger was fourth (9.075) and

Brighton's Talia Richards was ninth (8.925). Fowlerville's Sage Chapman was ninth on vault (9.1) in Division 2.

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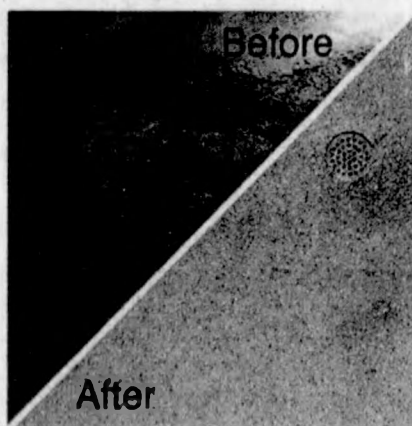


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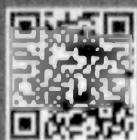


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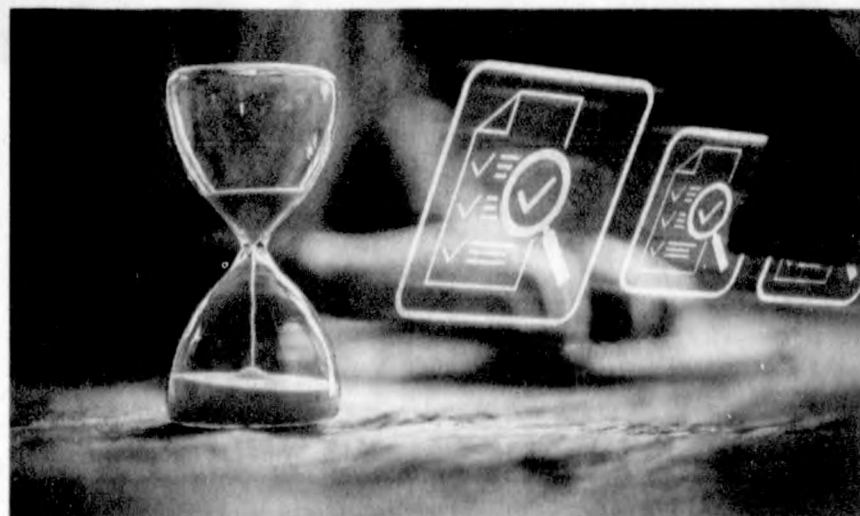
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Bench lifts Cass Tech basketball to first state title

With Acuff limited, reserves spark win over Muskegon

Mick McCabe

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EAST LANSING — Junior Mathieu Collins had just entered the game for Detroit Cass Tech when he received a pass in the dead corner and fired up a 3-point shot that hit nothing but net an instant before the final buzzer sounded.

The Cass Tech bench erupted and the players swarmed Collins before hoisting him on their shoulders and carrying him off the court.

Was it another thrilling victory for Cass Tech? No, just a spontaneous celebration of the greatest victory in school history.

Cass Tech captured the first basketball state championship in the long and storied annals of the school by defeating Muskegon, 78-61, Saturday in the Division 1 title game at the Breslin Center.

For one of the few times in this tournament, the Technicians (27-1) didn't need sensational sophomore Darius Acuff to come to the rescue.

Muskegon (26-3) made it a point to keep the ball out of Acuff's hands as much as possible, and there were moments Acuff had more fingerprints on him than a cheap date.

After scoring seven of his 19 points in the first half, Acuff was surrounded by defenders for the rest of the game.

This was not a game for the time capsule. The teams combined for 49 fouls and the players on both teams were trying to adjust to the way the game was officiated.

Because of that, the game lacked any kind of flow; it almost evolved into one long wrestling match as foul trouble ensued.

Freshman Corey Sadler Jr., who has proven to be a valuable piece of the puzzle for Cass, fouled out 31 seconds into the fourth quarter; it could have been the turning point if Cass didn't have much of a bench.

But senior Sean Hodges, who had barely played over the first three quarters, came in and sparked Cass.

The diminutive 5-foot-9 guard helped break the press, get Cass into its

offense and played excellent defense.

"Sean Hodges has been around since we had Tyson Acuff and Kyle LeGreair, so he's been around when we had two Division 1 point guards," Cass coach Steve Hall. "He is an all-state football player and a part-time basketball player, so he never really became a full-time starter. But his toughness and his will and his drive is unmatched so he's going to perform in those kinds of situations."

To be honest, Hodges wasn't the least bit surprised he was called upon in the clutch. And he knew he would be able to respond the way he did because he is always prepared for anything.

"It's pretty simple for me," he said. "It's a team effort. I did perform, but as a teammate I had the responsibility to be a leader and being able to carry out the game plan. I mean it was simple, just be you and play your role."

He also contributed a couple of baskets off offensive rebounds that keyed a 6-0 Cass run midway through the fourth quarter as Cass managed to pull away.

"I've been doing that all season," he said. "Most of my points come on putbacks, hustler points. I'm seasoned, but I'm also scrappy. I don't usually get the conventional (isolation) points. I get mine off hustle and steals, putbacks."

With Muskegon face-guarding Acuff almost to a laughable degree, Hodges helped with the ball-handling. He added four assists and didn't have a turnover.

"We had quite a bit of foul trouble," Hall said. "I needed a second ball-handler. He's good in the situations when they deny Acuff. Sean is just a tough kid. He's been with me for four years. I just had a conversation and told him I believed in him."

"Sean is tailor-made for when you're scrapping and clawing when you're trying to get back in the game."

Muskegon had a 47-46 lead with 1:38 left in the third quarter when Acuff fought free, got the ball and drove to the basket, flipping the ball into the basket as he was fouled.

"Coach told me I had to get over there and get the ball in my hands," Acuff said. "You saw when they made that little run in the third quarter. When they made



Cass Tech forward Christian Hairston celebrates a play against Muskegon with guard Sean Hodges during the second half of the MHSAA boys Division 1 final at Breslin Center in East Lansing on March 25. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

that little run, I don't think I had the ball in my hands the whole third quarter, for real.

"I went and got the ball, and we started going to the free throw line."

Cass also received excellent performances from Travon Cooper (19 points, 8 rebounds) and Kenneth Robertson (15 points).

Cooper, at 6-5, is Cass' tallest player — really, an undersized center. But his desire to get to the ball allowed Cass to have an edge in rebounding for one of the few times this season.

"It was intense out there," Cooper said. "There was a lot of emotion. There were high stakes, the biggest game of the season so we just wanted to come out and do what we've always done, emphasize defense and push the ball up the court and play Cass Tech basketball."

"And it won us a state championship."

That is a sentence no Cass Tech basketball player has ever been able to say before Saturday.

No one knew that better than Hall, one of Cass' finest players ever.

Hall coached Detroit Rodgers to three state championships in the early 2000s before taking off for college with assistant stints at Duquesne and Youngstown State; he returned to Cass eight years ago.

That made the win over Muskegon even more special to Hall.

"I left college to come back to high school," Hall said. "But there was not another high school job in America that I would have taken. I wasn't eager to get back into high school, I was eager to get back to my alma mater. That's been my goal, my drive."

"We established that as a goal and it looks good on paper, but to carry it out and pursue it is unbelievable what we've been able to do."

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Brighton

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Brighton has had several upgrades to athletic and academic facilities in recent years. The new athletic facilities have included a stadium, pool, tennis courts, weight room and auxiliary practice field.

"The same thing I tell our kids and our coaches is, 'Yeah, the facilities are certainly an opportunity, but facilities and uniforms and those type of things don't equate to performance; you have to put the work in,'" Brighton Athletic Director John Thompson said. "It gives them an opportunity to put the work in. Knowing our kids and coaches, they'll take advantage of that opportunity and hopefully keep us a relevant school from an athletic standpoint in the state of Michigan."

The boys and girls track and field teams and 58 players trying out for the Brighton freshman, junior varsity and varsity girls soccer teams used the facility at the same time after school Monday with plenty of room in which to operate. The girls lacrosse team, also holding tryouts for all three levels, used the full field after practices concluded for those teams, followed by the boys lacrosse team at night.

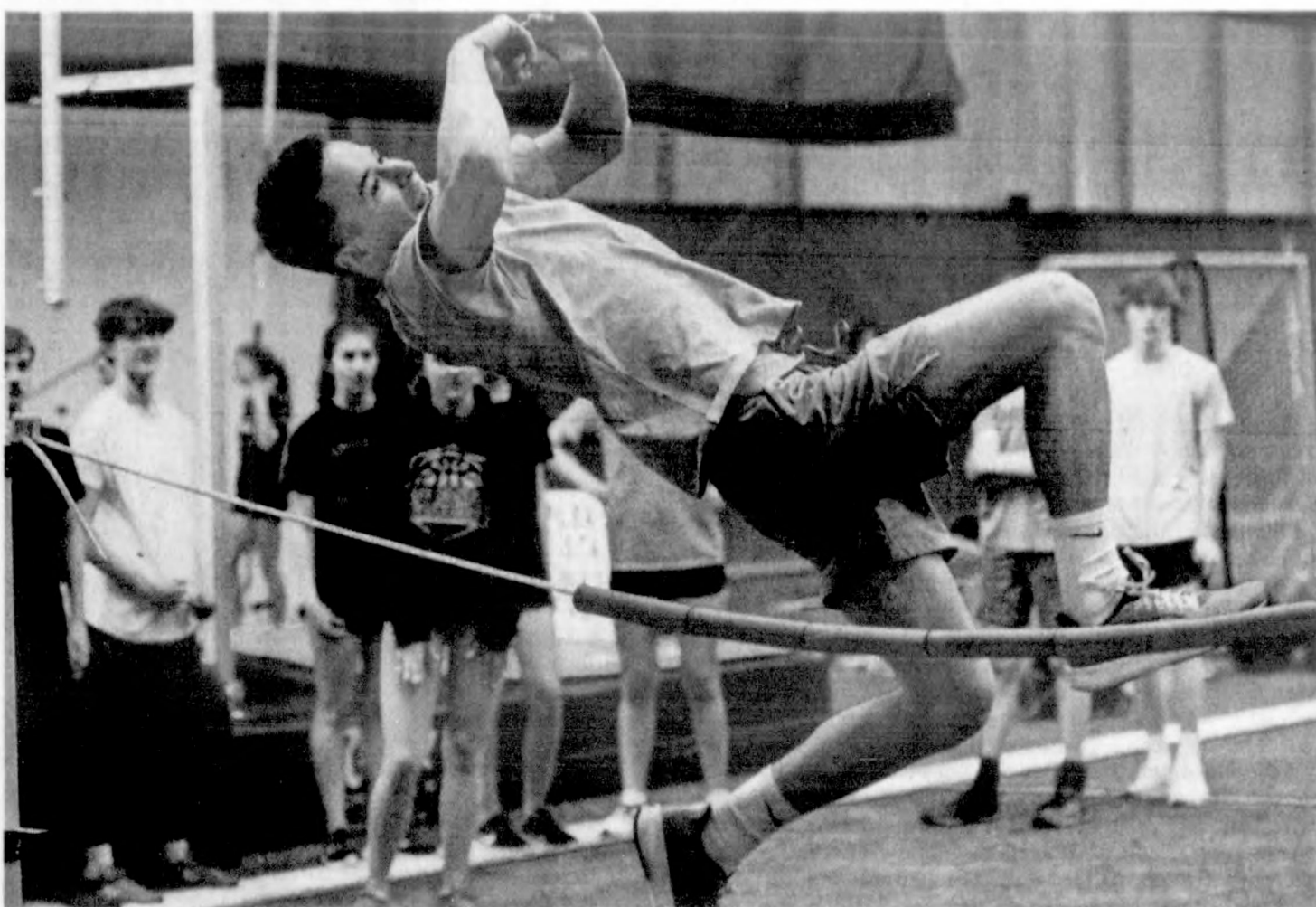
The baseball program began tryouts at 5:30 a.m. Monday.

The field is lined for football, soccer, boys and girls lacrosse, rugby and field hockey. Overhead curtains can be moved to separate the field into sections for multiple teams to practice without interfering with one another.

"We really tried to be purposeful in terms of being able to have as much going on in there at one time," Thompson said.

It wasn't just the ball sports that were able to use the field turf to get in some quality work. The track and field team has a 110-meter straightaway with a synthetic rubber surface to work on sprints and hurdles, plus areas for pole vault, high jump and long jump. Discus throwers had a makeshift setup, throwing off a wooden board into a durable curtain that separates sections of the field.

For senior Hunter Harding, it gives him a jump start in his bid to get higher on the all-state podium in June. Harding grabbed the final all-state spot in



Brighton sophomore Sam Meriweather practices high jump on the first day of spring practices March 13 at the school district's new indoor sports facility, nicknamed the "Dog House." PHOTOS BY BILL KHAN/LIVINGSTON DAILY



The facility enables athletes to train in comfort during inclement weather.

discus last year with a throw of 142 feet, 2 inches.

"We have a little piece of wood we get to throw on," Harding said. "It's a little slippery. It's not like the real thing, but it gets the job done. We're really blessed to have this."

"That's gonna help a lot, just because we have an upper edge if people have to

go outside in the snow."

Senior pole vaulter Liam Kinney has already seen the benefits of being able to work on his craft over the winter. He worked on his vaults at least once a week after the building opened, training that paid off when he cleared 15 feet to place third Feb. 26 at the indoor state meet.

His best vault outdoors last year was 14 feet, 2 inches when he won the regional championship.

"Even in March, it's still snowing and below 30 degrees," Kinney said. "There's no way we're jumping outside."

"Now I can start my season earlier and that's just gonna really help for the outdoor season. Usually it's probably a good two, three weeks before we're back up to where we were last year. It takes a little while, especially with how technical it is."

Other than having the use of a full 400-meter track and practicing shot


put, the track and field squads were able to do anything they'd do outdoors Monday.

"It gives them an advantage to be able to start implementing more skillful practices earlier on with the weather being like the weather is outside," girls track and field coach Samantha Etter said. "It enables kids to stay safer and healthier being inside, as well."


Thompson said Brighton is one of the few school districts in the state that have an indoor practice facility. Ypsilanti Lincoln has a full indoor track that recently hosted the state meet, Detroit Country Day has a full-field facility and Jackson just opened a half-field facility, he said.

"We've had several visitors from districts who have them on the drawing board," Thompson said.

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How friends' wedding pushed Greene to step up — and aim for more homers

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Detroit Free Press
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LAKELAND, Fla. — It's easy to forget Riley Greene's age.

"I'm 22 years old," he said.

His childhood friends are graduating college and starting their careers. Others are staying in school to pursue postgraduate degrees. Best friends Randall and Samantha got married in Geneva, Florida, not far from his hometown in Oviedo, on the last Saturday in November.

"My friends are becoming adults," Greene continued. "Maybe it's time to... I mean, I feel like I'm an adult, like I'm not stupid, but it's eye-opening to see all those things and them getting married. It's a game-changer."

Greene began his career with the Detroit Tigers straight out of high school as the No. 5 overall pick in the 2019 MLB draft. He received a \$6.18 million signing bonus but lived in the TigerTown dorms during his first spring training to "save some money" and cultivate relationships with his new friends in the organization.

He now enters his second season in the big leagues.

Greene has all the potential to become baseball's next superstar and the face of the franchise. The fearless center fielder blends MVP-caliber skills — namely an elite hit and power profile — with leadership qualities. One day, hopefully soon, he could drive the Tigers to the postseason.

"I hate losing. It sucks," said Greene, who played 93 games as a rookie for the 96-loss Tigers last season. "Winning is a lot more fun. Our goal is to win. We're all going to contribute to that, and we're all going to help."

The wedding ignited his transition into adulthood and shaped his mindset heading into the 2023 season. A few months before spring training, Greene officially served as a groomsman, but if you ask him, he was basically the backup best man. He was surrounded by his loved ones, both family and friends.

There's an inseparable bond between Greene and Samantha — they grew up together as cousins. When Samantha started dating Randall, Greene was introduced to him — they clicked immediately and became best friends, too.

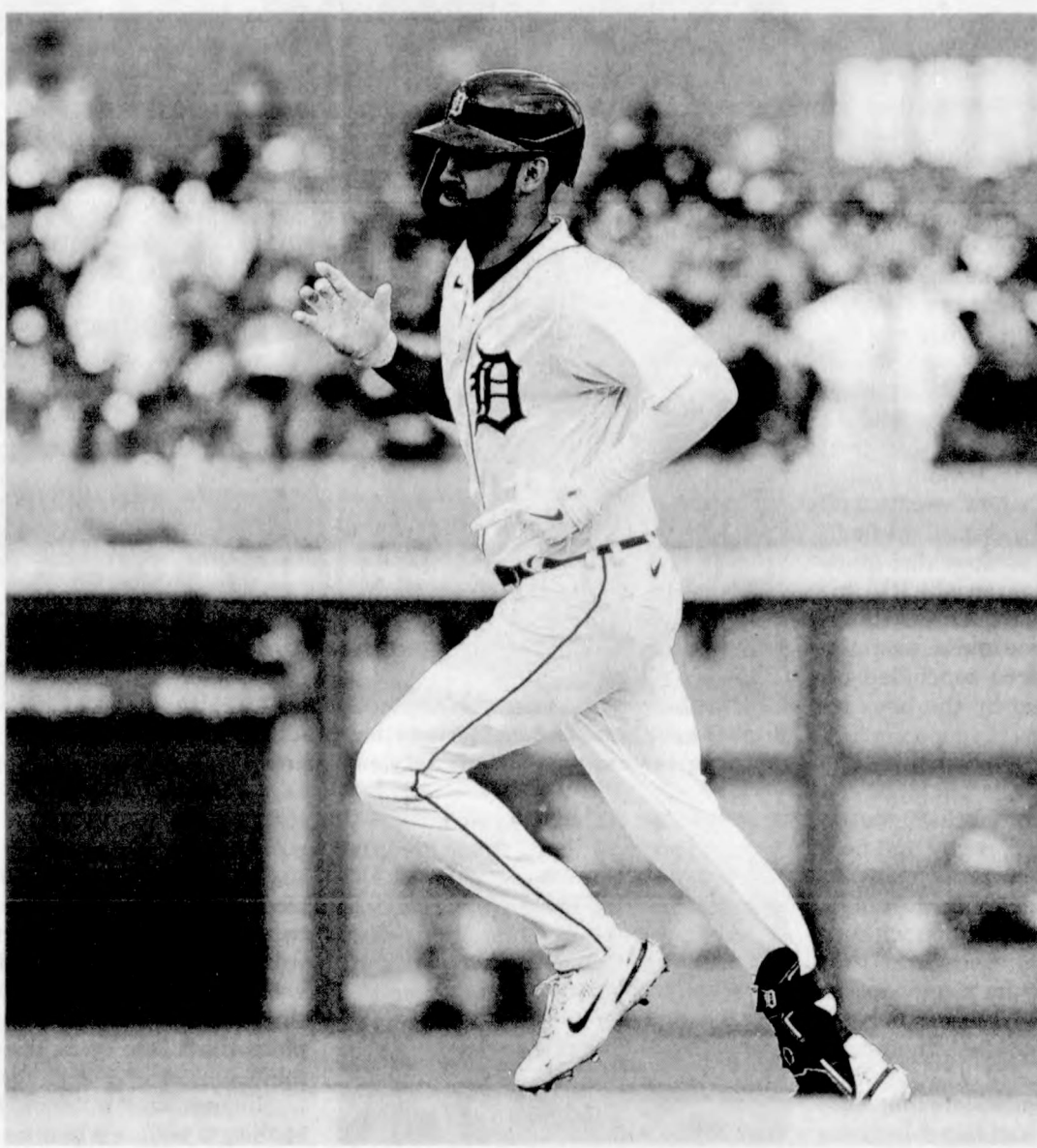
Greene, who didn't think he would cry, pulled his cousin aside before the wedding. He told Samantha to look at him if she couldn't stop crying on her way down the aisle, and if that happened, he would do something funny to make her smile again.

What happened next put life in perspective.

"Once she walked out, I started bawling," Greene said. "I was like, 'Don't look at me.' She was smiling."

A 'full-tilt' offseason in Oviedo

Three of Greene's friends — Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Zach Eflin (age 28), Baltimore Orioles first baseman Ryan Mountcastle (26) and Atlanta Braves shortstop prospect Vaughn Grissom (22) — took the same path from Hagerty High School in Oviedo to professional baseball.



Detroit center fielder Riley Greene homers against Los Angeles starting pitcher Shohei Ohtani (not pictured) the first inning at Comerica Park this past August. KIRTHMON F. DOZIER, DETROIT FREE PRESS

They're all connected through Jered Goodwin.

"For me, I wouldn't be where I'm at without him," Greene said.

"He's like the pulse of us," Eflin said. "He's the heartbeat of us. He's probably the biggest factor in all of our careers."

Goodwin, the senior director of scouting operations at Perfect Game, was formerly the baseball coach at Hagerty High. In the offseason, Goodwin hosts the four MLB players for six weeks of workouts at the high school.

"He went full-tilt," Goodwin said. "In my opinion, it's the hardest he's worked and the best he's worked. It was really impressive to watch him take that next step in his development, and that led to a lot of conversations."

The city of Oviedo, about 20 miles from Orlando, has small-town vibes while serving as home to roughly 40,000 people. It's a place that means the world to Greene, who spent his offseason visiting elementary schools and former coaches, watching football at everyone's favorite sports restaurant and fishing with his friends.

Greene also spent a lot of time planning for Year 2 with the Tigers.

He talked about leadership. He talked about his left-handed swing. He talked about his development. He radiated confidence when talking about his most important goal: Winning in the big leagues.

"That kid wants to win," Goodwin said. "He wants to win in Detroit."

Last season, Greene hit .253 with five home runs, 36 walks and 120 strikeouts in 93 big-league games. He fractured his foot in spring training — keeping him off the Opening Day roster — and didn't make his MLB debut until June 18. His arrival sparked the Tigers' miserable offense for a time, and then he endured a month-long slump.

Escaping the slump, a product of swinging at pitches inside the strike zone, foreshadowed future success.

Still, Greene needs to be better for the Tigers to win.

He wants to be great.

"I don't know if he's ever really dealt with any failure," Mountcastle said. "In the minor leagues, he was a beast, and that's why he made it up here at 21 years old. It's a little bit harder up here. This offseason, he seemed even more eager to get better."

Boosting the backspin

All the talk about leadership and winning was backed up by Greene's actions during the workouts at his old stomping grounds.

Greene studied videos of his sweet swing and trusted the advice of an analytically savvy Goodwin.

Sure, there was a 448-foot home run off superstar Shohei Ohtani last season, prefaced by his 431-foot walk-off homer into Comerica Park's center-field shrubs against the Kansas City Royals. But Greene also had a glaring hole in his game last season: Too many ground balls — 56.8% of his balls in play, to be exact — while struggling to elevate the ball.

Greene and Goodwin looked at the data, watched videos and formulated their hypothesis. They believe hitting the ball with topspin was to blame for the inflated ground-ball rate. This year, it's the same swing but a different way of thinking about it.

The new thought: "Pure."

Greene compares the concept to golfers who "have that one thought before they hop up to the ball." For him, the word "pure" is a mental cue as he steps into the batter's box.

"It's all about ball flight," Greene said. "My goal in the cage and during (batting practice) is to get pure backspin. No topspin. I'll get sidespin if I hit the ball the other way (to left field), which I'm cool with, but I

do not want to topspin the ball. ... It's going to happen in the game, obviously, but you want to practice the right way to minimize hitting ground balls in the game."

Mountcastle and Grissom gravitated toward Greene's obsession with topspin, driven by his obsession with winning. The three hitters in the group collaborated more than ever before, trading in light-hearted jokes for feedback on attacking weaknesses.

Mountcastle, who would hit first in batting practice, reminded Greene to hunt specific pitches in specific hot zones and take chances at home runs early in the count. If the opportunity isn't there, then focus on working deep in the count and putting the ball in play. It's an approach that has propelled Mountcastle to 55 home runs over the past two seasons, albeit with a .253 batting average.

Two of the new hitting coaches from the Tigers visited Hagerty High in the last week of the offseason to watch a workout. Greene told Goodwin and his friends to replicate what they had been doing for the past five weeks.

He wanted the Tigers to see the authentic collaboration.

"He's always been that contagious personality because of how hard he works and that leadership by example," Goodwin said. "But when you start to see the leadership because of the effort, the athleticism, the intangibles, and you put that into a plan, there are guys in the locker room that are going to jump on that plan with you. That's what he did more this year than any other year."

'He's a man, and he acts like it'

Greene's quiet leadership skills appeared at a young age. He was always the best player on his youth teams, and by the time he settled into high school, he realized his potential. He handled the local fame by maintaining what Goodwin described as a "30-year-old soul" and sticking to a mature work ethic and low-key personality.

His values haven't changed.

But he's growing up.

"I don't feel like there's any 'kid' in him anymore," said Eflin, the only pitcher and the eldest member in the quartet. "He's a man, and he acts like it."

This spring, Greene has continued to lead by example.

His vocal leadership, however, has evolved in the clubhouse. Some of his teammates are looking to him and 23-year-old Spencer Torkelson for guidance. That means Greene's biggest development in the offseason, his transition into adulthood, has translated to the Tigers in Lakeland.

"Probably growing up in life is more important than even growing up in baseball," Tigers manager A.J. Hinch said. "He's a young guy trying to find his way. I see him very comfortable but not content, which is probably where the life maturation meets the baseball stuff. But great progress in both."

It all started at the wedding in late November.

Greene stood up to deliver a toast honoring the newlyweds at the reception. He had typed out his speech in the "Notes" app on his iPhone beforehand but ditched the script in the moment. He ad-libbed from the heart and, once again, felt a rush of emotions. As a man, the wedding day changed him.

"For me, that was when he was like, 'This is real, and this is my job,'" Goodwin said. "As weird as that is, like one instance of it happening, it was such a big moment in his life. It was a crazy offseason after that as far as determination and long-term goals."

How would Greene, feeling like an adult these days, describe what Goodwin noticed at the wedding?

It's bigger than baseball.

"I feel like it's taking the next step in life," he said.

Obituaries

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Julia Ann ("Dolly") Fischer

SOUTH LYON - With great sorrow we share the passing of our kind, caring, generous and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, Julia Ann ("Dolly") Fischer, 78, of South Lyon, who passed away on March 16, 2023. Dolly was born on December 28, 1944 to Julius and Josephine Vadasz of Belleville, MI. She graduated from Belleville High School in 1962, which is where she met her future husband, Fred Fischer, Sr. Fred and Dolly were married on May 4, 1963. They started their family shortly thereafter. They raised their 4 children in Lincoln Park and Livonia, before they settled in South Lyon in 1978. Dolly had a love for all animals and enjoyed feeding "her" birds; she also enjoyed reading, cooking and gardening. She loved her family gatherings, and especially cherished time with her 5 grandchildren. Dolly is preceded in death by her parents, Julius and Josephine Vadasz; her brother, Donald Vadasz; and her sister, Joyce Dove. Dolly is survived by her husband, Fred, her sons; Fred Fischer Jr., David Fischer, Russell Fischer (Cathy); her daughter, Adrienne Alexander (Ricky); her grandchildren, Devon Fischer (fiancée Chris Parker), Remy Fischer, Mackenzie Fischer, Dawson Fischer and Josie Fischer. In lieu of flowers, if you wish to donate, the family requests that you donate to Horses Haven, a charity near and dear to her heart. Arrangements entrusted to Frazer Funeral Home, South Lyon, MI.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

All-Area third team

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Madison Yeager,
Plymouth Christian Academy

Yeager was the third spoke of the Eagles' "Big 3," and she's equally talented as Morganne Houk and Hailey Maulbetsch. Whether it's timely jumpers, layups in transitions or key rebounds, she tends to be in the right place at the right time.

Lauren Smiley,
Farmington Hills Mercy

Smiley had one of the hardest jobs in the Catholic League-Central, the toughest league in Michigan, in that she had to bring the ball up the floor and kick-start the offense. In a league chock full of the top players around, that's not exactly an easy task to complete. Yet Smiley rarely put herself in a position to make mistakes.

Samara Mackey, Redford Thurston

With the way that Mackey plays, it's hard to believe she's only a freshman. She has the size and athleticism to get to any spot on offense. And she has no problem taking the ball to the hoop. Her career should be fun to watch.

Chelsea Hogan,
Westland John Glenn

Hogan was undersized but not out-matched. Despite being only 5-foot-4, the 4-year varsity player showed plenty of grit and determination to get to the basket as a ball-dominant point guard.

Susy Heller, Northville

Hometown Life's photo archives have plenty of shots of Heller diving on the floor for loose balls, strong-arming rebounds and saving possessions. There's no doubt she was the Mustangs' hustle player, and she brought plenty of energy to the floor while out there.

Molly McLeod,
Bloomfield Hills Marian

Sometimes McLeod made mistakes, but there's no doubt she plays point guard well beyond her years. She's only a sophomore, and you wouldn't know it unless you picked up the roster at the ticket table. She's a steady ballhandler and did a great job getting her teammates into a position to make plays. She plays like a veteran.

Anna Lindsey, Novi

The Wildcats' success down the stretch doesn't happen without Lindsey's heady play at guard. She brought an aggressiveness to the position you don't often see at the high school level, plus she was never afraid to stick her head into a scrum to win a loose ball or make a defensive stop.



Madison Yeager, Plymouth Christian Academy BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Abby Resovsky, Salem

The best part about the makeup of the Rocks' roster was how well each girl played a different (and important) role. Resovsky's job was to bring the grit. She battled in the paint. She defended well. She set the tempo as far as how physically Salem was going to play. Plus she stepped up in big moments, too. She hit the game-winner in overtime to help her team beat Wayne Memorial for the KLAA title.

Naiya Krispin, Detroit Country Day

It's unfair for someone as small and young as Krispin to be so smooth. You can see why she had a Division I college offer before she even played her first high school game as a freshman. She looks like the coolest kid on the block when she nabs a steal and finishes with a layup.

Amia Sykes, Garden City

The Cougars punched well above their weight because of girls such as Sykes, who was just a steady ballhandler. Yes, playing with Siena McNitt made her life easier, but Sykes still had to get the passes to the Schoolcraft College commit. If you took Sykes off the team, the Cougars wouldn't have won as much as they did. She was that important.

Sofia Salinas,
Bloomfield Hills Roeper

There's no doubt Salinas is one of the best players in the MIAC. Yeah, she's a strong point guard, but she's also a heads-up defender. It's never a surprise seeing her take a steal for a quick two points at the other end.

Elena DiMaria, Plymouth

With Meghan McCarthy suffering another ACL injury, there's no question DiMaria was robbed of some quality real estate in the paint. The Wildcats could've had twin towers down low. Instead, DiMaria really had to battle for every point she totaled. A healthy Meghan-tron would've had many people in the KLAA-West asking, "What if?" Especially when it comes to things like DiMaria's production.

Aysia Yokely,
Detroit Country Day

Yokely has been the oldest player on her team for the past two seasons, and that doesn't go unnoticed. She's the veteran of an incredibly talented team that features about eight or so college athletes. Her leadership (and timely 3-pointers) have been a key to the Yellowjackets' success over the years.

Ashley Beeskov,
Westland Huron Valley Lutheran

With the way Beeskov filled up box-score, it's hard to overlook her effort this past winter, even if she attends a small school. The 234 points she totaled was impressive to see.

Kelsey Partyka, Novi

Coach
Once the Wildcats turned around their season, they were tough to beat. Not only did they beat rival Northville in the district semifinal but they also took care of South Lyon East, winners of the past three Lakes Valley Conference championships, to claim a district title.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Hannah Lisch, Wixom St. Catherine
Alison Smiley, Farmington Hills Mercy
Makayla Hughes, Redford Thurston
Evelyn Deren, Northville
Lauren Talcott, Northville
Charlie Bingham, Bloomfield Hills Marian
Halle Rogers, North Farmington
Eliza Muller, North Farmington
Shay Manchester, Birmingham Seaholm
Ruby Smith, Bloomfield Hills
Bri Young, Bloomfield Hills
Thalia Pierre, Bloomfield Hills
Michele Barnett, Bloomfield Hills
Carissa Hankins, Farmington
Clara Groen, Plymouth Christian Academy
Dee Robinson, Livonia Clarenceville
Ava Thomas, Bloomfield Hills Roeper
Lillian Fremder, Lutheran Westland
Alyssa Melquist, South Lyon East
Sophia Propps, South Lyon East
Averi Collins, Plymouth
Mariah Cross, Wayne Memorial
Bella Sapia, Livonia Stevenson
Scarlett Webster, Livonia Stevenson
Leah Kuhn, Livonia Franklin
Alyssa Mamo, Livonia Churchill
Nevaeh Cochran-McKay, Birmingham Groves
Cira Racco, Birmingham Groves
Cameron Little, Birmingham Groves
Molly Marino, White Lake Lakeland
Gary Morris, Farmington Hills Mercy (coach)

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Paige Tumpkin, Westland John Glenn
Ava Lorraine, Farmington Hills Mercy
Emily Walker, Farmington Hills Mercy
Owynn Evans, Farmington Hills Mercy
Mariam Camara, Redford Thurston
Zariha Beavers, Redford Thurston
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Yazmyne Thorpe, Farmington
Nya Woods, Livonia Clarenceville
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Sophia Jacobs, Livonia Churchill
Allie Staudle, Salem
Natalie Spence, Novi
Ashley Rosiewicz, Plymouth
Leilah Howard, Salem
Emerson Nordbeck, Livonia Franklin
Skylar Halbrook, White Lake Lakeland
Todd Gudith, Northville (coach)

First team

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Justice Tramble, Canton

Easily the most improved player of the year was Tramble, who took an average-at-best team from a year ago and made them exciting to watch each night this past winter. Her post presence was outdone by very few in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

Izzy Nooe, South Lyon

Never judge a book by its cover. That's what I learned from watching Nooe, who is a tiny player but an absolute gamer. Each time I saw her play, the opposing coach went out of their way to talk about how tough of a competitor she was against them. Her heart and effort do not go unnoticed.

Tessa Long, Novi

It took a while for the Wildcats to turn around their season. But once they got rolling, they were hard to beat. They shocked everyone by winning a district championship. And a big part of their success came from the contribution of Spence, who was a consistent scorer down the stretch.



Justice Tramble, Canton BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Rod Wells, Salem

Coach of the Year
Considering Wells led Ypsilanti Arbor Prep to its first state championship in 2016, it shouldn't be a surprise to see that he has completely turned around the Rocks' program. But what was surprising was how quickly he did so. To turn a two-win team into one that makes an appearance in the final four in only two seasons, that's just crazy.

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Top 5 Skills to Highlight on Your Resume

The skills section is one of the crucial parts of your resume. It is where the prospective employer can find out if you have the desired abilities to excel in the role. Employers may take a considerable amount of time here to find out if they should continue reading your resume or not. It's, therefore, vital to make your skills section stand out. Here are the skills you should include in your resume.

1. Active Listening

This skill shows that you can completely focus on a speaker, understand what they are communicating, and thoughtfully respond. The skill is crucial as it shows that you are engaged and interested in what is going on. As an active listener, you need to use different techniques to keep attention on the subject.

2. Computer Skills

Most employers prioritize this skill as it involves learning and operating different technology. The skill can be as simple as knowing how to turn on and off electronic devices. Depending on the job, you can have both hardware and software skills. Some software skills are majorly a prerequisite of some roles.

3. Communication

Communication is a huge part of any workplace as it involves giving and receiving all kinds of information. All employers need effective communicators in their industry.

4. Customer Service

These are some cues that help you deal with different customer needs. The skill also

needs a hands-on problem solver and an effective communicator.

5. Leadership

Whether leading a project or in a management position, you'll need this skill to thrive. The skill involves motivating others to finish their tasks within the appropriate time.

How to Improve On A Skill

Now that you know the skills employers are

after, the next is to identify ways improve on it. Here are a few ways.

Start with the core: start with what you know and improve on it an excellent way to improve your skills.

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