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## Funding sought for Milford log cabin in need of a makeover

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MILFORD — In the center of what was, in the 1800s, the Milford public square, stands a log cabin modeled after homes of that era.

But contrary to the attention it may have drawn in that time period for its location, the 13-by-15-foot structure may well escape the notice of modern area residents with its spot in the quiet South Side Park on West Huron Street, south of downtown and just east of the fire station.

The Milford Historical Society would like people to notice it now.

"A lot of people don't know it is there, or they know, but they don't pay attention," said Daniel Crawford, director of fundraising for the historical society. "We want to breathe life into it and revitalize it."

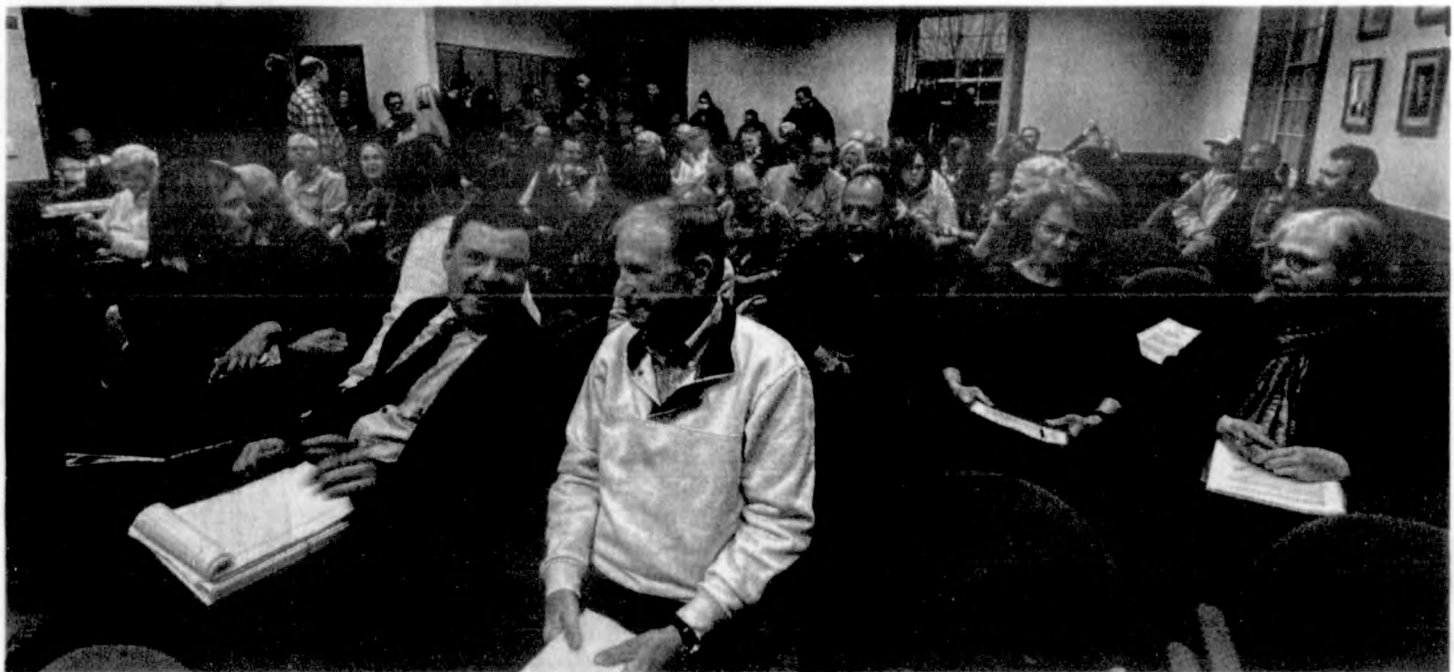
The log cabin is a replica of what settlers would have built around 1832 for their homes. It was constructed in 1982 to commemorate Milford's sesquicentennial. Now, four decades after that momentous occasion, repairs are desperately needed, including replacement of the roof's cedar shingles and some rotted white pine logs in the walls. Fencing and a wooden flagpole on the property also need replacement.

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This log cabin located in South Side Park just south of downtown Milford is a replica of one that would have housed settlers in the 1830s. The replica was built in 1982 to commemorate the village's sesquicentennial, and is now in need of repairs.

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The council chambers at Northville City Hall was filled with people during the council's meeting April 3. The council voted at the meeting to reopen Main and Center streets downtown to vehicle traffic on a seasonal basis during the colder months. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Downtown Northville streets will reopen to vehicles during cold weather months

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NORTHVILLE — Main and Center streets in downtown Northville will see vehicle traffic resume later this year after the City Council reversed an earlier decision to make the closures permanent.

The council, in a meeting April 3 that lasted more than five hours, voted unanimously to convert the permanent vehicle closures of the downtown streets into seasonal closures after it reviewed additional data, and heard from residents. Based on the decision, the streets will reopen to vehicle traffic in November each year and close to traffic in May.

"I don't think anyone can deny it's been dead in the winter," Councilwoman Marilyn Price said. "It has been wonderful downtown in the summer, in the months when people can be outside. People have become very comfortable with it."

The road closures — first enacted on a temporary basis in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic before being extended and made year-round in August 2022 — have become a divisive issue across the small town over the past few months.

The council took up the closures after the Michigan Department of Transportation informed the city it could lose some Act 51 money if the roads remain closed. Because of a mid-April deadline from the state, the council needed to

make a decision on what the city would do before informing MDOT.

The city expected to lose the state funding for the portions of the roads that are closed, but could lose tens of thousands more annually if MDOT determines Main and Center should be classified as local roads.

Mayor Brian Turnbull said if that takes place, he hopes the city's state legislators will go to bat for the community to help prevent the loss of funding. He said he's been in contact with both State Sen. Rosemary Bayer, D-Keego Harbor, and State Rep. Matt Koleszar, D-Plymouth, about the potential issue.

He said the city always said it would try to work with the best information

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## Chocolick serves up decadent desserts in Canton

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CANTON — You can't buy happiness, but you can buy dessert. At Chocolick, it's kind of the same thing.

The new dessert and crepe shop features treats such as eclairs, brownies, lava cake and waffles, many topped with an enticing combination of fresh fruit, pastry whipped cream cheese and the shop's signature warm Belgian chocolate.

Chocolick offers more than 30 desserts in sharable sizes, ranging from a variety of simple crepes to "crepes with attitude" — including the Choco Bomb, a folded crepe with whipped cream cheese, brownies, strawberries and chocolate.

The shop, 145 N. Haggerty Road, is owned and operated by the founders of Big Moe's Kitchen, Hass Jomaa, Moe El-Hamawi and newcomer Hadi Akil. Big Moe's opened its fifth location in

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Hadi Akil of Canton's Chocolick puts the finishing touches on a dessert at the shop. LAURA COLVIN/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# What to know about Northville Public Schools' \$134 million bond question

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NORTHVILLE — Voters will have a say this spring on another bond proposal from Northville Public Schools.

The school board voted in December to put a \$134 million bond proposal before district voters to help pay for building upgrades and enhancements throughout the district. That proposal goes before voters in the district May 2.

Approval would mean a continued 3.4 mill annual levy for improvements. Rejection could mean a smaller bill but no improvements.

Here's more to know before heading to the polls to vote later this spring.

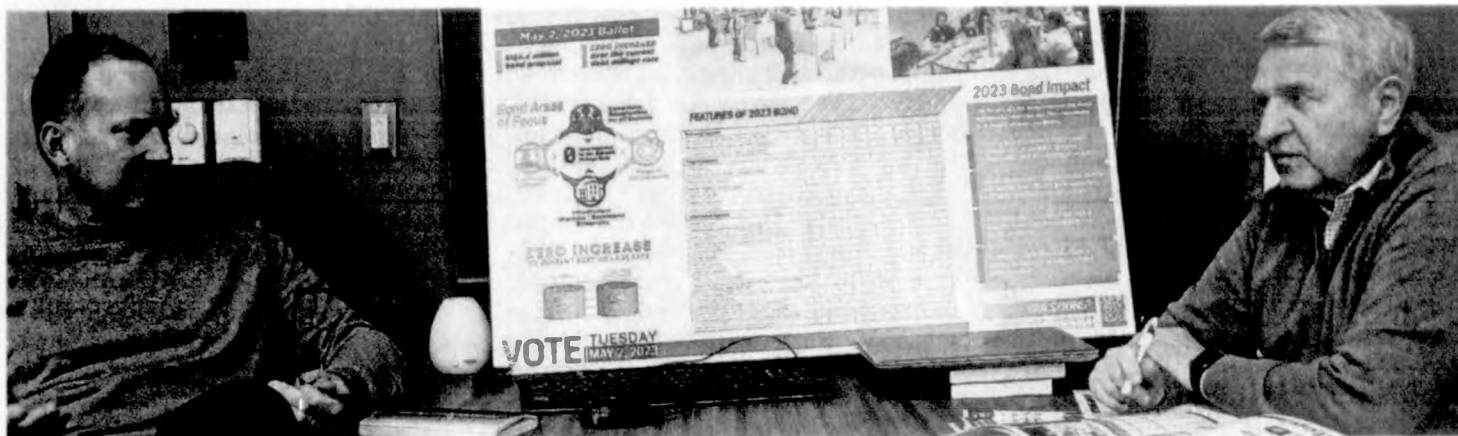
## What is this bond proposal asking for?

District leaders are asking voters to agree to the sale of bonds to raise money for improvements at every school within the district. Some schools will see more improvements than others.

"The biggest themes, if you will, in our bond program are program enhancements," said Mike Zopf, the district's assistant superintendent for finance and operations. "There's a lot of funding on infrastructure ... and technology upgrades. Those are the major things, if you will, of our bond program."

Some of the larger projects the district hopes to achieve with the bond include:

- STEAM/Innovation Centers at all the elementary schools and the high school. Meads Mill Middle School will also receive a robotics addition as well as the science, technology, engineering, arts and math improvements.
- playground upgrades at the elementary schools
- grandstand improvements at Tom Holzer Ford Field
- technology improvements, including building infrastructure and new audio-visual systems in gyms and cafeterias
- infrastructure improvements such



Northville school superintendent RJ Webber, left, and Mike Zopf, the district's assistant superintendent for finance and operations, talk about the upcoming bond proposal facing voters May 2. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

as work on the heating and cooling systems, as well as lighting and roofing

"I look at that infrastructure part of it and this is us being really good stewards of the community's money in making sure we're keeping our buildings in good repair," said RJ Webber, the district's superintendent. "They're attractive. They're good for kids. That's a huge part for us."

All the specific plans for each school can be found on the district's website.

## Is this bond like 2017's bond?

Work continues in relation to the \$104 million bond voters approved in 2017, with much of that work continuing to happen at Hillside Middle School. School leaders say 2023 bond work, if approved, would build on that bond's improvements.

That includes things such as the internet connectivity, with more connected devices being used throughout schools.

"It's an infrastructure that needs to handle so much more than it ever did in the past," Webber said.

## Why now and at what cost?

As the district prepares to eliminate payments needed to pay off the bond approved six years ago, district leaders

saw that a new bond generating the same annual revenues would not increase the current levy taxpayers pay.

"This gives us an opportunity to backfill that bucket and keep the millage rate at 3.4 mills," Zopf said. "So the millage rates are not going up."

School leaders chose a May election since it coincides with the start of the construction season. If voters approve the bond, the district can go out and begin work this summer on schools. Students would see improvements when they return from summer vacation.

Also at play are rising costs: School district's aren't immune to inflation, and leaders said it could cost the district more if they wait.

"If we wait another few years, we know we're going to be paying more," Zopf said.

## What happens if the bond fails?

If voters turn down the bond, the proposed work will not take place. Millage rates are expected to drop as a result of previous debt being paid off, going from the current 3.4 mills to 2.7 mills, a reduction of 0.7 mills.

Using the median home value in the district of \$375,000, Zopf said, that would result in a reduction of taxes of about \$262 a year.

If the bond fails, Zopf said they ex-

pect the district would most likely regroup and come up with another proposal to send to voters. Such improvements, he said, are too important to pass on going forward.

"So much of what's on here are essential," Webber said. "This is not, in my mind, an ostentatious bond."

## Who votes and how?

Election Day for this measure is May 2. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Those living within the Northville Public Schools district may vote on this measure. That includes Northville, Novi Township, most of Northville Township, the southern portion of Novi, the eastern portion of Salem Township and a small portion of southeast Lyon Township.

Those interested in voting can cast a ballot at their polling place on Election Day, or via an absentee ballot requested through their local city or township clerk's office.

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## NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU23-0004

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 parcels 50-22-16-176-019, 50-22-16-176-020, 50-22-16-176-021, North of Grand River Ave and East of Beck Road from May 5, 2023, through May 5, 2024. 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 9:00 AM on May 5, 2023, 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 Thursday, May 4, 2023, by 3:00 PM.

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## NOTICE of AIR PERMIT COMMENT PERIOD and PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is holding a public comment period and a virtual public hearing, to allow the public the opportunity to comment on the proposed conditional approval of two air permits.

Public comment open from April 13 to May 22, 2023 with a virtual public hearing on May 18 for:

Location: Arbor Hills Landfill located at 10611 West 5 Mile Road in Northville, Michigan

### What is being requested:

- Proposed installation and operation of a renewable natural gas (RNG) plant for Emerald RNG, LLC & Arbor Hills RNG, LLC (Application No. APP-2022-0214).
- Proposed treatment and restriction of the landfill gas burned in the existing turbines for Arbor Hills Energy, LLC (Application No. APP-2022-0215).

The public comment period and public hearing are to allow anyone interested the opportunity to comment on the proposed permit conditions. It has been preliminarily determined that the requests will not violate any of EGLE's rules nor the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The facility's impact will not exceed the available increments for sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter less than or equal to ten microns in diameter, and particulate matter less than or equal to 2.5 microns in diameter.

Additionally, the installation, of new equipment and permit modifications will require revisions to Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) No. MI-ROP-N2688-2011a. This public comment period meets the public participation requirements for a future administrative amendment to the ROP.

Provide comment in any of these ways by May 22, 2023:

- By email: [EGLE-AQD-PTIPublicComments@Michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-AQD-PTIPublicComments@Michigan.gov)
- By voicemail: 517-284-0900
- In writing: Cindy Smith, Permit Section Manager, EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760
- At the virtual public hearing on May 18: Register at <https://bit.ly/3nrFTPT>

The May 18 public meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. with a virtual informational session where EGLE staff will provide a summary of the proposed permits and the technical review completed with an opportunity to answer questions from the public. The hearing will follow immediately after. The sole purpose of the hearing is to take official comments on the record.

### Get technical reports about this project:

- Online at [Michigan.gov/EGLEAirPublicNotice](https://Michigan.gov/EGLEAirPublicNotice)
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## Crews continue to clean up fallen brush from winter storms

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**NORTHVILLE TWP.** — It's been a sight for weeks driving through neighborhoods in western Wayne and Oakland counties: large branches sitting at the curb.

Two storms that hit the area in late February and early March left many trees damaged, with branches and whole trunks being ripped out of the ground.

With the high volume of debris, local crews are still cleaning up the mess Mother Nature made.

"I can honestly tell you in my whole career, I'm not sure I've ever seen the damage of this volume of brush we're dealing with right now," said Don Rohraff, the director of public works for Livonia.

The amount of work needed to clean up branches left at the curb has inundated local crews. Even weeks after the storm, debris remains at the curb, waiting to be picked up.

Northville Township arranged for a special pickup last month done by Green For Life, the trash hauler the township contracts with.

Even with that, crews were unable to pick up all the limbs in the community.

"They quickly learned that what they thought was needed was much more involved," Mutchler said. "They made an effort a couple weeks ago with multiple crews to try and get it down."

With the beginning of yard waste pickup taking place, Mutchler said GFL informed the township it was unable to continue doing the additional work. The township has now hired Northville Township-based COSM Tree Service to assist in picking up debris, a process that continues into April.

That's an additional expense the township will incur to help clean up, an exact amount Mutchler did not know. He said a budget amendment would be presented to the board of trustees at a later date for the service.

Those who have already had a special pickup in Northville Township will need to then place debris on the curb in ac-

cordance with yard waste pickup rules. That includes placing refuse in 32-35 gallon plastic or metal containers labeled "yard waste" or "compost" or in biodegradable paper bags that weigh 50 pounds or less.

All large brush or tree limbs must be bundled with twine or rope, be less than 18 inches in diameter and be 4 feet long or less.

If debris cannot fit those parameters, residents will need to hire a private contractor to remove the limbs.

Also needing to follow yard waste guidelines are those in Farmington Hills who have large branches still down, said Derrick Schueller, the city's superintendent of public works.

He said crews have spent weeks clearing downed trees and branches from the city's right-of-ways along roads.

"We're at the tail end of it," Schueller said. "We've been working non-stop just addressing that particular area."

Residents who have downed limbs in Farmington Hills can dispose of them in weekly yard waste, which requires plac-

ing it in bags, cans or bundled.

The process is a little different in nearby Livonia for removing large branches. Rohraff said city crews continue to make their way through the neighborhoods, chipping brush left at the curb.

He expects the work will be wrap soon.

Crews in Livonia have removed much more brush than they typically do each year already.

Rohraff said more than 4,700 piles of brush have been picked up already.

"Forty-seven hundred piles is comparable to five months last summer of our brush program," Rohraff said. "In all honesty, we're attacking every street. We're sweeping the whole city. We're not quitting until we get all of this done."

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## Whole Foods plans to drop its onsite bistro in Birmingham

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**BIRMINGHAM** — If you enjoy grabbing a drink at the Maple Road Tap Room inside Whole Foods Market, you'll soon need to find a new spot.

The space inside the Whole Foods Market at 2100 E. Maple Road, which has offered alcohol by the glass, will put its Class C liquor license in escrow in order to transform the space into one better suited for e-commerce work.

Whole Foods will continue to sell package beer and wine in the store area.

The decision to convert the space into an e-commerce staging area comes after the city commission reviewed the liquor license status because of issues at the store, including a minor being sold alcohol during a decoy investigation, as well as an unpermitted e-commerce area obstructing the view inside

the restaurant area.

"They have submitted plans to the planning department to change that and we will be placing that Class C license in escrow," said Kelly Allen, a lawyer representing Whole Foods, during a recent city commission meeting. "We're going to work with the city so that we don't have any downtime but, at the same time, keep moving along so we don't have that obstruction in the windows."

The city commission voted April 3 to allow the change, giving Whole Foods 90 days to make the required alterations.

The decision came a week after the commission reviewed the other cases with issues, which originally included Whole Foods.

More time was requested on the Whole Foods proposal, leading the commission to take it up again April 3.

The change was proposed by Whole

Foods and was not a result of the city's review, City Manager Tom Markus said.

"They're doing that on their own, because they want to reclaim space for another use," he said.

There was no indication of a timeline for when the change could take place. A Whole Foods spokesman declined to share more information.

Once the license is in escrow, Whole Foods could decide to sell the license, or revive it if they chose to bring alcohol service back to the market.

That would require approval from the city.

Packaged alcohol, such as six-packs of beer and bottled wine, will remain for sale at the market and is not affected by the escrow of the Class C liquor license.

Whole Foods relocated from across Coolidge Highway in Troy to its current home near Maple Road and Eton Street in 2017. There, it operates the grocery with many amenities, including a coffee

stand, a salad bar and hot foods served up onsite. Whole Foods was bought by Amazon in 2017, just months before the Birmingham store relocated.

Allen said the sale of alcohol to a minor took place in the store area, not in the bistro area, and training has taken place among all staff members.

"Thirty-three people were retrained on the 21st of March," she said. "They understand the severity of the safety and welfare issue of sale and service to a minor."

The worker who sold the alcohol to a minor was fired, per company policy, Allen said.

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## Bond for woman charged in hit-and-run death of MSU student denied

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PONTIAC — An Oakland County woman who fled the country after being involved with a fatal hit-and-run crash that killed a Michigan State University student could go to trial next month on a single felony charge.

Tubtim "Sue" Howson, 57, flew to Thailand after being involved in a hit-and-run crash on New Year's Day.

On Wednesday, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren set a pre-trial hearing for May 3 on a charge of failing to stop at the scene of a serious personal injury accident, a five-year felony, and denied bond in the case.

In March, a district court judge set a \$1 million cash bond, but it's unclear whether Howson posted the bond or had been held in jail. She waived a preliminary exam in district court on March 24 and was bound over to circuit court.

Authorities said Howson was driving

a vehicle that struck Benjamin Kable, 22, of Shelby Township, while he was standing or walking on Rochester Road, south of Whims Lane in Oakland Township, about 5:50 a.m. Jan. 1.

Authorities said Howson was on her way to work when she hit Kable and fled the scene. Officials from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office have said Howson is a dual citizen of both the U.S. and Thailand.

Howson, a Thai-American woman who has dual citizenship, flew to Bangkok two days after the crash, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office said. She was returned to the U.S. in late February and arrived in Oakland County in March, officials said.

"We are extremely pleased we have our suspect in custody in Oakland County, and we thank (the judge) for her attention to the fact that clearly the defendant has been a flight risk to the extreme," Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said at the time of her arrest.

## Northville woman thought she won small Powerball prize: What she discovered 6 weeks later

### Tanya Wildt

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It recently took a Northville woman six weeks to realize she'd won a \$1 million Powerball prize.

Eileen Wickett, 60, purchased a ticket that matched the five white balls drawn Feb. 6 — 5, 11, 22, 23 and 69, according to the Michigan Lottery.

Wickett is a regular player and purchases tickets for the same set of numbers online via a subscription feature. When she saw an email from the Michi-

gan Lottery that she'd won a prize, she assumed it was for a few dollars.

"Since I have a subscription and my tickets are automatically purchased, I didn't log on to my account for a while," she told the Michigan Lottery. "It wasn't until six weeks after I'd won that I logged into my account and saw a \$1 million prize pending."

"It was such an awesome feeling! I called my kids right away to tell them the good news."

She plans to use the money to complete home improvements, take a vacation and share with her family.

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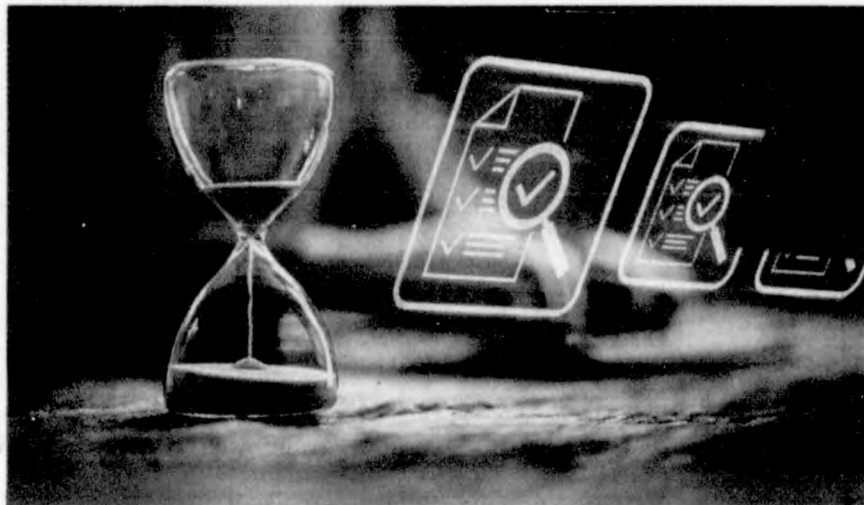
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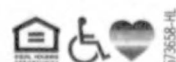
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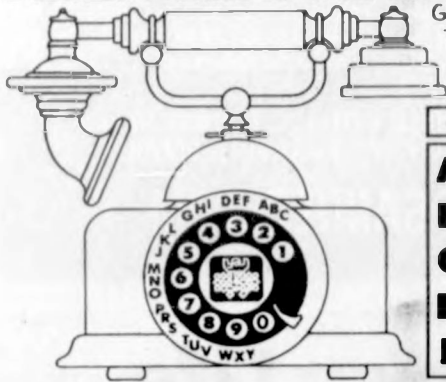
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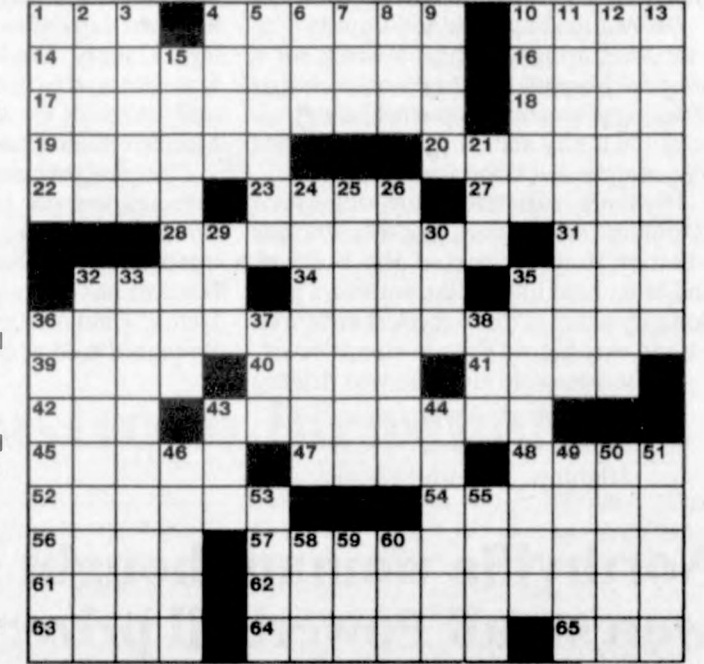
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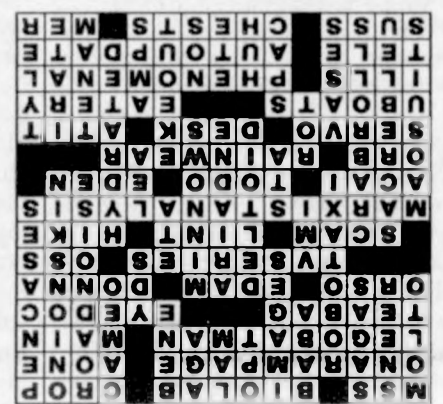
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# Two new restaurants to open under one roof in Plymouth

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**PLYMOUTH** — Two new eateries are set to open under one roof near downtown.

Both Shift Kitchen & Cocktails and Sidecar Slider Bar will begin welcoming patrons in separate spaces at 340 N. Main St. — just outside the city's downtown district — sometime in May or early June, co-owner Steve Simon said.

"We've been eyeing the building for a while," said Simon, noting plans were slowed by COVID-19 and a change in the building's ownership. "We think Plymouth has great downtown. The restaurants are doing amazing, so it's hard to get into the central downtown area, but we think we're close enough."

The building, located between the city's downtown and Old Village neighborhood, has its own parking lot, an enviable feature for businesses in the downtown area.

The new location will Sidecar's fifth. The business also operates in Birmingham, Brighton, Farmington and Lansing, offering "gourmet bar food," including a variety of craft beers, cocktails and signature sliders.

"We have eight or nine different (slider) options," Simon said. "The Drive Thru is our play on a Big Mac, with lettuce, pickle, special sauce and American cheese, and we do a version called PB Jammin, with peanut butter, jelly and bacon on the burger."

"It sounds crazy, but anybody who tries it, loves it," he added.

Another favorite, he said, is the 9-1-1 slider, which comes with a blackened beef patty, pepper Jack cheese, a habanero popper and habanero aioli.

Not a meat eater? No worries. Other sliders include ahi tuna, salmon, perch, portabella mushroom and a vegetable option.

Sidecar's menu also includes a varie-

ty shareable appetizers, including house-smoked wings, coconut shrimp and Brussels sprouts with balsamic reduction, and bleu cheese and bacon — a popular favorite.

Patrons can choose from a variety of salads, pizzas and calzones as well.

## Shift Kitchen & Cocktails in Plymouth

On the other side of the building, Shift Kitchen & Cocktails will open its second location — the first operates alongside Sidecar in Birmingham — in what Simon described as an "upscale cocktail and wine bar with shared plates."

The new Shift location in Plymouth will have about 70 seats, while the Plymouth Sidecar will accommodate 90. Both will have outdoor patios, on opposite sides of the building.

Shift's handcrafted cocktail menu includes The Color Red, made with milagro reposado, fresh lime, strawberry and jalapeño jam; the Basic B\*tch, made with Ketel One Grapefruit and Rose Vodka, fresh grapefruit, fresh lemon and mint; and the Millionaire's Margarita, with Don Julio 1942 Extra Anejo Tequila, pineapple and habanero jam, fresh lime, gold salt and smoked cloche.

Popular food options at Shift include the ahi tuna tartare, calamari and filet tips.

"We present those as shared plates, so if you come in with a partner, husband, wife or another couple you can get three or four different things and share," Simon said.

Both venues will host happy hour seven days a week.

A firm opening date has not yet been set. Simon said construction is nearly finished, but city inspection is still pending.

Have a story idea? Contact reporter Laura Colvin at lcolvin@hometownlife.com or 248-221-8143.



Steve Simon, co-owner of Sidecar Slider Bar and Shift Kitchen & Cocktails, poses for a photo at Sidecar's Birmingham location. New locations of both Sidecar and Shift are expected to open in Plymouth sometime in late May or early June.

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Sidecar Slider Bar and Shift Kitchen & Cocktails plans to open in this building along Main Street in Plymouth. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# SPORTS

## Canada transfer lifes Northville girls soccer past rival Novi

Grace Koski kicked a perfect pass to Kailyn Morrison for the game-winner. And Morrison, well, missed the shot. She was so bummed about it that teammate Helena McLellan had to come over and console her before the Northville girls soccer team raced back on defense during its match against rival Novi on April 6.

To be fair, Morrison wasn't the only Mustang missing near-gimme goals.

It's only Week 2. Northville is attempting to replace several starters from last year's Division I state runner-up team. And plenty of the Mustangs are learning to play with a target on their back. They're going to get everyone's best shot after playing for a state title. And that's especially true in a cross-town rivalry game.

The angst to snap a 0-0 stalemate late in the match was there. That's why Morrison and her teammates were really pushing to throw in a goal in the waning moments.

And then the Mustangs finally put it all together.

Just minutes later, with 7:42 left, Morrison got another run at the net from about the same spot she missed her previous potential game-winner. Only this time she boomed a shot from 20 yards out right where Novi goalie Riley Boujoulian couldn't dive to save it.

The goal gave the Mustangs (2-0, 2-0) the 1-0 victory and ensured they remained undefeated in what's already shaping up to be another tough spring in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West.

"I just tried to stay composed," Morrison said. "I know everyone was kind of in the moment. We were wanting that goal. We were hungry for it. I had a wide-open shot, and I should've taken it with my left, but I ended up taking it with my right so it kind of just curved far post. I should've definitely scored that. I think after that missed opportunity, I definitely wanted to come back and score for my team."

While Northville has a handful of key veterans back from a year ago, such as Meloche, Adalyn Saline, Kate Gonzalez, Grace Koski, Reese Cassie and Simran Magnan, you should also get used to seeing Morrison score goals.

The junior comes from a long line of star athletes.

Her father, Brendan Morrison, played in the NHL for several teams. Her brother, Brayden, plays for Wisconsin's men's hockey team. And one of her sisters, Makenna, plays for Miami (Ohio)'s women's soccer program.

She actually just transferred to Northville from Calgary, Alberta, to be closer to her siblings in college. And



Northville's Kailyn Morrison looks ahead during a Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West girls soccer match on April 6. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

she, too, is verbally committed to play at Miami. Why Northville? Her father led the nearby Michigan Wolverines to the 1996 national championship and earned the Hobey Baker Award, given to the NCAA's player of the year, in 1997.

Michigan is somewhat of a home away from home for the Morrisons. And she most recently played for the Michigan Hawks club program.

Getting her acclimated with her teammates early on this spring should help keep the Mustangs ranked No. 1 in the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association's weekly poll.

"That's what I've been telling the girls," second-year coach Jeannine Reddy said. "You've got a lot of expectations from other people, so I just want you to play hard. Half of our team is new, so we've got a lot of building to do

and getting used to how everyone plays. I think we struggled a little bit in the first game against Brighton, trying to figure out our runs and passes. People were shooting from all over the place or not shooting when they should be. So, today, we did a better job possessing the ball, but we've still got to figure out how to finish at the end."

McLellan was there for Morrison after the junior missed a surefire goal.

And McLellan was the first person there to hug Morrison when she scored the actual game-winner.

It's only Game 2, but Northville is well on its way to becoming a close, competitive group. Expect more hugs and less consoling as the season continues.

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## Patriots excelling because of multi-sport athletes such as Kevin Davis

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Kevin Davis cannot recall the last time he had a chance to play video games.

Not because the Livonia Franklin senior doesn't enjoy playing them with his buddies. Because he does.

But his schedule is just too jam-packed for those types of leisurely activities.

Just how busy is this guy?

He just helped his boys basketball team win its first divisional title since 2003. His effort was so good as the Patriots' big man down low that he earned third-team honors on Hometown Life's All-Area team.

But he's also a National Honor Society member with a 4.0 grade-point average. Plus, he volunteers at nearby Grant Elementary School, where he tutors children in math.

In two weeks, his summer job with Livonia Parks and Recreation starts up. Twice a week he helps put on games for the adult softball leagues at both Ford Field and Bicentennial Park.

And, oh yeah, we should probably mention the Lansing Community College commit is also one of 11 senior leaders on this spring's baseball team at Franklin, which hopes to repeat as Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East champions, win another district title and, hopefully, avenge last year's loss to Northville in the regional opener.

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Livonia Franklin's Kevin Davis watches teammates from the dugout during a game against Dearborn Heights Annapolis on April 7. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Northville QB Luca Prior picks upstart Calvin University



Northville senior Luca Prior recently became the first QB to commit to Calvin University's new football program. COURTESY PHOTO

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Luca Prior was unsure if he'd ever get the chance to play college football.

Yet he's already received his first accolade at the next level.

The Northville senior recently committed to Calvin University, the prestigious Division III school in Grand Rapids that is starting a football program and expects to begin competition in 2024.

What makes Prior's decision special? He was the first quarterback to commit to the Knights and first-year coach Trent

Figg.

"I was hearing great things about their coaches," Prior told Hometown Life on Wednesday night. "I reached out to Calvin, and there was just an instant connection. Coach (Ben) Dixon, the offensive coordinator, and Coach Figg, we had been talking for a couple of days, so I scheduled a visit and loved it. I loved the campus and committed two weeks later."

Prior quarterbacked the Mustangs to an 8-3 record and an appearance in the Division 1 district championship this past school year. On the season, he completed 110 of 169 passes for 1,425 yards, 16 TDs and just three interceptions. He

also rushed 40 times for 375 yards and two scores.

While Prior had an admirable career at Northville, he wasn't highly recruited during the fall.

But then his performance in the annual Legacy Senior All-Star Game caught the eye of several colleges.

Playing against some of the best recruits in Michigan, Prior led four scoring drives, went 10 of 16 passing for 100 yards and tossed a 9-yard TD pass that secured the 37-25 victory for the West.

Not only did he outplay most of the QBs who made appearances in that

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## Baseball

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Video games? This right-handed pitcher had to squeeze in time to throw bullpens during the basketball season. Fortnite, Call of Duty and Madden can wait.

"It's hard getting it all in, but it's a fun grind," the senior said following his team's 7-6 win in extra innings over Dearborn Heights Annapolis on April 7. "It's weird, right? I'm a baseball guy first, but once it's basketball season, I'm fully invested into basketball, and (Franklin coach Matt) Fournier does a great job of recognizing that. It hasn't been easy. It's not easy. I'm cramming in a lot of things, but I love it. I really love it because I'm giving back to my community that gave so much to me when I was growing up."

Davis singled home Aiden Napier to put the Patriots ahead of Annapolis early, but they had to battle back after some rocky pitching late in the game.

In fact, Davis was at the plate when a wild pitch allowed Toby Ransley to score the walk-off run and secure the comeback victory.

But, of course, that's the type of effort you expect from Davis, who celebrated the win with a bat flip.

Not even a (somewhat) late start to spring training can slow down this senior.

"He really didn't have that short of time to get ready, though," Fournier said.



Livonia Franklin's Kevin Davis celebrates winning a baseball game against Dearborn Heights Annapolis on April 7.

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"During basketball season he continued to get ready. We always say that when you're playing a winter sport, that's your first priority. We don't ever have a kid run when we're doing our stuff. Just come in and get your pens in, pitching-wise, and get your swings in. Again, he's a 4-point student, so he knows how to time manage. He's able to get done what

he needs to do get done. That's why he's going to play ball at Lansing."

Davis isn't the only hard worker at Franklin.

A study by the Michigan High School Athletic Association revealed that 77.7% of student-athletes at Livonia Franklin played multiple sports during the 2021-22 school year, which was the second

highest in Class A behind only Bay City Central (78.7%).

A year ago, Caden Fournier, Coach Fournier's son, was a three-sport athlete, excelling in football, basketball and, obviously, baseball. And Zac Ole-suk, arguably the best athlete at the school as a senior, quarterbacked the football team to a Division 2 state semifinal and pitched the baseball team to a regional semifinal. Coincidentally, both are teammates at Alma College right now.

For the most part, that tradition has continued this school year. Franklin athletes such as Owen Hawley (all-state football player, state champion wrestler) and Morgan Ruffing (state champion gymnast) are competing on the track and field team. Hometown Life's Player of the Year in football, Cordell Mabins Jr., and All-Area boys basketball players Eric Hobson Jr. and Robbie Wynn are also on the track team.

Davis isn't a trendsetter by any means, but his success in basketball should be contagious on the baseball diamond.

"We share them pretty well here," Coach Fournier added. "From time to time, you'd like to have them more, but you'd also like all of the programs here to do well."

The only problem with being so busy at Franklin is Davis likely won't pick up a video game controller anytime soon.

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## Soccer

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**The Wildcats are set at goalie for the next 4 years**

Yeah, Boujoulian let in the go-ahead goal with under 10 minutes left.

But she played as well as coach Todd Pheiffer could've asked for. Northville made run after run in the second half, putting several solid scoring opportunities on frame. But his goalie made save after save.

Which is saying something because Boujoulian, who comes from the Michigan Jaguars, is only a freshman.

That's right.

The Wildcats (1-2) have a premier talent between the posts for the next 4 years.

"She played phenomenally tonight," said Pheiffer, who led Novi to back-to-back state championships in 2018 and 2019. "There was nothing she could've done on that goal. That was a great shot by their No. 8 (Morrison). But she came up with some big, big saves for us to keep us in the game, especially in the second half."

"When you're stepping onto the field in an away game against your rival in just the third game of your career, she made some huge saves back there. Credit to her. Only being a freshman, that's something we can look forward to in the future of having a solid goalkeeper back there. This being the third game of her career, she came up with big saves."

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Novi's Riley Boujoulian clears the ball during a Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West girls soccer match Thursday, April 6, 2023. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Luca Prior

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game but he also did so on television. Everyone who loves watching Michigan high school football saw it.

"During the Legacy All-Star Game, and throughout the week of practice, I realized I could compete against the best in the state," Prior said. "I thought, at that point, it may be wise to play in college and develop that talent because my focus during the football season was to not try to go on visits. It wasn't trying to do anything but win games at Northville High School. I always looked at college football as a bonus, so I didn't stress about it. But then the offers started to come in."

Prior was pursued by Kalamazoo College and Hillsdale College as well as two schools in Indiana in Manchester University and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

But the opportunity at Calvin proved to be too good to pass up.

Prior developed a strong chemistry with the coaching staff and also liked the idea that he could help build a program from the ground up.

The Knights are expected to bring in



Northville quarterback Luca Prior poses for a picture with parents Selvi and Kevin and grandmother Marge following the Legacy Senior All-Star football game Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022, at Legacy Center Sports Complex in Brighton.

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at least three QBs during this recruiting cycle. All players will redshirt as the team will not be playing in 2023. When Prior is a redshirt freshman, they'll likely bring in a couple more freshmen and transfers to see who will start at QB that inaugural season.

Prior might not win that starting role from the get-go, but he's going to do his best to become a leader inside the locker room, which is something he's always been known for at Northville.

"The plan is to go and earn that respect from my teammates and lead this

program," he said. "Every new program is looking for a new leader, and it's important that leadership comes from the QB position. If I can blossom into that leadership role at Calvin, it may translate early on (into victories) in that first season."

Prior, who plans to study either finance or business at Calvin, understands the challenges that come with upstart college teams. But that doesn't mean he's not going to try his best to win games.

"It's an opportunity to be part of something new at a school that's already rich with tradition," the 6-foot-2, 170-pound QB added. "But the one thing that me and the coaches have talked about is the need for instant success. I don't plan on going somewhere to lose football games. I understand the stigma around new teams having trouble getting off the ground, but I'll be there to compete, win games and compete in the MIAA (Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association)."

Prior won't be the last great QB at Northville, but, if all goes well, he's hoping to be the first one at Calvin.

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# Californian should help the Maples win OAA-White

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Ava David still isn't used to Michigan's frigid temperatures and snow.

But the Birmingham Seaholm senior is definitely used to using her vision on the pitch to her advantage.

That was evident in Saturday's 2-2 tie with Ann Arbor Pioneer's girls soccer team.

The returning all-stater played a perfect through-ball on a line about 20 yards downfield to a streaking Samantha Sickinger, who blasted in a point-blank goal to put the Maples (0-1-1) ahead 1-0 just 9 minutes into the action.

The key to that score?

David kept her eyes toward the net the entire time she was weaving through the midfield.

"If you just look up and see where the player is, it's really that much easier," David said. "People are always looking down at their feet with the ball and don't know where people are."

David would know about those players.

In fact, she used to be one of those players when she was younger.

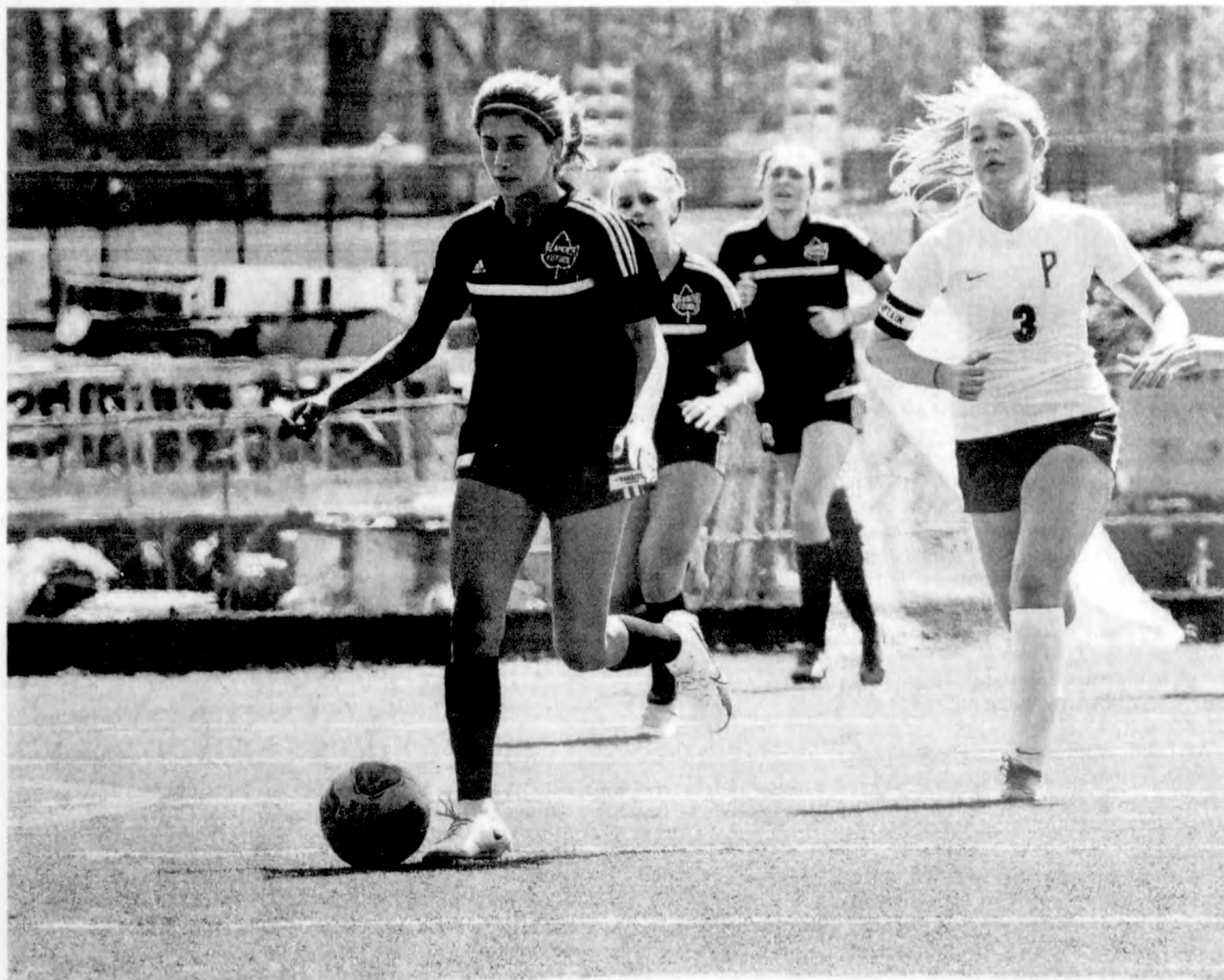
She started playing soccer as a 4-year-old in San Mateo, California, which is just south of San Francisco. She remembers her coaches drilling into her head the fact that she needs to look ahead at all times for open strikers.

That's a skillset she brought with her to Michigan when her father got a job here during her freshman year.

And while she still isn't acclimated to the below-freezing temperatures and wind that rears its head often during early-spring matches in the mitten state, she is used to keeping her eyeballs on alert for open scoring chances.

"I feel like, for my whole life, my coaches have told me to just look up," David added. "And that's all we practiced then. When I lived in California, I feel like they took it really, really seriously there. We practiced all year around because it was never cold. I just feel like I got my skills from my old coaches in California."

Her current coach, Seaholm's Manuel Rodrigues, is well aware of her quar-



Birmingham Seaholm's Ava David assists on a goal during a girls soccer match Saturday. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

terback-like presence on the pitch.

He's hoping she can lead the Maples to both an Oakland Activities Association-White championship — which should be a competitive race against the likes of Berkley and Lake Orion — and a district championship.

And, maybe, much more because this is a deep Seaholm squad. They have 14 seniors as well as a handful of athletic scorers, including Sickinger and Camryn Geller, who are both juniors. And that also includes freshman Avery Schwartz, who Rodrigues is excited

about platooning off the bench.

And one of those athletic seniors, in fact, was Lexi Beckeman, whose moon ball tucked in just inside the left post to ensure the 2-2 stalemate with 22 minutes left in the match.

"She's solid. She's probably one of the best visionaries on the team. She sees it," Rodrigues said of David. "She plays in that false nine position (a center-back tactic for drawing defenders out of position), and she does a nice job. And she pushes up, too, because I like her to push up. She's always looking for

the two runners (Sickinger and Geller) up front because they have so much speed."

The Maples kick off league play this week. They finished a half-game out of first place a year ago. With David a year older, they should be the favorite to win the division — as long as the Californian can endure a few more weeks of Michigan's chilly spring weather.

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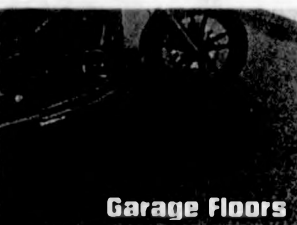
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# Player of the Year

## Brighton's Duffany earns county's top high school hockey honor

**Bill Khan**  
Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

BRIGHTON — When Cam Duffany's hockey career reached a crossroads in 2021, he did some research.

His AAA team in the Honeybaked program was coming apart early in the season, with players leaving to go elsewhere.

Duffany had a decision to make — look for another AAA team or switch gears and play for Brighton High School.

"I talked to a lot of guys on the team and people who have played for Brighton and some Division I (college) guys," Duffany said. "They were telling me 100% they're glad they did it, glad they made the switch. To play in front of your school is like no other experience. That really convinced me. I'm glad I made the move."

And so is Brighton coach Kurt Kivisto, whose team has reached back-to-back state Division 1 championship games with Duffany as one of the driving forces.

Duffany has been rewarded with first-team all-state berths each season and has been named Player of the Year in the hockey hotbed of Livingston County by the Livingston Daily.

"We didn't know a ton about him," Kivisto said. "We knew who he was. We knew he had a special year the year prior in travel hockey. The expectations weren't overly high coming in; he was only a sophomore last year. We were very pleasantly surprised by what he did, and he elevated his game again this year."

Kivisto knew enough about Duffany to reach out to him after the breakup of his previous team.

"When people were leaving, Kurt texted me," Duffany said. "He heard about it. He offered and said, 'I'd be more than glad to have you come play.' My dad told me that. I said, 'Yeah, I'll



Brighton's Cam Duffany had 29 goals and 29 assists in 30 games this season.  
TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

give it a shot. I play in the fall with them and loved it. I joined the team for the season."

Duffany played his sophomore season on a line headed by senior all-stater Nick Baker, scoring 19 goals and adding 28 assists in 28 games.

Once Baker graduated, the torch was passed to Duffany.

"I really looked up to him a lot," Duffany said. "Me being a sophomore and him being a senior, he was my role model. At the end of last year, he was telling me, 'You're gonna have to really step it up these next two years and be a model for the younger guys like I was to you.' I

really took that to heart. Hopefully, I'm able to do that."

Duffany became a greater offensive force as a junior, scoring 29 goals and 29 assists in 30 games. He eclipsed the 100-point plateau for his career late in the season, boosting his totals to 48 goals and 57 assists in 58 games. He ranks 14th on Brighton's career scoring list in only two seasons. Only one player ahead of him, 1999 graduate Frank Garcia with 135 points, reached 100 points in only two seasons.

The school record of 183 points was set in four seasons by 1993 graduate Gordie Brown.

"He's already left his mark," Kivisto said. "Getting to the 100-point plateau as a junior and doing that in only two seasons is really impressive. I'm looking forward to seeing what he can do next year as a senior. There's something individually on the table, but I know his sights are set on team goals, as well."

The most important point in Duffany's career so far was the winning goal in double overtime against Livonia Stevenson in the state quarterfinals. He scored all three goals for Brighton in a 3-2 victory.

That earned the Bulldogs the opportunity to take part in a historic matchup against Livingston County rival Hartland in the state semifinals. With 4,000 fans on hand, Brighton won 4-3 in triple overtime on a goal by senior Evan Woh-lart.

"The highlight of the year would definitely have to be the triple-overtime win against Hartland in the semifinals," Duffany said. "It was special. Everyone knew it was going to be a packed house. You don't really expect it until you're on the ice. When you're on the ice, it's incredible to take in all the people watching you. It was a real fun experience, and to come out on top and go to the championship was something sweet."

The Bulldogs lost 3-0 the next night to Detroit Catholic Central, the second straight year they fell one game short of a state championship against the Shamrocks.

The all-consuming goal for Duffany and his fellow juniors is to take care of unfinished business as seniors.

"They're the one team I still haven't beaten that I really would like to beat," Duffany said. "I'm really confident in the returning guys and some guys who are coming to play. I think we'll be able to get the job done next year and win it my senior year."

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**Brandon Folsom**  
Hometownlife.com  
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Playing high school athletics isn't cheap.

That's why Churchill Athletic Patrons has been helping raise money for Livonia Churchill student-athletes for the past 23 years.

The nonprofit organization sells Chargers spirit wear throughout the school year, raises money through fundraisers and hosts events that also help bring in funds.

Their fundraising has afforded student-athletes new uniforms, team tents, weights, pitching machines, track timers and annual \$1,000 scholarships for graduating seniors. They handed out over \$184,000 in scholarship money in the past two decades alone.

If you'd like to support CAP's efforts, the organization has two upcoming events:

From 9:30-11:30 a.m. on April 22, it's hosting the Rick Austin Memorial 5K, an event started in 2018 to honor the for-



**The Churchill Athletic Patrons are made up of (l-r) Tiffany Morche, Kim Balhorn, Casey Conway, Lisa Hudy and Mark McCusker.** CHURCHILL ATHLETIC PATRONS/COURTESY PHOTO

mer track coach and educator. The cost is \$30 (or \$25 if you're a Churchill student).

On June 11 is the annual CAP golf outing at Whispering Willows in Livonia. The cost is \$400 per foursome or \$110 for individuals. Organizations can also sponsor a hole.

To sign up for a CAP event or apply for a scholarship, visit [chs-cap.com/](https://chs-cap.com/). This year, CAP plans to hand out nine schol-

## Obituaries

### Keith A. Wells

**PENTWATER** - Keith A. Wells, 92, of Pentwater, MI, passed away peacefully, March 30, 2023, surrounded by his family in Ann Arbor, MI.

He was born to Merritt and Doris (Brimcomb) Wells in Montreal, Canada, on March 17, 1931. After Keith was Honorably Discharged from the US Navy, he became a Detroit Policeman where he met and married his wife, Jean (Pollands) Wells, who was the Detroit Police Commissioner's secretary. Keith and Jean raised three daughters, Katherine, Barbara, and Elizabeth. Most of his career was spent in police work, as well as working as a licensed builder. Keith had a love for animals, especially dogs, and always carried a supply of dog biscuits to share.

Keith was very active in his communities. He was a former City Councilman and on the ZBA in both Pentwater, MI and South Lyon, MI. He was a member of the Centenary United Methodist Church, Pentwater, MI; and a lifetime member of the Masonic Temple, Hart, MI, Eldon L. Chadwick VFW Post 6017, Pentwater, MI, and American Legion, Ludington, MI.

He is survived by his three daughters: Katherine Wells (Livonia, MI), Barbara Wells (Howell, MI) and Elizabeth (Stefan) Pfile (South Lyon, MI) and doting Papa to his beloved granddaughters, Meghan and Lindsey Pfile. He was predeceased by his wife, Jean in 2008.

In lieu of a service or flowers, Keith would like everyone to honor him by taking the time to carry their kindness in the world. He would like his friends to complete an act of kindness to someone who may need a helping hand, spend time with someone you love, or reaching out to those who may need your friendship. Funeral Arrangements by Generations Funeral & Cremation Services, Farmington Hills, MI. EOW



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### Joseph George Toth

Joseph George Toth was born on February 5, 1936, in St. Clair, Pennsylvania, the son of the late John and Anna (Matouka) Toth. He lived a life both full of adventure and rich with experiences. After providing a lifetime of support, advice and love to his family and friends, he completed his journey on April 2, 2023.

Loving husband of the late Marsha, dear father of Jennifer (Jeff) Eliassen, Valerie (Jeremy) Kendra, Joanne Toth, Sharon (Jason) Toth-Thurston and Joseph (fiancée Paula) Toth, brother of George (the late Claudette) Toth, Ann (the late Gerry) Crotteau. He was preceded in death by his brother John (the late Fujiko) Toth.

Joe was extremely proud of his 10 grandchildren: Aiden, Ryan and Alina Kendra; Ethan and Sarah Eliassen; Audrey and Gemma Thurston; Liam (Richichi), Chloe and Violet Toth. He also adored his two grandpups, Loki and Ollie, possibly more than his actual children. Joe loved to tell everyone he met how amazing, talented and good looking his grandkids are. And how, obviously, he was the common denominator for their many fine accomplishments.

Joe was raised in Detroit and attended the Henry Ford Trade School until the age of 15, when an argument with his father led him to hop on a train car heading west. He spent the next year working odd jobs while traveling his way to California and back, returning home to enlist in the Marine Corps at the age of 17. Joe was stationed in Japan at the end of the Korean War, serving as an aviation radar technician. He loved to share stories from these early years and considered these experiences as some of his best memories.

Following his discharge from the Marine Corps, Joe returned to Detroit



to finish his education. He spent his career as a technical writer, working on military and automotive projects, while raising his family in Novi. Joe was very active in Novi politics and was proud to be a part of Novi's development as a member of the planning commission, as well as serving many years as a city councilman.

After retirement, Joe focused on his favorite pastimes of tracing family ancestry, accusing people of adding hot sauce to his food, and reading historical romances (with embarrassing covers). He was thrilled to share his books with his health care workers and friends. He loved visiting with family and friends and never failed to offer up his wisdom, usually unsolicited. "You know what you should do..." was his catchphrase and included in every conversation he ever had, immediately followed by a numbered list of things to do. To give him credit, he really knew something about everything. He was a man with a big heart, an even bigger personality, and will be missed more than words can possibly convey.

The family would like to express our appreciation for the loving care and support provided to him in his final years by the staff at Waltonwood University. He loved his Waltonwood family with all of his heart.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 11:30 am, with visitation beginning at 10:30 am. Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd, Rochester. Private inurnment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery to be held at a later date. Memorials in Joe's name may be made to the American Library Association or the Michigan Fallen and Wounded Soldier Fund. Online guest book [www.modetzfuneralhomes.com](https://www.modetzfuneralhomes.com)

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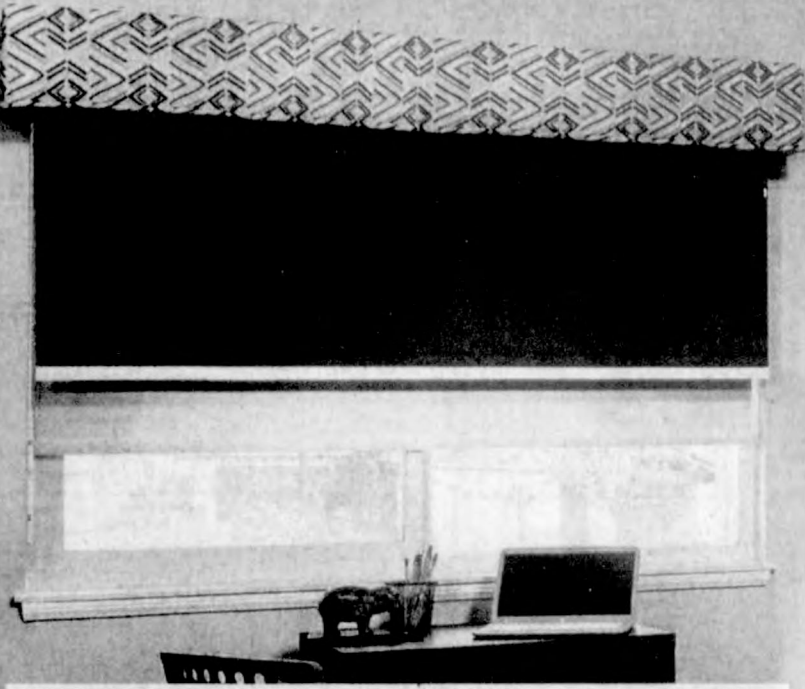
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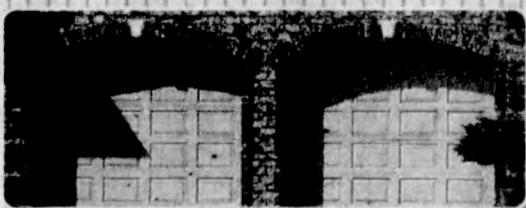


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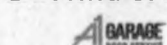
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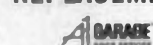
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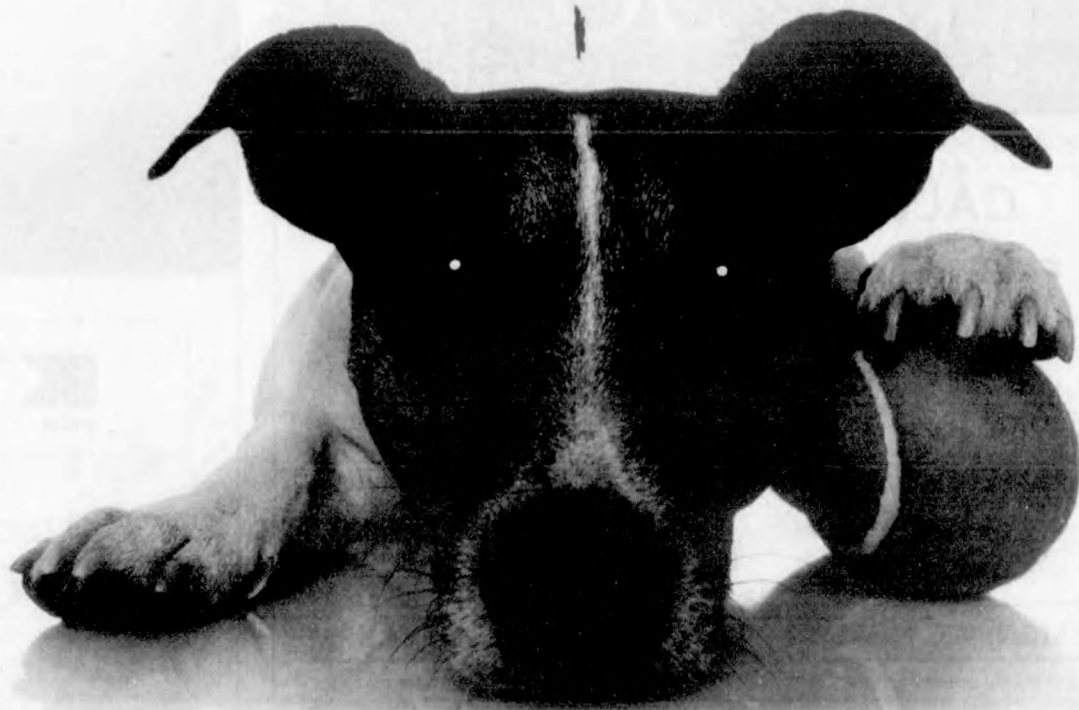
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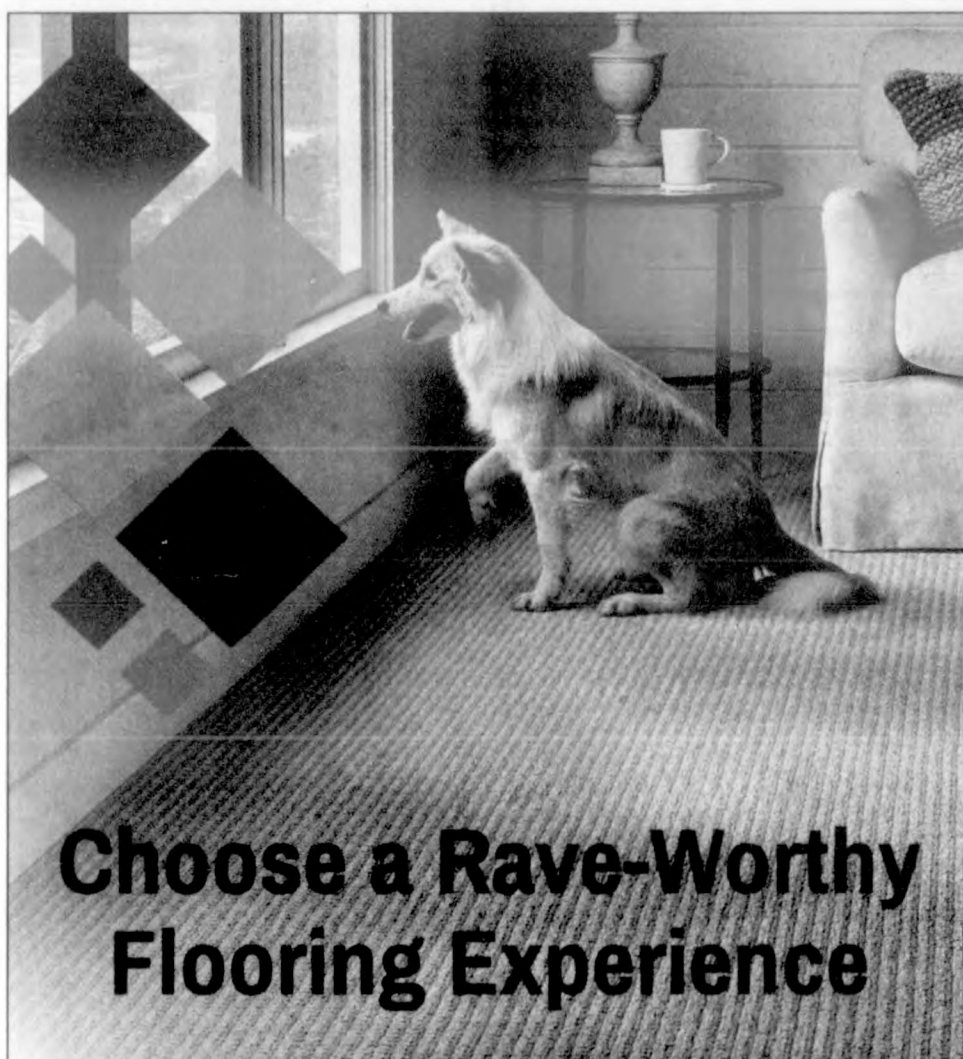
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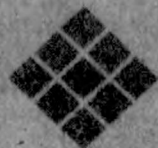
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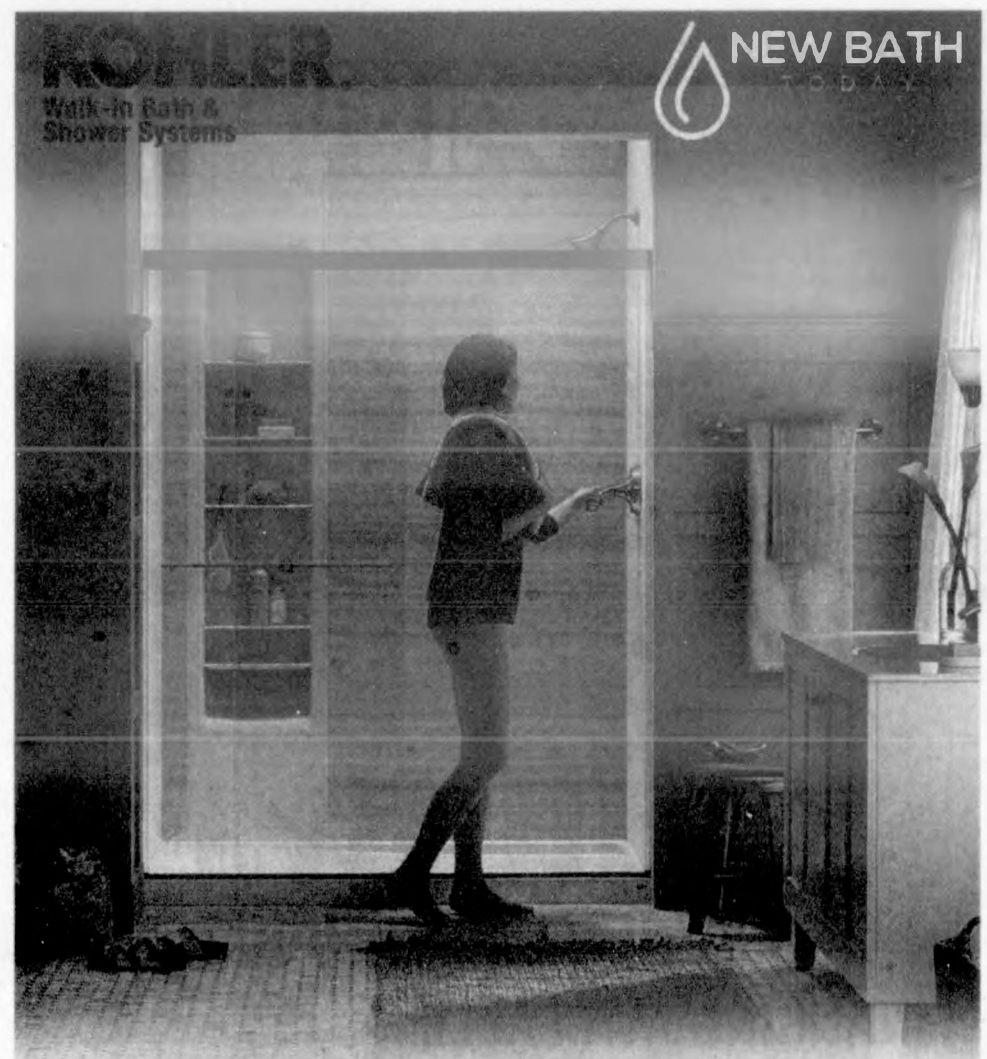
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