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Farmington plans to ban pot shops

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It appears Farmington will become the latest local community to put the kibosh on any recreational marijuana businesses attempting to open up in the city. The city council voted unanimously Monday night during its regular meeting on a first reading banning marijuana businesses from opening in the city. For many of the council members, making such a move appeared to be a no-brainer to them.

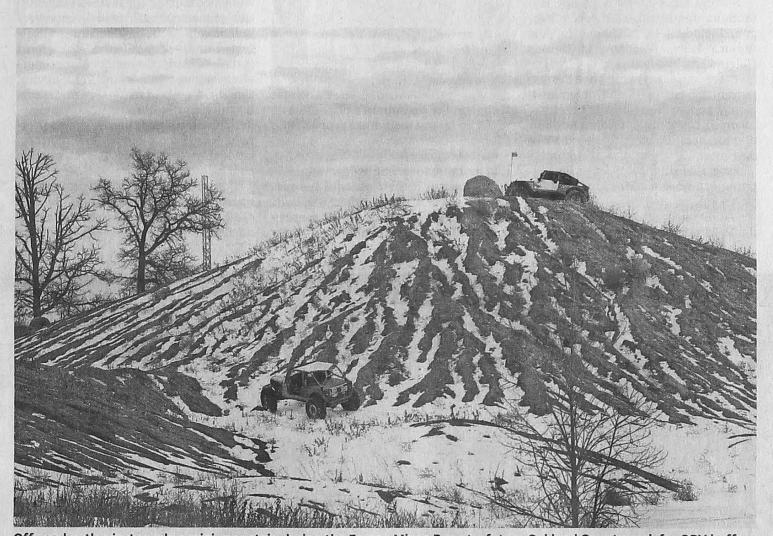
"I can't in good faith support a busi-

ness that is federally prohibited from opening a bank account," said Councilman Bill Galvin. "Until the federal level changes their laws on this, I'm not in favor of it."

Michigan voters approved the legalization of marijuana under state law last year. The law allows residents to possess small amounts of marijuana and allows for the growth of a limited amount of plants for personal use.

Marijuana cannot be consumed in public or by someone under the age of 21, under the Michigan Regulation and

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Off-road enthusiasts scale a mini-mountain during the Frozen Mines Run at a future Oakland County park for ORV buffs.

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Get ready to go off-road at future Oakland park

Bill Laitner Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

A dream of off-road enthusiasts is revving toward reality this weekwhen officials are expected to approve what could be one of the most purposely rugged parks ever to occupy a sizable chunk of Michigan.

Hundreds of rock-strewn and topsyturvy acres in northern Oakland County are set to lure four-wheeler clubs and individual SUV owners, as well as noisy off-road motorcyclists, to test their hill-climbing and gully-jumping skills, say the planners of this new park.

What has pulses really pounding among southeast Michigan's off-roaders is having their hobby so close by, just off I-75 about 90 minutes north of Detroit.

Four-wheeling tourists can camp overnight near the new park and boost the local economy, said Oakland County Commissioner Phil Weipert of South Lyon, who said he plans to vote an

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Off-roaders rumble through a gully on a trial run in February.

Police see spike in thefts of tires, rims, car parts

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Stealing tires is trending again in Livonia

Car bandits have seemed particularly drawn to residential driveways and parking lots in recent weeks.

Police reported a Chevrolet Trail-Blazer on car jacks and missing two front tires in a Dollar Tree parking lot, 38000 Ann Arbor Road, on March 13.

Also, a Plymouth Woods Apartments resident woke up March 16 to find all four tires, along with 18-inch, four-spoke rims, missing from his 2019 Mercedes-Benz.

Police Lt. Charles Lister shared a few more reports, indicating the bandits are striking from dark until morning and sometimes leaving lug nuts in the parking lots.

According to the reports, at least one bandit stole the tires and rims from a 2017 Chevrolet Camaro outside apartments on St. Martins, near Purlinbrook Street, on March 21.

Police arrived to find the vehicle on landscaping bricks and the lug nuts nearby.

Security cameras did not cover where the Camaro was parked.

That same day, a woman living in

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a community thrives

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Truck ransacked for more than \$1,500 in property

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A 24-year-old man told police he was staying at his girlfriend's Independence Drive apartment when he awoke to discover he was missing more than \$1,500 in property.

According to a report filed Sunday with the Farmington Hills Police Department, he parked his Ford F-150 truck at Independence Green Apartments off Halstead and Grand River the night of March 24.

He woke up the next day to find the truck had been ransacked. Missing were a North Face backpack and some Oakley sunglasses. Also gone were an HP laptop, an iPad and a Burberry watch. He said he thought he locked the vehicle.

The report did not indicate why he waited to report the crime.

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Steak 'N Shake closes in Livonia

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It appears Livonia has lost one of its businesses open 24 hours a day. And this recent closure will have those who love a milkshake and burger the most impacted.

Signs posted on the doors of the Steak 'N Shake at 17200 S. Middlebelt, just north of Six Mile, say the restaurant has closed.

But the signs and the Steak 'N Shake website indicate the closure may not be a permanent one.

"We have decided to close this Steak 'N Shake location, which is being designated for a Franchise Partner," the sign posted on the door of the business reads. "We will be renovating by installing new equipment to improve our speed and customer service. This location will reopen under new Franchise ownership."

The company's website also indicates the Livonia restaurant is "temporarily closed" when searching for the location.

An attempt to call the phone number associated with the restaurant resulted in the phone ringing continuously without an answering machine.

A message was left with a media relations representative with the corporate offices of Steak 'N Shake but was not returned by press time.

Steak 'N Shake is a restaurant chain that was founded in 1934 in Illinois. It focuses on serving a variety of milk-shakes and steakburgers, as well as breakfast items and other casual fare.

Several other Steak N' Shake restaurants operate in southeast Michigan, including in Madison Heights, Auburn Hills, Woodhaven, Sterling Heights and Ypsilanti.

There's no exact word when the restaurant closed or if and/or when it would reopen. Barb Gamber, the city of Livonia's economic development coordinator, had just recently heard Monday morning about the restaurant's closure. She said it appeared the restaurant probably closed within the past week.

"I didn't hear of any announcement it was coming," she said. "This is news



The Steak 'N Shake on Middlebelt in Livonia has closed, but a sign says it will reopen under a new franchise owner. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



A sign on the restaurant's door states it will be renovated before reopening.

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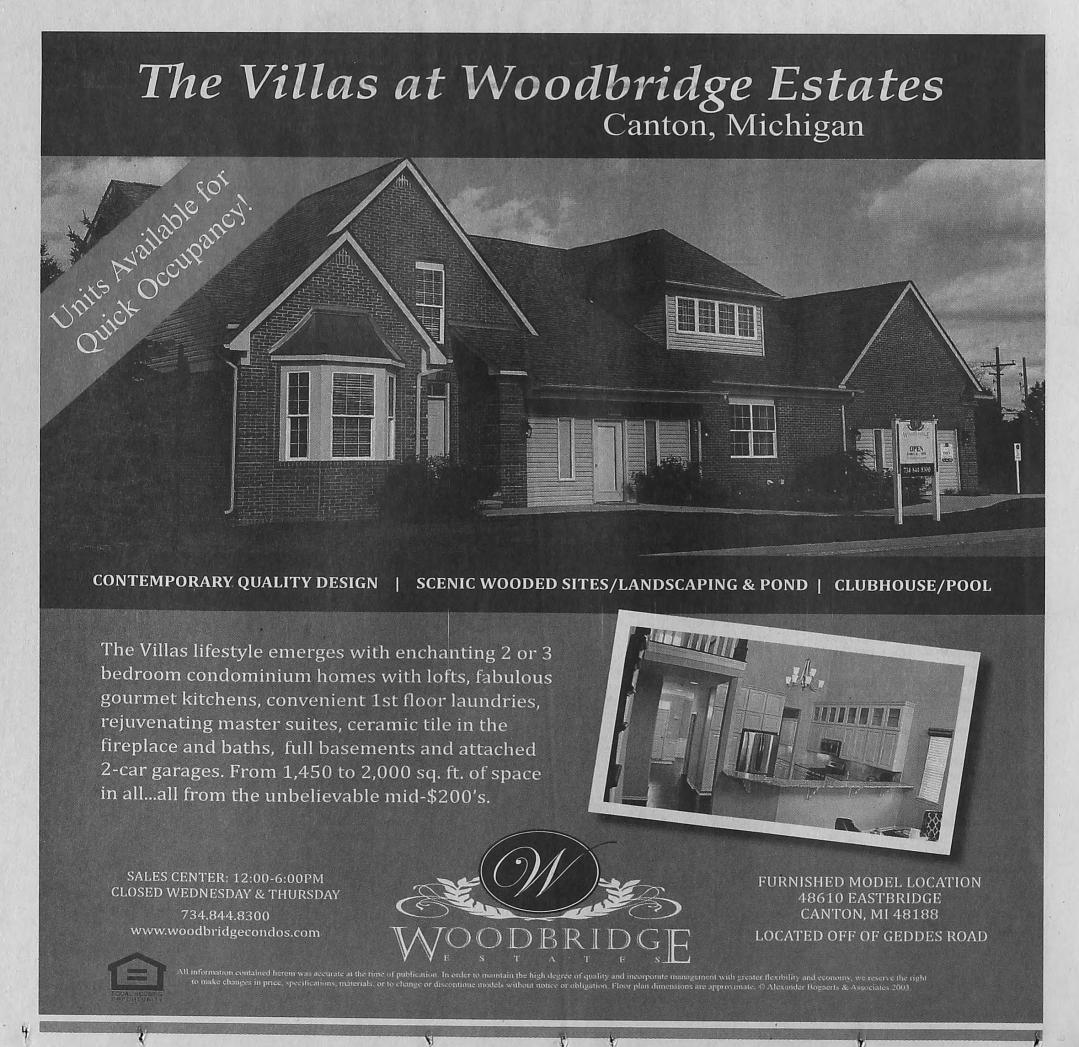
It's unclear if the closure of the restaurant is related to other Steak 'N Shake closures reportedly happening across the country. Eight restaurants

appeared to have closed recently in Ohio, and eight have closed this year in the St. Louis, Missouri, area.

The 2019 annual report for Biglari Holdings, the company that owns Steak 'N Shake, stated the company hoped to franchise all corporate-owned stores in order to better drive profits. The company seeks to have 400 franchise-owned restaurants across the country, with owners owning no more than one restaurant each.

"The new Steak 'N Shake system — based on an entrepreneurial culture — will place trust in those deserving of it. Our owner-operator model empowers individuals to be self-reliant, self-directed and self-motivated," the report stated. "Clearly, the tenets of our operating philosophy — quality, service, cleanliness, and price — are standards to which we require allegiance. By viewing franchise partners as equal partners, we expect to build harmonious relationships and achieve system-wide consistency."

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Head to one of these four weekend events

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Looking for something fun to do? Now that April's here, there's a lot happening around town this weekend, especially if art is your thing.

Check out one of these four events happening across the Hometown Life area this weekend:

Great Lakes Art Fair in Novi

Looking for that perfect piece for the living room? Head to Novi this weekend and you just might find it.

The Great Lakes Art Fair returns this weekend to the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River. A juried fine art fair, visitors can visit booths of artists who specialize in several mediums.

Also on display is the show's Generation Next exhibit, which showcases artwork from local students. Artist demonstrations will also take place.

The show is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7 and children under 12 are free. Parking is also free. More information can be found at greatlakesart-fair.com.

Bacon Bash in Livonia

A celebration of all things cured pork will leave everyone near Schoolcraft and Inkster feeling like they pigged out.

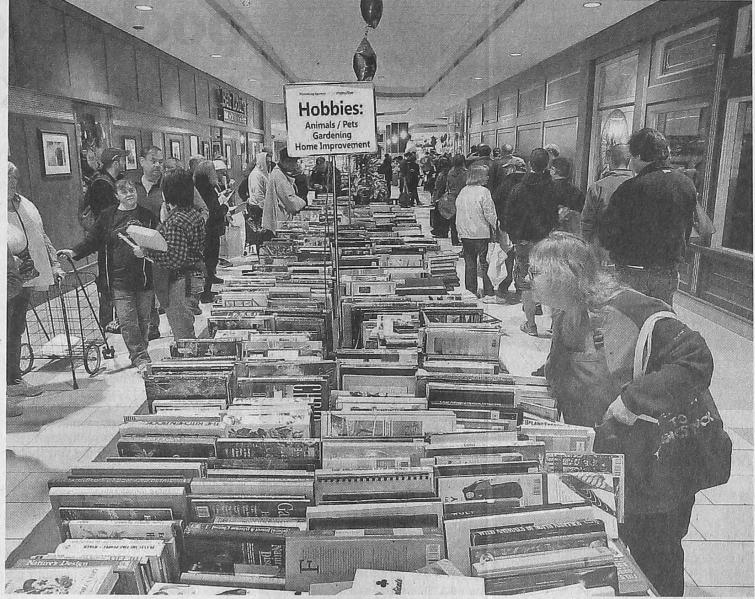
Bacon Bash comes to Livonia this Saturday, starting at 6:30 p.m. for VIP ticket holders. Formerly held in Royal Oak, the Bacon Bash features more than 40 vendors providing their bacon wares.

Tickets are \$50 for general admission and \$65 for VIPs, who get in an hour earlier. Tickets include unlimited tasting of all the savory and sweet bacon dishes, beverage sample tickets, a pint glass and a keepsake photo. The event is for people 21 and older.

More information, including a list of vendors for the event, can be found at baconbash.com.

Bookstock at Laurel Park Place

Book lovers rejoice: one of the biggest annual used book sales returns to Livo-



Bookstock returns Sunday to Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The sale opens to the public at 11 a.m. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

nia beginning this weekend.

Bookstock returns Sunday to Laurel Park Place in Livonia. With more than 300,000 items for sale, it's billed as the area's largest used book sale. The presale event kicks off at 8:15 a.m. Sunday at the mall, 37700 Six Mile, and runs until 11 a.m. A \$20 admission is charged for the pre-sale event.

The sale opens to the public at 11 a.m. and runs through 6 p.m. Sunday. The sale is open until April 14 with several special sales.

More information can be found at bookstockmi.org.

Emerging artists festival in Bloomfield Hills

If seeing some of the most talented young musicians is your thing, you'll want to be in Bloomfield Hills on Friday and Saturday.

The Cranbrook Music Guild hosts its first piano competition this weekend for three young people. The first round will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, with the results of the competition announced at 2 p.m. Saturday. The competition will take place at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ

at 1000 Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

Performers are Rixiang Huang, who is pursuing a master of music in piano performance at The Julliard School; Chelsea de Souza, who is studying at the Peabody School of Music; and Dmitry Tyurin, who has performed and participated in master classes at the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts at Indiana University.

Tickets are \$40 for the two days, with student tickets being \$5. More information can be found at cranbrookmusicguild.org.







Focus on your pocketbook, not your tax bill



It's that time of year again — tax time, which means that people are complaining about the amount of taxes they have to pay.

As a financial advisor, I can tell you this time of year I always get calls from clients complaining about their taxes and asking if there's anything they can do with their portfolio to lower their taxes.

For as long as I have been in the financial business, I have told people that if your focus is on taxes, that means your focus is in the wrong place. As far as I'm concerned, taxes really aren't the issue and it's not something you should focus on.

Rather, as investors, our focus should be on what's important and that is what ends up in our pocket. After all, our goal as an investor is to increase our net worth.

Lowering taxes doesn't necessarily mean you're going to increase your net worth. Obviously, that doesn't mean we shouldn't be smart with taxes, because we should; rather, it means we should focus on what's important and that is what ends up in our pocket.

At many of the speeches and seminars I present, I'll ask the crowd how many of them consider lowering their taxes a main goal. Typically, a substantial portion of the crowd will raise their hand. When I respond with the suggestion that it must mean they don't want to win the lottery because they would have to pay substantial taxes, they begin to understand what I am talking about.

A perfect example of this is what happened last week.

Last week, one lucky person in Wisconsin won the third largest lottery in U.S. history. The individual won \$768.4 million. If they took the lump sum, they would get approximately \$477 million, which means that after federal and state taxes of about \$213 million, they would take home approximately \$264 million.

Me, I would be focusing on the \$264 million that ended up in my pocket, not the \$213 million I would pay in taxes.

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For those individuals with a financial goal to lower their taxes, they would not want to win the lottery because their focus would be on the substantial tax bill they would have to pay

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Obviously, we would all have wanted to win the lottery and we would have been very content with the \$264 million that ended up in our pocket. You need to look at your investments the same way.

Your focus needs to be on what ends up in your pocket as opposed to the taxes you would pay.

Throughout my yearsm I have seen investors make incredible mistakes when they focus on taxes.

You can go back 30 years, and at the time, limited partnerships were the rage because of the tax benefits. However, what people failed to realize was that the tax breaks were as a result of losing money. In fact, for the great majority of people, they would have been much better off putting their money into a CD at their local bank. The reason is because after factoring taxes you would have had more money in your pocket invested in CDs as opposed to those limited partnerships.

Fast forward to today and people make the same mistakes.

They invest in a variety of products merely because of the tax breaks. The mistake is they don't focus on what's important and that is what ends up in their pocket after taxes. As far as I'm concerned, if you're approached by a financial salesperson trying to sell you a product, such as an annuity, and their sales pitch is that it will lower your taxes, you ought to run away from them. If you invest in a product just because it lowers your taxes, it's sort of like saying if you won that \$760 million lottery, you would not want to cash out the ticket because you'd have to pay over \$200 million in taxes.

I think most of us realize how ridiculous that would be.

lous that would be.

Trust me; it is just as ridiculous when investors invest in products purely based upon the tax consequences.

To be a successful investor, don't be fooled by their sales gimmicks; you need to focus on the most important thing and that is what ends up in your pocket.

Being a smart investor doesn't mean we ignore taxes, because they are a fact of life. However, what it does mean is that we have to recognize that what ends up in our pocket is a lot more relevant and important than the amount we pay in taxes.

One last note — if the person who won the lottery doesn't want to pay the over \$200 million in taxes, I would be more than happy to take the ticket from them, and I would have no problem paying the taxes.

In fact, I'd be very happy to pay those taxes because my focus would be on the over \$260 million that was in my pocket.

Good luck!

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Toll Brothers, the nation's leading builder of luxury homes, announces its National Sales Event going on now through Sunday, April 28, in Ann Arbor, Canton, Novi, and Northville as well as throughout the country.

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Interest rates continue to be low, and with great financing programs available through TBI Mortgage Company combined with the limited-time savings, home buyers are positioned to have exceptional buying power during this event.

During the National Sales Event, home buyers can browse an expansive selection of home designs and discover the impressive list of national brand partners offering select savings on products featured in Toll Brothers homes. Buyers will benefit from the builder's long-standing partnerships with leading brands such as Kohler, Whirlpool, Armstrong, DalTile, and many more, by enjoying exclusive offerings at a great value for a limited time.

Interested buyers must make a deposit between April 6 and April 28, 2019. Limited-time incentives vary among communities and will comprise a package of savings created specifically for this event, so buyers should contact their community of interest and speak with a sales representative to learn more.

New Home Sites in Ann Arbor

A new section of large home sites has just been released for sale in the popular Parkside Collection at Trailwoods in Ann Arbor. The spacious homes offer side-entry garages and start in the low \$500,000s.

Two homes are available for immediate occupancy in the Village

Collection, starting at \$539,995. Other new builds start at \$399,995. These homes are available to tour every day in addition to two decorated model homes.

Trailwoods is tucked into a country setting with Ann Arbor schools, low township taxes, and city services. All homes offer an impressive list of features. Call 734-995-5503 or visit TrailwoodsOfAnnArbor.com for details. For mapping, use 229 S. Staebler Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Move-in Ready in Canton Two immediate occupancy homes are now available in Canton with Plymouth-Canton schools in this popular community with resort-class amenities. Both homes have 4,050 sq. ft., 5 bedrooms, and 4 baths and are exceptionally priced at \$699,995 and are open to tour every day in addition to the decorated model home. Visitors are also welcome to tour the clubhouse that features a fitness room, gathering room, kitchenette, locker rooms, pools, and sand volleyball court. Other amenities include a children's play park and walking paths. Westridge Estates is located just south of Ford Road west of Ridge Road, and home prices start in the low \$500,000s. For more information, visit WestridgeofCanton. com or call 734-844-0279.

Selling Fast in Canton

Hamlet Pointe and Hamlet Meadows are located within the existing community of The Hamlet offering an exceptional location close to Plymouth-Canton schools, the Ford Road Shopping District, expressways, parks and the quaint Cherry Hill Village.

Hamlet Meadows collection currently has two quick occupancy homes starting at \$463,995. New builds start at \$399,995 and offer two-story home designs and a new first-floor master suite design.

Hamlet Pointe has three immediate or quick occupancy homes with prices starting at \$529,995. Pointe homes feature side-entry garages and new builds are priced from the upper \$400,000s. A first-floor master design is available.

Visitors are welcome to tour all move-in ready homes as well as two decorated model homes every day between 11am and 6pm. For details, visit The-Hamlet.com or call 734-398-

Villas in Ann Arbor

The final five low-maintenance villas are now available for May/June occupancy at Kensington Woods, located on the north side of Scio Church Road, just west of Maple Road in Ann Arbor. Each villa includes an exceptional list of features in a stunning setting and are exceptionally priced starting at \$89,995. For details and to schedule a tour, call (734) 224-6686 or visit Kensington-Woods.com. The sales center is located at the builder's North Oaks community at 3327 Nixon Road.

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underway for quicker occupancy priced
from \$536,995.

North Oaks of Ann Arbor is the region's premier resort-class community situated in a stunning 109acre setting surrounded by towering trees and open meadows. The clubhouse features a fitness center, billiards, great room with fireplace, lap and children's pools, locker rooms and a play park. North Oaks is located minutes from the University of Michigan's north campus, the VA Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, and downtown Ann Arbor. Children attend Ann Arbor Schools with the elementary and middle schools just 3 minutes away. For details, call 734-224-6686 or visit North-Oaks.com. Luxury Living in Northville

A new home with May occupancy is available in Northville with Northville schools at Montcaret, located 1 ½ miles west of Beck Road on the south side of Seven Mile Road. Visit today and tour the 4,500+, 5 bedroom, 5 bath Duke design exceptionally priced at \$899,995. Several home designs are available with impressive features and home sites range from ½- to 1+ acre. Prices for new builds start in the upper \$700,000s. Call 248-924-2601 or visit TollBrothersAtMontcaret.com for

Premier Northville Location

Located in Northville on the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Beck Road is Dunhill Park, an elegant enclave of stunning homes just minutes from downtown Northville and in the Northville school district. A 4,800+ sq. ft., 5 bedroom, 5 bath quick occupancy home is available to tour with June occupancy priced at \$949,995. New build homes start in the upper \$700,000s. All homes offer an array of luxury features and hundreds of options to personalize. For more information, visit LiveAtDunhillPark.

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Novi Villa Living

Visit and tour several immediate and quick occupancy homes now available at Ridgeview with prices starting at \$459,995. Located in the heart of Novi on the east side of Novi Rd., just south of Ten Mile Rd, the Villas range from 2,041 to 2,676 sq. ft. and most offer a first-floor master suite. Residents enjoy Novi schools and paved walking paths leading to The Sports Club of Novi, a dog park, and an ice arena. For details, visit RidgeviewVillas.com or call (248) 904-8515.

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Taxation of Marijuana Act.

Councilman Joe LaRussa said after doing some math on the cut of dollars Farmington would receive from the state, the amount wouldn't be worth it to allow such businesses to open up in the city.

"The maximum in the assumption for Farmington would be \$27,724 if we were to opt in," he said. "To me, I want to make sure the public is well-informed of what the actual revenue picture looks like based on forecasts that have been published by people who are knowledgeable in this area."

A second reading of the ordinance is expected at a future council meeting.

If approved, Farmington would join a myriad of communities in banning such establishments from opening. Other communities that have crafted similar ordinances include neighboring Livonia, Novi, Plymouth Township, Wayne and Birmingham.

Neighboring Farmington Hills has discussed the issue and appears to be moving forward with a similar

Councilwoman Maria Taylor said while she was in favor of moving forward with the ordinance, she would like to see something placed in it that would trigger the

city council to review it again once the state settles on laws surrounding the regulation of the marijuana business. The state continues to hash out rules and regulations for licensing establishments, something that's not expected to happen until later this year.

"I think whether we decide to ban pot shops altogether in Farmington - to zone them out of downtown like we did liquor stores - or we decide to have them downtown, I think it's something ... the residents would like to play a bigger part in," she said. "I think it deserves further study and further conversa-

Voters in Farmington voted nearly 2-to-1 in favor of Proposal 1 back in November, with 3,066 voters casting "yes" votes to 2,118 voters casting "no" votes.

But just vote results isn't enough information to determine whether residents want to see businesses surrounding marijuana located in the city, LaRussa

"We've kind of lumped in the will of the people to be, 'Well, they voted for this,' " LaRussa said. "Is it worth doing some extra research to ask the residents: Did you vote for all of it, or were you primarily voting for recreational use and you don't really care where you buy it, and if you do care where you buy it, should that place be Farmington?"

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Thefts

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apartments near Purlingbrook Street and West Eight Mile Road left for work but soon stopped driving because something felt funny.

She got out to find the lug nuts on the ground and the tires askew.

On the morning of Sunday, March 24, a couple living on Brentwood south of Pickford and Seven Mile Road was able to shoo off someone apparently pilfering parts from the couple's cars.

According to the report, the wife woke up to the sound of a saw. She looked out her window to find a gray sedan in her driveway.

She approached to find a suspect dressed all in black lying on the ground between the couple's two

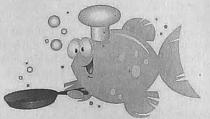
The suspect quickly rose and ran toward his vehicle with a saw in his hand.

He threw the saw into his trunk and drove away. Police say the suspect sawed off the catalytic converters before he departed.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Livonia police at 734-466-2470, or Crime Stoppers of Michigan at 1-800-SPEAK-UP.

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





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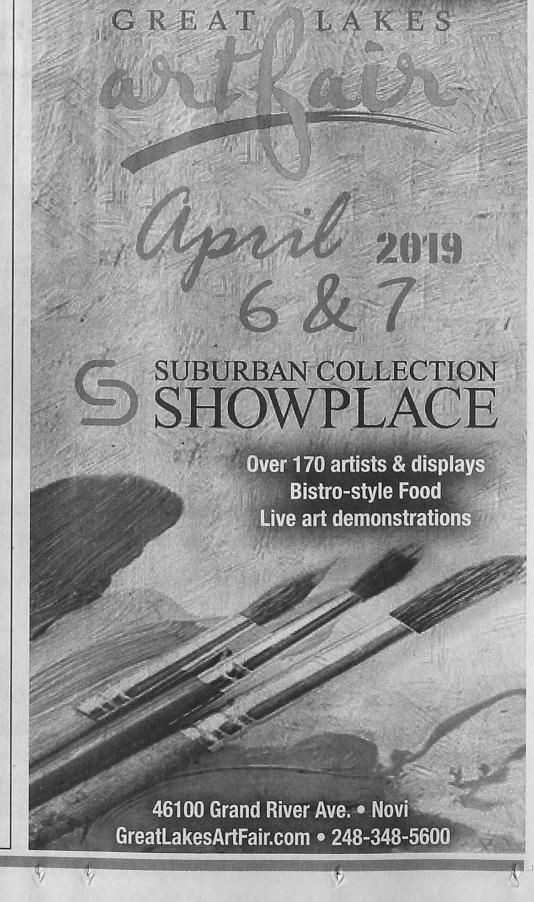






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I-94 roadwork 'going to be a mess'

Frank Witsil Detroit Free Press **USA TODAY NETWORK**

The Michigan Department of Transportation offered a clear message March 26 while announcing \$64 million of public road projects.

"It's going to be a mess this year," MDOT spokeswoman Diane Cross said.

In short, it's going to be a very orange summer, with key roadways partly and fully closed for resurfacing and rebuilding, bridge reconstruction and rehab and plenty of detours and delays.

Here's a rundown of what to expect on I-94 construction:

I-75 to Conner Street

A few weeks ago, MDOT began rerouting bridge traffic over I-94 in this area. It plans to demolish and rebuild two crumbling bridges over the interstate - the French Road bridge and the Concord Avenue bridge, east of Mt. El-

Officials said construction is expected to cause minimal impact to I-94 traffic in that area, but, last weekend, I-94 was expected to be closed in both directions from I-75 to Conner Street from 9 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday to tear down the bridges.

The same section is expected to be closed again for a weekend in July. The project is expected to be finished in November at a total cost of \$17.6 million.

■ The detour: I-75 and 8 Mile.

In addition, a high load damaged a bridge overpass beam last year at I-75 and Warren Avenue, and the damage is set to be repaired, with a southbound closure of I-75 during the last weekend in April.

M-10 to I-75

This part of the project is aimed at updating I-94 and replacing the overpass bridge at Brush Street. Three lanes will remain open as traffic shifts over for repairs and upgrades, with two planned weekend closures for traffic in both di-

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Several projects are expected to tie up traffic in Wayne County. COURTESY OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

rections.

The first closing is expected to be from April 12-15, and the second in the summer: From April to November, both the northbound and southbound ramps to westbound I-94 will be closed continuously.

Detours: Westbound is southbound I-75 to westbound I-96, and eastbound I-96 is to northbound I-75. For the ramp closing, the detour is northbound M-10 to westbound I-94.

US-12 to M-10

The project will resurface the interstate and repair six overpass bridges three rail bridges, the 24th Street bridge, the Warren bridge, and the eastbound I-94 ramp to northbound M-10, which will be closed, likely from May to

November.

In this area, eastbound I-94 will be closed for three weekends; westbound I-94, for five weekends. In addition, resurfacing and paving are expected to close lanes for four weekends.

M-39 to US-12

MDOT is replacing freeway signs, and will be closing a lane mostly at night and on weekends.

I-94 at M-39

In this stretch, one lane will be open at night and weekends for concrete repairs. Eastbound I-94 will be closed for three weekends, and westbound I-94 for four weekends.

I-275 to Telegraph Road

This area, MDOT officials acknowledged, is likely to create the biggest problem for area residents with the stretch down to two lanes on weekdays, and one lane at night and on weekends.

The closures, which start in June, are likely to back up traffic for 4 miles during rush hour. People heading to Metro Airport should add to their travel times.

Cost: \$12 million.

This also is where an alternate route to the airport might be most helpful.

"Remember, Eureka Road has that entrance to the airport," project manager Bill Erben said. "So, anybody who wants to stay away from there, go south on I-275 to the first interchange, which is Eureka, and that's the secret back door entrance."

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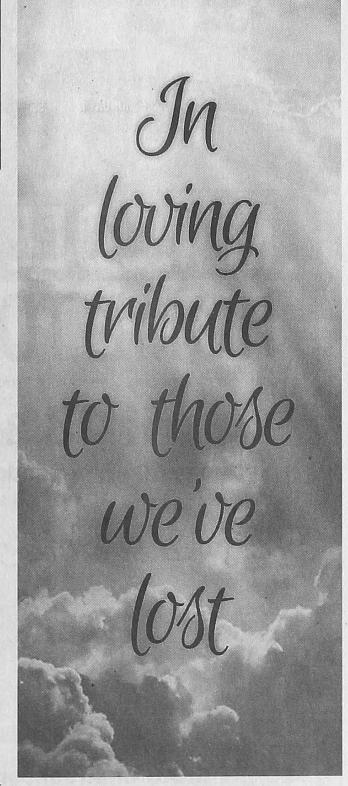
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- - Mariam E. Mackinder 2/16/1919-3/27/2019 One month after celebrating Mariam's 100th Birthday, she peacefully passed away surrounded by her loving family. She was the dear wife of the late Hollis Mackinder, loving mother to Judy (the late Russell) Sarns, Frederick (Kristina) Mackinder and Peggy (Tom) Westman, cherished grandma to David (Bianca) Sarns, Christopher (Nicole) Mackinder, Nicholas Mackinder, Mackenzie, Mackinder, Jeffrey (Lauren) Jenkins, Gregory (Zabeth) Jenkins and Steven Jenkins and the precious greatgrandma to Colin and Emma Sarns, Liam and Noelle Mackinder and Aria Mackinder.

She and her loving smile will be missed





ORV park

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enthusiastic yes.

"Right now, there's nothing else like this in southeast Michigan, so this is really going to set metro Detroit apart" from other big cities, said Weipert. He is this year's chairman of southeast Michigan's regional think tank, SEMCOG.

We're the Motor City, the new Jeep is going to be built here and this is all positive for our region. It makes us more competitive to attract a work force,"

He expected the funding plan for the park's operations, the last link in years of planning, to "go right through" when the Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday in Pontiac.

Such a clear track heading out of years of procedural mire means that this vote won't draw anything like the boisterous turnout of 300 off-road buffs who, 15 months ago, jammed a meeting of Oakland County parks officials in Waterford, recalled Jim Kitson, a longtime leader with the Great Lakes Four Wheel As-

At that Waterford meeting, Kitson joined off-roaders from as far as Kalamazoo, Saginaw and northern Ohio. They cheered on a unanimous vote of support by the parks officials.

For Tuesday's meeting, Kitson, 62, of Davisburg, said he didn't plan to arrive in his burgundy Jeep with oversize tires, nor did he expect other club members to

"We believe this park is progressing pretty good it's going to happen," he said.

Another vocal supporter is Jennifer Tomko, 42, of South Lyon, who along with her husband, Bryan Tomko, has been four-wheeling for years.

This is a family sport, whether it be dirt bikes, quads or off-road vehicles like Jeeps," Tomko said, adding: "We own six ORVs that can go to this park, and having this close to home will be so beneficial."

Oakland County's new piece of off-roader paradise was many years in the planning because it's a unique partnership — state and county, said Dan Stencil, ex-

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Phil Weipert Oakland County commissioner

ecutive officer of Oakland County Parks and Recrea-

Michigan's state park bosses at the Department of Natural Resources first had to buy the land, near Groveland Oaks County Park.

Now, after Tuesday's expected thumbs up on a 20-year deal, the state will lease it to Oakland County, which in turn will pay to operate the park, Stencil

Oakland County has guarantees from the state in case the \$15-a-day entry fee fails to bring in the projected revenue for the new park — tentatively named Holly Oaks, he said. Under the agreement, the DNR will reimburse Oakland County for 50 percent of operating losses.

"If for example we are \$200,000 in costs over revenue for year one, the DNR will reimburse Oakland County Parks and Recreation \$100,000. We're very hopeful that, after the first few years as we get this new park up and running, we'll be revenue positive, and whatever we take in over and above our expenses, we can reinvest in the park," Stencil said. "We can operate this very efficiently because we already have park facilities and personnel right across the road" who manage county campgrounds where ORV enthusiasts can stay overnight.

The latest hope is for the park to open in summer 2020. That target is years later than planners first hoped, said Adam Kochenderfer, an Oakland County

commissioner from Rochester Hills.

Kochenderfer said he heard regularly about the park's tortoise-like progress from Rochester Hills resident Steve Stolaruk, who didn't drive a Jeep but who became the strongest proponent of the park.

"Steve would call me and say, 'Adam, what are you doing on this?' He was very eager to see this happen," Kochenderfer said.

Stolaruk, who died last year at 91, owned several businesses, among them a 113-acre played-out gravel pit in Groveland Township, which he sold to the state, forming about half of the prospective ORV park.

That sale five years ago triggered something in this wealthy philanthropist who had grown up in Royal Oak, Kochenderfer said.

As Oakland County government's "Prosper" magazine described it: "From 2014 to 2017, Steve had one or two of his employees working six days a week sculpting every inch of the property in an effort to get the ORV park developed.

"His volunteer work equaled thousands of dollars in free material and time.

"He built hills, dug ponds and mud pits, cut hill climbs, leveled prospective parking areas and roughed-in more than five miles of winding ORV trails. He also brought in refrigerator-sized boulders. concrete slabs and more than 150 mammoth tree trunks."

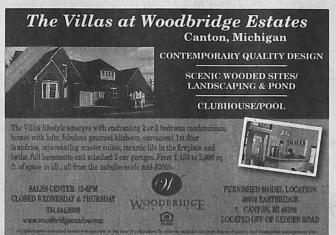
Thanks to Stolaruk's jump start on remaking the terrain, ORV clubs already have held several events at the site, including one in February dubbed the Frozen Mines Run, attended by nearly 400 four-wheeler enthusiasts, county officials said.

A selling point for Tuesday's vote? No local money was needed to buy and improve the park land because state funds bought it and will pay for the improvements, said Melissa Prowse, supervisor of planning for Oakland County Parks and Recreation.

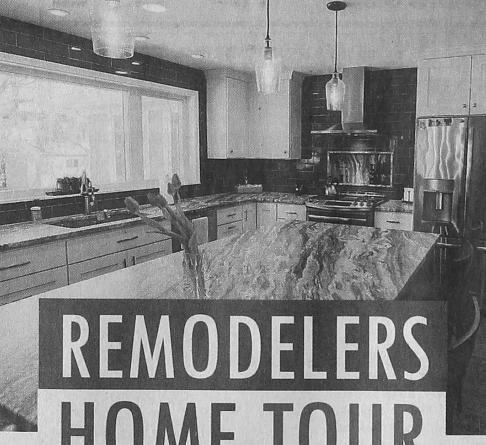
Oakland County taxpayers are on the hook only for operations at the new Holly Oaks County Park which is soon to get a new name. Prowse said.

'We've heard from the ORV community as well as the townships - Groveland and Holly - where the park is located, and it's been agreed. The name will be changed," Prowse said. "I expect we'll know the new name by this summer."









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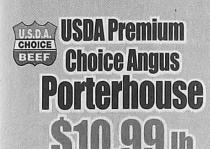
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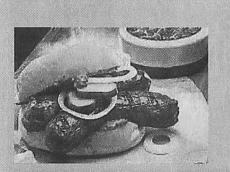
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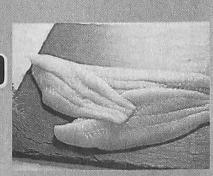
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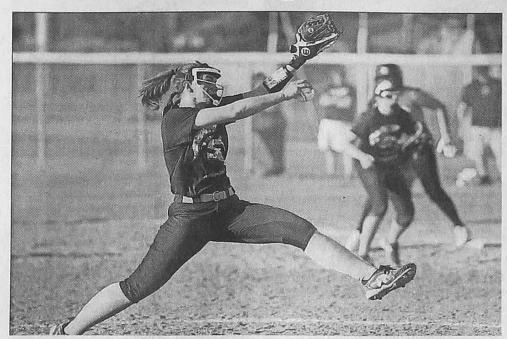


Sports



PREP SOFTBALL

Previewing area KLAA softball teams



Stevenson sophomore pitcher Sophie Bater delivers a pitch in a game last season. ADAMS SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

Andrew Vailliencourt

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An exciting new season of area softball has started, and the Kensington Lakes Activities Association should be highly competitive.

The league features two new divisions, simply called the East and West, which replaces the KLAA Black and Gold Divisions.

The new East Division includes Belleville, Livonia Churchill, Dearborn, Livonia Franklin, Fordson, John Glenn, Livonia Stevenson and Wayne Memo-

The new West Division is made up of Brighton, Canton, Hartland, Howell, Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Salem.

Black Division champion Plymouth defeated Gold Division champ Hartland to win the conference last year.

KLAA West Division

Canton

Head coach: Al White (6th season) Last year's overall record: 20-7 (2nd in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Junior Shae Scott, sophomore Anna Halliday, sophomore Stephaine Schmunk C/SS, freshman Faith Cramton 1B, freshman Kelsey Na-

White's season outlook: "The girls have been working hard, very young team as we will start three freshman. Our infield will be new with all five spots being new players. We lost eight seniors from last year's team. We have both pitchers back which should keep us in most games. We need to make the simple plays and we will be okay. We opened

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PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Novi looks to repeat as state champs

Andrew Vailliencourt

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Arguably the most competitive girls soccer conference in the entire state, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association is back in action.

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ville, Livonia Churchill, Dearborn, Livonia Franklin, Fordson, John Glenn, Livonia Stevenson and Wayne Memorial.

The new West Division is made up of Brighton, Canton, Hartland, Howell, Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Salem.

Novi is the reigning state champions, completing its miraculous playoff run. Numerous teams in the KLAA should be right in the thick of the state title race again this season - and Novi will be looking to defend its title.

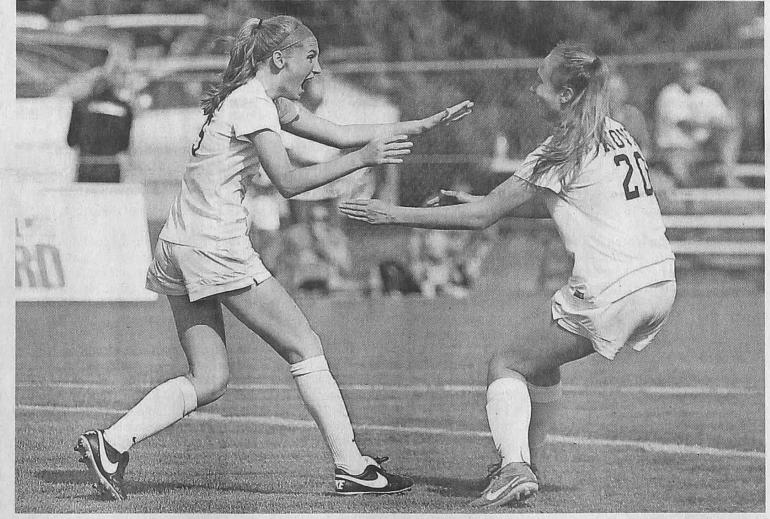
KLAA West Division

Canton

Head coach: Jeannine Reddy Last year's overall record: 11-5-4 (1st in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Senior M Katie Nestico, senior F Carly Schwinke, senior GK Danielle Wilson, senior GK Katie Clark, junior F/M Jayna Fraser, sophomore D Emma Morrison, junior Alyssa Lollo, sophomore D Ari Ontko, sophomore D Lindsey Zambon, senior F/M Kiera Savage, senior M Marlee Taylor, senior M Lillian Lucas

Reddy's season outlook: "Looking forward to a great and very difficult season. The divisions are much different this



Novi's Avery Fenchel, left, is congratulated by teammate Julia Stadtherr after scoring the only goal giving Novi a 1-0 victory over Grand Blanc to claim the Division 1 state soccer title last year at Williamston High School. DAN DEAN/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

season with the KLAA matchups being very difficult with amazing teams every match. Every game will be trying and a challenge and will only make my players better. I have a lot of my players back from last season, and some new additions. Trying to adjust and align them all to be successful will be our goal as coaches. We will just try and get better each day (6th in KLAA Gold) and every game."

Northville

Head coach: Eric Brucker (24th sea-

Last year's overall record: 12-6-6 See SOCCER, Page 5B

Players to watch: Junior F Sarah Noonan, junior F Erica Toupin, junior D Haley Brass, junior M Lauren Fleming, senior D Jenna Lauderback, sophomore M Emma Bowman, senior F Karina Moore, senior D

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Hankins signs to play volleyball at Malone

Andrew Vailliencourt Hometownlife.com

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Harrison High School's Kristen Hankins has signed to play volleyball at Malone University, which is located in Canton, Ohio.

The 5-foot-9 middle blocker/outside hitter is a four-year varsity letterwinner, helped the Hawks to three city championships and two Oakland Activities Association (OAA) runnerup finishes during her career. Hankins was twice named All-City and earned All-OAA accolades in each of her junior and senior seasons.

A standout on the court and in the classroom, Hankins received an academic letter, was involved in student council at Harrison and was also a member of the Honors Band, performing on the oboe. A dual-enrollment student, she earned Dean's List distinction this past fall at Oakland Community College.

Her father, Woodrow Hankins, played football at the University of Michigan from 1992-1996. She plans to study biology while at Malone.

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Harrison's Kristen Hankins, right, has signed to play volleyball at Malone University. Future teammate Cierra Gurney, from Ohio, is pictured to her left. COURTESY OF MALONE ATHLETICS

Sullivan signs to play soccer at Madonna

Andrew Vailliencourt

Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Northville High School's Sean Sullivan has signed to play soccer for Madonna University in the fall

Sullivan currently plays for the U19 Northville Rush team and also played for Northville High School. Sullivan has been with the Northville Rush program for over 10 years and plays both as a defensive midfielder and defender.

Sullivan also played baseball for the Northville Travel program and Northville High School for several years, but gave up baseball this year to concentrate on soccer.

"I decided after the high school soccer season in the fall that I really wanted to continue to play soccer at the college level," Sullivan said.

He then went to Northville Rush coach Nick Deren, who is also the head coach of the University of Detroit Men's soccer team, and he began to let some of the other college coaches in the area



Northville's Sean Sullivan is pictured with his parents after signing to play soccer at Madonna. COURTESY OF JOHN SULLIVAN

know that Sullivan was interested in playing at the next level.

He played in a few college showcase tournaments in November and December and started hearing from several coaches. Sullivan received offers from a some other schools in Michigan as well as some schools in Ohio and Wisconsin,

but said that he really liked the idea of staying close to home and playing at Madonna.

"Madonna has a great soccer program and I really look forward to the opportunity to continue to play under coach Mark Zathey," Sullivan said. "Coach Zathey has been involved in the Rush program while I have been playing there, but I have never had the opportunity to play for him."

The Madonna men's soccer team played in the NAIA national championship game in California last year. Sullivan said that he looks forward to seeing how he will look against the increased level of competition and continuing his growth as a soccer player.

"I know the competition at Madonna will be tough, but it will give me an opportunity to increase my level of play," Sullivan said.

He added that he likes the idea that a couple of his teammates from his current Rush team will be going to Madonna and that he already knows a couple of players on the team that he has played with in the past.

"It's always good to be able to go into a new situation like that with some people that you already know," Sullivan

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Plymouth won its first KLAA Association softball championship since 2015.

Softball

Continued from Page 1B

up our schedule on March 27 at Carlton Boka C/IF Airport with a hard fought 6-3 win. Now break. Not a good thing."

Northville

Head coach: Scott DeBoer (3rd sea-

Last year's overall record: 22-17 (3rd in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Senior Hannah Laurin P, senior Emma Bell OF, senior Natalie Turner IF, senior Connie Krizmanich IF, sophomore Kelsey Komorous 1B, sophomore Abby Weber C

DeBoer's season outlook: "The Mustangs who graduated six seniors will need to work together to battle in the strong KLAA (West) Division. If early practices are any indication of the season to come, the Mustangs will definitely be a team that will play hard to the last out. Senior Hannah Laurin will head up the pitching staff in the circle for the Mustangs. The returning seniors will be counted on to guide the team through the in KLAA Black) very strong 38 game schedule."

Novi

Head coach: Jim Carlisle (1st season) Last year's overall record: 17-17 (5th in KLAA Gold)

Players to watch: Senior Anna Mizerowski 3B, senior Sophie Rallis C, senior Bella Rallis CF, senior Megan Medendorp SS, senior Maria Gustitus P/OF, senior Sydney Bernot LF, freshman Ally Sharnowski 2B/P

Carlisle's season outlook: "We are senior loaded with some young talent. We are strong defensively up the middle (P, SS, CF). We have a great combination of speed and power in our lineup. We need to stay healthy and will get better every day. So far we are off to a great start at 2-0. We have high expectations for this talented group of seniors."

Plymouth

Head coach: Lauren Evans (5th sea-

Last year's overall record: 31-7 (1st in KLAA Black, KLAA overall champions)

Players to watch: Senior Haley Gag-

nior Alexis D'Alexander IF, senior Arie Bartholomew C/UT, senior Morgan Horning OF, senior Kiersten Metz P/IF, junior Sophia Dibbles UT, sophomore Elissa Simmons IF, sophomore Allison

Evans' season outlook: "The coachwe are off for the next 10 days with spring ing staff is very excited for this group to die Anderson 2B, junior Morgan Price 1B, take the field day in and day out. This group is a solid group of young women OF, junior Ella Wilson C and student-athletes who have the potential to get better every day. We are optimistic that our leadership and experience will help us compete at a high level. The program is excited to see how Angela Schmidt chooses to take this team on her back in the circle and work with veteran players like Haley Gagnon, Arie Bartholomew and Alexis D'Alexander to define the team's mission, and everyday drive needed to succeed. We are excited for freshman newcomers, Jenna Ballard and Alexa Weil, and know that they will help us accomplish everyday goals needed to be prepared for the postseason."

Head coach: Bonnie Southerland (25th season)

Last year's overall record: 27-13 (3rd

Players to watch: Sophomore Ally Aikens P, senior Hailey Dechalk C, junior Grace Hokett 1B, senior Amy Hines SS, sophomore Meganne Skoug OF, senior Jordan Hazel CF, junior Rachel Murphy P. senior Amanda Wiggle OF, junior Kayla Donahue 2B, freshman Sydney Muntean 3B, freshman Gabi Ray LF, freshman Zoe Holsinger IF, freshman Hana Priester IF

Southerland's season outlook: "Seniors and co-captains Jordan Hazel and Hailey Dechalk should lead the way and set the tone for the season. These two know what it takes to have a great season. Both of whom have signed and are headed to college after this season. Dechalk has signed with Adrian and Hazel with University of Detroit Mercy. Dechalk and Hazel are such great assets to our team which is why the were named captains. Senior Amy Hines will also have a huge impact. Amy has some huge shoes to fill as she has stepped into a position that was held by U-M player Morgan Overaitis. Amy will certainly assist not only on defense as she cover a lot of ground but her bat kills it.

"New to the team are fresmen Sydney Muntean who has filled the starting position at 3rd. What a huge player and phenon IF, junior Angela Schmidt P/UT, ju- nomenal bat. You would think she's been

on the team for years. Also new to the (T-6th in KLAA Black) team are Hana Priester who will see time at first and Zoe Holsinger who plays sec- dy CF/SS, senior Jessica Golick 1B/P, ond. Another addition, Gabi Ray, can at-sophomore Nicole Dinco 3B/P, sophotack each side of the plate and makes left field look easy. Ally Aikens will get the nod on the mound as she's our No. 1. Rachel Murphy will also see a lot of time as well, along with Holsinger. One other player who deserves some press is junior Grace Hokett. Grace will start at first again this year. What a huge leader. Grace is our No. 4 hitter and is a real threat. Kayla Donahue will be starting the season at second. Junior Meganne Skoug who has a great bat and covers a ton of ground will start in left. Senior Amanda Wiggle will see time in both infield and outfield. We have probably one of the hardest divisions in the state. Hartland, Howell, Brighton, Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Novi and Northville. It can't get much tougher."

KLAA East Division

Livonia Churchill

Head coach: Abe Vinitski (2nd sea- season)

Last year's overall record: 18-19 (4th in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Senior Rachel Klisz 3B, senior Maria Targoz CF, senior Madjunior Loren Pyle P, junior Megan Nowak

Vinitski's season outlook: "We have a nice mix of young and experienced players this year. Our strengths will be hitting and team defense and team speed. We are working hard on our team chemistry and I am very happy with the leadership of our older players so far concerning our first-year players. All 12 of our kids will need to contribute for us to be successful I look for big things from our seniors and watch out for our young players as they start to learn the varsity game. We have had a great first week and are preparing for our home opener against rival Dearborn."

Livonia Franklin

Head coach: Paul Newitt (1st season) Last year's overall record: 10-20 (5th in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Senior Haley Bennett SS/, senior Ashley Crouch IF, senior Lauren DeAngelo P/IF, sophomore Hailey Rons P

though FHS Softball had a sub par season in it's 2018 campaign things are looking good in changing it's course. Senior Haley Bennett has an explosive bat that will lead the Patriots offensive scoring this season. Ashley Couch headed next year to play softball at Siena Heights University will hold down the right side of the infield. Unfortunately, last year's starter Olivia Napier is on the injury reserve list. FHS softball hopes she is able to play sometime in the month of May. Senior Lauren DeAngelo, is going to contribute as utility player in the positions of pitcher, 1st base, and outfield. Sophomore Hailey Rons will start at pitcher position while Cameron Stocket will see similar action. Junior Maddie Reynolds looks also to give the line up some offensive punch in scoring runs. FHS Softball will compete in the East division for the KLAA crown."

Westland John Glenn

Head coach: April Miller (3rd year) Last year's conference record: 1-18

Players to watch: Senior Leah Kennemore Olivia Arnold 3B/LF, freshman Christina Fuller 3B/P, freshman Madison Steele C/3B/SS, freshman Adin Maxson C/3B/2B

Miller's season outlook: "The John Glenn varsity softball team carries 17 talented players who all bring something unique to the table. Although over half of the team consists of underclassmen, their abilities outweigh their age, and it is predicted that these players will have s successful season. This team's love for the sport and drive to compete have set them apart from previous teams, and with a big sister program in place, each of the girls receive individual attention to hone their skills and achieve their goals. The coaching staff are confident that the girls will exceed expectations and finish the season with significantly more wins in the books."

Livonia Stevenson

Head coach: Kevin Hannigan (4th

Last year's overall record: 19-17-2 (7th in KLAA Gold)

Players to watch: Junior Riley Hannigan 2B, junior Autumn Reed SS, junior Lauren Brewer 3B, junior Maddie Schornack CF, senior Catherine Olschanski RF, senior Katie Sopko C, junior Hailey Warra C, junior Alexis Black 3B, junior Natalie Conn P/1B, sophomore Sophie Bater P

Hannigan's season outlook: "Our players are focused, practices have been sharp and have an extra bounce in their step. We have depth at every position which will create great competition. Pitching will fuel the fire for us with a strong defense. We are a little quicker on the bases this year and have gotten stronger at the plate. It's a credit to our players for investing in the off season conditioning program. Overall, this group is fun to be around, their excited to get outside and compete. Our team goals remain the same win the city, win the division and compete for the KLAA Championship."

Wayne Memorial

Head coach: Amanda Campbell (3rd season)

Last year's overall record: 3-27 (T-6th in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Senior Megan Blair Newitt's season outlook: "Even P, senior Zoe Johnson OF, senior Nevaeh Hensley C

> Campbell's season outlook: "I am very excited for this season. For the last two years we have been trying to build a program with many of the girls learning as they go and trying new positions regularly. I finally feel like this year we have hit a stride and am excited to have a full pitching and catching staff, I couldn't do this without an amazing coaching staff and volunteers. This year I am lucky to have Dave Blair as my assistant coach who is amazing with my outfield; one of our Wayne alumni, Claire Hammons, as another coach really working the girls hard in the infield. Our JV coach, Ashley McGeorge is always on board with catching while I head up pitching for a well rounded coaching staff. This year we are going to do some big things out on the field and I can't wait to see where these Zebras go. Whether we win or lose, we are doing it as a team and we are going to do it with Zebra pride.'

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Plymouth boys offense upsets Lake Orion

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Both boys and girls high school lacrosse is under way.

Boys lacrosse

Plymouth 9, Lake Orion 6 - Plymouth's offense was lead by Ian Gozdor (two goals, two assists), Harrison Albano (three goals, one assist), and Gavin Roach (three goals). Jeff Koviak had a goal and assist. Carson Miller tallied one assist. Plymouth goalie Blake Nowicki recorded 21 saves for a 78 percent save percentage. Lake Orion entered the game as the No. 6 team in the state.

Huron Valley United 12, North Farmington 2 - Michael Stibal led the Titans with pair of goals and two assists. Huron Valley goes to 2-1.

Plymouth 11, Forest Hills Eastern 10 - During the team's annual trip to Grand Rapids, Plymouth picked up two wins, starting with this one. Miller had four goals and an assist, Albano had three goals, Roach had three assists and Brendan Allen had two goals.

Plymouth 18, Hudsonville 9 - In the team's second game, Plymouth's offense took over. Albano scored six goals and tallied four assists, Allen had five goals, Ian Gozdor scored three goals, Roach had two goals and an assist and Carson Miller recorded two goals. The Wildcats improved to 2-0.

Bloomfield Hills 6, Huron Valley United 3 - A defensive battle, Bloomfield Hills goes to 1-0.

Huron Valley United 12, Farmington 5 - Huron Valley had three players record hat tricks, Alex Hubbard, RJ Solar and Michael Stibal. Goalie Colin Doyle had 16 saves in the win. Huron Valley improves to 1-1.

Girls lacrosse

Salem 15, Bedford 14 - With just two seconds left in regulation, Amanda Polydoras scored for the Rocks forcing the Kicking Mules into overtime. Madison Sopha clinched the win in sudden death play with the final goal of the game. Also scoring for the Rocks were Maddie Di-



Plymouth took down No. 6 ranked Lake Orion in a big early season lacrosse showdown. COURTESY OF MICHAEL VASILNEK

ton, Ava Humphrey, Izzy Murphy-Morrow, Kara Zink and Lily Greylak.

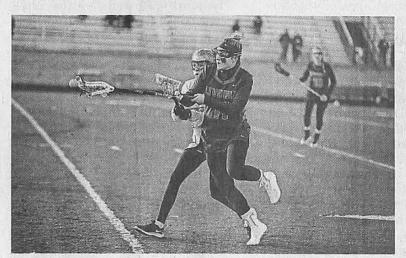
South Lyon United 19, Livonia United 4 - Senior captain Lauryn Rygiel had six goals and senior captain Taylor Vitori and junior Jane Taylor each had three goals for South Lyon. Maddy Champagne scored three times for Livonia. Livonia falls to 2-1 and South Lyon improves to 1-0.

Livonia United 7, St. Catherine's Academy 4 - Champagne scored six goals for Livonia in the win.

Livonia United 15, North Harrison 10 - Champagne scored eight goals for Livonia in the win.

Rockford 20, Birmingham Seaholm 3 - Kate Wujciak scored two goals for Seaholm in the loss.

Novi 18, Saline 1 - Emily Pringle and Katie Novell led Novi with five goals each. Maria Fernandes scored four



Livonia United picked up two wins over the weekend.
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goals, Alaina Smythe had two goals, four ground balls and one interception. Novi goes to 1-0.

Salem 10, Waterford 7 - Salem picks

up its first win of the season.

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PREP GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Livonia, South Lyon, Plymouth teams start season strong

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Our Lady of the Lakes 4, Livonia Clarenceville 0 - The Trojans enjoyed more possession and more shots on goal, but the Lakers were dangerous on the counter attack and were able to find the net twice in each half.

Livonia Churchill 5, Livonia Franklin 1 - Two goals were scored by senior Kaci Pampreen for Churchill, which also got goals from junior Riley Pfeifer and Sarah Sumbulla.

Novi 4, Salem 0 - Julia Stadtherr scored twice for Novi, which also got goals from Avery Fenchel and Eva Burns. Novi goes to 2-0. Salem falls to 1-1.

Novi 5, Northville 1 - Novi goals were scored by Avery Fenchel, Jenna Daschke, Julia Stadtherr (two goals) and Lexi Whalen. Northville's line goal was scored by Sarah Noonan. Novi sophomore goalie Abbey Pheiffer made five saves, including one on a penalty shot to secure the win.

Birmingham Seaholm 5, Birmingham Groves 0 - Hailey Hartwig, Caroline Esper, Hannah Stone, Bella Rodrigues and Livi Ross each had a goal for Seaholm, with assists coming from Grace Harr (two), Rodrigues, Cate Brown and Stone.

South Lyon 1, Farmington 0 - South Lyon's Regan Dancer scored the game's only goal with 2:08 left to play. South Lyon is now 2-0-1.

South Lyon 3, Milford 1 - Lexi Nabozny, Regan Dancer and Ella Ranalli scored for South Lyon. Regan Allen scored Milford's lone goal.

Livonia Churchill 2, Belleville 2 -Junior Kayla Osen scored Churchill's first goal on a header off a corner from senior Abby Daoust, and the second goal was scored by senior Kaci Pampreen on a pass from senior Emily Halkey.

Lutheran Northwest 3, Livonia Clarenceville 1 - Erin Sanchez scored Clarenceville's only goal.

Livonia Stevenson 1, Farmington 0
- Junior Abby Werthman scored the game's only goal, while Haley Demers and Mackenzie Fifer combined for the shutout in net. Stevenson improves to 1-0.

South Lyon 3, Walled Lake Central 3 - Lexi Nabozny scored two goals and Regan Dancer scored once and added two assists to lead South Lyon. It was the first game of the year for each squad.

South Lyon East 4, North Farmington 0 - South Lyon East picked up its first win of the season in a shutout. Sophomore Annika Gilson scored two goals, while Emma Pompo and freshman Autum Neville also each tallied goals.

Plymouth 7, Howell 0 - A resounding win for Plymouth to open the season.

Livonia Clarenceville 4, Southfield Christian 1 - Michelle Marzolo scored three goals for Clarenceville.

Livonia Clarenceville 0, Allen Park 0 - Gina Marzolo earned her first career shutout for Clarenceville.

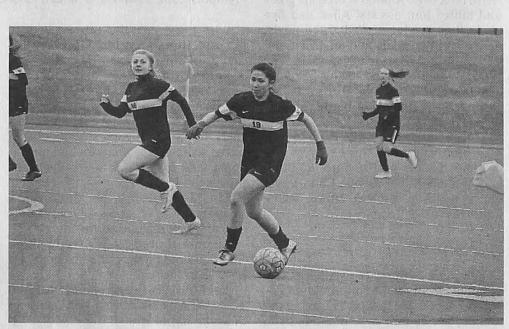
Wayne Memorial 4, Livonia Clarenceville 0 - In the team's third game in 18 hours, Clarenceville fell to Wayne Memorial. The Zebras scored less than two minutes into the game and piled on.

Salem 3, Rochester Adams 2 - Talia List, Macayla Harris and Chloe Parana each scored for Salem.

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Plymouth's Audrey Kananen dribbles up the field in her team's game against Howell. COURTESY OF EXPRESS PHOTO



Veronica Bolanos and Sophia Ohland helped lead South Lyon East to its first win of the season. COURTESY OF JILL OHLAND









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Soccer

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Dora Koski, sophomore F Sophia Jeromsky, sophomore M Carmen Raad, junior GK Ellie Thallman

Brucker's season outlook: "It was a rough offseason with three starters from last year's team suffering ACL injuries. This year we have added depth at every position as we prepare for the gauntlet of the KLAA West. Every game will be a battle; led by our six returning starters, if we play to our potential, I see a great year for the Mustangs."

Novi

Head coach: Todd Pheiffer (5th sea- could not be reached for comment.

Last year's overall record: 19-5-1 (3rd Salem in KLAA Gold), 2018 State Champions

Players to watch: Senior M Riley Balconi, senior M Jessie Bandyk, senior F Avery Burrell, senior D Lauren Calhoun, in KLAA Black) senior M Madi Rose, senior F Julia Stadtherr, senior F Lexi Whalen, junior D Zoe Smith, senior M Madison Servey, sopho-Burrell, junior F Jenna Daschke, junior F Avery Fenchel, junior M Michelle Jecmen, junior D Sarah Katinas, junior D Nevada Larson, sophomore D Eva Burns, sophomore GK Abbey Pheiffer

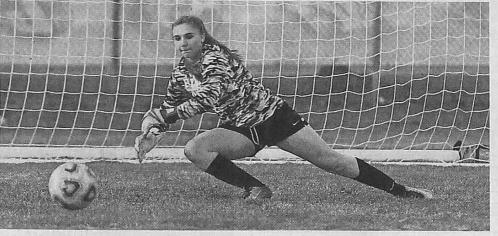
Pheiffer's season outlook: "With the new realignment of the KLAA this year, the West Division of the KLAA is the most competitive division in the state. Not only are the top seven girls soccer teams in the conference all in the same division, but they all have to play each other twice. Thus, every game will be an extremely competitive match between teams with State Championship aspirations. We graduated 10 seniors from last year's State Championship team, but we do return 15 players (six starters), so we do have a good group of players who know each other well and work extremely hard both on and off the field. These girls are a tight-knit group of student-athletes that have set their goals high this season and are working hard every day to reach them. We are in KLAA Black) looking forward to what lies ahead."

Plymouth

Head coach: Jeff Neschich

Last year's overall record: 9-4-1 (2nd in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Coach could not be reached for comment.



Plymouth goalie Rebecca Przybylo dives for the soccer ball during a spring 2018 contest. COURTESY OF JOHN KEMSKI

Head coach: Kyle Karns (3rd season) Last year's overall record: 13-6-2 (3rd

Players to watch: Junior F Sydney more Leah Courtney

Karn's season outlook: "As always, the division remains one of the toughest in the state of Michigan. With that being said, our goal is to compete for a division title. By playing some of the top teams in our division, we will be prepared for a State playoff run. With a team comprised of more Sophomores than Juniors/Seniors combined, we will look to learn and adapt quickly. With a good mixture of youth and veteran leadership, we have the talent on the field to scores goals and compete at a high level.

KLAA East Division

Livonia Churchill

Head coach: Chris Burnette (2nd sea-

Last year's overall record: 6-10-2 (4th

Players to watch: Senior F Kaci Pampreen, senior M Abby Doust, junior M

Kayla Osen and junior F Riley Pheifer Burnette's season outlook: "As I enter my second year here at Churchill I am excited for what this year will bring. I think we are a youthful team with some pace and good ideas inside the game. Last year I thought we didn't finish our oppor-Neschich's season outlook: Coach tunities when getting into the attacking

third of the field and behind other teams back lines, but I think this year will be a bit different so far from what I am seeing. I still want the girls to be patient and confident on the ball and trust in their skill set and their teammates. I expect to see this group work hard every game and press themselves to get the results we all want to see."

Livonia Franklin

Head coach: Dean Kowalski (10th sea-

Last year's overall record: 1-16-1 (6th in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Senior M Niki Berridge, senior M/D Marissa McCracken. senior D Miranda McIntosh, senior D/M Jessica Walkup, senior M/F Hannah Davis, senior GK Lindsay Schwartz

Kowalski's season outlook: "We are very excited about the upcoming season. This year is a great mix of talented, experienced upperclassmen and enthusiastic youth. Out of the 18 players on the team, only eight are seniors. We feel we will improve every game this season as the youth of the team will begin to learn how to play on the varsity level. The team will focus on toughness and speed to create a quick turnaround from last year. If we stay healthy and work hard, we will have a successful season. We are very excited and looking forward to competing in every game this season."

Westland John Glenn

Head coach: George Easter (2nd sea-

Last year's overall record: 5-14-2 (5th or on Twitter at @AndrewVcourt. in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Sophomore F Jayden Thurmand, sophomore M Liv Dangel

Easter's season outlook: "At Glenn, we are excited for the new season. We have finally been placed in a division where we can truly be competitive. The player pool here for soccer, can't compare schools such as those in PCEP, we just don't have the numbers. But the past few seasons, we have started to develop more of a soccer culture, where the kids know they can still compete with any school. Last season was the toughest schedule Glenn has ever had, yet the ladies (led by a strong senior class) ended the year with one of the best overall seasons in program history. So now the returning varsity players, along with a few new faces, are fired up and ready to make a strong impact in the new division."

Livonia Stevenson

Head coach: Ken Shingledecker (4th

Last year's overall record: 13-6-3 (5th in KLAA Gold)

Players to watch: Junior F Abby Werthman, senior GK Haley Demers, senior M Sarah Dressing, junior D Sam Kuszynski, junior M Meredith Hage, junior GK Mackenzie Fifer, sophomore M Mikayla Waranaukus, junior D Nikki Verant, junior D Zelia Griffith, sophomore M Delaney Millis, sophomore M Adriana Mroz, senior D Caitlin King, junior D Emily Rentis, junior M Adriana Sapia

Shingledecker's season outlook: "On paper we look like a young team. But most of the upper classmen girls are entering their third or fourth year on varsity. With only 18 varsity players we will be expecting contributions from the entire roster. We have a couple nice early season match ups that will help get ready for the conference season. Our goal is to win our division, then see if we can make some noise in the KLAA Championship game. We're looking forward to the challenge."

Wayne Memorial

Head coach: Keith Tilley

Last year's conference record: 0-13 (7th in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Coach could not be reached for comment.

Tilley's season outlook: Coach could not be reached for comment."

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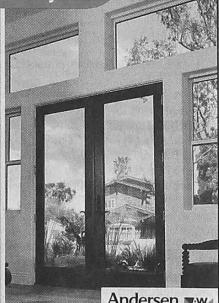
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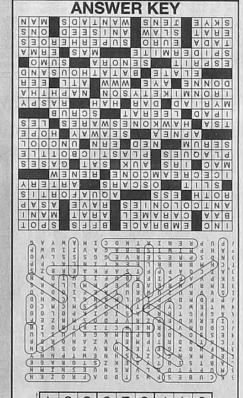
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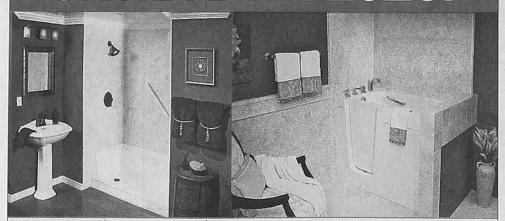
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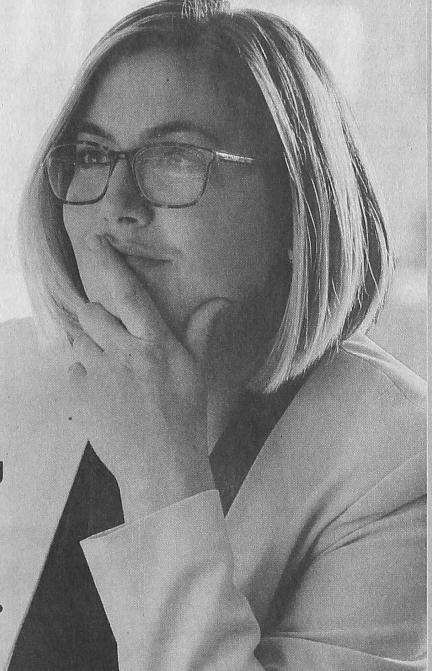
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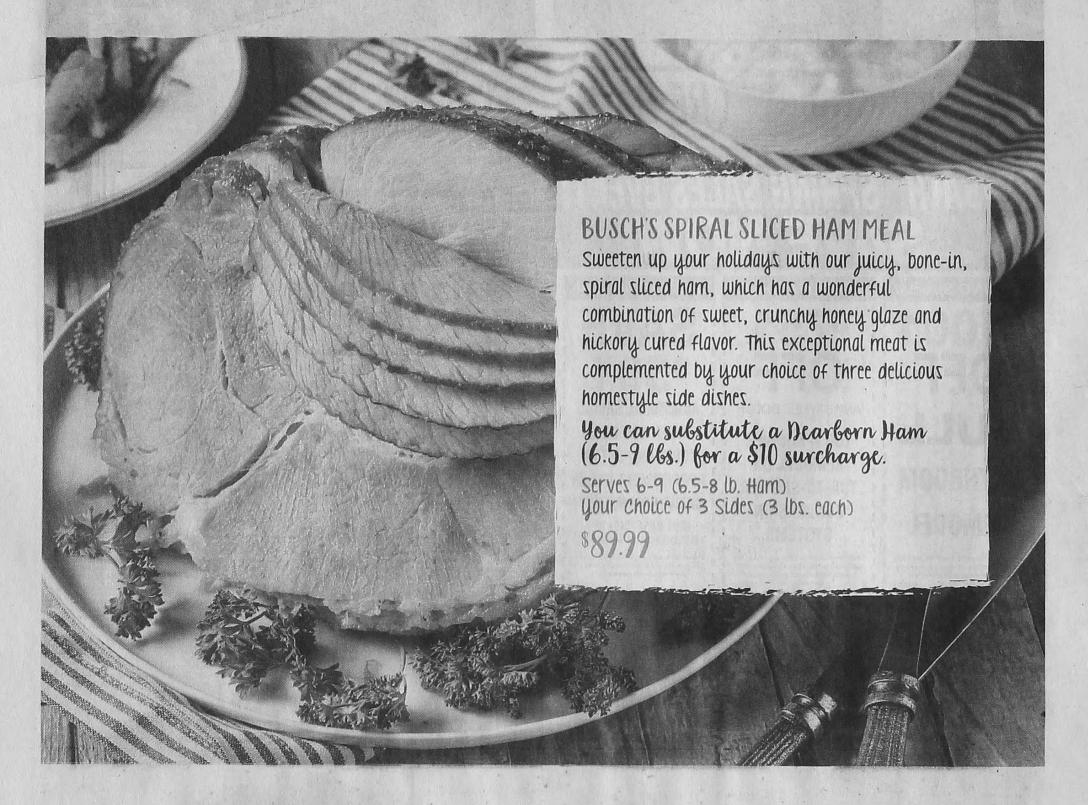


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