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Records sealed in murder case

No media at Danielle Stislicki proceeding

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For the time being, records remain sealed in the high-profile case of Floyd Galloway, who is accused of killing a Farmington Hills woman, whose body still hasn't been found.



Stislicki

Judge James Brady of the 47th District Court in Farmington Hills next reviews motions filed in the case on May 22.



Galloway

The media wasn't allowed at a Friday hearing and will not be allowed at the May proceeding, according to a court clerk supervisor.

"The request to seal the records was mutual to ensure the integrity of the process while the

court decides matters that are questions of law," said Kelly Rossman-McKinney, spokeswoman for the Attorney General's Office in an email.

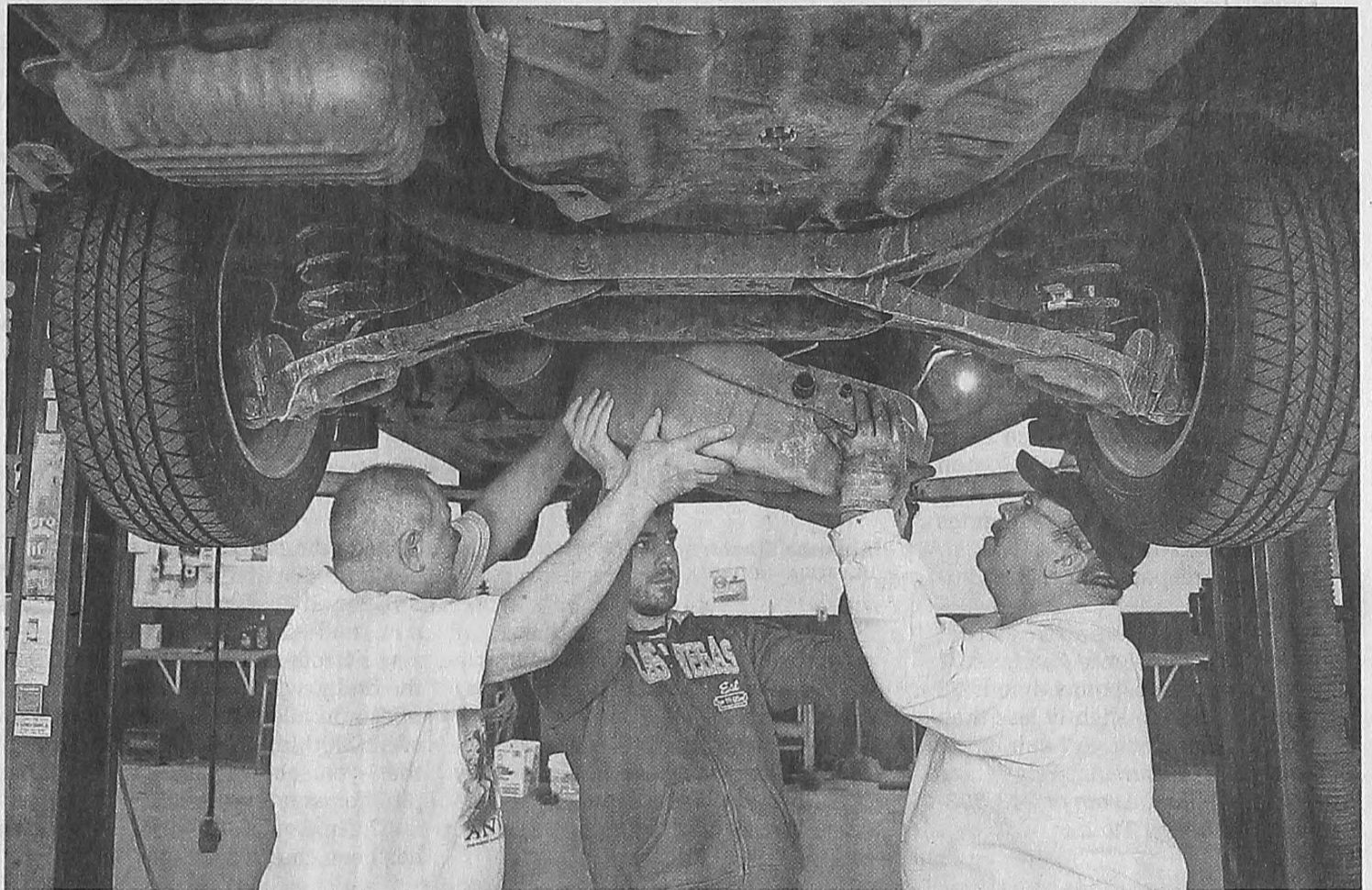
Galloway faces first-degree premeditated murder charges in the assumed death of Danielle Stislicki, who was reported missing more than two years ago on Dec. 2, 2016. She was 28.

Galloway, a former Berkley resident, soon became a suspect as the last known person seen with Danielle.

He is serving a prison sentence for trying to sexually assault a Livonia runner. If convicted of killing Stislicki, he will spend the rest of his life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Attorneys William Mitchell III and Sharon Clark Woodside are representing Galloway.

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Under a lift, from left, Jerry Carson, his son Andrew, both of Canton, with their friend Dewie Smith of Northville, carefully drop the gas tank off Andrew's 2007 Ford Focus at My Mechanics Place in Livonia, April 11. They have to remove the gas tank from the car in order to replace the fuel pump.

Livonia man changing how you repair your car

Jamie L. LaReau [Detroit Free Press](http://DetroitFreePress.com)
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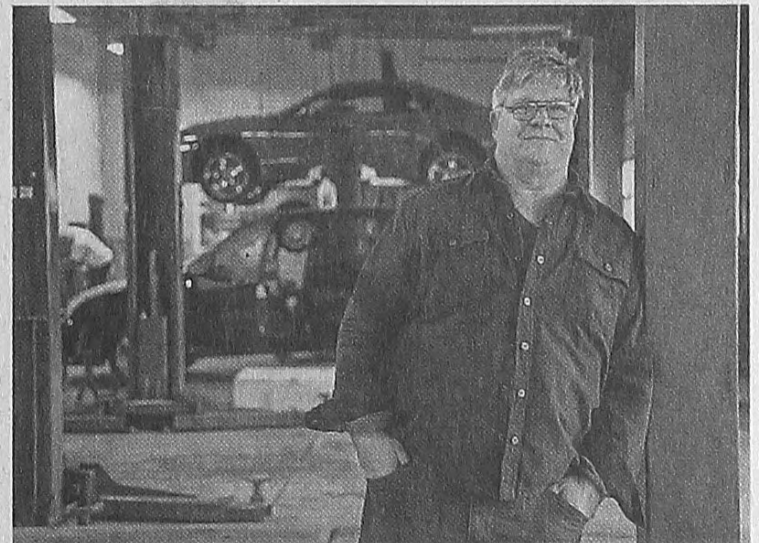
Detroit resident Patrick Denny shimmies out from under his jacked-up 2006 black Ford Focus sedan. His hands are covered in grease. Rented tools are splayed out on the concrete floor around him.

Denny, 24, has replaced brakes before, but he now faces a new challenge: Replace the shocks and the trailing arm bushing in the suspension. He grins when acknowledging he's paying to fix his own car, knowing he'll end up saving a lot.

"It can be a pain do it yourself, but it's worth it to save \$1,500 to \$2,000," Denny said.

Denny is a regular customer at My Mechanics Place in Livonia, a massive garage on Plymouth Road with 22 service bays, a paint booth, a machine shop and U-Haul distribution. To rent a bay with a lift costs \$25 an hour; one without a lift is \$12. People can rent tools, too.

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My Mechanics Place owner Jay Rabaut poses for a photo in the DIY garage in Livonia, April 11. PHOTOS BY JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Canton police investigated more assaults in 2018

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Assault investigations spiked in Canton in 2018, an increase that a top public safety official says is more about better policing techniques than societal changes.

"I don't think necessarily people have become more violent against each other," Public Safety Deputy Director Chad Baugh said. "We're training our officers to dive down in to the details."

He explained that police officers are asking tough questions of those in-

involved in assault investigations, so some resolution can happen through various social services and service agencies.

"We're trying to bring some resolution," Baugh said. "We're trying to find out what's going on in that family so that maybe services can solve it for the long term."

However, the consequence is they're learning that more people are meeting the standards for assault charges.

Canton police investigated 112 cases of felony assault in 2018, a 78 percent increase compared to 2017, and the largest

surge the Wayne County law enforcement agency experienced in crime categories listed in the annual report recently released.

Breaking and entering cases rose 38 percent, domestic violence assaults increased 14 percent and retail fraud inched up by 1 percent.

Other crime categories dropped. Overall, there were 1,765 crime incidents identified in 2018, which was a 4 percent drop from 2017, according to the report.

Baugh hopes to see the decline continue. He said that so far crime reports were down by 14 percent for 2019.

A goal is to keep putting the right people in the right place for the right reasons. Responding to traffic concerns keeps a police presence in areas often considered crime areas.

Baugh said opioid addictions and the need to supply addictive habits probably explain the breaking and entering upticks.

Big busts relying on other agencies can stanch some crime numbers. Baugh said there were several in 2018 including the August bust of a shoplifting ring and

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Assault

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the recovery of more than \$500,000 worth of stolen drug store merchandise.

Baugh wants to keep strengthening ties with the township's regional partners and various sectors so public safety services can improve and community members can feel safe.

The average response time from when a call comes in to when a Canton police arrives at the door was about 24 minutes in 2018, or about two minutes quicker than in 2017.

Baugh said response times keep improving.

But how soon officers arrive can depend on the hour. From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., the average response time is 25 minutes. It drops to slightly less than 16 minutes from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer bringing budget tour to Livonia

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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is visiting Livonia Thursday to talk Michigan dollars and cents.

Her Budget Town Hall Tour will visit Livonia Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile Road, running 4-5 p.m. The school's performing arts center seats about 550, and seats will be both reserved and available to the general



Whitmer

public. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to communications@livoniapublicschools.org. Those attending will get a chance to ask questions. The Democratic governor recently proposed 45-cent increase in Michigan's fuel tax. To be phased in over one year, the tax would raise more than \$2 billion for road re-

pairs.

Whitmer also has proposed a \$507 million increase for operational K-12 schools spending.

Her tour is supposed to explain her budget for 2020 in greater detail. Her tour started on the west side of the state in March.

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Livonia man killed in moped crash on way to work

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Andrei Marecki was headed to a job he loved when the moped he was driving collided with a large truck with a trailer.

Family and friends are mourning the loss of the 26-year-old Livonia resident, who died near International Extrusions, where he worked in Garden City. He is the son of Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki.

Police said both vehicles were west-bound on Industrial Road when the crash occurred.

A representative from the Wayne



Marecki

County Medical Examiner's Office said Marecki suffered multiple injuries upon crashing with the truck the afternoon of Thursday, April 18.

Born in Russia, he was known for his laughter, engaging smile and charming sense of humor.

He attended Livonia schools and graduated from Adlai E. Stevenson High School, according to his online obituary.

He enjoyed spending time up north and playing roller hockey and video games.

Marecki adored his dog Ava and

cherished vacations with family.

Survivors include his parents Mark and Terry; siblings Jordyn (John) Sellek, Brynn (Steven) Bruestle, and Aaren Marecki; grandparents; and other relatives.

The Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia handled funeral arrangements. Visitation was Monday with the funeral Tuesday at Bell Creek Community Church in Livonia.

Donations can be made in Andrei's name to Bair Lake Bible Camp, 12500 Prang St., Jones, MI 49061.

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Redford teen charged with accosting 3-year-old

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A Redford teen is facing charges of accosting a 3-year-old child under a bridge, according to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Timothy Anthony-Gabouri Austin, 17, of Redford was arrested Wednesday in connection to the accosting of a 3-year-old, the prosecutor's office said in a news release Friday.

According to authorities, Redford police were dispatched to the area of Lola Street and Garfield in Redford at 6:47 p.m., and when they arrived, an officer saw a stroller. They found Austin under the bridge with the 3-year-old.

Austin allegedly had removed some of his clothing. Police arrested him and the 3-year-old was taken to a local hospital for examination.

The prosecutor's office said Austin has been charged with accosting for in-

decent purposes, a felony punishable by a maximum of four years in prison upon conviction, and a misdemeanor charge of indecent exposure.

No allegation of sexual assault and no sexual assault charges have been issued in connection to the case. Austin is expected to be arraigned Saturday at 34th District Court in Romulus.

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Residents wary of Northville Downs site's future

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"The Downs," a community-changing development planned for the current site of the Northville Downs race track, is one stride closer to acceptance — even though a steady stream of residents delivered a collective "Whoaaaa!" response toward the project during a mid-April planning commission meeting.

With a unanimous 9-0 vote, the Northville planning commissioners agreed that the developer — Hunter Pasteur Homes — has met the nine planned unit development (PUD) eligibility criteria, moving the project forward to the more-demanding preliminary site plan stage.

Northville Downs is scheduled to continue hosting racing at the site until at least 2020, its representatives emphasized when the property was sold in the spring of 2018.

Citing a projected increase in traffic, a general uptick in congestion and parking woes the development will bring to their historic town, Northvillians took advantage of the three-minute-per-person public-comment session to voice their displeasure — and in a few cases, acceptance — with the project.

"When did we become an urban area?" asked Northville resident Nancy Chiri. "The reason I ask this is because our city's master plan and our city's website say Northville is a small community with distinctive housing, tree-lined streets and a walkable community, yet all I've heard tonight is 'urban setting, urban setting'."

Along with potential problems she envisions with the developer's commitment to day-lighting the Rouge River near the race track, Chiri expressed concerns about requiring the maintenance of two proposed linear parks on the property to a homeowners' association and the traffic nightmares the expected increase in population it will create.

"There are a lot of ifs, laters and maybes ... in the developer's letter (to Northville residents)," she said. "This could be a dangerous thing if we agree to a proposal that has so many questions."

Resident Carl Giroux echoed the sentiments of other public commenters when he expressed concern that "The Downs" project may alter the city's small-town character.

"For the past 150 years, Northville has had a historic reputation as one of southeastern Michigan's most desirable places to live," Giroux said. "People love its Victorian architecture, small-town charm. It's our responsibility to preserve that heritage and not degrade it."

The significant uptick in population will create a difficult drain on city services, including the potential need to build a new school, Lenore Lewandowski said.

"One thing that makes Northville special to me is that when you call the police and say, there's a car parked outside my house, running, with its lights on, a few minutes later you'll get a call and they'll tell you



Northville planning consultant Sally Elmiger delivers a presentation during the April 16 Planning Commission meeting. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

everything is OK," she said. "Is this still going to be the case when our population grows by 15-20%."

"The increased traffic isn't harmonious with the welfare and safety of the city. You're talking about at least 1,000 more cars for the new residents as well as the cars that will be visiting the businesses. There will be a negative environmental impact from the pollution the vehicles create."

'Change is coming'

Hunter Pasteur Homes attorney Robert Carson attempted to assure the development's skeptics that his client was doing everything in its power to make the transition from the race track to The Downs as smooth as possible.

"We understand this is important to everyone in this room," Carson said. "We want to respect the traditions and welcome the future. After tonight's approval of eligibility, we have a lot of work to do, a lot of detail hurdles to cross ... in each aspect of the development."

"We are trying to make this as painless as possible. We know change is difficult and change in the neighborhood of people's homes is particularly difficult. They're concerned and they should be concerned. But change is coming. That race track is not going to be there forever and this is an opportunity to develop it in a positive way."

The third and final hurdle the developer must clear

in the thorough process is the final site plan requirement, which must be approved by the planning commission and the city commission.

"Once eligibility is determined, it does not set the process in stone," cautioned Northville City Planner Sally Elmiger. "There are still a lot of opportunities for the plans to be modified after the developer meets the eligibility criteria."

Elmiger explained that the PUD process gives the developer flexibility to deviate from the property's strict zoning ordinances in exchange for providing public benefits.

"If the developer decided to not go through the PUD process, there would be no public benefit required," Elmiger said. "So, by following through with this process, the City of Northville is gaining public benefit in exchange for some flexibility in the zoning requirements."

Positive public comments related to the potential development included one resident who said the value of her home, which borders the race track, would increase if her property bordered residential properties, and the developer's plan to move the farmer's market site to the north end of the property with assurances that its space would be more than sufficient with parking.

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Denny's doctor told him about My Mechanics Place, so he started coming earlier this year, typically once a week, spending five to eight hours on each visit working on his car. He's learned the repairs by watching YouTube videos, he said.

"I live in an apartment in Detroit. I don't have the tools to do the repairs and apartments won't let you work in the building parking lots," said Denny. "And I'm saving thousands doing it myself."

'The other woman'

My Mechanics Place is the brainchild of Jay Rabaut, 55, a Livonia native who got the initial idea for the business in the mid-1980s while in the Navy and then envisioned the model for it nine years ago.

A plumber by trade and father to nine children, Rabaut was driving home in the fall of 2010 with a heavy heart.

"I thought I have no way to retire, I'm getting old, but I want to send my kids to college. I just saw no way out," said Rabaut. "So I said a prayer, 'Lord, what can I do? What else can I do?' and then it happened. I just had the vision."

Rabaut envisioned a compound where people can rent a service bay and tools to do their own car repairs. It took years to make it happen, and awhile for it to catch on and generate profits.

But go there any weekend now and the 18,000-square foot building buzzes with engines revving, metal tools clanking on concrete and impact wrenches humming. All 22 bays are usually filled, often forcing Rabaut to turn away customers. Each bay is occupied for an average of two to eight hours. If you want to get in, call ahead to reserve a bay, he said.

Rabaut said he gets 12 to 25 new customers each week. Many regular customers are there two to five days a week up to eight hours a visit.

"Some wives call us, 'the other woman,'" Rabaut joked, after a customer standing near him bemoaned that My Mechanics Place precipitated his divorce.

Big savings

Located across across from Ford Automatic Transmission Operations in Livonia, the bold letters across My Mechanics Place's roof line beckon: "Do it yourself."

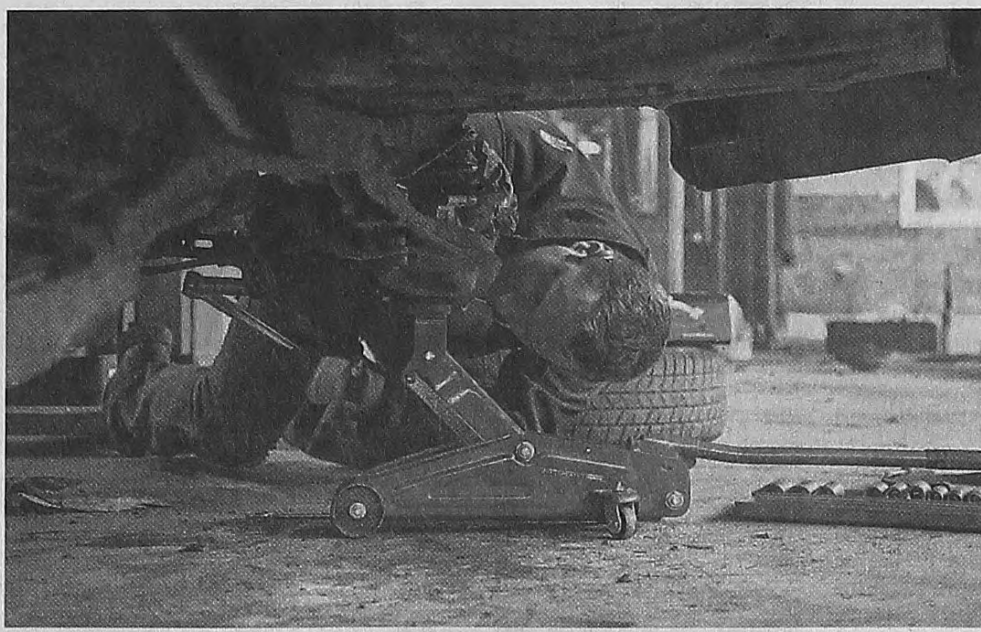
Besides the lifts, the business has a "tool crib" containing thousands of tools to rent for \$5 an hour. The tools are checked in and out similar to books in a library. More complex tools such as torches or grinders cost \$10 an hour.

It's also a U-Haul distributor, a business Rabaut added in 2016 that brings in enough revenue to help when times are lean in the repair shop.

The savings to those who do their own car repairs is substantial, said Rabaut. For example, some tire stores charge as much as \$30 to mount and balance each tire — \$120 for all four tires. At My Mechanics Place, renting a flat stall for \$12 an hour plus \$10 an hour to use the tire machine brings the cost to mount and balance all four tires to \$22.

Unsure how to do it? No problem. Rabaut has two certified mechanics on staff to advise customers. The mechanics can't do the repairs for liability reasons and Rabaut is insured. All customers must sign waivers to work on their cars, he said.

But, on average, a person saves 60%



Patrick Denny tries to remove a stuck bolt on his 2006 Ford Focus at My Mechanics Place in Livonia, April 11. His car is supported by two jack stands.

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to 80% on car repairs, he said.

"It's all about time too. If we can see a way to save them time, we will. If we can see a tool that'll help them, we offer it," said Rabaut.

Waterford shop

My Mechanics Place isn't the only game in town. Gearheads Rent-A-Bay in Waterford also rents service bays and tools to people to do their own car repairs. It sees about 15 customers a week and charges \$20 an hour to rent a bay with a hoist and \$12 an hour for a flat bay. It offers tool rental for \$10 a day, said Gearheads' co-owner Nathan Klein.

Gearheads, which popped up around the same time as My Mechanics Place, July 2015, is small with three bays with lifts and one without. It has a motorcycle lift too, said Klein. It has no certified mechanic on staff.

Klein said his partner got the idea for it in the 1970s because, "All the military bases have them and a gentleman in Oxford had a gas station and when his mechanics quit, he would rent it out to people," Klein said.

Some of the regulars at My Mechanics Place rent out bigger work spaces on a monthly basis for consistent repairs on a vehicles and even boats.

Of the 22 service bays, eight have car lifts, two of which can lift 43,000-pound trucks. The repair shop is a pit stop for the average Joe, but especially die-hard gearheads such as Jason Robertson.

Robertson, 39, works at Ford Motor Co. as a clay modeler by day, he said. But on his free time, he is considered one of the country's top restoration specialists of AC Cobra sports cars, collectors car from the 1960s.

AC Cobra owners hire Robertson to work on their expensive and rare cars. He first came to My Mechanics Place two years ago to use its paint booth, which costs \$100 an hour or \$400 a day. That might sound steep, but Robertson said he'd have to pay someone \$12,000 to do the work for him.

"I couldn't do it without this place," said Robertson, as he prepared a California man's AC Cobra's side panel for painting. "I don't have temperature control at home and this is very messy work."

Robertson has restored about 40 AC Cobras over 14 years. He typically takes a week off from Ford to do each car. He pays about \$700 to use the paint booth and restores three to four AC Cobras a year, making about \$10,000 on each, he said.

Fix and flip

Another regular at My Mechanics Place is Robert Vanorden, whose residence there comes at a fortuitous time. After seven years at General Motors Detroit-Hamtramck plant assembling Cadillac sedans, Vanorden was laid off on Feb. 28.

GM is idling five plants in North America, including Detroit-Hamtramck, which is scheduled to end production in January 2020.

But Vanorden, 52, had a backup plan. He started coming to My Mechanics Place shortly after it opened in late 2015. He rented a work space for \$500 a month to start a side business. He bought a used Ford Escape SUV for \$600. He made multiple repairs to it and in early 2016, he sold it for \$3,200, making a profit, he said.

Since then, Vanorden and his 21-year-old son, Robert Vanorden Jr., have fixed and flipped about 35 used cars for a profit. They learn to do the repairs by watching TV shows and sharing tips with fellow amateur mechanics at the shop.

"I don't have a garage, I'm a dirt guy and I repaired on the grass, on the snow and on ice ... where the next day you have to dig the car out," said Vanorden. "So this place is a godsend. I get the knowledge of the other mechanics and the use of equipment. It's invaluable."

And until Vanorden can get a new job, it is also his income.

Early entrepreneurial idea

Even the pros use it. Dewie Smith, 58, is at My Mechanics Place at least three times a week. He works across the street at Ford's transmission center.

"I'm a mechanic by training," said Smith, who is an executive mechanic for Ford. "This is a hobby for me."

But Smith said he does a lot of car repair for free for friends, "When you're a mechanic, you have lots of friends."

Rabaut first went to a "do it yourself" car repair in the mid-80s, while serving in the U.S. Navy. A buddy asked him to give him a hand changing his car's transmission at the base's "hobby shop," a garage where soldiers could work on their cars.

"I was just floored," Rabaut said. "You can come here and rent a garage for the day. I thought, 'Man, why don't we have these outside?' I thought if I ever get a chance, I'm going to do it."

But he became a plumbing contractor and "never really gave it another thought" for nearly 25 years. After he finally wrote a 23-page business plan for My Mechanics Place, Rabaut had a stroke in 2011. That sidelined his dream

until he recovered and found a building for My Mechanics Place in 2014. But, he was short the start-up cash.

"I showed the business model to my father-in-law and he thought it was a stupid idea," said Rabaut. "I told my dad about it and he asked if I seriously thought people would pay me to fix their own car? I said, 'Dad, there's a lot of people who would do that.'"

His dad helped him raise money for a down payment on the building My Mechanics Place occupies, which once housed the Hitch House, a truck-trailer hitch and trailer service business.

The miracle

My Mechanics Place opened in August 2015 and had three customers the whole month.

"The first year of business was expensive," said Rabaut.

In March 2016, he'd fallen six months behind on his mortgage payment. One day, the owner came to collect the debt. A woman waiting in the lobby overheard the conversation, Rabaut said.

"She said, 'Did I hear that man right? Did he threaten to take this building away from you?'" Rabaut recalls, his voice cracking and tears welling in his eyes.

He explained to her the financial struggle. He said he was ready to give up. But she told him, "He's not going to get this from you. God did not bring you this far for you to fail. So don't you worry about a thing. Whatever I pray for, I get and I'm praying for you, honey, and you're not going to lose this building," he recalled.

It was the inspiration Rabaut needed. He secured financing and kept going.

"I did not lose the building," said Rabaut. "It was miraculous."

More trucks!

In the fall of 2016, Rabaut finally had his first break-even month. That year he also added a U-Haul business, quite by accident. He'd agreed to take a U-Haul dolly and car transport from the company, but was firm with U-Haul that he did not want to be a dealer, he said.

One day, a couple dropped off a 26-foot U-Haul truck because U-Haul told the couple to drop it there, he said. He told his staff to get rid of it by the time he returned from lunch.

When he returned, the truck was gone. He asked how they got rid of it. They told him, "We didn't get rid of the truck, we rented it."

"I said, 'You rented it?! You don't even know how to rent it!' They said they called U-Haul and, 'U-Haul told us how to do it and you made a \$250 on it.' I said, 'Tell them we want more trucks!'"

Today, his U-Haul business accounts for up to a quarter of his monthly revenue. The mechanic business peaks in October through May. The U-Haul business peaks May through September, so he has a steady revenue stream year round.

My Mechanics Place has been consistently profitable since the fall of 2018, said Rabaut. He plans to expand to other locations in 2020 and possibly offer courses on how to do various car repairs.

"It's the best thing I've ever done in my life because I'm helping people help themselves," said Rabaut. "As a plumber ... people treat you like a sub-servant. Whereas here, people are trying to get by and they need a break and we're helping."

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Four events worth checking out this weekend

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Have you got your spring cleaning done yet? If not, it can wait another week, right?

That's because there's plenty to clean this weekend as we continuously look toward summertime. If you're looking for something to do this weekend, check out one of these events happening across the Hometown Life communities.

VegFest in Novi

Come learn the ways of a healthy lifestyle at the Suburban Collection Showplace this Saturday.

VegFest, now in Novi after previously taking place at Madonna University in Livonia, takes place beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the expo center, located at 46100 Grand River. Celebrating its 20th year, the event celebrates all things plant-based with plenty of samples to try.

Celebrity actress Alicia Silverstone will be attendance, presenting in one auditorium. There will also be more than 100 exhibitors to interact with during the festival, including activities for kids, virtual reality and a wide-ranging food court.

Tickets for the event are \$12.50 if purchased online before the event and \$17 at the door. Children five and under are free. More information can be found at vegmichigan.org.

Downtown cleanup event in Wayne

Make Michigan Avenue a cleaner place this weekend by pitching in in downtown Wayne.

Wayne Main Street will host its 4th annual clean-up of downtown Wayne from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. More than 200 volunteers came out last year to help beautify the downtown area, a similar number organizers hope to see this year.

Those interested in helping can register online at downtownwayne.org or can register the day of the event in the parking lot of the 29th District Court at 34808 Sims St. Those who pre-register



Downtown Wayne. FILE PHOTO

will receive a free event T-shirt.

More information on the cleanup can be found at downtownwayne.org.

Greenfest at the Detroit Zoo

Celebrate all things green this weekend at the Detroit Zoo.

The zoo, located at 8450 W. 10 Mile in Royal Oak, will hold its annual observance of Arbor Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It'll consist of talks and demonstrations done by the zoo's Green Team, as well as showcase citizen science projects and exhibits by local conservation groups.

The event is free with zoo admission. For more information, visit the zoo's website at detroitzoo.org.

Charity chili cook-off

The International Chili Society will hold a sanctioned chili charity cook-off 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 27, at Hubert-Fortiers-O'Grady VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Road in Redford Township.

For a \$10 donation (\$5 for children younger than 12) you get an unlimited number of chili samples. There will be a 50/50 drawing and gift basket raffles. Proceeds will benefit the VFW post.

Cooks from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Canada will be competing in three categories; Traditional Red (no beans), Chili Verde and Homestyle (beans). The winners of each category will be eligible to compete for large cash prizes in the World Champion Chili Cook-off this September in Iowa.

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'Wheel of Fortune' coming to Detroit in May

Maryann Struman Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

"Wheel of Fortune" is rolling into town looking for contestants.

The popular game show's Wheelmobile will be scouting for candidates from noon to 4 p.m. May 18-19 at the Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre (formerly Chene Park), 2600 Atwater, on Detroit's riverfront.

Here's how it works, according to the game show's website:

A professional host and hostess present a live show with a traveling version of the wheel and puzzleboard that offers fans a chance to win prizes and qualify for a contestant audition to be on the show.

Fans fill out and submit applications upon entry. During the show, the traveling host and co-host draw applications at random and call individuals on stage in groups of five to participate in a brief interview, play a version of the Wheel of Fortune "Speed-Up Round" and win special show-themed

prizes.

The most promising candidates are invited back to participate in final auditions. Even if an applicant was not selected on stage, their name might be drawn at random at a later date for an audition.

At the final auditions, the "Wheel of Fortune" contestant coordinators select the individuals who will appear on the broadcast version of the show.

Showing up to a Wheelmobile event doesn't guarantee you an audition for the live show. Last year, more than a million people applied and only 600 were selected.

There are a number of restrictions: Contestants must be 18 or older, not be affiliated with "Wheel of Fortune" or related companies, not have appeared on another game show in the last year, among others. In addition, applicants are responsible for paying their own travel expenses to get to the show if selected to appear on the broadcast.

"Wheel of Fortune" airs at 7 p.m. on weeknights on WDIV-TV (Channel 4)

MSP nabs 12 sex offenders in tri-county area

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istered sex offender violators. They arrested one offender in an out-of-state treatment facility.

Troopers are not releasing names or information about those arrested. They have said all offenders have been arraigned on their charges.

Violations pertained to proper address verification to law enforcement agencies.

For more information on Michigan's Sex Offender Registry, visit www.michigan.gov/msp/.

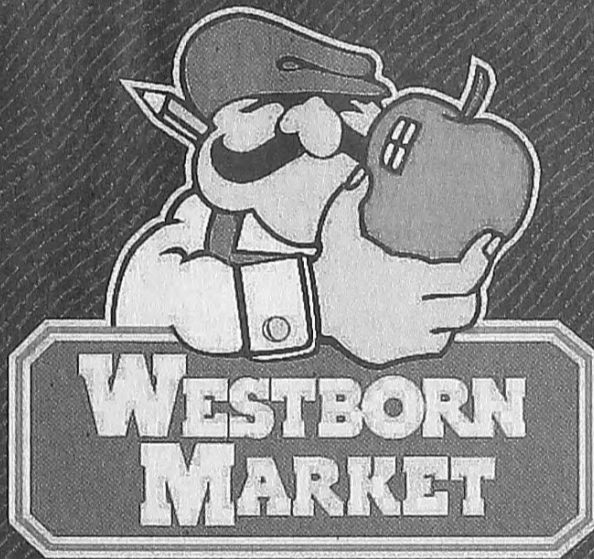
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Twelve sex offenders were arrested recently in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, according to Michigan State Police troopers.

The state agency reported in a news statement the 12 had outstanding felony warrants and weren't in compliance with the Michigan Sex Offenders Registration Act.

Dubbed Operation Final Countdown, the two-day sweep during the week of April 15 also involved the U.S. Marshals Service.

Law enforcers had identified 26 reg-



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Albino deer spotted at Kensington Metropark

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The warmer weather has brought out a familiar face. A rare albino deer born in Kensington Metropark several years ago was spotted Wednesday afternoon by Russell Rheume a 74-year-old man Brighton Township man.

"She should get a ticket though, she was jaywalking," Rheume joked. "Should have crossed at the sign down the road."

Rheume said he regularly drives through the park to get to his house by the General Motors' Milford Proving Ground but hadn't seen the deer before.

"I'm always looking," Rheume said.

Rheume was trying to get his phone out to take a photograph when the deer started to run, but managed to capture an image.

There is no official number of albino deer recorded, according to Ashley Autenrieth, a biologist for the

Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"They are rare enough that we don't have a figure. That's how rare they are," she said.

Autenrieth said there are three types of albinism in animals – albino, all-white and piebald.

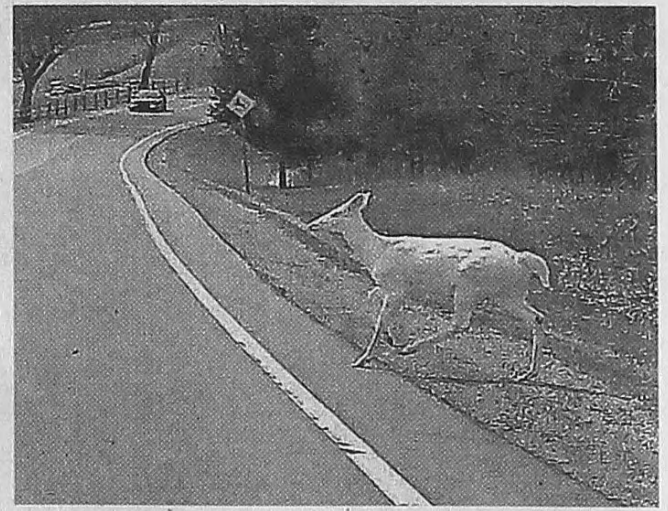
Albino is lack of pigmentation, she said, while all-white means the fur is all white. Piebald occurs when there are spots of brown on the animal.

"Michigan isn't the only state to have albino deer, it happens everywhere," Autenrieth said. "It's just a matter of the gene expressing."

The albino gene is recessive, she said, so there are animals that may carry the gene without it expressing.

She said animals with albinism often have other characteristics such as poor eyesight and shorter legs. They are more vulnerable to the predators as their white coats don't provide camouflage.

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Russell Rheume captured this photo of an albino deer Wednesday, April 17, 2019, in Kensington Metroparks. COURTESY OF RUSSELL RHEUME

New Novi movie theater coming, neighbors aren't happy

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Coming soon: Hollywood and Bollywood movies at a new theater in Novi.

The city planning commission unanimously approved a preliminary site plan for Onyx Plaza, which will feature a 9-screen theater, Indian restaurant, and retail shops on the west side of Novi Road, just north of 10 Mile Road.

About 50 people spoke at the packed meeting regarding the project, with the overwhelming majority opposed to the theater, citing concerns about traffic, crime and noise.

"Imagine traffic coming out of the movie theater and exacerbating long, terrible waits on Novi Road," said Jennifer Harvey, a city resident and recently retired Novi High School teacher, who added she had seen several students involved in accidents on that road. "We will definitely see an increase in crime and noise... I urge you to resist this, we don't need another theater, it is illogical and totally and absolutely wrong for Novi."

Some residents noted they had already objected to the project last September, when Potluri Estates and DICE Holdings initially sought approval but were rejected due to a request to rezone the entire development area, putting the movie theater and retail on the north side of the property, closer to residential areas including Churchill Crossing and Emerson Park.

"I object to the noise in late nights and lights during late nights," Supraja Morasa, a nearby resident, said. "For safety, an entertainment center belongs north of Grand River. South of Grand River is residential and not an appropriate place for a movie theater."

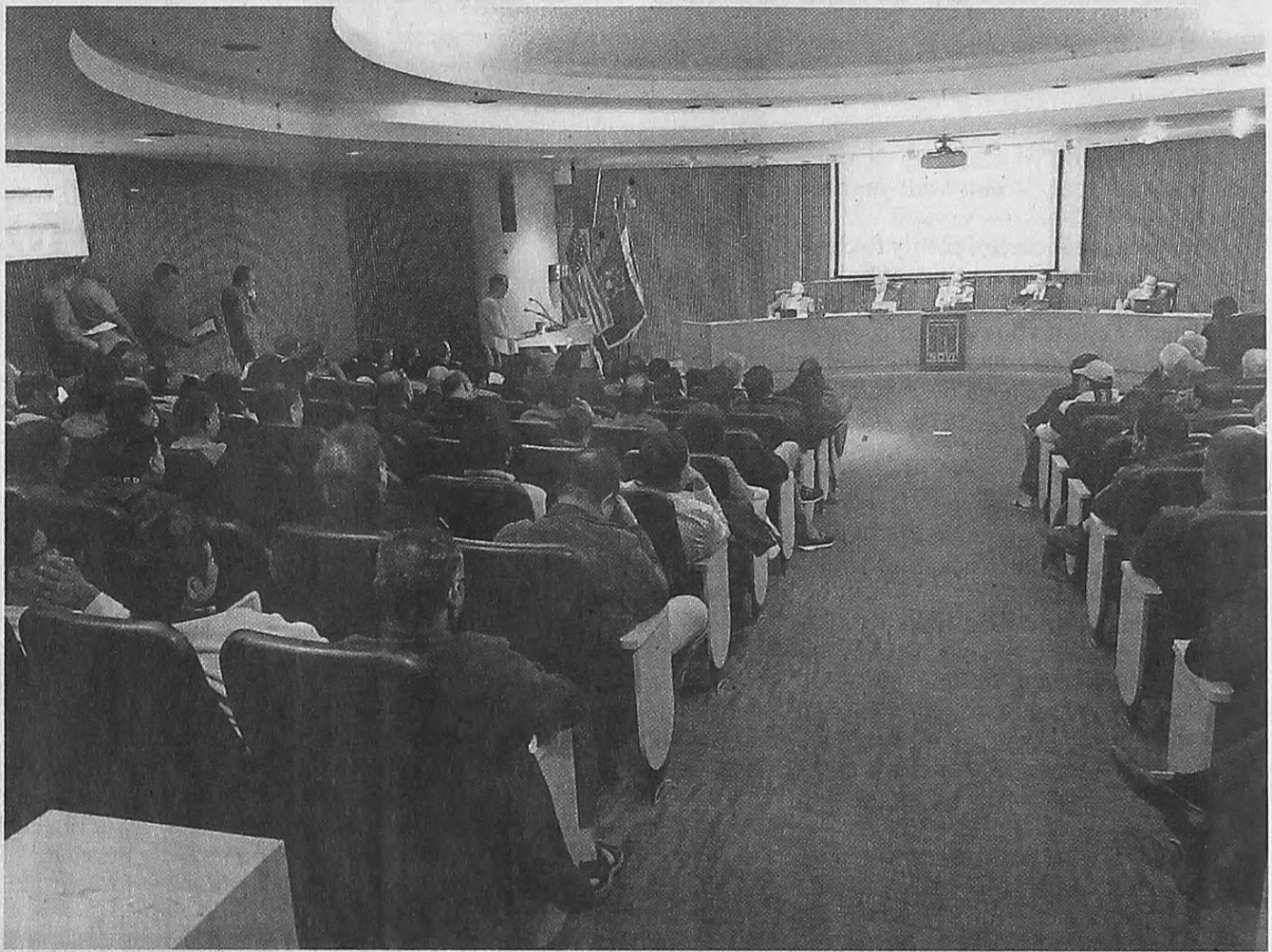
The property consists of two parcels zoned general business and office service, with a total development area of 14.29 acres. In seeking approval from the planning commission this time, the applicant submitted a site plan with a 34,173-square-foot theater with 709 seats, and attached 18,178-square-foot retail building, both within the B-3 zoned area of the property, which allows for such uses.

Parking for the development will be in the section of the parcel zoned office service, also permitted. The new plan effectively flip-flopped the prior one and commissioners noted that despite an estimated 200 letters they had received in opposition to the project, and the vocal objections at Wednesday's meeting, the plan could not be denied.

"We don't make a judgment based on anything other than facts and zoning," Planning Chairman Mark Pehrson said. "This petitioner came forward, did their homework and found that theaters are permissible."

Pehrson acknowledged that "no one likes it in their back yard," but added that the planning commission could assist in modifying plans to try to address concerns of citizens, including ones about traffic, crime, noise and lighting.

Commissioner John Avdoulos said only 8 of the 14 acres of the site were being developed under the plan,



Novi residents packed a Planning Commission meeting on April 17, 2019, many of them speaking against a movie theater project that the commissioners ultimately approved. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWN LIFE

leaving the rest of the land a preserve and sensitive to the neighbors.

"The developer has followed the rules, this is not a place for us to make a decision," Commissioner Patrick Hornung said. "We have to move along here and this vote is going to break my heart."

The commission then voted unanimously on several motions to move the project forward.

Matt Quinn, a Novi attorney representing Potluri Estates, LLC and Dice Holdings Corporation, said his clients began working together on the planned development well over a year ago.

After final permits are obtained, he expects construction and clearing of the land to begin, likely late this year. The project calls for demolition of the existing Detroit Indian Center currently on the site, a 50-year-old cultural building he called an eyesore.

He and his clients are excited for the Onyx Plaza, and he said the theater, which will be called Mirage Cinema, will be unique, with little interaction with the roughly 10 employees expected to be staffing the building. Tickets will be sold online or in a front kiosk on site, with bar codes to let moviegoers into their respective screening room. Concessions including popcorn, candy and beverages will be obtained from "grab and



Novi Planning Commissioners approved at their April 17 meeting a preliminary site plan for a 9-screen movie theater and retail development at 10 Mile and Novi roads. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWN LIFE

go" vending machines.

"It will be a very modernistic theater," Quinn said. "Walk in and get what you want and move to reserved seats, plush and cushiony."

Showing on the screen will be a mix of films, about 80% from Hollywood, and the remainder will be foreign language movies, primarily Indian.

He stressed that everyone is welcome.

Quinn doesn't believe traffic will be a problem and said the city will make improvements in the future to Novi Road, as well as the intersection at 10 Mile. Moviegoers aren't expected during rush hour traffic and added his clients wanted a movie theater in Novi that wasn't in "a large, congested mall area" and would be easier to get to.

He expects the \$6.5 million theater, restaurant and retail project to be completed by next summer.

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Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Here's how best to handle your tax refund

The other day I was watching TV and a couple of commercials caught my eye. The commercials were basically the same in that they were encouraging people to take their refund and spend it. The only difference between the commercials is that one was pushing cars and the other furniture. Although there's nothing wrong with buying furniture or a new car, I recommend before rushing out and spending your tax refund that you take a hard look at your finances to make sure there is not a better way to use the money.

It is important to understand that a tax refund is not like a bonus at work. When you get a tax refund, it's your money coming back to you. What it means is that you paid the government too much during the year and now you're getting that back. In other words, you gave the government an interest-free loan and now they're repaying you.

My belief is that there are a few key areas you should consider as better ways to use your tax refund. The first is to pay off debts, particularly high interest rate charge cards. If you carry a balance on a charge card it is basically a slam dunk that you should use your tax refund to pay down your debt. After all, with a typical charge card at 18½ percent, and that interest is not tax deductible, when you pay down debt it is equivalent to getting an 18½ percent return on your money.

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Charge card debt is on the top of my list of debts that you should pay off. However, if you are getting a tax refund you should look at your entire debt situation. You may not have charge card debt, but you also can have other types of consumer debt at high interest rates. A great use of your tax refund is to look at paying down on those as well.

If you're lucky enough not to be in debt, another great use of your tax refund is to make sure you have an adequate emergency fund of money. My general rule is that everyone needs at least three to six months of living expenses for their emergency fund.

Unfortunately, most Americans don't have one. In fact, in a recent report by the Federal Reserve, it was noted that the average American could not financially handle an unexpected \$400 bill. Therefore, if you're in a situation that you don't have an emergency fund or if your emergency fund is not properly funded, using your tax refund to use for emergency purposes is a great use of that money.

We've all heard the stories about how most Americans are in trouble when it comes to saving for their retirement. The numbers are startling as to how many Americans are unprepared for their retirement. Therefore, if you don't have debt issues and you have fully funded your emergency fund, investing your tax refund for retirement is something that you should consider.

Whether it's in the form of an IRA or not, I can assure you that whatever you put away for your retirement will pay dividends for years and years to come.

Using your tax refund to reward yourself is nice and more likely than not you deserve the reward. However, using your tax refund to improve your financial health is a much better way of rewarding yourself. It may not give you the short-term satisfaction like a new car will, but over the long run, you will be rewarded by making life a lot easier on yourself and improving the quality of your life. Therefore, before you rush out and spend your tax refund, think about using it to improve your overall financial situation.

Good luck!

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Time to focus on mental health issues



Our Mental Health
L.J. McCulloch

There used to be a law which required a psychiatrist to have an exit from his/her office separate from the entrance to that office so that a leaving client did not see an entering client. The purpose was to eliminate embarrassment. Now, in some circles, it is unpopular to not "be in therapy."

The stigma

Throughout the month of May, we now have much more going on to raising the awareness of mental illnesses and resources for the treatment of mental health issues.

The stigma about mental health/mental illness still exists, but via designating an awareness month, it is less of a stigma than in the past. People are talking about it more.

We are starting to answer the question which headlined national newspapers in the wake of tragic school shootings (remember Columbine?). The question was, "When are we going to start talking about mental health problems." Now, Hometown Life readers can be part of the answer to that question.

Resources available

The Our Mental Health Column continues to provide, free of charge,

essays about mental health and has for 18 years. Then locally, Farmington Hills also does a lot to raise awareness of mental health issues. Mayor Ken Massey started an excellent program, "SAFE, Suicide Awareness for Everyone," which promotes awareness and actions to prevent suicide among our teen population.

The Oakland County Mental Health Authority deliver much needed services for community mental health programs. Other public and private providers of mental health services have become more available and more utilized by us as we promote treatment of mental illness, whether biologically (with medications) and/or psychologically (with talk therapy).

Another successful attempt to increase the visibility of progress in the field of mental health is Farmington Hills' headquartered Therapy Choirs of Michigan (TCM). This unique singing group was created 20-plus years ago by Len McCulloch and Sherry Cantrell.

Members come from our various populations of people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, strokes, Parkinson's, etc. and have in common, "special needs."

TCM is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that has performed hundreds of free shows at venues which include our school system, our senior citizens, assisted living communities, the homeless in rescue missions, etc. Its mission is to give inspiration and hope to listening audiences of all ages.

A Capitol concert

On Wednesday, May 1, TCM will give its 21st annual Capitol Concert at Michigan's Capitol Building in Lansing, noon to 1 p.m. The show is free of charge and open to the public. No singing skills are necessary.

TCM has been aired five times by PBS television specials, written about in 50-plus newspapers and performed for Jimmy Carter in a Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Workers at a house building project in Detroit. TCM has received a State of Michigan proclamation noting the first week of May as Therapy Choir Awareness Week in Michigan and it received a U.S. Senate Endorsement of Achievement.

The May 1 Capitol Concert will be a memorial tribute dedicated to co-founder and co-director, Sherry Cantrell, who died in November 2018.

For more information call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763 x-222, TCM co-creator and director.

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association and holds certifications in addictions, brain injury, mental health and social work. He has been a resident of Farmington Hills for 20-plus years. Visit the TCM website at www.therapychoirs.org. His monthly column, *Our Mental Health*, has been published by the *Observer Eccentric Newspapers* for 18 years. More than 300 published articles are archived at www.farmlib.org. McCulloch can be reached at 248-474-2763 x-222, for a courtesy consultation.

Report says GM, Rivian talks have broken down

Eric D. Lawrence Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

GM wanted Rivian all to itself, but the electric vehicle startup wanted to play the field.

Now, hopes for a May-September marriage between the two automotive companies appear to have faded away.

Rivian, the darling of last year's Los Angeles Auto Show based in Detroit's backyard, still has the backing of package delivery behemoth Amazon, but Bloomberg is reporting that talks with GM have broken down, apparently over a desire for monogamy.

"... Rivian is rebuffing a deal that may have required a level of exclusivity that would have kept it from building vehicles for others," according to the news service.

Sadly, monogamy only works if both sides truly want it.

A spokesman for Rivian, which is based in Plymouth Township, declined to comment on the issue.

But Rivian founder and CEO RJ Scaringe, in his interview with Bloomberg at the New York Auto Show, might have hinted at why things fell apart.

"In general, my reason for starting Rivian was to do big things without anything preventing us from doing that," he told the news service.

GM spokesman Pat Morrissey provided a company statement "on reports that the rumored talks between GM and Rivian have broken off," which was neither a confirmation nor a denial.

"As we have stated, we admire Rivian's contribution to a future of zero emissions and an all-electric future. Talks occur on a regular basis in the auto industry between a variety of partners, but as a matter of policy we don't discuss who, where or when those discussions might occur."

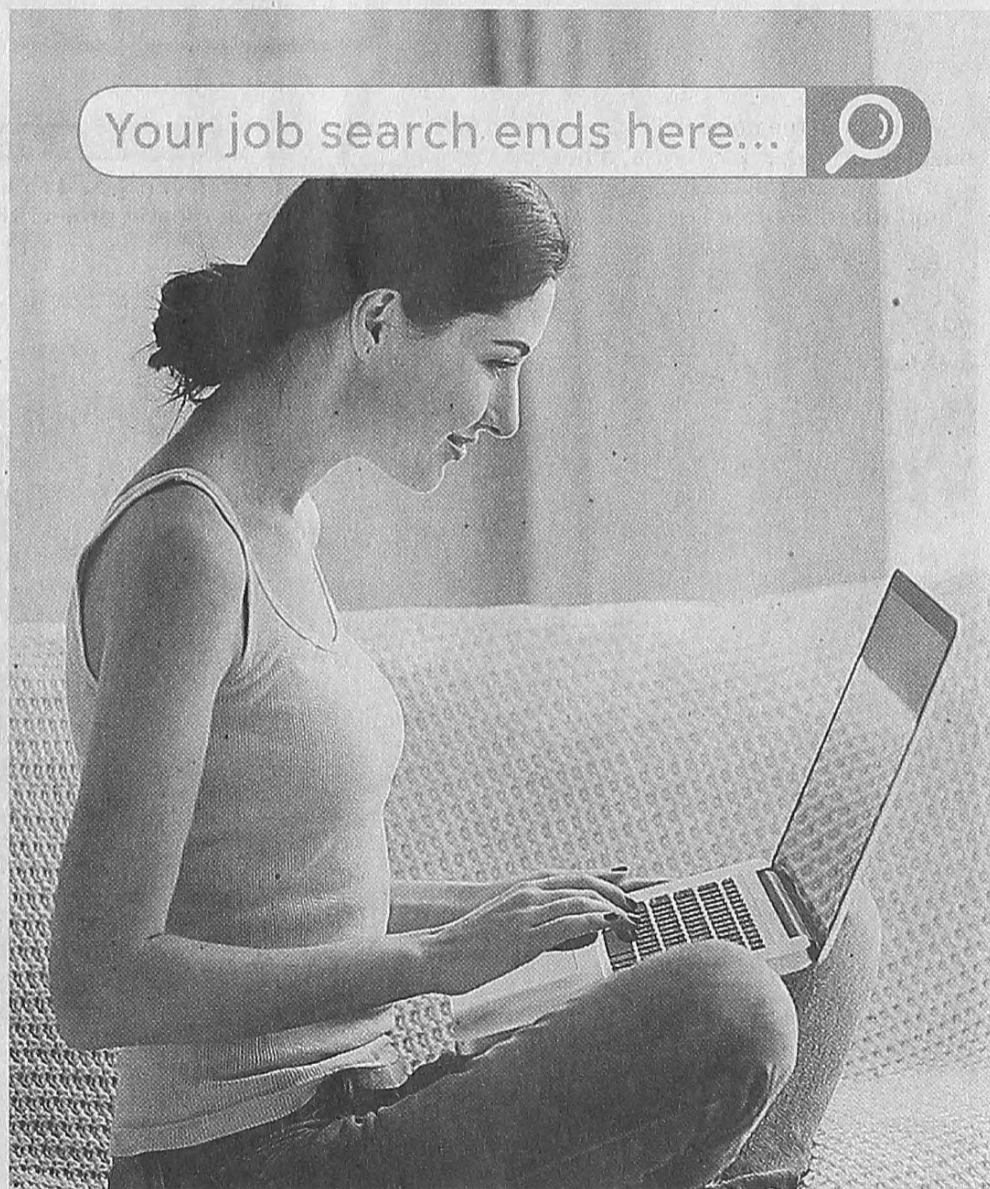
Bloomberg noted that had the companies reached a deal, GM could have provided its engineering and manufacturing expertise, and Rivian could have helped GM "get an electric pickup to market quicker."

Rivian, which moved from Florida's Space Coast to metro Detroit in 2013, unveiled an electric pickup and SUV at the LA Auto Show. The company, which had about 750 employees at its various locations in February, has touted a possible 400-mile per charge battery range and been dubbed a "Tesla killer" by some industry watchers. Its focus, however, is on building vehicles for the active lifestyle set; it expects to deliver its vehicles to customers starting late next year.

Despite the apparent end of talks with Rivian, GM has its own electric vehicle plans. Last month, the Free

Press reported that the company would spend \$300 million to build a new electric car at its Orion Assembly Plant.

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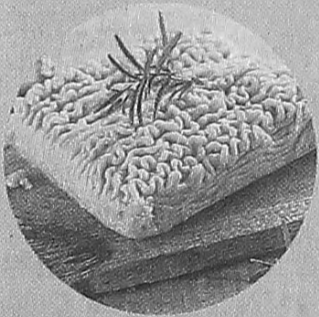
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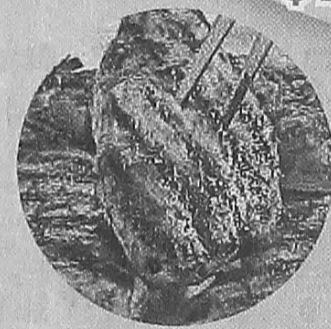
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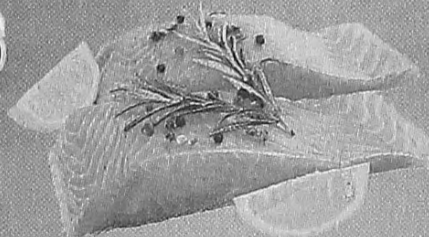
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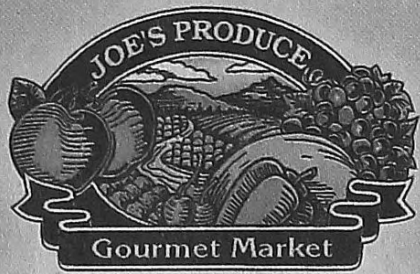
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Churchill and Stevenson players share high-fives after the game. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

STEVENSON DOMINATES IN CHARITY GAME

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The Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill softball teams played for the second time this week Wednesday night and it was all Stevenson.

The Spartans clobbered the Chargers 22-4 in five innings, sweeping the week's series.

However, the score wasn't the most important part of the night. This was the second half of the charity series the teams were playing to raise money

for Ann Arbor's Gift of Life, which supports and raises awareness for organ donation. The crowd at each game was fantastic, with over 200 fans showing up at Stevenson Monday, and packed stands again Wednesday at Churchill.

The charity games were especially important because Churchill coach Abe Vinitiski has stage four kidney disease and will need a kidney transplant.

"It was incredibly successful," Vinitiski said. "The community support was overwhelming. It's really what makes Livonia a special place to live. To have an event like this, certainly we wanted to do better

on the field, but I think we wanted to create awareness for a great cause and we did."

Over \$1,200 was raised on Monday, and both coaches believe the final tally will end up close to \$3,000.

"It was great for softball and the community of Livonia," Vinitiski said. "It shows you that the sport is strong. The high schools are working hard to have good programs, our travel clubs are working real hard and people are coming out to watch. I'm very

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Previewing area tennis teams in the KLAA

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The Kensington Lakes Activities Association is one of the strongest athletic conference's in the state of Michigan in most sports — and tennis is no exception. Several teams have the ability to make a run toward a state championship, led by Northville, which has dominated over the last several years and has won back-to-back state championships and three of the last four (2015, 2017, 2018). The Mustangs were runner-up in 2016.

The league features new divisions in

2019, simply called the East and West instead of the previously named Black and Gold divisions.

The new East Division includes Belleville, 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.

Plymouth's Jessica Braun is considered the best individual player in the conference entering the season. She's ranked No. 3 in the state. However, Northville's new No. 1 singles player Tori Mady is sure to give her a fight.

KLAA West Division

Canton

Head coach: Tom Kimball (1st season)

Last year's overall record: 3-6 (4th in KLAA Black)

Player's to watch: Junior Ishani Vaisnav - No. 1 singles, senior Marquette Winston - No. 2 singles, senior Isabel Espinoza - No. 3 singles, junior Sreya Sista - No. 4 singles, sophomore Ally Cupp and sophomore Bella Volk-


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Canton's Sigmon makes college decision, leaves legacy

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It was a remarkable basketball season for the Canton Chiefs, who won more than 20 games and coasted to a KLAA conference championship. Much of that success was sparked by the combination of senior guards B. Artis White, who signed with Western Michigan, and Vinson Sigmon, who made his college choice official Thursday afternoon by signing a national letter of intent with the University of


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The Northville girls tennis team is the outright 2018 MHSAA Division 1 champion. MONICA MULCHANDANI

Tennis

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ers - No. 1 doubles

Kimball's season outlook: "I'm excited to take over the tennis program at Canton this year. We have tournament level players in our top singles spots, and we have solid talent throughout the varsity lineup. More than 50 players came out for the team this Spring, and since we are a 'no-cut' program this will provide us with a solid base to grow talent. The team has been developing and improving quickly, and as a young team with only a few seniors, we expect to increase our standing in each of the next few years. We have an outstanding assistant coach (Rick Clack), strong team leaders, and very supportive parents who have helped us get off to a great start this season."

Northville

Head coach: Linda Jones (6th season)

Last year's overall record: Undeclared, won the Division 1 state championship (1st in KLAA Gold)

Player's to watch: Junior Tori Mady - No. 1 singles, senior Renee Torres - No. 2 singles

Jones' season outlook: "Northville graduated six seniors last year, leaving big gaps for the team to fill this year in No. 1 singles, No. 1 doubles and No. 2 doubles. However, Northville has been able to readjust with the remaining players this year, and we feel that our team will be in the top three again."

Novi

Head coach: Daniel Lowes (2nd season)

Last year's overall record: 9-3 (2nd in KLAA Gold)

Player's to watch: Senior Jamie Fu - No. 1 singles, junior Jordana Krstovski - No. 2 singles, sophomore Hikaru Ishibashi - No. 3 singles, junior Ashley Zhou and junior Scarlett Chen - No. 1 doubles, junior Elizabeth Yang and senior Catherine Xu - No. 2 doubles

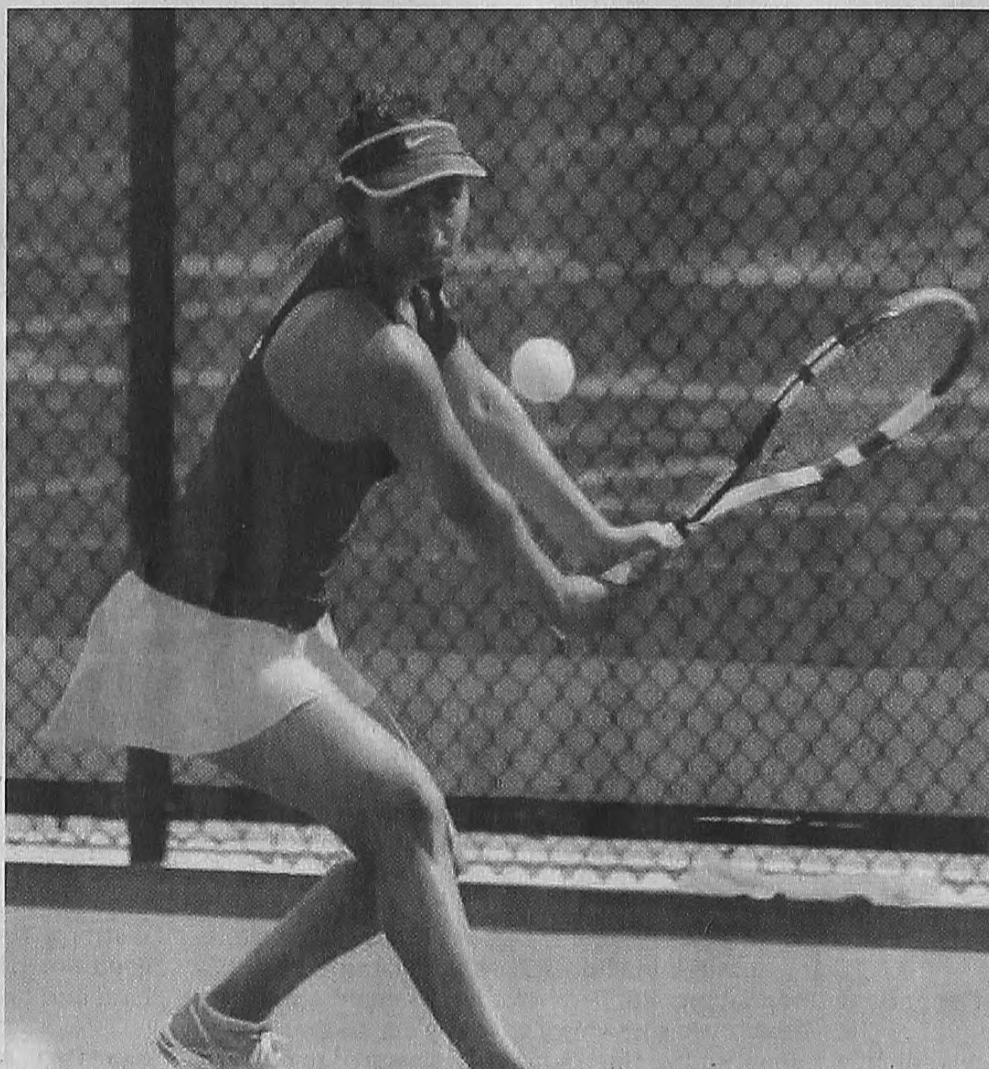
Lowes' season outlook: "We are a diverse team in the experience department, therefore we will be relying on our seniors for guidance and looking to gather experience for our youngsters as we progress through the season. Our schedule includes nine out of the top 10 schools in the state, therefore we are looking to improve on every match and to compete with the top programs in our division and the state. We look to be competitive in our division, and vie for an opportunity to compete our conference tournament and at the state level."

Plymouth

Head coach: Rob McLaren (10th season)

Last year's overall record: 8-3 (1st in KLAA Black)

Player's to watch: Senior Jessica Braun - No. 1 singles (3-time all state), senior Olivia Schafer and senior Alayna Stults - No. 1 doubles, senior Allie Baker



Northville's No. 1 singles player Shanoli Kumar was named Miss Tennis by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association. NAREN KUMAR

- No. 3 singles

McLaren's season outlook: "We expect to have a good season this year. We have a lot of senior leadership. Our singles lineup is very strong, lead by Jessica Braun. Our doubles flights are looking good as well. Olivia and Alayna have a ton of experience, which will go a long way as we progress through the season. We also had three talented freshmen (Samitha Yerrakalva, Praveena Mohanraj, and Cate Whelan) make the team this year, which is really going to help our team a ton."

Salem

Head coach: Deanna Henderson (2nd season)

Last year's division record: 4-2 (3rd in KLAA Black)

Player's to watch: Senior Lizzy Lu - No. 1 singles

Henderson's season outlook: "We are a very young team this year, with several freshman players. I am still very excited to see what this season brings. The girls are great and very coach-able. I just wish more of them played during the off-season. Practices are fun and they want to learn I just wish I had more time to teach them. We will have team bonding activities and a lot of fun. I hope the weather warms up soon so we can really get our season started."

KLAA East Division

Livonia Churchill

Head coach: Denise Berg-Grant (27th season)

Last year's conference record: 2-4 (5th in KLAA Black)

Player's to watch: Allison McConnell - No. 1 singles, Nora Curley and Natalie Romick - No. 1 doubles

Berg-Grant's season outlook: "We struggled quite a bit last year in our dual matches, while performing better in tournament play. We are focused this year on trying to have more depth on our team, hopefully allowing different flights to contribute points. This is a hardworking group of girls that are motivated. We have many multi-sport athletes on this team. They are not afraid to play anyone. I have made a difficult schedule for them this season. Our goal is to learn from playing these tougher teams and continue to improve each match as we move toward the important tournaments at the end when it really counts."

Livonia Franklin

Head coach: Tom Muller (2nd season)

Last year's overall record: 7-2 (2nd in KLAA Black)

Player's to watch: Senior Eva Muller - No. 1 Singles, junior Megan Anthony - No. 2 singles, junior Emily Kostielney - No. 3 singles, senior Sofia Cueva - No. 4 singles, junior Aly Brumm and junior Stephanie Cueva - No. 1 doubles

Muller's season outlook: "Coming off a successful 7-2 record last year we are looking to keep the momentum going into the 2019 season. With only two seniors in the lineup we will have a very young team this year. At one singles we have four year varsity player Eva Muller. At two singles will be third year singles

player Megan Anthony. Emily Kostielney and Sofia Cueva will compete in our third and fourth singles spots this year. With six new players in our doubles lineup we will lean on our returning one doubles team of Stephanie Cueva and Aly Brumm, and our freshman duo of Katie Callahan and Sandrea Cueva at the two doubles spot. Filling out our varsity lineup our sensational sophomores are Daphne Millross, Brittney Winn, Kelly Engler, Marissa Muller, Jade Fabian, Kate Montie, Halie Hart and Celing Li. All of our players have a lot of potential to help us make this another great year for Franklin."

Westland John Glenn

Head coach: Matt Smorch

Last year's conference record: 0-6 (7th in KLAA Black)

Player's to watch: Coach could not be reached for comment.

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

Livonia Stevenson

Head coach: Robin Parker (1st season)

Last year's division record: 1-5 (6th in KLAA Gold)

Player's to watch: Senior Shannon Ward - No. 1 singles, senior Mackenzie Wilson - No. 2 singles, senior Alyssa Engle and senior Jessica Hinkle - No. 2 doubles

Parker's season outlook: "I have been with the team for four years, first as a parent/volunteer coach and last year as the Junior Varsity coach. I am excited for my first season as head coach. I am happy with how our team is coming together and impressed with how our players are dealing with the tough weather conditions that come with spring in Michigan. We are looking forward to some great matches, especially against the other two Livonia schools who are always tough. Our goal is to keep improving throughout the season so we come into regionals playing our best. Last year we missed going to the state finals by one point, so we are focused on getting back to States this year."

Wayne Memorial

Head coach: Gwen Frettenborough (3rd season)

Last year's division record: 1-5 (6th in KLAA Black)

Player's to watch: Sophomore Judy Ward - No. 4 singles, sophomore Laney Blair - No. 1 singles, sophomore Leera Garrett - No. 3 singles, sophomore Madison Tate-Rankin and sophomore Victoria Ceci - No. 1 doubles

Frettenborough's season outlook: "The outlook is great this year. We have a really young team and a lot of drive. Girls are excited to come to practice and even more excited when we get to matches. Even if the girls lose, they are ready to learn at the next practice to get better. I am excited for the season."

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A good number of softball fans turned up for the April 17 charity softball game.

Softball

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excited we had so many people out here both today and Monday.

"(Stevenson coach) Kevin (Hannigan) was awesome to put the time in, his kids showed tons of class. Our Churchill family showed up and supported. You really couldn't ask for more. It's a great opportunity for the kids to learn a little more than just softball."

On the field, it was Churchill that had the edge after the first inning, taking a 3-2 lead after three consecutive RBI singles. However, that lead didn't last long.

Stevenson had two big innings, the second and the fifth. In the second, the Spartans pushed across five runs before exploding for 14 runs in the fifth.

"We got it to 8-4 and I felt like we had some pressure going, and then we just had that one inning where we couldn't get an out," Vinitzki said. "We kicked the ball around a little too much, we weren't very aggressive on defense and when you give up four and five outs an inning, it's a fun game to play if you're hitting and a tough game to play if you're on defense."

Churchill falls to 5-6 overall, while Stevenson goes to 10-3 and a perfect 6-0 in the KLAA.

"For us to settle down a bit and get our bats and see (the pitcher's) tendencies was big, we hit a lot of line drives which is great," Hannigan said. "We kept that momentum going through the next few innings."

"We jumped on them. I think we got the first six or seven runners on in (the fifth) inning before they got an out."

Stevenson was led by junior Autumn Reed, who hit three doubles and recorded six RBIs. Junior Maddie Schornack added two triples and three RBIs, junior Natalie Conn picked up two hits and three RBIs and every player in the starting lineup reached base.

"We have a great lineup," Reed said. "It's always smooth, everyone's hitting. It's a perfect lineup."

She added that it felt great to be a part of the charity games and was happy to come out with two wins.



Livonia Churchill softball players stand for the National Anthem on April 17 as they host Livonia Churchill in a game that also raised funds for the Gift of Life Michigan charity. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"(Reed) is great," Hannigan said. "She's a junior, she's a captain. We're trying to make her become one of the leaders. She's getting recruited and her bat is hot right now. She just has a hot bat and it's great to see, she put a lot of work in during the off-season, and now she's starting to explode."

The two teams hope to hold a pair of charity games again next season, as they have the past several seasons.

It's become a special tradition between the schools.

"All the girls have known each other since they were in grade school, so it's great to see our community come together," Hannigan said.

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Livonia Stevenson's Autumn Reed had a big game with some big hits.



There were a lot of Stevenson players rounding third base in their lopsided victory over Churchill.

Signing

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Wisconsin-Parkside.

Wisconsin-Parkside is a division two school in the GLIAC conference.

"The coaching staff was really supportive," Sigmon said. "I got a chance to go on campus and see a live practice. I really like their coaching staff, they have a lot of amenities as far as the things I'd need to become a better player. I feel like it's the right place, it felt like a second home to me. I felt like I could belong there and fit in real well with the team."

The Rangers run an up-tempo offense similar to what Canton runs. Sigmon said he feels he can have a significant role early on in his career, especially if he puts in the work this summer to get stronger.

He chose Wisconsin-Parkside over Lake Superior State and Montana State Northern.

"It was a hard decision," Sigmon said. "I want to thank those coaches for recruiting me, they did a really good job."

Canton coach Jimmy Reddy said he happy he was able to coach Sigmon, who started each of the last three years for the Chiefs.

"He's one of the best leaders we've had here at Canton," Reddy said. "I just finished my 10th year here, and he's one of my all-time favorite players. He's a great two-way player. He was the best defender for us for three years. He always guarded the other team's best perimeter player, who sometimes was a bigger kid. He worked his tail off."

This season, Sigmon averaged around 17 points, four rebounds and four assists per game.

"Offensively, he has one of the best pull-ups that I've ever seen as a coach," Reddy said. "He could score in a variety of ways, willing passer, got it to the open player on time and then he was just a bulldog for us defensively."

Sigmon gave plenty of credit to Reddy for working with him over the years, saying he showed him how to work hard and grow as a player.

He added that he feels he a scrappy player that can score, saying he models his game after NBA stars Jayson Tatum and Lou Williams.

"I think Wisconsin-Parkside is a good fit," Reddy said. "They have a very good program, good coach, they've had



Canton's Vinson Sigmon is surrounded by teammates after signing his LOI to play basketball at Wisconsin Parkside. ANDREW VAILLIENCOURT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

a lot of success. ... They were the first team to offer him. There's something to be said that the first team that offers you, they probably want you the most. They really liked him early. I think he has the opportunity to succeed there."

The Sigmon and White duo provided a huge boost to the Canton basketball

program over the last several years. The two guards are friends and spent considerable time doing whatever they could to help the team while improving as players.

"I've been telling those guys for a while now, I could coach another 20 years and not have two guys that are as

good of players and people as they are," Reddy said. "Outstanding student-athletes and we were super lucky to have them. They made their mark here."

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Stevenson's Olschanski voted Athlete of the Week

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The Livonia Stevenson softball team is off to a blazing start. The Spartans are 10-3 and are a perfect 6-0 in the division, good for first place. Senior Catherine Olschanski has played a large part in the squad's success — especially with her dynamite performance last week, which has earned her Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week honors.

She went 12-for-13 at the plate, good for a .923 batting average, with two home runs, four doubles and a whopping 12 RBI in four games last week.

She received 13,625 votes (32.41%), edging out Livonia Churchill baseball player Jake Rudd, who received 11,157 votes (26.54%). More than 54,000 votes were cast.

We caught up with Olschanski to get to know this week's winner:

What are your biggest team goals and personal goals for the rest of this season/what do you hope to accomplish?

"The biggest team goals for the rest of the season is first become City Champs, win the division and win our districts. A personal goal I have overall is being able to end my high school career knowing I made an impact in this organization."

Who is your favorite sports role

model or athlete and why?

"My favorite sports athlete is Anthony Rizzo of the Chicago Cubs. As an athlete who has been in her own slumps, he has taught me that patience is key because hits will come."

Who is your favorite musical artist/band and why?

"My favorite musical artist is Kenny Chesney. I saw him in concert last year and the energy he had on stage as well as his connection with the audience was amazing. I can always relate one of his songs to a memory of my life."

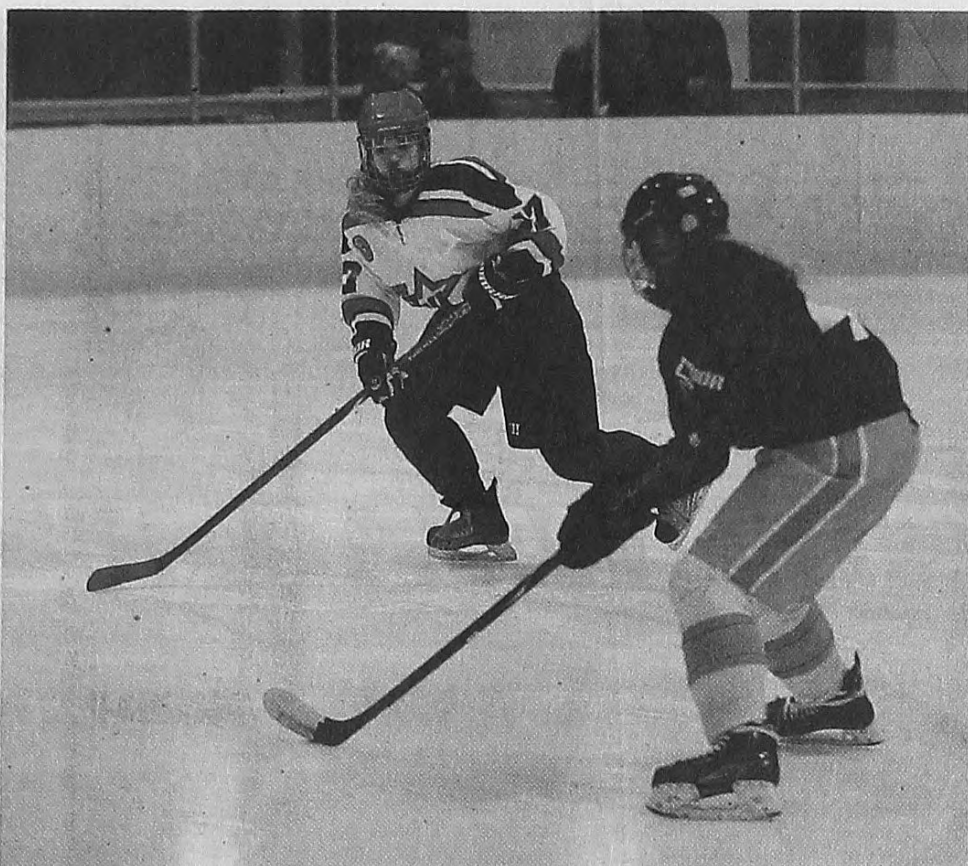
What is your all-time favorite movie (or series) and why?

"My all-time favorite movie is Major League. The story behind an underdog team who surprises the world is awesome because competition in softball/baseball is about never taking a team too lightly. In the movie the team becomes a family and in softball your teammates become your sisters."

What are your future plans after high school and do they include softball?

"I am a senior in high school and my plans after high school are to attend Michigan State University to study veterinarian medicine. As of right now my focus is on my studies but who knows what the future holds for me and softball."

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The Livonia United girls hockey team is entering its third season. LIVONIA UNITED GIRLS HOCKEY

Livonia girls hockey team announces clinic

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The Livonia United girls high school hockey team is holding a clinic 6-8 p.m., May 23, at the Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livonia.

The clinic costs \$15 and is for girls in grades 6-11 that live in the Livonia Public Schools area.

The team is entering its third season and has steady growth, winning one game in its first season and 12 last year. This clinic will serve as an opportunity for girls to learn about the team and sport, especially with the team looking to add players to its roster.

Participants should bring their own helmet, skates, glove and stick, but full equipment is preferred.

There are three different tiers for the teams, so players of all skill levels are welcome.

Players will be on the ice from 6-7:30 p.m. (registration begins at 5:15 p.m.), and there will be an information session about the team and program afterwards.

For more information, you can contact coach Janine Martinez at j99refmartinez@gmail.com.

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Livonia Stevenson's Catherine Olschanski has been named the Hometown Life Athlete of the Week. COURTESY OF CATHERINE OLSHANSKI

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THE CITY COMMISSION OF CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MI

ON THE ADOPTION OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE FORMER INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 SOUTH MILL STREET, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the City Commission of the City of Plymouth on the Sixth (6) day of May, 2019, at 7 p.m. in the Commission Chambers within Plymouth City Hall located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for the former industrial property located at 100 South Mill Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority shall exercise its powers pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. The following legal parcels are included in the "eligible property" and describes the proposed Brownfield property:

Parcel ID#
006-09-0643-300

Land situated in the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, described as follows: The property is located at 100 South Mill Street in Town one south (T.1S), Range eight east (R.8E), Section 26, Plymouth, Wayne County Michigan 48170.

The proposed brownfield plan would allow Pulte of Michigan to be reimbursed for eligible costs incurred to prepare the brownfield property for redevelopment. Eligible costs may include environmental and/or site preparation costs. The brownfield plan must first be approved by the Commission.

This description of the property along with any maps and a description of the Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection at http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda_04112019-1092.

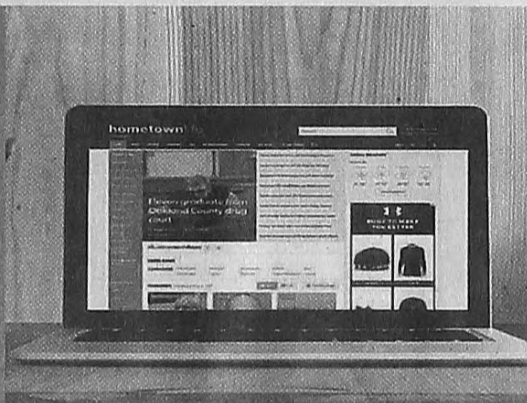
All aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

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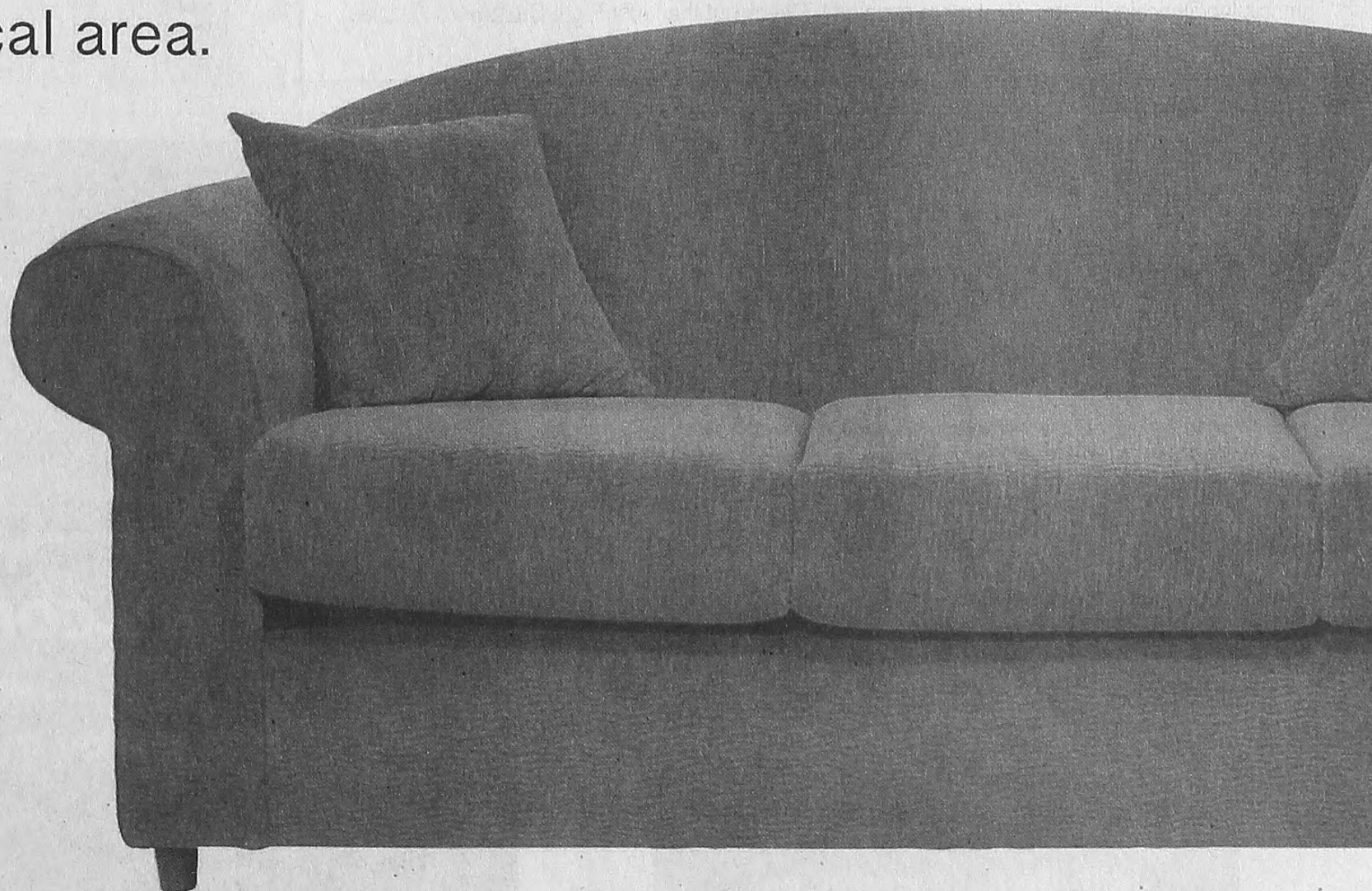
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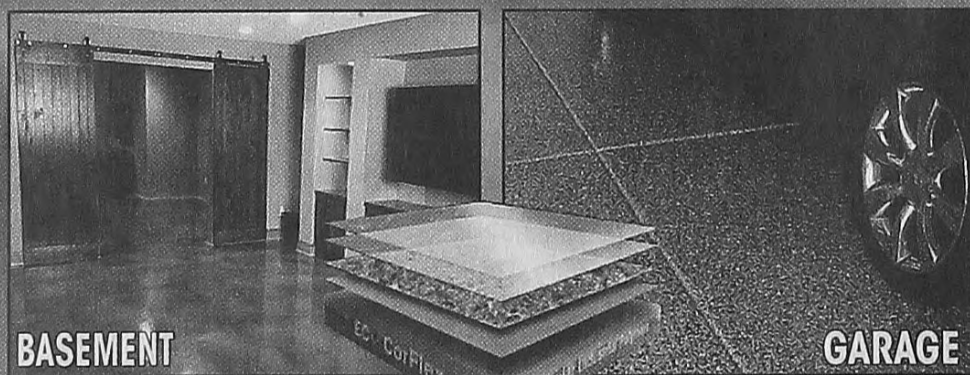
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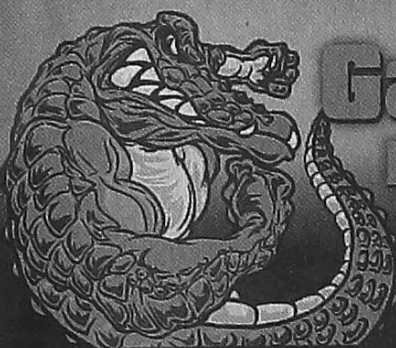
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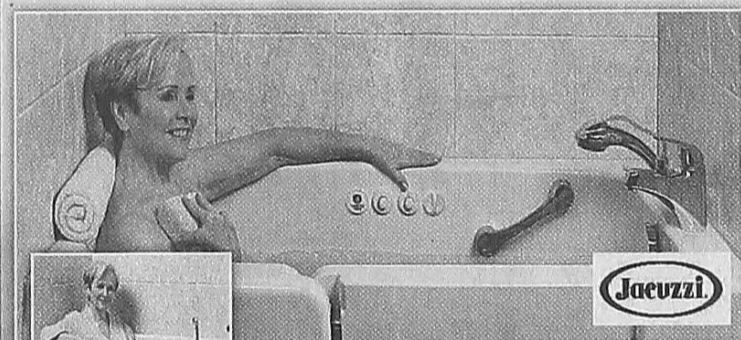


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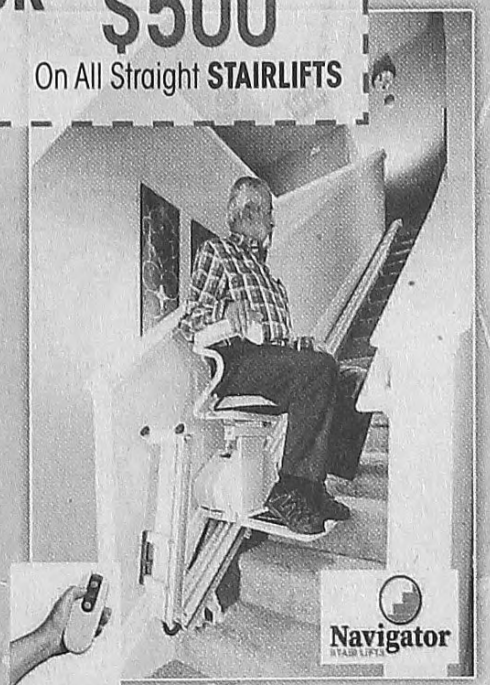
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