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DeHoCo turnaround in the works

Former western Wayne County prison sites prepped for promising development

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Sprawling acres of hilly, cement-pocked property on both sides of Five Mile Road west of Beck are being reformed from their barbed-wire, prison-

cell past into uplifting business and residential developments.

The reformation hasn't been easy and it won't be completed overnight, but 10 years from now, those who put its wheels in motion hope to be shouting triumphantly toward the sky, kind of

like a certain character in an Oscar-winning movie who escaped from a place called Shawshank.

Welcome to the DeHoCo Redemption.

Current Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise readily admits the plan to renovate the former property of the Detroit House of Correction (DeHoCo) wasn't his idea initially — someone from the Michigan Economic Development

Corporation planted the seed in his mind when he was a state representative — but he's been the plan's primary torch bearer for the past decade.

Joined by Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, whose township's land starts north of Five Mile, and a host of other key players, Heise envisions the property bustling with businesses.

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Richard Wallace and John Hamaty, both of Birmingham, celebrated the start of 2019 and the end of their extreme adventure at the South Pole. Their journey involved cross-country skiing 60 miles in -30 degree temperatures. SUBMITTED

Birmingham friends journey to South Pole

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John Hamaty and Richard Wallace celebrated New Year's Eve in a way that very few people ever will — standing at the South Pole.

The Birmingham friends and extreme adventure enthusiasts joined an exclusive club, one that takes mental, physical and financial fortitude.

Their journey cost roughly \$100,000 apiece and involved cross-country skiing 60 miles in negative-30 degree temperatures, with blinding sunlight in a disorienting glacial landscape that may as well have been the moon for all its emptiness.

What was the motivation for such a

grueling adventure?

"I wanted to know what it is like to stand in a vast area like that," Wallace, 70, said. "There is nothing there for thousands of miles, nothing but snow. The ice is 3 to 5 miles deep. ...

"I've never been too intimidated by cold environments, but this one kicked my ass."

Hamaty shrugs, recounting that Wallace asked if anyone wanted to go with him.

"I said, 'I'm in,'" he recalled. "I've always been kind of adventurous."

Wallace laughed, adding:

"Who can live in the same clothes for 18 days? John can."

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"You get dropped off and watch the airplane take off, and you look around 360 degrees and there is nothing but vastness. That was the first time I was like, 'We're really doing this.'"

John Hamaty
President of Vibra-Tite Division of ND Industries, Inc., and extreme adventurer

Beaumont planning medical facility in Livonia

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Add yet one more health care provider looking to locate to Livonia, specifically along the Interstate 275 corridor.

Beaumont Health recently revealed it is the health system that will occupy the planned medical office building at the site of the current A123 Systems world headquarters at 39000 Seven Mile.

A new four-and-a-half story building would be added to the four-acre site, as proposed earlier this year to the Livonia City Council. The facility would house affiliated primary and specialty care physicians, as well as provide emergency care, imaging, outpatient surgery, cancer services, physical therapy and other services.

The facility is expected to open in 2020.

"This leading-edge campus will be designed with the consumer experience at the forefront. Medical appointments will not look or feel like traditional health care visits," said Beaumont Health CEO John Fox in a statement. "The center will bring the highly respected brand and quality care delivered by Beaumont physicians and other clinicians closer to western Wayne County residents."

The Beaumont facility would mark the Southfield-based health care system's biggest presence in Livonia, a city with lots of health care options.

Currently, Beaumont operates the former Botsford Hospital just north of Livonia in Farmington Hills and another hospital in Wayne, in addition to its campuses in Royal Oak, Troy, Dearborn, Taylor and Grosse Pointe.

Facilities similar to the one planned in Livonia are also planned in Macomb County's Lenox Township, as well as across the street from the Beaumont Royal Oak hospital on 13 Mile Road.

The new facility will open as A123 Systems moves its world headquarters to Novi, a decision announced in 2017. The new headquarters is expected to open sometime later this year.

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Police: Man illegally used debit card for MacBook

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Bloomfield Township police are searching for the person who illegally used a woman's debit card for a \$1,200 purchase at Best Buy.

Police said they took the report on April 2 from a woman who noticed the Best Buy purchase on her bank statement.

Video surveillance dredged up footage of the above suspect exiting Best Buy, 2169 S. Telegraph Road, with an Apple MacBook.

The case remains under investigation.

Anyone recognizing the suspect or who has more information is asked to call the police department, 248-433-7755.

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



Bloomfield Township police are seeking this man, suspected of using a debit card illegally at Best Buy.

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Police say suspects stole over \$6K in beauty items at Bloomfield Twp. Ulta

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Bloomfield Township police want to help Ulta Beauty employees find the culprits who may have stolen more than 100 items from the 2161 Telegraph Road store.

Police took a report of the missing items worth about \$6,400 on Saturday.

Video surveillance cameras preserved images of women concealing several items in their clothing. A male was seen putting items in his coat pockets.

The case remains under investigation. Anyone with information regarding the suspects is asked to call the Bloomfield Township Police Department, 248-433-7755.



Bloomfield Township police are hoping to identify these people after a recent theft at Ulta Beauty. COURTESY OF BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Pharmacies in Farmington Hills, Livonia alleged center of scheme

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Two local pharmacies were at the heart of an elaborate scheme to defraud millions of dollars from Medicare, Medicaid and private insurers, federal prosecutors allege.

In the federal indictment unsealed in April, prosecutors accused pharmacy owner Wansa Makki and Mohamad Makki, her pharmacist, with multiple health care fraud offenses.

Those included billing insurance companies with claims of dispensing medications to people found through the investigation to be dead before the claimed delivery dates.

Charged in the indictment and criminal complaints were Wansa Makki, 41, Hossam Tanana, 53, and Mah-

moud Makki, 36, all of Dearborn, and Mohamad Makki, 43, of Dearborn Heights.

The pharmacies were not open to the public. They were to fill prescriptions for individuals at various care facilities. Mohamad Makki was the pharmacist in charge.

The group is alleged to have billed Medicare, Medicaid and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan about \$10 million in medications that were never dispensed.

Medicare officials became suspicious because the claims for insurance reimbursement and the pharmacies' recorded inventories didn't make sense.

The pharmacy owner and pharmacist apparently billed insurance companies with more than 500 claims of medications dispensed to beneficiaries already dead.

The pharmacies were "reimbursed for each (of) these claims and took no action to reverse any of these claims," one of the complaints reads.

The money apparently was laundered by overpaying consulting and delivery companies tied to the Makkis.

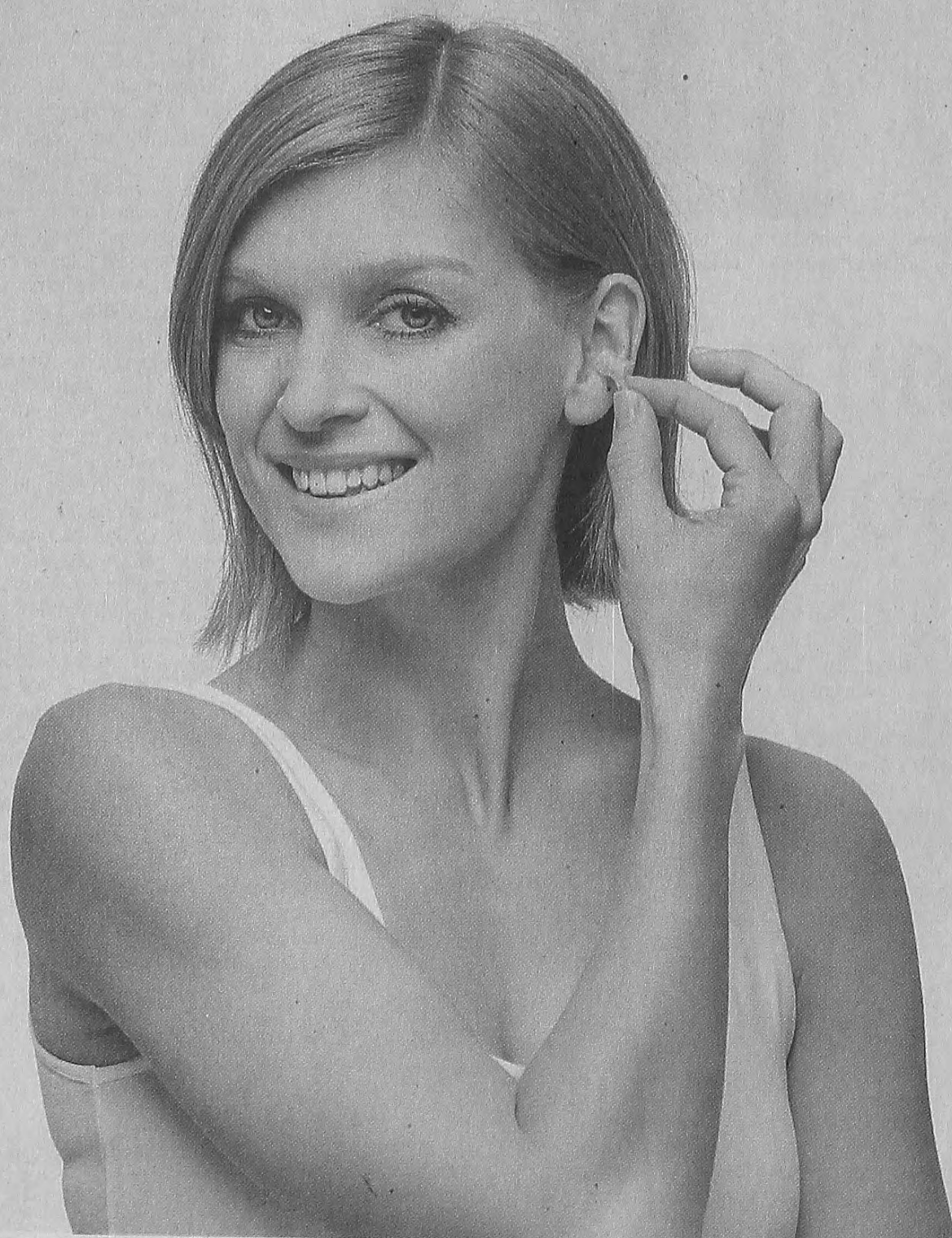
Tanana had been convicted of diverting controlled substances like oxycodone, Vicodin and Xanax as a licensed pharmacist before he was released from federal custody in 2012. Soon after, he incorporated a pharmacy consulting company.

He received over \$400,000 from LifeCare Pharmacy. Beginning in 2013, the business also paid more than \$1 million to a delivery service opened by Mahmoud Makki.

The defendants face maximum sentences of 10 years in prison if convicted.

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Question on a 401(k) check deposit deadline



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick:

Back in January, my husband had a dispute at work with his boss and as a result he quit. Unbeknownst to me, right after he quit, he requested a check for his 401(k) plan, which he received a few weeks later. My husband has had the check since early February and has not done anything with it.

Recently, we were told that since he's had the check for more than 60 days, he will have to pay tax on that money, and because he's in his 40s, he would also have to pay a 10% penalty. I am extremely upset.

My first question is if the information we received is correct. I'm curious at the fact that since my husband did not cash the check, if that creates an exception or not. Second, do you have any ideas of how we can remedy the situation; and third, if we do have to pay the tax, what

bracket are we taxed at?

Thank you, Robin

Dear Robin:

Unfortunately, the information you received was accurate. Your husband had a variety of different options when he chose to close the 401(k) plan, and the one he selected gave him 60 days from the time he received the check to deposit it into an IRA. Unfortunately, there is no extension of time on that 60-day period.

The 60 days starts when you receive the check. Therefore, if your husband received the check in mid-February, he'd have 60 days from that period to complete the rollover. If someone who receives a check from their 401(k) plan, and does not roll over within the 60-day period, they are taxed on that money. In addition, if the person is under 59½ years old, there is a 10% penalty.

The tax that you would pay is whatever your ordinary income tax bracket is. Of course, depending upon the amount of the distribution, it likely could throw you into a higher bracket. The distribution that you receive is add-

ed on to your other income and that is why it is likely the distribution will throw you into a higher tax bracket.

Although, there is no extension of time on the 60-day rollover period, I have a potential solution for you.

I recommend your husband contact human resources at his old company to see if they will void his existing check and reissue it. If they do that, then the 60-day period would begin anew. Therefore, it would give your husband time to properly do the rollover and avoid all the tax consequences. The key is to get the company to reissue the check to you.

I don't know if there were hard feelings from the company's standpoint where they don't want to help your husband; however, contacting the company is something I would recommend. In discussing this with the company, it is important to remind them that from their standpoint there are no additional fees or costs to them. All they are doing is voiding the check and reissuing a new one with the current date.

Hopefully, the company will work

with your husband to resolve this issue.

When people leave their employer, they have a number of options as to what to do with their 401(k) plan. My advice for most people is that when they leave a company, they should have their 401(k) account directly transferred into an IRA. By directly transferring the money into an IRA, it leaves you in total control of your money from a cost and an investment standpoint.

In many situations, people leave their 401(k) money at their old company, and depending upon the cost of the plan and the investment options, this may work for some people.

However, I believe for the majority of people, in order to control costs and to invest the money as you choose, directly transferring the money into an IRA is the way to go.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email him at Rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

What's the point of a condo association quorum?



Robert Meisner
Guest columnist

Q: Our condominium association's bylaws state that a quorum of a majority of the association members is required to hold meetings, but we never reach quorum. We've tried to get people to come to the annual meeting, but it's like pulling teeth. Do we really need to reach quorum to have a meeting, and why is that?

A: The purpose of a quorum is to ensure that the will of the members is properly represented at a meeting. With a quorum, it is less likely that those with a minority position or interest will prevail just because some people are not able to attend a meeting.

In Michigan, statute provides a default quorum of a majority of the members, subject to any other quorum that may be provided in the articles of incorporation or bylaws. Board meetings have a default quorum of a majority of directors, also subject to the articles or bylaws, but not less than one-third of the board. It's fairly standard for Michigan bylaws drafted by developers' attorneys to provide for a majority quorum.

Some associations prefer to amend their bylaws and reduce quorum for member meetings to something like 25% or 10%, or even do away with quorum altogether, reasoning that there is nothing wrong with decisions being made by the people who care to actually show up.

However, I generally advise that some quorum should be provided in the bylaws. I believe the board of directors

should do as much as it can to encourage members to attend meetings, and if the quorum is too low, the board doesn't have to work as hard.

Robert's Rules of Order, which is a widely adopted set of parliamentary procedures, suggests that quorum be set "as large as can be depended upon for being present at all meetings when the weather is not exceptionally bad." That's a pretty good yardstick (although Michiganders might wonder what it's like to have good weather).

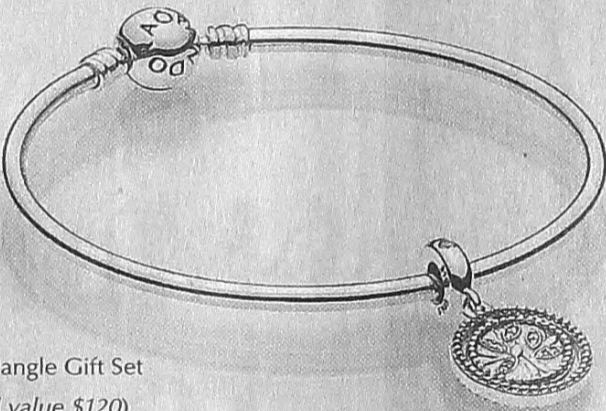
And yes, you do need to observe the quorum stated in your governing documents. If a quorum is required, any decisions made at a meeting without quorum are void and unenforceable. If you don't reach quorum, you can still hold an informal discussion without voting on anything.

If you regularly experience difficulty

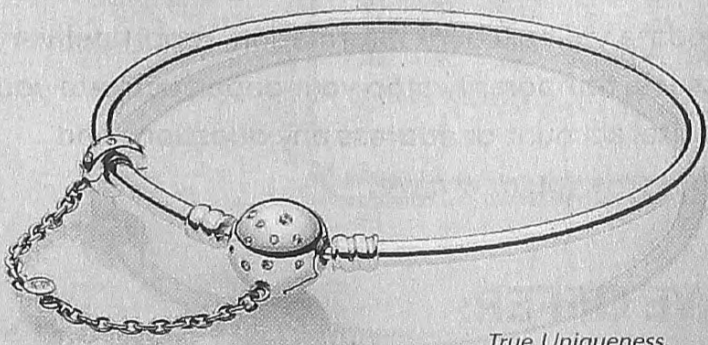
reaching quorum and proxies are not prohibited under your governing documents, efforts should be made to obtain proxies from the membership which can count toward satisfaction of quorum. Also, be sure to make participation by remote communication available. Unless restricted by the articles or bylaws, you have to allow for it and take reasonable measures to ensure everyone can hear and participate fully in the meeting.

If all else fails, put a significant proposed increase in assessments on the agenda and just see how many come running through the door!

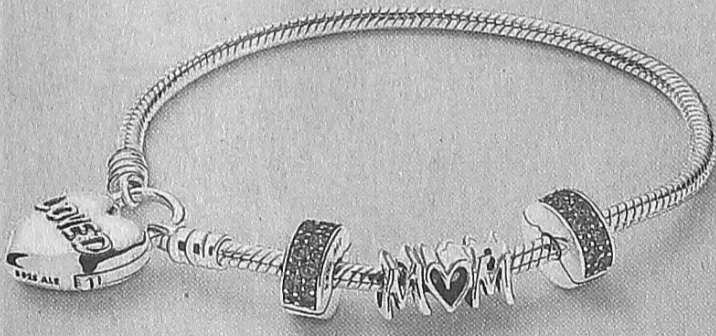
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Autism ‘black hole’ sparks plan for Novi center

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Ann Marie Evans, like many parents of children with autism, fears what will happen to her daughter after she is gone.

That worry rose to a panic four years ago when Evans, then 46, was diagnosed with cancer.

Before, she had consoled herself that she probably had 30 years to figure it out. Facing the disease and mortality, she suddenly was in a crisis that more and more parents are up against as the rate at which autism is diagnosed has increased.

“I was searching for everything I could find, and the lack of options is staggering,” Evans said. “There is no safety net, no structure, no plan to address adults with autism. You would find a few and far in between things. The majority of programs they would age out at 17.

“I got a lot of responses of ‘She is an adult,’ but she didn’t have an adult mindset or age appropriate-behavior.”

In this time of desperation, Evans found the Living and Learning Center in Northville, which provides adults with autism a place to work on social, work-force and independent living skills.

The center has given Evans, as well as many other parents and their children, a light in what she has referred to as “a black hole.”

Planning for the future

Rachelle Vartanian, founder and president of the Living and Learning Center, dreams of giving that ray of light to many more, particularly after receiving support from the Novi City Council for her plan to purchase the Massey Estate and run her operation there on a much larger scale.

The council determined the 14.64-acre parcel located at 801 Griswold, which has a price tag of more than \$3 million, would be appropriate for the non-profit education and vocational center.

Vartanian’s plans for the property include some of what she offers now at the center’s Northville home, including art and music therapy and life and social skills groups.



In front of the Living and Learning Center on March 29 stand, from left, Dominic Zarnecki, mentor Silvia Robazzo, Angelica Tao, Gage Farrow, center director Rachelle Vartanian, and Delaney Sheridan. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

But she envisions much more, including microbusinesses such as a dog daycare, wooden pallet upcycling, lavender gardens, microgreens and even alpaca farming for yarn production and animal therapy.

All items produced by the center could be sold at an artisan market store the center owns in downtown Northville, or to and through local restaurants and businesses. A guest house on the property would be used as a pilot program for independent living.

Vartanian said 90 percent of adults with autism are unemployed and the center will help solve that problem.

“We have clients that are 47 and still living at home in their parents’ basements,” she said. “Their parents look exhausted and they are desperate. What will happen when they die? Independent living is a problem we can solve that currently has no answer, in a safe area that gives them a meaningful life.”

According to the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention, in 2002, about one in every 150 children was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), a developmental disability that causes “significant social, communication and behavioral challenges.” In 2014, the latest year for which data is provided, about one in every 59 children is identified as having ASD.

Vartanian’s son Anthony, 18, was diagnosed with autism when he was 4, leading her to found the Living and Learning Enrichment Center in 2015, after a 20-year career as a special education teacher in Farmington. She started with one program and just kept adding to it, along with a clientele that has now reached 500.

Among those clients are Angelica Tao, a 22-year-old Canton resident who enjoys the center’s art and video classes, as well as taking field trips with her new friends. She is excited about future prospects for the center, and has trouble choosing what might be most thrilling,

maybe the alpaca farm, or potentially a cat café business, where people could enjoy feline company with a cup of coffee.

Evans’ daughter, Delaney Sheridan, 23, has also been attending classes and social events at the center for the past three years, a relief to her mom, who has since recovered from cancer.

‘A glimmer of hope’

Even as the pressure has abated, Evans is more focused than ever on what is next for her daughter and sees “a glimmer of hope” with the center’s plans.

“It gives me peace of mind I haven’t had in the last four years — actually, the last 23 years,” Evans said. “This gives me the feeling that when I leave, my daughter will have a life she loves and feels good in.”

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What she doesn't want is to saddle Delaney's neurotypical brother with his sister's care. She doesn't care to envision her daughter homeless on a street corner, noting that when she sees these people herself, she thinks, "That's someone's Delaney."

The Living and Learning Enrichment Center is easing her fears for the future.

Sheridan appears to be like any other young woman, but her mother shares stories of sensory issues and vulnerability, including the time Sheridan was taken advantage of by an unscrupulous merchant who pressured her into making a purchase which cost her all of her Christmas money.

"People have this vision of autism, and they don't absorb the entire spectrum, which is so wide and more prevalent than it was years ago," Evans said. "We haven't put in a safety net and there isn't one for it yet, and they are exploding into the world. ...

"There are all these parents (of neurotypical children) thinking, 'It doesn't affect me,' but it will. The hot button now is entitlement and social welfare systems, but there isn't an umbrella to catch all these kids. Fast forward 20 years and your kids' peers will become their burden."

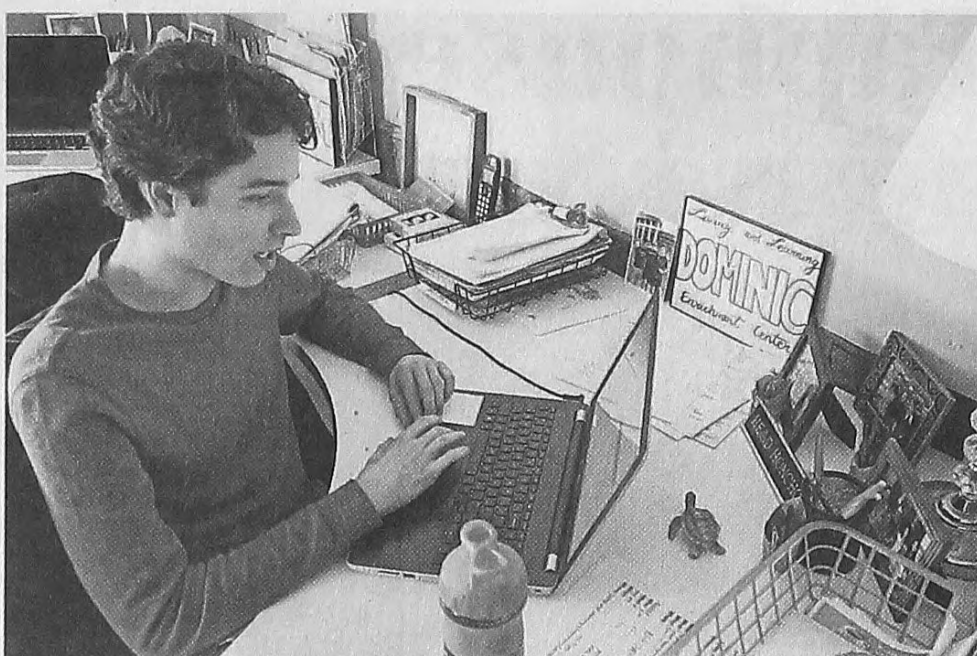
Sheridan and her friends at the center want to work and live happy and productive lives, just like their neurotypical counterparts, she noted. And that is what their parents want for them, too.

The center aims to give that to these families, but Vartanian will need help in doing so. She estimates she needs to raise \$5 million to purchase the property and have funds to keep it sustainable.

So far, she has a \$50,000 verbal commitment from a private donor, and is seeking additional sponsors and donations for the non-profit organization to make the dream a reality.

"This is going to happen," Vartanian said. "It was meant to be. ... The Massey estate is perfect for us to help (adults with autism) live independent, meaningful lives. It is kind of like the holy grail."

For more information on how you can help or be helped, visit www.livingand-learningcenter.org.



Dominic Zarnecki works on emails at the Living and Learning Center on March 29.

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Delaney Sheridan sits in with the writers' group at the center. Sheridan writes fan pieces on "Big Bang Theory" and is working on a TV show script.



Northville's Living and Learning Center Director Rachelle Vartanian, left, talks with client Angelica Tao in the kitchen at the home on Griswold on March 29. Clients of the center gather there on Fridays to socialize, make food, and play music.

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Sedona Taphouse opens in Novi

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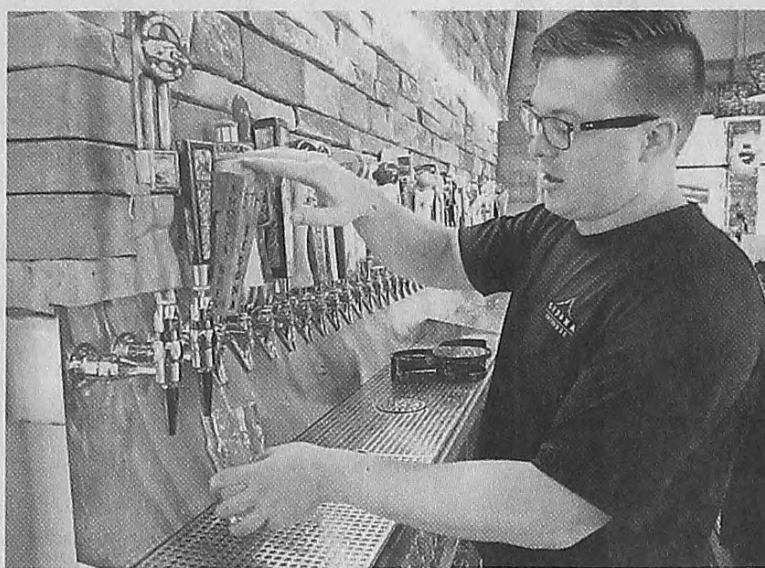
Looking for a midday beer while shopping at Twelve Oaks Mall? The new Sedona Taphouse is the place its owners hope shoppers and diners alike think of.

The restaurant opened April 29 in the Novi mall between Macy's and JCPenney after several years of planning. Its co-owners, couples Marty and Lori Knollenberg and Erika and J.D. West, think the restaurant's signature fresh steaks and focus on Michigan craft beer is the right fit for the mall.

Marty Knollenberg is a former state legislator who represented Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Royal Oak and other communities in the state Senate until the end of last year. He was defeated in his re-election bid last November.

Making the transition from legislator to restaurant owner wasn't too tough, he said.

"There's a lot of similarities in that



it's a people business, and I sort of greet the guests and talk to people," he said. "It's not much different than dealing with constituents."

The restaurant is one of 13 Sedona

Taphouses across the country. The couples own both locations in Michigan, the first on Big Beaver Road in Troy.

Despite the shared ownership, customers that go to the taphouse in Troy

Bartender Jake Ockert draws a beer from one of Sedona

Taphouse's 50 brews on tap April 29. The Novi restaurant in Twelve Oaks Mall also has 300 varieties of canned and bottled beer.

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will get a different sense in Novi.

"To us, it's a completely different feel," Erika West said. "The looks are completely different."

The menu is highlighted with fresh-cut steaks and higher-end bar food, including house specialties, salads and more. More than 50 beers are on tap with 300 more in bottles and cans, with updates daily. The restaurant lists all its beers on its Untappd page.

Knollenberg said he was hesitant at first about coming to Novi.

"I initially didn't think we could afford to come here in Novi and wasn't really sure of the mall dynamic, if you will," he said. "But we did our research and it got us comfortable."

The restaurant employs 80 people, Knollenberg said; those seeking a job can inquire at sedonataphouse.com.

The restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

Walker-Winter Elementary students adopt rhino

Second-grade students at Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton are helping to save a rhino in Kenya.

After a Skype call with Ami Vitale, a National Geographic photographer who was at the Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Kenya with the last two northern white rhinos in existence, the students learned about what needs to be done to protect threatened and endangered rhinos.

The Conservancy has two white rhinos they are caring for, and the students decided to raise money to sponsor one of the rhinos for two months.

From the students' own website:

"We learned that the Sumatran Rhino was also endangered and decided we should learn more about this.

"Did you know that there are less than 80 Sumatran Rhinos left in the world? To help these endangered rhinos, our class decided that we could

do more.

"We collected cans and bottles and also got donations. We raised enough money to adopt a rhino for two whole months — \$1,005.01.

"We adopted Ratu, one of the rhinos at the International Rhino Foundation."

Chris Kozaczynski, second-grade teacher, said:

"Our recently completed Project Based Learning cycle had the students search for ways to get involved within the community to help solve larger, real-world problems.

"The class researched and learned about Sumatran Rhinos and then took a collection (cans/bottles) to support conservation efforts.

"We raised \$1,005.01 which was enough to 'adopt a rhino' for two months, providing all care for Ratu, our rhino."



Students at Walker-Winter Elementary School have adopted a rhino in Africa.

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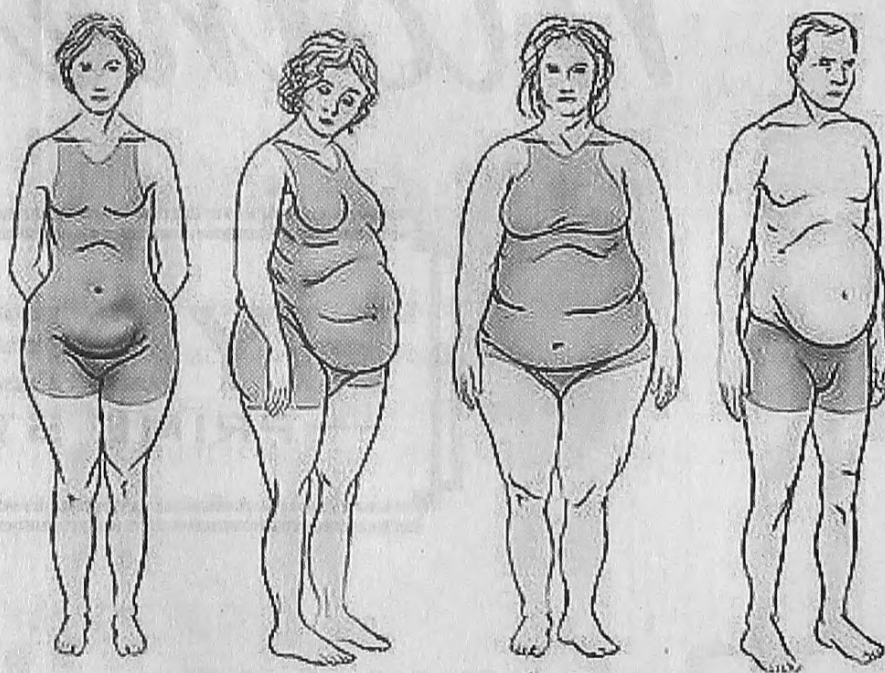
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DeHoCo

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"The kind of thing we're trying to do along Five Mile — first of all, nothing radical — is pretty much of a continuation of what you already see now between Five Mile and M-14 (east of Beck): a type of corporate office park with high-tech and research-type businesses moving in," Heise said. "We still have a lot of challenges ahead of us, but the early signs are promising."

So how did this massive stretch of property evolve into a robust corridor for business? With some shrewd negotiating, proactive thinking and a practical plan.

"We've had people approach us who have wanted to put things like horse racing, baseball, you name it, on that land, but we don't want to do anything crazy," Heise explained. "I honestly expect this to be a 30-year project, but once it's done, it will be special."

The obstacles the development team faces are daunting.

Before landfills and recycling emerged, the property was a trash-dumping mecca for the city of Detroit.

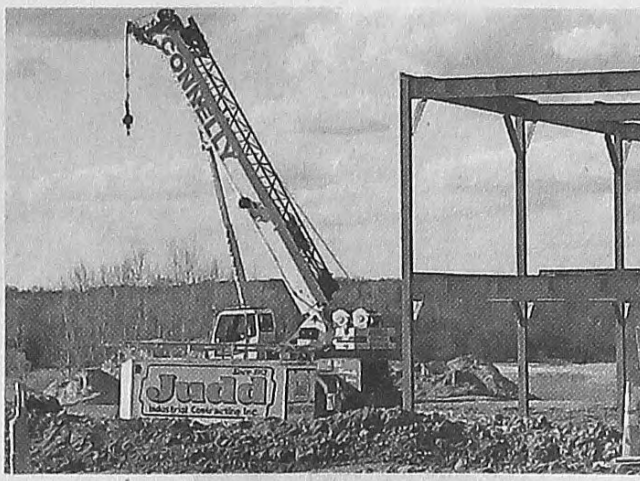
The practice created a widespread field of debris that over the decades settled into the ground, requiring today's developers to complete a thorough clean-up operation.

"The trash is not Love Canal material; it's not nuclear waste ... it's basically household waste from the 1940s and '50s," Heise said.

Work to do

Spent bullet casings left over from a former gun range on the north side of Five Mile contaminated the ground with lead, which has since been removed.

Sections of the property are also not equipped with



Construction is underway on the Northville Township side of Five Mile Road. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

electricity and water, and Five Mile needs a serious upgrade, Heise said.

Sometime around 2013, Heise was educated on the best steps to take to demolish the existing prison facilities and start clearing the way for the future.

"I was told that we had to get it in the hands of the Michigan Land Bank because they have the economic-development expertise, the financing ability and they can get grants and loans and possibly make this a Brownfield site," said Heise, who was in his final term as a state representative at the time. "I said, 'OK, good idea.' So I wrote a bill that transferred DeHoCo from the Department of Corrections to the Michigan Land Bank."

Facing a bill estimated to run around \$2.5 million to demolish DeHoCo, it was time to get creative.

"(Former Township Supervisor) Richard Rheame, Gary Roberts and I testified in front of the House Bud-

get Committee, trying to get an appropriation for the money," Heise recounted. "What they ended up doing was they found an old law on the books — the Urban Land Reclamation Act — which had \$4 million attached to it."

"When I went back to the committee and said, 'I need money (for the demolition),' they suggested I write a law abolishing this entity and free up the \$4 million. They said we could then transfer the money to the Land Bank."

The prison structure was torn down in 2017, just a few months after Heise was elected supervisor.

"We have the cost of the water, sewer, roads and the Brownfield environmental cleanup right now at between \$20 million and \$23 million," Heise said. "A first-of-its-kind Brownfield Authority has been set up between Plymouth Township, Northville Township and the Michigan Land Bank. Plymouth Township and Northville Township still have Brownfield Authorities for all other parts of their townships, but if you're going to do any development in that zone, you come under control of the MITC Redevelopment Authority."

"What makes this project unique is we have been told by the State of Michigan Land Bank that funding to the tune of at least \$20 million will be made available to the authority for all the necessary infrastructure work. We do have to pay this money back with nominal interest to the state. That's the bad news. The good news is we have 30 years to do it."

Heise said Redico, a commercial real estate firm, has submitted site plans for a corporate office park.

"Things are underway," he added. "All the necessary legal paperwork and board resolutions have all been executed and approved by the state. The (Gov. Gretchen) Whitmer administration is very supportive of this."

"We can tell right away that the interest in this corridor is very high. It's incredible what we've been able to pull off in less than 10 years."

Facility

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Once it opens, the Beaumont facility will join a myriad of health care options for patients along the I-275 corridor.

An urgent care run by IHA currently operates in the Jeffress Center at Schoolcraft College at the Seven Mile and Haggerty intersection, and the St. Joseph Mercy Health System is planning to open an 80,000-square-foot building on the east side of the Schoolcraft College campus with primary, specialty and urgent care facilities, as well as house ancillary, advanced imaging services including MRI, ultrasound and mammography. That facility is expected to open in the spring of 2021.

The new Beaumont facility is expected to create more than 300 new jobs in Livonia, a developer working on the project told the city council earli-

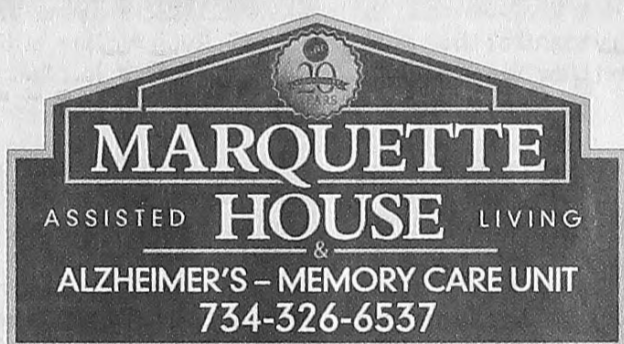
er this year.

"We are excited to work with Beaumont to bring this new medical campus to our community," said Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright in a statement. "This will bring new jobs, new tax base and easy access to excellent health care for people who live or work near our I-275 corridor. Beaumont's decision to build here confirms Livonia's unrivaled central location in our region."

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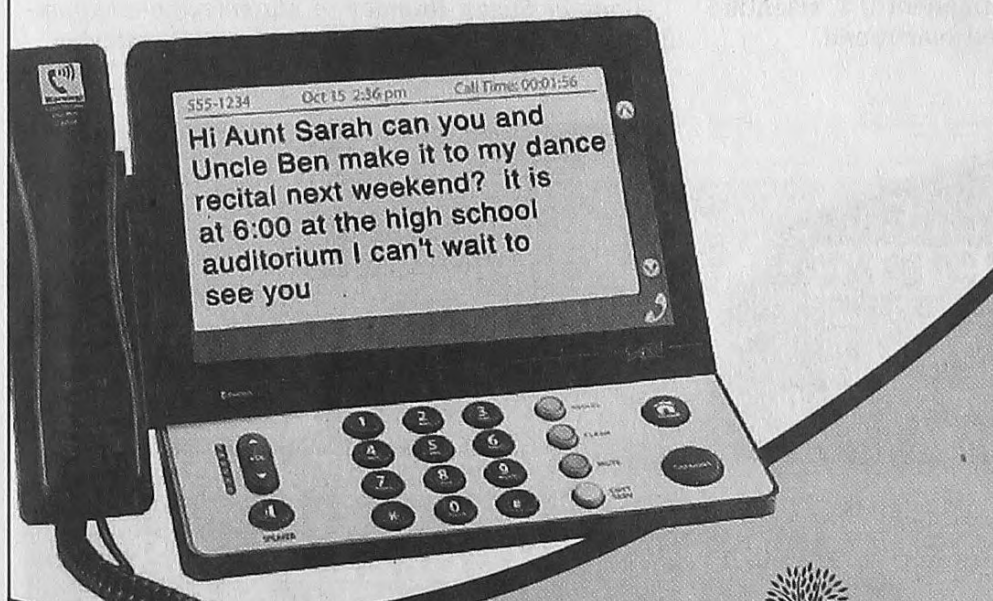
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South Pole

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Phone call of a lifetime

Wallace, owner of ND Industries, Inc., and Hamaty, president of the Vibra-Tite Division of the company, began planning their latest adventure about a year-and-a-half ago after his phone rang while he was sitting in a Troy restaurant enjoying encrusted chicken and sipping Cabernet.

"It was the call of my life," Wallace said.

On the other end of the line was Ryan Waters, a guide for Antarctic Logistics & Expeditions, calling via satellite phone from the South Pole and telling him he should come down.

Wallace didn't have a problem answering a call to the wild.

He and Hamaty had previously climbed two of the highest summits in the world — Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa, five years ago, and Aconcagua in Argentina just two years ago.

For this trip, they were joined by Texas friend Dan Conner.

For a journey to the South Pole, the southernmost point on the planet, they would consistently be at an altitude of about 9,500 feet, but with atmospheric pressure it would feel like they were at roughly 12,500 feet as they trekked about 60 miles in extreme cold.

The preparations came mostly in buying the right gear: boots, coats, gloves, and sleeping bags for the temperatures they would face. They would travel to the South Pole in summer when temperatures are at their warmest, between negative 30 and negative 9 degrees.

Worst weather in 80 years

Hamaty and Wallace left the northern hemisphere and Michigan winter Dec. 9, eventually arriving in Puntas Arenas, Chile. From there, the plan was to take a four-hour flight, at a cost of about \$60,000, on a military cargo plane to Antarctica. They would wait more than a week for that flight, due to severe weather which they were told was the "worst in 80 years."

"There was a certain amount of anxiety," Hamaty said. "What were we getting into?"

A window of decent weather finally allowed them to fly safely to Union Glacier Camp, ALE's private facility which provides summer accommodations to tourists. The camp is erected in November and dismantled in January.

A second flight, at a cost of about \$30,000 each, took Hamaty and Wallace to their drop-off point 60 miles from the South Pole, in the middle of what looked like "nowhere."

"You get dropped off and watch the airplane take off, and you look around 360 degrees and there is nothing but vastness," Hamaty said, who felt genuine fear for the power of nature. "That was the first time I was like, 'We're really doing this.'"

It was Christmas Eve, and he, Wallace, and Conner, led by Waters, headed off on their trek.

Over the course of the next week, the small group moved across the empty, frozen terrain, pulling their 100-pound sleds, and covering about 1½ miles per hour, with no sense of time or direction in a place where the sun never sets and the cold would frost over their goggles.

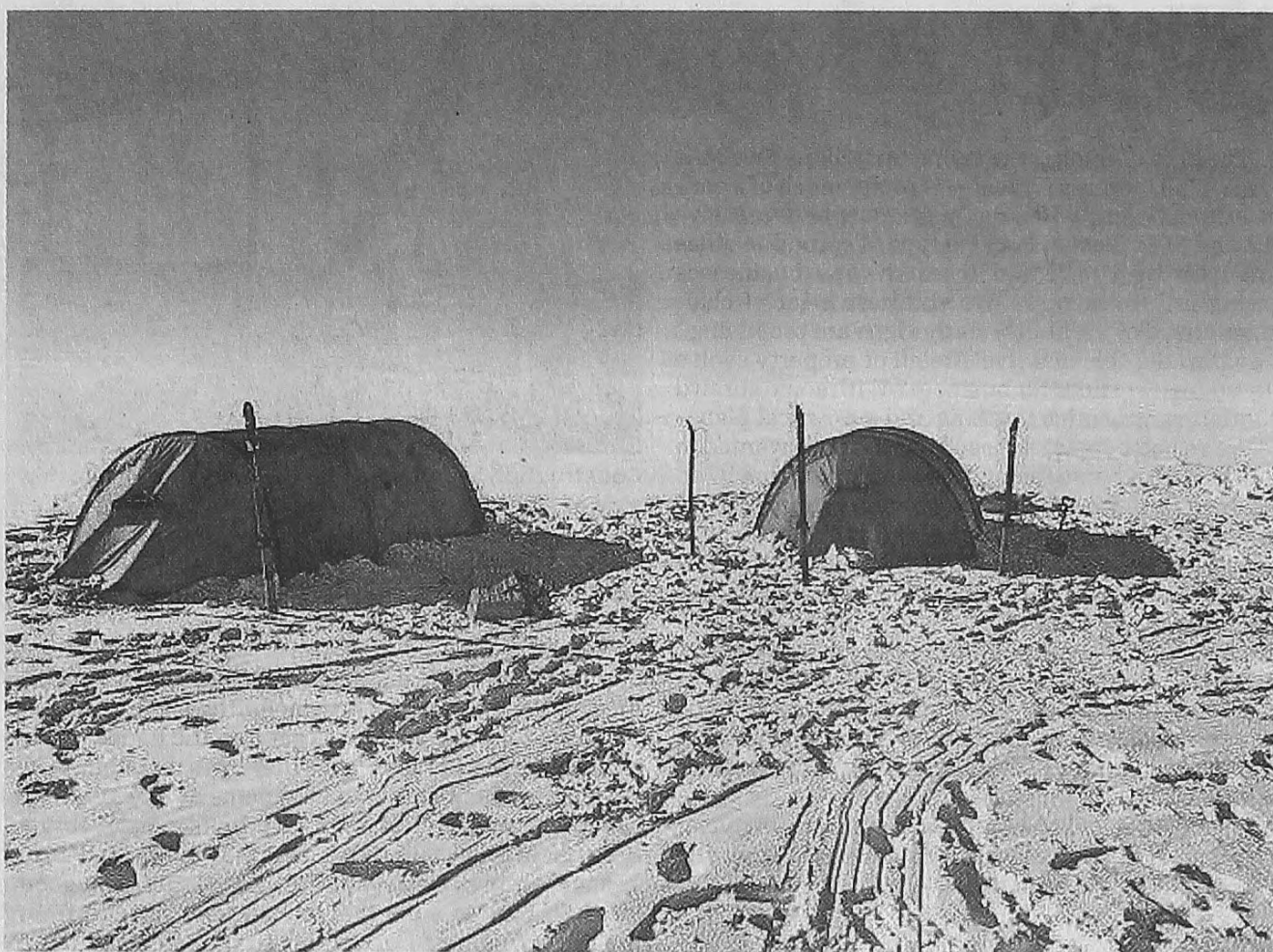
The weather and physical exertion exacted a toll, but the journey was also mentally taxing.

Movement gave them a measure of warmth and any delay could increase the chance for a storm to pop up which could confine them to their tents for who knows how long.

When they did have to stop, taking a 10- to 15-minute rest each hour, the first thing they had to do was put on their expedition coat over the many layers they were already wearing.

They stopped traveling each day at about 3-4 p.m. to set up camp. Their guide carried a propane tank and they would heat ice to drink. Breakfasts were protein or chocolate bars, lunches were often sausage and cheese snacks high in calories. For dinner, they used the propane to cook pasta.

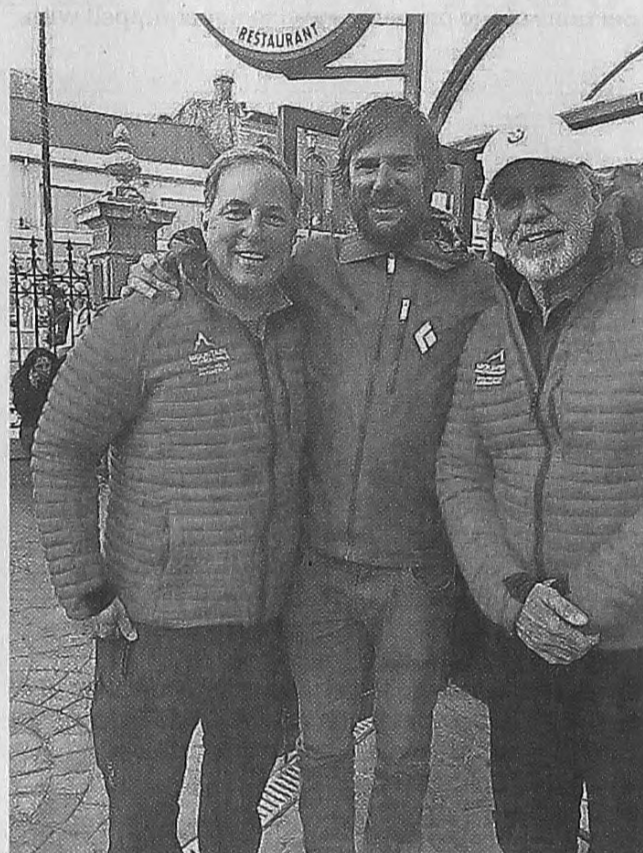
After dinner, they would retreat to their tents,



Richard Wallace and John Hamaty sheltered in tents for a week as they skied 60 miles across Antarctica to reach the South Pole at the end of December. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Dan Conner, Wallace, and Hamaty stand at the geographic South Pole marker on New Year's Eve.



Hamaty, Ryan Waters, and Wallace stand together Punta Arenas, Chile, after their extreme adventure.

climbing into sleeping bags made for negative 40 degree weather, which worked remarkably well. Hamaty recalls he would even wake up sweaty because of the sun beating down on the tent.

They would spend about 14 hours in those tents, reading or listening to books on tape. For Hamaty it was the author David Baldacci; for Wallace, audio-books about Nikola Tesla or polar explorer Ernest Shackleton.

The next day, they would get up to make more progress.

They saw no wildlife, and heard only the wind and the sounds they made as they crossed the ice, with the exception of the time Waters was digging a latrine — waste cannot be left and had to be carried with them — and hit an air pocket in the ice.

"The ground under the tents was shaking and it sounded like a massive bomb went off. It probably went for a mile," recalls Wallace of the ice break.

Trudging across a continent inhospitable to civilization with no distractions leaves a lot of time to think.

Hamaty said he designed a garage in his head. He thought about his kids and what they might be doing at home. About how nice his bed would feel when he finally made it back.

Wallace thought about an expansion to his cabin, but noted his mind also went into a kind of blank state. "It's meditative," he said, "Next stop, the moon."

A New Year's arrival

While it may have felt that way, their journey's end brought them in sight of no space oddity, but instead the geographic South Pole marker and the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, a permanent U.S. scientific research facility which is staffed year-round.

The tourists weren't able to enter the station, but were welcomed into Antarctic Logistics & Expeditions' South Pole camp a short distance away, where they celebrated New Year's Eve and the accomplishment of a rare feat: reaching the end of the world.

Wallace had but one thought.

"Thank God we're here," he said, adding, "And we finally had a meal."

Their celebratory dinner was prime rib and wine, which he said was indescribably delicious after slurping gelatinous blueberry mush packaged in plastic in the preceding days.

The travelers were also able to make satellite calls to their families.

On New Year's Day, they flew back to the Union Glacier camp, and a day or two later, left Antarctica, flying back to Chile where they stayed a few more days before finally arriving home Jan. 5.

Wallace and Hamaty called their adventure "awesome and 'once in a lifetime,'" but once was enough.

The takeaway is a sense of wonder at a place on Earth that is difficult to imagine and nearly impossible to realize for most, and immense gratitude for the everyday, common comforts of home.

"I find I appreciate family and friends so much more," Hamaty said. "I tell my kids, life is about experiences, and if you get the opportunity to do really unique experiences in life, you should take advantage of them."

For Hamaty and Wallace, the next journey might be to Patagonia in Argentina, or Mt. Elbrus in Russia, but maybe not the other end of the world.

"I think the North Pole is out, but never say never," Hamaty said.

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Obituaries

Nan W. Goshorn

NOVI - Nan W. Goshorn, age 93, of Novi, passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2019. She was born March 6, 1926 in Avon Lake, Ohio; daughter of Burton and Irene (nee Wilson) Weidenkopf. Nan was a 1944 graduate of Avon Lake High School and a 1948 graduate of Indiana University. She was united in marriage to Robert A. Goshorn on September 19, 1948; devoted to each other for over 61 years until his death in 2009.

Nan lived in Farmington from 1958 until moving to Novi in 2004. For a brief 3 years she lived in Hong Kong with her husband but came back home to watch her grandchildren grow. She was a wonderful homemaker and loved her family deeply. Nan was active with the AAUW, the Farmington Genealogy Society, and the First United Methodist Church of Farmington. She enjoyed travelling and playing cards, especially bridge. Nan loved the outdoors and fishing. Her favorite fishing hole and vacation spot was at the Northernnaire Lodge on Manitoulin Island in Ontario, Canada. Nan wrote two memoirs dedicated to her family and was thinking about writing a third. She was a loving and cherished mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

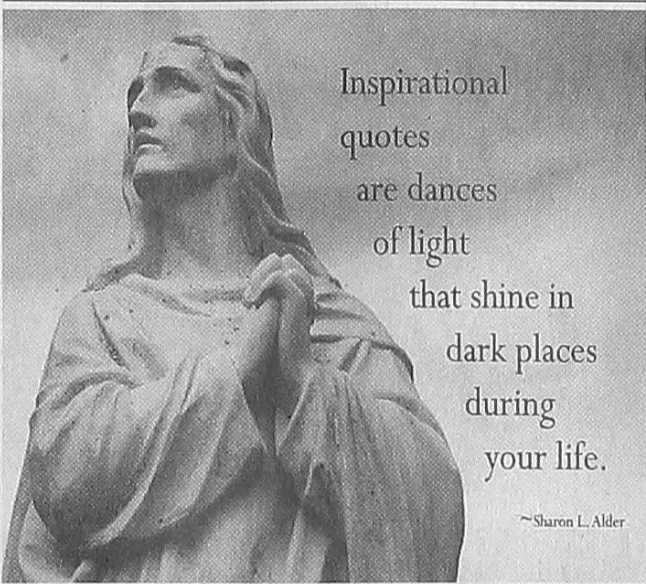
She is survived by her children, Gregg (Bernadette) Goshorn, Kevin (the late Andrea) Goshorn, and Tedi (Robert) Lojewski; 9 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her daughter-in-law Andrea Goshorn, her brother Burt Weidenkopf, and her sister Janet Lipski.

A private service will be held. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Fox Run Scholarship Fund, attn: Maryann Mikkelsen, 41200 Fox Run Road, Novi, MI 48377.



Patricia Ann Smith

BIRMINGHAM - Patricia Ann Shepherd Smith, age 95, of Birmingham, Michigan, died peacefully on February 24, 2019. She attended Eastern Michigan University and worked for years in the Birmingham Schools. She was very active in Questors, Garden Club and St. James Episcopal Church. She is survived by her loving children Patricia (David) Smith Bostwick, Dr. Richard (Rebecca) Smith II and Carolyn Smith Sandy; cherished grandchildren Anne (Carl) Bostwick Lally, Katherine (Todd) Bostwick Glass, Kelly Smith Lorenz, Richard (Leigh) Smith III, Kathleen Smith Simmons, Charlotte (Steven) Sandy Rowe, Paul (Lizelle) Sandy, Jacob Sandy, and 12 great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, May 4 at 2:00 pm at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009.



Richard "Dick" William Watson

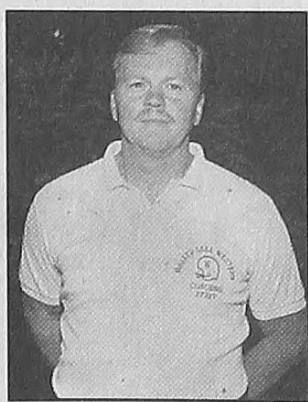
SOUTH LYON - Richard "Dick" William Watson, a longtime resident of South Lyon, and native of Oak Park, a beloved and respected teacher and coach of Walled Lake Western died peacefully with his family by his side on April 29, 2019. He was 74 years old.

Dick was born on September 27, 1944 in Detroit to the parents of Wesley and Marie Watson. He was a graduate of Berkley High in 1962, received his Bachelors in Education from Central Michigan University in 1966 and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He also received his Masters from Eastern Michigan University in 1974.

Coach Watson began teaching for Walled Lake Schools in 1966, before moving to Walled Lake Western in 1969. He was a long time teacher, administrator and coached wrestling, football and track and field. After retiring in 2009, he continued to coach at South Lyon and South Lyon East.

Dick is survived by his brother Wes (Donna), the mother of his children and caretaker Theresa, his three sons Michael (Lisa), Bryan (Jennifer) and Bobby (Marie), his four grandchildren Anabelle, Grace, Carter and Robert and many more nieces, nephews and longtime former student athletes that he always considered family. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother (Bob).

Funeral Services will be held on May 10th at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon at 11:00 AM. There will be a celebration of life at his home at 58250 11 Mile Rd. in South Lyon starting at 2 PM. For further information, please phone (248) 444-7075. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the US Wrestling Foundation or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



Audrey Nesbitt

LANSING - Audrey Hough Nesbitt has passed from this world into eternal life with her Lord at the age of 100. Audrey died of a heart attack just after midnight on April 22, 2019, in Lansing, Michigan.

She was born on June 2, 1918, to Ivan and Ruth Hough in the town of Canastota, New York. After attending Syracuse University, and obtaining bachelor's degrees in French and library science, Audrey married Daniel Nesbitt on November 24, 1945, shortly after his return from the war in Europe.

Audrey taught French and English before and during World War II, and later worked as an elementary school librarian in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

A lover of words and languages, Audrey was an extraordinarily cheerful person with a wonderful sense of humor, a warm smile, and a lively mind.

Despite challenging circumstances during the final year of her life, 100-year-old Audrey was described by her caregivers as being "sprightly," "witty," and "the life of the party."

Audrey is survived by her three children, David (Sylvia), Deborah Cummings (Bruce), and Stephen (Brenda), along with 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Audrey will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 29, at Grand Ledge Baptist Church in Grand Ledge, Michigan. Burial will be at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Jordan, New York. Donations in her memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 2140 University Park, Suite 210, Okemos, Michigan 48864. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com



Roy L. VanAlsten

WEST CHESTER, OH - Roy L. VanAlsten, a former resident of Redford Township and retired research engineer at Ford Motor Company, passed away on Wednesday April 24, 2019 in West Chester, Ohio. He retired to Midland, Michigan in 1995.

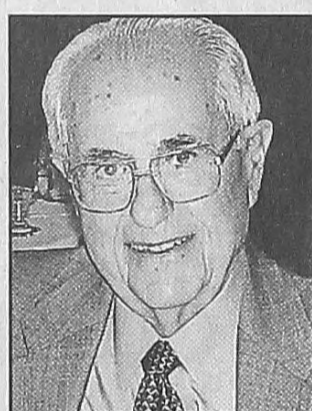
Born in Oneida, March 28, 1925, he was the son of J. Roy and Margaret VanAlsten, employees of Oneida Silversmiths. He was a good athlete and student, graduating from Sherrill High School in 1943. He was drafted and, within five days, he was in the U. S. Infantry. His 33-month tour of duty took him from Normandy (3 weeks after D-day) to the Rhine and later to occupation duty in Selb, Bavaria. He earned the Combat Infantry badge and a Purple Heart and was discharged as a First Sergeant in March 1946.

Roy then enrolled in the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1950. His career was devoted to the development of high-temperature materials, first at the McDanel Refractory Porcelain Company, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, then at the Scientific Research Laboratory of Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan, where he worked 35 years, retiring in 1987. He was co-author of several patents and earned three Innovation Awards in the course of his research.

While living in Redford, he was active in the Redford Township Junior Athletic Association and the athletic and academic activities at Thurston High School.

Roy was married for 63 years to the former Mary Forrest, whom he married in Alfred in 1950 and predeceased him in 2013. He is survived by his three children, William Roy VanAlsten (Holly Cassidy), West Chester, OH; Janet S. VanAlsten (Dr. Robert Dion), Charlevoix and Thousand Oaks, CA; and Dr. John VanAlsten (Pam Helinek), Framingham, MA. He is also survived by his nine grandchildren: Andrew VanAlsten, Baltimore, MD; Dr. Laura VanAlsten, La Jolla, CA; Abigail and Kenna Cassidy, West Chester, OH; Dr. Christopher Dion, Clinton Twp.; Elisabeth Dion, East Lansing; Dr. Stephanie VanAlsten, Kalamazoo; William Craig VanAlsten, W. Hartford, CT; and Sarah VanAlsten, University City, MO.

His cremains will be buried in the VanAlsten family plot in Valley View Cemetery, Sherrill. Arrangements are under the care of Wilson MILLER Funeral Home 4210 N. Saginaw Rd Midland, Michigan.



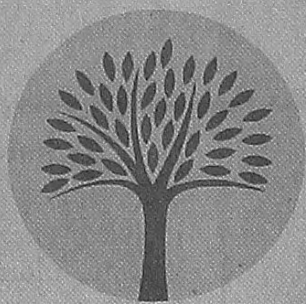
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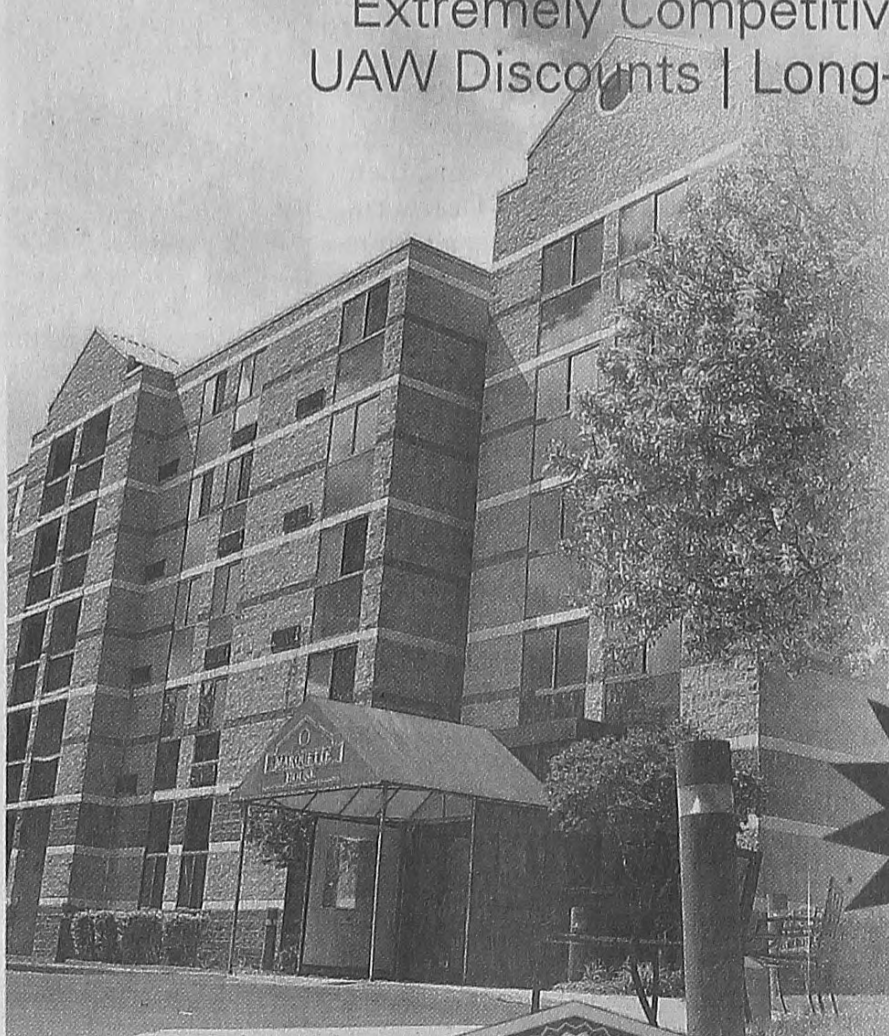
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Sports

PREP BASEBALL

Franklin completes sweep of Churchill

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The KLAA East Division is wildly competitive this spring, with five teams all within a game or two of each other for the lead.

Two of those teams are Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill, who

faced off twice last week. Franklin got the better of Churchill in both games, capped off with a 3-0 shutout in game two Wednesday night to put the Patriots in a great position moving forward.

Franklin improved to 8-4 overall and 6-2 in the division. Churchill fell to 4-4 in the division.

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Forry shuts down Chargers

Franklin was carried by pitcher Alex Forry, who went 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings, allowing zero runs and totaling eight strikeouts.

He didn't allow a hit until there were two outs in the third inning and was pulled only after he allowed a pair of walks in the sixth.

"Alex threw very, very well," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "We have the utmost confidence in him every time he goes out to do it. It's what we have him for — those bigger games, to go out there and do that against the better teams. When he throws, he's going to throw against the best competition."

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PREP BASEBALL



Seaholm's Sam Schumaker, left, is all smiles after scoring a run against North Farmington on April 30. Seaholm won 12-3.
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SEAHOLM CRUSHES NORTH FARMINGTON

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

After one rain-out already this week, Birmingham Seaholm and North Farmington hoped to get in a doubleheader Tuesday evening.

Unfortunately, mother nature struck again, but the two teams were able to finish game one of the series.

Seaholm dominated, taking a 12-3 victory behind the strong pitching of Nick King.

The win moves the Maples to 14-2 on

the season and 4-0 in league play.

King pitched six innings, allowing just two hits while striking out three. He had six walks and allowed three runs, but all three runs were unearned.

Entering the game, he'd pitched 35 innings and had an ERA of just 1.2.

"Nick is what he is," Seaholm coach John Toth said. "He's going to go out there and throw nothing but breaking balls and you're going to look up at the scoreboard and all of a sudden it's the fifth inning and he's only given up one or

"They steal second, they find ways to steal third, we kind of give them the green light out there. They manufacture runs on their own. It's so huge for us."

John Toth
Seaholm coach, on team members Gray Kinnie and Max Schumaker

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Livonia park to get pickleball courts

David Veselenak
Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Athletes looking for a unique way to have fun at Livonia's Compton Park this summer will only need to bring their bread-and-butter A-game.

The city of Livonia expects to bring six new pickleball courts to the park, off Lyndon between Middlebelt and Inkster, later this summer.

Ted Davis, superintendent of parks and recreation, said the courts will be the first dedicated outdoor pickleball courts in the city.

"This is something we've thought for a couple of years that we needed to add," he said.

The courts will replace the inline skating area for hockey that was installed decades ago. Davis said that area isn't used as often and adding the pickleball courts would dedicate space to a sport that's growing in popularity.

Pickleball is similar to tennis in that it's played on a court, albeit somewhat smaller. Instead of a racket, players use paddles and strike a wiffle ball back and forth over the net.

It's a game, supporters say, that's easy for seniors to pick up and encourages social interaction since the court is smaller.


The city has approved a contract for about \$129,000 for the construction of the courts, with \$50,000 coming from the Community Development Block Grant program. Davis said work is expected to begin this year.

Once completed, they would be the first dedicated pickleball courts in Livonia. Several tennis courts at Shelden Park and Bicentennial Park are marked for pickleball as well as tennis, but Davis said the city hopes to eventually have dedicated pickleball courts at those parks as well. Pickleball can also be played at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

But despite the push for pickleball, the city's not abandoning tennis. Davis said new tennis courts are being installed at Rotary Park at Six Mile and Hubbard, which will have plenty of new amenities: more accessible pathways, a new drinking fountain with a water bottle refilling station, and shade areas.

"There, we're going to improve the player experience quite a bit," Davis said. "We're excited about that."

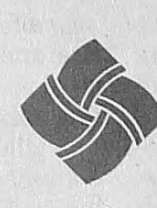
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"He did a very good job today, it was probably one of his top varsity outings."

Forry said he felt like his fastball and curve ball both came out of his hand well and that he was able to spot his pitches were he wanted to.

"I threw well," Forry said. "For the first few innings I was pretty clean, no hits through two. I started to get a little tired in the fourth and fifth, just walked a few. Other than that, I thought I pitched effectively and did well."

The Franklin offense jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning after Cam Fournier and Ryan Madden picked up RBIs. That made things easier on Forry, who would go on to earn the win after never trailing.

"It changes the whole entire dynamics of the game," Forry said. "When there's no runs in the first, you're thinking you have to hold it and keep it going. When you have that extra cushion it makes pitching easier, you think less."

The Patriots scored their final run on an RBI single by Derek Sayers in the fifth inning, which sealed the win.

"It's huge for us in the division," Forry said. "Our team played well in both games (this week) and squeezed out each game. It's sets us up well for the end of the season, we know we can beat these guys and if we pull them for districts, we'll know what to do."

No problem with pressure

With two outs in the fifth inning, Forry was pulled after allowing back-to-back walks, loading the bases. Fournier decided to put in Jake Kelbert to get the team out of the jam.

He delivered, getting a weak fly ball to end the inning and preserve both the lead and the shutout.

"To shut out and save a game against a crosstown rival is huge," Kelbert said. "What I love the most is coming into a game with all eyes on me, all the pressure — I love it. I just soak it in and just throw how I'm supposed to throw."

He added that he's always loved the pressure. Growing up, he found he wasn't able to pitch long enough to be a consistent starter, but could be a force in the bullpen. To be good in his role, he

had to embrace the idea that he'd be put in intense situations.

"To be an effective closer, you have to be able to soak in all the pressure," Kelbert said.

Fournier said he was hoping to get Kelbert into the game in the seventh with a clean slate, but knew he had to make a move with his starter tiring. Putting in Kelbert also brought up a lefty-on-lefty scenario, which favors the pitcher.

He also said that a number of the players on the team have big game experience that derives from football season.

"He's got a lot of big game experience, whether it's districts or regionals or semifinals or even a state final, he's been in pressure type situations," Fournier said. "You can't teach that. You

know when he has an opportunity, he's going to compete. He's not going to waver. You know he's going to go out there and do his job."

Alsobrooks has strong start in loss

Churchill was led by pitcher Drew Alsobrooks, who pitched six innings and allowed three runs while striking out 10. Normally, that would've been good enough for a win, but the Chargers simply ran into a hot pitcher in Forry.

"Drew (Alsobrooks) is a very good pitcher," Fournier said. "He's been a varsity pitcher for them for four years and is going to Central Michigan. We were fortunate enough to get the win today."

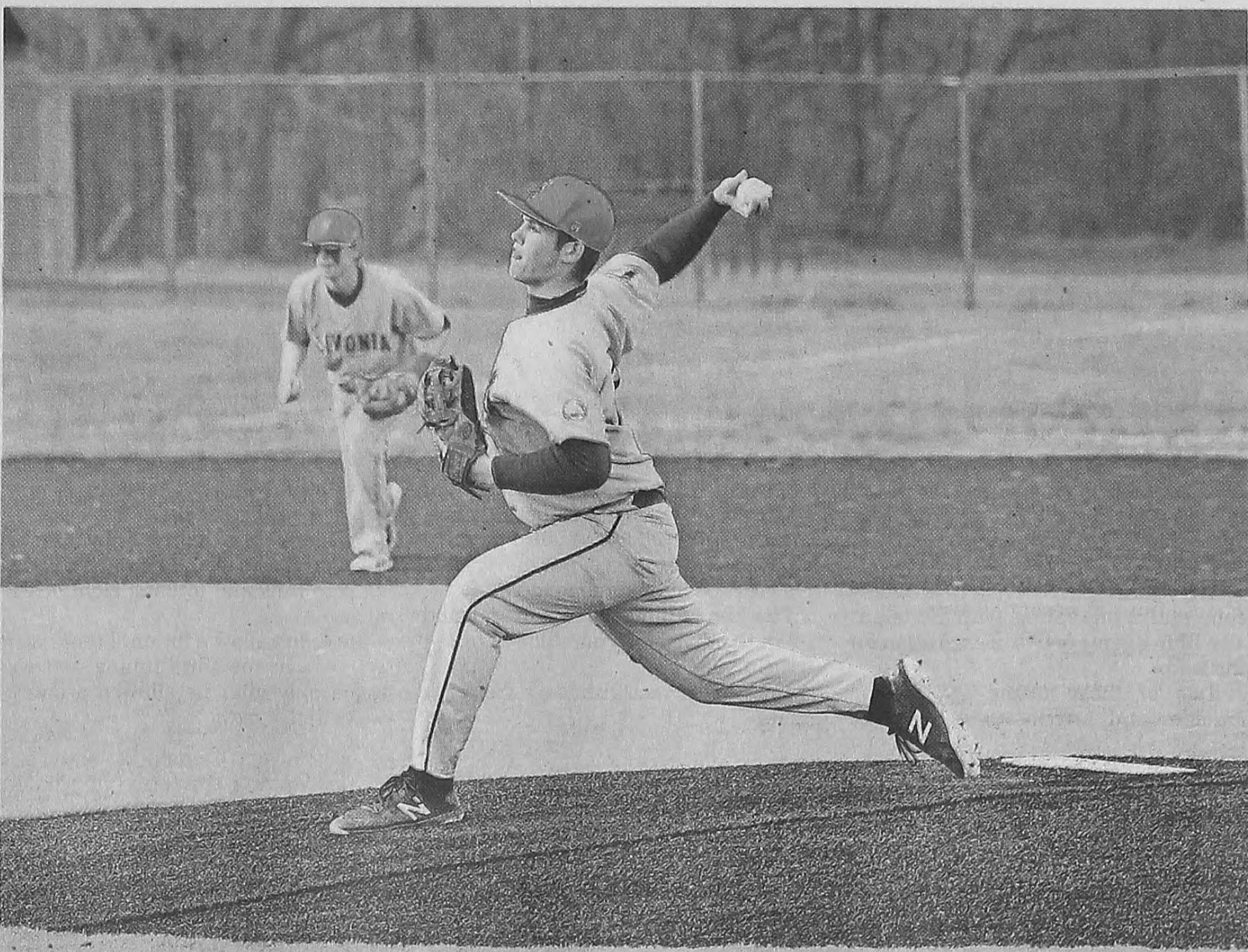
Churchill's offense struggled to get runners on base. Its best scoring oppor-

tunity came in the sixth after chasing Forry, but it wasn't able to get anything done against Kelbert, who would go on to collect the save with a pair of strikeouts in the seventh. Drew Bush doubled, recording Churchill's only extra-base hit.

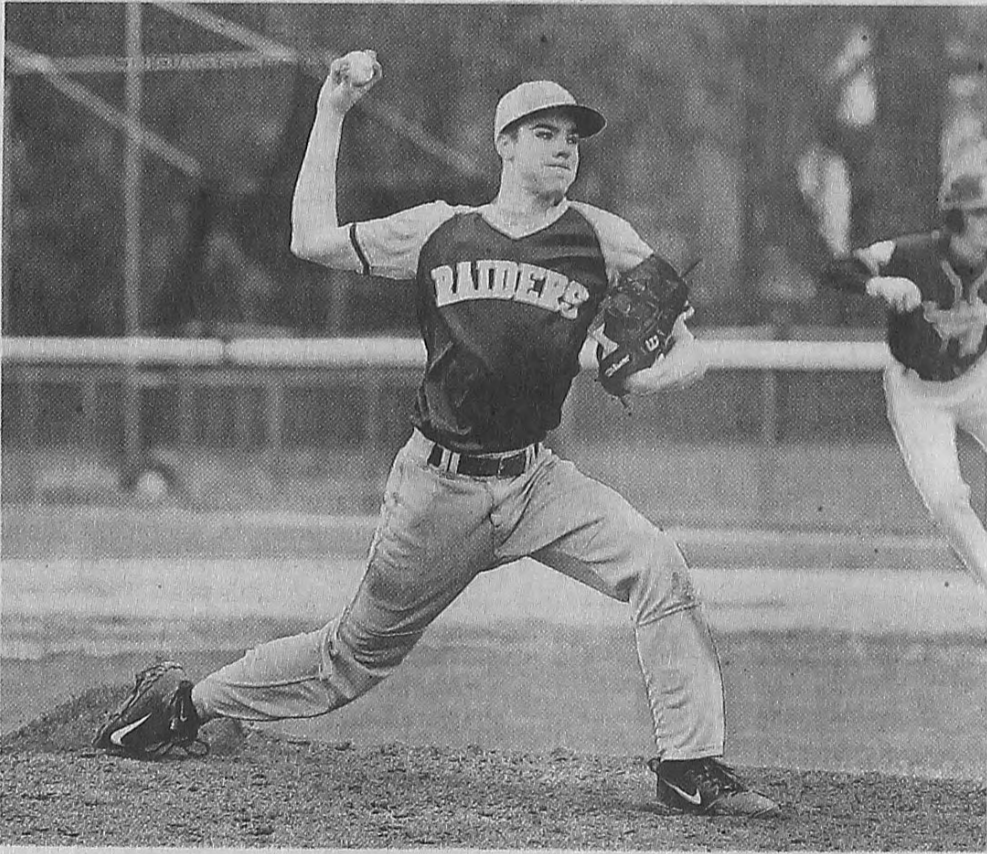
It's a setback for Churchill, which lost to Livonia Stevenson last week, but is certainly a boost to Franklin moving forward.

"We want to compete," Fournier said. "Our goal every year is to go out and compete in these types of games, to compete within the district, within the league, within the division and just get better week by week."

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Franklin's Alex Forry delivers a pitch against Churchill on April 24. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



North Farmington's Brandon Decker delivers a pitch against Seaholm on April 30.

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Seaholm's Paul Derocher watches a pitch come in during game action.

Seaholm

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two runs. He's the same way every time he's out there."

King relies primarily on his curveball, which can be devastating to hitters. He also throws a splitter to keep batters even more off-balance. Add in the fastball, and facing King can prove to be quite the challenge.

He wasn't always an off-speed first kind of pitcher, but as he got older, he found it was the most effective way for him to succeed.

"It took some coming to terms with, because as a kid you want to throw hard and blow people away, which is what I tried to do in my younger years," King said. "As I got older and played more baseball, I realized that's not the way to get outs in my style."

He gave up two runs in the second inning after a pair of errors before allowing one final run in the sixth, which scored after a throwing error. He gave way to Mitchell Metikosh, who pitched the seventh inning.

"It was pretty wet for a good part of

the game, but I tried to throw strikes any way I could," King said. "I thought my command was pretty good, at the end I got a little tired and that's when the walks started to come. Mitchell did a good job coming in and shutting it down at the end."

The Maples jumped on the Raiders' pitching staff. They chased Brandon Decker after 4½ innings, scoring eight runs. Decker entered the game on a hot streak, but didn't have his best stuff in the loss.

"He's a good pitcher, we knew he was good," Toth said. "He beat Groves and West Bloomfield coming in. So we just told our guys that we have to sell out for this first game. We knew what we had with Nick King on the mound on our end, we thought it would be a low-scoring game, but it looked like he got tired late and guys stayed patient and had good at-bats and took advantage of the few mistakes he made."

Seaholm's Gray Kinnie and Max Schumaker were the key forces on offense. They reached base a combined eight times in 10 at-bats. Kinnie had three singles, two steals and an RBI, while Schumaker tallied a double, single and two RBIs.

"Not only do they get on base, they drive guys in and then they take extra bases, which can't be stressed enough," Toth said. "Gray and Schu, they get on base, and it's almost like they're on third without a ball being put in play. They steal second, they find ways to steal third, we kind of give them the green light out there. They manufacture runs on their own. It's so huge for us."

Other highlights in the Seaholm lineup included two hits and two RBIs from Jimmy Love, and three RBIs from Alex Oencea.

"Our lineup does it every game," King said. "I go out and give up a couple runs and I'm not too worried early in the game because I know they're going to come out and hit."

"We've scored double digits in over half our games, so it shows."

The breakout season for the Seaholm program has put the squad in position to go deep in the state playoffs.

The key reason, Toth said, has been infielder Paul Derocher. He had Tommy John surgery last season and the coaching staff wasn't sure if he'd be able to play baseball this year, let alone become a star contributor. Now, it's hard to imagine the team without him.

"He started the third game of the season at second base and hasn't come out since," Toth said. "He's fielded 50 balls at shortstop and he's only made two errors and he's hitting .480. That changes everything, when you have a shortstop like that."

Add that to his senior class, and it's led to the start of a special season.

"The seniors, this is my first full class," Toth said. "They've 100% bought into everything and have gone full out. Everything we've said to them, they've took and made it theirs. They do everything themselves, so when we finally say something, we're just coaching. The seniors have done an unbelievable job of getting everyone on board."

The belief that Seaholm baseball can become a top program has spread to the entire team. With a pitching staff that throws strikes and a deadly batting order, players are aiming high.

"We've always been a team that's been overlooked," King said. "To come out hot out of the gate and have this great start has been good for recognition. Ultimately, I think this team can do whatever it wants to. We can win districts, regionals, states, we just have to keep playing the way we're playing."

Free your mind and your games

There are plenty of older classics available for PC

Marc Saltzman
Special to USA TODAY

PC gamers, listen up. Dig deep in your pockets and be honest – if you have more loose change and lint than bills and credit cards, keep reading.

There are some seriously good computer games that are free to download and play – if you know where to look, that is.

You probably know about high-profile freebies such as “Apex Legends,” “Fortnite Battle Royale” and “League of Legends,” but there are many others to choose from, representing every genre.

Some of these titles are older, mind you, but this isn’t necessarily a bad thing given they’ll require more modest computer specs to play – and hey, chances are if you don’t want to pay for a \$59 computer game, you might not be so eager to upgrade your hardware, either.

Here’s a peek at a few worthy free-to-play games to snag, but be aware some of the newer free games give you the option to pay for additional content.

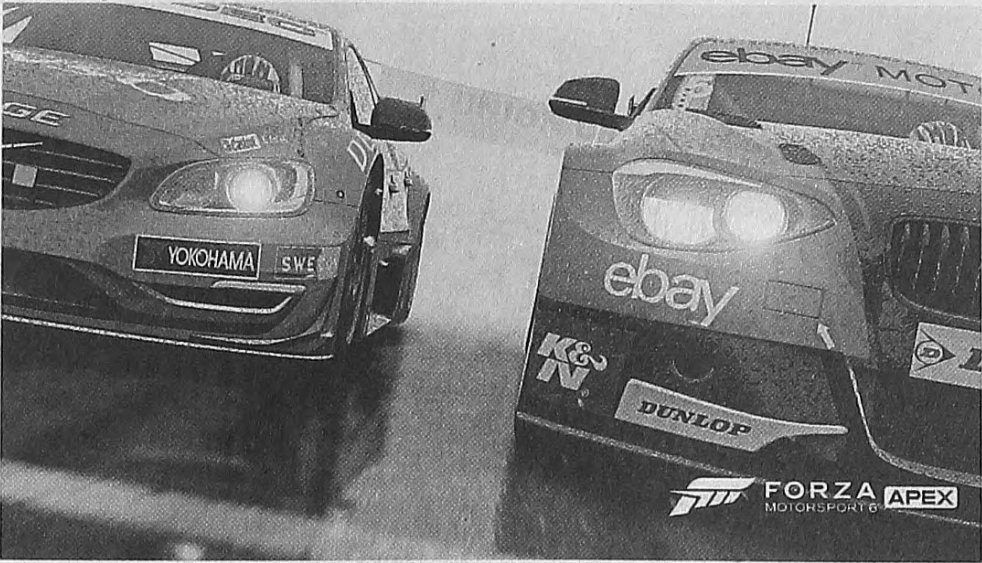
‘Assassin’s Creed Unity’

Emotionally affected by the devastating fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris last week, Ubisoft – the French game maker – has pledged €500,000 (more than \$560,000) to help with the restoration and reconstruction of the cathedral.

What’s more, the company is giving away the PC version of the game “Assassin’s Creed Unity” (assassinscreed.com, for Windows PCs, rated Mature for ages 17-up), for free, through Thursday, April 25.

What’s the connection? This third-person adventure drops you in the middle of Paris during the bloody 1789 French Revolution and features the most immersive city environment in the game series to date – including a digital replication of Notre Dame Cathedral.

Gamers assume the role of Arno, a young man scorned by a lost love, which helps fuel his thirst for vengeance di-



Forza Motorsport 6 Apex MICROSOFT

rected to those responsible. Political undertones also are important in your missions, naturally, as our agile protagonist is thrown into the middle of a ruthless struggle for the fate of a nation against the Templars.

The 2014 stealth action game introduced cooperative (“co-op”) play for the first time in the series, allowing for up to four friends to take part in story-driven online missions.

‘Path of Exile’

If you enjoy action-heavy role-playing games (RPGs) such as “Diablo,” take the time to download and play “Path of Exile” (pathofexile.com, for Windows PCs, rated Mature for ages 17-up).

Set on a dark and brutal continent known as Wraecast, this is an online dungeon crawler with a heavy emphasis on competitive PvP (player versus player) matches, deep character customization (with extensive skill trees), and a strong focus on items – mostly gems – as the in-game currency that grant special abilities (and modifications of them), making them valuable in trade.

Played from an angled top-down view, “Path of Exile” is meant to be replayable, therefore all indoor and outdoor areas are randomly generated, as are the placement and type of creatures and items.



Path of Exile GRINDING GEAR GAMES

Also consider downloading other RPGs including “EverQuest” and “Dwarf Fortress,” as well as free fantasy CCG (collectible card game) titles “Heroes of the Storm,” “Magic: The Gathering,” “The Elder Scrolls: Legends,” “Fable Fortune” and “Arena Duelyst.”

‘Dauntless’

If you revel in such games as Capcom’s “Monster Hunter World,” check out “Dauntless” (playdauntless.com, for Windows PCs, age rating pending), a

new free-to-play action game that challenges you to team up with other Slayers to hunt down huge monsters, called Behemoths. The story follows a cataclysmic event that has torn the world apart, releasing these Behemoths, which threaten human existence.

Published by Phoenix Labs (formed by ex-Riot Games developers), “Dauntless” has you first collect loot, used to craft and upgrade weapons and equipment, and then find and slaughter Behemoths with others in tactical hunts. During combat, this third-person action game has you use might and magic to destroy the creatures. The game can be played solo or cooperatively (co-op mode) with up to four people.

Seasonal content, including specific challenges, are available for purchase through a Hunt Pass. The game should support cross-platform play when it’s released for all major consoles in 2019, as well.

Also grab these action-heavy sci-fi titles: “Star Wars: The Old Republic,” “Rift,” “Paladins,” “Smite,” “Dreadnaught” and “Planetside 2.”

‘Forza Motorsport 6 Apex’

Calling all car enthusiasts: Microsoft Studios’ “Forza Motorsport 6 Apex” (forzamotorsport.net, for Windows 10 PCs, for all ages) is a free-to-play game, which lets you climb behind the wheel of more than 60 vehicles (each with working cockpits) and compete in about a dozen racing events.

This scaled-down version of the full 2015 Xbox One and Windows game “Forza Motorsport 6” offers similar cars (muscle, touring, exotics, GT racing and more), circuits and environments. It also delivers impressive graphics – including 4K resolution support, wet-weather and night racing – thanks in part to the state-of-the-art ForzaTech graphics and physics engine.

The game also supports text and voice chat via Xbox Live, and the ability to record and share your favorite clips with friends via the built-in Game DVR.

Like free racing games? Also check out the free “TrackMania Nations Forever,” “Real Racing 3” and “Asphalt Xtreme.”

Stevenson wrestler signs with Adrian College

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After a great wrestling career at Livonia Stevenson High School, Mitchell Plucinski has signed to compete at Adrian College next year.

“When I visited the campus and met with Coach (Ryne) Morrison and a few teammates, they made me feel like I was already part of the family,” Plucinski said. “The campus is big enough to feel like college, yet small enough that it is not overwhelming. ...

“More importantly, the academic programs and academic support offerings seem to offer everything I could



Plucinski

want. The class sizes are small so I can know the professors and fellow classmates.

“The coaching staff, Coach (Bill) Schindel and Coach Morrison, have established a great wrestling program and both are major academic success supporters.”

He added that there’s a rule that states if one member of the team misses class, the whole team must do disciplinary sprints and other drills. That accountability was important, he said.

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PREP BOYS GOLF

Plymouth edges out Hartland in preseason KLAA tournament

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The Plymouth boys golf team took home the preseason KLAA tournament title after shooting a team score of 294 last week at Kensington Golf Course.

That was enough to finish ahead of Hartland, which shot a 298.

Ian Smith was the team’s leader, shooting a 72 for a third-place tie overall in the conference behind Brighton’s Davis Codd and Hartland’s Ryan Gniewek, who both shot a 68.

Plymouth’s Justin Lauer shot a 73, Josh Wein shot a 74, Kyle Krause shot a 75, Brayden Niemiec shot a 76 and Luke Morris tacked on an 81. All six golfers finished in the top 28 (out of 87).

Other top performers from the area include Northville’s Tim Braun and Kabir Brara, who shot a 72 and 74, respectively. Novi’s Sam Lewinski shot a 74, Novi’s Keane Dolin shot a 75 and Canton’s Alex Mei shot a 77.

Full results

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Financial therapy can ease stress



Robert Powell
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Do you fight about money with your spouse or significant other? Do you have trouble following a budget – assuming you even have one? Are you a compulsive spender?

If so, you might need financial therapy.

What is financial therapy?

Think of it like psychotherapy. But instead of improving your state of mind it seeks to improve the state of your money. In essence, it's supposed to help you behave differently, and for the better, with your money.

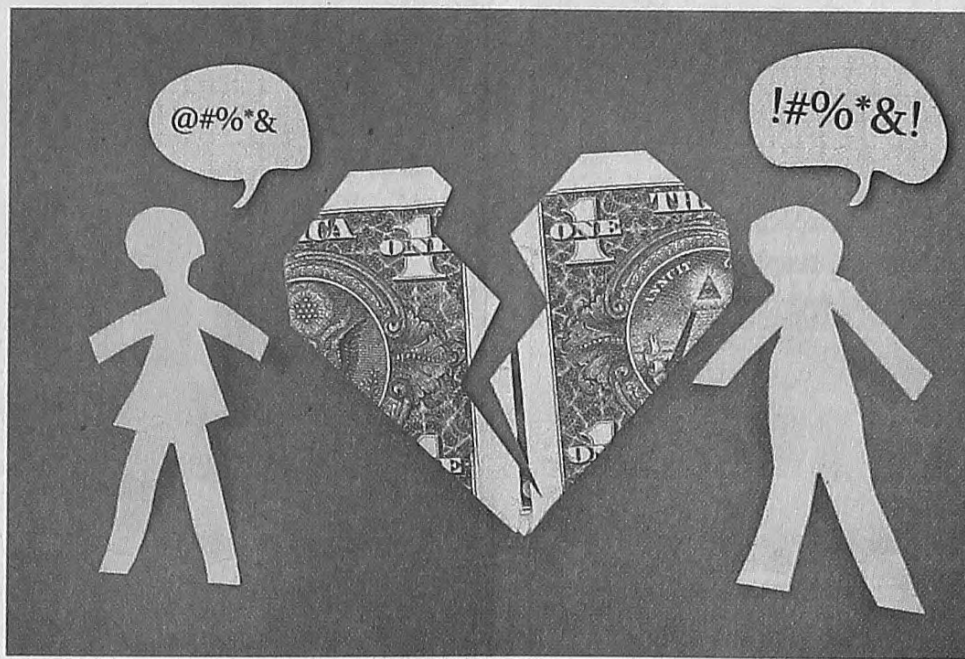
Megan McCoy, an instructor at Kansas State University's Financial Therapy Certificate Program, says financial therapy falls on a spectrum with mental health treatment at one end and financial planning at the other. According to McCoy, financial therapy can be as intense as mental health treatment – where unresolved financial trauma is resolved – but it can also be talking with a financial professional who helps you explore your financial goals in a new light.

Do you need coaching, not therapy?

At least one expert says it's important to note the difference between financial coaching, the sort of thing a financial adviser might do for normal money-related issues, and financial therapy.

Financial planners, for instance, will coach clients toward positive financial outcomes, says Victor Ricciardi, a finance professor at Goucher College.

For instance, many do-it-yourself investors, according to Dalbar study, often buy and sell mutual funds at the wrong times; they buy when prices are high and sell when prices are low. And that's the exact opposite of what they should be doing. That behavior, which is all too common among average investors, doesn't, however, merit financial therapy.



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py. Rather it merely requires coaching on the part of a financial planner.

Financial therapy, by contrast, focuses on deeper psychological experience issues that result in money disorders, says Ricciardi.

"Clients are influenced by money flashpoints and beliefs they develop during their childhood and teenage years," he says. "If these experiences are positive ... an individual is more likely to have a positive view of money in their adulthood."

But if these money experiences are negative – observing our parents overspending and accumulating credit card debt – an individual is more likely to have a negative view of money in their adulthood, says Ricciardi. "Many times, these individuals will repeat this negative behavior," he says. "In the most severe cases, for some individuals, this results in money disorders such as compulsive gambling, hoarding, and obsessive shopping."

Is financial therapy best for you?

Do you and your significant other have communication problems? That's the biggest sign that financial therapy is necessary, says Derek Lawson, a visit-

ing instructor in Texas Tech University's Personal Financial Planning Program and a financial planner with Priority Financial Partners in Durango, Colorado.

Does one person cross their arms when the other is talking? Does one spouse interrupt or consistently answer for the other partner? Are one or both spouses sarcastic in an almost uncomfortable way toward the other, perhaps to be hurtful? And, is one hiding something financial, such as a bank account, from their spouse? In all these cases, the couple likely needs to see a financial therapist – and perhaps a couple's therapist, says Lawson.

Other signs you might need therapy?

Brad Klontz, an associate professor of practice at the Financial Psychology Institute at Creighton University, says the following are also signs you might need financial therapy:

When you are engaging in chronic self-destructive financial behaviors; when your financial stress is keeping you up at night; when financial problems are interfering with your relationships or your work; and when financial stress is having a negative impact on your health.

Where to find help

The Financial Therapy Association Network has an online tool that allows people to search for financial therapists, some of whom might have a Certified Financial Therapist-I or CFT-I designation.

Any stigma you may feel from using a financial therapist should be offset by the benefits of consulting one, experts say. "Since 2007, money has been consistently rated as the No. 1 stressor for Americans," McCoy says. "Everyone could use more skills to handle that stress, use their money more efficiently, and reach their financial goals."

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How to explain employment gaps in your resume

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It's easy to picture your career as one long, unbroken path, from the start of adulthood to the day you retire. You know what's not so easy? Reality. Life can get in the way of even the best-planned career paths, causing gaps and disruption in your employment history. Maybe you took time off for personal health reasons or to take care of a child or family member. Maybe, at one point, you decided to go backpacking through Lithuania for a year. Whatever the cause, you're not alone. And a gap isn't a deal breaker—we promise. So, let's look at ways to approach breaks in your work history as you're looking for a new job.

5 rules to explaining a resume gap

1. Be honest

Lying on a resume is always going to be a huge no-no. (And in these days of easily Googleable personal info, it's a fast way to self-sabotage.) If you're trying to spin a work gap, don't put dates on your resume that don't exist.

What you can do is format your resume so that brief gaps aren't so glaringly obvious. For example, instead of saying that you worked at X company from March 2014 to February 2018, you can use just the years (2014–2018).

2. Be selective

Your resume doesn't necessarily need to include every single job you've ever held, especially if you've already been working for a long time. It's acceptable to omit jobs (especially far-back ones or jobs that are not super-relevant to the job for which you're applying now) and focus on the most relevant.

3. Be a format rebel



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There's no hard-and-fast rule that your resume needs to follow the oh-so-traditional format of header, opening line/objective, then work experience. Instead, if you're trying to spin an employment gap, consider using a skills-based resume format, which puts the Skills section front and center before your work history.

Remember: your resume is a professional narrative, and you control that. If you want to make the story your skills and qualifications rather than the amount of time spent in other jobs, you can make that the focus.

4. Be productive during your time away

If you're anticipating an upcoming break or you're still in one as you start to think about what comes next, make sure you're using your time to stay current on any necessary skills or certifications you'll need. Keeping your toe in the water can make for a much easier narrative to sell when you're ready to get back to the full-time grind.

5. Be prepared to talk about it

However you decide to frame the gap in your resume, it may come up in the interview. This shouldn't be a "hide your shame" situation. People understand that life throws challenges that require us to make choices or adjustments. Whatever caused the break in your resume, it happened. It's okay to own that. But do keep in mind that potential employers aren't allowed to make hiring decisions based on your personal or family status, so you're not obligated to give details. It's okay to keep it general.

Like with your resume, this is your chance to make the narrative what you

want it to be and emphasize the positive aspects. Emphasize what you learned from the experience, and what makes you ready to pick back up with this new job.

If you were fired or laid off: "I wasn't expecting things to shake out that way, but it gave me a chance to dig deep into my career goals, build new skills, and refocus my energies."

If you chose to take time off to travel or similar: "I'd reached a point where I needed to take a breather and re-evaluate my career path. It helped me build my skills and taught me so much about working with people from different cultures and perspectives. And now I'm back with more energy and focus than ever."

If you had health issues: "I was going through a tough time, and decided to take the time to concentrate on getting better. I'm a stronger person for devoting that time to my recovery, and I'm ready to take on what comes next."

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Explaining gaps in your employment history may not be your ideal situation, but it shouldn't be a source of despair, either. Be positive and make sure you're emphasizing all the things that make you a great candidate, and you'll be ready.

Kate Lopaze is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. She investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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4 Papas
8 Ordinarily
15 "All By Myself" singer [1]
19 Neighbor of Thailand
21 "Fire and Ice" singer Pat
22 Carpal or tarsal lead-in
23 Common wrapped sushi item
24 Anna who won Best Actress for "The Rose Tattoo"
25 Old Russian ruler
26 "Bedazzled" co-star [2]
28 "Little House on the Prairie" co-star [3]
30 Stately tree
31 Dying rebuke from Caesar
32 Year, in Portuguese
33 — Mae (loan offerer)
35 Olympic figure-skating gold medalist of 2002 [4]
40 Road goop

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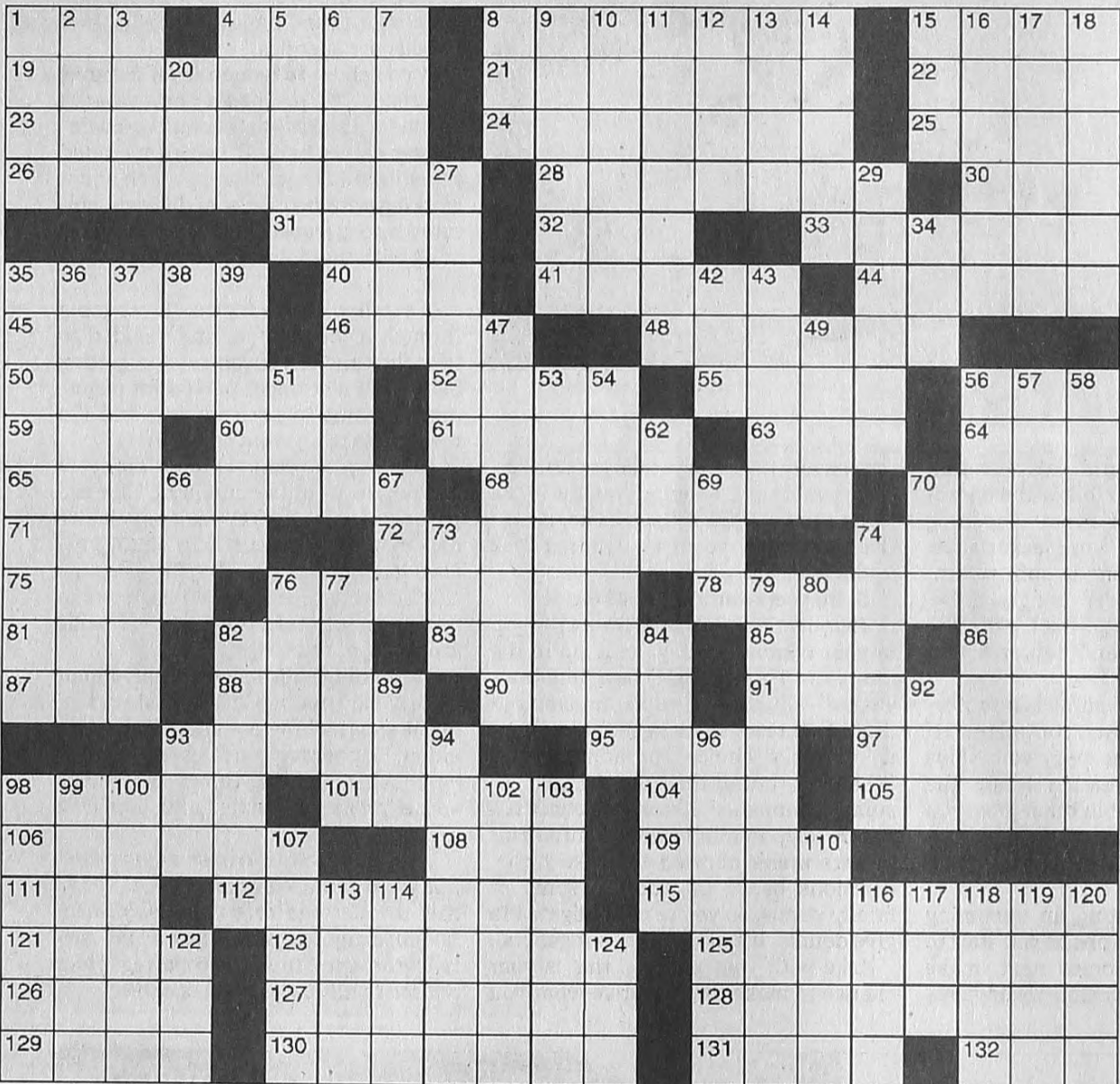
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44 "Inception" director Christopher
45 Peace Nobel Prize
46 Rod on a car
48 Makes another proposal
50 Nine-sided shape
52 Periods of note
55 Driver's license fig., e.g.
56 Crater part
59 Toronto loc.
60 Conk
61 Like many survey questions
63 Party server
64 Folk rocker DiFranco
65 Restrained
68 Chuckle gleefully
70 Plops (down)
71 Laura of "ER"
72 Got too big for
74 Church parts
75 Head, in Metz
76 In some way
78 Bruce Springsteen hit of 1985

DOWN

- 1 See 119-Down
2 France, once
3 All: Prefix
4 "Explorer" of cartoons
5 Building brick
6 Army dabbler
7 Levy on a food preserver
8 Mil. interceptor
9 Chart for mariners
10 Severe chest pain
11 Acrimony, to Brits
12 Provo's state
13 Pop singer Del Rey
14 Iroquois tribe members
15 CPR pro
16 Hawk again
17 Napoli's land
18 [1]
20 Luhmann who directed 2013's "The Great Gatsby"
27 [2]
29 [3]
34 — Angeles
35 Misses, in Mexico
36 Isolation
37 Heroic dog of old TV

DOWN

- 38 "Bingo!"
39 [4]
42 Oahu garland
43 [5]
47 Ones putting up buildings
49 Apropos of
51 Suffix with human
53 Pale silvery color
54 Sounding like an angry bull
56 Pastry with dried grapes
57 Cross each other
58 Annual international beauty pageant
62 Rich rock
66 Once called
67 "... — thousand times ..."
69 Lead-in to light or night
70 Tanning lotion abbr.
73 Golden State sch.
74 "Christina's World" painter [6]
76 Ye — shoppe
77 Grammy winner for "Criminal" [7]
79 Ability to interest lots of people
80 Food scrap
82 "Smooth" guitarist [8]
84 1990 Cyrano de Bergerac portrayer [9]
89 Maple fluid
92 Climbing vine
93 Jolson and Pacino
94 Stabbed
96 Stephen, French-style
98 "Gladiator" was his last film [10]
99 False front
100 Singer Simpson
102 Maiden in "The Raven"
103 Pencil top
107 Fills up
110 2009 horror film sequel
113 Maui goose
114 Poet Allen
116 Sac fly stats
117 Boxer, e.g.
118 Baghdad site
119 With 1-Down, play intermission
120 Functions
122 Stop
124 Mag VIPs



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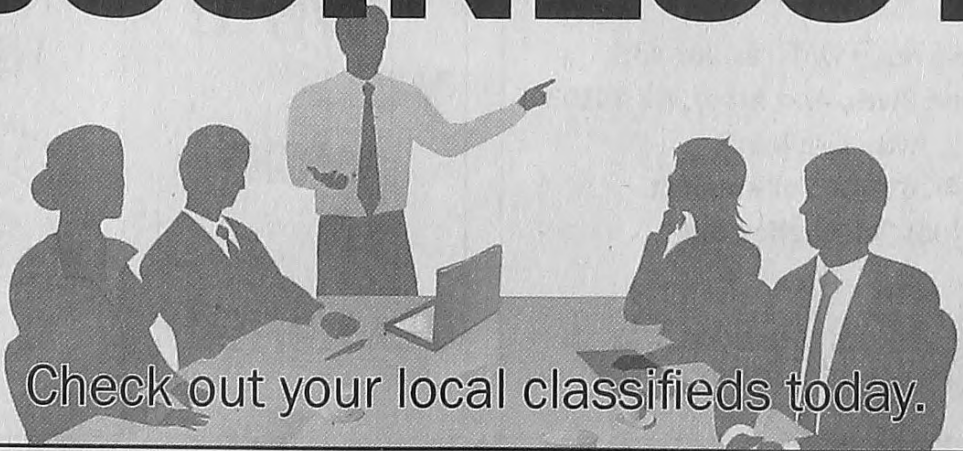


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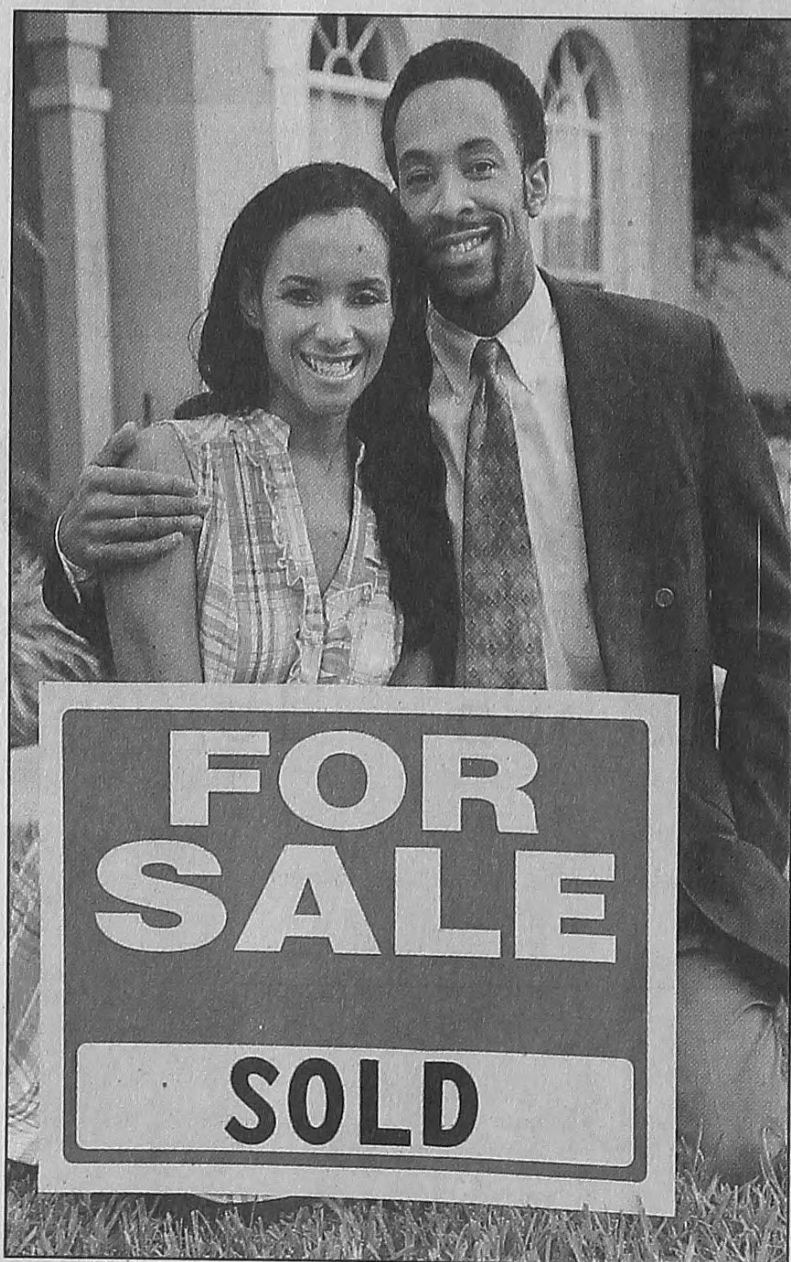
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