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New microbrewery planned in Livonia

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When Andrew Schumacher and Nathan Pastuzyn looked at the Michigan Brewers Guild map of breweries across the state, they noticed a big hole in the eastern Livonia/Redford Township/Southfield/Farmington Hills area with-

out a brewery.

The two 28-year-olds are hoping to change that.

Schumacher, a Livonia resident, and Pastuzyn, a Midland resident, have submitted plans to open a new microbrewery in the former Motor City Carpet and Floor Covering building at 27719 Seven Mile in Livonia, located between Inkster

and Harrison. They went before the city's planning commission during its study meeting April 30 and will return for a public hearing in front of the planning commission May 14 over its application for waiver use approval to utilize a micro brewer license.

"I saw this property and it fit kind of all the criteria we needed," Schumacher

said of the location.

The yet-to-be-named brewery would fit into a space that hasn't seen a business operate since 2010, said Schumacher, a graduate of Farmington High School. He recently purchased a home in the area and decided they would look

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State Sen. Dayna Polehanki, left, and state Rep. Laurie Pohutsky chat after a Fire Ops 101 drill on May 4 at the Livonia Fire Department's training campus on Glendale. "That was really intense," Polehanki said. PHOTOS BY SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Fire Ops 101 drills make firefighters of politicians

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State Sen. Dayna Polehanki, D-Livonia, was a tad out of breath Saturday after completing a search-and-rescue mission like any of her local firefighters would.

The conditions were dark. She had to keep talking to her partner, state Rep. Laurie Pohutsky, D-Livonia, while feeling her way along a wall to find the dummy and then drag it to safety.

"Wow," said Polehanki. "That was really intense. It's like being in a haunted mansion on your knees ... and not being able to breathe very well and you can't see a dang thing. I don't know how they do it. Just to make that little 20-foot trek and back ... it took everything

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Livonia firefighters guide a Fire Ops 101 participant out of a smoky chamber.

How to shop at farmers markets like a pro

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By the end of the week, most Michigan farmers markets will have opened their doors for the summer and all of the produce, honey, jam and baked goods that come with them will be ready for buying.

Here's everything you need to know before heading to the market, whether it's the big Eastern Market, Oakland County venues or any of the other local markets across the region.

When to go

For most farmers markets, peak attendance is in the afternoons. To miss the crowds, head out in the morning or the evening. But, markets that are only open once a week tend to be busy all day long after a small morning lull.

"Especially in the cooler weather, people prefer to sleep in," said Mary Heim, the manager of the Plymouth Farmers Market (open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays). "If you're not a sleeper like me, the morning is the best time to go in."

If you're wanting to check out the live music at markets like the Birmingham Farmers Market (open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays), those peak times might be more friendly.

Think seasonal produce

While the weather still warms up, those summer fruits and vegetables won't be around as much this month. Throughout May, expect to encounter lots of spring produce like salad greens, asparagus, rhubarb, mushrooms and oregano.

"It's going to be a lot of cold-weather crops, like a lot of dark, leafy greens," said Rob Lindman, manager of the Canton Farmers Market (open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays). "In the summer, you'll have your melons, peppers and all of that."

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Farmington Hills smoke alarm blitz set

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Farmington Hills firefighters are planning a Thursday smoke alarm blitz. For eight hours, they'll visit local homes to install hundreds of smoke alarms at no cost to residents.

Grant funding and partnerships with state agencies are behind the blitz. Fire officials say Michigan experienced an increase in fire-related deaths in 2018 and four of those deaths happened in Farmington Hills.

So far in 2019, firefighters have installed 86 alarms. They recommend smoke alarms on each level of a home, in every bedroom and hallway, and in all other living areas.

Residents are asked to call the City of Farmington Hills Fire Department at 248-871-2800 if they have questions or need help with installations.

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Cookie Stroll coming to Wayne

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A recent Mother's Day weekend tradition in Wayne is going from sweet chocolate to plenty of cookies.

After three years of hosting the Chocolate Stroll in downtown Wayne, Wayne Main Street has decided to switch up the sweets. Now, participants in this year's event can collect another unique treat: cookies.

"After doing that event for three years and having that event grow ... (the) fourth year tends to get a little stale," said Maxwell Cameron, the executive director of Wayne Main Street. "We decided to shake it up and do

cookies this year."

The Cookie Stroll takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in downtown Wayne along Michigan Avenue. The walk begins at Derby's Alley, 34924 W. Michigan Ave., and continues along at 14 separate downtown businesses. Event-goers can collect a different cookie at each business.

The sweet treats are made by the culinary students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland. They include sugar cookies, double chocolate cookies and many more.

In addition to cookies, another Mother's Day weekend staple will make its arrival in downtown Wayne: flowers. Several types of potted flowers will be for

sale at Derby's Alley during the event, a sale that fits perfectly for the weekend, Cameron said.

"We wanted to do something that wasn't chocolate or food-related," he said. "It's Mother's Day weekend. Flowers go real well."

Tickets for the event are \$15 each, or four for \$40. They can be purchased in advance online at downtownwayne.org or by calling the Wayne Main Street office at 734-629-6822. A limited number of tickets may be available the day of the event for walk-ups.

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County roads, bridges to receive \$13M

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Wayne County is revving up for the 2019 construction season and, despite the orange barrels, some main thoroughfares will be feeling the love.

Projects include a \$5.1 million resurfacing of nearly two miles of Cherry Hill Road in Canton Township, \$1.8 million for a Lilley Road bridge reconstruction over the Lower Rouge River, also in Canton Township, and a \$1.7 million resurfacing of Inkster Road in Livonia.

There will be about \$13.2 million worth of work happening in local Wayne County communities that also include Wayne, Plymouth, Northville and Northville Township.

"Our roads and engineering divisions have set an aggressive schedule and we are eager to get construction season into full swing," said Beverly Watts, Wayne County's public services director, in a news release.

Some projects began last year and are scheduled to continue into 2020.

They also are on top of projects that other municipalities are handling. For example, Canton's 2019 construction slate has Saltz, Hanford and Lotz roads



About \$13.2 million will be spent on road work in Wayne County this season.
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listed. Township residents approved a roads-improvement millage in August.

Wayne County's total 2019 construction list itemizes more than 100 road, bridge and park projects totaling nearly \$87 million. Approximately 170 lane miles of roads are supposed to receive attention.

"As the statewide road funding debate unfolds this construction season, we'll be out there doing as much as we can to maintain and improve our roads and bridges," said Wayne County Exec-

utive Warren Evans in the news release. "However, as every commuter knows, this work isn't enough. Until there is a long-term statewide solution, counties and local communities are only able to put Band-Aids on the problem."

"The reality is we still can't keep up with the deterioration of the overall system. Things won't get better without a massive infusion of cash."

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St. Joe's, Covenant partner for Westland clinic

Facility aims to care for uninsured patients

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Westland's newest satellite clinic opened May 2 as a collaboration between Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and Covenant Community Care.

The clinic, which will offer OB/GYN services through St. Joseph and family medicine through Covenant, is located at 32932 Warren Road and will give a "sliding fee" to those who don't have insurance to help with medical expenses.

"They will accept insured patients and they provide services to patients who don't have insurance," said Dave Spivey, the president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Livonia and the vice president of community health and well-being for Trinity Health's Michigan Region. "Generally, it turns out to be a modest amount of money. They don't

"I think is going to be a welcome addition to the medical care delivery system in that part of Westland ..."

Dave Spivey
President and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Livonia

turn anybody away because they don't have insurance."

Roughly 4,500 square feet of the facility will be focused on all-age OB/GYN services and the other 6,000 square feet will go toward family medicine. The building was renovated and will operate through \$1 million of a \$1.4 million grant from St. Joseph.

The two health systems will operate separately. But as two faith-based organizations, both see themselves as having the same goal and plan to enjoy the partnership.

Spivey expects the clinic to serve the community well.

"It will be a pretty busy building once things get cooking," he said. "We'll be

able to see a lot of patients in that setting, as will Covenant in their part of the building."

Spivey also expects the nearby St. Mary's Mercy hospital in Livonia, owned by Trinity Health, will give clinic patients access to "broader care."

Though the city of Westland and Garden City Hospital entered a partnership through Passport to Health earlier this year, Spivey said St. Joseph has made a footprint in Westland and, according to a survey done by St. Joseph, people want to see more health care options in Westland.

"We're actually the number one provider in Westland," he said. "A lot of our patients actually come from Westland. It's for that reason that we're comfortable establishing a clinic."

St. Joseph and Covenant also saw a need for access to affordable health care services in the city.

In a news release, St. Joseph highlighted that less than 6 percent of Westland's low-income residents were re-

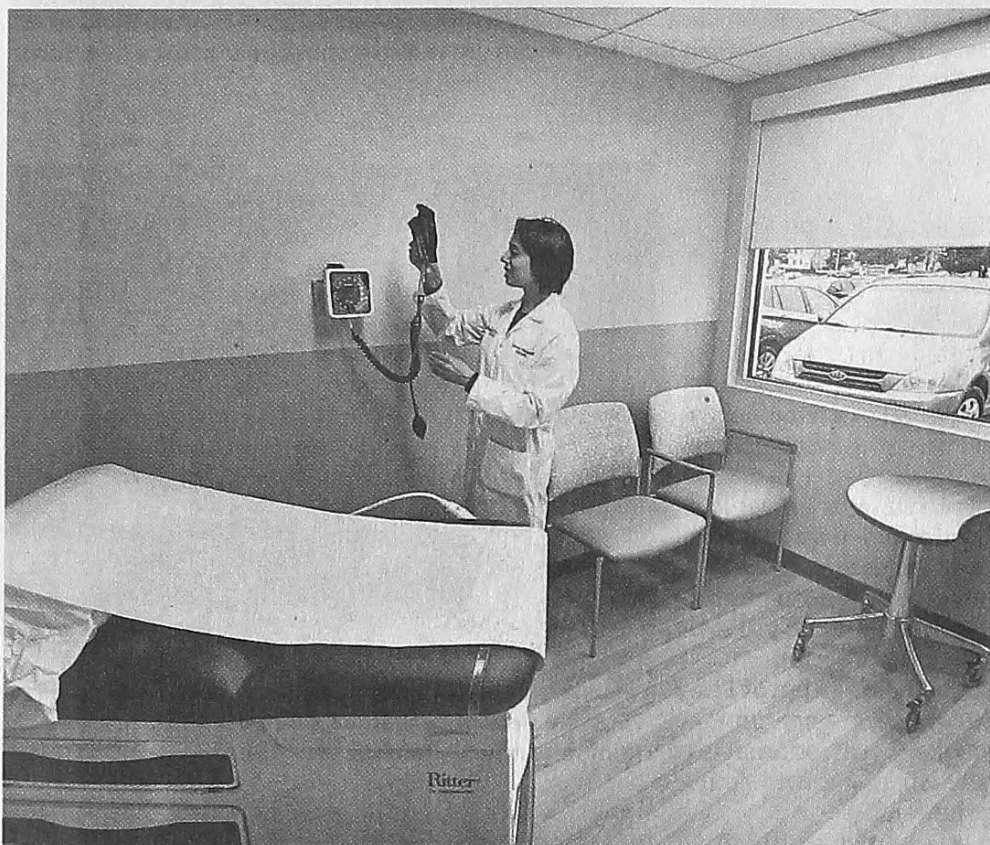
corded going to a community health center in 2017. Because of that, the organizations felt comfortable moving in.

"I think is going to be a welcome addition to the medical care delivery system in that part of Westland and it will provide services for folks regardless of their insurance position," Spivey said.

Mayor Bill Wild echoed that statement, saying the clinic and its mission are welcome additions to the community.

"Westland (is) Michigan's largest city without a hospital within our borders, so we welcome the investment by the St. Joseph Mercy to deliver quality affordable healthcare service to our residents," he wrote in an email. "This new investment, along with the city's continued partnerships with Garden City Hospital and Beaumont Health to create a healthier community, is great news for our residents."

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Namneet Mangat, M.D., checks out a blood pressure tester at the new Covenant St. Joseph Mercy Health system office in Westland on May 2. The new medical facility's doctors represent a variety of specialties. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Brewery

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to start their brewery in that area.

The two, both University of Michigan graduates and chemical engineers, got into homebrewing and decided to turn it into a business.

"Because I'm a chemical engineer, someone got me a brewing kit. And I thought it was neat, and then just kind of dabbled with it for the next few years," Schumacher said. "We started brewing more frequently and started sharing with more of our friends. That's when I actually thought this might be something."

They hope to serve several varieties at the brewery, with several styles including ales, stouts and IPAs.

They plan to add an outdoor beer garden to the current building. An additional parking lot would also be added to the property, as well as an additional cooler.

"The open date depends on construction, licensing, all that kind of stuff," Pastuzyn said. "So it's hard to give a solid answer."

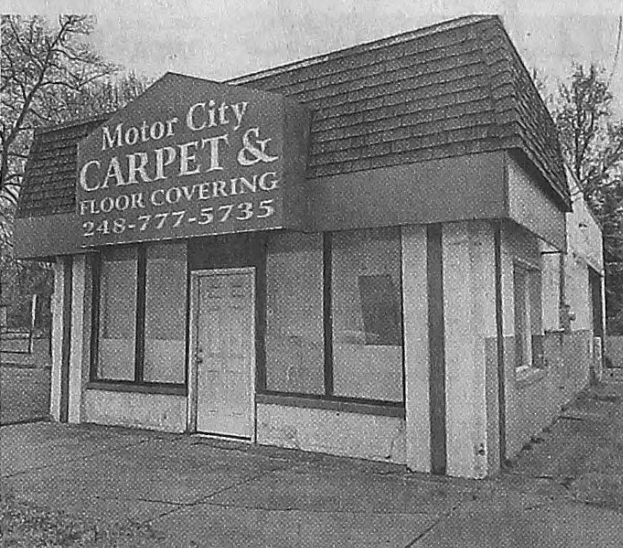
Hours are originally planned for weekends, Schumacher said.

The two hope to begin work on the property later this summer. No opening date has been set.

If the brewery does open, it would join two other places to serve locally-made beer.

Schoolcraft College sells beer made by students in the VisTaTech Center off Haggerty, and SuperNatural Brewing and Spirits opened in 2017 on Plymouth Road.

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A brewery is proposed for this location on Seven Mile between Inkster and Harrison in Livonia.

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Livonia firefighter Scott Heraty helps Councilwoman Kathleen McIntyre remove some gear after a live burn. PHOTOS BY SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Fire Ops

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out of me."

The fire drill was part of Livonia Fire Department's Fire Ops 101 event. At the Glendale Street training campus, firefighters exposed several elected officials to the thrills and chills that come with saving people from smoke and fire.

Participants also were able to rip apart a vehicle with Jaws of Life equipment and practice saving lives with CPR, a heart monitor and other paramedic tools.

The grand finale was surviving a live burn of plywood, paper and heat that reached hundreds of degrees within a burn chamber.

According to the International Association of Fire Fighters' website, Fire Ops 101 events are held to expose elected officials to the smoke, sweat, adrenaline rush and physical stress of the job, along with complexities like staffing and equipment.

Fire Lt. Nathan Lee, who also serves as the firefighters' union president, said the department hasn't hosted a Fire Ops 101 event in several years.

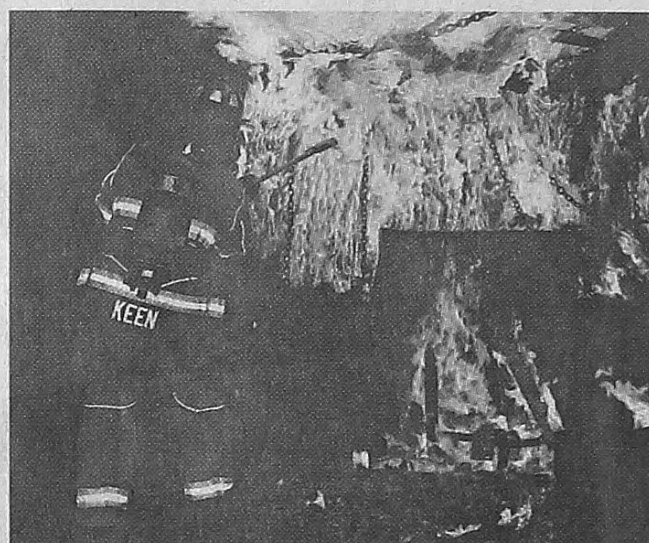
He was impressed with the several elected officials and city staffers who came by to put on bulky firefighting gear and learn more about their local firefighters, who also serve as paramedics.

The physical memory, he hopes, will give them greater respect for firefighters.

"It's such a resource-dependent job," Lee said. "Our primary goal is to protect the citizens. This is part of that — educating our elected officials so that we can get the proper resources we need to protect the citizens."

Wearing the gear and getting some tutoring from firefighters impressed Livonia Councilman Scott Bahr.

"It's just fun," he said. "From the practical standpoint of it ... they come before City Council multiple



A Livonia firefighter tames a live burn inside a training campus chamber May 4 during Fire Ops 101.

times per year, probably almost every other meeting, with certain purchase requests and contract agreements. Doing something like this is invaluable."

He was able to play with the department's Jaws of Life equipment.

"Now that I've used those ... I can't imagine how heavy the old ones were," Bahr said. "The better we can understand what they're dealing with every day, the more informed we can be when we're considering budget requests."

Councilwoman Kathleen McIntyre called Saturday's drills intense.

"As one of them just said, we went into a controlled situation where we knew we were safe and could come out any time," McIntyre said. "When they go in, they don't know what they're facing. They don't know what's on fire. It was incredible."

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But it's not all about produce. Fresh flowers are no strangers to farmers markets. At markets like the Farmington Farmers and Artisans Market (open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays) and Northville Farmers Market (open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays), local fresh eggs and meat are also frequently offered.

Watch out for Mitten specialties

While Michigan is known for cherries and honey, most Mitten-only items seen at local farmers markets are the hand-crafted goods. Michigan-themed clothing, kitchen supplies, home decor and more can be found in abundance at most markets.

But, Heim said, cherries, strawberries and blueberries are Michigan specialties throughout the short time they're in season. She loves the fresh-off-the-plant taste that doesn't come from a store.

"Your'e not getting stuff like at the store that's been sitting there for days on end," she said.

Save some cash

Getting super fresh food isn't always more expensive. Some of the local markets, like the Milford Farmers Market (open 3-8 p.m. Thursdays) and Walled Lake Farmers Market (open 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays) take Bridge Cards or offer food assistance programs.

"It's a myth that farmers markets are exorbitantly more expensive," said Timothy Davis, manager for the South Lyon Farmers Market (9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays). "Not only is pricing fair at farmers markets, but you're almost always getting an extremely fresh product."

Local economies rejoice

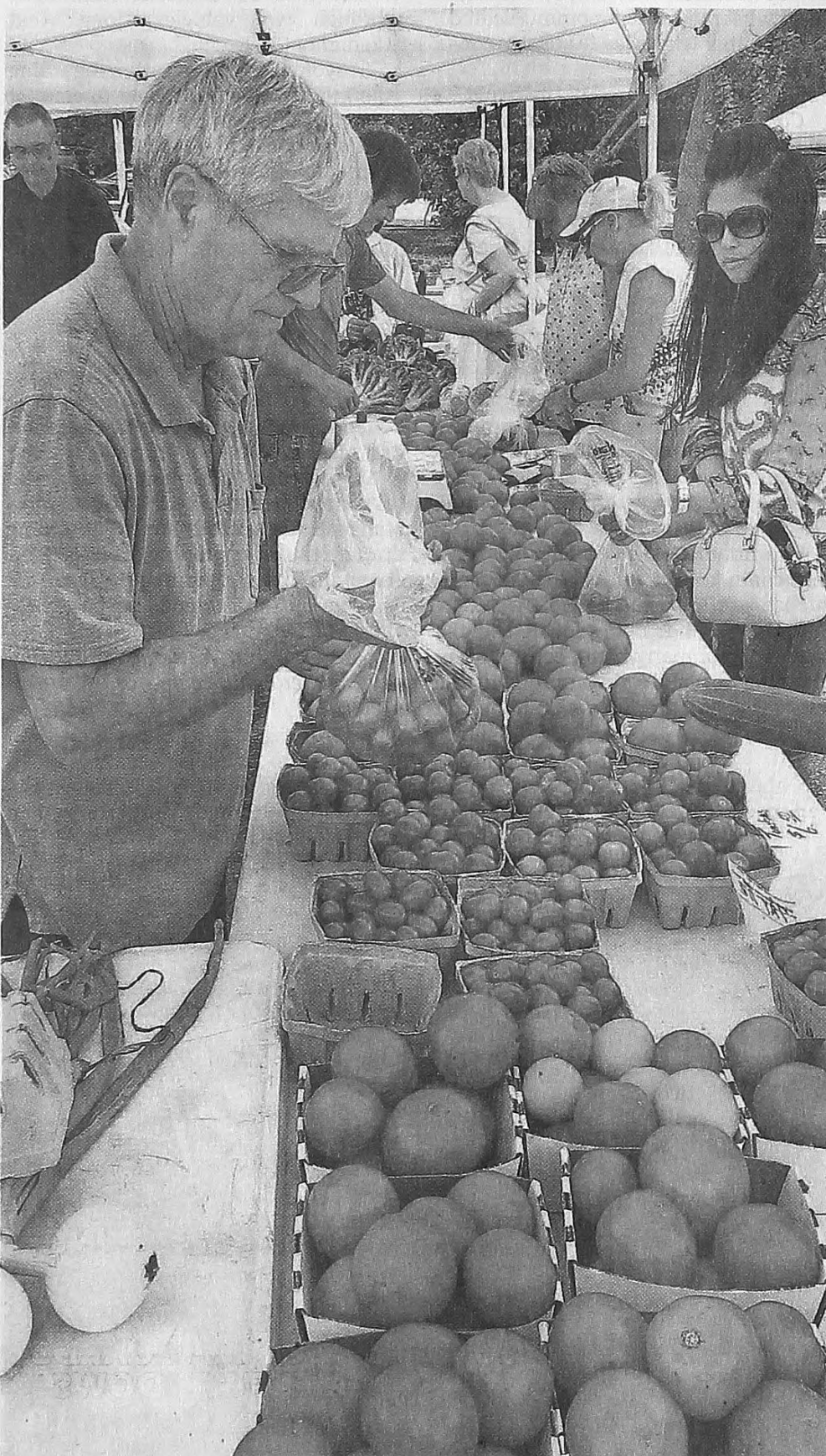
Though market goods don't always come from down the road, most are grown or made within state lines. Davis and Heim said whether or not shoppers notice, farmers markets create positive ripples in the local economy.

"It just draws people in and helps the economy that way," Heim said. "Not just the farmers, but everybody else."

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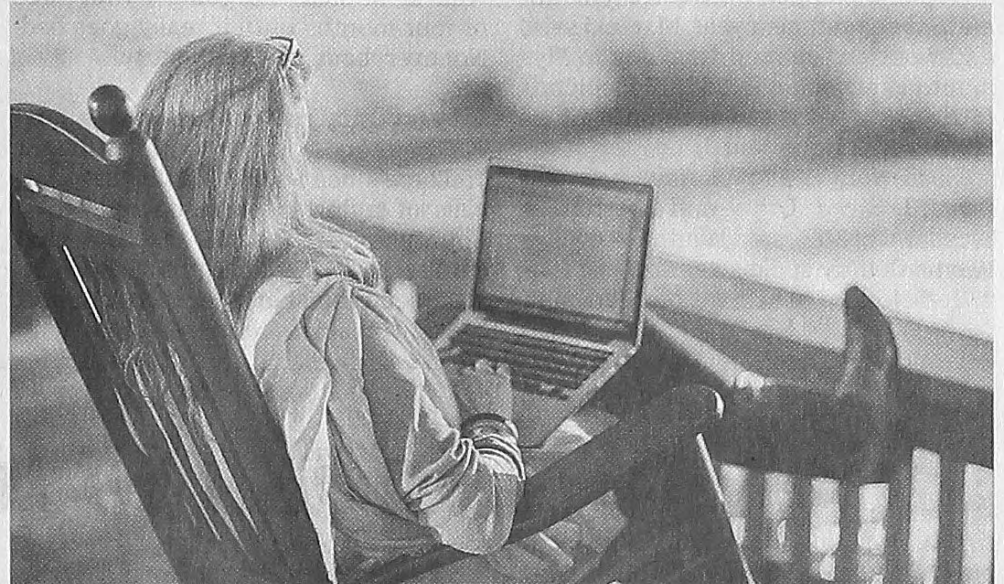


Farmers market season is almost here, where plenty of fresh produce will be ready for buying. WALT GAJEWSKI/FOR HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Dwight Carpenter of Carpenter's Farm in Allen bags some early-season tomatoes for a customer at the Northville Farmers Market. The market is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays at the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Center roads.

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Merriman Road absent from construction project listings

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There was one road noticeably absent from the list of construction projects announced by Wayne County last week that might have Livonians scratching their heads.

It's no secret the road most drivers despise these days is Merriman Road. Several stretches of the county-maintained road are in fine shape, but those areas that aren't — the Five Mile intersection, the stretch of road between Joy and Schoolcraft — are bad enough to scare even the most confident driver.

"Merriman Road is a disaster from here to the airport," said Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki, R-Livonia. "Parts of it are just disintegrating."

Drivers looking for relief may have to wait a few years. No major construction work is planned for the road this year.

Work is planned between Plymouth and Schoolcraft next year, Marecki said, and work on the road from Joy to Plymouth is expected in 2021. Schoolcraft to Five Mile won't see work until either 2022 or 2023, she said.

Road work is also planned between Edward Hines Drive and Warren in Westland in 2021, said Whitney Lewis, a Wayne County spokeswoman.

Jeff Noricks, who lives off Merriman



A car passes by some heavily patched pavement on Merriman in Livonia.

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near Joy, said he tries to avoid driving the road when he can.

He's not suffered any tire damage, but thinks there have been other issues with his car as a result of the road.

"I do have a bit of an alignment out of whack," he said. "I'm going to wait three or four months until it really goes bad. Not everybody has that luxury."

City/county collaboration?

There's been some talk by city officials of trying to partner with Wayne County to fix part of the road this year, similar to the Farmington Road construction project last year. That project

saw the city put some of its own money into engineering costs for the road, maintained by Wayne County.

But nothing is concrete on that yet, Livonia city officials say. City Engineer Todd Zilincik said the mayor's office has reached out to Wayne County to try and set up a meeting.

"I am hopeful we can sit down across from each other and have an opportunity to get it fixed," Zilincik said. "It comes down to an agreement. We are hopeful."

In the meantime, before major construction can be done on the road, Marecki advises motorists to report dangerous conditions. Potholes can be reported by calling 1-888-762-3273 or at waynecounty.com/departments/publicservices/roads/report-a-road-hazard.aspx.

Marecki said more crews are being brought in to help fill potholes as they pop up, but she knows Wayne County residents are looking for more.

"It's not ideal, but it helps," she said. "It has been the most communicated concern this winter as far as my constituents."

"People are just tired of the roads." Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @david-veselenak.

Man reports handgun, cash stolen from vehicle

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A Livonia man returned to his vehicle April 23 and discovered his 9 mm pistol and about \$100 in cash missing, according to a Livonia police report.

The Gillman Street resident told police officers he parked his vehicle in his driveway the evening before.

Valued at about \$300, the gun had a magazine containing nine rounds when he last saw it a few days earlier.

In similar incidents, a Westbrook resident told police April 24 someone stole her Amazon delivery of light switch plates and a bed frame converter. The total value was about \$50.

The package arrived the day before, a few hours before she returned home. She searched the property but couldn't find the package.

On April 26, someone rummaged through two vehicles along West Clements Circle.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is encouraged to contact Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

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Chick-fil-A looks to locate along Haggerty

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It's almost time to "eat mor chikin" along Haggerty Road in Northville Township.

The calls for Chick-fil-A to come to the region have been answered by the company, which plans to add a restaurant at 20155 Haggerty, in front of the Kohl's between Seven Mile and Eight Mile.

The company went before the Northville Township Planning Commission on April 30 seeking approval for a site plan for a new restaurant. That plan was recommended for approval with some modifications and will go to the township board later this year, said Jennifer Frey, the township's planning director.

"It will go to the township board likely in June," she said. "It really depends on when they resubmit their plans."

The restaurant would be a freestand-

ing restaurant on the northern property line, Frey said, and would have a drive-through as well. The property is properly zoned for such a restaurant as well, Frey said.

The Atlanta-based fast-food restaurant chain known for its chicken sandwiches has long had metro Detroiters' attention for not being located in the area. The company has recently began planning for more restaurants in the area after opening stores at Somerset

Collection in Troy and Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The company has planned for a new restaurant in Novi near Twelve Oaks Mall on Novi Road that's currently going through the city planning process. Other restaurants are planned in Allen Park and Shelby Township, as well as Roseville.

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In fight against Alzheimer's, love wins

Brent Jones visits his wife, Gerri, every day, hoping she'll remember their life together

Kristen Jordan Shamus Detroit Free Press
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Brent Jones fell hard for Geraldetta Toney.

It was during a business meeting in Detroit at The Wellness Plan when he first saw her.

"All of a sudden, this beautiful lady walked into the room," he said. "I said, 'Wow! Who's that? She's cute.'"

She was known by friends and family as Gerri, and Brent soon learned that she was the company's no-nonsense, hardworking director of health care quality.

It took a little while for Brent, who was the newly hired director of information technology, to convince Gerri to go out with him.

Both were single parents and neither was looking for love, but Brent said he saw something special in her. He kept asking her out, and she kept refusing.

Finally on March 3, 2001, Gerri agreed to go to dinner with Brent at a seafood restaurant near 14 Mile and Stephenson.

"I guess it went pretty well," he said. "We have been together since."

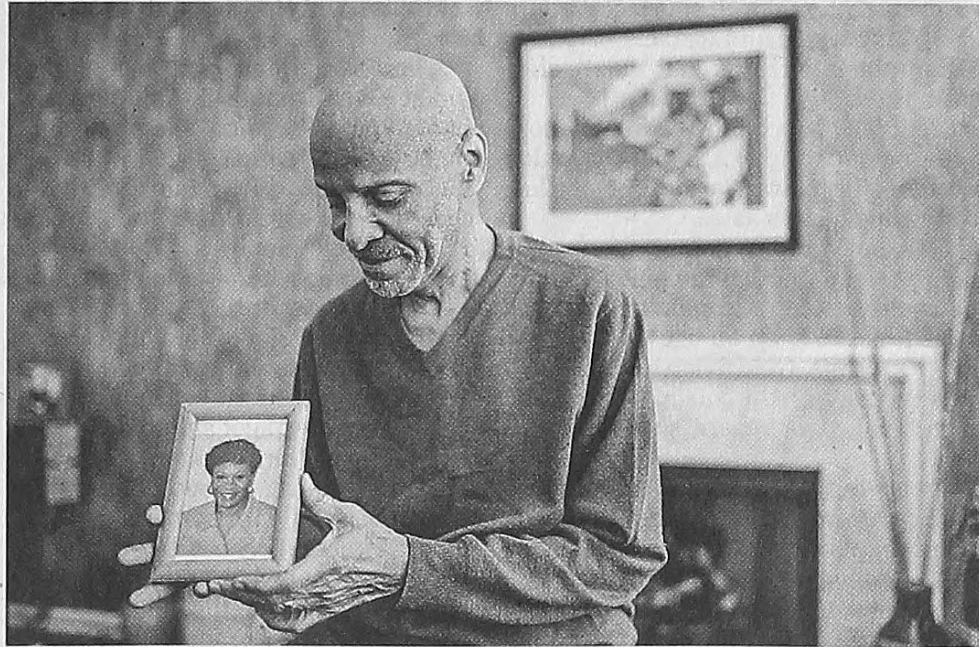
Theirs is a love story without all the syrupy tropes of a Hollywood romance. It's riddled with the complications of everyday life and the bittersweet reality that sometimes people get sick. And in the depths of that sickness, a person might forget about that special first date, her wedding, and even, on the hardest days, the love of her life.

Helping her remember

Brent, 71, now lives alone in a 2,900-square-foot, two-story house in Novi.

Black kitten heels sit neatly by the steps leading up the stairs. Women's clothes are piled in a laundry basket nearby, ready to be washed.

Gerri, 68, lives five miles away in Farmington Hills. Brent does her laundry and brings those shoes for her to wear when he takes her out on their weekly



Brent Jones smiles at a photo of his wife, Gerri, who has Alzheimer's disease. He says it's stealing the capable woman he once knew. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Saturday dates. Sometimes, they go out to dinner or to the movies, to visit a friend or her sister.

When the weather is nice, they go for a ride to Kensington Metropark to sit together outside.

He visits her every day, and tries to help Gerri remember.

"The last year she was home for her birthday, I wrote her a letter and I had it framed," he said, tearing up as he recited the words he now knows by heart:

"There's only one thing you ever have to know, and it's that I love you and I always will. From the first time I saw you, I knew you could be the one I always looked for and you are. I will be there for you and I will take care of and shelter you for the rest of our lives. I love you forever."

"I just decided I would tell her every single day. And she forgets it every day, so it's like new to her each time she hears it."

Gerri has Alzheimer's disease, and

it's stealing the smart, capable woman Brent once knew.

"I mean, Gerri was brilliant," he said. "That's the hardest part, you know?"

He explained how before she went into health care administration for The Wellness Plan, Gerri was a nurse. "She was high level as a clinical nurse. I mean, Gerri ran the ICU (intensive-care unit). She was head nurse for open-heart surgery."

Most of the time, she still remembers Brent.

"There have been periods of time when she didn't," he said. "There were times when I had to call either a doctor or her sister at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning and get them on the phone and have them convince her. ...

"You know, she just didn't believe it was me. She'd come up to me and say, 'Where's Brent?' And that just breaks your heart. She knew Brent was her husband, but she didn't know I was Brent."

'I just regret that we didn't have more time'

When they met, Brent and Gerri both had children from previous marriages. They didn't want to rush into a wedding.

They went on dates, and Brent, an Ohio native and die-hard Ohio State Buckeyes fan, convinced Gerri to go with him to college football games in Columbus.

"We've had Ohio State season tickets in our family for 20 years," he said. "Gerri had no interest, but I finally forced her to go to an Ohio State football game with me. ... The first time she saw it, she said, 'I can't believe this. Look at all of these people! They've all got on red!' And I said, 'Now Gerri, it's scarlet. Get it right. If you're gonna be a Buckeye, you gotta get it right.'"

"She became a fan. She went to several games with me. I got her a jersey and we'd go and hang out. She got into it. ... I never let her forget that she's a Buckeye."

They took a trip to the Bahamas in 2002, and began to plan their future.

"She is the love of my life," Brent said. "I bought this house because Gerri and I were dating and it was obvious we were going to get married, and I thought we would buy here, she would sell her house and we would put both our names on this house. But it didn't work out that way," he said.

They waited until 2010 to say their I dos.

"I just regret that we didn't have more time together as husband and wife, you know?" Brent said. "We had all of these plans. We had planned out what we were going to do when we retire. Our plan was we'll stay here, but after New Year's every year, we'll get a three-month rental somewhere. ... Now, of course, Gerri got sick and all that went down the tubes. ... It is what it is. Whatever life is, you deal with it."

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Former Livonia judge McCann remembered

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James Richard McCann looked west in the mid-1950s. He decided Livonia was the place to be. So he got several of his friends together and they moved their families to western Wayne County.

It was a decision that would have lasting effects on the community he'd help form.

"They believed it would be a great place," said 16th District Judge Kathleen McCann, James McCann's daughter. "It was just a great time in Livonia to make a great city."

James McCann, a former Livonia city councilman and longtime district judge, died Saturday. He was 95.

He became a big name in the city during his years of public service, getting elected to the city council in 1958 and serving eight years. From there, he ran for municipal judge in 1966 and won. He became a district judge in 1968 when the state court system switched, and continued to serve in that capacity until 1994 when he retired.

His journey into the law began after his time in the Army during World War II. He returned home and enrolled at Hillsdale College and later went to law school at Wayne State University, graduating in 1955.

His plans, his daughter said, were always attainable in his eyes.

"He believed that whatever he wanted, he could do," she said. "He did whatever he wanted to do."

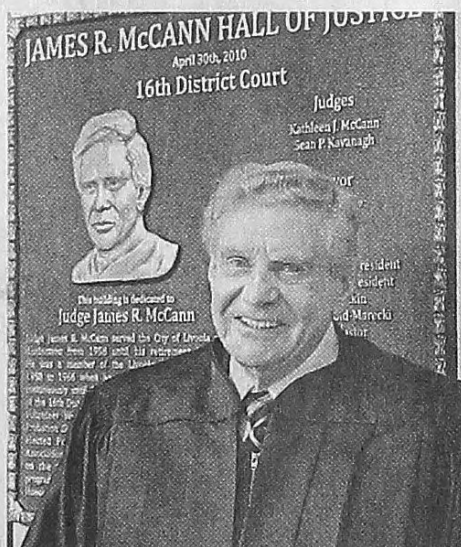
He was also a founding member of the city's Board of Ethics, serving on it from 1998 to March of this year.

Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright said James McCann was a great man and did lots to help the city he grew to love.

"He was on the ground floor of everything that was important to this city," Wright said.

Attorney General Dana Nessel issued a statement on McCann's death, commemorating the lifetime of public service he practiced and calling him a criminal justice reform pioneer.

"For nearly 30 years, Judge McCann ruled from the bench with compassion, fairness and justice. While most will remember him for his lifetime of service, we must not forget his role as a pioneer of criminal justice reform, implement-



James R. McCann, for whom the 16th District Court in Livonia is named, died this past weekend. SUBMITTED

ing the first Volunteer Probation Department in the state as an alternative to jail," she said. "My heart goes out to Judge McCann's family. We are a grateful state and nation because of his service, and I thank his family for sharing him with us for so many years."

The 16th District courthouse at 32765 Five Mile in Livonia built in 2010 bears his name, and a plaque inside bears his image.

Working in a building that bears his name, Kathleen McCann said, is a sense of family pride for a family filled with lawyers.

"The council dedicated it for my dad and when they did that, it was such an honor," she said. "I know it just meant the world to him. We feel blessed every time we come in."

Visitation will take place 2-9 p.m. Thursday at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile in Livonia. The funeral will take place at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh in Livonia, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. that morning at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Angela Hospice or to Alzheimer's Association of Michigan.

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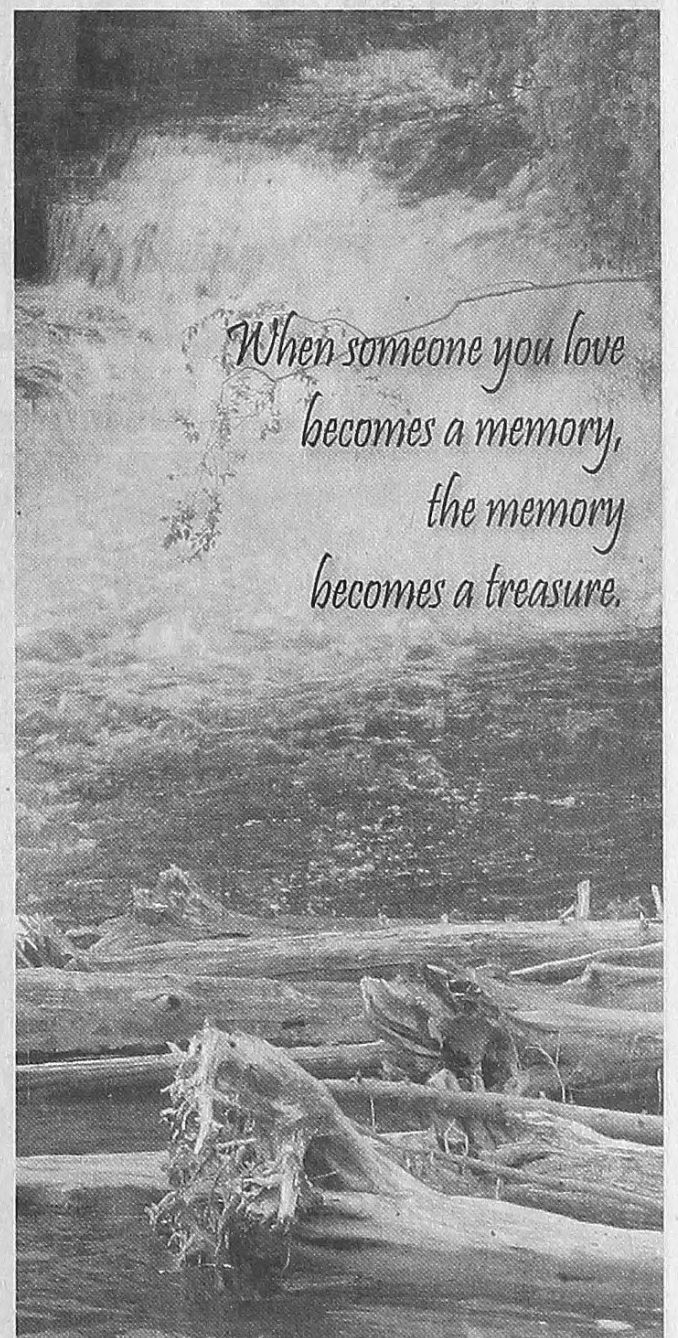
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Alzheimer's

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Brent said he first noticed Gerri's symptoms in 2012, after she had back surgery.

"The first signs were kind of confusion, not knowing where she was at, forgetting things," he said. "My mother passed away from Alzheimer's, so I had seen the signs."

But he wasn't ready to admit the disease could be affecting his wife.

"I was pretty sure, having watched what my mom went through, but you don't allow yourself to say that," he said. "We saw these things happening, and they happened gradually. At first, I thought it was just pain and things from the surgery and recovery from that had her in a bad mood. But then, it just started getting bizarre. One night, she got completely confused. She didn't know who I was."

Researchers now say people with Alzheimer's may begin to experience brain changes as early as 20 years before symptoms appear.

For reasons not yet known, the disease disproportionately affects women.

"Two-thirds of people that develop Alzheimer's are women," said Jennifer Lepard, president and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter.

Because women are also more likely to be caregivers of relatives with the disease, "it's a double-whammy for women. If they're not the ones with the disease, then they are often the ones that are doing the most intense caregiving."

The disease affects African Americans at about twice the rate of Caucasians; Hispanics are 1.5 times more likely than Caucasians to develop Alzheimer's, according to the Alzheimer's Association's 2019 statistical report.

Brent said his father, Gordon Jones, worked tirelessly to care for his mother, Mildred Jones, as her memory slipped away. He didn't know it at the time, but he was teaching Brent by example what to do long before Gerri got sick.

"My dad is one of those people," he said. "It was like, 'My name is Gordon Jones. I can do anything. This is my wife. This is my family. I am going to take care of them and I don't need any help,' and my dad is one of those people who wouldn't give up on anything. ..."

Alzheimer's demands patience

As Gerri's symptoms progressed, Brent had to get creative. He was determined to take care of her on his own.

"I remember making signs and taping them to the bedroom wall to remind her of stuff," he said. "It was just gradually getting worse and worse. I had one sign up there to remind her that ... she was retired."

Brent put signs on the bedroom door telling her not to open it, hoping it would deter her from wandering out of the room while he was asleep.

"She got to the point where she couldn't sleep through the night. And if she couldn't sleep, I couldn't sleep because I had to keep an eye on her," he said. "One time, I had fallen asleep early in the morning on the couch. And I woke up and I called for her and she didn't answer."

"I went out and looked in the garage, and her car was gone. ... I had put an app on her cellphone that I could tell where she was going. It looked like she was going to her sister's, who lived in Detroit. She took 275 to Six Mile, but instead of turning east, she turned west toward Ann Arbor. I kept trying to call her, but she wouldn't answer the phone."

"Eventually, she realized she was lost and called me to come get her. I had her follow me back home."

He learned to go along with whatever narrative was playing out in her mind.

"One night, Gerri was in the bathroom, and she thought she was at work at the hospital, apparently in the operating room," Brent said. "You could tell she could see the doctor and the attendants around her. She was talking to them, giving instructions, giving directions, and all of that."

"I learned from the Alzheimer's Association that when you see that, don't interfere with it. Just let it go. I let it go until she finally got tired of it or just shifted or whatever. I was finally able to go get her and help her back into bed."

"We had several bizarre incidents like that when she'd just snap back to being a nurse, and no matter what you told her, that's where she was. There were times when I'd pretend to be sick so she could take care of me, because she thought she was nursing me."

He found other strategies, too.

Brent had a group text at the ready so he could message friends and family, asking them to call Gerri to distract her

when she got agitated. He discovered that judge shows were calming to her, so he recorded them and played them for her through sleepless nights.

But along with the confusion came anger and aggression. She grew increasingly suspicious, easily agitated and would lash out, hitting and scratching him.

"There's nothing you can do to change Gerri's mind if something has got her upset," he said. "There's nothing you can do to tell her it's OK. So what you learned to do is to go along with it — whatever she says. When she gets angry, you just let her do it. Whatever she says, you agree with. Arguing isn't going to get you anywhere. Whatever it is, go along with it and she's going to forget about it in a few minutes anyhow."

But one day, Brent said, he'd fallen asleep when Gerri got agitated.

"The next thing I know, she was standing over me," he said. "She had hit me on the head with something, and I had a big knot on my head. I still, to this day, don't know what she hit me with. So then, I had to call the police."

That's when Brent finally realized he couldn't care for her anymore by himself. He needed help.

Moving Gerri to an assisted-living facility in June 2018 was one of the hardest decisions he ever made.

"My job is taking care of Gerri," he said. "She's my wife. When you get married, you promise to be there in sickness and in health."

"And having my dad go through that, now, every time I get weak with Gerri in the facility, I look up to the sky and say, 'Dad, I'm doing what you would expect.' Dad is my source of strength because he gave everything he could to my mom. And I intend to do the same with Gerri."

He goes to Gerri's place every day about 5 p.m. to have dinner with her. He always tries to think of something to tell Gerri that will make her smile when he gets there. Talking about her daughter, Kelsey, their three grandchildren and a 6-month-old great-granddaughter usually does the trick.

"That's one of the things I do to cheer her up because she doesn't remember," he said. "So every day, for three or four weeks after Iris was born, I'd say, 'Honey! Guess what? We've got a brand new great-granddaughter.'"

"That would put a big smile on her face."

He tells her he loves her in the same

way every day, and then, they settle in together, watching TV.

"And then either myself or one of the caregivers gets her ready for bed," Brent said. "Then I just lay down with her with my clothes on top of the covers until she falls asleep."

He quietly slips out of bed so she doesn't wake and goes home. If she asks the next day where he's been, "I just tell her, 'I had to go to work before you woke up.'"

There used to be moments of clarity, when she talked to Brent like she used to. Now, he said, "she has a hard time, you know, expressing herself. She gets confused and just kind of mumbles sometimes."

The caregiver needs care too

Since Gerri got sick, Brent has lost 25 pounds.

"It's just such a horrible, horrible disease," he said. "And, of course, I always worry about it for myself because obviously my mother had it. ... We know it runs in the family. I keep telling myself, you've gotta take care of her. You can't get sick. You cannot get sick."

Brent still hasn't given up hope that Gerri can come home again.

A few weeks ago, he asked the Alzheimer's Association for a list of home health care aides who could help him with Gerri if she left the assisted living facility.

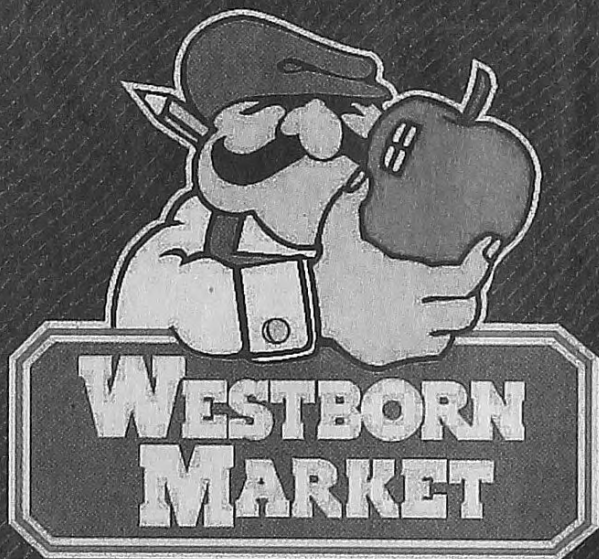
"Maybe we could even have someone come and stay overnight," he said. "I'm investigating what the cost of that would be vs. the facility and whatnot. I miss the hell out of her."

"I still to this day have not given up hope that Gerri can come home. ... I haven't given up on that yet, and it may not make any sense, and it may not happen, but I can't give up hope on it."

Still, he thinks about what he might do if that dream is never realized.

"With this great big house with nobody but me in it, I'm starting to think of what I need to do to get rid of this house, and just get me a little condo or even just renting some place, you know?" he said. "So then I won't have to be responsible for the upkeep and the maintenance and all of that. I think in the next year or two, I'll probably sell this and just get a place for myself if Gerri is not able to come home."

"I know it's probably not realistic, but I just can't give up on it."



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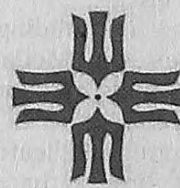
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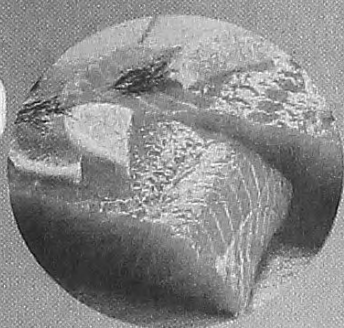
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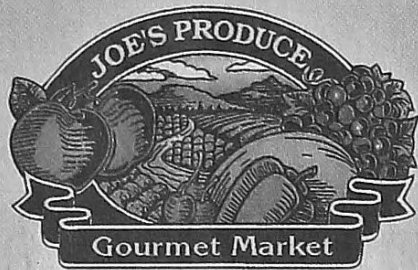


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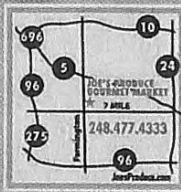
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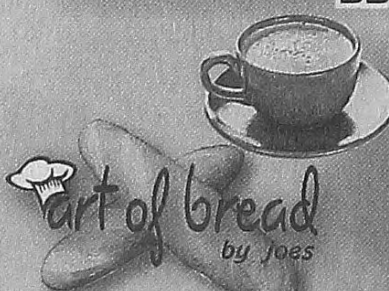
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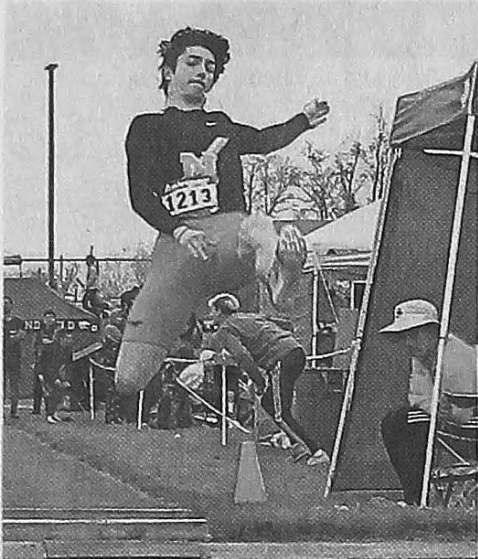
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PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Northville track sets record, sweeps Novi



Northville's Demetri Zervos jumps against Novi last week on Senior Day. COURTESY OF KAREN MCCALLUM

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It was a record-breaking day for the Northville boys track and field team at the Golden Triangle Meet of Champions hosted at Saline High School on Friday.

Senior Nick Couyoumjian won the 800 run and broke his own school record in the event as he crossed the finish line in 1:53.04. It's the fastest time recorded in Michigan this year and the 12th-best in the country in the event.

"Nick ran a smart race," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "He was patient and was confident in his ability to close out the race. He trusted himself. His experience showed through tonight."

The boys 4 x 200 relay also broke the school record as Brandon Kearney anchored the team of Zack Phillips, Demetri

Zervos and Nolan Knight to a second-place finish in 1:29.80. The former record, 1:30.10, was set in 2010.

"After the race, these boys didn't realize how well they ran, they were just upset because Fenton beat them," Dalton said. "They are chasing some big goals these next four weeks."

Northville's 400 relay took first place with a time of 43.33. Ben Stuart ran the lead leg for the team of Phillips, Zervos and Kearney.

The second place 3,200 relay was made up of Brandon Liu, Ryan Vig, Alex Flegal and Raymond Jiang (8:19.03).

In the 4 x 400 relay, Novi edged the Mustangs for the victory. Northville finished in 3:25.92 with the team of Liu, Couyoumjian, Knight and Kearney.

Northville's long jumpers turned in strong marks as well. Jacob Pichler set a new personal-record with a leap of 20-7.75,

good for fourth place. Liu jumped 20-3.75, his first time breaking the 20-foot mark. Zervos' best jump on the day was 19-11.75 (ninth place).

Northville also received top performances from Stuart in the 100 hurdles (third, 15.32), and Knight with a personal best in the 400 (50.47).

Dunn steps up for girls team

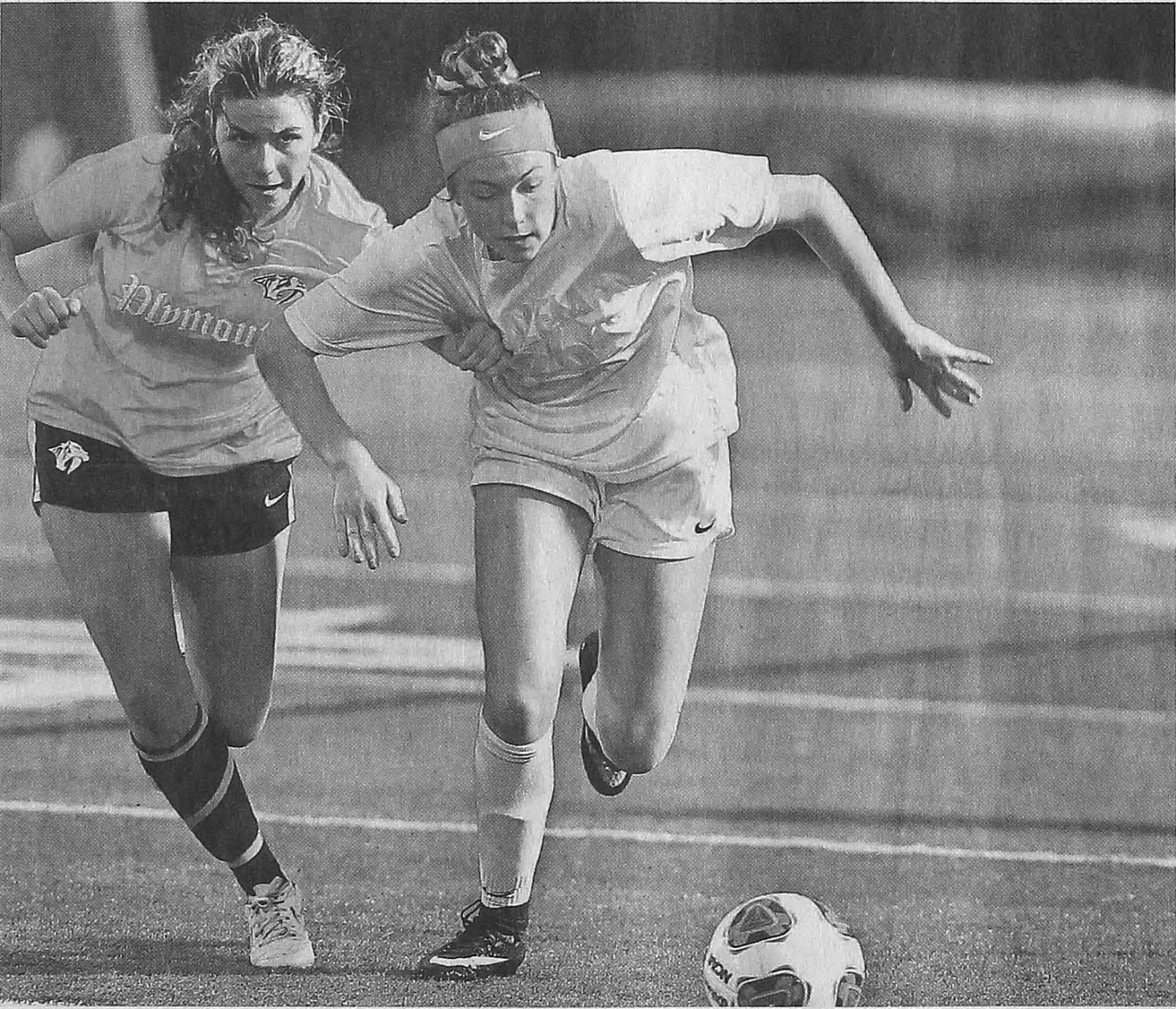
The Northville girls had a big day at the Golden Triangle as well.

Junior Abby Dunn contributed to four top six finishes for the Mustangs throughout the day.

Dunn ran a personal-best in the 300 hurdles as she finished fourth in 47.01. She finished sixth in the 110 hurdles before leading off both the third place 4 x 200

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PREP GIRLS SOCCER



A Plymouth Wildcat tries to slow down a Salem Rock as both players go after the ball. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Plymouth soccer defeats Salem in pink out game

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The rain forced the Plymouth and Salem girls soccer teams to change the location of its annual pink out game, but it wasn't going to be enough to postpone the affair.

The No. 12 ranked Plymouth Wildcats beat Salem 3-1 Thursday night at Canton

High School's football field, where the game was moved after the normal Plymouth soccer field became unplayable due to the weather.

Both squads were decked out in pink uniforms, with the Wildcats in primarily pink jerseys with white accents, while the Rocks wore white jerseys with pink accents.

"The kids enjoy putting this on and being involved," Plymouth coach Jeff Nes-

chich said.

Concessions and other baked goods were available for sale, with funds going towards breast cancer research. Bracelets and other items were for sale as well. The schools raised more than \$800, which will be donated to St. Joe's Cancer Center in Canton.

"It's nice, it's our big park rival game

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Churchill athletes sign to play in college

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Livonia Churchill held a ceremony Thursday afternoon for its 21 seniors that have signed to play sports in college.

The school will be well represented at each level of college athletics, with students signing with colleges at each level.


Those 21 seniors are:

- Drew Alsobrooks, Baseball, Central Michigan
- Joel Forgacs, Football, Minnesota-Duluth
- Julia Hattley, Acro Team, Adrian
- Avery Grenier, Football, Davenport
- Ethan Gyurnek, Football, Alma
- Darrell Mason, Football, Ferris State
- Sam Marasco, Soccer, Lawrence Tech
- Jake Robertson, Football, Kalamazoo College
- Grace Vaeth, Volleyball, Edinboro Univ.
- Allison Little, Bowling, Schoolcraft
- David Winters, Bowling, Adrian
- Josh Momeyer, Track & Field, Mt. Union
- Nate Sutton, Swimming, Alma
- Josh Mushinski, Swimming, Alma
- Kaci Pampreen, Soccer, Purdue-Northwest
- Cate Visscher, Track & Field, Michigan
- Vinnie Varcoe, Baseball, Henry Ford CC
- Brendan McCoy, Track & Field and Cross Country, Davenport
- Noah Campbell, Bowling, Madonna
- Emily Ferguson, Pom, Central Michigan
- Molly Chantres, Volleyball, Madonna

The 21 signees is up three from the 18 Churchill had last year.

"I'm always proud and excited to see that kids want to participate at the next level," Churchill athletic director Marc


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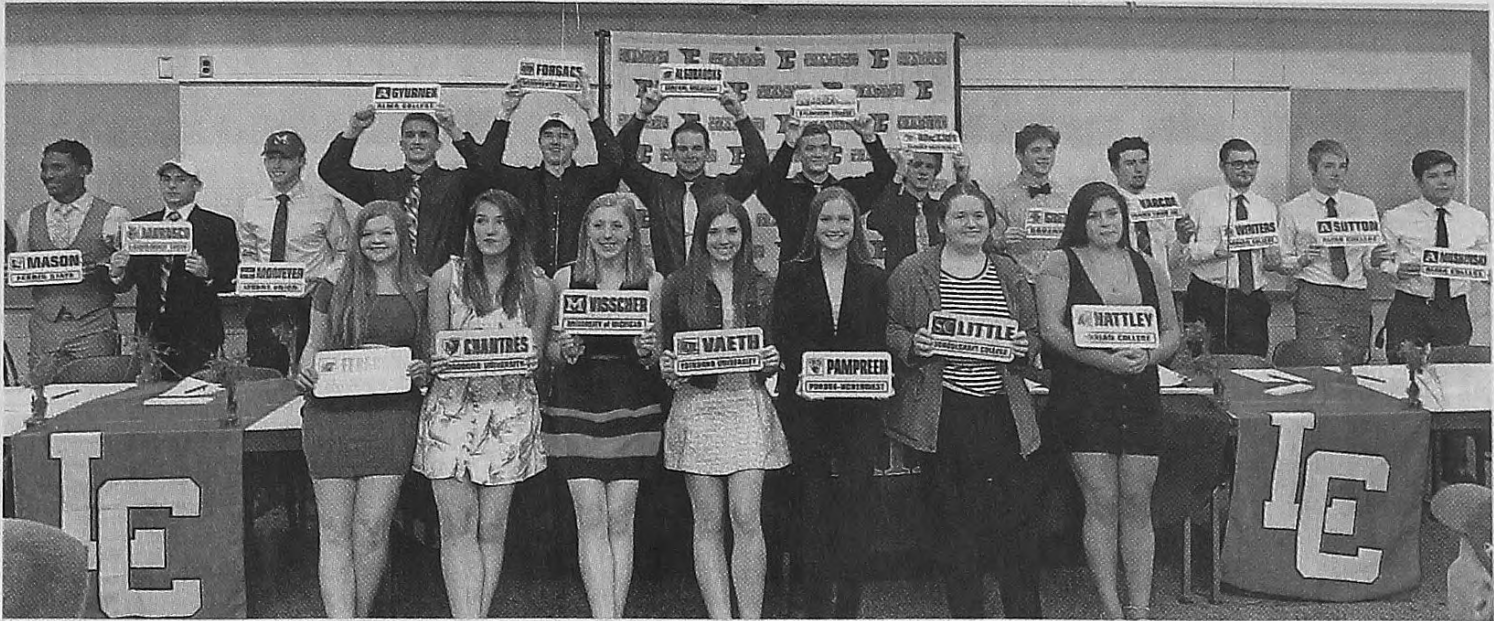
Churchill

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Hage said. “It’s very encouraging to see the number of student-athletes signing, it seems like the signing day grows a little bit every single year whether it’s with student-athletes or spectators.” He added that it’s a fantastic class of seniors and he’ll be sad to see them go, but excited to see what they do at the next level.

“They represent (Churchill),” Hage said. “Whether it’s athletically, whether it’s academically, whether it’s with community service, this is a tough senior class to see go because they’ve always represented us so well.”

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Livonia Churchill has 21 seniors that will be playing college sports next year. ANDREW VAILLIENCOURT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Wildcat goalie Gwen Pratt, left, takes a moment to catch her breath after making a save and then landing hard on her side during the May 2 game at Canton High. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Plymouth

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and it’s also for charity, so that’s also nice,” Plymouth’s Brianna McNab said. “Being able to come out with a win is great. We’ve been working on a lot of set pieces and defending, we executed that really well tonight.”

The teams battled to a 0-0 tie at half-time, but the second half was a different story.

Plymouth had the best scoring chance of the first-half with about 17 minutes left to play. Kennedy White fired a shot towards the net, but Salem goalkeeper Gwen Pratt

was able to make the spectacular save.

Outside of that moment, it was a relatively quiet half for both teams.

“The weather made it a little tough, the ball would slip away from us and would cause a faster pace, but we adapted really well,” McNab said.

The second-half started with a bang. White again received the ball in the box and put a shot into the lower right corner of the goal, giving Plymouth a 1-0 lead. Seeing her connect after missing in the first half was big for her coach.

“That’s what it’s all about, you keep trying and get it the next play,” Neschich said. “The most important play is always the next play. We don’t give up and we keep making runs.”

Less than three minutes later, Plymouth made it 2-0 after McNab scored on a long shot from way outside the Salem box.

“It was a strong second half,” Neschich said. “We actually started possessing the ball a lot better and got it down on the ground, used our outside backs and were dangerous on set pieces and counterattacks.”

Salem got back in it with a wild goal by Sydney Smith. Salem had several scoring chances all in a row, and Smith was there to head the ball in after Plymouth goalie Ashley Bowles, who was in net during the second half, punched it away.

Midway through the half, Salem had a great chance to even the score, but Macayla Harris hit it just wide of the goal and out of

bounds.

The missed opportunity would come back to bite the Rocks, as McNab scored again with about 11 minutes remaining to secure the win. It was her eighth goal of the year.

“She’s playing really well,” Neschich said. “She’s very determined out there and she lifts up the other girls with her determination and work ethic out there on the field.”

Plymouth is now 7-1-1 in the KLAA West, good for second-place behind undefeated Novi, which it has a date with next week. Salem falls to 1-5-2 in the division.

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Northville track assistant coach Tom Brown, right, was honored as the Golden Triangle Assistant Coach of the Year.

Northville

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relay (Angel McCray, Lauren Marshall, Melanie Sarafian; 1:46.77) and fourth place 4 x 400 relays (Alia Bournay, Gina Couyoumjian, McCray; 4:06.34).

"We asked a lot out of Abby today," Dalton said. "She had a quick turnaround between the 100 hurdles and the 4 x 200, and she was able to handle it really well."

In the 400 relay, the Northville team of Marisa Porco, McCray, Marshall and Sarafian won, clocking a time of 49.92 seconds.

The sprint medley team of Kayla Perkins, Mela Salah, Porco and Claire Wan finished runner-up behind Farmington Hills Mercy, in a time of 1:56.44.

The Mustangs also had strong performances in the discus, as Delaney Hopkins took third with a throw of 100-1 and Sara Ismail was fifth with her 98-1 throw.

In the long jump, Yasmine Mansi tied for fifth with her best-ever jump of 16-9.00. Marshall finished seventh as she jumped 16-8.5. Her previous best jump was 15-3.5.

"We had a really, really good day in long jump," Dalton said. "Our long jumpers really stepped up today and are going to be a huge piece our teams from here on out this season."

Coach Brown Honored

Northville assistant coach Tom Brown was recognized as a Golden Triangle Assistant Coach of the Year.

Brown has coached at Northville since 2001 and has coached high jump, distance events and hurdles. He currently coaches the long jumpers and the sprinters.

"No one deserves that honor more than he does," Dalton said. "I truly believe that Coach Brown is one of the best high school track and field coaches in the state of Michigan, maybe even the entire country. I truly believe that."

Coaching track and field runs in Brown's family. He credits his passion for the sport to his father, Larry, who was a long time track and field coach and athletic director at Kirtland High School in Ohio. His brother Bob was a long time coach at East Lansing High School.

"Every day it seems I find myself learning something new from him (Brown)," Dalton said. "We are lucky to have him."

Northville beats Novi on senior day

Northville's senior class went out on a winning note in their final home dual meet of the season last Tuesday against Novi.

The Northville girls improved to 4-0 in the KLAA's West Division with a 114-23 win over the Wildcats, and the boys record went to 4-0 as they downed Novi 89-48.

"Just really, really happy for our seniors and all of their hard work," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "Beating our rival on both the boys and girls side on senior night was certainly nice for this senior class in their final home meet here."



Northville's Nick Couyoumjian set a school record in the 800 last week. PHOTOS COURTESY OF KAREN MCCALLUM

In the girls meet, senior Olivia Harp won a pair of individual events finishing first in the 1,600 in 5:22.60 and 3,200 meter run in 11:45.09. She also was part of the winning 3,200 relay (9:55.21) with and Emily Gordon, Gina Couyoumjian and Mansi. Harp finished second in the 800 run.

"Olivia has been an important piece of our team for going on four years now," Dalton said. "She's someone that you wish could stay on your team longer."

Northville also had first place finishes from Sarafian who finished the 100 in 12.66, a personal best, Sarah Herring in the high jump (4-11.00) and Lora Haupt in pole vault (9-0.00).

Novi senior Cecile Steck had a strong showing throwing events. She won the shot put with a toss of 35-10.25 and the discus with a throw of 121-7. Steck's discus mark set the Northville High School stadium record, which was set last spring by former Mustang Barbara Davis.

The Mustangs had double wins from McCray in the 200 (27.27) and 400 (1:02.84) and Dunn in the 100 hurdles (16.72) and 300 hurdles (49.30).

Sophomore Emily Gordon took first in the 800 and the Mustangs swept the relays. Claire Wan, McCray, Lauren Marshall and Sarafian teamed up to win both the 400 (50.04) and 800 (1:55.77) relays; Brooklyn Stack, Alia Bournay, Wan and Couyoumjian won the 1,600 relay (4:22.81); and 3,200 relay of Harp, Gordon, Couyoumjian and Mansi finished in 9:55.21.

In the boys meet, the 1,600 relay broke the Northville stadium record as they won in 3:30.22. The returning all-state team of seniors Nick Couyoumjian, Knight, Kearney and Liu bested the time set last spring by Grand Blanc.

"This relay is starting to look stronger and stronger," Dalton said. "I'm glad that they were able to knock down a record set by Grand Blanc at our own track."

Couyoumjian won the 1,600 with a time of 4:24.80, good for third on the stadium's all-time list.

Northville's Shuart won both hurdle events, the 110 in a personal-best 15.34 and the 300 in 42.26, and was the lead-off leg in the winning 400 relay (43.94) which consisted of fellow seniors Phillips, Zervos

and Kearney.

"Ben has worked his tail off since last spring and he's really becoming a complete track athlete" Dalton said. "More than that, though, he's one of the nicest young men on our team and is a tremendous person to be around. His teammates feed off of him and really do respect him."

Kearney won the 100 (11.34) and Knight won the 400 with a time of 52.48. Kearney also anchored the winning 800 relay team of Phillips, Knight and Zervos which finished in 1:35.09.

Senior Sam Byun took the pole vault, tying his personal-best with a vault of 11-6.00. Junior Jacob Pichler won the long jump (19-4.25), and junior Demir Tagani threw the shot (41-2.00) and the disc (122-3) to first place finishes.

Miles Brown of Novi won the 800 in 1:57.77 and teammate Trey Mullins was victorious in the 3,200 (9:51.06).

"Novi's a good team," Dalton said. "They have a solid program and some really good athletes. They are always a tough match-up."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Garden City's Jacob Grant gains notice

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The Garden City baseball team is cruising through its regular season schedule and is off to an incredible 18-1 start.

A big reason for that has been the great pitching of senior Jacob Grant, who pitched a complete-game shutout against Detroit Country Day last week, as his team earned a 1-0 win. He picked up another win on the mound this week to improve to 6-0 on the year.

Thanks to his accomplishments, Grant was voted the Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week. He accumulated 24,493 votes (49.66%), topping second-place finisher Carly Schwinke, a soccer player from Canton, who received 19,878 votes (40.3%).

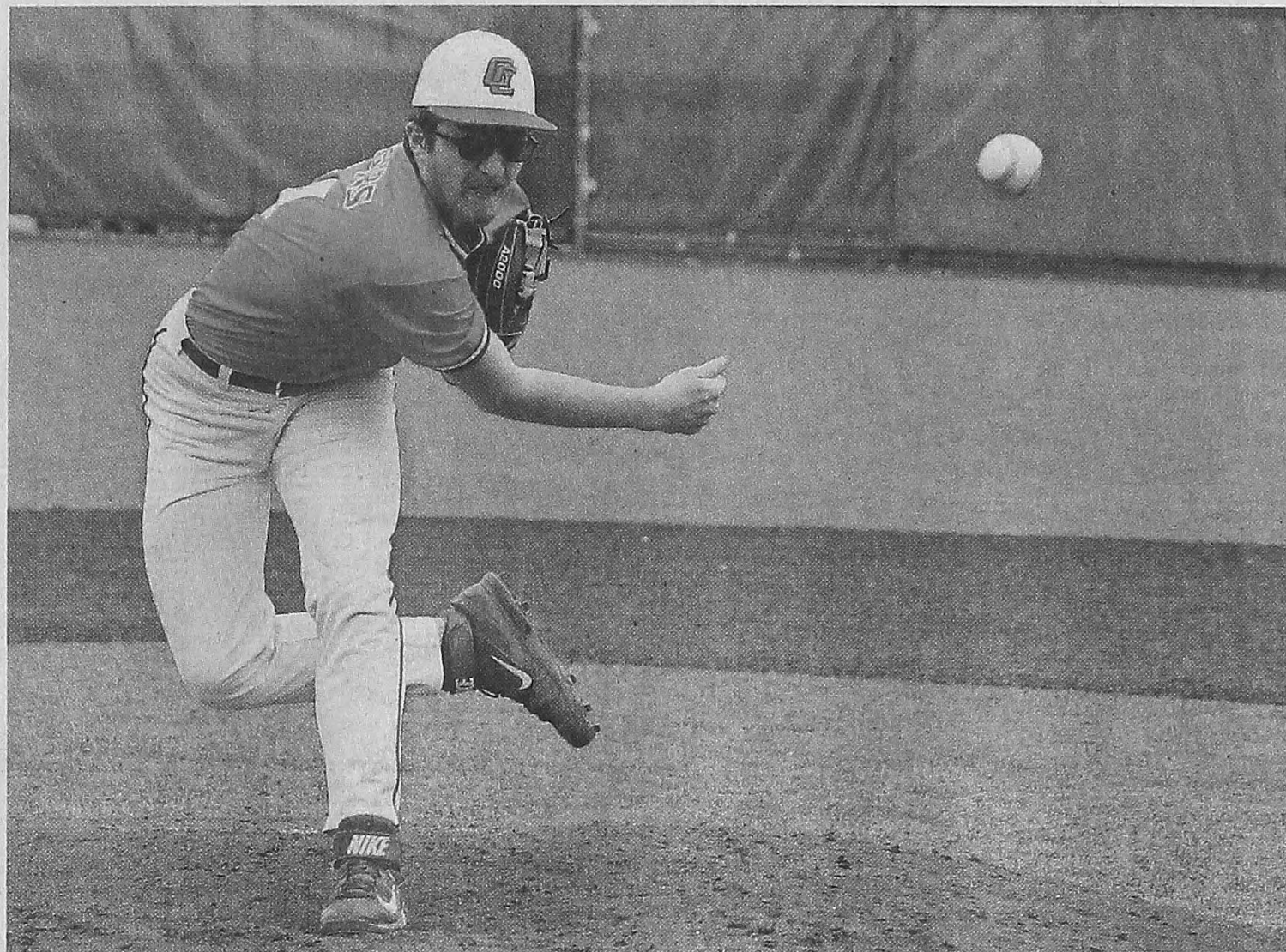
We caught up with Grant and asked him a few questions:

Garden City is off to an incredible start, what makes this team so special, and how far can you guys go in the playoffs?

"This is my senior year of high school, which already makes this team so much more special. This is my year to be a true leader to the team. As a collective, this team is special because this year we have a genuine bond with each other. Each and everyone of us gets along with each other. We just don't see each other at baseball and that's it, we take the time to hangout after and before baseball. The team jelling and the chemistry we have brought to the table this year allows the talent we have to shine. We are not a selfish team, we come out and play for one another each and every game. Personally, I believe we will make a run in regionals this year as long as we stay focused and continue to get better every day. We will achieve the goal of making it far into the playoffs as long as we do those things."

Who is your favorite sports role model or athlete and why?

"My favorite sports athlete would have to be Miguel Cabrera. I have grown up watching him play for the Tigers. I got my number 24 when I was super young and when I really started to get into baseball it turned out that he wore the number 24.



Garden City's Jacob Grant has been voted Athlete of the Week for his performance on the mound. COURTESY OF JACOB GRANT

Miguel has been someone to look up to in the baseball industry, he has set records, won the triple crown and won a world series. What I really like about Cabrera is that he is a team player and will hit for a base hit when needed and not try to do too much, meanwhile, if needed he will try for the long ball."

Who is your favorite musical artist/band and why?

"I don't have a specific artist or band but my favorite genre is country music. It was played around me when I was younger and it has just stuck with me. Country music gives you all kinds of feelings from

happy to sad in the same song. I'm not like most, I listen to country music before every game to get me ready. I do not do the crazy upbeat music to get me going for a game. Country music just gives a feeling I can't really explain. All other types of music I just don't find myself enjoying them at all."

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

"My all time favorite movie is The Sandlot. The sandlot is a super funny baseball movie. The Sandlot is all about a bunch of best friends playing baseball all summer long. I always get a good laugh every time I

watch it. However, it reminds me of a few years ago when I was around their age. Reminds me of when I was on a travel team with my best friends and we had a blast all summer long. It also reminds me of the great time the baseball team is having this year."

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

"My future plans after high school is over this year are to attend Indiana Tech. I will be studying electrical engineering and playing tennis."

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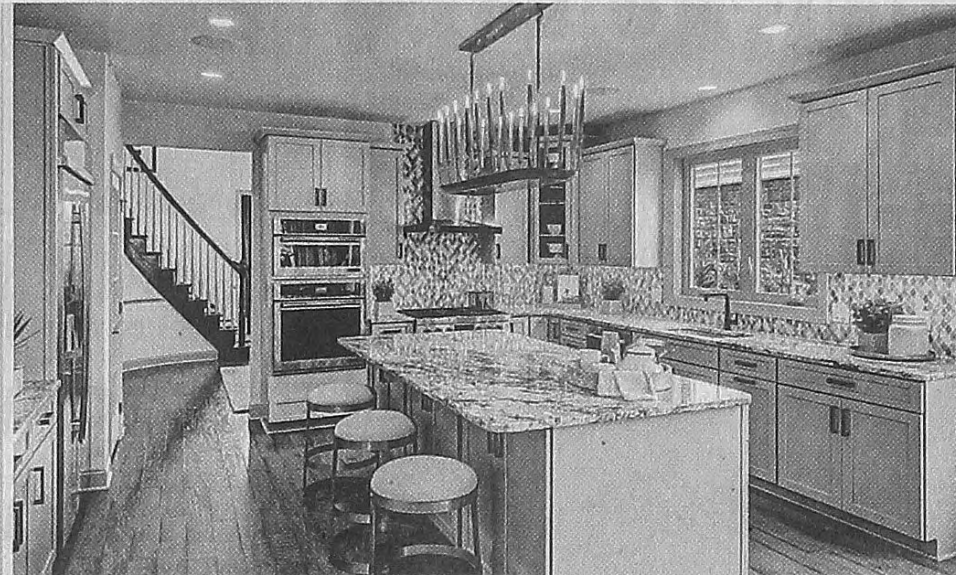
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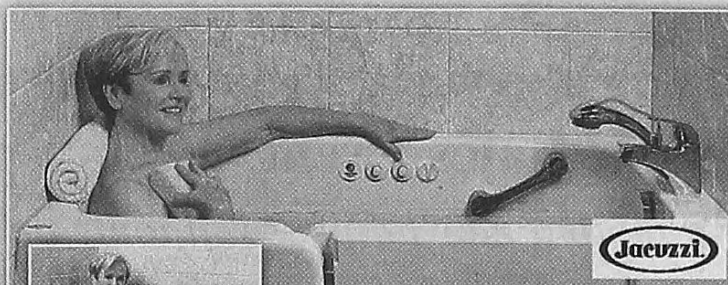
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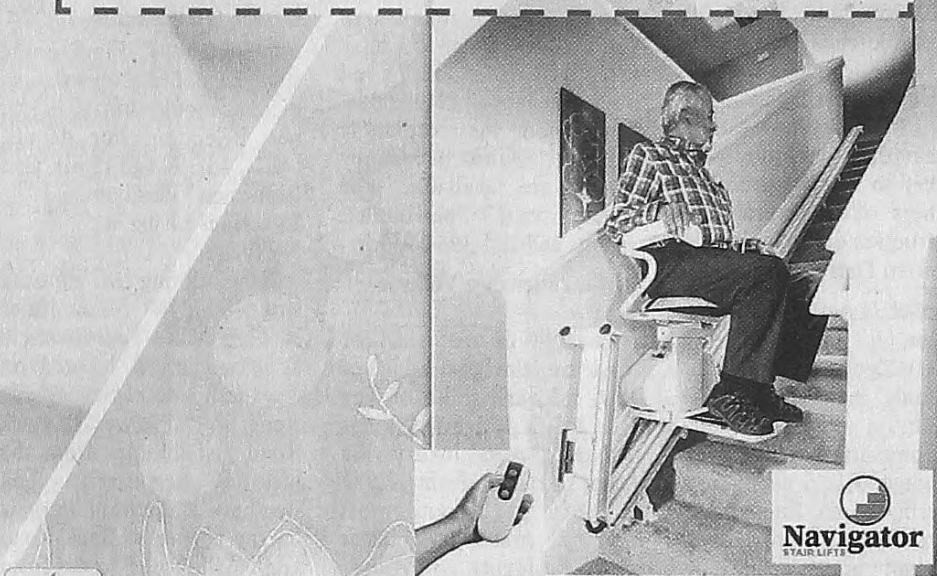
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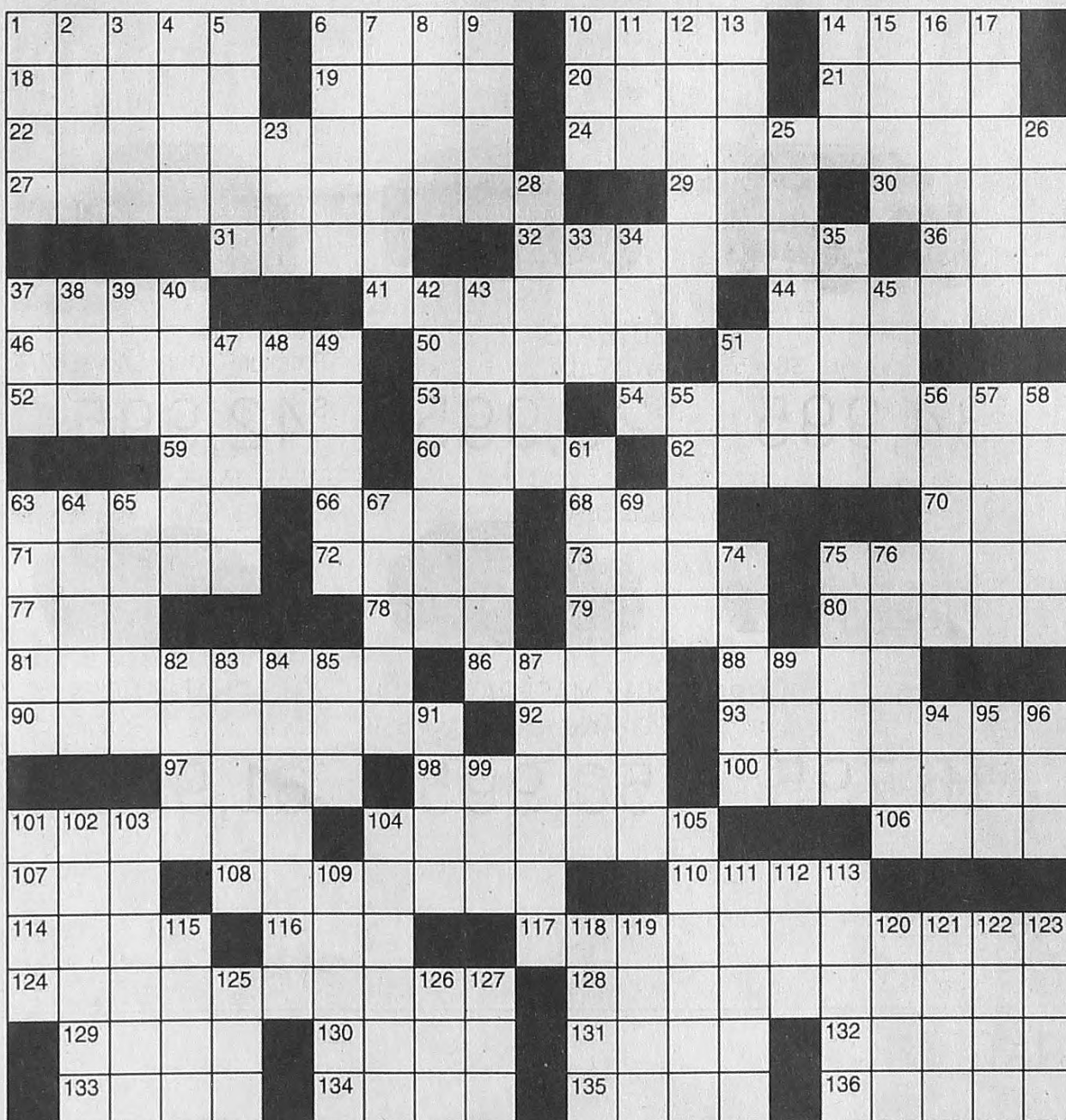
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10 Chest muscles, informally
14 Coalition
18 Billiards shot
19 Not duped by
20 Folk legend Guthrie
21 Not-yet-final software
22 Involving three parties
24 One of the Clue suspects
27 1971 Stanley Kubrick film
29 "Shop — you drop!"
30 Sully
31 Middling
32 Old Italian painter
36 Singer Rawls
37 Honcho
41 Gruesome
44 Louvre, e.g.
46 False names
50 Explorer — de León
51 Shakers or Quakers
52 Most malicious
53 Tiny fraction of a joule
54 Heroine in Nintendo's Mario games
59 State boldly
60 Lisa of pop
62 More than friendly
63 Rock
66 Dictator Idi
68 Have control over
70 Hawaii's Mauna —
71 Lindsay of "Mean Girls"
72 Come to
73 New York City is said to be one
75 "Beetle Bailey," e.g.
77 Stuck — rut
78 Attain
79 "Quit it!"
80 Home pest
81 Mexican folk musician
86 WWII-era British gun
88 Collins of rock and pop
90 Fluorescent green Crayola color
92 Period
93 Slaved away
97 Some Korean cars
98 The Antilles, e.g.
100 Tangle up
101 Some shiny plastics
104 Private college in the Bay State
106 Chew like a rodent
107 Ending for acetyl
108 Legendary hero of Athens
110 Regatta gear
114 "In case it's true ..."
116 Hotel phone abbr.
117 It may follow "Use by" on a label
124 Of no value
128 Irvine locale
129 Swamp grass
130 Prefix with present
131 Contends
132 Singer Bonnie
133 Concocted
134 "Auld — Syne"
135 Apopos of
136 Lauder of perfume
4 Court plea, in brief
5 Desktops since 1998
6 Bygone theater chain
7 Like some hotel dining
8 Antares, e.g.
9 Tyler's successor
10 Infant food
11 Transgress
12 Attire
13 Capital of Bulgaria
14 Small pellets of shot
15 Not including
16 Peter of "Masada"
17 Len of stage and screen
23 Ref's ring decision
25 Krypton, e.g.
26 See
24-Across
28 See
27-Across
33 "Speechless" aier
34 Set up, for short
35 Actress Susan
37 Scot's cap
38 Bullring shout
39 Zadora of "Hairspray"
40 See
37-Across
42 Resembling a gorilla
43 Crowns for nobles
45 Spring (from)
47 Fourth prime
48 Suffrage languages
49 Sipping aid
51 Transgress
55 Fab Four drummer
56 Actress Hayek
57 Impassive
58 See
54-Across
61 "Against the Wind" singer
63 Gunky stuff
64 Pitch-related
65 United Airlines hub
67 Houdini's skill
69 Looker-on
74 See
73-Across
75 Tots' beds
76 Dark Chinese tea
82 Gunky
83 Slanted
84 Uninvited partygoer
85 That fellow's
87 "Thy Neighbor's Wife" author
89 Solo of "Solo"
91 See
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94 Flew on foot
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127 See
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Here's How It Works:

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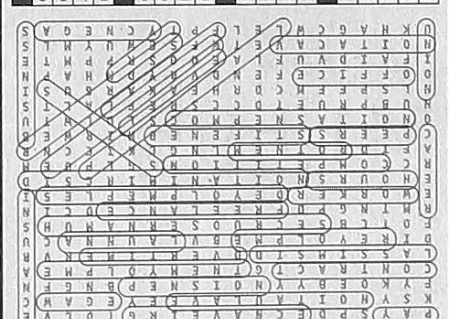
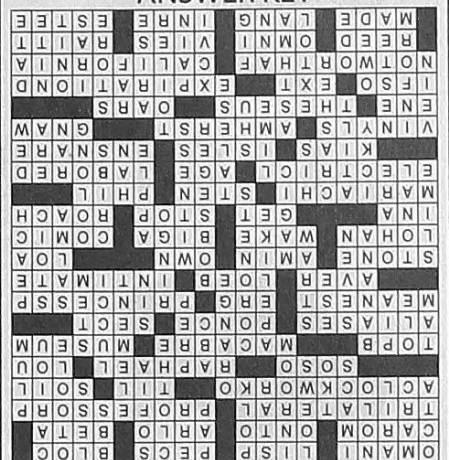
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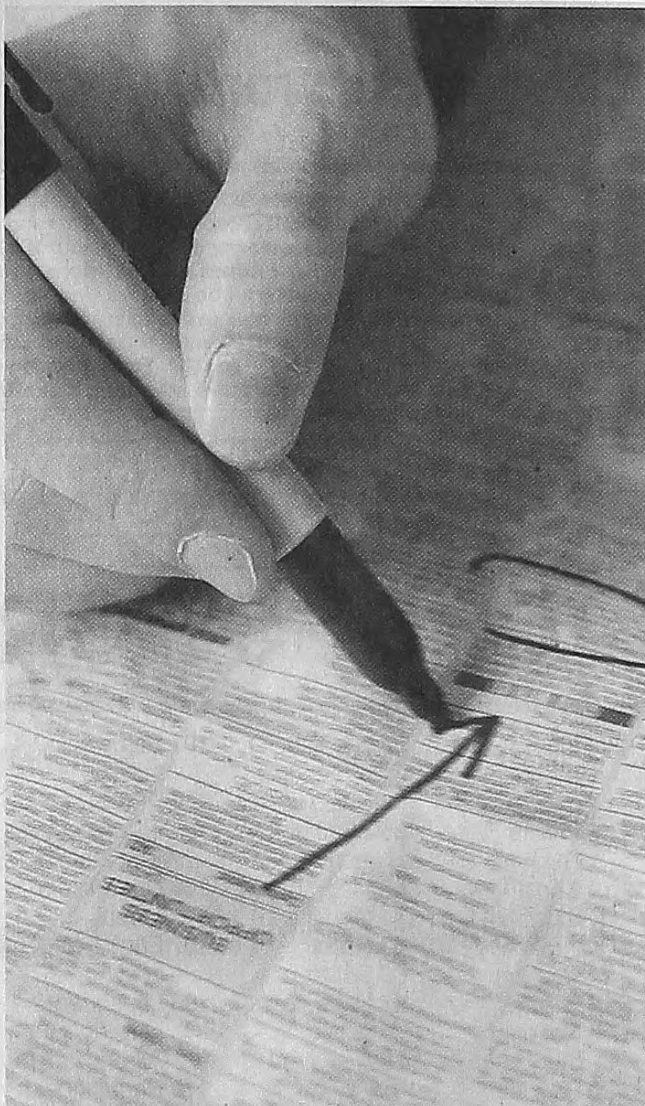
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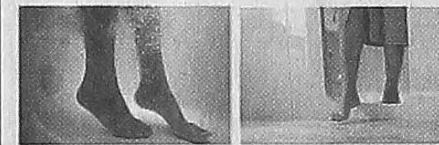
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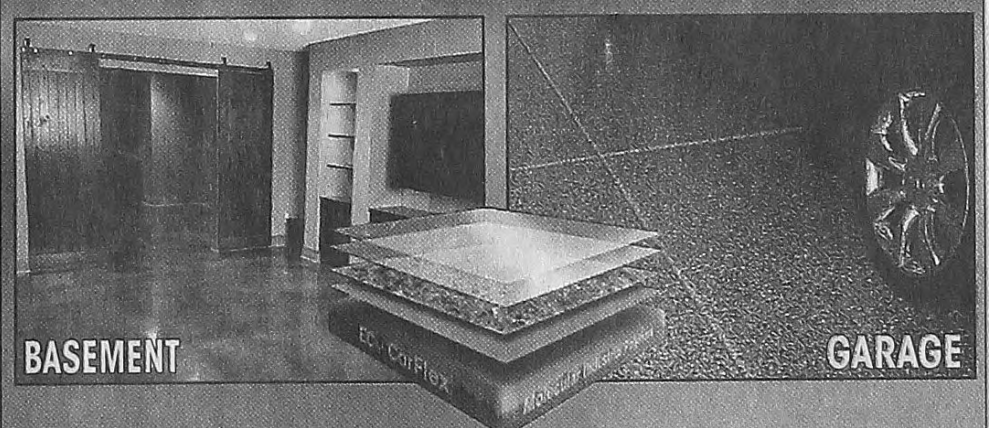
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