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Canton principal will pitch at Comerica Park

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Just before 7 p.m. June 26, Eriksson Elementary School's principal's office will be shifted temporarily to the pitching mound at Comerica Park.

Kevin Learned will be sent there because he's been very, very good.

Last week, Learned, the beloved

principal of the Canton elementary school and a life-long Tigers fan, was presented with the ultimate gift of appreciation by his students and staff: an opportunity to throw the ceremonial first pitch at the Tigers' game against the Texas Rangers.

congratulations

Tuesday's surprise presentation in the Eriksson gym was the culmination of weeks of logistical magic by the Erickson staff, who managed to funnel a class of kindergartners through the school without Learned finding out.

Every Eriksson student also carefully penned a letter to Learned, sharing their appreciation for his efforts.

"I was totally surprised by the assembly today and the honor of throwing out a first pitch at a Tigers game," Learned revealed moments after the celebration ended. "But I have to admit, there were a couple times I walked into classrooms the past couple of weeks and someone shouted 'Chicken!' before all the students hid the letters they were writing."

All the planning was worth it, confirmed those who work with Learned, an educator who goes the extra mile for

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Veterans at center of Westland parade resurgence

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In 2018, the City of Westland had to cancel its Memorial Day parade just a few weeks before the holiday due to a serious lack of veteran participation. Of the over 200 invitations the city sent to veterans, 15 responses were received by the cut-off date.

In the interim between this year and last, the joint Wayne-Westland parade

Coach's Corner Pub & Grill will begin its transition to a new location this week. The spot on Farmington Road just north of Seven Mile will reopen at 36000 W. Seven Mile, remaining under the same owner. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Coach's Corner bar relocating in Livonia

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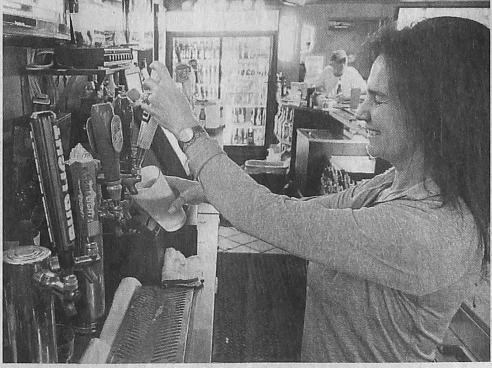
Despite the lights going out at the current Coach's Corner bar on Farmington Road on Friday, owner Mike George wants to customers to know the bar that's called Livonia home for nearly 20 years will remain under the "same old management."

That management will soon be located two miles down the road.

"I want to believe there's enough of this place to go around for everybody," George said. "I'm not trying to run anybody out of town."

The bar, located at 19170 Farmington in Livonia, will begin its transition to a new location this week. The spot on Farmington Road just north of Seven Mile will close Friday and will reopen at the current George Murphy's at the Creek restaurant at 36000 W. Seven Mile,

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Bartender Lisa Mondella pulls a draft for a Coach's Corner customer May 17.

council has worked with local veterans to ensure the sort-of veteran boycott doesn't happen again.

Westland Mayor Bill Wild is excited to have the event back to honor residents from both cities who risked it all for their country.

"It is definitely a great thing for our community," he said. "You know, we pride ourselves on being an All-American city, so it just didn't feel right not having a Memorial Day parade last year. My father-in-law is a Vietnam vet, he lives in Westland, too, so for his sake and the rest of our residents, I'm glad that we were able to bring it back this year."

To stay true to the holiday's purpose, Westland Facilities Manager Vic Barra said the parade's focus will be on veterans and veterans alone.

"This is about veterans. We're going to keep it focused on veterans," he said.

Barra added that the political divisiveness of previous years will not be allowed. Local officials and candidates for office will not be allowed to have campaign paraphernalia of any kind, whether it be flyers or T-shirts, while walking in the parade.

"Basically, the veteran groups boycotted it because of political activity that had happened the previous year in 2017," Barra said. "They were very upset that the political candidates chose to use Memorial Day as an opportunity to self-promote. ...

"The meaning of Memorial Day, which is very somber to us veterans, was being lost in the mix."

On top of a greater focus on those who have served, the parade will have a new, shorter route this year, starting

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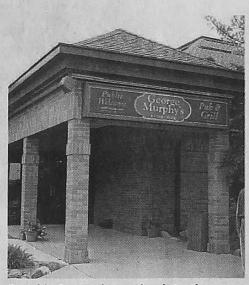
adjacent to Fox Creek Golf Course.

George Murphy's at the Creek has been open at the golf course for more than 10 years, and Coach's Corner has existed at its current location since the early 2000s. George, who has coached baseball at Madonna University for many years, said the time to manage just one restaurant instead of two had finally come.

"It's my decision, 100%, to get everything under one roof," he said. "I want to do a better job running this place. And I can't do that if I'm running two places."

George, who's been involved at both restaurants over the years, said he wants to change the mentality of the restaurant next to Fox Creek Golf Course. Gone are the days of baby and wedding showers at the bar, and in its place will be the sports bar atmosphere with more televisions.

"We kind of turned into a glorified banquet facility here," he said. "It was



Coach's Corner is moving into the building currently occupied by George Murphy's. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

treated as if it was a hall, and I'm totally going 180 degrees on that."

The interior of the bar won't look too different from what it looks like now, save for the additional televisions George plans to install this summer.

Some local sports decor and an updated Coach's Corner logo will come as well.

George and his team will work throughout the summer to craft the menu, which he described as a marriage between the two restaurants. Some customers like certain things at George Murphy's and some at Coach's Corner. It's possible some dishes, such as the wings, could stay on the menu.

"Our menus are pretty close to start off with. We just don't have pizza down there (at Coach's Corner) and we do have pizza here (at George Murphy's)," George said. "We do a lot of homecooked stuff."

Breakfast is also expected to arrive soon as well at the restaurant.

Grand reopening in the fall

A grand reopening is planned for the fall once the transition is complete. George said he does not anticipate any full-time employees losing their job with the transition.

He hopes customers who love both establishments will continue to stop in. That's certainly the case with several

gentlemen who call themselves the "Friday Afternoon Keno Club," who have come to the restaurant by the golf course the last 10 years to try their luck at winning some money.

Even after the changeover, they expect they'll still pop in and try to pick the right numbers on Friday afternoons.

"It didn't matter to us. We've been coming to Fox Creek for 10 years," said Livonia resident Norm Ponkey. "It's about as busy as it ever was."

George said while he's looking forward to only managing one restaurant, there's always going to be something special about Seven Mile and Farmington.

"Yeah, I'll miss it," he said. "I met a lot of good people there, made a lot of good friends. It's got a great feel to it.

'When you walk into that bar, you know you're in a neighborhood corner bar. And we're going to do our best to bring a little bit of that down here as well."

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at John Glenn High School and ending at the Westland Veterans Memorial Garden. Elderly and disabled veterans will also be able to ride on floats if the walk is too long.

"It's going to be much more conducive for people to view it," Wild said. "But it's also going to be easier for the veterans to walk it. It's not going to be quite as long and Vic has worked with the school district ... to come up with a couple of floats for veterans who can't walk the parade."

With a new route and renewed perspective, city officials hope the event is "better than ever" in its first year back.

"This is our Memorial Day," Barra said. "They're our brothers and sisters that either have fallen with us on the battlefield or have sacrificed in our history for our country. It's that meaning that is important to us.'

The parade will start at 1 p.m. May 27 at John Glenn High School and will end



Veterans from Westland and Wayne will be the focus of the city's Memorial Day parade, and political paraphernalia will be prohibited. COURTESY OF KELLY DOBSON

with a remembrance ceremony at the Westland Veterans Memorial Garden.

A map of places to park is available online.

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his students on a daily basis.

"Mr. Learned is an amazing man," said Eriksson fourth-grade teacher Joyce Napier. "He gives and gives and gives. If you're a former or current student and you run into him at Meijer, he'll remember you and your parents.

"The kids (at Eriksson) adore him. He's a guy that, if something needs to get done, he does it. If something gets spilled and the janitor isn't around, he'll get the mop and clean it up himself. I'm tired of negativity in education. We don't see the heroes enough and Mr. Learned is a Canton hometown hero."

The second Learned entered the gymfollowing a "last-minute meeting" on the other side of the building, he was greeted by a raucous cheer.

After being ushered to a chair near the front of the gym's stage, Learned was enlightened about the event's purpose by fifth-grade emcees Tricia Beattie and Margo Keladas.

"You might be a little confused right

now," Beattie said. "You may be wondering why we are having an assembly right now."

Keladas then explained that letters of appreciation were written for Learned by students before a representative of each class delivered the batch to him.

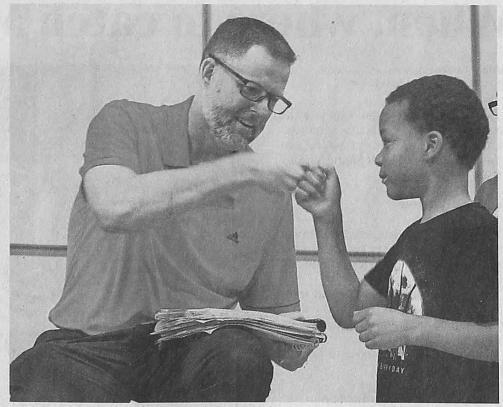
"This is so touching," Learned responded. "I can't tell you how much this means to me and how much you all mean to me.

"I'm so proud of every one of you, every day. I can't wait to read your letters."

Fifth-grade teacher Mike Mardeusz originated the idea, but he readily admitted he had a ton of help.

"Mr. Learned has a heart of gold when it comes to the kids," Mardeusz said. "We had the students write letters and draw pictures to convince the Tigers to do something special. The staff all came together and made this a reality.

"The hardest part (the past few weeks) was to keep it a secret, what with the students writing letters. We got all the kids down quickly to the gym and this is the quietest they've ever been for an assembly. Everything worked out great."



Eriksson principal Kevin Learned shares a fist-bump with first grader Saveion Griffin as he receives stacks of letters the students wrote to the Tigers. Students, staff and faculty worked together to surprise Learned with the gift.



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When, where to catch Memorial Day parades

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Nothing says Memorial Day like the afternoon off work, cookouts, ceremonies and parades. Here's everything you need to know about local Memorial Day events.

Westland-Wayne

After taking a year off, Westland's Memorial Day parade is back this year and focused solely on veterans and the community.

The parade will start at 1 p.m. at John Glenn High School and will end with a remembrance ceremony at the Westland Veterans Memorial Garden.

A map of the best places to park is available online.

Farmington Hills-Farmington

These two cities will again co-sponsor the parade that will start near the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Orchard Lake Road and will travel one mile to the Farmington War Memorial Monument in Memorial Park, where a ceremony will be held.

Start time is 10 a.m.

The cities have held this parade since 1970 to honor veterans in the community

Livonia

Livonia skips the parade and opts to hold a ceremony instead.

Community members will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Veteran's Park Memorial Plaza on the corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads.

The event includes music, a wreath ceremony and military salutes in remembrance of Livonia residents who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Novi

Kids will crowd the space between Karim Boulevard and the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile Road at 10 a.m. on Memorial Day for Novi's 50th annual Memorial Day parade.

Veterans, local organizations, busi-



Andi Walsh waves a flag as she waits for the parade to start. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

nesses, students and more march for a mile, handing out candy all the way.

Plymouth

Plymouth's annual Memorial Day pa-

rade takes place at 9 a.m. on Main Street downtown.

Immediately following the parade, a memorial ceremony will take place at the city's veterans' memorial on N. Main Street.

Community members are encouraged to come pay tribute to locals who have served.

Northville

Starting at 10 a.m., Northville's parade goes down Main Street downtown all the way to Cady Street down to Fairbrook Street. The parade is presented by VFW Post 4012.

The event, run by veterans, is focused on veterans in the community.

South Lyon

Organized by VFW Post 2502, this annual tradition starts at 9 a.m. at Bartlett Elementary and concludes at the South Lyon Cemetary. Along the way, it goes along Lake Street and Reynold Sweet Parkway.

Once the parade makes it to the cemetery, the city holds a ceremony honoring all veterans.

Birmingham

Like Livonia, Birmingham opts for a ceremony instead of a parade.

The memorial ceremony starts at 10 a.m at Shain Park and is expected to last one hour.

The event will be a remembrance service for those who have lost their lives in the line of battle.

Milford

This parade starts at 11 a.m. in downtown Milford. It will run from the American Legion Hall on Commerce Street to Central Park on Main Street.

Local students, first responders and veterans are some of the faces who will fill the parade.

The event is sponsored by American Legion Post 216.

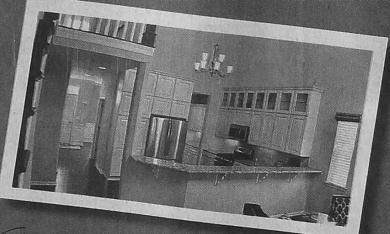
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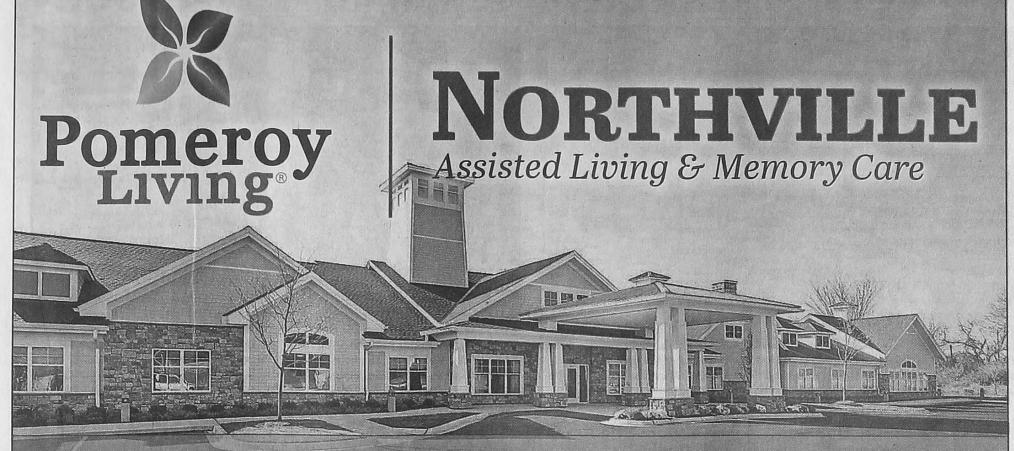
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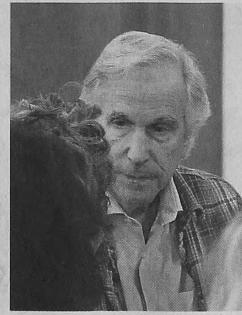
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MOTOR CITY COMIC CON INVADES NOVI



Caitlin Simakas, of South Lyon, dressed up as the Huntress and prowled the aisles of vendors during Motor City Comic Con at Novi's Suburban Collection on May 17. See more photos on Page 10A. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM.



Actor Henry Winkler talks to a fan. In addition to celebrities, the convention featured comic books, figurines, drawings, costumes, and makeup.



David Alberta attended the con as Loki from Marvel Comics' Thor series.

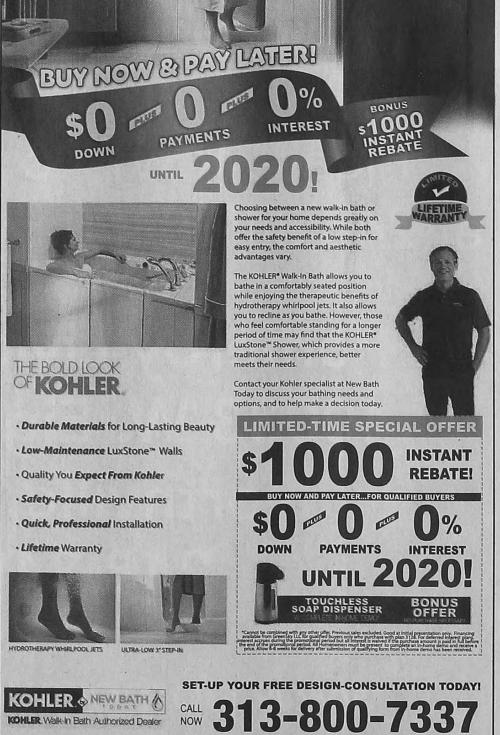


Friends Jarahn Tye, left, Mary Hodge, and Audrey Papp gather for a photo in their cosplay outfits from various fandoms during the convention.









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Nine charged in hacking group bust

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Nine individuals connected to an international hacking group were charged recently with wire fraud, conspiracy and aggravated identity theft.

The federal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Detroit blames an Irishman along with eight others mainly living along the U.S. coasts for being part of "The Community."

According to a U.S. Department of Justice news release from earlier this month, The Community conducted seven "attacks" resulting in the theft of cryptocurrency valued at about \$2.4 million.

Charged in the federal 15-count indictment were Conor Freeman, 20, of Dublin; Ricky Handschumacher, 25 of Pasco County, Fla.; Reyad Gafar Abbas, 19, of Rochester, N.Y.; Ryan Stevenson, 26, of West Haven, Conn.; Colton Jurisic, 20, of Dubuque, Iowa; and Garrett Endicott, 21, of Warrensburg, Mo.

A criminal complaint charged three former employees of mobile phone providers – Jarratt White and Robert Jack, both 22, of Tucson, Az., and Fendley Joseph, 28, of Murrieta, Calif. The Arizonans once worked for AT&T. Joseph worked for Verizon.

The indictment alleged The Community illegally used victims' identities to steal cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin.

The method used on victims in the court's eastern district region and elsewhere is known as "SIM Hijacking" or "SIM Swapping," which exploits mobile phone numbers considered vulnerable in the cyber security realm.

A SIM is a piece of plastic connecting smartphones to mobile phone networks.

The Community apparently gained control of victims' mobile phone numbers. Victims' phone calls, for example, were routed to The Community's devices. This was happening with the help of mobile phone provider employees.

Also, The Community's members were contacting mobile phone providers, posing as the victims, and requesting the victims' phone numbers be swapped to SIM cards, and therefore mobile devices, controlled by The Community.

With the victims' phone numbers, The Community gained control of online accounts.

"Mobile phones today are not only a means of communication but also a means of identification," U.S. Attorney Matthew Schneider said in the release. "This case should serve as a reminder to all of us to protect our personal and financial information from those who seek to steal it."

The investigation involved the U.S. Department of Homeland security and Irish law enforcement authorities.

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Cameras caught a burglar stealing jewelry from a Wayne home on Second Street on May 16. Still at large, the man managed to steal Kristin King's jewelry from the residence she shares with her boyfriend Brent Wissman. They were both at work when the burglary happened around 11 a.m. King received a phone alert that the alarm was going off at her home. PROVIDED

Burglar strikes dog, steals jewelry

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Cameras, an alarm system and a 100-pound German Shepherd did not deter a burglar May 16 in Wayne.

Still at large, the man managed to steal Kristin King's jewelry from the Second Street residence she shares with her boyfriend Brent Wissman.

They were both at work when the burglary happened around 11 a.m. May 16.

According to King, she received a phone alert that her alarm was going off. She was able to check her cameras and, to her, a burglary seemed apparent since she distinctly remembered shutting a particular door.

The suspect used a lamp stand to push past and hit Kalib, the German Shepherd. Within minutes, the

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burglar was walking out of the home with a sheet seeming to disguise the stolen goods, which included jewelry from King's grandmother.

Upon arriving home, King found Kalib to be unharmed but her bedroom ransacked.

"I thought we had taken the proper precautions," King said. "It was broad daylight."

She and her boyfriend moved into their home in October. Since the burglary, they have bought outdoor cameras and chains for the gates.

"It's kind of sad that you have to go even farther than you thought you would have to go," King said. "I just want this guy to get caught so he can't do it to somebody else."

Anyone with information is asked to call the Wayne Police Department at 734-721-1598.

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Help alleviate shortage of Type O blood

Micah Walker Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

The idea of donating blood can make some people squeamish.

But for those with Type O blood, they could help save lives and get rewarded for it

The American Red Cross has announced that the shortage in Type O blood is so critical nationwide that the organization is offering \$5 Amazon gift cards to donors as an incentive to boost supply.

Currently, there are only six units of Type O blood available for every 100,000 people, but at least two times that amount is needed every day.

"Type O-negative is the universal blood type and is what emergency room personnel reach for in the most serious situations when there is not time to determine a patient's blood type," said Dr. Pampee Young, chief medical officer of Red Cross Biomedical Services. "Type O-positive blood can be transfused to any positive blood type patient and is also critical in trauma situations. We are asking donors to give blood as soon as

possible to ensure patient needs can be met in the days and weeks ahead."

According to the Red Cross, only 7% of the population has Type O-negative blood. Last month, approximately 11,500 fewer Type O donations were collected due to spring break, and schools reducing the number of blood drives organized at the end of the year.

Donors are encouraged to schedule a blood donation appointment by using the Blood Donor App, by visiting redcrossblood.org, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS. Individuals can also open the Red Cross Blood skill on an Alexa-enabled device.

Those who donate blood through June 10 will receive an Amazon gift card via email. In addition, donors who make an appointment from May 24-28 will receive an exclusive Red Cross-branded T-shirt while supplies last.

A blood donation can take about an hour, but the actual donation itself only takes about 10 minutes.

While Type O is critically needed, the Red Cross is also seeking platelet and blood donors of all types in honor of Trauma Awareness Month.



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Police: Woman crashes through construction site

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A Plymouth Township resident faces a felony drunken driving charge after crashing a vehicle into orange barrels and then a construction worker's parked vehicle.

Amber Smaha, 39, has been arraigned on her third operating while intoxicated offense, a felony, and a charge of operating with a blood-alcohol content of .17% or more, according to court records.

Livonia police said in a report they were dispatched to Ann Arbor Road, near Newburgh Road, because of a two-vehicle collision the afternoon of May 14.

Construction workers said Smaha's vehicle had been swerving over the roadway and she ran a red light before careening into the orange barrels.

Smaha seemed disoriented. She kept staring into the distance and did not know where she was. Police smelled intoxicants.

Upon questioning, she said she was drinking vodka earlier. After testing her blood-alcohol content, police found a handbag of liquor bottles behind the driver's seat, along with medical discharge information from an alcohol treatment program she had been released from at 9:30 a.m.

Police said she was convicted of operating while intoxicated in surrounding cities in 2002 and 2004.

MSP: Man, 61, dies in I-275 traffic crash

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

A 61-year-old man died because of injuries sustained May 17 in a threevehicle crash along northbound Interstate 275 near Cherry Hill Road in Canton Township.

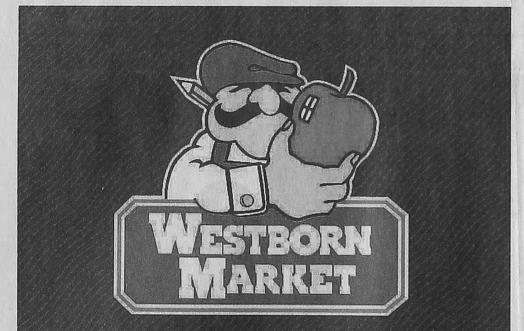
The Canton Township resident was pronounced dead at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Michigan State Police troopers said in a series of tweets.

They said they received calls of the crash around 9 a.m. Investigators determined one vehicle rear-ended another in the middle lane of I-275 and that vehicle was pushed into another.



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For those planning to light up the night with fireworks this Memorial Day, there are new state laws to keep in mind. MARY SCHROEDER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Michigan fireworks laws have changed

Micah Walker Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Memorial Day is on the horizon, marking the unofficial start of the summer season.

As people host barbecues and pool parties to celebrate, personal firework shows are sure to be heard throughout the neighborhood.

Before lighting up the night, there are new laws to keep in mind.

In December, new measures were signed into law that reduce the number of days fireworks can be used, give local government more power to regulate the devices and tighten consumer sales and use

Rep. Jim Lilly, R-Park Township, sponsored two of the three new bills passed.

They were put into place after com-

July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.

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No, a person cannot light fireworks on public property, such as schools, churches, or the property of another person without their permission.

Those who violate the law can pay a fine as much as \$500.

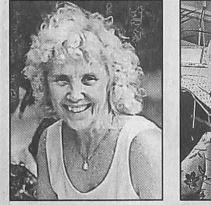
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munities statewide complained about residents' property damage and fireworks being shot off at all hours, scaring children and pets.

Here are the new laws, as well as a refresher on the fireworks process in Michigan:

What types of fireworks are legal in Michigan?

Consumer fireworks

- Roman candles
- Bottle rockets
- Missile type rockets
- Aerials
- Reloadable shell devices
- Firecrackers
- Helicopter/aerial spinners
- Single tube device with report

Novelty items

- Sparklers
- Snaps
- Poppers
- Snakes

Low impact fireworks

Ground sparkling devices Ground-based or handheld sparklers

Ground sparkling devices

Smoke devices

Display Fireworks

Public fireworks shows organized by professionals

When can I shoot off fireworks?

The new law, House Bill 5939, has significantly reduced the number of days one can shoot off fireworks, from 30 to 12.

While the initial law allowed people to light fireworks around federal holidays, the new measure has limited displays to these dates:

Dec. 31 until 1 a.m. on Jan. 1

I The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

Can anyone sell mreworks:

According to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), a person cannot sell consumer fireworks unless they have a fireworks certificate.

Applications can be completed online and must be submitted by April1 for the upcoming fireworks season.

A person must pay a \$1,250 fee for each retail location that is a permanent building or structure, or a \$1,000 fee for each temporary structure.

If the application includes 10 or more retail locations that are not permanent buildings or structures, the fee is \$700.

The certificate is valid until April 30 of the following year.

What if I sell fireworks in a temporary space?

Under a new law that takes effect on Aug. 1, local governments with a population of 100,000 people or more or a local government located in a county with a population of 750,000 or more will have the authority to regulate temporary structures, such as tents or stands.

This can include a restriction on the number of permits issued for a temporary structure, regulation of the distance required between two or more temporary structures, or a zoning ordinance.

Can fireworks be banned?

Yes, but only under weather conditions.

The governor, the state fire marshal or the head of the Department of Natural Resources can ban fireworks use in a county because of dry conditions.

In addition, local fire chiefs have the authority to impose burn bans in their jurisdictions if the DNR has issued a fire risk criteria to "very high" for 72 hours.

Can I still operate fireworks while drinking alcohol?



- Jean Hillock born November 20, 1929 passed away May 16, 2019 at the age of 89. Loving wife of the late Murray Hillock. Proud mother of Patricia and John (Janie) Hillock. Dear sister of the late Angus and sister- in -law of Joyce. Jean will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Services were held through Harry J Will Funeral Home in Livonia.

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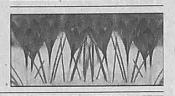


Fay C. Kline

- - Kline, Fay C., age 90, passed away May 16, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Calvin R. Kline. Cherished mother of Debbie (Paul) DeNapoli and Keith (Korey) Kline. Dearest grandmother of Danielle (Nathan) Carney, Chris De-Napoli, Kameron Kline and Karlee Kline. Loving great-grandmother of Remington Carney. Adored aunt and great aunt of many nieces and nephews. A visitation will be held Saturday May 25, 12pm until time of funeral service 3pm at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (Between MiddleBelt and Merriman Rd) Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. To sign the online guestbook or to leave a memory go to www.TurowskiFuneralHome.com

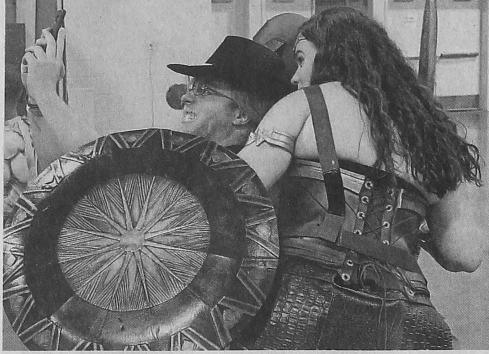
Linda M. Truxell

LIVONIA - Linda M. Truxell age 79 of Livonia passed away peacefully early Thursday morning, May 16, 2019. She was born in Newark, New Jersey September 20, 1939 the daughter of Charles and Dorthea Kerry. Beloved mother of Kerry (Diane) and Tod (Kimberley); proud grandmother of Shea (James), Kassity (Matthew), Maxwell and Austin; dear sister of John Kerry and the late Elaine and Warren. Services for Linda will be held later in Florida. Donations in Memory of Linda may be directed to The National Lupus Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home Downtown Farmington.



May you find peace in this time of sorrow.

MOTOR CITY COMIC CON INVADES NOVI



A Motor City Comic Con superhero fan gets a selfie with fellow fans dressed as Deadpool (background) of Marvel Comics and Wonder Woman of DC Comics. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM





Willow, 7, left, dressed as Captain Marvel, and Oakley Duncan, 3, dressed as Peter Quill or "Star-Lord," pose for a photo with fellow Marvel Comics character Groot (Edward Woolveston of Lake Orion) on May 17 at Motor City Comic Con in Novi. Woolveston's nearly 8-foot-tall costume was very popular with convention goers. Woolveston said he created most of the costume with foam pipe pieces that he ground down with a Dremel tool and other pieces of mat-foam which he shaped and then painted brown and green.

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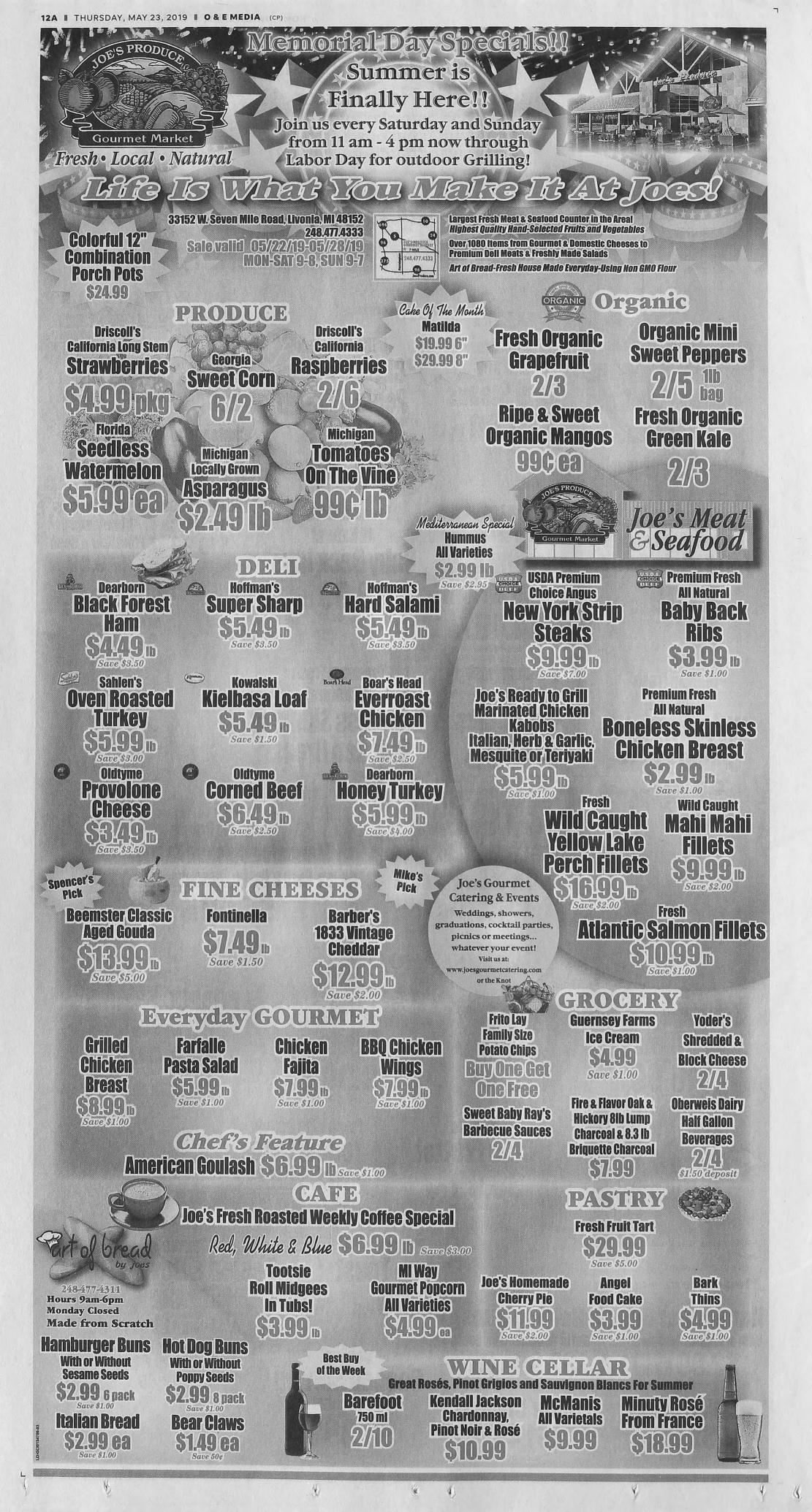


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GIRLS TENNIS

Plymouth headed to first-ever state tournament

Andrew Vailliencourt Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

The Plymouth girls tennis team set a goal at the beginning of the season: qualify for the state tournament.

On Thursday, the team did just that, earning 18 points in the Division 1 third regional at Ann Arbor Pioneer. Pioneer (27 points) and Ann Arbor Huron (20 points) also qualified out of the region. The state tournament will take place on May 31 and June 1 at the Greater Midland Tennis Center.

It's the first time in school history that the Wildcats have qualified for states.

"For us, this has been a goal of ours for several years," Plymouth coach Rob McLaren said. "We talked about it as a team, laying out the goal for the season. States was our top priority. We had lots of goals, but the team as a whole definitely wanted to make states.

"We've been focused on how we were going to do that all year long, the teams that we'd need to beat, the flights that would have to win dual matches to set up good seeds for regionals, when you get good seeds you usually have good matchups the first two rounds. That's what we got and we were able to execute."

All eight Plymouth flights reach at least the semifinals and both Jessica Braun at No. 1 singles and the No. 3 doubles team of Paige Cristea and Grace

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SOFTBALL



John Glenn's Adin Maxon slides back to second base before Livonia Stevenson's Alexis Black has a chance to tag her out. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

GIRLS SOCCER

South Lyon captures LVC championship

Andrew Vailliencourt

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The South Lyon girls soccer team defeated Waterford Mott, 1-0, May 13to win the program's first conference championship.

The team's lone goal came from star freshman Regan Dancer, who leads the conference in goals with 13.

South Lyon is 12-0-4 overall and 7-0-1 in the Lakes Valley Conference. Waterford Mott finished in second place, with a 6-2 league record.

"Winning the conference is a big deal for us especially since it's the first time in school history for either the boys or the girls soccer programs," South Lyon coach Brian Elliott said. "This is a very special group of girls that love playing together and being around each other. I couldn't be more proud of them."

The Lions will play Brighton in the district playoffs next Wednesday. They will play Milford this Thursday in the LVC tournament semifinals, should they win, they'll play in the conference tournament title game on Saturday. South Lyon will be the home team in both contests.

"There are a lot of players this see

Stevenson gets its first division win since 2006

Andrew Vailliencourt Hometownlife.com

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Around this time in 2015, the Livonia Stevenson softball program was wrapping up a 5-30 season – an all-around stinker.

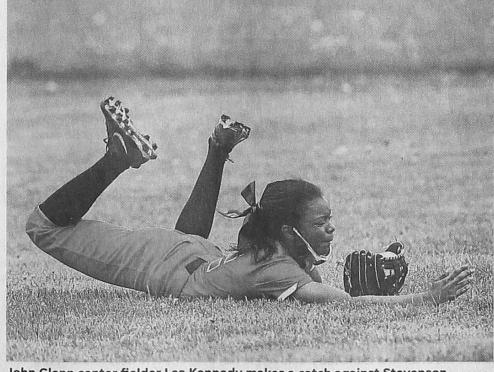
Four years later, the story is completely different.

The Spartans captured their first division title since 2006 Wednesday night by defeating John Glenn 7-2 at Stevenson High School.

It's the school's first KLAA division title and just the fourth in the last 42 years.

Since taking over, Stevenson coach Kevin Hannigan, who is in his fourth season, has steadily built up the program. The breakout has come this season, with an overall record of 23-7 and a conference record of 14-0.

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John Glenn center fielder Lea Kennedy makes a catch against Stevenson.

son that are having great seasons both on the defensive and offensive side of things," Elliott said. "Our defense has been anchored by junior Taylor Fischer and senior captain Carmen Sweigard in goal. Senior captain Rylee McDermott has pretty much played every minute of every game for the last four years for us providing incredible consistency and leadership every day. She's joined in the middle by freshman Katie Sartori, and on the outside by junior Kylie Davis and sophomore Emma Dalzochio.

"Our midfield consists of great leadership and skill from senior Meadow Schuldt, junior Andrea Williams and Dancer. We also have a lot of attacking threats in senior Sarah Flannery, junior Allison Faragher and sophomore Lexi Nabozny."



The South Lyon girls soccer team won the LVC title 1-0 against Waterford Mott. COURTESY OF MICHELE DALZOCHIO



TRACK AND FIELD

Northville girls win KLAA championship

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The Northville girls track and field team came away victorious at the Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship held at Novi High School earlier this month.

The Mustangs won their seventh straight conference title as they finished atop the 16-school field scoring 128 points.

Brighton finished runner-up with 92 points and Plymouth was third with 85.

"Coming into the meet we knew that it was going to be a competitive meet," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "Brighton and Plymouth are both really good, well coached teams."

Northville was led by victories in the 400 and 3,200 relays in addition to two individual wins.

Junior Abby Dunn continued her impressive season as she finished first in the 300 hurdles with a time of 46.70, edging Brighton's Kennedy Smith, who placed second (47.50). Dunn took second in the 100 hurdles in a personal-best 16.29. Dunn teamed up with Angel McCray, Lauren Marshall and Melanie Sarafian for second place in the 800 relay (1:45.69) and McCray, Alia Bournay and Gina Couyoumjian for a third place finish in the 1,600 relay (4:04.89)

McCray, a sophomore, surprised the field in the 400 as she won with her best time of 59.15. McCray entered the race with the fourth best seed time of all competitors. Bryce Calka of Brighton was the runner-up in 59.29.

McCray also was part of the winning 4 x 100 relay with Marisa Porco, Marshall and Sarafian as the foursome finished in 49.37. Plymouth's team of Amanda Radke, Ava Spiteri, Delia Brennan and Reghan Draper clocked 50.27 nipping Brighton's Felesity Norris, Brooke Gray, Kennedy Smith and Morgan Waggoner, which crossed the line in 50.33.

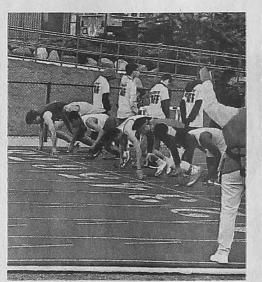
Sarafian again contributed prominently to the Mustangs' scoring as she took second in both the 100 (12.61) and 200 (26.29). Plymouth's Draper was the conference champion in both events (100: 12.34; 200: 25.64).

Plymouth Freshman Lauren Kiley was a double winner in the 1,600 (5:09.39) and 3,200 (11:02.92). Northville's Yasmine Mansi took runner up honors behind Kiley in both races (1,600: 5:14.51; 3,200: 11:08.74). Mansi anchored the winning 4 x 800 relay for the Mustangs along with Emily Gordon, Olivia Harp and Gina Couyoumjian finishing in 9:41.27.

Boys KLAA meet



The Northville boys and girls track and field teams pose with their KLAA West Division trophy (boys team) and KLAA conference trophy (girls team). PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRYAN MASI



Northville's Zack Phillips, in lane 5, prepares to run the 100m dash.

School.

Brighton came away atop the 16school field, scoring 108.5 points followed by Northville (97) and Plymouth

"We went after it," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "A lot of the boys had really good performances. We knew that Brighton has a really strong team. Some things didn't go our way. That happens."

Northville's 400 relay of Ben Shuart, Zack Phillips, Demetri Zervos and Brandon Kearney won the event as they broke the school record in a time of 42.79. The record, set in 1998 by Tony Clemens, James Clemens, Gino Peters and Chris Cean, was 43.00.

"These four seniors targeted that record early on this season," Dalton said. "They've been working towards it and

first place finish in 1:29.73, a time that lowered the school record they set earlier this spring. Brighton's team of Scott Spaanstra, Will Jontz, Brendan Edoff and Chris Seguin crossed the line next in 1:30.68.

Senior Nick Couyoumjian won the 800 for the second year in a row. Couyoumjian's time of 1:54.35 bested Patrick Byrnes of Plymouth, who finished second in 1:58.44.

Couyoumjian also ran on Northville's runner-up 4 x 400 relay (3:26.15) with Brandon Liu, Knight and Kearney, as well as the fourth place 4 x 800 relay (8:13.01) with Raymond Jiang, Liu and Alex Beloui. Brighton's team of Matt Jontz, Will Jontz, Spaanstra and Edoff won the 4 x 400 in 3:23.98, while Novi's quartet of Matthew Whyte, Blake Maday, Matthew Gustitus and Miles Brown took the 4 x 800 in 7:56.63.

Junior Jacob Pichler won long jump with his leap of 20-5.00, edging Canton's Caden Domzalski, whose best jump was 20-4.05.

Ben Shuart finished high in the hurdle events, as he finished second in the 110 hurdles (14.72), finishing just behind Plymouth's Malcolm Caldwell (14.62). Caldwell also took first in the 300 hurdles in 39.71. Shuart finished fourth in that event with a personal-best time (40.89).

KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP May 10 at Novi High School TEAM STANDINGS

 Northville, 128; 2. Brighton, 92; 3. Plymouth, 85; 4. Salem, 77; 5. Hartland, 61.5; 6. Livonia Churchill, 47.5; 7. Wayne Memorial, 34; 7. Howell, 34; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 31; 10. Novi, 26; 11. Livonia Franklin, 20, 12. Canton, 11; 13. Belleville, 6; 14. Westland John Glenn, 5; 15. Dearborn, 3; 16. Dearborn Fordson, 2. FINAL EVENT RESULTS: TOP THREE FINISHERS 100 dash: 1. Reghan Draper (Ply.), 12.33; 2. Melanie Sarafian

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High jump: 1. Macayla Harris (Salem), 5-4; 2. Lindsey Strutz (Hartland), 5-4; 3. Makayla Ward (Salem), 5-2.

Pole vault 1. Catherine Visscher (LC), 11-0; 2. Kyria Gowman (LS), 9-9; 3. Natalie Yurgil (LC), 9-6.

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BOYS TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

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400: 1. Miles Brown (Novi), 48.54; 2. Will Jontz (Brighton), 50.70;
3. Nolan Knight (N'ville), 51.1.
800: 1. Nick Couyoumjian (N'ville), 1:54.35; 2. Patrick Byrnes (Ply.), 1:58.44; 3. Matt Jontz (Brighton), 2:00.04.
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The Northville boys track and field team finished runner-up at Friday's KLAA championship meet at Novi High

I'm really happy for them that they finally broke through."

In the 800 relay, Phillips, Zervos, Nolan Knight and Kearney teamed up for a

ville), 12.61: 3. Felesity Norris (Brighton), 12.83 00: 1. Draper (Ply.), 12.87; 2. Sarafian, (N'ville), 26.29; 3. Laurer Smith (Hartland), 26.42

400: 1. Angel McCray (N'ville), 59.15; 2. Bryce Calka (Brighton) 59.29: 3. Emerson Sargeant (Hartland), 59.64

Softball

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They'll likely face off against either Hartland or Howell for the conference title.

"For us to win the city, win the division, it's the ultimate goal," Hannigan said. "The girls believed in the message and put in the time in November rather than just waiting for the season to start.

"Really it's just a credit to them for doing what we're asking and putting the team first."

Hannigan, who was drenched with water by his team while celebrating the win, added that without each of his team's believing in him and the coaching staff, none of this would be possible.

"Four years ago, we were only winning five or six games a year," Hannigan said. "The seniors when I took over really bought into what I was trying to do. From there it escalated and the next team came in and understood what we were trying to do and then the next team.

We were trying to build a culture over the last three years, we wanted to get some respect back from teams that used to mercy us, so they know it's not an automatic win."

Two players from the current team have been a part of Hannigan's program from the beginning: seniors Catherine Olschanski and Katie Sopko.

Olschanski said it's been a team effort to get the program to where it is now

"It's amazing," Olschanski said. "I couldn't be more grateful for this whole team. I've played with these girls for

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Stevenson's Maddie Schurnack is welcomed back to home plate by her teammates after she launched a solo home run over the left field fence in the sixth inning May 15 against John Glenn. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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three or four years, some of them a lot longer and we're blessed to be where we are now."

To earn the elusive division title, the Spartans first had to get past the Rockets

They did their best to make sure Stevenson had to work for it.

John Glenn scored first, on an RBI double by Adin Maxson in the third inning.

Stevenson answered back in the bottom of the inning, scoring two runs. It then added four more runs in the fourth to take a 6-1 lead.

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Riley Cook, who also pitched a complete game, had two hits, including an RBI double.

Sophie Bater and Janie West also each added two hits.

"We were giving some more girls some opportunities to get some reps in," Hannigan said. "Some of them were a little nervous to start, but once we realized what the pitcher was throwing and we calmed them down and got better swings, we tried to make her pitch to us, once we got a couple key hits, the flow started going a bit better.

"Riley Cook pitched great. She's be-

hind our one and two, so she's coming into her own. We're very proud of her, she's only a sophomore. Great movement on the ball today which really helped us.'

In the bottom of the sixth, Maddie Schornack pinch-hit and bombed a home run over the left field fence, hitting the shed just past the yellow foul pole.

It was her first career home run and she initially thought it went foul.

"We wanted to get some pop to give us some energy and she did exactly what we thought she could," Hannigan said. "She's our catalyst in the outfield, she's been a starter since her freshman year, so it's exciting to see her get her first home run."

Now the focus is on winning a conference title and performing well in the state playoffs.

The team is now in the South Lyon district, which is traditionally difficult. Olschanski said that the journey to the top has been a long one, and the team is eager to keep climbing.

Stevenson has only won three district titles in school history and is hoping it can add a fourth in the coming weeks.

'Our ceiling is high," Hannigan said. 'We've played Hartland tight, we took them seven innings and usually that's a team we can't get our cleats on before we're back on the bus. Hartland and Howell are the teams to beat in our conference, but if we do what we need to do and keep it at a slower pace for us, communicate and play as a team, I think our ceiling is very high."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Novi senior Novell at 200 career goals in lacrosse - and counting

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After scoring her 200th career goal last week, Novi lacrosse senior Katie Novell won this week's Athlete of the Week poll.

She has scored more than 50 goals and tallied 20 assists this season, including 12 goals, two assists, eight caused turnovers, one interception and six ground balls last week alone.

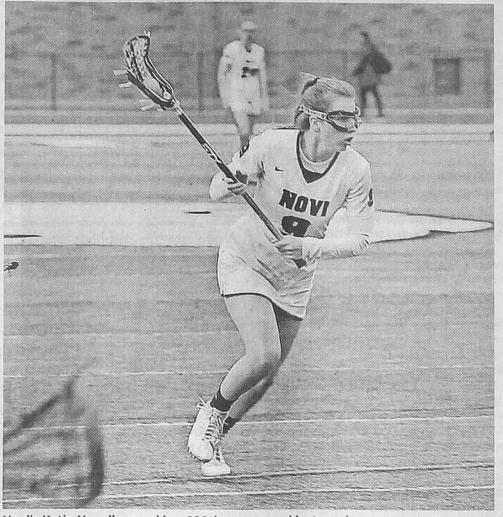
Novell has been an all-state athlete and a KLAA all-conference athlete for both lacrosse and academics. She's led Novi to a strong season, and hopes to lead the team to more success in the state playoffs.

She received 21,771 votes (46.3%), topping second-place finisher Hailey DeChalk, a softball player from Salem High School who hit .407 with two home runs, including a grand slam, two doubles, 11 RBIs, seven runs scored, one walk and zero strikeouts last week. De-Chalk finished with 16,501 votes (35.09%).

We caught up with Novell and asked her a few questions:

What's your favorite memory from this season? Do you have any team or personal goals you're still hoping to accomplish?

"One of my favorite things about this season is that our team has played very competitively all season long, especially against some of the best and strongest teams. It's been fun seeing our team improve throughout the season. I scored my 200th Novi lacrosse goal last week, which was pretty exciting. Also, the fact



Novi's Katie Novell scored her 200th career goal last week. COURTESY OF KATIE NOVELL

that I was able to finish my last lacrosse As a senior, this is my last round of playseason with my best friends and a great group of girls is a definite highlight. As for my goal for our team, I hope we play our best and make it far in the playoffs!

offs as a Novi Wildcat; I'm going to do everything I can to make it count! Personally, I hope to earn an All-State Award.

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

"Kenzie Kent is my sports role model. She just finished up her last season at Boston College where she was a dualsport Division 1 athlete. She played lacrosse and ice hockey and was a dominant force on both teams. Kenzie successfully balanced two D1 sports and school at the same time. She has been a role model and inspiration to me since, in addition to playing lacrosse, I also played field hockey for Novi High School and AAA travel ice hockey for Honey-Baked Hockey. Throughout high school, I have been balancing two sports at any given time. Sometimes my schedule got a little crazy, but somehow I managed to balance school with sports and had so much fun along the way."

Who is your favorite musical artist/band and why?

"I really like a lot of country music. It puts me in a good mood and makes me think of summer."

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

"My favorite movie is "Just Go With It" because I love Adam Sandler and Jennifer Anniston. It's just a really funny movie."

What are your future plans after high school and do they include lacrosse? What year in school are you?

"I am a senior and will graduate from Novi High School in a couple of weeks. I will be attending Michigan State University next year and playing on the MSU ice hockey team."

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GIRLS SOCCER



FINAL MICHIGAN PREP LACROSSE RANKINGS

Boys rankings

Division 1 - (record, rating, goal differential, strength of schedule) 1. Birmingham Brother Rice (17-0, 95.55, 8.00, 87.55) 2. Detroit Catholic Central (15-2, 92.71, 7.17, 85.54) 3. Hartland (14-1, 90.44, 8.13, 82.31) 4. Lake Orion (15-2, 87.69, 6.17, 81.52) 5. Northville (14-2, 86.86, 4.75, 82.11) 6. Plymouth (14-4, 85.97, 5.11, 80.86) 7. Clarkston (12-3, 85.68, 3.66, 82.02) 8. Rockford (12-5, 85.40, 1.52, 83.88) 9. U-D Jesuit (12-5, 85.28, 3.41, 81.87) 10. Saline (13-2, 84.91, 5.26, 79.65) 11. Rochester Adams (14-4, 84.71, 4.22, 80.49) 12. Haslett-Williamston (13-3, 84.19, 5.62, 78.57) 13. Midland (11-6, 83.94, 3.94, 80.00) 14. Birmingham United (10-4, 83.89, 4.00, 79.89) 15. Brighton (8-9, 83.81, 0.47, 83.34) **Division 2** 1. Forest Hills Central (15-1, 93.07. 8.12, 84.95) 2. East Grand Rapids (13-5, 86.22, 2.11, 84.11) 3. Forest Hills Eastern (10-6, 86.09, 2.68, 83.41) 4. Detroit Country Day (7-9, 83.19, -0.87, 84.06)5. Spring Lake (12-1, 83.15, 5.30, 77.85)

The Stevenson soccer team clinched the KLAA East Division and will play Novi for the conference title. COURTESY OF LIVONIA STEVENSON SOCCER

Stevenson wins KLAA East; Novi wins West

Andrew Vailliencourt

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The Livonia Stevenson girls soccer team captured the KLAA East Division title last week by beating Dearborn, 3-0.

The win gave the Spartans a perfect

13-0-1 conference record.

Adriana Mroz scored twice, while Abby Werthman tallied two assists in the clinching game.

It set up a conference championship showdown on Monday between the Spartans and Novi High School, which won the West Division title by also going undefeated (find results online at hometownlife.com).

The Wildcats are the No. 1 ranked team in the state and are looking to defend their state championship in the playoffs.

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Girls rankings

1. East Grand Rapids (18-2, 91.27, 7.95, 83.32) 2. Rockford (9-5-1, 90.97, 3.86, 87.11) 3. Forest Hills United (13-5, 88.11, 4.77, 83.34) 4. Hartland (16-1, 86.36, 7.35, 79.01) 5. Marian (15-1, 85.71, 6.68, 79.03) 6. Brighton (12-7-1, 84.09, 2.85, 81.24) 7. Detroit Country Day (14-1, 83.42, 6.33, 77.09) 8. Okemos (13-1-2, 83.09, 7.31, 75.78) 9. Mattawan (15-3, 82.79, 5.72, 77.07) 10. Ann Arbor Pioneer (13-5-1, 82.44, 4.52, 77.92) 11. Cranbrook Kingswood (7-8-1, 82.22, 0.00, 82.22) 12. Grand Rapids Christian (10-9, 81.36, 0.10, 81.26) 13. Birmingham Unified (5-6, 80.92, -1.72, 82.64) 14. Farmington (17-0, 80.63, 7.70, 72.93) 15. Northville (9-6, 80.61, 2.00, 78.61) 16. Midland (11-1, 80.03, 6.75, 73.28) 17. Troy (5-7, 79.83, 1.58, 78.25) 18. DeWitt (12-4, 79.62, 3.50, 76.12) 19. Novi (9-7, 79.31, 2.43, 76.88) 20. Grand Rapids Catholic Central (5-12, 78.47, -4.23, 82.70) 21. South Lyon United (12-4-1, 78.26, 4.41, 73.85)

Livonia youth softball wins Northville tournament

Andrew Vailliencourt

Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

The Livonia Storm 11U fast-pitch softball team won the 2019 Northville Early Bird Tournament over Mother's Day weekend.

The team participated in the 12U division and went 5-0-1, beating the 12U Northville Broncos in the championship game.

Team members include: Betty Adams, Lydia Aubry, Rachel Balhorn, Anna Battagin, Elaina Braunscheidel, Jas-

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mine Burrow, Amanda Hampton, Kennedy Kasten, Isabella Kutch, Mia Monte, Jessie Rodopoulos, Katelyn Ruth and Zoe Seagren. The team is coached by Stacy Rodopoulos. Assistant coaches are Reuben Adams, Ron Aubry and Ed Battagin.

The tournament featured teams from 8U to 13U. Full results can be found on the tournament's website at www.northvilleearlybird.org.

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The Livonia Storm 11U softball team won the 2019 Northville Early Bird Tournament. COURTESY OF ED BATTAGIN

Tennis

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Iacopelli reached the finals. That was enough to secure the 18 points needed to advance.

It certainly wasn't an easy road though for the Wildcats. Five flights were on the court at once during the semifinal round and all Plymouth needed to qualify was one more win. However, only one of those flights won - the No. 3 doubles pair. Luckily for McLaren, they were the first flight to finish, relieving the pressure, which ultimately turned to joy.

"It was an incredible feeling," McLaren said. "Everyone on the team knew what it was going to take to win and everyone was excited to do their part and win the matches they needed to win."

The No. 3 doubles team needed to beat Ann Arbor Huron in the semifinals in order to reach the finals and did so in three-sets, which has become a regular thing for the duo.

"They've been amazing this season," McLaren said. "They've won tons of three-set matches. In order to get the No. 2 seed, they had to beat strong doubles teams at Saline, Skyline and Huron. They beat all three in very close matches

"I knew when push came to shove, that they were going to win because three-set matches are their specialty."

Braun, who is likely going to be the state's No. 2 overall seed in the state tournament, lost in the regional final to Ann Arbor Pioneer junior Kari Miller (7-5, 6-1). Miller is expected to be the No. 1 overall player in the state. She was a state champion as freshman and took last year off to focus on tennis outside of high school. It was Braun's first loss of the season.

The two are expected to be on a collision course for the state final.

Despite being the program's first trip to states, McLaren believes his team can compete.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," McLaren said. "We've handled ourselves pretty well against other state qualifying teams. We've got the talent to hang in there against many qualifying teams. ... We know we're going to run into some very talented teams eventually."



The Plymouth girls tennis team is headed to the state tournament. COURTESY OF PLYMOUTH ATHLETICS

Plymouth lost close to Novi and Huron, but beat Farmington Hills Mercy this season. Huron and Mercy have clinched trips to the state tournament and Novi is expected to on Friday.

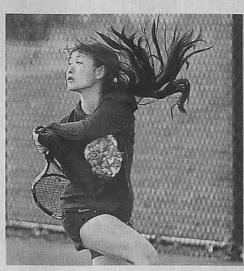
Livonia Franklin wins city championship

In a tournament that was rescheduled two times due to rain, Livonia Franklin won a close match against cross-town rivals Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill. Franklin was able to medal in all nine flights to take the city championship for the second year in a row.

"It has been a crazy season with all the rain and rescheduling of matches," Franklin coach Tom Muller said. "After losing to Stevenson in a dual match early on in the season our girls were determined to bring home the City Championship. We have a lot of great tennis talent in Livonia and we've had some really close matches with both of our sister schools. This tournament was no different as the final scoring came down to just two points. I am so proud of the way our girls pulled out this win today. Every flight contributed and all the hard work throughout the season has paid off."

Other area state qualifiers

Farmington Hills Mercy tallied 27 points to win the region four qualifier.



On a windy day in early April, No. 2ranked Plymouth Wildcat varsity tennis player Allie Zhang lets a shot fly to her Salem High opponent. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

They will head to states along with Dearborn.

Livonia Churchill's No. 1 singles player Allison McConnell also qualified for states, finishing as the runner up in her flight.

The same can be said for South Lyon East's No. 1 singles player Summer McEvers, who has qualified for the Division 2 state tournament after finishing runner up in her regional.

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Division 1 third regional scores

Final scores

Franklin 12 Churchill 10 Stevenson 5

Singles

No. 1

1st place Allison Mcconnell, Livonia Churchill; 2nd place Eva Muller, Livonia Franklin

No. 2

1st place Megan Anthony, Livonia Franklin; 2nd place Mackenzie Wilson, Stevenson High School

No. 3

1st place Emily Kostielney, Livonia Franklin; 2nd place Archana Chandran, Livonia Churchill

No. 4

1st place Sofia Cueva, Livonia Franklin; 2nd place Sarah Dziobak, Stevenson **High School**

Doubles

No. 1

1st place Mary Jiang - Mya Grant, Livonia Churchill; 2nd place Aly Brumm -Stephanie Cueva, Livonia Franklin

No. 2

1st place Nora Curley - Natalie Romick, Livonia Churchill; 2nd place Sandreea Cueva - Katie Callaghan, Livonia Franklin

No. 3

1st place Daphne Millross - Brittney Winn, Livonia Franklin; 2nd place Emily Koch - Emily Hathaway, Stevenson High School

No. 4

1st place Kelly Engler - Marissa Muller, Livonia Franklin; 2nd place Sharan Mangat - Emma Norwood, Livonia Churchill

No. 5

1st place Kate Montie - Halie Hart, Livonia Franklin; 2nd place Jessica Zenas -Natalie Albrecht, Stevenson High School

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The Archdiocese of Detroit has declared war on athletics

Mick McCabe Special to the Detroit Free Press

The Archdiocese of Detroit has declared war on athletics, and I don't get it.

No longer will Catholic high schools and elementary schools in the archdiocese be permitted to schedule athletic events on Sundays.

That was the decision of Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, who said in a statement Wednesday: "In shifting away from the hustle of required sporting activities on Sunday, we will reclaim this holy day and create more time for families to choose activities that prioritize time spent with each other and our Lord."

With all due respect: This is idiotic.

The unintended consequences of this will be disastrous, especially at the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) level, which deals with elementary school athletics. But we will get to those later.

The decision for this policy came from Synod 16, which, according to the news release, was an archdiocesan-wide gathering of "clergy and lay faithful to discern how to transform the local Church into a band of joyful missionary disciples."

Really? Well, over the last couple of days I have heard from a bunch of missionary disciples who are anything but joyful over this decision.

Will families spend their extra time dissecting the Bible now when their entire day is suddenly free of athletics?

That would be wonderful, but it just ain't happening

Does the archbishop believe that not having sporting events on Sundays will increase attendance at mass?

Yeah, that isn't going to happen, either.

This simply makes no sense to me on any level.

There are plenty of opportunities to attend mass either before or after kids' games. And, by the way, should we now eliminate Saturday evening masses because everyone will have Sundays free?

It seems the archbishop is out of touch with his congregation on this one.

Athletic events can be an extension of what happens in church. Has the archbishop ever attended the mass that fills Novi Detroit Catholic Central's main gym before its annual Sunday Boys Bowl football game?

And then there are the high school and CYO games that begin with the people reciting "The Lord's Prayer."

Catholic League officials saw this coming, so they moved their boys and girls basketball championships

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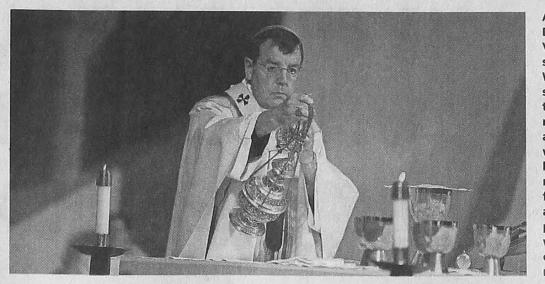
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from Sunday to Saturday, and it just isn't the same as playing on Sunday.

This ruling will be devastating to CYO schools, which already have problems finding available gym time for all the different levels of boys and girls basketball teams.

If you take Sunday out of play, it will force Saturday to become the main game day, and now all the scheduling problems become an absolute mess.

Those problems have been compounded over the last several years when schools decided to add "B" and "C" teams at particular grade levels because they no longer want to make cuts.

It also will be more difficult to find available fields for football, soccer and baseball teams on Saturday. And scheduling officials for Saturday games instead of Sunday will unleash a different brand of chaos on the schools.

The purpose of the Sunday ban appears to be to enable families to spend more time together, but that is exactly what happens when CYO teams play their games on Sundays, when no one has to be at work.

Is athletics the only target here, or does this mean that school plays, choir and band concerts and open houses are a no-go on Sunday?

Most Catholic schools already don't permit their teams to practice on Sundays. If a team at Dearborn Divine Child has a Monday game, it is allowed to practice on Sunday as long as the team attends mass together before practice.

I would bet that is the only time some of the players attend mass, and isn't that part of this mission?

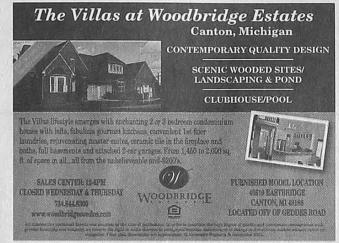
Withall the issues facing the Church and its membership these days, this is where Archbishop Vigneron is drawing a line in the sand?

This isn't an either/or situation. There is no need for the archbishop to pit athletics against the Church. Athletics can and do bring the Church and school community together for the benefit of both.

By the way, the Vatican has sponsored a men's national soccer team for 48 years. This year, with Pope Francis' blessing, it reportedly will sponsor a women's team with over half of the players being Vatican employees.

The first game for the women's team will be a friendly against AS Roma. The game will be May 26 ... a Sunday.

Mick McCabe is a former longtime columnist for the Detroit Free Press.





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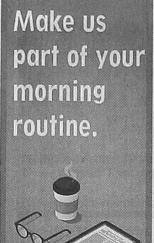
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In addition, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2019 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited.

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201 S. Main Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170 Website: www.plymouthmi.gov Phone: (734) 453-1234 ext. 232

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

> Z19-07 Non-Use Variance Request for 546 Roe Rear Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential District Applicant: R. Daniel MacKinnon

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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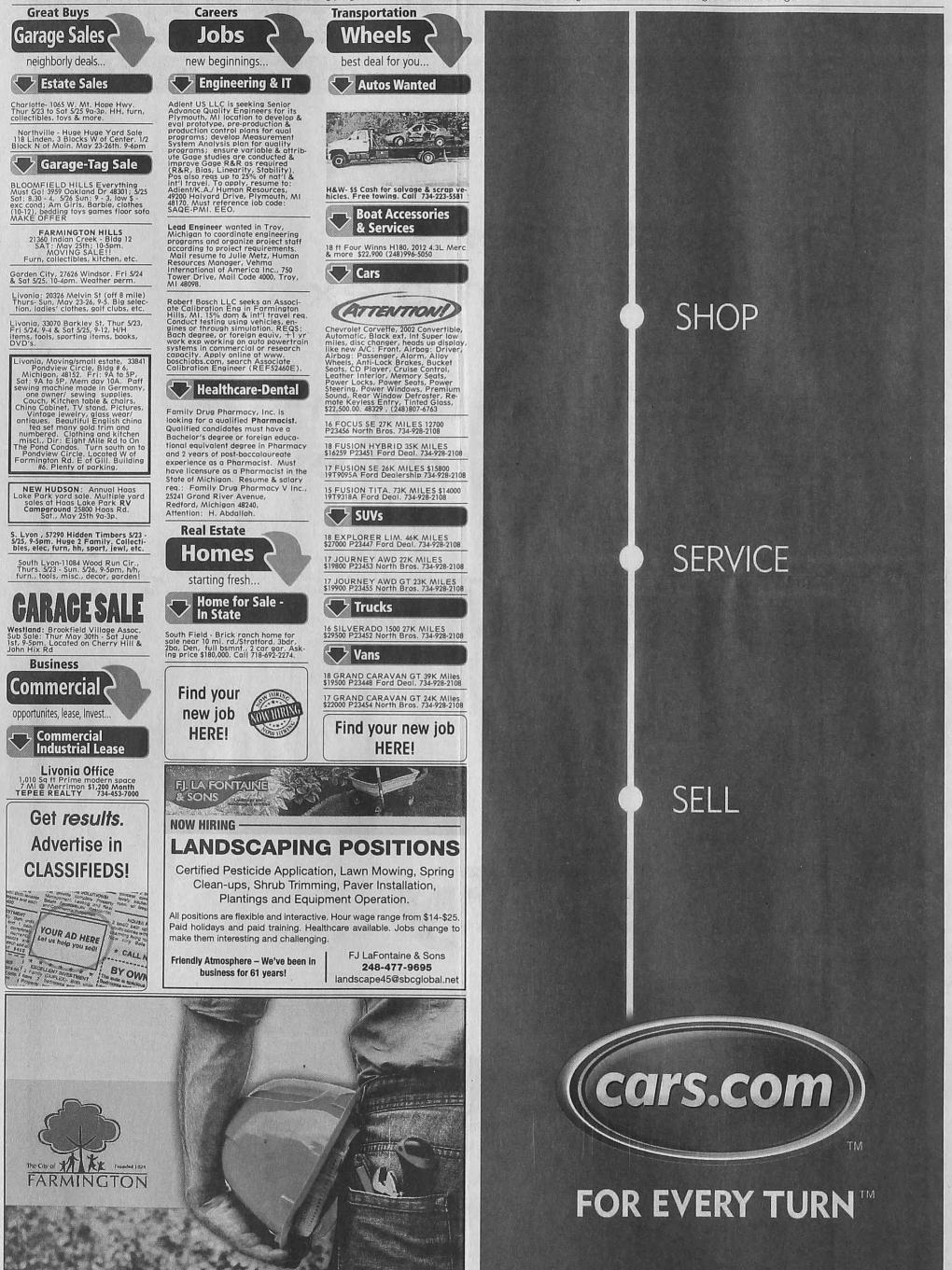
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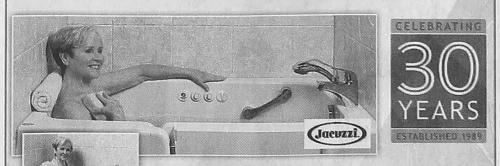
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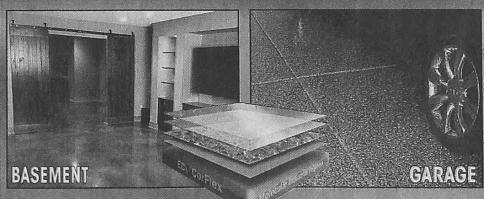






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