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Cities study municipal broadband pitch

Farmington, Hills want to see whether cost would fall

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Most people wish they paid less for cable TV or internet.

In Farmington and Farmington Hills, those lower prices might be on the horizon.

Officials in the two cities are studying what it would look like to create a joint municipal fiber optic network. One potential result, municipal broadband, is a growing trend that allows cities owning fiber optic cables to rent them out to private companies like cable and internet providers.

Joe LaRussa, Farmington's mayor pro tem, said the network could be likened to a city owning the water pipes but not providing the water.

"The idea here is the residents in the municipality would own the pipe, and anyone can provide service with that pipe," he said.

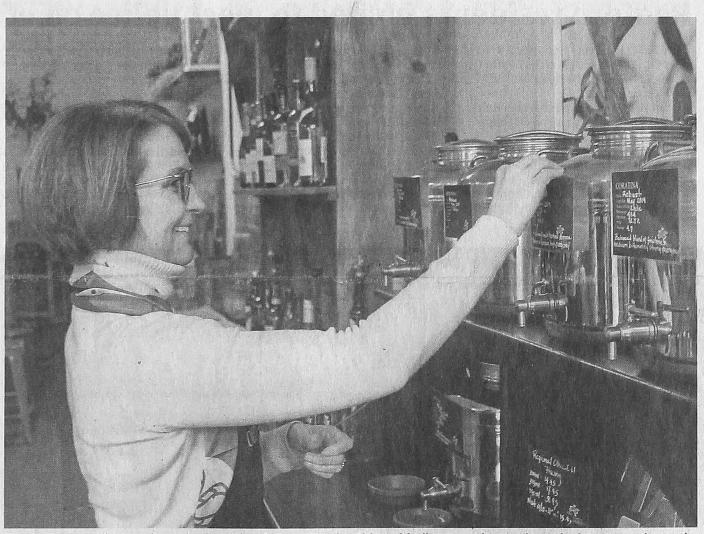
When the city owns the network, residents and competitors wouldn't be

paying to use a cable company's network. LaRussa said cities that use this system typically see prices decrease.

"If you take away the (barrier), now the competition levers are price, speed and quality," he said.

Further study on the project is expected to take four months.

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Kristin Holmes adjusts a sign on a container of olive oil in the Old World Olive Co. at its new home in downtown Plymouth.

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Old World Olive Co. has new home in Plymouth

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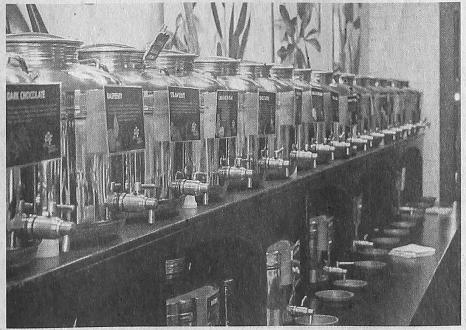
Not much is different in the day-today happenings at the new location for Old World Olive Company in downtown Plymouth.

When the new location really shines is during presentations and cooking demonstrations, said Kristin Holmes, store manager.

"We gained a certified kitchen," she said. "It's very nice to have that space."

The store is now located at 472 Forest Ave., almost directly across the street from where the shop had previously been for about a decade. It moved into the new space, which formerly housed U.P. Pasties, in November. The olive oil shop's former space is now occupied by Your CBD Store, which opened in December.

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Many varieties of balsamic vinegar are on display at the 472 Forest Ave. store.

'Dangerous' Canton home gets stay of execution

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A Canton home scheduled for demolition by the township has been given a one-month stay of execution in the wake of a lawsuit filed by the homeowner's attorney.

The township's board of trustees, acting on the advice of building officials and the township's attorney, voted unanimously at its Jan. 14 meeting to give homeowner Jeanne Wyatt 28 days to either fix the problems that led to mold growing in the structure at 870 Lotz Road or have the structure demolished at Wyatt's expense.

Citing state law, attorney David Nykanen filed a lawsuit in 3rd Circuit

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Mayor: Huge potential at Sears property in Livonia

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News of Sears closing in Livonia isn't a new discussion among city officials and business leaders. For many, it was more about "when" than "if." No one knows that more than Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan.

Brosnan, who took office last month, was saddened last week to hear the news that the department store at 29500 W. Seven Mile would close, but fully expected it would come sooner rather than later.

"I think in the case of the Sears mall redevelopment, that is something people have been growing to expect," she said. "I don't think that change is going to be a difficult one for neighbors to adjust (to)."

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Video voyeur apologizes in court for behavior

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Futa Sakamoto apologized in court Feb. 14, saying he sincerely regrets invading a woman's privacy at the Aqua-Tots swim school in Canton.

He has pleaded guilty to video voyeurism — specifically, the original charges of capturing an image of an unclothed person, surveilling an unclothed person and eavesdropping.

Sakamoto, 44, of Canton apparently threw his cellphone's memory card down a toilet before his arrest. He had been making voyeuristic recordings at Aqua-Tots and Planet Fitness.

An Aqua-Tots patron had spotted a recording device focused on her changing stall. She took her suspicions to the staff.

"I truly apologize for invading her privacy and turning her fun day at Aqua-Tots into a traumatic nightmare," Sakamoto told Third Circuit Judge Kelly Ramsey in her Detroit courtroom. "She must have a lot of anger and disgust towards me, and I totally understand.

"I take full responsibility for my actions and decisions. They clearly didn't deserve this. Nobody does."

Sakamoto also apologized to his family. His wife was in the courtroom.

He said he has been trying to face his compulsive, addictive personality "head-on" by seeing a psychosexual counselor and attending Sexaholics Anonymous meetings.

Sakamoto said he is taking medication to curb his sexual urges and compulsive behaviors. He's also trying to restore his relationship with God.

"Even if I'm able to fool everyone here in this courtroom, I cannot fool God," he said. "I will keep trying to become a trustworthy man, a great father, a great husband and a great friend and a coworker.

"I hope my victims can someday forgive me."



Futa Sakamoto, 44, of Canton apologized profusely in court Feb. 14 for video voyeurism at Aqua-Tots.

Ramsey lessened the hours Sakamoto will have to wear a tether and agreed to push his sentencing to August, about a year after his arrest. Continued good behavior could mean a lighter sentence.

However, "the words 'I'm sorry' are meaningless if the behavior happens again," Ramsey said. "Certainly, you have apologized. You've been honest and forthright. You have apologized to your wife, your colleague and your best friend, to this court and to the community.

"You have to do this for yourself, sir, not for your wife, not for your daughter. You were keeping and hiding this incredible secret.

"It had to be destroying you from the inside."

The judge has scheduled a May hearing to review Sakamoto's case.

Defense attorney Douglas Oliver has said his client confessed "to everything" when investigated by police and gave them access to his phones, computers and hard drives.

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Police want to honor hotel pool-rescue heroes

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Some heroic individuals recently rescued a 2-year-old from a Holiday Inn Express pool in Livonia, and police want to honor the child's four saviors

with their Exceptional Service Award.

According to Capt. Ron Taig, the child became unresponsive Jan. 24 in the

became unresponsive Jan. 24 in the pool. Miranda Avery, 9, directed her godmother's attention to the child.

The godmother, Rolanda Williams, screamed for others to call 9-1-1. She

dove in and rescued the child.

Two off-duty nurses, Yolanda Burris and Amy Herrington, performed CPR, successfully reviving the child.

The child was transported to a local hospital where he was treated and released.

Redford residents invited to meet police chief

Haven't had the opportunity to meet Chief Nick Lentine of the Redford Township Police Department yet? Here's your chance.

Lentine has just completed his first year as chief and he wants to celebrate with the township he serves.

This month, Redford's Coffee with a Cop chats will include Lentine, changing the name of the casual event to Coffee with the Chief. Residents are invited to chat with Lentine and other officers in a relaxed atmosphere.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to meet and talk with many of the neighbors who care about Redford Township," Lentine said.

There are no agendas and no speeches, just friends and neighbors enjoying a cup of coffee and good conversation. Neighbors and business owners get together with officers to find out what is new in their neighborhoods and how everyone can join together to make Red-

ford Township a better community.

Coffee with the Chief will be held from 8-10 a.m. today at the Redford Grill, 25800 Five Mile. Coffee and hot tea will be provided, and a tasty breakfast is always available for purchase.

Coffee with a Cop is the fourth Thursday of each month and the location is rotated throughout establishments in Redford. To host Coffee with a Cop, contact Sgt. Jennifer Mansfield at jmansfield2@redfordpd.org.



What to know about Westland millage

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Westland wants to bring its recycling program back, but officials say the city needs extra tax dollars to do it.

So, city officials agreed to place a sanitation millage before voters in the March 10 election.

The tax dollars gained through its passage would pay for a host of things, recycling included.

The city had to drop its recycling program in March 2019 when the cost per ton went from \$18 to \$80.

Mayor William Wild said the most recent bid he's received place the costs at \$130 per ton.

Wild has previously said he chose the March election because summer taxes would allow the millage to take effect sooner.

The Demogratic presidential primary.

The Democratic presidential primary election is that day, as well as a tax renewal request from the Detroit Institute of Arts. Elections are also scheduled in August and November.

If voters approve the millage request,

the city would be authorized to levy up to 1 mill, or \$1 per every \$1,000 of taxable value, for the next 10 years.

Wild said the millage, the first he's put before council, would raise about \$1.75 million in its first year and would cost the average Westland homeowner \$50 annually.

He also said the money would only fund sanitation efforts and would not go to other city accounts.

Here's everything to know before heading to the town hall or ballot box:

Recycling program

At a Jan. 28 study meeting on the millage, Councilman Mike McDermott said, though the millage would do more than bring back recycling, that's arguably the most important thing it would do.

"We can set this up, obviously, and we have, as a sanitation millage but the average resident is going to expect this to be used toward recycling," he said.

To that end, Wild vowed to bring back recycling as soon as possible if the

millage passes

"What we're probably going to do is find a short-term solution for recycling and then keep an eye open for a longterm solution," Wild said. "With that, if this goes through, the next step would be, because the funding would be in place, you would have my commitment to bring a contract before council."

Right now, the city expects it would pay \$130 per ton for 4,500 tons of recycling per year.

That would cost about \$585,000 in the first year the program is installed, and Wild said the cost per ton would likely increase gradually in at least the near future.

The millage would also allow the city to add recycling to the sanitation budget while being able to save money for future capital expenses.

Garbage trucks

In 2019, the city purchased three new garbage trucks.

Wild said the city ultimately saves money by paying for the trucks and gas-

oline rather than renting a company's trucks.

There is no money set aside in the budget to purchase trucks this year, but most of the fleet was purchased in 2015 and will need replacing soon.

City Finance Director Steve Smith said the city was told to plan on seven years of use for those trucks that are now five years old.

"It's imperative, obviously, as the fleet gets a little older we've got to start replacing them and that's what we've done," he said.

Aside from the purchase of the new trucks, some money from the millage would be set aside to pay \$180,571 into truck purchase debt through 2029. The city would pay less in 2030 at \$61,332.

Other costs, such as trash pick-up services, administrative costs, bin purchases and other debts are also in the budget, which the millage would likely help cover.

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Nitrogen ice cream shop to open in South Lyon

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Plymouth, MI 48170

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The Curvins are hoping South Lyon is ready to scream for ice cream later this

Chris Curvin and his wife, Christine, plan to open a new ice cream store along Lafayette. Dubbed Curvin's Family Creamery, the Plymouth couple plan to open the nitrogen ice cream business in the former Scrooge and Barley beer supplies shop at 226 S. Lafayette.

"It's something new," said Chris Curvin, who graduated from South Lyon High School. "The main attraction will be the handcrafted ice we make right in front of the customer."

The shop is the first business owned by the couple and is a dream of theirs. The nitrogen ice cream phenomenon

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has begun to expand across the region, most notably in the Milkster brand, which operates a standalone store in Northville Township and inside a Biggby Coffee in Livonia.

The ingredients are combined before liquid nitrogen, which has a very low boiling point, is added to instantly freeze them. This method prevents large ice crystals from forming, making the ice cream a smoother, more creamy treat. The method also allows for mixins, such as cookie pieces, sprinkles and other delicious goodies, to be added at various times.

"We have stainless steel bowls, we create every customer's order individually in a stainless steel bowl," he said. "We have a nitrogen tank right on the back of the counter, spray it with nitrogen and it creates a kind of show.

"It's the best ice cream I've ever had."
Curvin said the cream will be Michigan-made from the west side of the state.

There's no opening date set yet.

The business has been a goal of the couple for some time. After Curvin retired from the auto industry, they began to try and find a location to open such a shop. After looking in places like Ann Arbor, they discovered Scrooge and Barley had closed last year and inked a lease for the space.

Curvin said he's excited to bring a fun product to the city he grew up in.

"I always loved South Lyon. I grew up there," Curvin said. "And I noticed they didn't really have an ice cream shop."

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The former Scrooge & Barley home brew store at 226 South Lafayette in South Lyon is slated to become a nitrogen ice cream shop.

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Many celebrities have called metro Detroit home

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If you think all the famous people are from California or New York, think

A good share of famous television personalities, sports legends and other well-known people were either born here in metro Detroit or lived a good part of their lives here.

Let's take a look at some of these celebrities, their connections to our towns and what was going on in history in their

Here are several of them.

Birmingham

Christine Lahti: Lahti, an actress known for her role on the long-running drama "Chicago Hope" but also for many movies, was born in 1950 in Birmingham.

She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1972, just before CREEM, a rock 'n' roll magazine that significantly influenced American music culture, moved its editorial offices to Birming-

Tim Allen: Allen, best known for his starring role on the television show "Home Improvement," was born in 1953 in Denver but moved to Birmingham when he was 13 years old and attended Seaholm High School.

His move to the Detroit area preceded the Detroit riots, brought on by racial tensions in the city and coming to a head in 1967.

Farmington, Farmington Hills, and Novi

Pam Dawber: Dawber, best known for her role in the "Mork & Mindy" television show with Robin Williams, was born in Detroit in 1951, but later lived in Farmington Hills, graduating from North Farmington High School in 1968 and later attending Oakland Communi-

During her high school years, her home town was still a township, as it was not incorporated as the city of Farmington Hills until 1973.

Ernie Harwell: Legendary baseball



Phoebe Patterson, an early proponent for women's rights, was elected the first female justice of the peace in 1919. A Detroit lawyer claimed a woman could not hold that position. The case went to the Michigan Supreme Court, where Phoebe, and all women, prevailed. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

announcer Ernie Harwell was actually born in Washington, Georgia, in 1918.

He moved to Detroit and later Farmington Hills, finally retiring to Fox Run

While the Detroit Tigers announcer was growing up in Georgia, Farmington Hills and Novi were on the cusp of becoming cities rather than farming towns, with plenty of open spaces much different from the suburbia he settled into later in life.

Harwell died in 2010 and is buried next to his wife, Lulu, in Farmington's Oakwood Cemetery.

Plymouth

Phoebe Patterson: Patterson, the first female justice of the peace, was born in Phoebe Ely in 1857. She first lived in Superior Township and Ypsilanti, but moved to Plymouth when she married



Comedian John Heffron, a 1988 South Lyon High graduate, started out performing in metro Detroit. **GETTY IMAGES**



actress and author, hails from Birmingham. **COURTESY OF** HARPER WAVE



Tim Allen, who stars on "Last Man Standing," moved to Birmingham when he was 13. COURTESY OF FOX



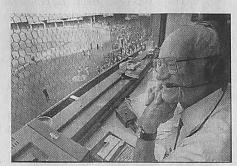
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North Farmington



Mary Jackson, of Milford, played **Emily Baldwin on** "The Waltons."

FILE PHOTO



Legendary baseball announcer Ernie Harwell was born in Georgia, but moved to Detroit and later Farmington Hills, finally retiring to Fox Run in Novi. He died in 2010. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

Melvin Patterson.

There, she was active in many local women's organizations, including the League of Women Voters and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, in addition to becoming a judge in 1919.

Patterson died in 1931, just one year before Plymouth became a city, and is buried in Plymouth's Riverside Ceme-

Edward Corwin: You may not recognize the name immediately, but Corwin was president of the American Political Science Association.

The Princeton University professor wrote many of today's authoritative books on the Constitution, due process, vested rights and other legal issues.

He was born in Plymouth in 1878, a couple years before Riverside Cemetery, where he's buried, was converted from farm land to a city-owned cemetery. He died in 1963

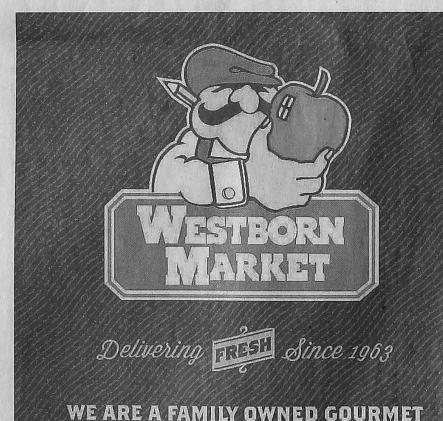
South Lyon, Milford

John Heffron: Heffon, a comedian who's appeared on "Last Comic Standing" and "The Tonight Show" as well as on Detroit radio, was born in 1970 in New York City but grew up in South Lyon and graduated from South Lyon High School in 1988, the year the Iran-Iraq war came to an end.

Mary Jackson: This actress was best known for her role as Emily Baldwin in "The Waltons."

She was born in 1910 in Milford and, during the Great Depression, was a school teacher before pursuing her acting career. A charter member of the Milford Historical Society, she willed her historic home to the organization upon her death in 2005.

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Twelve Oaks Mall has new owner

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Two of the region's biggest shopping malls are about to change hands.

Bloomfield Hills-based Taubman Centers, which owns Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, announced Feb. 10 a deal to sell to Indianapolis-based Simon Property Group, another mall and shopping center ownership

A news release announcing the sale states Simon will acquire an 80% ownership interest in Taubman Centers, with the Taubman family retaining a 20% ownership stake in the company.

We are very pleased to announce this transaction, which will be immediately accretive to Simon's FFO," said David Simon, Simon Property Group chairman of the board, chief executive officer and president, in the release. "By joining together, we will enhance the ability of TRG (The Taubman Realty Group Limited Partnership) to invest in innovative retail environments that create exciting shopping and entertainment experiences for consumers, immersive opportunities for retailers, and substantial new job prospects for local communities. I look forward to partnering with Bobby and the TRG executive team in this exciting new

The acquisition will increase Simon's presence in Michigan: the company currently owns and operates Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor and the Birch Run Premium Outlets in Birch Run off Interstate 75.

Taubman Centers said shoppers can experience no changes in the operations at the malls as a result

"Both Taubman and Simon will continue to operate as usual and as separate companies until the transaction closes," the company said in a statement sent to Hometown Life. "After the transaction is completed. Taubman expects to operate much as we do today, including related to the ownership of our properties and how we serve our shoppers."

The sale of the company is expected to be valued at more than \$3.6 billion.

In addition to Twelve Oaks Mall, Taubman Centers also locally owns Great Lakes Crossing Outlets in Auburn Hills.

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The owner of this home at 870 Lotz Road in Canton has been given an extension of time to fix the mold problem in the home or raze it. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

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Court on Wyatt's behalf arguing that municipalities must give property owners 60 days to fix potential problems prior to the demolition of structures, more than twice the number the township originally allot-

Canton's board of trustees voted to extend the deadline to 60 days following a closed meeting at its Feb. 11 meeting.

Wyatt claims that the property's flooding issues and subsequent mold problems were created when Wayne County paved Lotz Road in 2016. The paving project included the filling in of a storm water-collecting ditch near the road that prevented flooding, Wyatt insists.

Nykanen said the circumstances of the looming demolition are alarming, not just for Wyatt, but for the entire Canton community.

"I've been practicing law for 25 years, with the majority of my work focused on protecting homeowners' rights," Nykanen said. "The thought that a governmental entity can order the demolition of property because there is some mold under a sink should be a concern for all residents.'

Nykanen filed an inverse condemnation lawsuit against Wayne County, which was in charge of paving Lotz Road, claiming that the paving project caused the flooding.

Nykanen also filed a petition for superintending control, which asks the 3rd Circuit Court to take control of the township's order to demolish the home until the conflict with the county is resolved

"We've been told not to fix the mold problem until the flooding problem is fixed, but we can't fix the flooding problem unless Wayne County installs a drain or creates a place for the storm water to flow,"

Nykanen said he has contacted the attorney representing Wayne County on this case, but has yet to hear what the county plans to do moving forward.

Wyatt, Nykanen and Joe VanEsley, a Cantonbased real-estate agent who is working with Wyatt, pleaded with township officials to spare the home at a series of public hearings.

The home is vacant and properly secured, subtracting any danger factor from the building, Wyatt and the representatives said.

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Old World

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Having its own kitchen allows for better preparation for demonstrations, which are held regularly in the shop and led by Mary Spencer. The new storefront has a counter made perfectly for demonstrations, and a television and camera have been installed to better allow participants to see the lesson's.

Keeping the Michigan-based company – it also has stores in Grand Rapids and Rockford - in downtown Plymouth was always a priority, Holmes said.

"We have a great clientele here," she said. "We have very loyal customers that shop here with us. It's a destination."

Inside, customers can expect many of the same products from the shop's time across the street. More than 40 products are available to purchase, with many available to sample. These include a variety of olive oils - mostly from the southern hemisphere right now and a wide array of balsamic vinegars that include pineapple, cherry and chocolate flavors.

Everything we have is fresh," she said. "You can taste everything. We're a tasting bar."

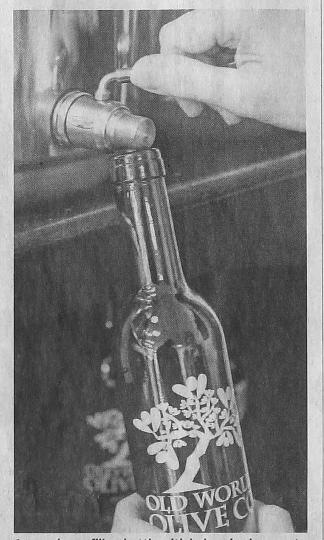
New this past week is the return of wine to the shop: several bottles of reds and whites are for sale. Pottery from local artists is also available for purchase.

A grand opening celebration will take place at 4 p.m. Feb. 27 at the store, and will be marked with appetizers and other specials.

Those interested in attending a cooking class at the shop can inquire in person or by calling 734-667-2755. Classes are \$30.

The business is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. More information can be found at theoldworldoliveco.com.

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An employee fills a bottle with balsamic vinegar at the Old World Olive Co. in downtown Plymouth. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Broadband

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Each city will get its own results. It's possible one city could opt to build a network while the other decides against it.

"It really will give us a much better understanding of how Farmington Hills and Farmington may or may not benefit by exploring this further," said Farmington Mayor Sara Bowman.

The cities know broadband-related costs like internet and cable could go down, property values could go up and the two cities could pull a paycheck from companies that use the network. But the feasibility study will help each city determine the details.

"This the most innovative infrastructure topic that we could be addressing right now and its enabling for all of the things we talk about like a true remote workforce or consuming content," LaRussa said.

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Sears

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The store, which dates back to the 1960s during the heyday of the Livonia Mall at Seven Mile and Middlebelt, will close sometime in the future, though it's unclear exactly when. The parent company for Sears declined comment on the closure.

The public issues surrounding Sears and its closures across the country prompted the city to begin preemptive planning for the potential demise of the store. The property is a major point of the Livonia Vision 21 master plan, crafted over a several-year process. The plan Brosnan aims to craft a vision for land use across

Livonia in the future and approaches its use with a modern eye.

While the plan detailed work for the entire city, several select areas were highlighted as especially crucial to the city's development.





The Livonia Mall at Seven Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia is a major point of the Livonia Vision 21 plan. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Those include Five Mile and Famington, the Plymouth Road corridor from Inkster to Middlebelt and the property around Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

Brosnan, who began serving on the committee to craft the master plan while a private citizen, said she hopes some new ideas come as a result of Sears closing and the building becoming vacant.

'Obviously, the work we began and did three years ago is really coming into play now," she said. "We have some ideas, especially as it relates to Livonia Vision

While the city cannot force a landowner to develop a property in a specific way, Brosnan said she hopes the city can influence the property owner to develop the site in a way that would enhance that part of the

The master plan identifies that area as a potential

mixed-use development center. She cited the development at Plymouth and Far-

mington at the site of the old Mai Kai Theatre, which was torn down and replaced with condominiums and retail shops, as a potential example of what could happen at the corner. That could continue to help the city push for younger people to move to the city, especially as a housing shortage continues. She also cited the condo development at Six Mile and Farmington at the space where Ward Church formerly stood as an example of a successful housing development.

What we're looking at in Livonia overall is a shortage of opportunity," she said. "There's probably still some potential for retails, but there's a greater potential to develop housing."

That area has seen some redevelopment in recent years, including the removal of a large, blighted building: LA Fitness now operates where the old Farmer Jack used to stand, and there are several new strip

malls open in front of the gym just west of Middlebelt. It's too early to determine what will happen with that specific property, but Brosnan said the second phase of the city's master plan will commence in the near future. She said the planning commission will eventually have petitions before it calling for rezoning property across the city to coincide with the master

Brosnan said she envisions the area around the Livonia Marketplace shopping center becoming a major gathering space. While the talk of creating a downtown has occurred in Livonia the last few years among community groups and in campaign speeches, she and others believe there's room for several such areas across the 36 square miles of the city.

The Sears closure presents a blank canvas that

could forge a new such space.

'It probably has a number of community spaces," she said. "This Seven Mile and Middlebelt area is one of those community spaces."

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Taking IRA minimum distributions can't be avoided



Dear Rick:

I have a couple of retirement questions that I hope you can help me with.

A little bit about myself: I am a widower who is 71 years of age. I retired at the end of last year, and this year I've begun to collect my pension and Social Security. I have no debt, and my pension and Social Security more than covers all my needs and wants.

My question deals with my minimum required distribution. I didn't take it last year as I was waiting until April 1 of this year to take it. Since the law changed and raised the age of the minimum required distribution, my question is do I still need to take it, or can I delay it?

My second question is, since I won't need the money in my IRA, is there anything I can do to avoid having to take distributions out every year?

Thank you, Ben

Congratulations on your retirement. You are one of the lucky few Americans who have more than enough in retirement. I hope you enjoy it.

With regard to your question about your required minimum distribution, you are not covered by the new law. The new law, known as the Secure Act, took effect at the beginning of this year, and one of the major changes in the law that impacts seniors is that the age for required minimum distributions has been raised to

However, since you were over 70½ at the beginning of this year, you are still governed by the old law, which calls for you to start taking minimum required distributions at age 70%

Since you elected to defer your distribution to April 1 of this year, it's important to remember that in addition to the April 1 distribution, you also have to take an additional distribution this year. The April 1 distribution is technically your 2019 distribution.

Under the previous law and the current law, in the first year that you must take minimum required distributions, you can delay the initial distribution until April 1 of the next year. The benefit is you can defer taking distributions; the downside is you will have two distributions in one year, and that can have an adverse effect on your taxes.

With regard to your second question, there are two things you can consider. The first is to begin to convert

your IRA from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Once the money is in the Roth IRA, you no longer have to take any distributions. One of the benefits of Roth IRAs is that there are no required distributions.

Another option is to consider donating your minimum required distribution to a charity. This strategy works particularly for those who are currently making charitable contributions, but because of changes in the tax law are no longer itemizing their deductions. By donating your minimum required distribution directly to a charity, you're getting a tax break because you're avoiding paying tax on your distribution.

For those who choose to follow this strategy, you do not have to donate your entire distribution; you can donate any portion of your minimum required distribution, and you can use multiple charities. In addition, if you do it one year, you're not bound to do it in the next year. For those who are thinking of converting traditional IRA money into a Roth IRA, you don't have to wait until the end of the year to do it; the sooner the better. After all, the sooner you convert the money, the longer it can grow tax free.

Good luck!

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Obituaries

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George Nikolas Bageris

LIVONIA - George Nikolas Bageris of Livonia, Michigan was born on March 2,1933 to the late Assimakis (Sam) and Euginia Bageris and passed peacefully on February 11, 2020. Cherished husband of Eunice Bageris. Adored stepdad to Sabrina (Joe) Keeley, Alison (Nicholas) Ruffer



and Andrea (Jeff) Oquist. Proud grandfather to Megan Keeley, Gabrielle Keeley, Kevin Keeley, Tanner Graham, Trevor Graham, Olivia Oquist and Alexander Oquist. Dearest brother to Plato (Constance) Bageris, Evans (Diane) Bageris and the late Christine and George Dales, and many loving nieces and nephews.

George was a generous, engaging and kind-hearted man who truly enjoyed the company of his loving family, his many friends, the Breakfast Club group and many wonderful colleagues he worked with in Livonia Public Schools while an educator, librarian and administrator in library media. He was a voracious reader, historian and wonderful storyteller. A proud graduate of Cass Tech High School and the University of Michigan, he was an honorable veteran of the United States Army. He will be greatly missed and forever loved.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Livonia Public Schools Education Foundation. https://lpsfoundation.org/

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Katherine Jeanne Harris

Katherine Jeanne Harris, 51, passed away February 5, 2020 in Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Devoted mother of Rhys Alpha Lacock, loving daughter of Margaret Carol (nee Anthony) and Donald Eugene Harris, sister to Jody Susanne Harris, Anne Elizabeth Nolan (Robert), Donald E. Harris Jr. (Denise), aunt to two nieces and six nephews. Preceded in death by sister M. Julie Clark. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University, and in December 2019 graduated from Radford University with a Bachelor of Science in Anthropological Sciences with Distinction. There will be no funeral service. Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or donations to her son, via GoFundMe, organizer Jody Harris.



Clifford Leo Smith

FARMINGTON HILLS - Clifford Leo Smith, 81, passed away on 1/30/2020 in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Cliff was born in 1938, at home in Ranger WV, to the late Edith Mable and William Roosevelt Smith. Also preceding him in death, his sister Lois Eileen Lewis and brothers

Corbett Eugene, Donald Glenn, Stanley Gerald, and William Roosevelt Jr.

He's survived by his children Barry (Pamela) Lavin, Colleen (William) Harden, Shannon Smith, Corey (Carmelita) Smith; grandchildren Brantley Lavin, Lindsay Lavin, Colin Bothell, Connor Bothell, and Chase Harden. He is also survived by his sisters Doris Garnet Webb, Patricia Fern Macri, Connie Lou Witherington; brothers Wandell Morris, and Ivan Alvery; and an abundance of nieces and nephews.

Cliff was a graduate of Guyan Valley High School. Shortly after, followed in his older brothers footsteps by moving to the Detroit area. There, he worked doing everything from bouncing at a bar, to driving a truck, to insurance sales. He never met a golf ball he didn't like and frequently yelled at the Lions and Wolverines football skills. He loved snowmobiling or dirt biking at the cabin, and snacking on cornbread with buttermilk topped with lots of pepper. He was brought up in the Church of Christ and was baptized later in life, attending at Redford and Farmington Hills Churches of Christ. He enjoyed participating in leading hymns or prayers. But, more than anything, he loved his family and where he came from. He could spend days with his brothers and sisters listening to, playing, and singing bluegrass. He always looked forward to family reunions where everyone had a knee-slapping story or two to tell, and mouthwatering chicken & dumplings with biscuits would be served. He still had a cast iron pan on his stove at the time of his passing.

He is to be cremated followed by a private farewell in Ranger later this year.

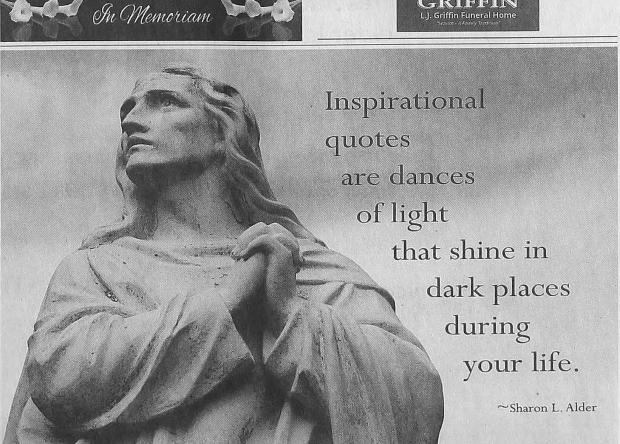
Winifred Wiacek

GARDEN CITY - Wiacek, Winifred (McLeod) of Garden City, was born May 12, 1928, one of seven children to John and Jessie McLeod and died peacefully in her sleep surrounded by her family on February 10, 2020. Beloved wife of Raymond for 70 years. Loving mother to Raymond, Jr.



(Nancy), Diane, David (Sylvia), Joe (Kathy), the late Michael, Nancy White (John) and Patricia Martin. Cherished grandmother of Katie, John (Meredith), Billy and Michael Wiacek; Elizabeth, Mary and Jennifer Drabik; John and Jaclyn White and Jessica Livingstone (Kyle) and Eileen Martin. She is survived by her youngest sister Elsie Potter; four step grandchildren; nine step great-grandchildren; one step great-great grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews. After graduating from Fordson High School, Winnie married her high school sweetheart Ray on October 29, 1949. Early in adulthood she was a devoted stay-at-home mother to her seven children. As her children grew, she began a successful twenty four year career as a top fashion consultant in the menswear department at the J. L. Hudson store in the Westland Mall. In addition, she worked closely with national and local UAW representatives to successfully unionize the employees at that store. After retiring from Hudson's, she worked for the UAW organizing other store locations. In retirement she remained active in local politics and community activities. Winnie was a long-time volunteer and member at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City. Winnie loved her husband, her family and her pet cat Mr. Bob. She enjoyed politics, travel, flower gardening, pinochle, crossword and Sudoku puzzles but her greatest passion in life was her family. A private memorial service will be held. No flowers please. Charitable contributions in her memory to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, 48154, or angelahospice.org/donate/. Interment will be at St. Hedwig Cemetery in the family plot next to her dearly departed son Michael.







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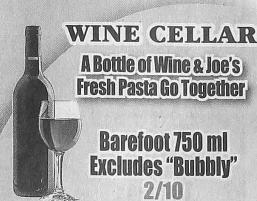
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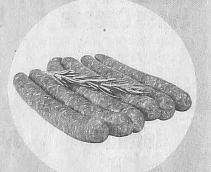
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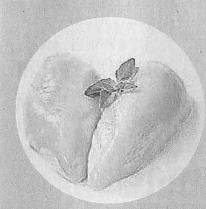
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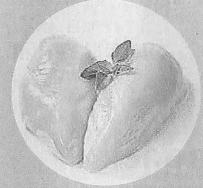
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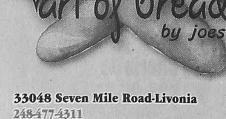
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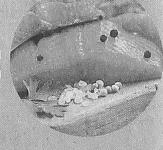
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Sports



Detroit Catholic Central came in with an eight-game win streak, looking to beat Stevenson, the No. 1 team in Division 2. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

by shutting out Stevenson

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Dylan Dooley found an opening.

After 10 minutes of scoreless hockey with Detroit Catholic Central and Livonia Stevenson each trading shots on goal, the Shamrocks senior forward retained possession of the puck off passes from Eli Brown and Blake Salamon.

Dooley tucked it in the back of the net, racing in celebration to the ice in front of the Stevenson student section, waving his hands up and taunting the Spartan faithful.

That's the energy this game brought: a meeting between the No. 1 team in Division 1 and the No. 1 team in Division 2, according to the MHSHCA Coaches

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Stevenson goalie Brenden Stroble keeps the puck tight to his left pad as Salem applies some pressure during a previous game this season.

Wayne **Memorial** investigates crash that involved wrestlers

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools is investigating a Feb. 8 car accident involving a Wayne Memorial wrestling coach and a few of his ath-

A vehicle transporting team members was involved in a rollover car accident on the way to the KLAA individual conference tournament in Howell. A parent told a Detroit television station the wrestlers were told to keep quiet after the accident, leaving the scene of the accident on the bus, and later wrestling in a tournament that

According to media reports, a bus cancellation led the coach to drive three wrestlers to the tournament. The car reportedly crashed on Interstate 96 near Howell, rolling over and landing on its roof.

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Novi diving coach to judge event in Germany

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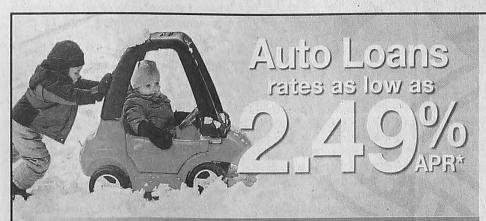
Novi boys and girls diving coach Don Mason has a busy week ahead.

The Wildcats coach, in his eighth year with the program, is traveling to Europe to serve as a judge for the German Grand Prix diving competition in Rostock, Germany.

The Grand Prix is a high level competition between athletes from all around the world. It's the third-highest level of competition behind the Olympics/World Championships and World Series competitions.

Mason was selected as the United States judge representative. He has served as a USA judge for nine or 10 years and said he was pleasantly surprised to receive the email asking if he was available to judge the event.

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Coach

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"This is an honor," Mason said. "I'm thrilled to be invited, I didn't expect it. It's really nice that they asked. It's a great opportunity for me to go out there and mix among other judges and watch some great diving and learn myself. I'm thrilled, I'm fortunate."

The competition is Feb. 20-23.

"Judging at this level, it's not just a vacation or anything," Mason said. "Judges are evaluated throughout the contest. Every dive you judge, you either do good or bad or whatever, so you have to be a quality judge that gives a high percentage of what the observers feel is correct. There's a little bit of anxiousness to go and do a good job. Any meet I go to, I want to organizers to feel like the USA sent a competent judge."

Mason said he typically judges a lot in the summer when the high school season isn't in season and that a previous highlight for him as a judge came two years ago when he judged at the Canadian Cup.

Some of the best divers in the world will be at the Grand Prix, as they jockey for position on their respective Olympic teams.

"Grand Prix's are usually attended by very strong divers," Mason said. "The only difference between Grand Prix's and World Series is there's no money involved for the winners. They aren't diving for money, they are diving to do the best they can and position themselves among their own teams to make their Olympic teams."

One thing Mason always tries to do while judging is to pick up something he can take with him back to Novi and teach his young divers. With no shortage of talent around him at the Grand Prix, he is sure to have ample opportunities to learn from other judges, coaches and divers.

"My kids kind of make fun of me because every meet I go to, I come back with something," Mason said. "Whether it's listening to some of the world's best coaches, whether it's talking to other judges or whether it's in our meetings.

"I come back with something all the time, and sometimes it's look at the balance they have. The control, how did they get that control, what are we doing, things along those lines. These kids are so good compared to where we're at. High school is a beginning stage and these kids are usually out of college and been diving for 10 or 12 years."

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Novi High School diving coach Don Mason talks to a student about their form during a Feb. 11 practice at the school. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Crash

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Wayne Memorial released the following statement to families that attend the school:

"We have learned that certain of our students and staff were involved in a car accident while traveling to an athletic event this past weekend. The District is currently investigating the incident and taking appropriate steps to address this issue with those involved."

Wayne Memorial Athletic Director Jason Malloy has not responded to requests for comment.

The Wayne Memorial wrestling team participated Wednesday in the district semifinal against Dearborn, losing to the Pioneers, 65-6. way

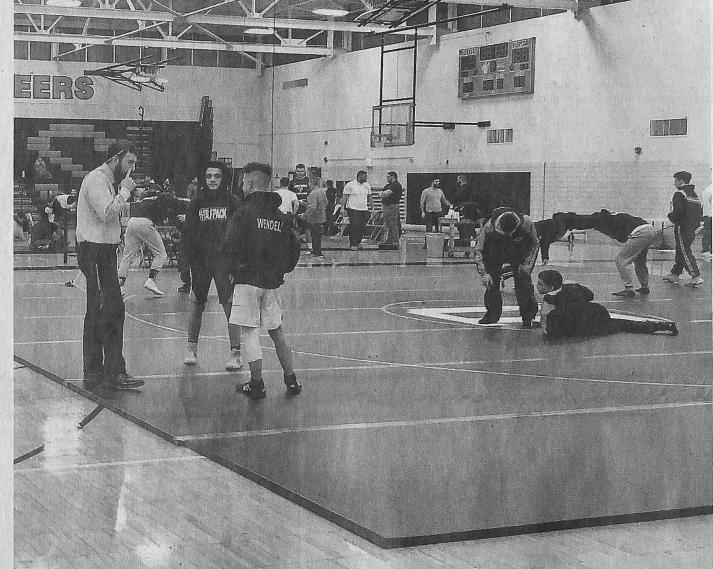
Wayne Memorial head wrestling coach Andrew Hein was not in attendance for that final team match of the year. The Zebras also carried only five wrestlers in the district semifinal loss.

When asked about the previous Saturday's incident, the assistant coach, who would not disclose his name, declined to comment.

Hein was hired as the head wrestling coach at Wayne Memorial in November 2019 and has also served as a physical education teacher in Wayne-Westland Community Schools since April 2019.

Hein previously served as an assistant wrestling coach at John Glenn High School from November 2011 to March 2016.

Hein has not responded to a request for comment.



The Wayne Memorial wrestling team competes in the district semifinals at Dearborn on Feb. 12. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Hockey

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In that playoff atmosphere at USA Hockey Arena, Catholic Central (18-5) ended Stevenson's (22-2-1) 21-game win streak, defeating the Spartans, 4-0, Saturday night.

Stevenson recorded its first loss of the season against a team based in Michigan, losing to Lake Forest Academy (Illinois) in the first game of the season.

Catholic Central, the No. 1 team in Division 1, earned its ninth-straight win, last falling to Brother Rice on Jan. 22.

"For us, it was a little bit of a dry run going into playoffs," Catholic Central head coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "You are testing yourselves against one of the best teams in the state. You want to learn a lot about your team those nights. Tonight, I thought we did."

After Dooley's goal to begin the scoring, things were not smooth sailing for the Shamrocks.

Catholic Central junior forward Nich Borchardt was called for a five-minute major penalty for boarding, giving the Spartans a man advantage for the final 3:27 of the first period.

Stevenson ramped up its attack, but Shamrocks goalie Adam Blust stood strong, securing a save at the end of the first period to keep Catholic Central's one-goal advantage.

Blust ended the game with 19 saves, including a penalty shot save in the final minute of play to secure Catholic Central's ninth shutout of the season.

"All year long, Adam has just been the energizer, locking it down in the back



Stevenson celebrates one of its goals against Salem earlier this season.

end," Salamon said. "We build off their energy and we try to just get the puck as far away from him as we can."

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After erasing any chance at momentum for Stevenson on the five-minute penalty kill, Catholic Central began to thrive

Shamrocks forward Tommy Shea took a pass from Gordie Husted, hitting

the crossbar, but watching the puck go into the net off an unintentional rebound by Stevenson goalie Brenden Strobie.

Catholic Central forward Kyle Gaffney gave the Spartans a three-goal deficit off with 11:21 left in the second period, off assists by Dooley and Salamon.

od, off assists by Dooley and Salamon. It was the third time Stevenson had allowed three goals or more in a game during the 2019-20 season, and the first time since a 5-3 victory against Canton on Dec. 7.

But the Shamrocks were not done,

finishing off with a Salamon goal, his eighth of the season, with 5:07 left in the game. "It's one day. It's one game," Steven-

son head coach David Mitchell said. "It's not a one-and-done, but it was a great learning experience. It needs to be a learning experience for us."

Kaleniecki had the same mentality as Mitchell: that his team's season wasn't going to end Saturday night, win or loss.

He said he knew his team was good coming into the game and that he had the same thoughts after the 4-0 win.

However, for the players, this one felt different.

As he walked off the ice, Catholic Central defender Enzo Tarducci yelled at his teammates at the top of his lungs, "That felt good, didn't it?"

For the Shamrocks, it was a taste of what their future could be in March, aiming to earn their second straight Division 1 state title, even when, earlier in the season, it seemed hard to think about.

"We had a saying: 'Won't be beat,'" Catholic Central forward Dylan Dooley said. "This year, we came in, we got beat. We got knocked down, people kicked us around. Then we had to pull each other as a family and then just realize that no, we are a good team too.

"We can push back."

Contact reporter Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com or 248-330-6710. Follow him on Twitter @Colin-Gay17. Send game results and stats to Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com.

Churchill wins district as Franklin's streak ends

Andrew Vailliencourt

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For 14 consecutive years, Livonia Franklin wrestling has captured a district title.

Entering the opening round of the playoffs Feb. 12, it seemed likely the Patriots would once again add to their trophy case in a district with Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill and Farmington

Stevenson had other plans.

The Spartans took down the Patriots in the opening round in stunning fashion and advanced to play Churchill in the district final, where the Chargers came out victorious by a score of 35-33.

"Words can't even describe this right now," Churchill assistant coach Jake Meadows said. "Everyone on this team works so hard, every one of us is scrappy. We work so hard in the room. We got 20 kids on the team and we won this tonight with 12, it feels great."

To reach the district final, Churchill first defeated Farmington, 42-39. Invi Bella was the key wrestler for the Chargers, both against Farmington and Stevenson. He wrestled up a weight class compared to normal and secured wins in each dual at 145 pounds.

"It's not just that I won, I'm happy that hard work paid off," Bella said. "Over the summer I didn't take a day off, two times a day, it sucked, but here I am winning."

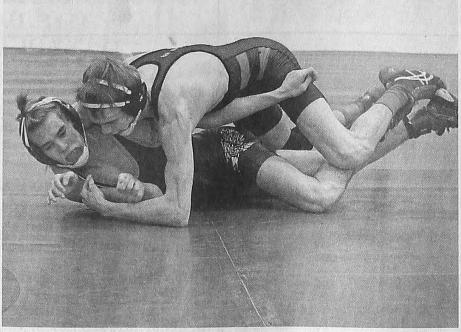
He added that wrestling up a class was no big deal.

"I'm not surprised, I've done it before and I'll keep doing it," Bella said. "Going up a weight class doesn't really matter (to me)"

In the final, Stevenson got off to an early lead after a pin in the 119 weight class gave the Spartans a 24-13 advantage. It was mostly downhill after that, however, as the Chargers surged back winning matches at 125, 130, 140 and 145.

"Stevenson looked great, they won some matches that honestly I wasn't expecting and we won some matches we weren't expecting," Meadows said. "It was a battle and it came down to the end there. That's what we work for."

Stevenson coach John McCurdy took



Farmington and Churchill wrestlers compete in a 125-pound match Feb. 12. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the blame for his team's loss.

"(Churchill has) a great team," McCurdy said. "We wrestle with a lot of these kids in the summer, so I'm happy for a number of these kids. Obviously, we're disappointed we fell a little bit short. I'm not disappointed in my kids, I'm the coach, it's my job to make the matchups the way they should be and I didn't put our kids in the right places to win and that's on me. I'm happy for Churchill."

A gorilla in the room and a controversy

There was no question coming into the night that Franklin was the favorite. Churchill had anticipated wrestling the Patriots if it got past the Falcons, but had to adjust when the Spartans came out on top.

"They're a tough squad, they have our number every single year," Meadows said. "We were prepared for them, we had to make some quick decisions once we saw that Stevenson was going to take it." Stevenson had first crack at the Patriots and got the job done, winning, 35-27, after a pin in the final match of the meet.

"The 10,000-pound gorilla in the room was Franklin," McCurdy said. "They've won this district for a hundred years. Coach (Dave) Chiola is a legend. We geared up to beat them, but we knew we had to win a second dual. We didn't overlook anyone, but you have to beat the first team first."

The win didn't come entirely without controversy, however.

In the ninth match of the meet, the two squads sent their II9-pound wrestlers onto the mat with Stevenson holding a 17-12 edge on the scoreboard. In a matter of seconds, the Stevenson wrestler was slammed to the floor and was injured. The official ruled that the take down was unnecessary roughness, which meant that Stevenson would be awarded a six-point injury default win should its wrestler not be able to continue

He was evaluated by Franklin trainers and determined to have concussion-

like symptoms. Unable to continue, Stevenson was awarded the points, giving the Spartans a 23-12 lead with just five matches left.

"It's a big win for our program," McCurdy said. "I want to say this up front: I have a tremendous amount of respect for Franklin and their program, and we wanted to beat them fair and square. You saw the dual, to have a kid get slammed, and I've never taken a slam in my coaching career, I have too much respect for the sport, so I wish it didn't come that way. We beat them in several matches that were big upsets,152, 189, we avenged losses. ... I wish it would've come a different way."

The decision though, was out of his hands. He obviously could not make his student wrestle with a concussion.

"I wanted to beat them, and we beat them, but I have mixed emotions about it, I'll be honest," McCurdy said. "My kid didn't do anything wrong, the kid that slammed him is an excellent wrestler, he's a good kid. I hope he does great at the state meet, it was an unfortunate situation."

Despite the tough break, Franklin got within two entering the meet's final match by earning pins in both the 130 and 140 weight classes. Stevenson's Owen Atienza got a pin of his own to defeat the Patriots and send his team to the final. It was a poetic finish for Atienza, who has plenty of connections to Franklin.

"His brothers both wrestled here at Franklin, so that was an especially meaningful win for him," McCurdy said. "He's lived in his brother's shadows for a long time, they were both state champions, multiple times for one of them, so this is a huge win for him."

Canton wins district title

Elsewhere in KLAA action, Canton earned its first district title in 10 years.

The Chiefs defeated Plymouth in the district semifinal 36-34 before taking down Salem in the district final, 39-37.

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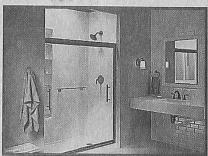
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AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING LOCATION:

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Presidential Primary will be conducted in all voting precincts and qualified electors will be voting for the following:

- Candidates seeking nomination to the office of President of the United States and
- The following 2 ballot proposals:

COUNTY PROPOSAL - RENEWAL OF WAYNE COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY MILLAGE

In 2012 the electors of Wayne County approved a 10-year millage to provide County residents with services from the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) through the Wayne County Art Institute

As a result of the millage, the DIA provides Wayne County residents with free K-12 school field trips including free transportation, free senior group programming with free transportation, and unlimited free general admission. To ensure transparency, the DIA submits to an annual independent audit and posts financial reports online.

To continue to provide revenue to the DIA, which will allow these DIA services for the residents of the County to continue, the Art Institute Authority is permitted by law to seek a renewal of the millage at a rate of no more than the current 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 taxable value) on all real and personal property in the County. Revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the Art Institute Authority and then transferred to the DIA as permitted by and for the purposes set forth in Public Act 296 of 2010. It is estimated that if approved and levied, this millage renewal would generate approximately \$8,500,000 in 2022.

Do you approve the renewal of the 0.2 mill on all taxable property located within the County for a period of 10 years from 2022 through 2031? YES

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LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT -

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW STATE OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Hundred Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$275,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following projects:

Remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing and re-furnishing school buildings, performing arts center, activity and athletic fields, playgrounds and other facilities for safety and security, energy conservation and other purposes;

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Acquiring and installing instructional technology infrastructure and equipment in school buildings and other facilities and the purchase of school buses; and

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(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

The official list of candidates, full text of these proposals and sample ballots may be viewed at www.mi.gov/vote. Sample ballots may also be obtained at the City of Plymouth Clerk's office, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

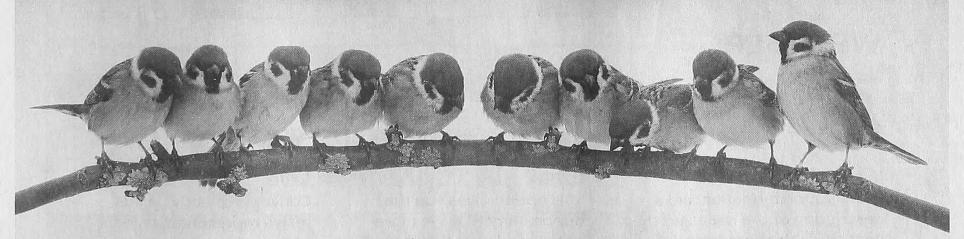
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Questions should be directed to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 203, 234 or 225.

Maureen A. Brodie, City Clerk

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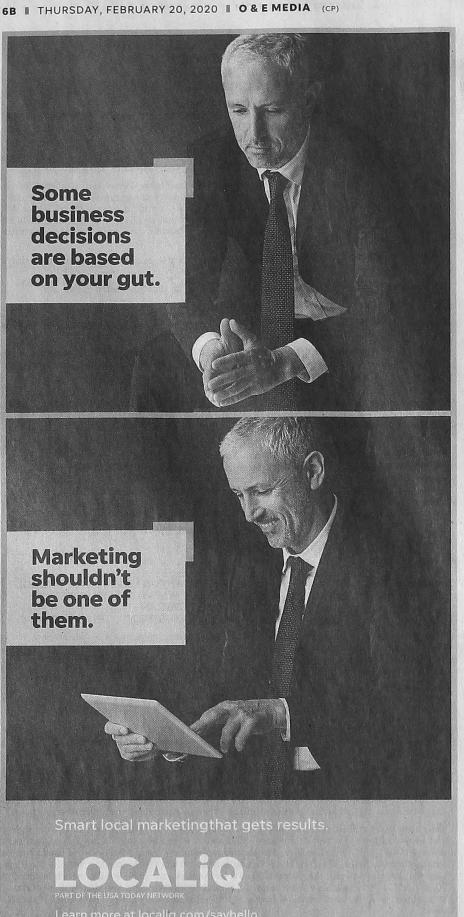
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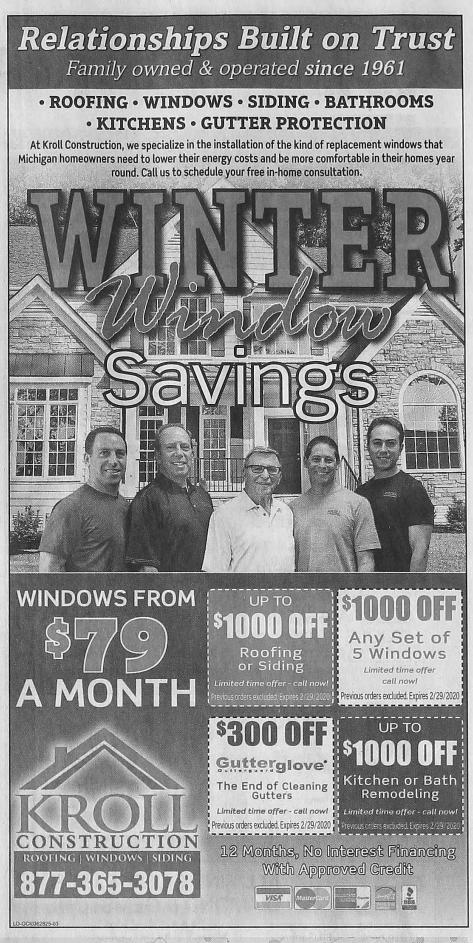


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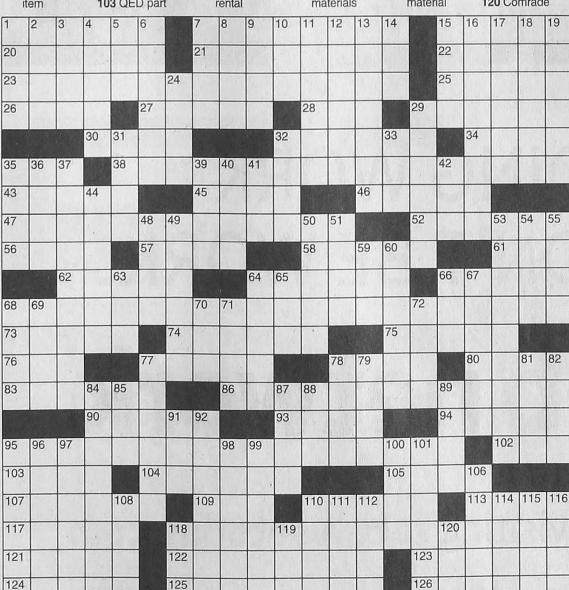
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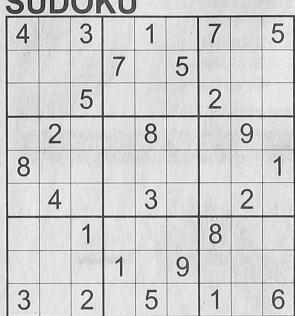
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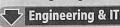
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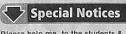
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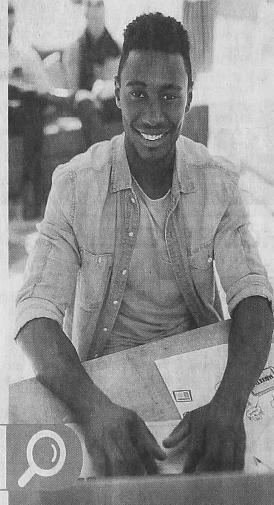


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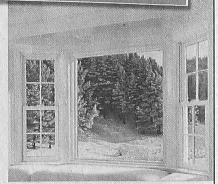
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Busch's Yuengling Beer-Battered Cod Dinner \$7.99
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Busch's Cornmeal-Crusted Catfish Dinner \$7.99

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Side Choices:

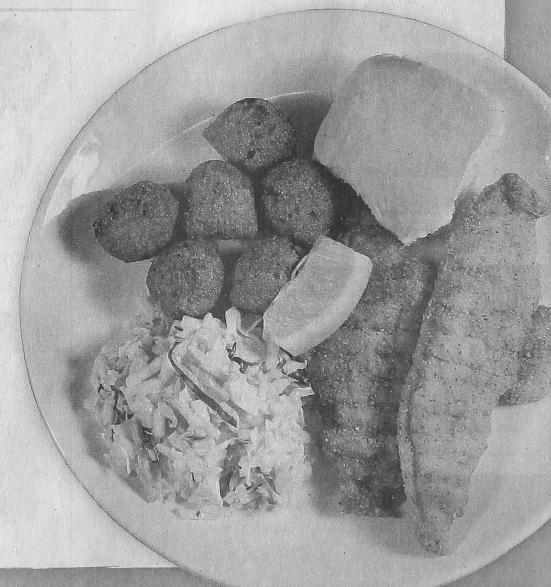
Hushpuppies

Mashed Potatoes + Gravy

Potato Wedges

Macaroni + Cheese

Creamy Coleslaw



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