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Spree, Irish Fest canceled; others undecided

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One of the constant questions regarding the coronavirus pandemic is when it will come to an end. The answer on that isn't really clear, with some saying months and others saying it could

take up to a year to decline.

To prepare for a longstanding need for social distancing, some communities are deciding what to do about their beloved, tradition-heavy summer festivals and events.

Here's where local festivals and events stand right now:

Livonia Spree: Canceled

After announcing March 19 the show would go on, Dan Spurling, president of the Livonia Anniversary Committee, announced April 3 Spree is canceled. The festival, set for June 23-28, would have turned 70 this year.

"Unfortunately, there's no way for anyone to know what the situation will be in May or June," Spurling wrote. "Due to that uncertainty, and out of an abundance of caution, we've decided that it's in the best interest of the Livonia

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Juggler stops Plymouth onlookers in their tracks

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Much to the delight of entertainment-starved onlookers, a one-man segment of "America's Got Talent" unfolded in Plymouth's Kellogg Park on Saturday afternoon.

Craig Wise, a professional entertainer who lives in Livonia, stopped downtown visitors in their tracks with a mind-blowing hour-plus juggling routine that offered a refreshing reminder of pre-pandemic life.

"People definitely like to see something positive these days," said Wise, the owner of Crazy Craig Juggling Entertainment. "When they see me juggling, they stop and smile, which is what I'm all about. When I can make other people smile, it makes me smile."

"Being inside their homes all this time, people like to see something different like this and I'm happy to make people smile."

Wise said he performed in Kellogg Park on Thursday and has also orchestrated spontaneous shows in downtown Northville.

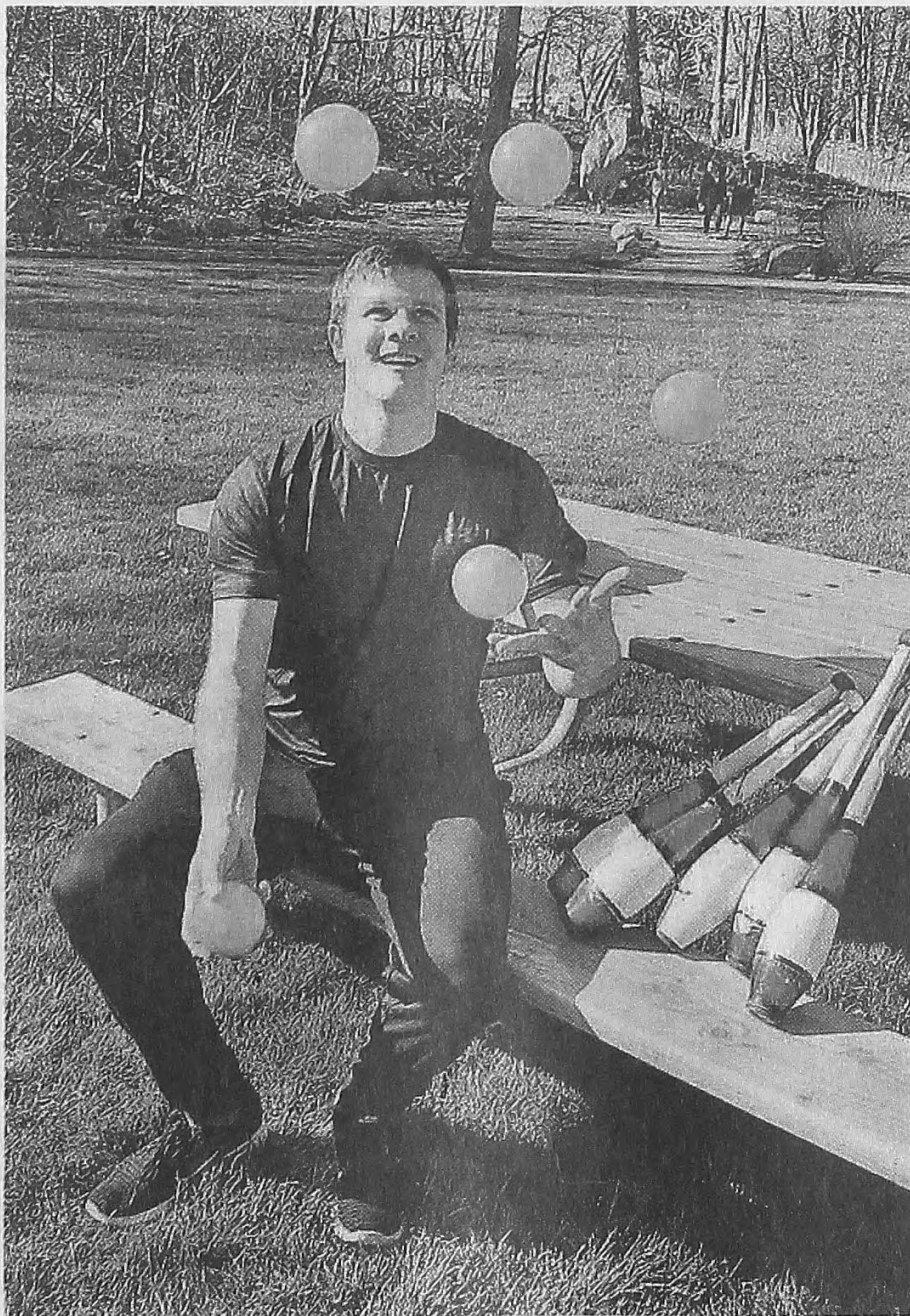
"Now that the weather is warming up, I'll probably be somewhere just about every day," he said.

Entertaining is Wise's livelihood, so the stay-at-home order has impacted his business dramatically, he said.

"In one day at the end of April I was scheduled to do six shows," he said, "but I doubt those are going to happen now."

Wise said he juggled throughout last year's Plymouth July Fourth parade. He also performs at day cares, birthday parties and large events.

He said he would love to take his act to nursing homes and senior centers while maintaining social-distancing requirements.



Juggler Craig Wise, of Livonia, recently performed a routine in Kellogg Park.

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SUICIDE AWARENESS

Farmington Hills couple fights stigma

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Ken and Katherine Massey have tried to make sense of their son's May 2011 suicide.

He's a Farmington Hills councilman who co-founded Farmington Suicide Awareness for Everyone (SAFE) before Graham E. Smith took his life in those first few hours after Mother's Day.

She is a retired physiologist who woke up to learn her son was gone, despite a positive telephone conversation they shared on her special day, replete with signs that Smith's life in Texas was on the upswing.

They turned to advocacy soon after they lost Smith, 27, on May 9, 2011.

While the number of metro Detroit suicides continues to climb, they share their story - the pain, rage, guilt, what-ifs and other mental anguishes that can be an albatross for suicide survivors.

Their goal is to decrease the stigma associated with suicide, which Ken Massey defines as "the terminal end of untreated mental illness."

He's encountered suicide survivors who won't speak the names of those who took their own lives. He's been to a funeral where the suicide victim's casket was placed in another room that relatives would not step into.

"If we reach one person, everything we're doing is good," said Ken Massey, who remembers his first funeral being for a suicide victim.

Katherine Massey once considered calling the psychoanalyst who said Graham wasn't serious about being suicidal, just to emphasize that he was wrong.

Yet she has been grateful to see people pick up Farmington SAFE flyers and materials.

"Not everybody does want to talk about it," she said.

Farmington SAFE tries to erase the stigma of suicide through community events like a spaghetti dinner for the Graham E. Smith Memorial Fund. Created by the Masseys, the fund supports Farmington SAFE's suicide awareness and prevention efforts.

The Masseys have advice for those coping with a loved one's suicidal tendencies.

"Don't be afraid to ask tough questions," Katherine Massey said. "Don't let them blow you off."

"Be ready to act on the answers that

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Lawsuit: Canton police traffic stop unlawful

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An Ypsilanti family involved in a physical March 2019 arrest is suing the Canton Township Police Department and several officers under the auspices of "Mishigamaa Moors," claiming sovereign laws and government rules don't apply to them.

Public safety officials declined to comment about the lengthy complaint filed in February in U.S. District Court. The defendants have filed a motion to dismiss since then.

Requests for comment sent to the Mishigamaa Moors' email address, as listed in the lawsuit, and some of the plaintiffs were not answered.

Mishigamaa Moors' lawsuit is on be-

half of members Shatina Lynn Grady, 45, of Ypsilanti; Daniel Eugene Grady, 45, of Ypsilanti; Ann Gwennet Diggins, 49, of Jackson; and Derreon Lekeph Baker, 24, of Ypsilanti.

In the complaint, Mishigamaa Moors demanded millions of dollars because Canton police apparently

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Where to order Easter dinner this year

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Easter clearly won't be the same this year.

But there are plenty of ways to mark the holiday, and several restaurants are hoping families turn to something special by bringing Easter dinner home.

Among these restaurants is The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township, which had to cancel its traditional Easter buffet for the first time in its history to opt for carryout during the coronavirus pandemic.

"This is the first year we won't have it," said Paul Wegert, general manager. "We didn't want to lose that tradition for those families."

The hotel at 44045 Five Mile is serving up several of its most popular items from its traditional buffet, including roasted prime rib, roasted leg of lamb and grilled vegetable ravioli. All food will be provided to customers the day before Easter and will be easy to reheat before serving the family.

"We wanted to do things that are the meat and potatoes of the holiday menu," said Eric Djordjevic, director of food and beverage at the inn. "Things that would be easy for the end user to heat for home use without having a chef."

A staple for fine dining experiences across metro Detroit is Andiamo, which is providing its Easter meal to go for the first time.

Jim Oppat, the executive chef for the Joe Vicari Restaurant Group, said the restaurants across the region typically serve more than 1,000 hungry patrons each Easter.

"We're used to being the destination place," he said. "It's kind of a need that's out there in the community we're trying to provide for."

Andiamo, which has restaurants locally on Seven Mile in Livonia and on Telegraph in Bloomfield Township, will offer brunch and dinner menus for families in groups of four.

The brunch menu will offer ricotta-filled crepes with raspberry sauce, Dearborn-brand brown sugar glazed ham and potatoes o'brien with sweet bell peppers and onions, among other items. The dinner menu has Dearborn ham, chicken piccata in lemon white wine sauce with capers, and shrimp cocktail.

Oppat said the restaurants have had a good response to their meal packages.

"We have a ton of orders already," he said. "Most people are ordering the brunch and the dinner."

Joe Muer Seafood, also part of the Joe Vicari Res-

taurant Group, will offer its Easter brunch and dinners to go from its location on Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills.

While it will have some similar items to the Andiamo menus, dinner will include some of its signature seafood dishes: Atlantic crab-stuffed flounder with grainy mustard beurre blanc and deviled crab balls with stone-ground mustard sauce.

Having such a meal still makes the holiday feel special, even though few things in the world are operating like normal. Celebrating those special events, Oppat said, has always been Andiamo's specialty.

"It's a holiday. People do want to spend on a holiday," he said. "Your loved ones deserve Andiamo."

Those looking for more traditional Easter meals can order from Joe's Produce, 33152 W. Seven Mile in Livonia, which is offering four meals to pick from to celebrate: two traditional dinners, a brunch and a Polish Easter dinner, which includes pierogi, sausage and sauerkraut and cabbage rolls.

Stella's Black Dog Tavern, 860 Fralick in Plymouth, had to refund hundreds of parties their reservations at the restaurant for Easter. Bob Ostendorf, the owner of the tavern and of Stella's Tracksides at 885 Starkweather, said they decided to continue with the tradition.

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Trinity Health plans furloughs

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As companies are laying off or furloughing employees as a way to combat a decrease in revenue because of the coronavirus pandemic, it appears that even health care providers are not immune.

Trinity Health, whose corporate offices are in Livonia, announced it would begin furloughing employees and reducing some to part-time status as a result of economic challenges due to the impact of the virus.

A spokesperson for the health care company – which has hospital systems across the country and includes the St. Joseph Mercy Health System in southeast Michigan and Mercy Health in western Michigan – said the company will look to furlough up to 2,500 employees across the state.

"This pandemic has created a serious disruption to Trinity Health's operations, colleagues and the people we serve," said Michael Slubowski, president and chief executive officer of Trinity Health, in a statement. "Outpatient and home care services represent a

large portion of health systems' revenues and they are decreasing significantly.

"This is understandable because of orders by state and federal governments to stop elective surgeries – and because many healthy patients are unable to visit the doctor at this time.

"However, more needs to be implemented in order to be fully prepared to meet the needs of communities during this pandemic."

The furloughs are expected to impact employees not directly related to battling the coronavirus pandemic.

In addition, senior leadership at the company is taking a 15% to 25% pay cut, and Slubowski is taking a 50% pay cut.

The company employs about 125,000 employees nationwide and locally has hospitals in Livonia, Pontiac, Chelsea, Howell and Superior Township.

Other area temporary layoffs

Other companies in the region that have indicated layoffs as of April 2:

■ Ken Garff Automotive: Ninety-five employees have been temporarily laid off.

■ Paper Source: Eight employees have been temporarily laid off.

■ Trott Law: Thirty-two employees have been temporarily laid off.

■ Gazelle Sports: Across the state at all their locations, 164 employees have been temporarily laid off.

■ The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit: Statewide, 1,1318 employees have been temporarily laid off or had their hours reduced.

■ ZF North America: Sixty employees have been temporarily laid off.

■ The Rusty Bucket and Tavern, with locations in Bingham Farms, Northville Township, and Bloomfield Township: Employees temporarily laid off at the three restaurants total 260.

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Livonia seeks new ways to honor grads

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When Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced April 2 that Michigan schools would not return for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year due to the coronavirus pandemic, it wasn't really a surprise. But, Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Andrea Oquist said it's still not what anyone planned or hoped.

The district plans to help students finish the year in online classrooms, provide food service to kids who need it and find a way to honor its senior class.

Here's what the district has in store for the rest of the year:

Learning online

Oquist said teachers have been in touch with families, providing work to reinforce and enrich each subject, and will continue to do so. The district is also trying to maintain the student-teacher relationships formed in classrooms.

"They've done some tremendous work over the past few weeks," Oquist said of her educators. "We've worked with members of our teaching staff and members of our administrative staff to put together a plan that first began with teachers and other staff members making individual contact with every student in our district."

Families who need a computer or internet access for

their children can contact their building principal.

Students on track to graduate will do so, and all other students will move up a grade next school year. Oquist also said she doesn't anticipate a need to extend the school year.

When students potentially return to classrooms in September, the district will assess and move forward from there.

Graduation? Prom?

Oquist said she gets the question of whether graduation will happen a lot from parents and students alike. But right now, there isn't an answer.

If high coronavirus case numbers continue through the summer, commencement ceremonies for Livonia's three high schools wouldn't be safe.

In any case, Oquist said seniors will get their moment in the sun.

"Currently our secondary principals and student activities directors at the high schools are going to be working along with the district to develop ideas for ways to honor seniors," she said. "We will also involve students in that."

In a video released to families, Oquist said that, as a mom, she feels for the senior class.

"We know this is not how you imagined your school year to end, your senior year," she said. "As a mom of two LPS grads, I know how important that year is and all of the special events you've looked forward to for

many years. Please know we will find special ways to celebrate and recognize you."

Food service

Livonia has been providing food to families who need it since schools closed in March, and will continue to do so throughout the end of the school year. In one week, the district gives out about 22,000 meals.

Oquist said she's proud of how quickly the district's plan came together.

"As you can imagine, this is not normally the way we've done food service, and I'm so proud of the efforts that people were able to make in just a few days to start that so quickly," she said.

Starting April 14, students can go to two locations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays to get five breakfasts, five lunches and milk:

■ Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, in front of the performing arts center

■ Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, in front of the performing arts center

Oquist encouraged district families to contact the district if there's any way it can help.

"Our hearts go out to each family that has been impacted by COVID-19 and certainly those who have lost a loved one," she said. "If there is any way our school district can be supportive to those who are impacted, we absolutely want them to reach out to us."

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Money Matters

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How to take financial advantage of uncertain market

As the coronavirus continues to spread throughout the world, we have seen an incredible roller coaster ride on Wall Street. Some of the largest gains and losses in history have happened over the last few weeks.

I believe the uncertainty will continue in the near future. I have no idea when the coronavirus pandemic will be behind us, but I know it will. That being said, investors should look into new opportunities that have presented themselves as a result of the pandemic.

One strategy is tax harvesting. This means to sell investments where you now have a loss, allowing you to deduct your loss for tax purposes.

For those individuals who do not want to be out of the market, you cannot sell an investment at a loss and then turn around and re-buy the same investment. Wash sales rules basically say if you recognize a loss for tax purposes, you cannot buy that investment back within 30 days. However, you can buy a similar investment.

If, for example, you have a loss in a long-term growth mutual fund, you can immediately buy another long-term growth fund without violating the wash sales rules. Thus, you can write off your loss for tax purposes and reinvest immediately in a similar fund, so you are not out of the market when the rebound occurs.

Another opportunity is investing new money. The stock market is probably the only store people run away from when it's on sale. Wall Street is on sale and, particularly for a long-term investor, this could be a great opportunity to add new money into your portfolio.

That doesn't mean I believe we've hit the bottom, but the sale is significant. Remember, you don't have to invest at the ultimate low or sell at the ultimate high to be successful.

Many of you can also take advantage of the down market by converting your existing IRA into

a Roth IRA. When you convert from a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA, the money you are converting is subject to ordinary income tax. However, with the market significantly lower than it was a couple months ago, you can convert more shares.

When it comes to converting traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs my general rules are: 1) you have to have the money to pay the tax without touching any of the money you're converting; 2) by converting the money it won't throw you into a higher tax bracket; and 3) you are comfortable leaving the money in the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years.

Anyone can convert a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. It doesn't matter how much you make or whether you're working or not.

One of the benefits of Roth IRAs is the fact that Roth IRAs are not subject to minimum required distributions. In other words, they can grow tax free for as long as you choose.

There is no doubt these are difficult and trying times for investors. That being said, by taking advantage of some of the aforementioned opportunities, you may recover from this crisis a little faster.

Good luck!

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How Wayne PD saved National Reading Month

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Wayne police officers did what they could in March to save National Reading Month for their youngest residents.

The coronavirus pandemic wrecked the department's plans to visit schools and read to students, so the officers took to Facebook instead.

The readings of their favorite children's books were shared many times over and received thumbs-ups and heart emojis from the community.

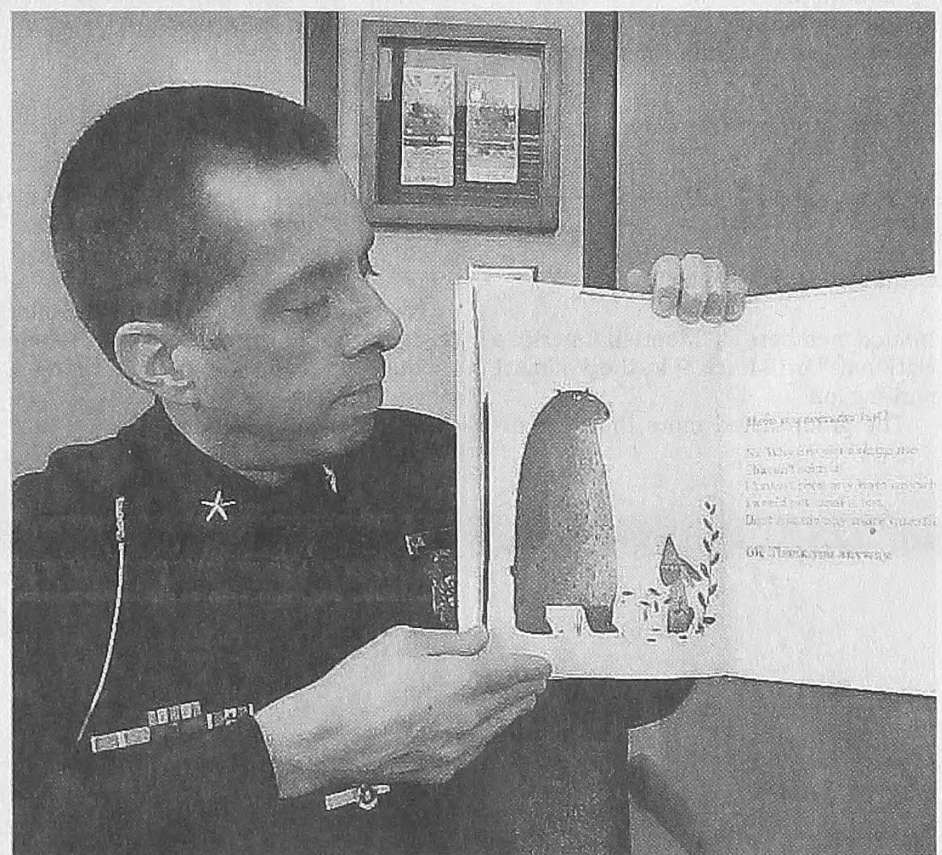
Chief Ryan Strong gave an animated reading of Jon Klassen's "I Want My Hat Back," about a bear who can't find his hat and then confronts a rabbit whom he suspects stole the hat.

"It has been a great positive diversion for the officers," he said, noting that the online readings relieved some stress for officers and residents.

Strong said he has heard school administrators, parents and other adults are watching the readings and sharing them within their own social media communities.

Chosen books included "Dr. Seuss's ABC: An Amazing Alphabet Book!" and Robert Lopshire's "Put Me in the Zoo."

School Resource Officer Jordan Arndt read from Bernard Most's "If the Dinosaurs Came Back," a favorite for him and his mother when he was a child, and for him



Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong reads "I Want My Hat Back" to online viewers as part of National Reading Month in March. COURTESY OF WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

and his daughter.

Arndt's daughter saw him on Facebook, "so now she thinks I read books for a living," he joked.

He said hopes the online readings helped to further bridge the gap between police officers and the community they

serve.

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Suicide

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you get,” Ken Massey advised.

Were there signs?

Katherine Massey had two sons – Graham and Nathan – when she met her second husband at the University of Texas in Dallas.

Ken Massey remembers the brothers being great children. They loved their mother and were willing to call him Dad.

Graham, though, could take life personally. He developed an eating disorder when he was in elementary school.

Years later, Graham and his brother moved to Texas for work. The Masseys learned Graham Smith tried cutting himself. He agreed to some therapy but then a move prevented him from getting the same service, and he rejected his parents’ offers to help.

The young man was charismatic and charming, once convincing a construction crew to pull his truck out of a ditch and put it back on the road before police came.

He also was volatile.

Saying goodbye

During that last conversation with his mother, Graham ran off, saying he better get moving since the restaurant where he worked was going to be busy for Mother’s Day.

He had been doing well professionally, working for BJ’s Restaurants Inc., traveling to train wait staff and to help open new restaurants in the chain.

The Masseys learned he had been drinking with some colleagues before he headed home in the early morning hours after Mother’s Day.

Police caught him speeding, but

Smith refused their requests to pull over. Instead, he led them to his apartment complex, where he lived with his brother.

He apparently ran into their apartment, grabbed a weapon that his brother needed for his job and then departed.

The Masseys learned Graham fatally shot himself. They have learned much more about Graham since then, enough to suspect their son was dealing with bipolar disorder.

While giving others the impression everything was good, Graham Smith had a pile of traffic tickets that he hadn’t paid. His parents couldn’t find evidence of a driver’s license or proper vehicle registration.

“We found out this all later,” Ken Massey said. “He had constructed a house of cards, and he saw being pulled over as a big wind coming through, and it would have taken it all down.”

“When it sounds like your son is doing well, a mom wants to believe that,” Katherine Massey explained.

Ken Massey knows he remains angry with his son for causing their family pain. On the other hand, he knows Graham probably felt very alone toward the end of his life.

The love he has for Graham shines bright when he hears Jackson Browne’s “Running on Empty.”

He and his wife keep sharing their story because they’re convinced they’re making a difference. They’ve heard suicide in Farmington Hills is down and that more people are seeking help earlier on in their struggles than before.

“Given the programs through Farmington SAFE and Farmington Youth Assistance, I think a lot has been accomplished,” Katherine Massey said. “There still is a lot more to do.”

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Ken and Katherine Massey stand in their Farmington Hills home with a portrait of Katherine’s late son, Graham E. Smith. The couple founded the Graham E. Smith Memorial Fund to honor him soon after he fatally shot himself on May 9, 2011.

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About this series

Suicide has long been a subject most people avoid talking about publicly, yet suicides in metro Detroit counties have increased in recent years.

This is the second in a series of stories examining the topic.

Lawsuit

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treated members as “Moorish American Nationals” on March 9 in the Walmart parking lot.

The group listed more than 100 al-

leged counts of “conspiracy against rights” and “deprivation of rights under color of law,” asking for up to \$1.5 million for each of the alleged wrongs.

Township attorney Kristin Kolb said Mishigamaa Moors seems to be an offshoot of the Moorish sovereign citizens movement.

According to Southern Poverty Law

Center, the movement comprises independent organizations and individuals believing “that individual citizens hold sovereignty over, and are independent of, the authority of federal and state governments.”

Hometown Life filed a Freedom of Information Act request for body camera video of the arrest. Daniel Grady was

behind the wheel and opened his window just a crack when talking to police officers. He read from his phone while being addressed. Shatina Grady, his passenger, also used her phone.

“I’m guessing it’s going to be dismissed pretty quickly,” Kolb said. “I

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Festivals

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Anniversary Committee and the City of Livonia to cancel Spree for this year.”

Motor City Irish Fest: Canceled

Festival organizers announced March 31 on Facebook that this year’s event is canceled. The Irish Fest happens at Livonia’s Greenmead Historical Park, which is closed to the public during coronavirus.

Event organizers plan for the festival to return in 2021.

Greater Farmington Film Festival: Postponed

The film festival, originally slated to take place in mid-March, was postponed as coronavirus cases in Oakland County climbed. Organizers said the event will still happen, but a date hasn’t been chosen.

Greater Farmington Founders Festival: Still on

Planning for the festival, scheduled July 9-12, is still on track. But organizers see postponement to late summer or early fall as an option if need be.

“As of right now we are moving fully forward with it as planned,” said Connor Osborn, executive director of the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce. “That being said though, we understand that these are very fluid times.”

All American Cruise: Still on

Should the All American Cruise in Westland, scheduled June 20, be canceled, a reschedule date would be hard to come by. But, event organizers are still moving forward as planned for now.

“At this time we do not have a reschedule date,” said Don Nicholson, who organizes the cruise, in an email. “With so many auto events in the summer there are not many dates open to reschedule.”

Nicholson hopes Cruisin’ Hines, scheduled Aug. 23, will still take place.

Blues, Brews and BBQs: Still on

Westland’s city-sponsored Blues, Brews and BBQs, scheduled Aug. 7-8, is still going forward as planned for now, according to the mayor’s office.

The city is planning to postpone its All American Craft Beer & Wine Festival, scheduled May 30, to a later yet-to-be-determined date.

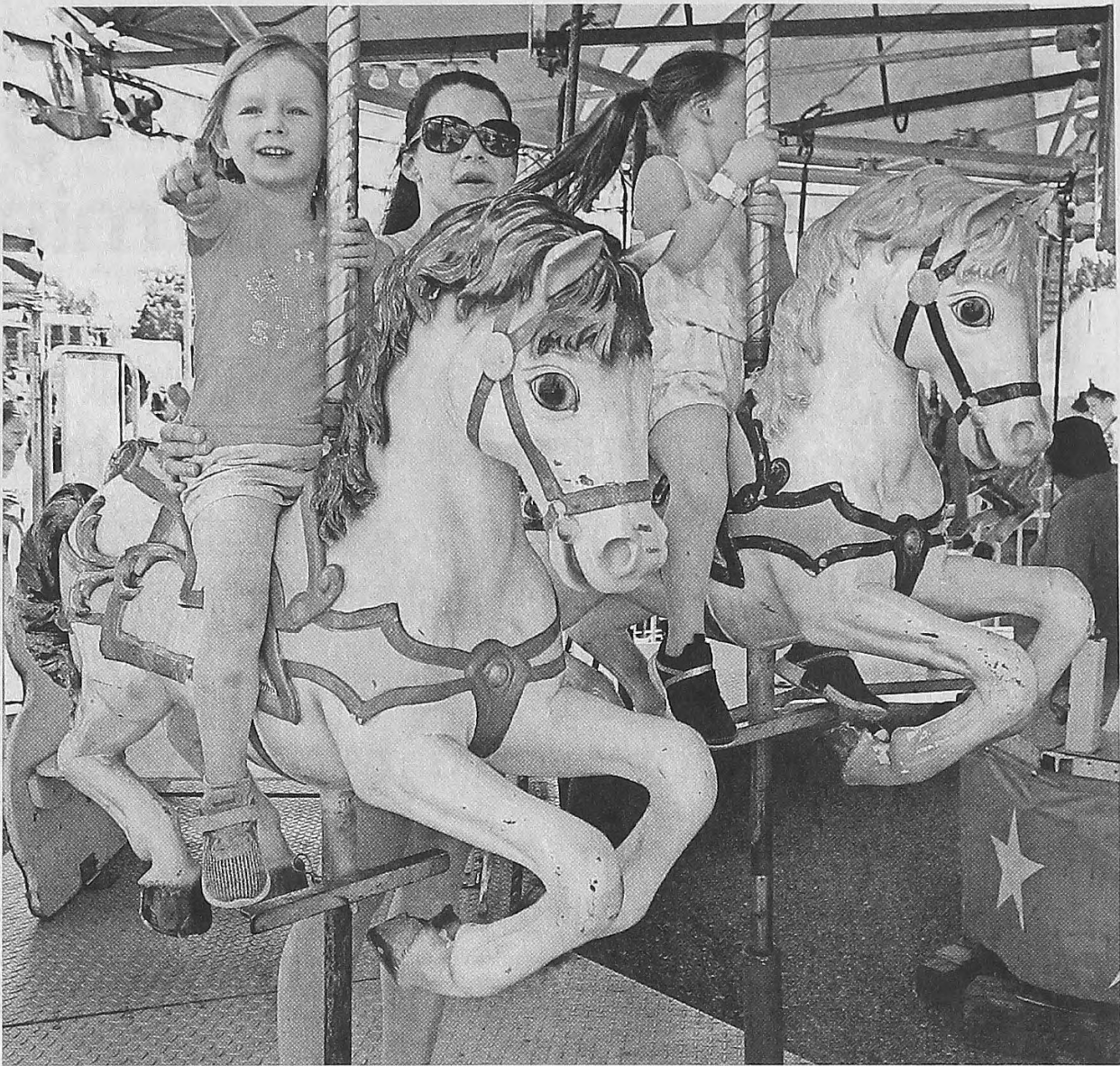
Wayne County Mud Day: TBD

Summer’s biggest opportunity for kids to play in the mud as much as they want still has an unclear fate.

A plan for the event, scheduled July 7 at Nankin Mills in Westland, is under consideration by the county parks department.

Wayne Downtown Days: TBD

The fate of Wayne’s Downtown Days, usually held



Amanda Canada rides a carousel at last year’s Livonia Spree with daughter Genevieve, right, and friend Harper Stamann. This year’s Spree has been canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

in early August, is still unknown.

“Discussions for Downtown Days are still going on but nothing is locked down at this time,” Lori Morrow, the director of Wayne Main Street, wrote in an email.

Plymouth Art in the Park: Still on

Art in the Park, scheduled July 10-12, is still being planned as scheduled. The festival brings together artists from around the country.

Event organizers will visit the idea of cancellation, postponement or alternate options should it become necessary.

Canton Liberty Fest: TBD

The township is currently deciding whether to have the annual festival, scheduled June 18-20.

“Even if it is held in some fashion, it will likely be a much reduced event compared to what has been held in the past, of course,” Jonathan LaFever, the deputy director of Canton Leisure Services, wrote in an email.

“We will continue to monitor what is taking place and take our lead from there, but there has not been a time line set as of now.”

St. Andrew’s Highland Games: TBD

The annual Highland Games, hosted every year at Livonia’s Greenmead Historical Park, may take place July 31- Aug. 1 this year. But, plans are still up in the air.

“At this point the decision to cancel is on hold until the first of May,” said Cathy Hasse, the event chair, in a Facebook message. “Our event is one that cannot be postponed for a few weeks or a few months. ... After hosting our event for 170 years it will be heartbreaking to have to cancel.”

Redford Township Festival: TBD

The popular summer festival, usually held mid-June, may or may not go on as planned this year. Event organizers still are deciding whether to cancel, postpone or hold the event as usual.

Juggler

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“The residents could all look out their windows and I could perform in the yard,” he said. “I would love that.”

Wise, 32, started juggling at the age of 15 in his home state of Connecticut.

“I performed at an amusement park near my home when I was 15 and have been doing it ever since,” he said. “Since I moved to the Detroit area, I’ve connected with other jugglers in Ann Arbor and Detroit.

“I trained with them, but after a while I decided to go on my own.”

Contact reporter Ed Wright at edwright@hometownlife.com or 517-375-1113.

Livonia resident Craig Wise recently entertained onlookers in Plymouth’s Kellogg Park with a lengthy juggling routine. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Lawsuit

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don’t think they have any valid claims.”

Kolb said she has reviewed bodycam video of the incident. The Mishigamaa Moors members wanted to pick a fight, she said.

In the complaint, Mishigamaa Moors said members were wearing religious headdresses, “possibly making them a target for profiling from the onset of the stop.” No headdresses are seen in the video.

“All officers sought to terrorize and coerce (the plaintiffs) and other Moorish Americans into fraud,” the lawsuit said. “They were denied use of their Nationality identification, their property was damaged and stolen via third party and they were unlawfully arrested.”

The court complaint apparently included a police report detailing the afternoon traffic stop that morphed into a physical altercation.

An officer saw a red Chevrolet Cruze in front of him had no records. He activated his overhead lights for a traffic stop, and the other driver eventually pulled into a Walmart parking lot.

A paper was taped in the Cruze’s rear window.

“The paper stated that this vehicle was ‘traveling through Michigan’ and was not in ‘commerce’ and therefore not subject to the traffic laws of Michigan,” the report stated. “The driver would only crack the window approximately an inch and would not roll down the passenger side window.

“The driver and female then began to tell me that because they are Moorish Nationals, they do not need to register the vehicle.”

The officer checked the vehicle for tickets and found associations with eight traffic violations connected to Shatina Grady, the passenger.

Bystanders began videotaping and screaming accusations that police were harassing the vehicle’s occupants. They included Shatina Grady’s son, Derreon Baker, and sister, Ann Diggins. Shatina Grady apparently had called people to the scene.

Police declared Grady under arrest and warned the vehicle’s windows would be broken if she did not step outside or unlock the Cruze’s doors. A physical altercation between police and bystanders began after the window was broken and doors unlocked.

Police handcuffed Grady and arrest the others named in the lawsuit.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432.

Obituaries

Mary Jo “Dolly” Collins

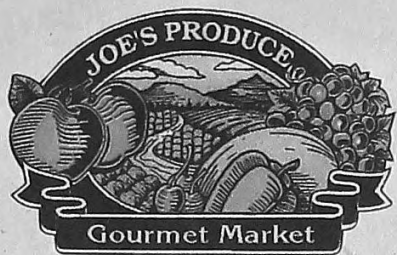
LIVONIA - Mary Jo “Dolly” Collins, 88, of Livonia, MI, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2020. Born on November 20, 1931 in Brockway, PA. Daughter of Italian immigrants Joseph and Maria Jiamachello, and the youngest, with her twin brother, of 8, all previously deceased.



Beloved wife of the late Dr. Colton Collins. Cherished mother of Denise (Dave) Collins-Robison; Greg (Zita) Collins; Jan (John) Shamraj; Sue (Bob) Kalweit; and Pam (Glenn) Pieschke. Adored Nana of Emily (Kalweit, Joel) Poremba, Max Pieschke, Jacob Robison, Nick Kalweit, Rachel Pieschke, Colton Robison and Maria Shamraj. Delighted Nonna of great-grandson James Poremba. She is also survived by a sister-in-law and 17 nieces and nephews.

Mary Jo graduated from HFH Nursing School in Detroit, and worked as a Psychiatric Nurse at Northville State Hospital in the early 1950s, where she met her husband Colton, the resident dentist; then at St. Mary’s Hospital in Livonia for 16 years, retiring in 1989. She was a long-time member of St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia, where she sang in the funeral choir for 21 years, and was an early and 26 year member and an event coordinator of the New Dawn widow’s group. She loved spending time with her family and friends, cooking and celebrating holidays, attending operas and Senior’s group events, and traveling to the family UP cottage and around the world. She was deeply devoted to her faith, family and friends, and will be dearly missed by all, as we were blessed by her long life, strong spirit, and loving, generous nature.

Visitation at Harry J Will Funeral Home and Mass at St. Edith Church to be announced at a future date.



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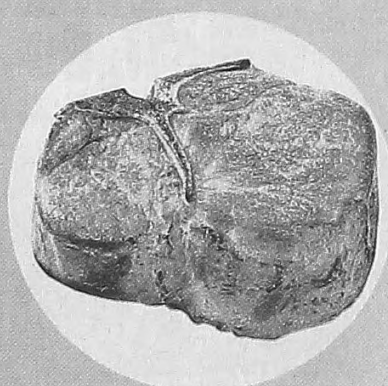
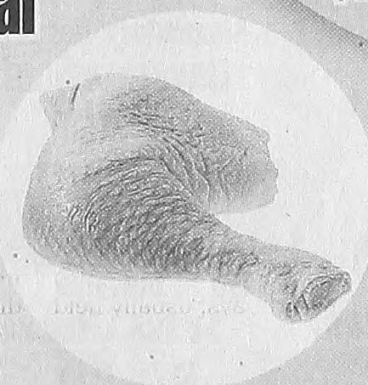
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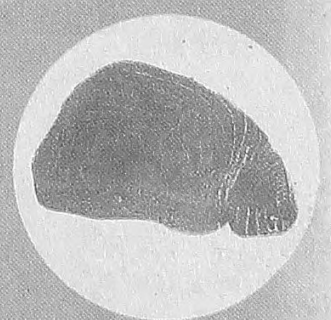
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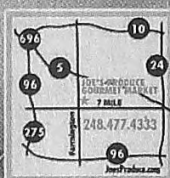
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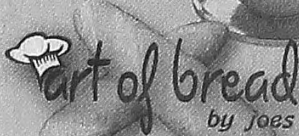
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Sports



Northville freshman Emily Roden earned herself a state swimming championship this past season. COURTESY OF BRIAN MCNEFF

Local swimmers adjust to postponement of Olympics

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With sports at the high school, college and professional level at a complete standstill, the Olympics followed suit. The International Olympics Committee announced that the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, hosted every four years, would be postponed to 2021 due to the coronavirus outbreak. According to an announcement made Monday, the Games will be held July 23-Aug. 8 next year in Japan's capital. Three swimmers in the Hometown Life area may be in different spots in their journey — from an Olympic medalist to an Olympic trials rookie to a 2024 hopeful. However, they all have something in common: their Olympic dreams have been pushed back.

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Catholic Central's Jonathan Lee was an All-Stater in two events. SUBMITTED

MHSAA officially cancels remainder of season


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The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) officially canceled the remainder of the 2019-20 sports year. Winter sport playoffs and finals had previously been suspended and spring sports postponed indefinitely, but now, neither will be completed. A press release from the MHSAA said the following: "The MHSAA has canceled the remainder of the 2019-20 Winter and Spring sports seasons, in compliance with the Thursday (April 2) "state of disaster" directive by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer closing school buildings and moving education online for the remainder of the school year to help decrease the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. "This will be the first school year to not see MHSAA Finals played in multiple sports since 1942-43, when World War II led to the elimination of Finals in most sports. "The MHSAA on March 12 suspended its girls and boys basketball, girls gymnastics, boys ice hockey and boys swimming & diving tournaments amid COVID-19 concerns. All activity in all sports was halted March 13. Spring sports to that point had begun practice, but not competition. "The MHSAA's Representative Council approved during its Winter Meeting on March 27 a series of concepts for completing the Winter tournaments and an abbreviated Spring season, contingent on the lifting of a statewide quarantine. The closure of school buildings into June made those possibilities void. "The MHSAA's Executive Committee, comprised of officers of the larger Council, affirmed the decision today (April 3) to cancel the remainder of this school year's activities. "We are heartbroken to not be able to provide these opportunities for Michigan's student-athletes, and especially seniors. We continue to hear from dozens asking us to hold out hope. But safety always must come first, and Governor Whitmer is making

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Wayne Memorial coach dismissed in crash case

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Wayne Memorial head wrestling coach and PE teacher Andrew Hein was dismissed from the program Feb. 12, according to findings from a Freedom of Information Act request.

Hein did not receive an exit interview prior to his dismissal.

On the date of Hein's dismissal, Wayne Memorial participated in a team wrestling district semifinal at Dearborn High School, in which Hein was not in attendance.

The Livingston County Sheriff's Department reopened its investigation of a rollover crash Feb. 8 involving members of the Wayne Memorial Wrestling team

traveling to Howell for the KLAA individual conference tournament.

The case is currently under review by the Livingston County Prosecutor's Office to see if any charges has been made. Pamela Maas, the chief assistant prosecuting attorney, said she hopes to have information that will lead to a charging decision in the next 30 days.

According to a Feb. 7 email sent by Hein, the Wayne Memorial wrestling coach canceled a bus scheduled to take the team to Howell on that Saturday, saying, "there are only 4 kids going and the parents are driving."

Wayne Memorial athletic director Ja-



Hein

son Malloy was copied on the email.

Hein could not be reached for comment.

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 the KLAA individual conference tournament later that day.

The crash report from Feb. 8 states the vehicle was on the Interstate 96 exit ramp at the D-19 exit in Howell at 8:18 a.m. when the driver lost control of the vehicle on the curve, going into the gore (area between the highway and the exit ramp) and rolling over.

According to the police report, the driver of the vehicle was going over the 70 miles-per-hour speed limit and the

road surface was covered in snow.

The original report states that the driver was the only occupant of the vehicle at the time of the crash.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools could not be reached for comment.

Hein was hired as the head wrestling coach at Wayne Memorial April 8 after serving as an assistant coach for the John Glenn wrestling team.

In an email sent to the athletic department on Feb. 17 after Hein's dismissal, Malloy stressed the importance of confirming transportation for weekly athletic team travel.

Contact reporter Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com or 248-330-6710. Twitter: @ColinGay17.

Vailliencourt's Top 10 games of the 2019-20 school year

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Much of the world has come to a halt with the coronavirus pandemic, and that includes Michigan high school sports.

With the remainder of winter sports playoffs and the entire spring sports season canceled, we've decided to take a look back on the 2019-20 school year and pick out some of the best games we've had the opportunity to cover for Hometown Life.

Sports department colleague Colin Gay and I each compiled a list of the 10 best games that we have covered throughout this school year. It's important to note that not all of these games had our local teams come out victorious, but that didn't take away from how great the games were. We each attended different games throughout the year, so our list of games to pick from is completely different.

Here is my list, starting with a trio of honorable mentions:

Honorable Mentions

Livonia Franklin football fights off Stevenson in high-scoring battle

■ This was my first introduction to the high-flying Franklin offense and it did not disappoint. The Patriots won 47-21, but after scoring 21 straight points to start the game, allowed Stevenson back into it. The second half was one of the most explosive halves of football I've seen and featured some wild big plays and turnovers.

Novi soccer beats Detroit Catholic Central to win regional title

■ Coming into this game, Novi hadn't beaten CC in the postseason since 2016. With two second half goals, the Wildcats got it done and won the regional title.

South Lyon East basketball stifles rival South Lyon in OT in district semifinal

■ Coincidentally, this is the final game I covered in the boys basketball playoffs. South Lyon and South Lyon East split the regular season series and needed overtime to decide the playoff winner. It was East that held on, scoring the only three points in OT to secure the win.

Vailliencourt's Top 10

10. Livonia Franklin football shuts down Wyandotte Roosevelt, advances to district final

■ Franklin won this game with its defense, a change-up from what we'd seen from the Patriots all season. They held Roosevelt to seven points and forced two intentional grounding penalties, recorded six sacks and eight tackles for loss. The defense also forced and recovered two fumbles, blocked a punt and tallied a safety.

9. Northville volleyball beats Livonia Churchill in five-set thriller

■ Opening night of KLAA volleyball action saw Churchill take Northville to five sets before the Mustangs pulled out the victory. Churchill's Sarah Dunn had 21 kills and Northville's Jenna Boksha had 15.

8. Novi volleyball defeats Northville in thrilling district final

■ A battle of two powerhouse programs took four sets to decide a winner. Novi won 3-1, but the final three sets all had a two-point differential. With the win, Novi became district champs.

7. Detroit Catholic Central soccer beats South Lyon after PK save to win district title

■ In a one-goal game, CC's goalkeeper was given a yellow card in the box, giving South Lyon a penalty shot that could tie the game. The Shamrocks had to put in their backup goalie, Erik Dosch, who made the save of a lifetime. The save preserved the win and gave CC the district title.

6. Northville basketball stuns Plymouth with comeback victory

■ In this regular season game, Plymouth took a 13-point lead into halftime before things fell apart in the second half. Northville earned a one-point win after holding off a wild Plymouth push in the game's final minute. Mustang senior Zach Shoemaker had 27 points.

5. Livonia Franklin football falls to Belleville, finishes third in KLAA East Division

■ Facing one of the state's best teams, Franklin was a major underdog coming into this game. Despite losing 39-29, the game was much closer than even the score indicates. Franklin had its chance to secure the upset before one bad play cost it. This was the most well-played, competitive game I saw all year.

4. Traverse City West eliminates Novi soccer in overtime in state semifinals

■ Another game that didn't end well for the local squad, Novi couldn't hold on for a trip to the state title game after losing to Traverse City West in overtime. The weather was nasty, creating a slippery and wild second half, which saw West come back from a 2-0 deficit to upset the Wildcats.

3. Canton basketball advances to KLAA championship game on miracle buzzer beater from behind the basket

■ So far, all but one game in the top 10 is from the fall, but that changes here with three winter events to round it out. Canton was a fun team to watch all year long and would be playing Northville in the district final if the playoffs had not been suspended. In this game against Belleville, Canton saw the Tigers come roaring back to tie the game in the final minute. Luckily for the Chiefs, senior Ben Stestiak was there to save the day, making a miraculous behind the basket shot at the buzzer to win the game.

2. Livonia Stevenson hockey tops Novi in triple overtime to win regional championship

■ In the Division 2 playoffs, upstart Novi gave Stevenson all they could handle before the Spartans won 2-1 in triple OT. Ian Kimble scored the game-winning goal, but it was Novi sophomore goalie Austin Muirhead that stole the spotlight. He made 54 saves to carry the Wildcats.

1. Howell hoops clinches KLAA West with wild triple overtime win over Canton

■ The best game that I covered in the 2019-20 school year was February's KLAA showdown between Howell and Canton. The game had some sloppy moments on both sides, but kept me on the edge of my seat for the entire game as the team's fought to three overtimes. Howell won the game 75-71, but it featured star performances on each side, pitted two of the leagues best coaches against each other and displayed the passion everyone has come to expect from a big high school sporting event.

Gay's Top 10 games of the 2019-20 school year

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Coming into the 2019-20 school year, I was unfamiliar with Michigan high school sports, a Houston native and an Ohio State graduate that had never lived in the state before.

Looking back at a year cut short — from all the time spent on the sideline of soccer and football games to talking with coaches after hockey and basketball games — I have seen some memorable moments in my first year as an official Michigander.

Hometown Life sports reporter Andrew Vailliencourt and I have each compiled a list of the 10 best games we have covered this school year. As we wait for high school sports to return to the metro-Detroit area, here is a look at what I think are this best games I covered this year.

Honorable Mentions

North Farmington secures first victory despite late Groves surge

■ Coming into the season opener coming off a 2-17 last-place finish, the North Farmington girls basketball team showed progress from the start, holding onto a lead despite a late surge from Birmingham Groves in the fourth quarter.

Groves basketball's collapse against Southfield A&T ends season

■ In a game most Groves fans would like to forget, Southfield A&T stormed back, outscoring the Falcons 38-18 in the final 5:33. Southfield A&T forward Caleb secured the collapse with a four-point swing in the final 10 seconds, prompting a rowdy crowd to storm the Farmington gym at the buzzer.

South Lyon football defeats Lakeland in fourth quarter comeback win

■ Facing a 17-6 deficit late in the fourth quarter, South Lyon peaked at the right time, as quarterback Connor Fracassi found wide receiver Brenden Lach twice for two touchdowns in the comeback win against Lakes Valley Conference rival Lakeland on the road.

Gay's Top 10

10. Seaholm football surges past Groves in district final

■ After losing to Groves during the regular season, Seaholm stepped up and beat its district rival in a dominant 42-7 road win in the district final of the playoffs. In terms of shock value, this game was unexpected to say the least.

9. John Glenn basketball collapses, survives Livonia Stevenson

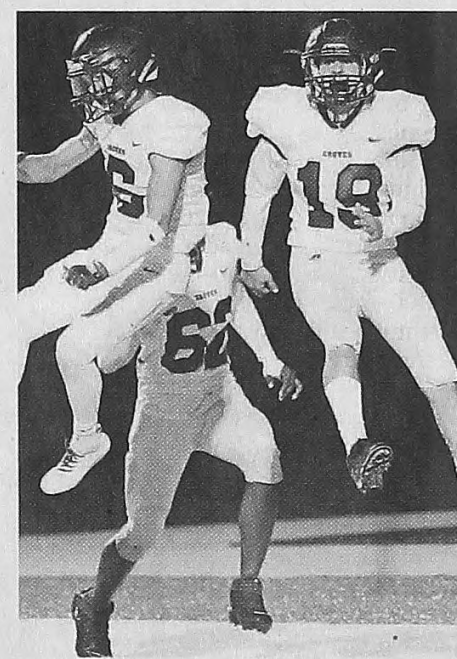
■ Coming off an eight-point loss to Belleville, John Glenn looked like it had returned to its normal self. However, a 17-4 Stevenson run in the fourth quarter led to one of the most memorable and even dogfights of the year on the basketball court that the Rockets came out on top of.

8. Brother Rice hockey earns revenge against Hartland

■ One of my first experiences with Michigan high school hockey was a chance at revenge for Brother Rice. Two goals against Hartland in the final 5:19 gave the Warriors revenge after falling to the Eagles in the 2019 state semifinal.

7. Livonia Churchill football secures first-round playoff win late against Dexter

■ Livonia Churchill, one of the best stories from the 2019 football season, came back from a 20-6 second-quarter deficit, as quarterback Gavin Brooks and wide receivers Brendan Lowry and Shane Morelli led the Chargers to a first-round playoff win on the road



Groves wide receiver Eli Turner celebrates after scoring the winning touchdown against West Bloomfield.

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against Dexter.

6. Mercy volleyball downs Marian in five-set thriller

■ Marian gave Mercy volleyball, the eventual Division 1 state champions, a scare in the regional semifinal. After Mercy amounted to a two-set lead, Marian won the next two, including a 30-28 fourth-set thriller. But the Marlins came back, winning the fifth set and earning enough momentum to earn their first state title.

5. Catholic Central wrestling rolls to first-place finish at CC Invitational

■ I had heard about Detroit Catholic Central wrestling and the dominance the Shamrocks showed each meet. From Josh Edmond's quick first move to Manny Rojas' performance, it was a good representation of what was to come for Catholic Central.

4. North Farmington football wins 'The Jug,' defeats Farmington for league title

■ With all of the preseason hype surrounding the rivalry, the first meeting between North Farmington and Farmington did not disappoint. The Raiders came out on top of a low-scoring, yet highly emotional contest to remain undefeated.

3. Bloomfield Hills boys basketball upsets North Farmington in overtime thriller

■ In what may be the biggest upset I witnessed this year, Bloomfield Hills boys basketball, a team that ended the season with three conference wins, ended a nine-game losing streak with an overtime win against North Farmington.

2. Franklin football secures city championship in triple-overtime win at Churchill

■ Tied at 28 at the end of regulation, the offenses for both Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin came to life in overtime, as both teams traded scores until the Patriots took advantage of a missed Chargers extra point in triple overtime to secure the city title.

1. Groves football wins stunner against West Bloomfield

■ This game was cinematic. Colby Taylor fumbled the ball in the endzone, allowing West Bloomfield, the favorite, to tie the game in the fourth quarter. Instead of going to overtime, quarterback Markis Alexander found Eli Turner on a back-shoulder ball to record the upset.

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Discovery girls basketball team goes 15-1

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The Discovery Middle School girls basketball team had its season cut short, but ended up going 15-1 and finishing the year strong.

Coach Dave Van Wagoner said this year's team bought into a philosophy of toughness and tenacious defense, which allowed them to win the league championship.

The team is made up of: Thaidely Aular, Mya Brandon, Ivy Davis, Stephanie Dunn, Jaeda Estell, Emily Fewer, Sarah Figueroa-Parker, Ella Fournier, Leilah Howard, Jenna Kuzara, Payton Kitchen, Madison Morson, Ava Murphy, Nora Schley, Hannah Simko, Averie Sughrue, Justice Tramble, Olivia White.



The Discovery girls basketball team's eighth-graders kiss the 'D' at center court after their final home game.

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Olympics

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The veteran

For Allison Schmitt, it was just another Olympic Games.

Since her debut at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, the Canton High School graduate is an eight-time medalist. At the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, Schmitt received a gold medal in the 200-meter freestyle, the 4x200-meter freestyle relay and the 4x100-meter medley relay. In the 2016 games in Rio, Schmitt earned her fourth gold medal in the 4x200 freestyle relay.

Schmitt has been here before. She knows the gravity of the Olympic Games and has seen it for herself. Even though she knew the pandemic was causing shockwaves around the world, the postment proved to be a shock.

"I don't know if it was ever expected," Schmitt said. "The few days leading up to it, it was kind of more and more seemed because of all the news about the pandemic that the world is going through. You really never see it coming."

With the announcement coming just a few months until the trials began, Schmitt said the biggest chunk of her training has been put in.

However, with a plan and training regiment in place, the Olympic veteran's major obstacle with the announcement is adapting to the real-time change in date.

"I think that there isn't one person out there who has an easy transition in this," Schmitt said. "But I do feel like in my position, I am lucky to have this as my problem rather than something bigger that I know a lot of people are going through."

Prior to the lockdown restrictions, Schmitt would still train once per day in a pool, but developed a training program in her backyards, knowing that swimming would soon not be an option.

For Schmitt, this hits home for her. She knows what it takes to get to the peak of success as an Olympian. And while she knows that, inevitably, COVID-19 will restrict her ability to swim entirely at some point, she keeps those Olympic dreams alive, striving to return to that peak.

"It will take a lot more self-motivation, but at the end of the day, I have my goals," Schmitt said. "Just because the date has changed of the Olympics doesn't mean that my goals have changed."

The rookie

As a four-time all-state swimmer in his time at Catholic Central, Jonathan Lee has made some noise since joining the Michigan State swim and dive team.

In his freshman season, he recorded the sixth-best



Allison Schmitt wipes away tears during the medal ceremony after Team USA won gold in the women's 800m freestyle relay at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. GETTY IMAGES

time in the 200-meter breaststroke and the 10th best time in the 100-meter breaststroke in Spartans history, earning a personal best split in the 200 medley relay at the Big Ten championships.

Earning his Olympic trial cut last year at a meet at Stanford, Lee achieved something he had been working toward his whole life: an attempt at an Olympic trial.

And he was not going to let COVID-19 stop him.

"I was still training with the intention of going to trials this summer because I had no idea how bad it was going to get," Lee said.

When the pools closed at Michigan State this spring, he moved home to train with his club team in Northville. When the pools with his club team closed shortly after he returned home, he found weights, starting a dry land training program.

While it may have postponed Lee's chance at his dream, he said that it may actually be better for him moving forward.

"When they announced the meet had been canceled or postponed, I knew it was actually for the better," Lee said. "I would get an extra year to train for it. Right now, I have kind of set my goals for next year and shaving off as much time as I can and placing higher when the time comes."

The hopeful

After becoming a state champion after one year at Northville High School, Emily Roden has high expectations for herself moving forward.

Roden feels that one more year of experience, one more year of training time could put her over the edge for an Olympic trial cut.

However, she was a fan first.

"The Olympics are so fun to watch," Roden said. "It kind of motivates me more to watch them and be like, wow, that's what I want to do."

Roden knows people who were working toward vying for a spot in Tokyo. She sees what it will take for her to get past the trial cut, something Roden said her coach had in mind for her already.

But this postponement has made the Northville student start thinking about her own career. Roden is thinking about where swimming could take her if she puts all her effort into it.

Instead of watching people train and compete for the, now, 2021 Olympics in Tokyo, Roden's eyes are set on 2024.

"As I get older, I am thinking about where I could take this career and so I think that would be a great place," Roden said. "I am excited to see where it goes."

MHSAA

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courageous decisions to safeguard the people of our state," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said. "We understand as much as anyone how much school sports mean to athletes and their communities. We had ideas and hopes for finishing Winter and Spring and helping bring some sort of normalcy after this long break. But this is the correct decision, and we will play our part in bringing schools and communities together again when the time is right."

"For now, we cannot state strongly enough that all students, staffs and others follow the guidelines established to slow the spread of this virus – we all must do our part."

"Because the five Winter sports were not able to conclude with Finals, no champions will be awarded in those sports for 2019-20. However, championships won at earlier rounds of those tournaments (District or Regional) will continue to stand.

"The MHSAA will in coming weeks provide guidelines and other information pertinent to this unusual off-season as attention is turned to preparing for Fall 2020."

Here is a video, provided by the MHSAA from Uyl.

Local coaches react

Lawrence Scheffer would be in the early stages of his first season with the Livonia Churchill baseball program after spending 15 years at John Glenn. In-

stead, he's been limited to things like the team group chat in order to communicate with his players.

He spoke with Hometown Life shortly after the MHSAA announced its decision to cancel the rest of winter and spring sports.

"It's disheartening for all the seniors at Churchill and throughout the state," Scheffer said. "I totally back the MHSAA in their decision because we have people that are dying and I think that this is the best thing. They're looking out for our student-athletes."

Churchill has three seniors on its baseball team that now won't get to play their final high school season.

"Once school got let out, I think all the kids really were glued to their phones for news because they knew there was a good chance the season was going to be canceled," Scheffer said. "We just didn't know if they were going to go in 2-4 week increments which they started off at. A lot of the kids are really bummed out."

Scheffer is hopeful that the kids will be able to play summer ball, especially for those juniors and seniors that are hoping to play sports in college.

Two of his three seniors have already committed to play sports in college, but one is still undecided and hopes to have college options.

Brendan Lowry is headed to Central Michigan for baseball, Dylan Curran to Madonna for football while Cam Greener is undecided.

At Detroit Catholic Central, Athletic Director Aaron Babicz addressed his coaches and shared his reaction with Hometown Life.

"I think everybody kind of knew it was coming, as much as we were trying to hold out hope," Babicz said. "I told our kids that we were going to hope for the best,

but prepare for the worst, just so there was some sense of honesty to it. I mean, obviously, I'm heartbroken for not only our kids, but for kids across the state, kids across the country regardless of the level, from youth sports all the way up to professional sports and collegiate sports. This is obviously something extremely serious.

"The tough part is that you really have to take a look at why you compete and why you are a part of a team. At least that's the message to the kids, but it's tough to tell high school kids that. There's nothing you can say to make it better. No amount of prayers, no amount of positivity, no amount of love, so you just got to try and wrap your arms around them and try to make things better somehow."

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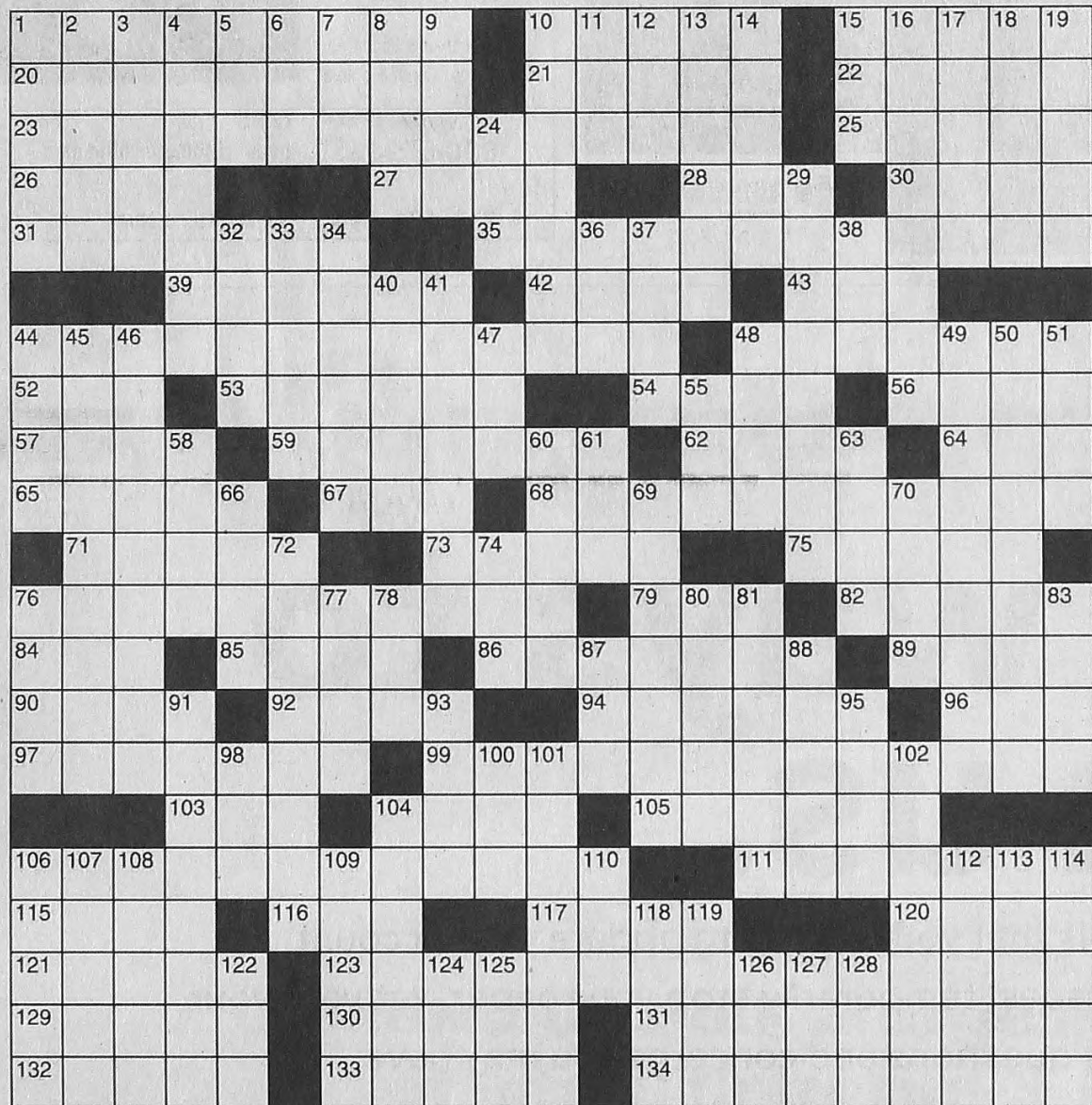
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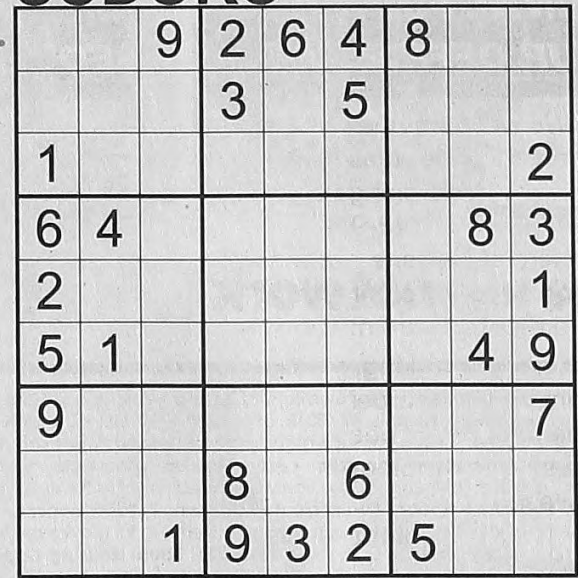
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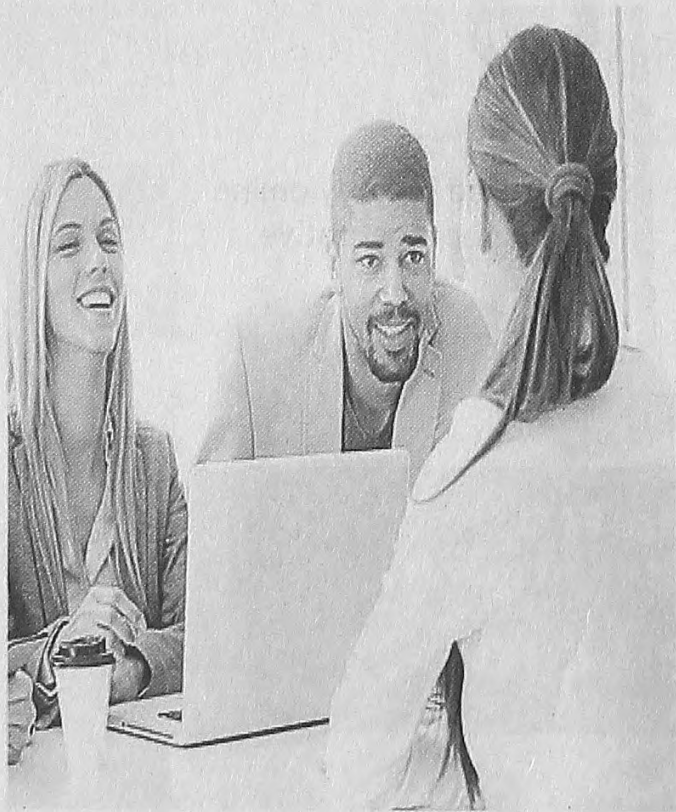
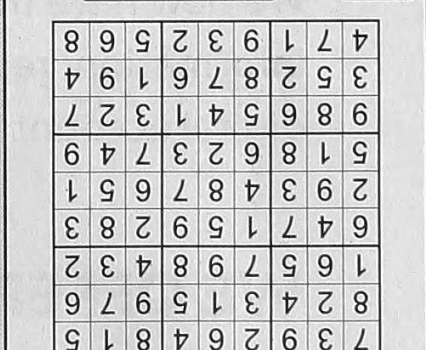
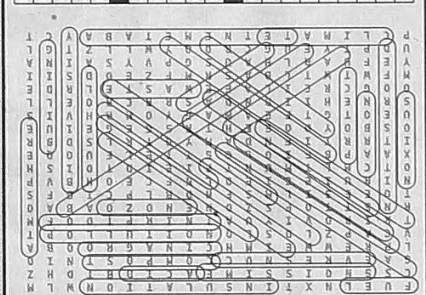
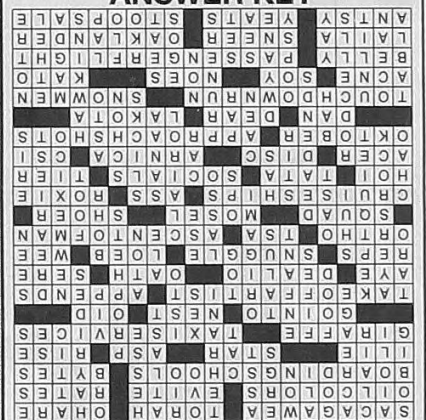
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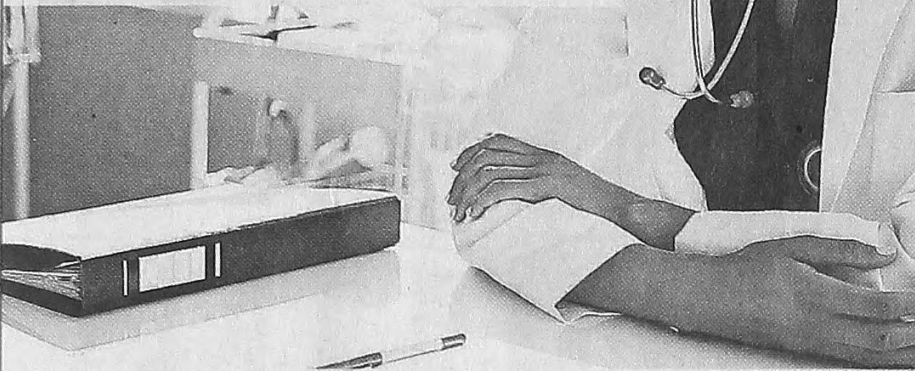
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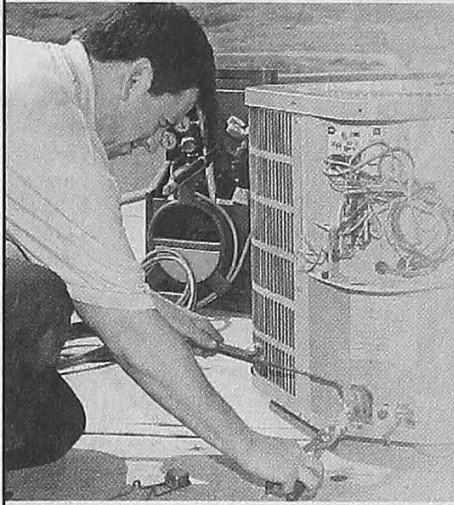
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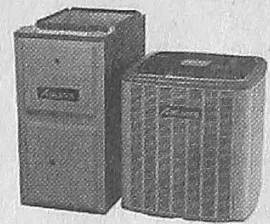
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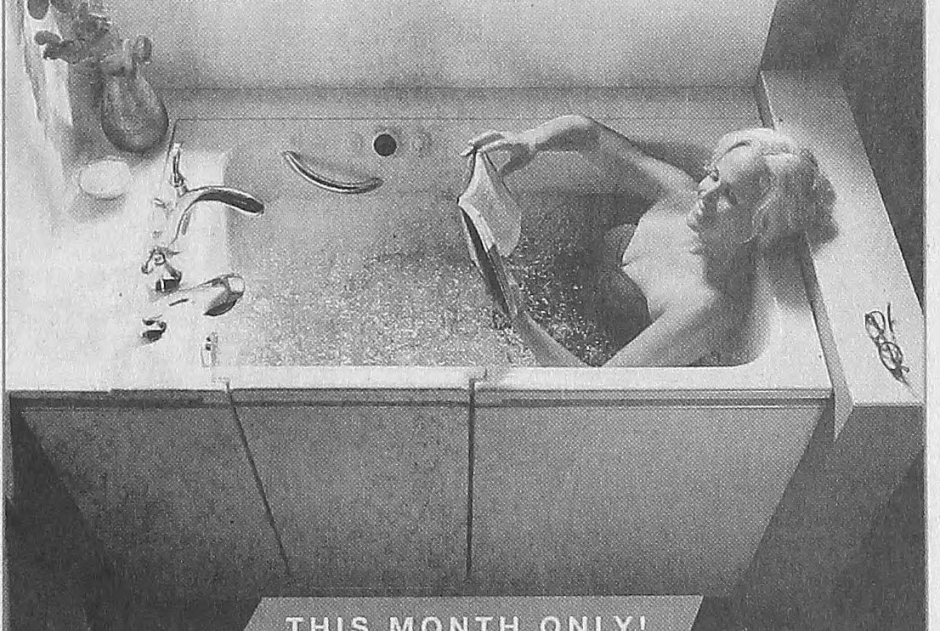
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*Contact your local dealer for financing details. Limited time offer. Valid through April 30, 2020, at participating dealers only. Not available in AK; HI; Nassau Cty, NY; Suffolk Cty, NY; Westchester Cty, NY; and Buffalo Cty, NY. Also may not be available in other areas. Dealer will provide customer with certificate for free Highline Tall toilet upon purchase of walk-in bath. Certificate to be redeemed directly from dealer. Dealer will provide free installation of toilet at time of walk-in bath installation. Cannot be combined with any other advertised offer.

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