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Felician convent mourns deaths of 11 sisters

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Typically, Easter Sunday is a celebration of life for those of the Christian faith

But this Easter was a sad one for the Felician Sisters in Livonia as two women died who had spent much of their lives there serving Christ.

Sister Celine Marie Lesinski and Sister Mary Estelle Printz are among 11 Felician sisters in Livonia to die during the coronavirus pandemic, though they did not all die from COVID-19.

The longstanding convent is known for its service. But for the women who live there, community is a huge part of

their lives that isn't possible right now.

"All the sisters here in Livonia are devastated at the loss of so many sisters at one time," said Sister Mary Cynthia Ann Machlik, the former communicator for the Livonia convent. "Sisters, however, that were close in age or are friends are truly heartbroken."

The convent put a no-visitor policy in

place during March. Since then, the sisters have abstained from communal Mass and any group gatherings and are regularly screened for COVID-19 symptoms. Despite those precautions, the coronavirus has changed their lives and taken some of their friends.

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Farmington Hills resident Ann Zaron looks at the stump of one of many trees the city has felled in recent days as it works on road and curb improvements. Zaron is concerned that too many large, healthy trees are being removed from the area.

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Trees felled in Farmington Hills as roadwork continues

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As nine residential areas in Farmington Hills see road improvements that require some street-side tree removal, residents have mixed opinions.

"We recognize that tree removal is a challenging and sensitive topic," said Karen Mondora, the city's director of public services, in an email. "The feedback we've received is very mixed. For every request to save a tree, we have just as many people who are pleased to see them go and get a new tree."

In 2018, city voters passed a local road millage, which allows for annual neighborhood improvement projects and generates between \$9 million and \$10 million every year.

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Karen Mondora
Director of public services for Farmington Hills

Canton man allegedly attempted to kill family

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

A Canton Township man appears to have spiraled as the coronavirus pandemic kept his family indoors, leading him into a deteriorating mental state that his wife told police she never saw before.

A contractor by trade, Oswald Tal-

lent, 46, hadn't worked all winter. A buildup of alcohol consumption and reading conspiracy theories about coronavirus seemed to tip him over the edge.

His distress escalat- Tallent ed March 30, according

to police, when they were called to the family's home and arrested Tallent on suspicions that he had assaulted his wife and another family member to the degree that one of them needed hospital care.

"(He) tried to kill me with a table saw," his wife told township police arriving at the home. She was wrapped in blood-soaked material and had a "massive laceration."

The police report laid out a buildup that appears to have coincided with the governor's stay-at-home orders.

Here's what the report had to say:
The father of three and self-employed mason worker had been sched-

ployed mason worker had been scheduled to start a job the week before, but poor weather and the pandemic halted that plan.

His wife told police Tallent had a breakdown after researching the pandemic.

"As they were redoing a bedroom.

"As they were redoing a bedroom, he started crying and saying how they were all going to die from this," the partially-redacted police report said. "(She) questioned him a little about it and calmed him down. (She) thought he was better."

The day before the attack, he returned to their home with a six-pack of Corona brand beer, which she told police "was odd because he doesn't normally drink Corona. (She) thought he was making fun because of the virus."

He started drinking the beer "fairly fast" and was drinking the morning of the attack. Police were called to the home at 1:14 p.m.

They entered Tallent's home to find a crying child on the couch wearing bloodied clothing. The house smelled of exhaust fumes, and an orange, gaspowered cement saw found in an office area had blood on it.

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Garden City schools bond proposal passes

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Garden City Public Schools will see some major improvements in the coming years after voters approved a bond request Tuesday.

The district, which covers all of Garden City and a small portion of Westland, asked voters to approve a \$50 million bond proposal for several capital projects, including renovations that enhance the buildings' security, improve the roofs and restore the pool at Garden City High School, as well as improve parking lots, athletic fields and technology infrastructure.

"This is truly monumental for our school district," said Superintendent Derek Fisher. "It'll make us much more competitive and give our students the extra support we've been wanting to bring."

The election, conducted by mail with a combined Election Day precinct at

Garden City Hall for those who did not return a ballot by Tuesday, saw 2,667 "yes" votes and 1,634 "no" votes for a voter turnout just shy of 20%. The proposal was approved with 62% of the vote. Election results are unofficial until certified.

The district opted to continue with Tuesday's election, despite being the lone decision on the ballot in Wayne County. South Lyon and Bloomfield Hills schools had proposals scheduled for the ballot but delayed them to August due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Garden City Public Schools proposal was placed on the ballot earlier this year.

Fisher said the age of the buildings – the newest, Garden City Middle School,

was built in 1965 – called for quick ac-

Other districts, Fisher said, have newer infrastructure or a higher per-pupil allowance, which may give them more time if they should seek improvements. He said it was important Garden City Public Schools moves forward.

"We have an aging infrastructure," he said. "For us, it comes down to if we had a roof fail ... those capital projects are coming right out of our general fund."

With the approval, taxes across the district are expected to increase by 1.65 mills beginning later this year. This averages out to about \$66 per year per home. Fisher said.

Fisher said the next step is to begin working with a construction manage-

ment team to get some projects out to bid. Work is expected to take several years to complete, he said.

Fisher said he is grateful to the city staff that ran the election during the pandemic, and is thankful also to the voters who did the research and made the choice to approve the bond.

He said the issue took more than a year to research before Tuesday's vote and said he believes it's the right move for the district.

"We did it the right way. We worked in good faith with a number of stakeholder groups and listened to their feedback," he said. "The evidence of that speaks for itself tonight."

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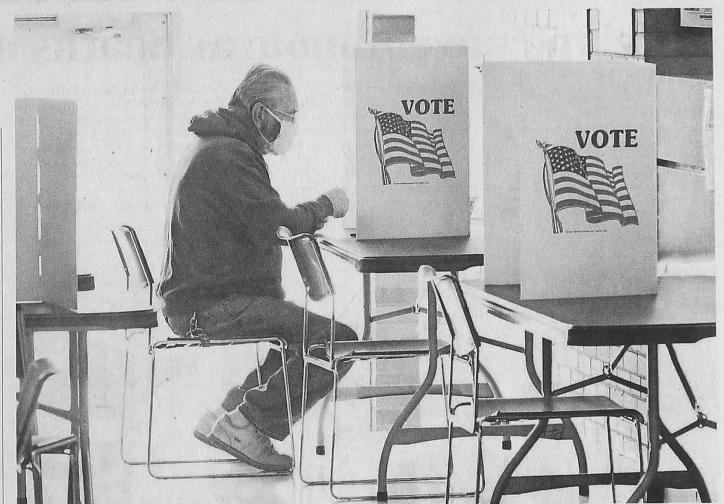
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Robert Hartbarger casts his vote regarding a school bond proposal Tuesday at City Hall in Garden City.

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Farmington to open farmers market with restrictions

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The Farmington Farmers Market has announced it will open its 27th year of operation May 16.

We had to take a step back and first ask ourselves, 'What's the importance of doing this?' " said Walt Gajewski, farmers market manager. "It holds true to our mission, which is that we are here to provide direct access to fresh, locally-grown produce."

However, Gajewski said this year's farmers market will look different. To adhere to the guidelines set by the state for essential businesses, Farmington will have a much smaller market, focusing on full uncut produce and prepackaged prepared foods. The market will limit the number of customers and require them to wear masks when shopping, while vendors and volunteers must wear masks and gloves.

Gajewski said there will be no food consumption or sampling of foods on site.

"It's all about providing good, nutritious food for the

Other farmers markets

The Northville Farmers Market will open May 14 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will continue each Thursday until Oct. 29. Vendors are limited to growers and food vendors only, and will be open to only senior citizens and their guests each week from 8-9 a.m.

The Plymouth Community Farmers Market will open May 16 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday until Oct. 24, adhering to social distancing guidelines.

The Birmingham Farmers Market is open each Sunday for vehicles only.

The Milford Farmers Market is postponed until June 4; the South Lyon Farmers Market until June 6; and the Canton Farmers Market until further notice.

benefit of the community in a safe operating environment that preserves the public trust by maintaining the public welfare," Gajewski said.

Farmington is rolling out pre-order and prepay systems, directing customers to order from farmers and vendors on its website for pickup at the market.

Gajewski said the farmers' well-being became a priority when discussing whether the farmers market would open. But to Mayor Sara Bowman, the decision was made to support farmers as they had been supporting Farmington for the past 27 years.

"Even as hard as it is today, we need to find a way to reach out and see how we can help them," Gajewski said Bowman told him.

Gajewski said he hopes that the opening of the farmers market will make people smile and give them a sense of place in the middle of the pandemic.

"It is going to be different, but life as we know it is different today," Gajewski said. "But still, the fact that the farmers market is going to raise its flag out there for the community, I think it's going to give people a sense

For more information on the operating environment and restrictions, visit farmingtonfarmersmarket.com.

Convent

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"The biggest change is the loss of the communal life that is at the heart of the Felician charism. We naturally gather five times a day - in the morning for prayer and Mass, in the evening for prayer and rosary, and three times for meals," said Sister Mary Christopher Moore. "So we dine at the table of the Lord, and we share all our meals together. It may have been that aspect of our lives that may have made us more susceptible when the virus struck."

As Felician nuns, the women dedicated their lives to service and the church. Here's what each of them did during their time in the convent and how they'll be remembered by friends.

A woman of prayer: Sister Mary Luiza Wawrzyniak

Wawrzyniak died at age 99 on April 10. A Fel-

ician for 80 years who joined right after high school, she was



known serving others

through prayer. According to her obituary, "She work (ed) in the laundry and hobby shop, packed bread for the poor and was a prayer minister. Confined to a wheelchair, Sister was self-sufficient for many years and daily she could be found in the main chapel saying the Stations of the Cross. The moments of prayer before the Blessed Sacraremained the ment source for her valiant disposition and faithfulness."

During her life of service, Wawrzyniak was also a teacher, laundry helper and was a "sunshine person" for the a convent, meaning she helped uplift the women in the infirmary.

A teacher: Sister Celine Marie Lesinski

Lesinski was one of Livonia's two sisters to die

on Easter Sunday, April 12. She was 92 years old. The Detroit native



was with the Felicians for

71 years. "A teacher, organist, librarian and director of volunteers at Angela Hospice Home Care, Sister Celine Marie led a very active life," her obituary reads. "Teaching, however, was her predominant

ministry."

Lesinski was a teacher for 55 years and worked as a librarian for 27 years. In retirement, she served as a prayer minister in Livonia, where she lived from 2005 until her

A principal: Sister Mary Estelle Printz

Printz died Easter Sunday, April 12, at age 95.

The Detroiter was part of the Felician congregation 73 for



years and wore a number of hats throughout her life. Before joining the Felicians, she spent time working for Chrysler in its contracts department.

According to her obituary, "She began her career as an elementary teacher, then moved to teaching high school business education and served as a principal for 14 years. Sister was also supervisor of the business office at St. Mary Hospital and assisted at two General Chapters with typing and other duties.'

In her post-education life, Printz became a local minister for three years before retiring in 2016.

An advocate: Sister **Thomas Marie** Wadowski

Wadowski died April 15 at age 73. Hailing from

Detroit, she was a Felician Sister for 54 vears. As an



elementary teacher, she was known to have a special way with kids.

"A highlight of her teaching ministry was a project with the secondgrade children of St. Damian School, Westland, to act out a commercial written for Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup," her obituary reads. "The commercial took the grand prize in the Camden, N.J., soup maker's Bring the Campbell Kids to Life' contest. The script won out over 85 entries from second graders across the country."

After retiring in 1999 because of health compli-

cations related to multiple sclerosis, Wadowski served as a library aide at Madonna University. Later in life, she was known by her sisters as someone who would advocate for the needs of others and comfort those nearing the end of their lives.

A minister: Sister **Mary Patricia** Pyszynska

After 75 years as part of the Felician Congregation.

Pvszvnska died April 17 age 93. In a 60-year educa-



tion career, she eventually became a religion teacher.

"She served as an elementary and middle school teacher in 13 schools throughout the state of Michigan," her obituary reads. "On a journey that spanned 60 years in the ministry of education, 31 years were in teaching and 29 as director of religious education."

After coming to Livonia in 2007, Pyszynska continued to work in pastoral ministry until her retirement in 2011.

A lifelong Felician: Sister Mary Clarence Borkoski

Borkoski was taught by the Felician Sisters throughout her elemen-

school years and pursued Catholic educa-



tion in high school. Shortly after graduating, she joined the Felicians. She died April 20 at age 83 after being with the Felicians

64 years.

Vocationally, she was a teacher for 48 years, from which she retired in 2008. But she kept her love for children and served them for the remainder of her life.

According to her obituary, "In her semi-retired years, Sister Mary Clarence still sought ministries that would find her working with children, especially those in 'atrisk' areas. She also assisted with the Felician Associate program, and assumed the role of assistant director, which she held until leaving for the care center in Michigan in 2018. There, she assisted with the Montessori Center, listening to the children read and joining in school activities and evening programs."

A journalist: Sister **Rose Mary Wolak**

A Detroit native, Wolak died April 21 at age 86. She had

been a Felician for 64 years. After



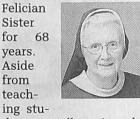
ing English, teaching and journalism, Wolak spent much her life being a teacher and supervising yearbook classes. She retired from teaching in 2006.

Wolak also spent time in Rome. According to her obituary, "Sister Rose Mary was assigned to the Felician Generalate in Rome twice, from 1989 to 1993 and 1999 to 2003 for a total of eight years and worked as secretary in the English section of the Vatican Secretariat of State."

A storyteller: Sister **Mary Janice** Zolkowski

At age 86, Zolkowski died April 22. She had

been a Felician Sister for 68 years. Aside from teach-



dents to tell stories, she herself was a writer. "In 1976 Sister was

commissioned to write a book: 'Felician Sisters of Livonia, Michigan: First Province in America, her obituary reads. "During this time Sister Janice also served as administrative assistant to the president of St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake from 1978 to 1982. The lengthy book of 586 pages embraced over four years of intensive re-search and was completed in 1984."

Throughout her life, Zolkowski was also an archivist and published work in the Livonia Observer, Catholic Educator and a special edition of Wyanie Specjalne, a Polish publication.

An administrator: Sister Mary Alice Ann Gradowski

Gradowski died April 25 at age 73 after being in the Feli-

cian congregation for 55 years. The Bay City native's



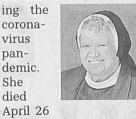
administrative roles. She was known as a teacher, principal, councilor and minister. "As principal, Sister was involved in many extracurricular activities: Eucharistic Minister, par-

ish council, teaching in the R.C.I.A. program, conducting Share-the-Word discussion groups participating week-end renewals," her obituary reads. "Attendance at basketball and soccer games, school dances and parish raffles were also an important part of her life as princi-

A nurse: Sister Victoria Marie Indyk

Indyk is the youngest Livonia Felician Sister to die dur-

ing the coronavirus pandemic. She died



at age 69 after having been in the congregation for 50 years. She hadn't vet retired. According to her obit-

uary, "Sr. Victoria Marie served as a nurse at St.

Mary Hospital in Livonia and St. Francis Home for the Aged in Saginaw and as director of nursing at the convent infirmary in Livonia, returning to nursing at St. Mary Hospital, then serve as nursing administrator at St. Joseph Convent/Angela Hall, prior to joining the nursing faculty at Madonna University in 1997. She served as a professor in the nursing department at Madonna University until her death."

In line with nursing, Indyk was an "ardent' supporter of the Felicians' work in Haiti. She led mission trips there with nursing students to serve people.

immigrants: Sister **Mary Martinez Rozek**

On April 28, Rozek died at age 87. At that time, she had been a Felician for

vears. Though she was born in Chicago,



Rozek spent her life serving people in Michigan.

As a foreign language teacher for most of her career, she spent time in retirement teaching English to immigrants from Spanish-speaking coun-

According to her obituary, 'In her later years she taught Spanish and English as a Second Language at South Bend, Indiana, and continued with Hispanic ministry in Pontiac and Clinton Township, teaching English skills to Hispanic immigrants after returning to the convent in Livonia in 2007."

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Man

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Police say home security videos show Tallent chasing one of his children down a driveway. One of the children told police they had never seen their dad that mad before. The oldest ran to a neighbor's for help. Neighbors called 911.

Police soon found Tallent running

through a field. Eventually, he tripped and fell, allowing police to pin him to the ground. They took a box cutter from his pants pocket.

Tallent's wife and one of the children were transported to the hospital.

After the wife underwent surgery, she told police her husband had never laid a hand on her or the kids before.

Tallent faces four felony charges: torture, child abuse, assault with intent to do great bodily harm and assault with

intent to murder. His next district court appearance is scheduled for summer.

Tallent and his family apparently moved to Stonebrook Drive about a year

"He is probably the hardest manual labor working person I've ever seen," a neighbor told police. "He was always working outside on their driveway and walkway.

'He was working on their own house to show his future clients what he can

do, like an example.

"He built all of the cement porches and sidewalks at the house. He dug out the backyard and said he was going to build a pool back there for the kids but hadn't gotten that far."

After his arrest, Tallent was treated for a "small laceration on top of his head."

He was discharged from the hospital and taken to Canton Township's police headquarters.

Trees

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This year, the affected roads will get new stone bases, curbs and concrete. The city expects this year's \$13.5 million in repairs to be good for 25 years.

But even with the improvements, it's emotional for some residents to see their decades-old trees coming down.

"I understand that they're putting in new roads and I understand that some of the trees have to come down," said Ann Zaron, who lives on Tuck Road in one of the affected neighborhoods. "I do understand that and I respect the people who want their trees down.

"But when I saw those pink dots, I started crying."

Zaron said she moved to the neighborhood in part because of the old, massive trees lining the streets that almost form a tunnel. She has five in her backyard.

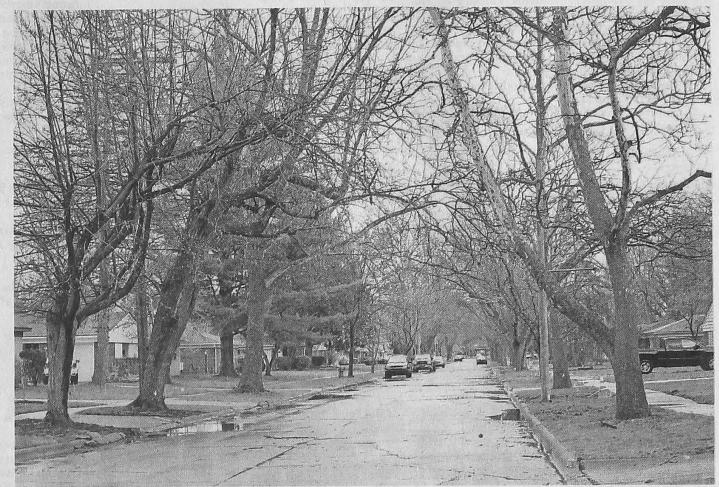
"I can't even imagine losing the trees that I have in my backyard," Zaron said. "One of them is probably 200 years old."

Mondora said while work takes place, the city tries to save as many trees as possible. But she said it's near impossible to save every tree.

This year, about 72% of the potentially affected trees will be "saved," she

"The trees identified for removal are simply too close to the pavement to save or they are already in a compromised condition," she said. "Many of the anchoring and critical foundation roots would need cut during the process of removing the old pavement and building the new road.

"Leaving those trees in place after construction would yield an unhealthy



Farmington Hills resident Ann Zaron says most of the trees along Tuck Street, where she lives, are marked for removal. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

tree with a high risk of mortality."

The city will eventually remove the stumps of the cut trees and, should the homeowner want it, replace them at no cost. The city will then monitor those trees for a few years and replace them if

Homeowners are asked to help by

watering it and mowing the yard.

From Zaron's perspective, trees take decades to grow so large. Even if they are replaced, she doesn't think the street will be quite the same.

"People love these trees and they're not even giving them any consideration," she said.

As city officials and some residents butt heads, Zaron said all she can do is voice what's on her mind.

"I can't just back and just let it happen," she said. "I have to be vocal."

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Carlton N. Baker

HENDERSONVILLE - Carlton N. Baker, 87, formerly of South Lyon, MI and Whitinsville, MA went to his heavenly home on April 28 after a lengthy battle with cancer. He is now walking and living with "Him who loved me and gave His life for me."

He leaves behind his wife of 25 years, Nancy (LaFleur) Baker, 5 children—Sandra Schulenburg of Lynn, MA, Deborah (Todd) VandenAkker of Grand Rapids, MI, Brian (Sheryl) Baker of Marion, IN, Pam (Doug) VanderYacht of Grand Rapids, MI and Paul (Erica) Baker of Vero Beach, FL-as well as 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren with his first wife, Harriet Baker; three stepchildren - Cindy (Jim) Panek of St Helena, CA, Michelle (David) Weaver of Austin, TX, Bryan(Gail) Mack of Caribou, ME—along with 7 stepgrandchildren and 3 step-great grandchildren.

Born March 11, 1933, he was the son of Richard W. Baker and Anne LaFleur Baker. He was preceded in death by his former wife of 39 years, Harriet R (Dykstra) Baker, his brother, Richard Baker Jr, and a great grandchild, Brianna Drakage.

Carlton received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA in 1963. He earned his MDiv degree from Gordon Divinity School in Wenham, MA in 1966. He pastored Tyrone United Presbyterian in Fenton, MI, First United Presbyterian in Sharpsville, PA and Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian in South Lyon, MI. He was a charter member of Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church in Whitinsville, MA. He served in the US Army and was a Korean War

A memorial service will be held on May 1 at Heritage Hills, Heritage Circle, Hendersonville, NC

A second memorial will be held in South Lyon, MI at the Baker Memorial Garden at a date yet to be determined.

Nancy Lee (Broman) Giannotta

November 3rd 1929 to April 26th 2020

Our family is mourning the loss of our best friend and sister, aunt and chosen mother. We are, Beverly Ann Johnston, Kristin and Robert Forester, Diane and Kurt Johnston, Megan and Les Pernia and Lisa Cook. Many nieces and neph-



ews, great nieces and nephews and great, great

nieces and nephews.

We are confident that the love of her life, her husband Frank, was impatiently waiting for her with dancing shoes in hand. Nancy spent her life giving to others however her special love was for animals.

If you would like, please donate to a worthy cause to help rescue, foster or adopt an animal.

A champagne celebration will be held in Nancy's honor at a later date.

"You may be gone from my sight, but you are never gone from my heart" Winnie the Pooh.

Please share a memory of Nancy at www.rggrharris.com.

Harry George Greenleaf

LIVONIA - Harry George Greenleaf of Livonia, Michigan was born on May 27, 1936 and passed away April 28, 2020 in his sleep. He is survived by his loving wife Audrey Greenleaf and they been married for 58 years. Proud father of Kim (Greg) Page and Mark (Kathy) Greenleaf.



Dear grandfather of Brittany (Christopher) Barcroft, Harry C. Greenleaf, Christian Greenleaf, Brad Page, Katie Page, Allie Page. Dearest uncle of many nieces and nephews. Harry is preceded in death by his sibilings Edward Greenleaf, Rosella Thompson, Newton Greenleaf and Fred J. Greenleaf.

Harry was born in Palermo, New York to his late parents Fred and Mabel. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 37 years of service. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees at Schoolcraft college for 18 years and was an active volunteer in politics at all levels.

His passions included education and family.In his free time he enjoyed traveling, golf, gardening, and spending family time at the cottage in Northern Michigan.

A private family service will be held May 2, 2020. Arrangements for a Memorial and Celebration of Life will be forthcoming.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be shared at www.HarryJWillFuneralHome. com/Livonia.

Harry J Will Funeral Homes



Ceverena E. Davies

Ceverena E. Davies (Fitch) passed away on April 23rd surrounded by family. She was born in New Jersey on September 11, 1930; the youngest of 3 children of Hugh & Ceverena Fitch. Mom is survived by her remaining children Phillip Davies (Jody), Andrea Tomaszewski, Nancy Faught (John), and daughter in-law Lynda Davies; and many grand & great children. She is preceded in death by her eldest son Jeffrey Davies, her brothers Richard Fitch and Edward Fitch, her parents and many dear friends. A private service has occurred.

May you find peace

in this time of sorrow.



Carolyn Ann Jones

LIVONIA - Carolyn was born on June 30, 1942 in Craigsville, WV, and passed away on April 29, 2020, at St. Mary's Hospital at the age of 77. She will forever be loved by her husband, family, and friends. She was a very loving wife, mother, and good friend to all. She worked at Hope's Fish & Chips in Livonia on Friday's and primarily as a bookkeeper. Carolyn is survived by her loving husband Floyd Jones, loving mother to Cari (Andy) Czako, Cathy Farrell, and cherished grandmother of Eric, Bryan (Natalie), Mitch, Nick an Kyle and loving sister Helen Brown. Due to the Covid-19 and the Stay at Home Order, please

Marguerite Kalec

FARMINGTON HILLS - Marguerite M. Kalec (nee Barber) age 91, died peacefully at home April 30, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Edward for 58 years. She was also preceded in death by her daughter-in-law Ann. Loving mother to Robert, and Ann (David) Oehring. Devoted grand-



mother to William, Michael, Stephen, Emma, Terence, Tyler, Tanner, and great-grandmother to Lauren, Payton, and Kenneth. Born in Flint, Marge obtained a degree in education from Wayne State University and taught in the Detroit Public Schools for over a decade. She subsequently earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan and was a guidance counselor in the Farmington Public Schools for more than twenty years. An avid traveler, she was also an accomplished photographer, and family genealogist. A private service and burial will be held.





Patricia Jane (nee Board) **Abrahamian**

Passed away peacefully on April 30, 2020. Born January 26, 1934 in Detroit to James and Rose Board. She graduated from Commerce High School in Detroit. She was a faithful Catholic and an avid reader.

Beloved wife of Rostom "Ronie" for 55 years.

Survived by her loving children Rostom "Ronie", Pamela (George), Elaine (Edward), John (Sandra) and Michael.

Proud grandmother of April, Paige, Olivia, Steven, David and Kelli. She was further blessed with a great grandson, Gus. Sister of Michael (Kim).

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, daughter in law Janet and brother James.

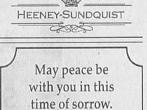
A memorial will be held at a later date. www.mannsfuneralhome.com





Mary F. Rogers

LIVONIA - Age 82, passed away Friday, April 24, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Paul (Phillip) Rogers; loving mother of Susan Share, Michael (Laurie) Rettell, Kathy (Joseph) Sparks and Karen (James) Dennis; dear grandmother of 6; great grandmother of 5; wonderful sister of Marilyn Clemons, Marie Gray, Carol Chapman, and Janet Graves. Mary was preceded in death by her brother, George Barry and her parents, Edward and Lorene Barry. A memorial service will be held to celebrate the life of Mary when the country returns to better health. Arrangements entrusted to Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farming ton, (248) 474-5200. heeney-sundquist.com





March 10, 1928 - April 11, 2020 (age 92)

Virginia was born in Roseville, Michigan to Rivan and Ruth Frazee. She was the oldest of four children and her siblings included Rivan, William, and Helen. They lived in Roseville on Ruthdale, a little street named after her mother because theirs was the first house built there.

After graduating from high school, Virginia attended Wayne State University in Detroit where she met the love of her life - Gordon Sauls. They were married in 1951 and had three sons David, Brian and Eric. Their first family home was in Inkster, and

then in 1964 they moved to Livonia. They purchased one of the first homes in the Meri Lynn Farms subdivision and were eventually surrounded by numerous wonderful neighbors and schools. The Sauls family experienced many memorable years while living there.

Virginia earned her Bachelor's Degree in Art from Wayne State University. She later completed her Master's Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan while she and Gordon raised their three sons. They both taught in the Livonia Public Schools from the early 1960's until they retired in 1988. Virginia taught at several different elementary schools throughout her teaching career, while Gordon taught his first year at Cleveland Elementary and then Franklin High School.

An avid world traveler, Virginia explored the globe with Gordon. They visited England, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Egypt, Mexico, Jamaica and more. She also traveled with friends to Japan, Greece, Australia, Turkey, Germany, Hungary, and New Zealand. Virginia loved cooking and always had a tasty well balanced meal for the family - juggling this with being a

school teacher. Her specialties included a delicious brisket, Hamburger Corn-Pone-Pie (a family favorite), home-made spaghetti sauce, numerous exotic foreign dishes, and many more. She was a true believer in adding spice to her life by means of travel and food.

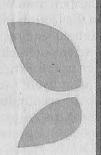
Virginia was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother - gentle, patient, kind, and funny - always upbeat and positive. She loved reading, classical music, educational TV shows, movies, and playing card games.... especially an old family favorite "Old Hell". She loved her teaching career and her students. Virginia often reminisced about many of them and wondered what they did with their lives years later. She took great satisfaction in knowing she gave her students her very best - that pride never left her. After retiring from teaching, she continued to travel numerous years and also enjoyed a good home life. She and Gordon moved into assisted living in October of 2018.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents and two siblings, Rivan Frazee and Helen Lippert. She was also preceded in death by her oldest son David in December 2018 and her husband Gordon in December 2019. She is survived by middle son Brian (Charlene) of Harrisburg, PA, her youngest son Eric (Erin) of Highland, MI, and four grandchildren: Ian and Keith of Pennsylvania, and Michelle and Katy of Highland, MI.

Virginia will be missed by all those who knew her, but she told her sons and close friends not to be sad after she departs because she had lived a wonderful and happy life. She went strong up until the last week - always upbeat and sharp as a tack. A memorial to celebrate Virginia and Gordon's lives will be scheduled after the current COVID-19 crisis subsides.

The family requests any donations be made to Michigan Premier Hospice, who was wonderful in helping care for Virginia and Gordon in their final





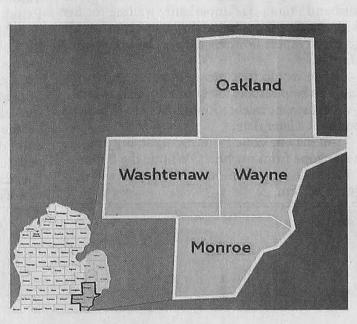
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Sports

Canton team laments missed opportunities

Andrew Vailliencourt

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The Canton baseball program has become one of the area's strongest over the years under coach Mark Blomshield.

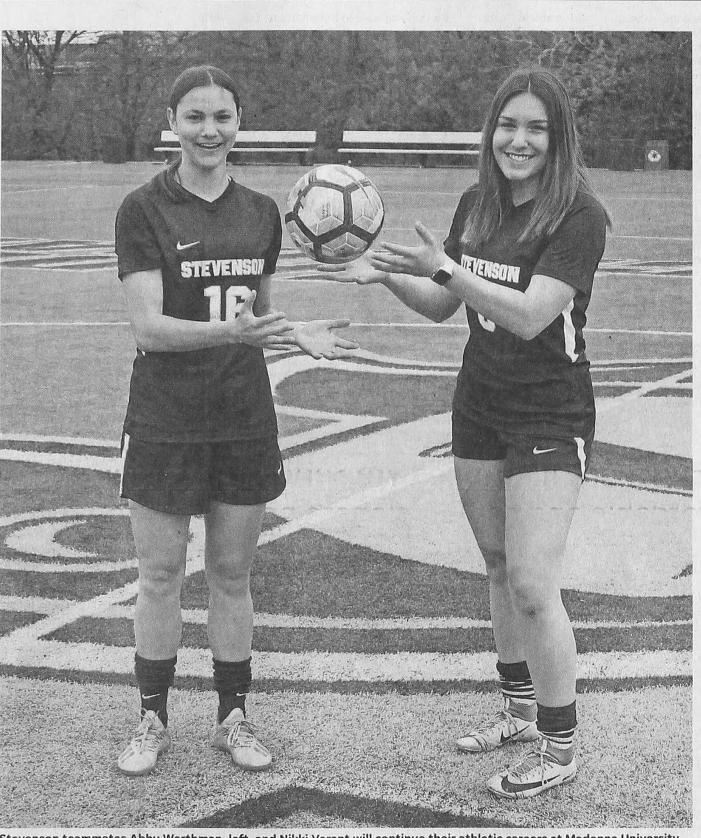
Blomshield has been the head varsity coach for 13 years and with the program for 20, but he's never experienced anything quite like the current situation, where sports everything are shut down until further notice. It's not something he'd ever like to experience again either.

Canton entered this season fresh off a district title and second place finish in the KLAA West division behind perennial powerhouse Brighton and was going to have a senior heavy pitching staff back to lead the Chiefs to another win-

The team didn't have many seniors, but the four it did have were quality players and returning starters. Those seniors are Ben Stesiak, Nick Yeager, Jake Rubis and Kyle King. Stesiak was set to be the team's starting center fielder, Yeager the team's ace pitcher, Rubis the No. 2 pitcher and shortstop and King the starting second baseman.

Stesiak and Yeager have signed to play baseball in college, with Stesiak headed to Madonna and Yeager to Dordt University in Iowa. Rubis has received a lot of college interest but has not made a decision on what school he will attend, with interest ranging from NAIA schools to Indiana University in the Big Ten.

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Stevenson teammates Abby Werthman, left, and Nikki Verant will continue their athletic careers at Madonna University

Stevenson seniors carry on talent pipeline to Madonna

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For some Livonia Stevenson girls soccer players, their past and future are separated by three miles.

Leaving the parking lot of the Spartans soccer field, it takes five turns through a Livonia neighborhood to reach the Madonna soccer field, the home of the Crusaders women's soccer

With head coach Paul Patton at the helm for the past three seasons, Madonna has had a good track record on the soccer field. The Crusaders have won 38 of their 55 games, finishing fifth in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and losing to No. 1 seed University of Northwestern Ohio in the WHAC tournament semifinal.

To redshirt junior midfielder Megan Verant, much of that has to do with the chemistry and familiarity many of the players had with each other coming

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Former CC LB pursues dream in transfer to Illinois

Bill Khan Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Isaac Darkangelo could have stayed at Northern Michigan University and been a star at the NCAA Division II football level.

Then maybe the former Brighton star could have been one of the select

few players who rise from those ranks to make it to the National Football League.

Or, he could gamble on himself, prove himself all over again at a higher level, and per- Darkangelo haps increase his

dream.



chances of reaching his ultimate

Darkangelo has taken the risk, transferring from Northern Michigan to the University of Illinois after leading the Wildcats in tackles as a sophomore linebacker last fall.

He will have two seasons of eligibility remaining after sitting out the upcoming season.

"I really believed I could play at the biggest level," said Darkangelo, a 2018 Detroit Catholic Central graduate. "At Northern. I felt like I wasn't being pushed enough as a player. I felt like I needed to take that next step and accomplish my dreams. I've always believed growing up in a family of six to have no regrets in life. I felt like down the road when I was 50 or 60, I would regret not chasing my dreams."

Darkangelo will be on Illinois' roster as a preferred walk-on, at least temporarily giving up a guaranteed scholarship at Northern Michigan.

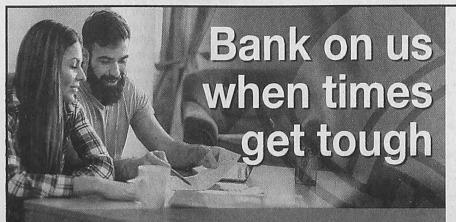
'I don't find that to be a big deal," he said. "I'm part of their team. I talked to their coach, and he's excited to have me. It's going to be fun."

Darkangelo was recently named Northern Michigan's Athlete of the Year for football when the school handed out its year-end awards. He had 105 tackles in 10 games, ranking second in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

He had 60 tackles in 10 games as a true freshman in 2019.

This isn't the case of a disgruntled athlete leaving a program. Darkangelo, who turned 20 last month, will have nothing but fond memories from his

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Canton

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"Madonna got another steal," Blomshield said. "They stole Nate Blain from us last year and he had D1 offers. Madonna does a nice job recruiting, you have to tip your cap to them. They come in and take these kids where some of these bigger programs are hemming and hawing and waiting around. Some kids don't develop until their senior year. They always look for that slam dunk as a sophomore, but not everyone is a stud as a sophomore. Those kids are easy to find, they're 6-foot-3 and hit a lot of home runs, we don't get a lot of kids like that. We develop our players."

Blomshield is especially disappointed for his seniors, all of which he felt could have received more offers this spring with good seasons. Rubis held off on an early signing with the hopes of a lights out final season, but now won't have that opportunity.

"(Rubis) was just filthy nasty," Blomshield said. "He had a real good summer, was pretty much un-hittable when he dropped down and mixed up his arm angles, the sky was the limit for that boy. He could've been 10-0 for us with a 0.00 ERA, and he probably could've done it. He showed signs of it as a junior. That's what's so frustrating, especially for him because he hasn't signed yet."

Between Rubis and Yeager, Blomshield was excited for the pitching staff.

"(Yeager) was awesome last year as a junior," Blomshield said. "He hit the weights hard and took his fastball from 82-83 to 86-88. We were getting ready to ride him into the playoffs."

The team's defense, especially up the middle was also going to be a bright spot for the squad, with Stesiak in center and the combo of Rubis and King in the middle infield on days Rubis wasn't pitching

"(King) was going to be our starting



Canton's Jacob Rubis has received a lot of college interest but has not made a decision on what school he will attend.

MICHAEL VASILNEK/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

second baseman," Blomshield said. "Just a little guy, but he's scrappy and worked as hard as everyone else, made some gains in the weight room, getting ready to show off his stuff and increase his bat exit velocity."

Instead, the Chiefs are at home like the rest of the state doing their best to stay healthy.

"We had strong pitching and that's been the key to our success over the last 13 years is pitching and defense," Blomshield said. "We had a lot of pieces in the right spots. We lost some decent seniors last year but we didn't lose everything and a lot of those juniors contributed. When you have those two and three year starters coming back, that's when that experience really pays off."

Canton was able to have just one full practice before the shut down.

"Obviously it's been extremely difficult," Blomshield said. "We did a lot of preparation coming in, offseason workouts, pitchers throwing bullpens, lifting weights. Checking every single box trying to put together a championship season. ... It was tough to take. This is obviously unprecedented, we didn't know what to expect. It was devastating for everybody."

Blomshield added that he had a handful of meetings over google hangouts to talk to players and bring the season to a conclusion. Losing out on a year of growth will certainly put strains on the program, but it's something every program in the state will be dealing with

Canton was supposed to be taking on Brighton on May 1 in what could've been a battle for the top spot in the division.

"It's been a mental gut check for me, it's really turned me off," Blomshield said. "I don't have a whole lot of years left anyways, I was planning to coach four more years just for personal reasons and goals that I have. I've been doing it 20 years, this is my 13th year with varsity.

"It's like getting ready for Christmas and then Santa Claus comes and takes the tree."

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Seniors

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out of high school.

"I never would have imagined all of us getting to play together in college," Verant said. "But the fact that we do, I think it makes us a better team."

In Madonna's 2020 recruiting class, that talent pipeline is set to continue.

Stevenson seniors Abby Werthman and Nikki Verant will soon become Crusaders, following in the footsteps of not only their families, but teammates, as two of six former Spartans on the upcoming 2020 roster.

A family affair

For Abby Werthman, Madonna soccer is family tradition.

Billy Werthman was a captain for the men's soccer team in 2017-18, while her sister, Emma, will be a senior defender on the women's soccer team next year after transferring to the Crusaders from Schoolcraft College.

What Abby saw when she watched her sister play for Madonna was extremely familiar: the same emphasis on team chemistry she had at Stevenson, moving the ball extremely well together and with no ulterior motives.

"You are not doing it all by yourself," Abby Werthman said. "You need a team to help you, to help each other, because you need to be able to work together to move the ball and work as a team so you can all be successful."

For the Spartans, Abby Werthman seemed to be finishing on a lot of that unselfishness.

As a junior, she recorded 46 of her 69 career goals, the second most in school history in a single season, earning first-team All State honors.

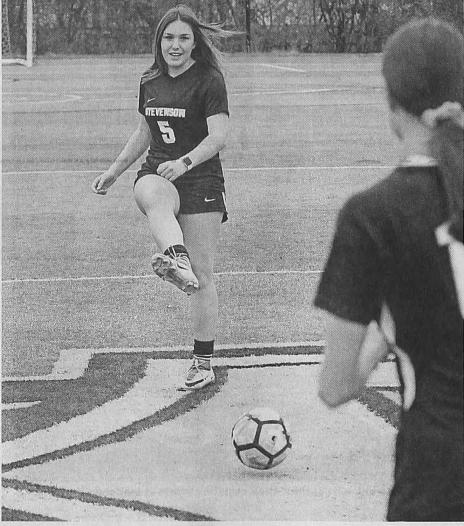
Emma Werthman played one season with Abby at Stevenson, but was able to watch as her sister's left-footed, goal-scoring prowess put Abby in a position to succeed time and time again, especially, she said, after the shifting of divisions in the KLAA.

Watching Abby have her way with opponents at the high school level, Emma said she wanted her sister to be recognized somewhere. Emma knew that Abby would really shine at Madonna.

The Madonna head coach saw that potential as well.

"There's been players in the past, they have scored a lot of goals in high school, didn't always translate in college," Patton said. "We think her's will. What we think is that Abby will come in and start scoring goals immediately as a freshman."

Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker is confident that Abby Werthman will not face much of a transition between the high school and club level



Nikki Verant passes the ball to Stevenson teammate Abby Werthman. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

to college.

He has seen her quiet confidence at work on the field for the past four years.

"She's not going to say a whole lot," Shingledecker said. "She has a lot of Barry Sanders qualities: 'You are going to watch me do it on the field, but I don't need to talk about it all the time."

Right at home

Unlike the Werthman sisters, Nikki Verant has never had the chance to play on the same team as her sister, Megan.

While their time at Stevenson overlapped, Nikki played for the junior-varsity team, watching Megan play her final year for the Spartans.

For Nikki, it was always a goal for her to play college soccer, viewing it as a legitimate shot starting her sophomore year when she made the varsity team.

From Megan, Nikki Verant heard about Madonna's nursing program, about how close it was to home and about the success the Crusaders had on the soccer field. But to her, the decision came down to one main factor.

"I would love the chance to play with her," Nikki Verant said of Megan.

Megan Verant said she expects chemistry between the two of them

from the moment they step onto the field for the first time together, saying that they had been training for the upcoming season together at home.

However, from the moment that Nik-ki Verant and Abby Werthman join the team officially, there is almost an expectation that they both will feel right at home from the start.

Knowing some of the players on the roster from past Stevenson teams, along with former opponents from many other high schools in the metro Detroit area, Megan Verant said she came into her freshman season more comfortable due to past chemistry with some of her new teammatés.

"Right away, we knew how to work well together and a lot of people don't get to do that," Megan Verant said.

Nikki Verant knows this is not a normal college situation. She called it "weird, but reassuring."

"I know these people," Nikki Verant said. "I know their experiences and that makes me know what I am getting into."

Pipeline set to continue

For many members of the Stevenson girls soccer roster, the in-between to the Madonna program is Nick Atwood.

Atwood, a Stevenson graduate, is a graduate assistant for Patton and the Crusaders women's soccer program.

In the fall, Atwood serves as a sort of "talent scout" for the metro Detroit area, helping the head coach, who came from Midway University in Kentucky and did not know the area and the talent it had on the soccer field when he started prior to the 2017 season.

In the spring, Atwood is a first-hand witness to the recruiting hotbed he considers to be Michigan high school girls

But Atwood has to balance his role as a college and high school coach when it comes to the recruitment of Stevenson players. He says he tells his players if Madonna is interested, passing information along to Patton and the Crusaders coaching staff, but then takes a back seat, waiting to see what decision is made.

"As a Madonna staff member, I want talented girls to come play for me at Madonna," Atwood said. "As a high school coach, I want the student-athlete to go to the school that's the best fit for them all around."

From the outside, Patton sees a strong Stevenson program. He knows, coming from that high school program, his two 2020 Spartan recruits will likely have an easier transition than most to the college level.

"If they know that there is a couple of players from Stevenson that they know, it makes the transition easier because they know them going in," Patton said. "It's not completely without a support system. There's a little familiarity."

Shingledecker prides his program on that sense of preparedness, saying that with the high level Stevenson plays at, his players are, historically, more comfortable more quickly at the college level.

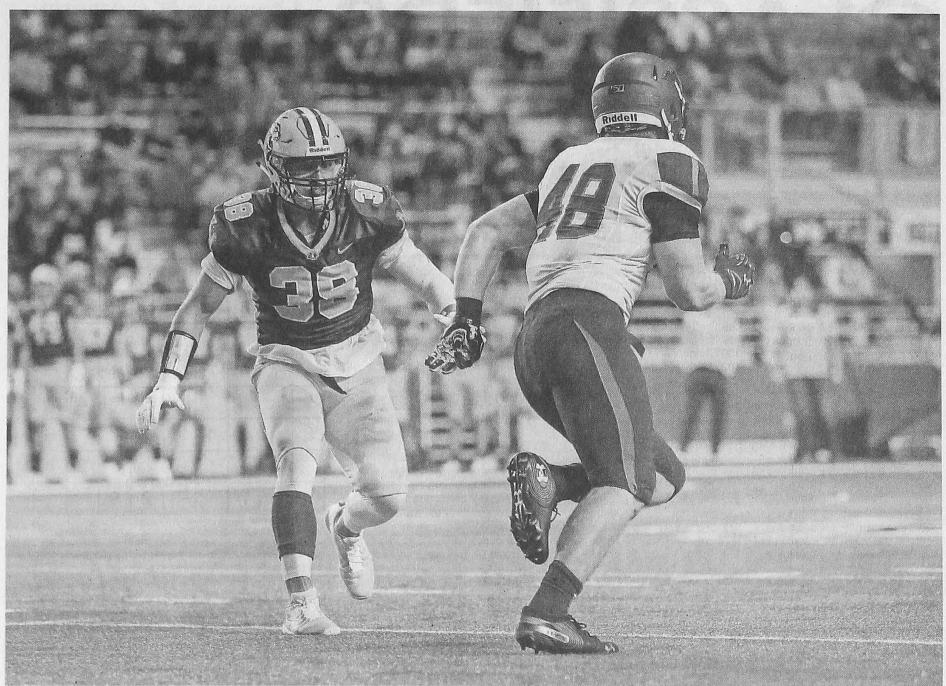
Patton sees a strong track record from the high school that is three miles away. That is why he said there are players in the 2021 and 2022 classes that he has an eye on for future roster spots.

Nikki Verant was sad when she did not get to play her senior season at Stevenson. But she knows there is a legitimate chance that she will be able to play with many of the underclassmen on the roster again.

She will be just five turns away.

"I love everyone on this Stevenson team. All the girls are great, all the new players coming in, I could tell, they were going to be a great addition to the team," Verant said. "If I got a chance to play with any of those girls again, which I think is a possibility looking at the connection between the two, I think that it's kind of reassuring."

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Former Brighton LB Isaac Darkangelo, left, has transferred to Illinois after two seasons playing for Northern Michigan's football team. CORY GENOVESE/PHOTOYOOP

Dream

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two seasons with the Wildcats.

"I've got nothing against the guys up there," he said. "It was definitely a hard decision for me. I kept going back to I couldn't lay in bed at night knowing I didn't try to accomplish my dreams. Obviously, going to Illinois, I want to make a big impact. I want to do whatever I can to make them a better football team in whatever way possible. At least at the end of the day, I know I chased my dreams. I have a long road ahead."

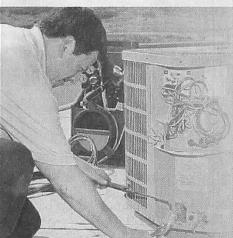
Darkangelo said he was recruited by Michigan State coming out of high school, ultimately choosing Northern Michigan because of his connection with head coach Kyle Nystrom. Darkangelo's brother, Anthony, played for Ferris State when Nystrom was an assistant coach with the Bulldogs.

"My linebacker room at Northern was awesome," Darkangelo said. "I grew some of the best friendships in my life up there. Coach Nystrom's film sessions were amazing. The whole coaching staff teaches you lessons you'll carry on for life. They're just guys you can hang out with and talk to if you need some help..."

Darkangelo began playing football when he was 9 in the Brighton Youth Football League. He is one of five siblings who have played college athletics.

"Everybody's got that childhood dream," he said. "Obviously, my end goal is the NFL. I've got a lot of small steps to take before that. Now I'll do what I can to help Illinois become a better team. Hopefully, that path leads to my bigger goal."





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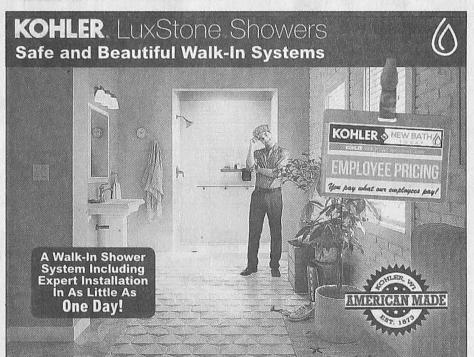


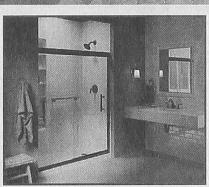
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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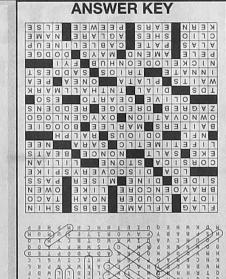
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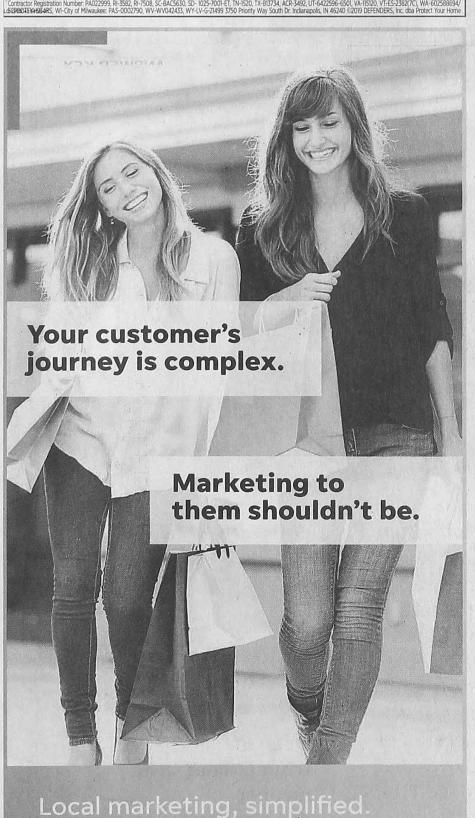
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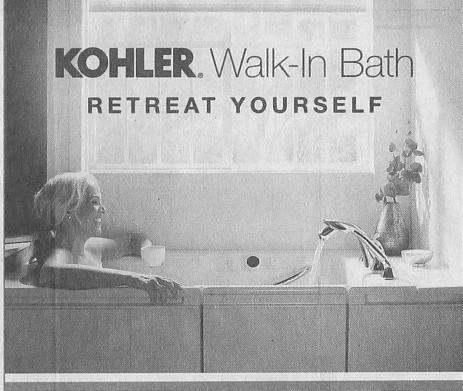
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