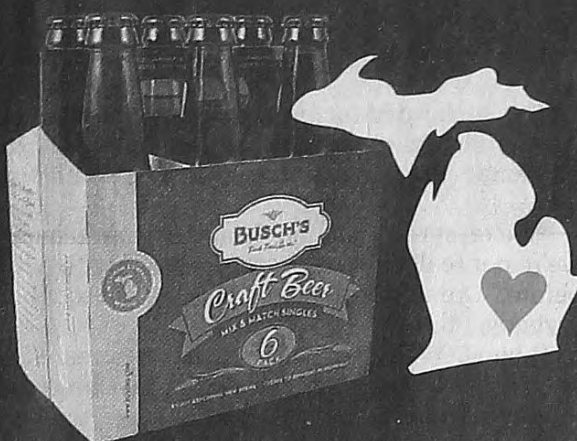




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Marching band plays on through pandemic



The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools marching band members work on their choreography at the school's track on July 30. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Through the invisible, thickening gloom created by the coronavirus pandemic, the band plays on at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

While embracing new normals like social-distancing, mask-wearing, filling out daily self-screening forms and beyond-typical instrument cleaning — and without the motivation of state and national competitions waiting at the end of the current shades-of-gray rainbow — the nationally-acclaimed Plymouth-Canton Educational Park marching band is moving forward, with a little help from Stevie Wonder.

Although rehearsals are less-frequent and shorter in duration, the band is determined to deliver a gold-stand-

ard product, regardless of whether it's on professionally-produced videos that can be distributed to family members, or at a park, in front of socially-distanced spectators.

"The best part about all of this," said PCEP marching band director Michael Wells, "is that, in a lot of ways, it's like a normal band experience. The biggest difference is that we have to be a little bit farther apart (formations have been extended from six feet of distancing between performers to 15 feet) but, surprisingly, it's been pretty normal."

Wells said the pride he has for his students' resilience is off the charts.

"I've always told people that marching band students are among the best when it comes to levels of character, and that has only been reinforced during these times," he said.

New protocols include each band member's daily submission of a self-screening form and a request for them to stay home from a rehearsal if they're feeling even the slightest hint of a COVID-19 symptom.

"So far, we've had no one who has tested positive," Wells said. "These students are following the guidelines."

'Something better than nothing'

Senior saxophonist Derek Huff is thankful that the Plymouth-Canton marching band is still playing, unlike the vast majority of its nationwide peers.

"We've heard from the directors a lot that 97% of marching bands across the

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LPS to hold classes online; some parents protest move

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As decisions loom for students across the region, one of the area's biggest school districts has decided to start the year virtually.

Livonia Public Schools will start its school year online for the first three weeks, a decision unanimously made by the board of education during a special meeting Monday night held online.

The decision will offer two options for students in the district: students enrolled in face-to-face learning will begin their school year Sept. 8 with on-line learning for the month of September and will gradually be reintegrated into the school buildings starting in October. Those who opt to have their children attend the district's virtual academy will have all their classes online.

The vote comes a week after the board directed Superintendent Andrea Oquist to include a remote start to the school year from the proposed plan, entitled Safe Start September, she submitted in July. That original recommendation included half-days of face-to-face instruction and half-day of online learning for the first three weeks of school.

"Safe Start September is really designed to provide a cautious and responsible start to our school year,

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Carie Brown holds a sign in support of "face 2 face" education this fall. She has a student who will be a junior at Livonia Stevenson High this fall.

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The Kay Beard/Eloise building along Michigan Avenue in Westland. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Eloise property may turn into hotel, event space

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Have you wanted to spend the night at the old Eloise asylum property? Plans are in motion to allow guests to do just that, albeit in a more modern setting.

The Westland planning commission unanimously approved a plan by John Hambrick to split the sprawling 16-acre historic property, which has attracted curiosity for years, into five separate

parcels to each house a different use.

Hambrick, who bought the sprawling complex at 30712 Michigan Ave., back in 2018 for \$1, went before the city's planning commission Wednesday to split the sprawling 16-acre property into five separate parcels to each house a different use.

The power plant and bakery buildings on the property are slated for demolition, Hambrick said, and there are plans for the firehouse to become a public space serving light fare like coffee

and ice cream.

"We were able to get inside and started really looking at the building. It has really, really good bones," Hambrick said. "It's a really cool building."

"I've talked to a chef and a coffee roaster and we are meeting next week because they are very excited to get involved in the project."

He said he'd hope to make the firehouse a sort of museum for the space,

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Marching band

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country are shutting down, so anything we can get out of this season, well, I'm just glad we have something because something is better than nothing," said Huff.

The recent revelations that state and national marching band competitions have been canceled for the 2020-21 school year have proven to be just a speed bump for himself and his fellow band members, Huff said.

"Yeah, it was a big disappointment that the competitions were canceled because, ultimately, that's the

goal of the bands," Huff explained. "But, again, we still have a show and we still get to perform, so I'm glad for that."

The social-distancing-fueled decrease in camaraderie-building opportunities has been the biggest pandemic pitfall, tuba player Johnny Grenillo admitted.

"We're spread out more and wearing masks, so we're not really able to get as personal with people as before," Grenillo lamented. "That's been tough on everybody, I think."

When COVID-19 initially started to spread, Grenillo was worried, but figured the virus-containment guidelines would soften as the calendar rolled on.

"When I first heard about COVID-19, I wasn't worried (about not competing) because our competitions are toward the end of the year, so I thought it would be gone by then. Well, it's not."

"What we're doing now is not ideal, obviously, but everyone is working hard and not complaining."

The opportunity to perform at halftime of football games is increasingly unlikely, Wells admitted, and competitions are off the board, but several brainstorming sessions among the directors have opened up new windows of new performance venues.

"With the competition cancellations, we're moving in a new direction," Wells said. "It's something I'm super-excited about. We're creating a show that we can perform anywhere, at any time."

"We've had to re-align things because we're limited to 100 students at a time. It's a show we can perform outside on a football field or at Cherry Hill Village, or

inside a cafeteria or auditorium, safety measures strongly followed, of course. Instead of people telling us where we can perform, we're going to them and saying, 'We can do this now.'"

The marching band's revised program consists of eight to 10 Stevie Wonder songs; an ode, of sorts, to the living legend whose musical roots were first planted in Michigan.

The marching band members' dedication to excellence is reflected, in part, by the March-through-May regimen followed by senior flutist/drum major Maggie Myles.

"When all this started, I continued to take lessons virtually using Zoom," said Myles. "When the guidelines loosened, I visited my instructor's backyard for social-distanced lessons."

"Not many (marching band) members have stopped because of the crisis. I feel this speaks loudly about the how passionate this group is about marching band and how much we all love it."

Wells noted that the number of students participating in marching band has actually been stable, if not higher than previous years.

"For one thing, we dropped the cost about two-thirds compared to last year, so more students can afford it," he said. "Also, students have the choice of staying home and playing video games or participating in a program like this, so they're choosing the more active option."

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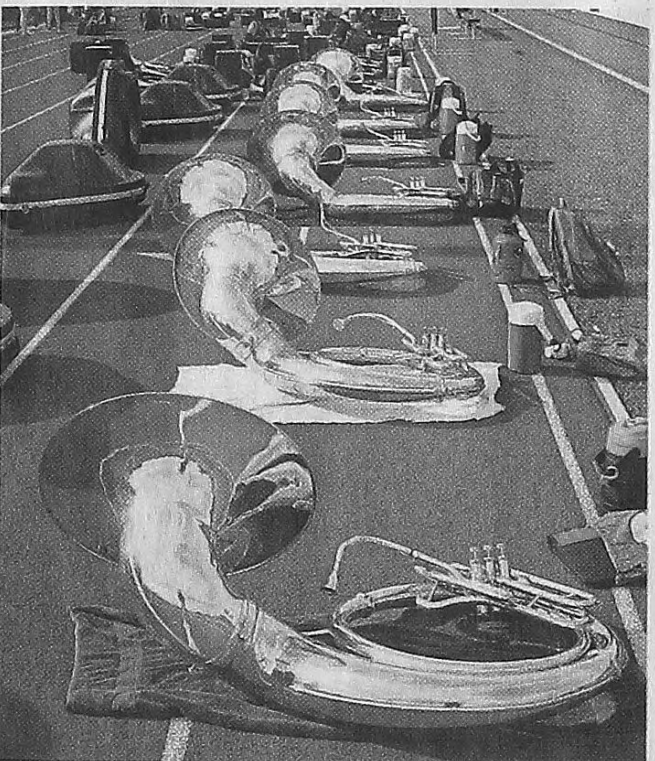
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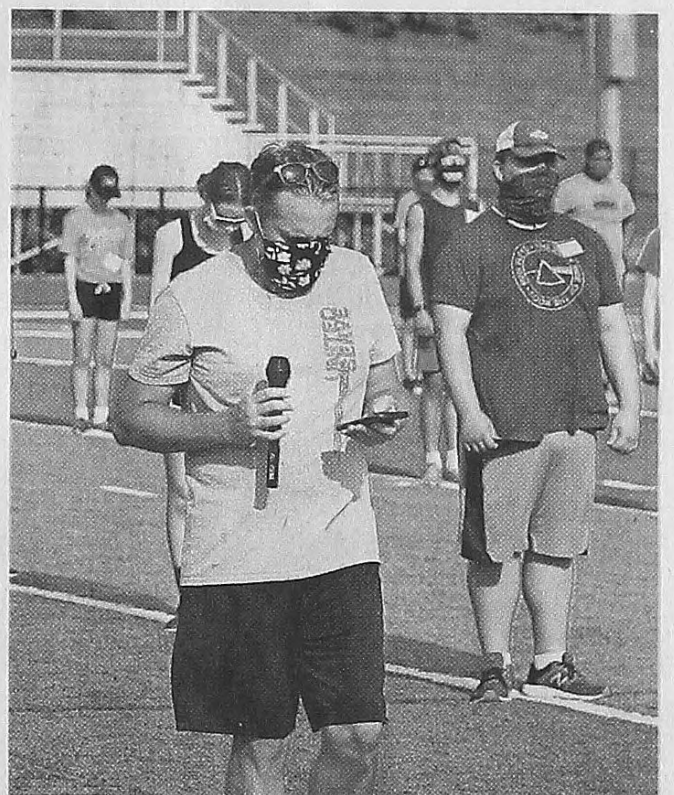
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Instruments line the track at Plymouth High on July 30 as the marching band begins its practices for the upcoming fall season.

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Plymouth-Canton Jazz Band Director Noah Bellamy works with his students on July 30 at the P-CCS junior varsity stadium.

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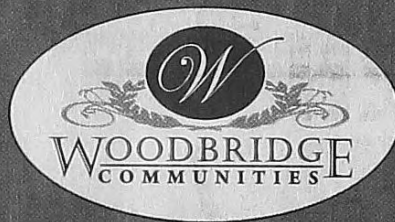
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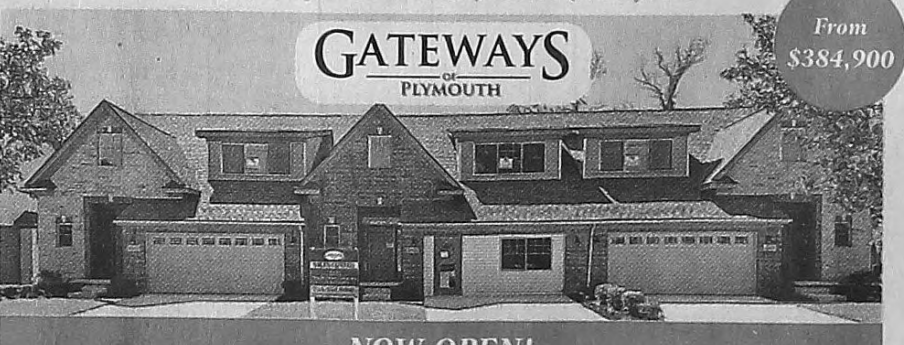
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CANTON, REDFORD ELECTION RESULTS

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An onslaught of absentee ballots this past primary caused plenty of delays for calculating results. As such, results were posted after print deadlines for several races, including the Canton Township Board of Trustees, Redford Township Board of Trustees, the state House races for the 20th and 21st districts and the three U.S. House races in the Hometown Life area. Here are the results:

Canton Township Board of Trustees

Of the seven Democratic candidates for Canton Township trustee, Kate Borninski with 10,061 votes, Sommer Foster with 9,888, Tania Ganguly with 10,250 and Steven Sneiderman with 7,402, advanced to November's general election.

Missing the cut were Jack Bird Jr., with 4,571 votes, Robb Grandon with 3,763 votes and Gary Hotycki 2,878. The Democrat top vote-getters will face off in November against Republicans John Anthony, who received 6,000 votes; Carly Sayre with 5,346; Devon Smith with 5,240 votes and Brian Williams 5,644. Anthony is the lone incumbent of the four Republicans.

In the race for Canton Township supervisor, Democrat Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, 14,467 votes, and Republican incumbent Pat Williams, 7,293 votes, will face off in November. Both ran unopposed for their nominations.

Democrat Dian Slavens received 14,644 votes and is unchallenged for the position of township treasurer. Democrat Michael Siegrist is also running unopposed for clerk and received 14,416 votes.

Redford Township

In Redford Township, no Republicans are seeking any seats on the board, leaving Democrat primary winners unchallenged on the November ballot.

Democrat Pat McRae came out on top for supervisor with 4,627 votes, over Jim Bailey with 1,993 votes, and Tony Yanish with 2,706.

Democrat Lily Cavanagh, 6,231 votes, defeated Torima Gorsuch, 3,202 in the battle for treasurer. Democrat Garth Christie received 8,212 votes, the sole candidate for clerk.

Four available trustee seats were hotly contested, all by Democrats. Coming out victorious were Linda Jackson with 4,417 votes, Kim Taylor with 4,334, Edward King with 3,978 and Patricia Kennedy, 3,750.

Missing the cut were Lynn Ellen, 2,262, Amanda Flesher, 2,262, Elizabeth Kangas, 2,390, Dave Nordstrom, 2,337 Ana Roca, 2,162 and Leo Snage, 3,203.

Michigan Legislature: District 20

Three hopefuls ran wanting to eventually represent the 20th district, which includes Northville, Plymouth

and Canton. Democrat Matt Koleszar, the incumbent, ran unopposed and received 14,541 votes.

Of Koleszar's two Republican challengers, John Lacny won with 6,553 votes. Laura Roush fell short with 4,594 votes.

Michigan Legislature: District 21

Hopefuls from both parties are vying for the 21st district seat after Kristy Pagan, a Democrat, termed out of the role. The 21st district includes Canton, Van Buren Township and Belleville.

Of the two Democratic hopefuls, Ranjeev Puri won with 12,222 votes. Ethan Petzold fell short with 5,243.

Among the five Republicans, Laurel Hess will move on to November with 3,446 votes. Of her opponents, Harold Bullock got 771 votes, James Chapman got 1,243 votes, James Nangle got 998 votes and Jessica Sohoza got 978 votes.

U.S. Congress: District 11

Democrat Haley Stevens, who is looking to win a second term, ran unopposed. She received 105,252 combined votes in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Among the six Republican candidates, Eric Eshaki emerged with the most votes at 26,989.

Of the other Republican candidates, Frank Acosta received 11,029, Kerry Bentivolio received 18,794, Carmelita Greco received 19,868 and Whitney Williams received 10,250.

The 11th congressional district includes Birmingham, Canton, Farmington, Livonia, Lyon Township, Milford, Northville, Novi, Plymouth and South Lyon.

U.S. Congress: District 13

Though the 13th district is known for encompassing a section of Detroit, it also includes municipalities like Wayne and Westland.

Democrat Rashida Tlaib, who is seeking a second term, beat challenger Brenda Jones with 71,703 votes to Jones' 36,493. Republican David Dudenhofer will face Tlaib in the fall, having won the primary with 6,837 votes.

The other two Republican candidates, Al Lemmo and Linda Sawyer, garnered 2,576 and 4,956 votes.

U.S. Congress: District 14

Two Democrats and two Republicans ran with the hopes of eventually representing the 14th district, which includes Farmington Hills, in Congress.

Democrat Brenda Lawrence, who has held the seat since 2015, emerged with 126,776 votes to defeat challenger Terrance Morrison, who garnered 9,256 votes.

Of the two Republican candidates, Robert Vance Patrick won with 12,480 votes and will race against Lawrence in the fall. The other Republican, Daryle Houston, finished with 6,590 votes.

MSP: Wayne residence was scene of homicide

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Michigan State Police say they are investigating a homicide that recently took place at a Wayne residence.

A suspect is in custody, troopers said in their Twitter report.

They added that their investigation began at about 10:15 a.m. Sunday because a 48-year-old man's body was found in the bed of a pickup parked near Belleville and Quirk roads in Van Buren Township.

Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong confirmed the homicide in his city and troopers said Monday that the killing took place in the 4400 block of John Hix Road, south of US-12.

No other information is available.

Anyone who can assist the investigation is asked to contact the Metro South Post at (734) 287-5000.

Million dollar lottery ticket bought in Livonia

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A Wayne County man is heading into an early retirement after buying a winning lottery ticket in Livonia.

The man, who chose to remain anonymous, won \$1 million by playing the Michigan Lottery's Lucky 7's game. He bought the ticket at a Marathon gas station at 31401 West 8 Mile.

Lucky 7's is one of the lottery's instant scratch-off games. Tickets cost \$10 and prizes range from \$10 to \$1 million.



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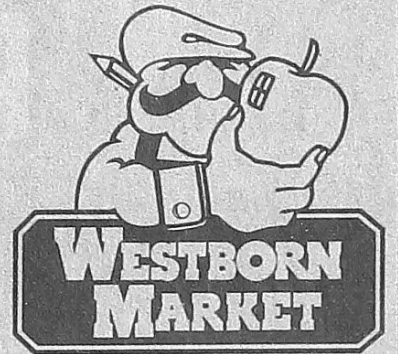
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Making Florida your primary residence



Money Matters
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Dear Rick:

My wife and I are in our mid-50s and she just took a buyout from her company. I am planning to work for another 10 years and then I will retire. The company I work for told me that they are not going to reopen their Michigan office, and that moving forward I will be working at home. My wife and I own a condominium in Florida, and since our two children no longer live in state, my wife thought it would be smart to make Florida our residence. She figures that we can save a substantial amount on Michigan income taxes. What do you think? You should know that because both our parents still live in Michigan, we plan on keeping our Michigan home for as long as they are around.

Thank you,
Jerry and Marge

Dear Jerry and Marge:

There is no doubt that spending time in Florida, particularly in the winter, has its benefits. The two that come to mind

are the beaches and the temperature. That being said, in order to make Florida your primary residence, one of the major requirements is that you spend at least 183 days per year there. If you don't spend at least 183 days in Florida, you would not be allowed to change your primary residence for tax purposes. Although the residency requirement is the major hurdle to overcome, there are also some minor ones, such as filing a declaration for domicile in the Florida county you intend to become a resident, and to file a final Michigan state income tax return. However, the main requirement is you spend at least 183 days in Florida.

As you know, Florida does not have a state income tax; therefore, from an income tax perspective, the move to Florida will save you what you would have spent on Michigan taxes. However, there is another tax that you must be concerned with and that is property taxes.

Under Michigan law, if Michigan is your primary residence, you are entitled to a homestead exemption on your primary residence. The result of this is a substantial reduction in your real estate taxes. However, once you make Florida your primary residence, you no longer

will be able to qualify for the Michigan homestead exemption. Therefore, your property taxes in Michigan will increase substantially. It is not unusual that when you remove your homestead exemption, your property taxes increase by about 40 percent. Of course, you would then qualify for an exemption in Florida; however, it doesn't appear that Florida's homestead exemption is as generous as Michigan's. Therefore, the reduction in your Florida property taxes may not be as much as the increase in your Michigan taxes.

My recommendation is that you first calculate the potential increase to your Michigan real estate taxes by losing the homestead exemption and then determine the potential reduction in your Florida property taxes by becoming a Florida resident. If the amount you are paying in State of Michigan income taxes plus what you are saving in Florida property taxes is greater than what your increase in your Michigan property tax bill will be, then claiming Florida as your residence would seem to make sense. On the other hand, if there is no savings then there is no reason to make the change.

Obviously, the State of Michigan is

not happy to lose tax-paying citizens to Florida. Therefore, the state sometimes contests and challenges the move. In order to cement that Florida is your primary residence, in addition to spending at least 183 days in Florida, it is important to complete a declaration of domicile form. Every county in Florida has their own form, and filing this will help change your residence. In addition, it's a good idea to obtain a Florida driver's license and to re-register your cars in Florida. It is also smart to not only register to vote in Florida, but to actually vote in the first available election. The bottom line – the more you can cut ties with Michigan and establish those new relationships in Florida, the better things will be for you.

One last note, if you do make the changes and become a Florida resident, it is important that you have your estate plan re-looked at, particularly, your medical and durable powers of attorney.

Good luck!

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Want to buy the Livonia Steak 'n Shake? It's up for auction

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Always wanted to sling burgers and milkshakes? Now's your chance.

The former Steak 'n Shake at 17200 Middlebelt in Livonia is up for sale via auction. Starting price for the 3,856 square-foot restaurant on the northeast side of Six Mile and Middlebelt is \$367,000 and bids will be accepted until Aug. 31. The auction will take place Sept. 3.

The Livonia restaurant, which closed in 2019, is one of 15 restaurants up for sale by the Illinois-based restaurant group, known for its hamburgers and milkshakes.

In addition to the Livonia restaurant, Steak 'n Shake buildings in Madison

Heights and Benton Harbor are also being sold. A total of 15 restaurants nationwide are being sold at auction.

"Real estate investors and restaurants looking to expand their portfolio are in a position to take advantage of this opportunity, whether they decide to take the entire lot of locations, or explore individual or regional purchases," said Harold Bordwin, Principal and Managing Director at Keen-Summit Capital Partners LLC, the company retained to run the auctions. "Many of these locations are virtually turn-key with much of the restaurant equipment available within the building."

The Steak 'n Shake website still lists the Livonia location as temporarily closed, though the building has been left empty for more than a year. The



This former Steak 'n Shake location at Six Mile and Middlebelt is up for auction. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWN LIFE.COM

original closure came as the restaurant's parent company, Biglari Holdings, planned to close down corporate-owned restaurants and attempt to re-open them as franchises.

Those interested in more information

on the auctions can visit steaknshakepropertyauction.com.

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Eloise

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since there's always so much interest in the Eloise property and it attracts people wanting to take a look inside.

While the retained buildings would be kept intact to preserve them, Hambrick said there's no plans to pursue listing the property on the National Register of Historic Places. To utilize a tax credit for a historic structure, Hambrick said, they would need to keep the power plant and bakery, something they're not planning to do because of their poor condition.

"The (power plant) is pretty dirty as far as asbestos goes in there," he said. "We couldn't see a feasible use for the power plant or the bakery for that matter because it's pretty much a pile of rubble.

"We are not going to change the original look of either the Kay Beard Building or the fire house."

Plenty of history

The Eloise property dates back to 1839, where it operated as a poor house before transitioning to medical care. It housed patients with mental illness as well as patients with tuberculosis. It once occupied more than 900 acres in the area with dozens of buildings and thousands of patients. The facility, which last operated at Wayne County General Hospital, halted operations in 1984. Since then, it's been used for a variety of purposes, including housing some Wayne County employees up until 2016. Just a handful of structures currently occupy the space today.

The property has also attracted plenty of paranormal seekers for its legends of hauntings and ghosts. Groups have investigated the site for ghostly activity, and even had opened up tours to the public. Its ghostly past has even inspired a horror film, "Eloise," which premiered in 2017.

Currently operating on part of the site is the Samaritas Family Center, which houses families without homes. Hambrick said while there's some discussions of possibly seeing the center move from the site, if a location cannot be found, they'll continue to operate next door to the development.

"They would like a new facility that

they can design and build to do exactly what they do," he said. "Until there's a concrete plan and the funding in place to build a new facility, the family center stays."

He said an entrance for the space is planned off Henry Ruff Road.

He said there's plans to build a landscape barrier to separate the two parcels and to provide additional privacy for the Samaritas Family Center if it stays. He also said if they do stay, it could provide for a partnership that could employ those living next door.

Commissioner David Rappaport said he wanted it known that it was important to keep the mission of the Samaritas center and the food bank that operates on the site in mind, especially as federal unemployment funding due to the pandemic has run out.

"In the wake of the COVID-19 funding running out and the moratoriums on rent payments, I worry that the call for these particular services are going to increase exponentially very, very shortly," he said. "And I have concerns that what we're doing may impact their ability to effectively exercise their mission."

Hambrick said the plan is to keep the food bank on the site in the old commissary building. Having a tenant in the space, he said, is helpful in keeping trespassers away from the site. The food bank fits perfectly in the space, and Hambrick said he does not envision another use for the area.

"I've worked out a deal with the county that the food bank never leaves," he said. "They never have to leave that building. And it's rent-free for them."

Mohamed Ayoub, the city of Westland's director of planning, said the project is expected to come back to the planning commission next month for a rezoning request for the five new parcels. The issue will now be sent to city council for its review.

Commissioner Lori Wilson, who said her mother formerly worked at the site decades ago, said she's pleased to see progress at the site.

"I spent many a night picking up my mother from 'D' Building, she worked there. I had my set in 'C' Building where the shelter is currently right now. I am looking forward to this rehabilitation and bringing this up to 2020 with the 1930s vibe," she said. "That's great."

Community donates computers to schools in Clarenceville

Livonia Kids and Families have raised \$52,000 to purchase upgraded computers for teachers at the Clarenceville School District in Livonia, which is one of the oldest school districts in Michigan, opening in 1837.

The district has previously announced it plans to start the fall semester with remote learning.

AlphaUSA along with other partners are funding the program to purchase the computers. Their goal is to raise \$90,000.

The partners include Masco, 3M Corporation, Livonia AM Rotary, Kiwanis Early Risers, St. Mary's Hospital Staff, Marsh McLennan, Strumbos Family (founders of AlphaUSA), Livonia Community Foundation, Fausone Bohn Law Firm, Level One Bank, Community Choice Credit Union, Kroger, Livonia Jaycees and several other partners who have contributed to Livonia Kids and Families.

"This has been a tough year for everyone especially our teachers and students," said Veronica Cruz with AlphaUSA. "We wanted to do what we can to help the school district adjust to this 'new normal' we have been forced to live in due to COVID-19. We are so excited to be able to do this for students and teachers in Livonia."

The school district will repurpose current Chrome books for students.

"It's really a win/win," said Bill Joynner, founder of Friday Musings and on the board of Livonia Kids and Families.

"With the donation, we can purchase 76 HP computers and the school district is purchasing 24 more which give the teachers 100 new computers. They are able to purchase the computers with a vendor that gives them a discount."

Seventy-Six teachers will be provided an upgraded computer providing them proper resources for the upcoming curriculum. The current 100 Chromebooks that are being used by teachers will be reconfigured for the students.

"We hope to generate an additional \$38,000 to purchase the last 100 Chromebooks for students and 24 computers for the teachers," said Cruz. "This will allow Clarenceville to provide one computer to each student and teacher."

The Clarenceville Board of Education held a special meeting on Monday, August 3, 2020 and made the difficult decision to begin the 2020-21 school year with a Remote Learning platform. Currently the plan is to have students attend remotely for the first semester of this school year.

This is the biggest financial donation the district has received in recent years.

Clarenceville Superintendent Paul K. Shepich expressed his gratitude "for bringing this opportunity to our school district."

"It means a great deal to our students and staff," he said. "The purchasing of these laptops will indeed help support our teachers in their instructional practices as we work to deliver our curriculum remotely."

Wayne-Westland schools will start fall semester online

Shelby Tankersley HometownLife.com
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Wayne-Westland Community Schools is the latest district to jump on the remote start bandwagon.

Per the school board's decision, students and teachers will spend the first nine weeks of the fall semester in online classrooms. But, things won't be the same as they were in the spring when schools were forced to close in the beginning weeks of the pandemic.

Superintendent John Dignan, who proposed the idea, said expectations on students would be greater and everything would be taught by district teachers using district curriculum.

As coronavirus cases in Michigan

continue to grow, Dignan said an online start will offer the most consistency for students and is likely the safest option for all parties involved.

The board of education ultimately voted 6-1 to start the year online. Secretary Mark Neal cast the lone dissenting vote.

Other nearby districts, including Livonia Public Schools, Farmington Public Schools and the Clarenceville School District, have made similar decisions. However, Wayne-Westland has committed to a longer online presence this fall compared to some of its counterparts.

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Classes

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where we're focused on meeting not only the educational and academic needs of our students," Oquist said, "but the social and emotional needs of them as well, while also carefully considering the health and safety of our students and our staff."

That change was enough to cause some frustration among some parents in the district: more than 60 people protested outside the LPS administration offices an hour before Monday's meeting, asking the board to reconsider offering some face-to-face options for students.

Livonia resident Julie Lustig organized the event on Facebook and encouraged families to attend with signs to share their frustrations over the changes by the board from the original proposal submitted by Oquist.

"We're looking to accomplish the opportunity for our kids to be educated back in the building," she said. "We are looking for face-to-face instruction to start on Sept. 8 and for the district to stick with their original plan. We want them to trust their Safe Start September and not change it."

Regional issue over going back to school

The decision over whether to send students back into school buildings is an issue facing school districts across the country as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the world. Several surrounding districts, including the Clarenceville School District, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Farmington Public Schools and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have opted for all-virtual learning to begin the school year. Some districts, such as the Novi Community School District, have opted for a hybrid model to begin the school year, with some online learning and some face-to-face learning in

addition to a fully-online version.

More than 1,500 students were enrolled in the district's virtual option as of Monday morning, said William Green, principal of Roosevelt Elementary School and a part of the committee for the launch of the school year.

President Mark Johnson said the feedback given to the district regarding returning students back to school has been large, and said he and other board members have read correspondence and responded as much as they can. In addition to emails, about 50 minutes of public comments were read Monday night during the meeting, submitted from parents advocating for both in-person and virtual learning.

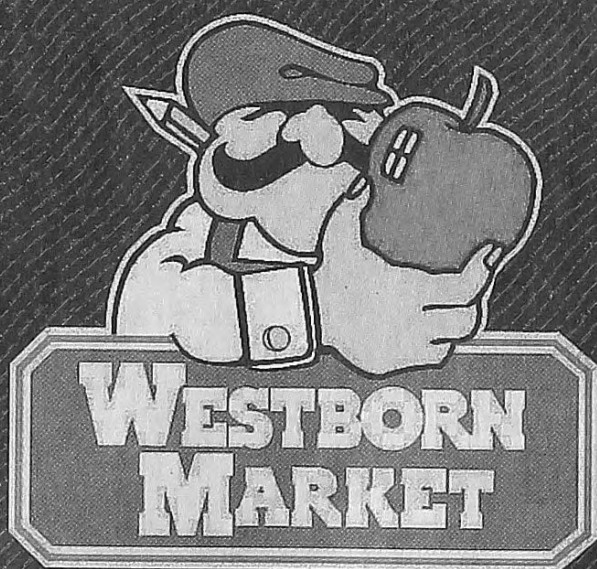
"We have been reading and, hopefully, responding to emails, over the last week or so. They number ... in the hundreds and we tried to respond to as many as we could," Johnson said. "The board has read just about every word of every email that has come in and we thank the community for providing those to us. It is very important we have that feedback as we move through the decision-making process."

Board member Karen Bradford said such a decision is tough to make but is done with as much data and information as possible.

"We have families who are just ready to get their kids back in school. But yet, we have families that are really, really nervous to get their kids back in school," she said. "No one is going to be happy with all the decisions we make tonight. We can do the best we can and we can look at all of the information ... quite frankly, we have tons of information."

For Livonia residents John and Wendy Smith, they say they have the information they need to decide they want their son back in a face-to-face classroom next month. They said having their son sitting in front of a screen for virtual learning several hours a day isn't something they're interested in doing.

"We wanted the choice. They're fighting for virtual, but we want the choice," Wendy Smith said. "They got their wish. We want to make sure we get ours."



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Vintage vehicle owners show them off on 'Collector's Call'

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The Monkeemobile.
The Scooby Doo Mystery Machine.
The Batmobile.

These are some of the most iconic cars in pop culture — and are available for rent thanks to two Livonia men who are ecstatic about collecting.

Sunday, they showed off these and a hoard of other finds on the debut of "Collector's Call," a new show on the cable network MeTV. The episode featured many of their cars' history and an appraisal.

Mel Guthrie and Michael Knight have been scouring America for classic cars and auto memorabilia for years.

"This is a disease," Knight joked. "Run while you can. Don't start. Once you go down that rabbit hole, you're

done, man."

Added Guthrie: "We've had to be very creative, because every time we buy a car, we've got to figure out how to shoehorn it in and rearrange everything."

The pair started small — building model vehicles and later collecting full-sized Hollywood cars.

"I was on a weird kick for a long time, for about two years, where I was trying to build every Hollywood car — movie or TV — in model car form," said Knight. "Whether it was an actual release kit or whether I had to customize it, it didn't matter."

Soon, Knight and Guthrie decided to share storage space and the collection began to grow because they were requested to do many collector shows but didn't have enough cars to talk about.

"You can only do so much with a couple of cars, so we decided to do more,"

Michael Knight and Mel Guthrie have a Facebook account called Motor City Reel Rides where page viewers can see the vehicles and even rent them out for events.

said Knight.

Knight has built over 130 model vehicles, both from release kits and customization, and they can be seen on the show.

"I actually had to stop because I ran out of places in the showcases to put them," he said. "So I either had to buy another showcase and keep building or just stop."

Guthrie began to collect hot rods in 2000. He was able to retrieve one of the two original Monkeemobiles from the 1960s TV show "The Monkees." The vehicle has autographs from the cast, the vehicle's creator and many others.

"It was my favorite car as a kid," said Guthrie. "I would come home from school and watch reruns of 'The Monkees.' I was watching the 4th of July parade and I saw a Batmobile go by."

He said even though there were many replicas of the Batmobile, it made him think about scoring one of the Monkeemobiles. He found his dream car in an Arizona auction catalog and he won by bidding \$360,000. The car was appraised in the show for being worth about \$500,000.

Today, Knight and Guthrie have a Facebook account called Motor City Reel Rides where page viewers can see the vehicles and even rent them out for events.

The Knight and Guthrie Sunday episode is titled "Collector's Call." More episodes featuring other collectors will continue to air at 10 p.m. Sundays on MeTV.

Obituaries

Betty Campbell

PLYMOUTH - February 20, 1933- June 2, 2020

Betty (Phillips) Campbell, of Plymouth, passed away peacefully on June 2, 2020.

She was born on February 20, 1933 to the late Ada and Bert Phillips, immigrants from Cornwall England. Betty grew up in Plymouth, attended Plymouth schools and in 1947 while at The Music Box, a teen center at Church and Adams, was introduced to Edwin James (Ted) Campbell who was to become her husband of 51 years. Ted preceded her in death in February 2002. Betty and Ted were active in the Plymouth community and First United Methodist Church. Betty was a loving mother to Kevin (Lorena) Campbell, Karen Campbell, Kathy (Bill) Armstrong and Kirk (Laura) Campbell. Betty was cherished grandmother to Angela Arnold, Rochelle DeSmet, Lyndsay Forsmo, Caitlin Siegel, Sheree Revoir and Courtney Campbell and great grandmother to nine. She passed with knowledge and delight that there would be three more great grandchildren added to her family in 2020.

Betty was a devoted sister and friend. She is survived by her sisters, Stella Smith and Shirley Scrimger.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Douglas Phillips, Ronald Phillips, Charles Phillips and her sister, Molly Phillips.

Family will hold a private memorial service on August 17, 2020



Heather Ann Pinto

PLYMOUTH - Heather Ann Pinto of Plymouth, Michigan, age 76, passed away on July 30, 2020, after a heroic battle with pancreatic cancer. She passed at home, surrounded by family and her devoted husband, Joseph.

Heather was born Heather Ann Duke on November 23, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan, and later moved to Grosse Pointe. She married the love of her life, Joseph, on December 30, 1966. Heather is a graduate of the University of Detroit and practiced as a dental hygienist before devoting her time and energy to her family, friends, community and church.

Heather is preceded in death by her parents, Karl and Mary Monica Duke. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Joseph Pinto, and her children Mark (Jennifer), Perry (Jennifer) and Jeffrey, as well as five adoring grandchildren: Allison, Joey, Ethan, Eva and Peter. She will also be missed by her siblings as well as many nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends.

Due to the Covid pandemic, a family ceremony celebrating her life will be held on Friday, August 14 at 11:00 a.m. Please join the family via a live stream of the ceremony, which can be accessed by searching for Heather Pinto through the obituary section of the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home website (www.Schrader-Howell.com). A private interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate gifts in her memory to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (www.pancan.org). Please designate that it is in memory of "Heather Pinto." To honor her memory by cooking one of her favorite recipes, a few can be found on her CaringBridge site at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/heatherpinto>.



Ronald Earl Wood

GRAYLING - Ronald Earl Wood, 88, formerly of Midland and Plymouth, passed away peacefully on August 6, 2020.

Ron was born to Earl and Wilda (Failing) Wood on September 18, 1931, in Grayling. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Kathleen and her husband David Warren, and grandson Jamison Wood.

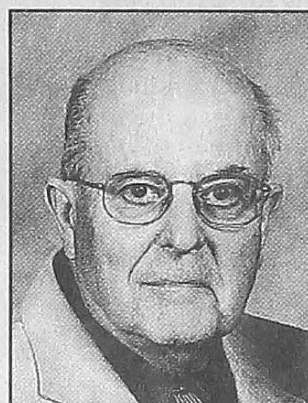
Ron served in the Michigan National Guard before receiving his Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University in Forestry, with a secondary teaching certificate in Industrial Education. After moving to Plymouth he earned his Master's Degree in Industrial Arts from Eastern Michigan University.

Ron was a teacher at Redford Township's Thurston High School where he taught industrial education, specializing in auto mechanics, for 34 years. Ron and his wife Kay were long time members of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. He served the Plymouth community as a volunteer firefighter for 36 years with the Plymouth Fire Department. He retired from teaching in 1993 and moved to Grayling, where Ron and Kay built a home on his long time family property in Beaver Creek Township. In Grayling, Ron continued his community service by becoming a reserve deputy for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and served as a volunteer firefighter for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Ron is survived by his wife Kay of 62 years, children Steven (Jennifer) Wood and Julee Dean, grandchildren Nicholas Wood and Kelsee (Mitchell Thompson) Dean, great-grandson Tatum Thompson and several nieces and nephews.

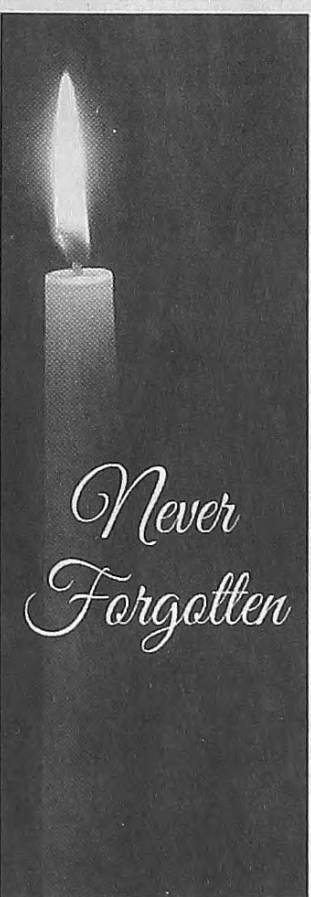
Ron was liked by everyone and was always eager to greet anyone who visited. He was a gentle soul, extraordinarily kind and a hard worker. His love was the outdoors, working to keep his 60 acres of land in Grayling a place to invite guests to walk the woods and enjoy life.

Services are pending due to Covid-19. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.



Marianne Heaton

Marianne Heaton, age 83, died August 4. View obituary and share memories at www.greastlansing.com.



Roberta "Bobbi" Jean Fox

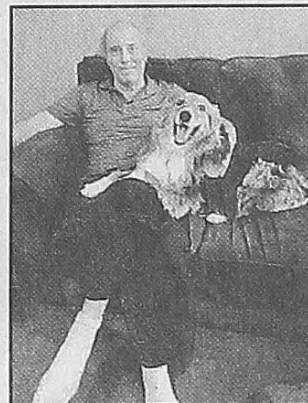
WESTLAND - Roberta "Bobbi" Jean Fox, age 70, of Westland, Michigan, passed away August 7, 2020, at Angela's Hospice in Livonia. Born on December 17, 1949 in Northville, to William Robert Fox and Harriet Renner Fox, and is preceded in death by them, along with her sister Patricia Gray and her nephew Justin Canady. She graduated from Plymouth High on June 13, 1968 and from beauty school in July 1969. She worked for Ford Motor Company at the Sheldon Road Plant for 20+ years where she retired. She loved dogs and enjoyed crafting, music, Elvis, foxes and angels. Surviving family members are niece Trisha (Keith) Fulp, nephew Robert Willnow, great nieces Olivia Canady, Allie Fulp and Faith Willnow, great nephews Lance Willnow and Travis Sidell, her Aunt Carol Renner and numerous cousins. Her wishes were to be cremated and placed with her parents. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela's Hospice in Livonia.



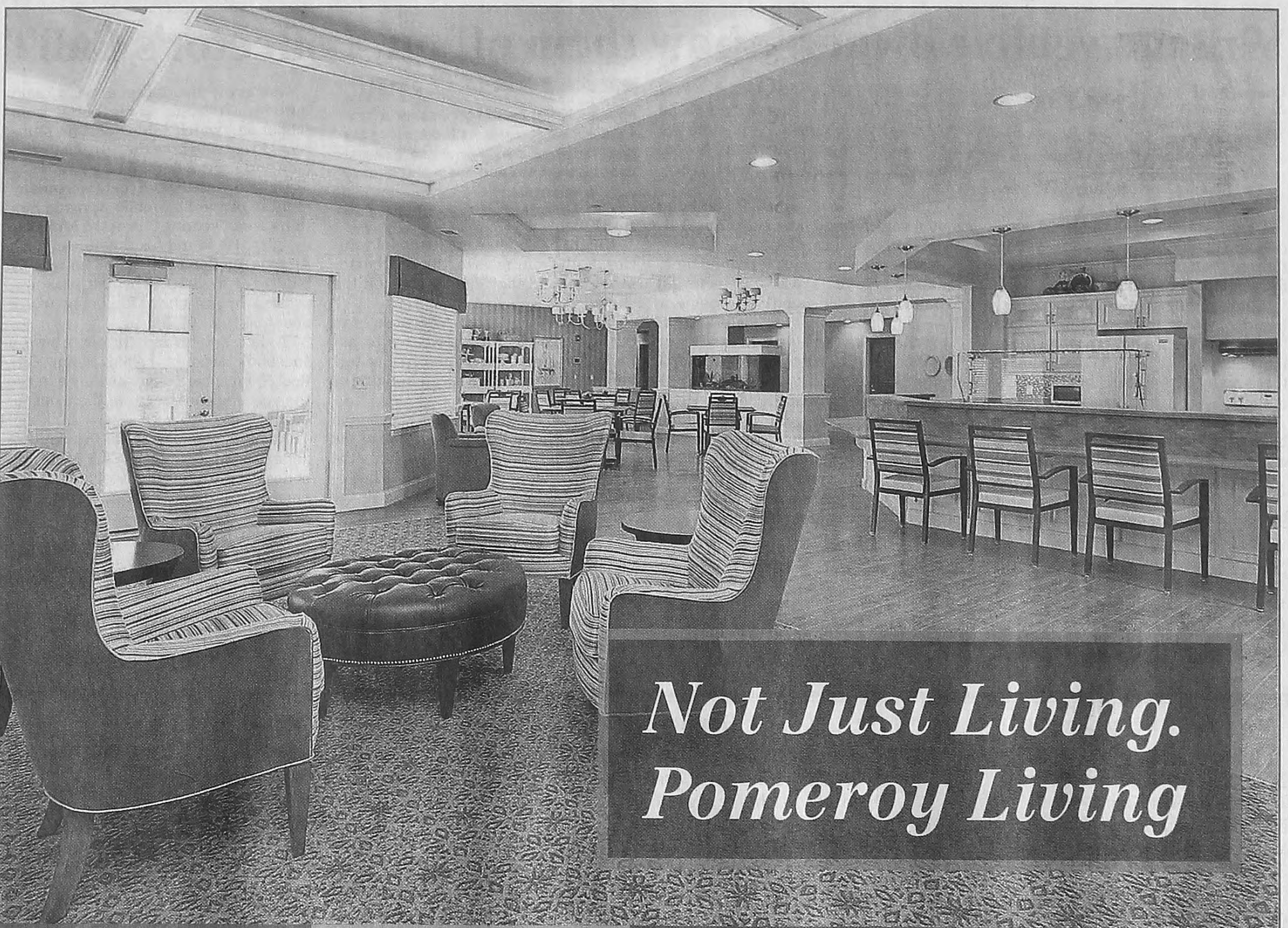
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Kurt W. Sielaff

Kurt W. Sielaff, follower and servant of Jesus the Christ, age 69, passed away somewhat unexpectedly on August 4, 2020 due to complications from congestive heart failure. Firefighter, paramedic, hard-worker. A man who looked forward to heaven with great anticipation. He is survived by his spouse Jean, sons Jason, Kevin, and David, grandsons Connor, Lucas, Trevor, and Tyler, nephew Rob, grandniece Elizabeth, and many others. Visitation will take place at Lynch & Sons, 600 E. Main St., Brighton, MI 48116, 1-2 pm on Saturday, August 15, followed by an outdoor service that same day at Herbst Rd Cemetery, 6901 Herbst Rd., Brighton, MI 48114, 2:30-3:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, his family requests monetary donations, which will be split 75% / 25% between the Glorious Freedom Mission, a ministry that Kurt loved wholeheartedly, and defraying funeral service costs. Donations may be made here: <http://paypal.me/pools/c/8rvyvxEXWf>



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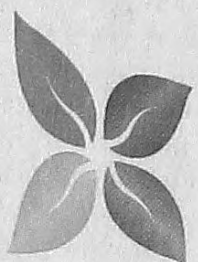
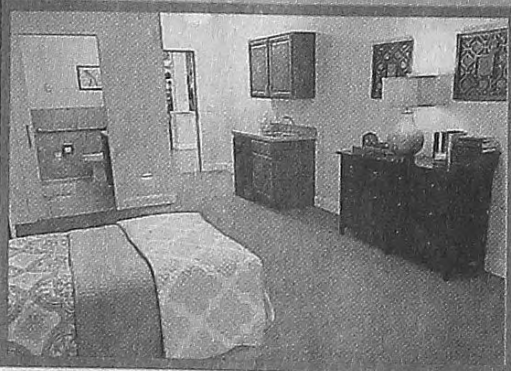
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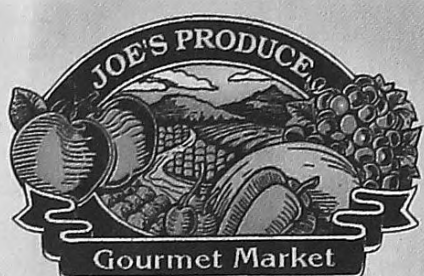
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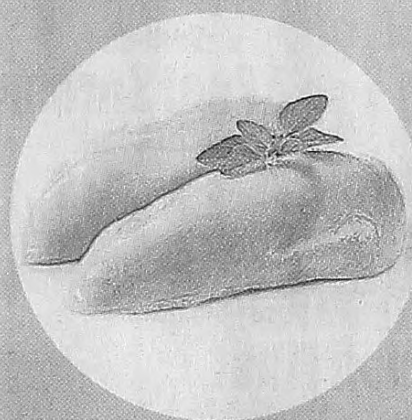
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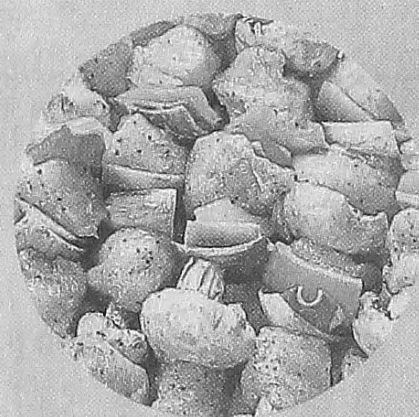
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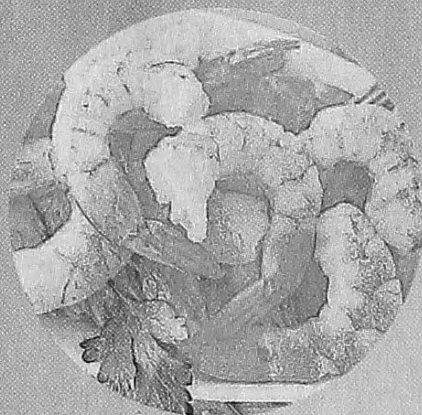
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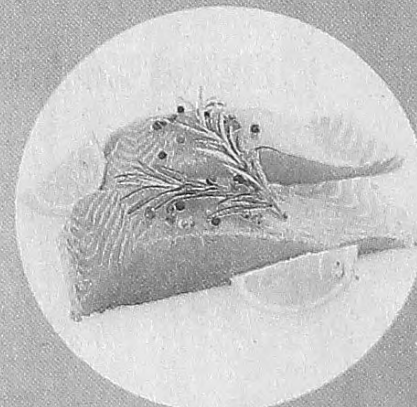
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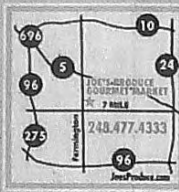
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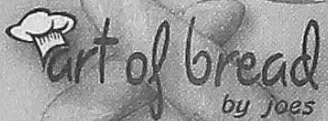
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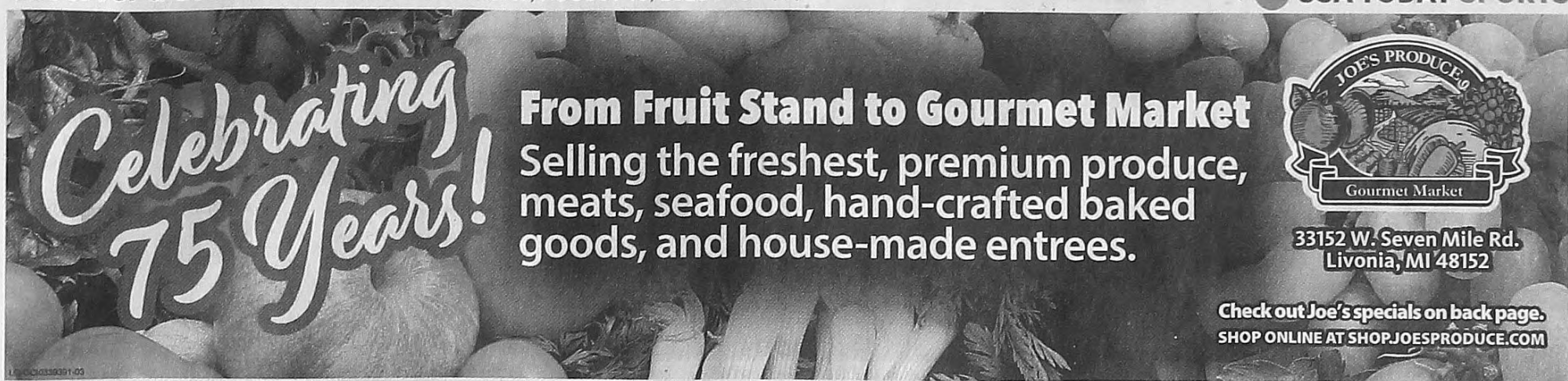


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SPORTS

Smartt, Stephens aim to bring Stevenson together

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Kareem Smartt and Eoghann Stephens met each other coaching basketball at Livonia Stevenson.

A love of basketball brought them both to Stevenson, turning a head coach/assistant coach relationship into a friendship. But it also made them both separate, with Smartt taking over the Spartans girls basketball team in 2020 and Stephens stepping up into the head

coaching role with the boys team.

With this, each of the head coaches wants to make Stevenson a united program, one that is bigger and better than when they first arrived.

"We're trying to do it now where the program is one big unified program," Smartt said. "You know how you have the girls and the guys, they do everything separate of each other. Now we are trying to get it to where we're doing everything together."

With Stephens taking over the boys

team and Smartt running the girls team, both will try and use their basketball upbringing to make the program, as a whole, closer together.

Learning the game overseas

Growing up in the United Kingdom, Stephens was not as exposed to the game of basketball as quickly as many Americans.

But with a coach at a small school that had played high school basketball

in the United States, Stephens was singled out to play just because of his physical frame.

"I was one of a few 6-foot-7 kids in England," Stephens said. "It's not very common. He said he needed me to play basketball, and from there, I fell in love with it."

When playing for the Scotland Youth basketball team, Stephens was offered into an exchange program to play a sea-

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Novi and Farmington could be key sources for streaming

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Jeremy Jenkins never thought he would get into the sports broadcasting business.

After graduating from Livonia Franklin in 2012, Jenkins went from Henry Ford to University of Michigan Dearborn to study filmmaking. Sports was just a hobby.

However, after an internship with Garden City Television, he was hooked, finding his way to Novi and serving as their main broadcaster for the high school's radio station and the NFHS Network through its partnership with the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Jenkins is one of only a few high school sports broadcasters in the metro Detroit area, working for the school to give its students, teachers and community information about their own student-athletes.

With the coronavirus pandemic and the uncertainty regarding the 2020-21 sports season, Jenkins thinks his job could be that much more important, even if the schedules remain the same.

The MHSAA has said that spectators, if allowed at all, will be limited at each sporting event this season, and that decisions will be based on guidance from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office.

"We would kind of be the middleman, expressing to everyone how the teams are doing, keeping them updated," Jenkins said.

Even before COVID-19, this was on the mind of Novi Athletic Director Brian Gordon.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW



Canton finished third in the KLAA West in 2019. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

What to watch for in the KLAA West

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Football season is here... maybe.

Teams around the state of Michigan returned to the field Aug. 10 for helmet-only practices, preparing for what could be a normal, delayed or possibly canceled fall season due to the coronavirus.

As teams in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association wait for guidance from the Michigan High School Athletic Association — which is supposed to make a decision regarding the season by Aug. 20 — here is a look at what Hometown Life teams in the West look like this season.

Canton

Head coach: Andrew LaFata, third season

2019 record: 5-5, third in KLAA West
Season opener: Aug. 27 vs. Dearborn Fordson

Season outlook: Heading into his third season as the head coach at Canton, Andrew LaFata is looking for more consistency.

"I think our kids fought and battled hard. I don't think there were many games where they didn't compete," LaFata said. "We competed, our kids played tough. It was just one of those things: When things go wrong, it was

just hard to keep it going."

Known for its "T" offensive look, the Canton head coach said the offense had a lack of consistency in 2019, averaging 26.2 points per game — the lowest since 2007.

Even though Canton is losing 16 seniors, including 10 starters, LaFata is confident with the players returning. He said offensive linemen Josh Martin and Ben Larson, along with tight end Michael Renzi, will solidify the run game up front with returning backs Marco Johnson and Zack Badger being forces in the run game.

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How East Lansing football star Andre Anthony became a Michigan recruit

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EAST LANSING – Countless times over the years, Andre Anthony Jr. has observed his father's die-hard passion for Michigan football.

The East Lansing three-star wide receiver has noticed the cheers when his father has watched games on the television. And he's also seen him yell at the TV.

But the future yells and excitement for Andre Anthony Sr. will revolve around seeing his son on the field at the Big House sporting the maize and blue.

Anthony determined that with his verbal commitment to the Michigan football program Friday evening. As he sported a black shirt with the words, "Dreams come true," Anthony made a pledge to Michigan over Michigan State, Notre Dame and Penn State.

A Sunday visit to Ann Arbor with family helped Anthony - who is rated the state's top receiver in the 2021 class - finalize that decision. He gave Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh the news on FaceTime after arriving home.

"When we drove up and we saw the stadium, my mom was like, 'That's a smile I haven't seen in a while,'" Anthony said. "That's when we all knew that I definitely want to go here.

"(Harbaugh) was so happy (when I told him). He started jumping around the room. He hugged his dad. That was pretty cool. It was a cool experience to see,"

While growing up a Michigan fan, Anthony didn't initially envision having the opportunity that's now in front of him at one of college football's winningest programs.

Basketball is big for the Anthony family and he had been active on the AAU circuit since his elementary days. One of East Lansing football coach Bill Ferraco's early encounters with Anthony came when he found him in the gym as a freshman playing basketball just before he was supposed to be attending a playoff practice after being promoted to the varsity team.

But as Anthony discovered what could be ahead for him on the football field, he made the tough decision to give up AAU basketball as a sophomore. And then he went to work proving his skills at a number of camps.

"It was a hard one," Anthony Sr. said. "I'm a basketball guy and we enjoyed watching him play basketball. It was one of those deals where it was like don't pick and choose - just do both.

"When he came to us and was like I want to pursue it in football, we talked about it and he went full head of steam with it. It worked out for him. As a family, we'd love to see him play basketball. That's our favorite sport. It's whatever he wants to do. I didn't want to push him toward either way."

Anthony's recruitment soared after giving up AAU basketball with Michigan, MSU, Penn State and Notre Dame being among the nearly 30 offers he accumulated over the last year and a half.

And it was the early interest shown by Michigan that prevailed.

"That really played a big impact," Anthony said. "They wanted me when I didn't even think that I was really that good and I was just fast. Before sophomore year they had been talking to me.

"It was pretty interesting because as the time went on, the love grew and the support grew. They started coming here to basketball games and to my school just popping up. They really showed and put a lot of effort into their recruitment of me."

Ferraco, whose East Lansing program has groomed several Division I receivers in the last decade, has noticed Anthony's hunger to learn and growing passion for football over the last few years. And he sees good things ahead for Anthony at Michigan.

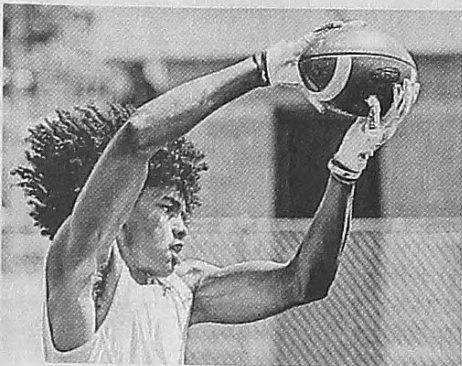
"(They're getting) a very good player," Ferraco said. "Very good player. A kid that still has an extremely high ceiling. When they get a hold of him and start to strengthen him up more, he'll deport himself extremely well.

"He's a smart kid. His skills and his speed and his explosiveness - all of that stuff has been documented. I think the intangible things that are important as I mentioned are he's a great teammate, he holds himself accountable and he is not afraid to work. I think those are the important things. He takes coaching very, very well and he wants to get better."

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Andre Anthony began focusing on football during his sophomore year.

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Cooper Marody (65) of Brighton is on the Edmonton Oilers' roster for the Stanley Cup playoffs. JONATHAN HAYWARD/ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL player from Brighton writes, records tribute song for fallen teammate

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
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*Yeah, heaven gained an angel 'cause I'm here,
But I know earth still has one 'cause you're not.
You wanna see me and I wanna see you,
But you still have some loving left to do.
So live it out and make me proud.
Be everything I know you are.*

Cooper Marody wants to be known as more than a hockey player.

The 23-year-old from Brighton has dreams of a long National Hockey League career, but those aspirations aren't all-consuming.

"I'm really passionate about being more than just one dimensional, not putting all of your worth into one thing," he said. "If it's hockey, if it's your job, if it's your relationships, if it's money, it's not healthy to do that. I've primarily tried to put my worth in my faith; that's something that's important to me."

So is music, which has provided balance in Marody's life as he's climbed the hockey ladder.

Marody, the musician, has come to the forefront this summer, even as he's earned a spot on the Edmonton Oilers' playoff roster.

He wrote, produced and performed a tribute song in memory of Edmonton forward Colby Cave, who died at the age of 25 on April 11 after suffering a brain bleed. Cave, who played 11 games with the Oilers in 2019-20, was a teammate of Marody's with the Bakersfield Condors of the American Hockey League.

The song, entitled "Agape," is available on Apple Music and Spotify. Proceeds will go to the Colby Cave Memorial Fund, which benefits mental health programs and provides access to sports for underprivileged children.

Marody wrote the song, along with two friends in the music business in Nashville, at the request of Cave's widow, Emily Cave. He said there have been 100,000 streams of the song so far.

"It was one of the fastest songs we've ever done," Marody said. "We all just thought some higher power was helping us write it. We all thought it was Colby's message to Emily. It has really given her a lot of peace and comfort; that was the primary goal of it. It wasn't making it intending on releasing it necessarily. Whatever Emily wanted to do, I was fine with. She was really passionate about releasing it."

The Lord's still with you now.

He's all around.

I can't be close, but He is never far.

Far away.

Agape.

"Agape" is a Greco-Christian term referring to sacrificial, unconditional love. It was a word the Caves said to one another instead of "I love you." It was the last word Colby spoke during his vows at the couple's wedding in July 2019, vows which were woven into the song from video of the wedding.

"I can't remember who came up with the idea," Marody said. "I don't want to take credit if it wasn't me. Definitely we said, 'It would be awesome to put some audio of the wedding vows in it.'"

Before writing the song, Marody was in contact with Emily Cave, learning little things about her relationship with her husband, like how they would squeeze one another's hands three times as a sign of love. Unable to be in the hospital with her husband, she asked a nurse via FaceTime to squeeze his hand three times to feel his wife's presence.

I'll take your hand in mine.

I'll squeeze it three more times.

But, Em, until that day,

Agape.

"Agape" is the third song Marody has recorded, and certainly the most impactful. He said going into music full-time is something he's considered for a career once he's done playing hockey.

"All that really matters right now is I was able to make a song that made an impact for my teammate's wife and teammate's family that passed," Marody said. "That makes it worth it right there. Who knows if that's all I'm meant to be doing in music? That's a positive.

"If I didn't have the courage to pursue music or do whatever, I might not have been able to provide that for her. I challenge kids and people in society, if you love something and have a passion for something, don't be afraid of what people think. You can make an impact in so many different ways, so pursue that."

Cave made an impression on Marody in the one season the two were teammates in Bakersfield. It was a difficult season for Marody, who was limited to 30 games because of an injury. Marody played in his first six NHL games the previous season, but didn't get a call-up during 2019-20 until rosters were expanded to 31 players for the playoffs.

"Coming to the rink, he had a big smile on his face, a positive outlook on the day, on life," Marody said. "He was always there to inspire his teammates. If somebody was going through an injury or struggling, whatever, he was always there to talk with him. I was injured most of the year. He was there supporting me and said I'll be back stronger than ever, to keep working hard.

"He was an amazing man. He made an impact on everybody he came in contact with. For me, personally, not a day goes by that I don't think of him and Emily. It is very tough."

A tribute to Cave was played on the video board before the Oilers' exhibition game against the Calgary Flames July 28. Marody didn't dress for the game, but was in the arena.

"There's a pin drop," he said. "You could tell everybody, myself for sure, was tearing up. It's all emotional. Everybody's playing with a little extra motivation and playing for Colby and Emily and their family. It really affected all of us greatly."

Marody has been in Edmonton since June when players could return to the ice for the first time since March 12 in six-man groups. He hasn't had to travel far, as Edmonton was picked along with Toronto as the two hub cities to stage the Stanley Cup playoffs.

He didn't pack a guitar for a trip that could last four months, so he purchased one in Edmonton.

NHL players will be sequestered throughout the playoffs in what has been termed a "bubble," so they need to find ways to pass their time when not at the rink. Marody doesn't have a home in Edmonton, so he was in a hotel for six weeks during the Oilers' pre-playoff preparations.

"I'm watching YouTube videos, reading, doing music," Marody said. "I really enjoy reading books and playing guitar, hanging out with the guys. They have a little outdoor area set up with basketball and other random games. You definitely spend a lot of time with your team, which is great."

NHL teams usually travel with two to a room, but players have their own rooms under these most unique of circumstances. They can't wander downtown to shop or have a meal like they typically would on a road trip.

"Once the games get going and you're into it, guys don't really do much during the playoffs anyway in terms of going to places," Marody said. "I don't think it'll be anything crazy. It's definitely different. You have to wear a mask always, you can't leave the perimeter of the hotel and the rink. It's a time like no other, for sure. It's phenomenal to be a part of it. If anything, this year will be the hardest year to ever win the Cup."

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Stevenson

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son in the United States, allowing him to travel to Albion for a year.

Before he arrived, Stephens heard all the stories of what high school basketball games were like in America: from packed stands to pep bands.

"It was that life that you really just wanted to go and see," Stephens said. "As a young basketball player in England, we were lucky to get parents [to] show up, let alone a packed stands."

He saw that experience at Albion High School, watching as certain games seemed to shut the whole city down.

Stephens got to live the lifestyle. He loved playing high school basketball in Michigan. It made him want to stay.

He played basketball at Madonna for four years, serving as an assistant coach in his fifth, learning the game from the sideline and molding his path back to the high school game. As an assistant coach at Stevenson, Stephens watched Smartt's up-tempo approach, developing aggressiveness in both offense and defense.

Even as a first-year head coach with the program, Stephens knows what the Spartans will look like: very similar to what it looked like a season ago.

Having been a part of the program since Smartt arrived in the 2014-15 season, Stephens knows what Stevenson's capabilities are. Heading into his first season as head coach, Stephens believes there shouldn't be much of a transition period.

"Moving forward, there is no reason why our Ste-

venson program should not be competing for a conference title and a district championship," Stephens said.

Bringing flair to the girls side

Smartt was introduced to the game of basketball from his father when he was 5 years old, watching the Lakers, Celtics, Pistons and Bulls, recording the games and watching them over and over again.



Smartt

"Just seeing how much fun it was, and then just trying to imitate your idols when you see someone on TV doing certain things, just seeing how much joy and excitement they showed in putting in the work, trying to achieve a goal," Smartt said. "It was one thing that just kept me out of trouble, likely. I just loved to do it, and it's what I spent my days doing."

After playing for Harrison in high school, Smartt returned to Farmington Hills to coach the freshman and junior-varsity girls teams after college before following former teammate and current Detroit Catholic Central head coach Brandon Sinawi to Stevenson.

While spending much of his career coaching the boys team, Smartt always felt himself gravitating toward the girls game and how they played.

"Guys are so athletic, so sometimes they can go out there and not even try or don't want to put in 110% because they know what they can do already," Smartt said. "For girls, it's different: They have to be on all the time. They don't take breaks. Everything is about team, team, team."

In his time as the head coach for the Stevenson boys basketball team, Smartt's practices always overlapped with the girls team. He was always there for at least



Eoghan Stephens moves from assistant to head coach for the Livonia Stevenson boys basketball team. COURTESY OF EOGHAN STEPHENS

half the girls practice, bumping ideas off former coach Karen Anger, seeing the type of talent coming in and out of the program.

What Smartt plans to bring to the girls team was already, in some ways, implemented under Anger. It's the same approach Stephens will have with the boys team.

Smartt said he wants to see his players race down the court, trying to get one-on-ones, not letting the defense set up, whether it's a 3 or a layup.

"The pace, it just ups the game," Smartt said. "It gets the other team running because back then, a lot of teams didn't run. So when we ran so much, we actually just outworked other teams. They were worn out by the fourth quarter."

Smartt says the girls game will look a lot like the boys game: same mentality coming into each game in terms of speed.

"I'm just going to bring a little bit more flair and pizzazz into it, try and get them going," Smartt said.

Streaming

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The Wildcats had already two cameras on site — one at the football field and one in the basketball gym. Novi had purchased one to add to the soccer stadium and planned on covering Novi girls soccer in the spring prior to the shut down.

Now, accessibility is prevalent in Gordon's mind ahead of the 2020-21 school year. He said he sees it as an opportunity for the rest of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association to jump on board to what they are doing at Novi.

"If there are less people in the stands, we have to figure out a way to make it so our families and kids can see these games and contests," Gordon said.

But Novi is not the only school taking advantage of streaming games.

Both Farmington and North Farmington have utilized their district television station, TV-10, to broadcast sporting events in the past, including eight foot-

ball games.

Jon Manier, the school district's athletic director, said both schools are fully equipped to broadcast games on its main field and courts - using a remote studio that can move all around the district - but does not know what it will look like in the fall.

The MHSAA has pushed this with member schools too, offering member schools two free production units for those who do not have streaming capabilities in July.

While high school athletics is not guaranteed, what is guaranteed is it will look different. What Jenkins, Gordon and Manier have been doing is to try and promote the reason behind high school athletics in the first place: involvement.

Jenkins said what he is doing at Novi is not difficult. He said the setup is not unique, the job itself is not hard. But it takes a level of commitment many schools do not have toward broadcasting.

Heading into the 2020 fall season, Jenkins' goal is to bring the tradition of Friday nights virtually, getting the student body involved in something that is normal, even if the rest of their years is not.

"We would probably do as much as we could to expand our reach and get the word out that, 'Hey, sports are still going on,' if sports are allowed to happen that is," Jenkins said.

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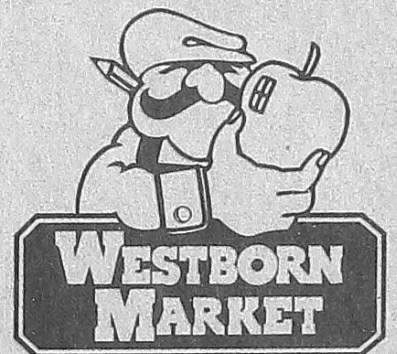
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KLAA West

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LaFata said he will look to defensive tackle Jacob Davis and quarterback Kaleb Burg to also make a major impact in 2020.

No matter what happened last year or the uncertainty heading into this year, LaFata expects his team to compete in each game they play.

"It's a long season. We don't know if it starts on time, if it gets delayed or what," La Fata said. "But every game we expect to walk in and compete for four quarters."

Northville

Head coach: Matt Ladach, 13th season

2019 record: 3-6, sixth in KLAA West

Season opener: Aug. 28 vs. Livonia Stevenson

Season outlook: When Northville head coach Matt Ladach thinks about 2019, his first thought is the defense. The Mustangs allowed an average of 23.4 points per game, their lowest total since their 10-win season in 2015.

However, to Ladach, the defense was on the field way too much. Northville scored only 89 total points last season, its worst output since 1986.

Ladach said the Mustangs had good skill players on the outside, but struggled mightily up front.

However, Northville has two things it did not have last year: 11 returning starters — eight on offense and three on defense — and confidence.

"There's no doubt that last year's team lacked confidence heading into the season," Ladach said. "You just hear the buzz around the community this year compared to a year ago and our guys know what to expect."

The optimism starts with Cayden Saunders. Ladach said the senior tailback has been rock solid throughout summer conditioning, leading by example and encouraging teammates.

While there is a level of excitement regarding the Mustangs, Ladach feels Northville, with the KLAA East's powerhouse and new-look football programs, will not have an easy game.

"There's no room for error in our division," Ladach said. "When you ask me what do I expect, I expect us to be extremely competitive, and I expect us to

have an opportunity to win every game we play. Doesn't mean that we will, but our players will give themselves and our staff will give our players an opportunity to win every single game."

Novi

Head coach: Jeff Burnside, eighth season

2019 record: 2-7, seventh in KLAA West

Season opener: Aug. 28 vs. Wayne Memorial

Season outlook: In 2019, Novi head coach Jeff Burnside thought his team was close to changing the trajectory of the 2017 and 2018 teams. But the losing seasons continued, he said, due to one statistic: turnover margin.

The Wildcats recorded six takeaways a season ago, while the offense coughed up the ball 21 times in nine games, leading to a seven-loss season — five of which were within two scores.

But heading into 2020, Novi is older, returning 18 players with a lot of experience, but has to replace eight seniors, including starters at quarterback, middle linebacker and safety.

"The senior class is really looking to bust out this year," Burnside said. "During their workouts, they've really done a great job of really working hard, setting the tone."

Burnside pointed to the work of seniors like defensive back/running back Alex Vargas, defensive back/running back Isiah Washington and running back/outside linebacker Malik McGhee as the best examples of the expectations he holds in summer workouts.

Burnside also said Tommy Phimister, a junior offensive lineman, who is a three-year varsity starter, has stepped up and become more of a vocal leader.

While the mentality of Novi football is "We above me," the expectation for the Wildcats is to bring that selflessness into the playoffs.

"You got to be selfless to run this offense. Same thing on defense: We are kind of a 3-4 attack defense, but you've got to do your job so the guys in front of you and behind you can do their jobs," Burnside said. "We're a very unselfish football team, very helpful kids all the way through. They are competitive."

"When you ask me what do I envision, as long as we stay healthy — because we are not real deep, we are never deep. As long as we stay healthy, I like our chances this year."

Plymouth

Head coach: Greg Souldourian, first year

2019 record: 9-2, first in KLAA West

Season opener: Aug. 27 vs. Belleville

Season outlook: Having been a part of the program since 2005, first-year Plymouth head coach Greg Souldourian thinks last year's team compares to some of the better teams in school history.

The Wildcats finished the season with 321 points scored, the fourth time in school history an offense has scored more than 300 points in a season, and allowed 157 points defensively, the lowest since 2011.

"Each team has their own dynamics, you know," Souldourian said. "I would say that group of kids, you are not replacing them. I mean, you get Mike Mathias. He's something you don't see very often: someone with that kind of speed and power."

"It's going to be tough. You can never replace a team like that. You can build off of it."

While losing more than 20 seniors, Plymouth is returning a few important skill players. Souldourian said defensive lineman and tight end Andrew Uhlian — who he calls a "Swiss army knife" on defense — and offensive lineman DJ Robinson will be vital, along with Justin McNeal and Preston Long, two seniors who will return to their starting spots at corner.

On the offense, the Wildcats will have a quarterback battle between Nate Cain, a senior who played h-back, wide receiver and linebacker for Plymouth last season, and Connor Sherman, a junior Souldourian said has built up muscle and arm strength to become part of the quarterback conversation in the offseason.

But no matter who sets up behind center, no matter how many seniors the team lost, Plymouth's goal remains to win their side of the KLAA and to win a conference title.

"Last year's last year. This year's this year, and it's your team and it's what you guys want to do," Souldourian tells his team.

Salem

Head coach: Patrick Ignagni (First year)

2019 record: 0-9, eighth in KLAA West

Season opener: Aug. 28 vs. Livonia Churchill

Season outlook: Heading into his first season as the head coach at Salem, Patrick Ignagni's goal is to change the culture of the program.

The Rocks hit a low point in 2019, scoring only 53 points offensively — their lowest total since 1965 — while allowing 384 points on defense, which is the most in school history.

In an off-season defined by the coronavirus, Ignagni said the athletes have been doing everything they can to put the 2019 season behind them.

However, with safety guidelines limiting what teams can do, Ignagni said the team is behind the curve on installing offenses and defenses.

The Rocks head coach said he has been able to see the athleticism of some of his players, including running backs Jermari Thomas and Jaelin Burge, along with Owen Lundh, a lineman the coaching staff was blown away by this summer.

However, Ignagni admitted he does not really know how it will translate.

"Until you put the pads on, you never really know, as a football coach, what you have until you start hitting each other a little bit," Ignagni said.

Ignagni knows that talking will not change people's minds about Salem football.

He can tell people that the Rocks will run the football with the goal to keep possession as long as possible. He can tell people how his defense will have to adapt to the offenses they see in the KLAA West: from the veer at Novi to the "T" at Canton.

But Salem is going to have to step up and show what it can do instead of talking about it to change the conversation.

"Over the next couple of years, we will do everything we can to say whatever we need to say in how we play and how the players carry themselves around the community," Ignagni said. "We will do the best we can to change the culture, but I'm not sure anything I say is going to convince anybody of that."

"Salem football has a proud tradition, but it is increasingly a distant tradition. To convince people that we are waking up those echoes, we need to prove it on the field."

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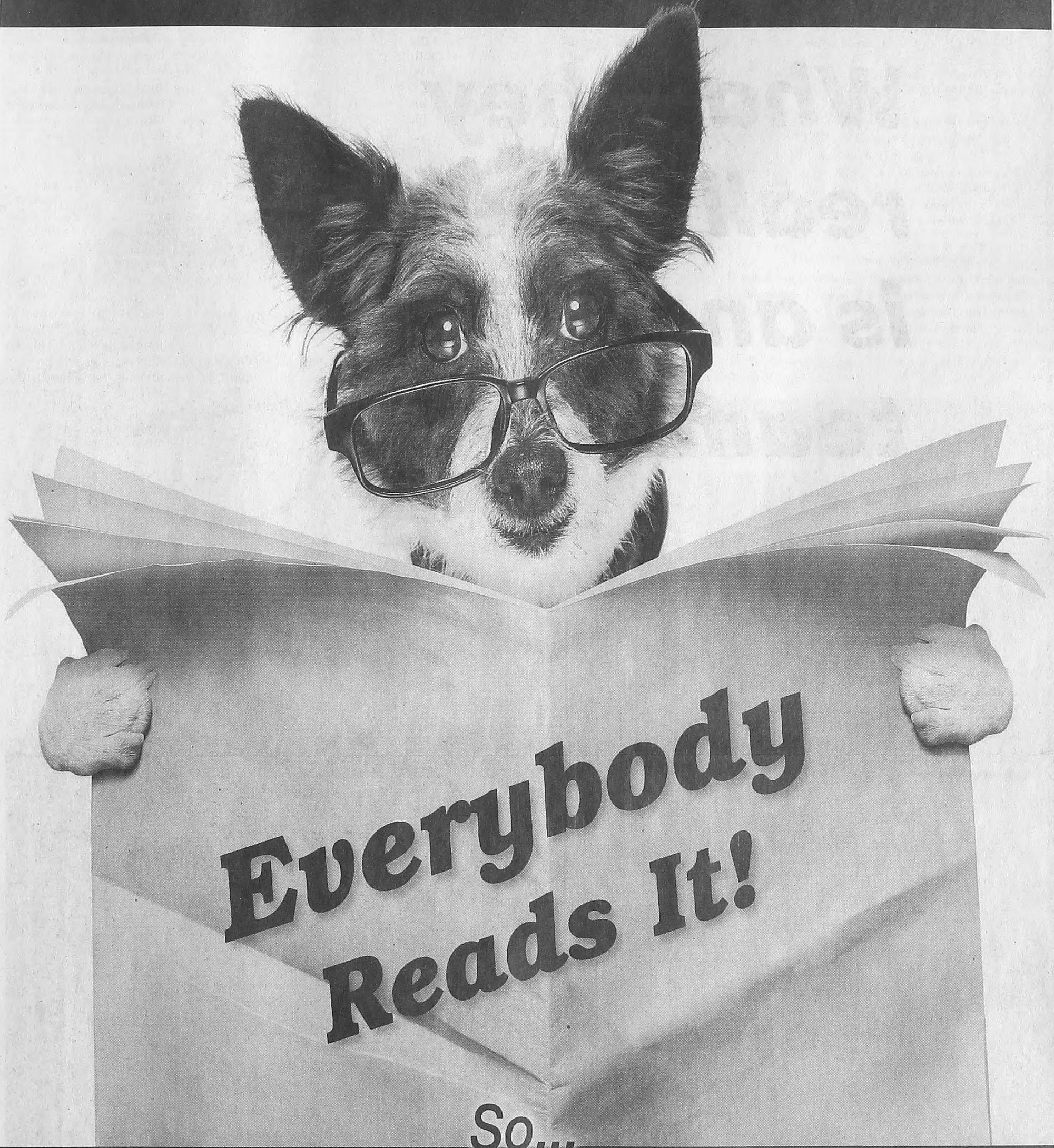
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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Singer Reddy
- 6 "Preach it!" e.g.
- 10 Italian Riviera city
- 15 At the home of, French-style
- 19 Muscat citizen
- 20 Display model
- 21 In the midst of
- 22 Plastic brick brand
- 23 Certain bolt
- 24 Spanish for "bears"
- 25 Ravi Shankar played it
- 26 As a result
- 27 2008 Lucasfilm sci-fi flick [TV personality]
- 31 — Mae (government lender)
- 32 Mai —
- 33 Part of ENT
- 34 Hiker's carrying bag
- 37 College academics overseer [actor]
- 44 Very busy
- 45 Screw up
- 47 Blvds., e.g.
- 48 Legal deg.
- 49 Funeral pile
- 50 Tangent, e.g.
- 52 Actor Omar of "House"
- 54 Singer Cole or Abdul
- 56 Actress Long
- 57 Ranch food provider [animator]
- 60 Teen girl, in old lingo [golfer]
- 62 Flavorful
- 63 Sch. in Manhattan
- 64 Harsh
- 65 Magic spell
- 69 Creditor's forgiveness [singer]
- 74 Bacon sizzle sound
- 75 Cost — and a leg
- 77 Part of ETA
- 78 "— bleul" (French "Egad!")
- 80 "Monterey" food [singer]
- 84 Male gobblers [singer]
- 89 Western Amerind
- 90 Jumped
- 91 Illegalizes

- 92 "I want that now!"
- 93 Leaf veins
- 95 Pro
- 96 Animator's sheet
- 97 Tolkien fiend
- 100 They may bedevil dogs
- 101 Lace a party drink [bandleader]
- 105 Fourth-place finisher, say
- 107 Envoy's bldg.
- 108 Oval portion
- 109 Very dense element
- 111 What you do when you solve this puzzle?
- 119 Tiny fly
- 120 Tiger sounds
- 121 Went by bike, e.g.
- 122 Unmoving
- 123 Part of ENT
- 124 Binge
- 125 At the drop of —
- 126 Strange
- 127 Lyft competitor
- 128 Baby's bear
- 129 Downsides
- 130 Tire pattern

- 3 Volcano stuff
- 4 Full of pep
- 5 Dummy
- 6 Ornament hanger, e.g.
- 7 Barcelona soccer great
- 8 Overplayed the part
- 9 Have a snack
- 10 Fuel holders
- 11 Estevez of film
- 12 "Just say — drugs"
- 13 — even keel
- 14 In a pleasant way
- 15 Get resolved
- 16 Mr., in Munich
- 17 Custard components
- 18 Noted Bronx attraction
- 28 Stud money
- 29 States, to Macron
- 30 Female WWII enlistee
- 34 Playwright Connelly
- 35 Bryce Canyon locale
- 36 In — (as found)
- 38 X Games ailer
- 39 "Spare tire" fat

- 40 Screw up
- 41 Forest cats
- 42 Ones making an effort
- 43 Aches (for)
- 46 Aqua — (highly corrosive liquid)
- 51 Approves of
- 53 Show that you can download
- 54 Gives out in abundance, as flattery
- 55 Stubborn equine
- 58 Witty sort
- 59 Car financing abbr.
- 60 "So long!"
- 61 NBA nail-biters, in brief
- 63 It aired "Car Talk"
- 65 College focuses
- 66 How police may get info
- 67 Actor Derek
- 68 Mork's planet
- 70 Lead-in to "now"
- 71 "You are not!" reply
- 72 Lead-in to Nov.
- 73 Joanne of "My Pal Gus"
- 76 Roman 1,150

- 79 Work unit
- 81 Sudden temperature increase
- 82 Apiece
- 83 Fencing sword
- 84 After-bath application
- 85 .6214 mile
- 86 Kuwaiti chief
- 87 Community rec center
- 88 Not veiled
- 91 Piano seat
- 94 Pesky insect, informally
- 96 Bow of respect
- 98 Some aircraft engines
- 99 Ad award
- 102 Realm: Abbr.
- 103 In groups of two
- 104 Santa's laugh
- 106 Sight at dusk
- 110 Roomy car
- 111 Radio dial
- 112 Relieve
- 113 Vatican head
- 114 Fend (off)
- 115 — II (Gillette brand)
- 116 Colt's father
- 117 Director Kazan
- 118 Arctic vehicle
- 119 African antelope

DOWN

- 1 — d'oeuvres
- 2 Send off

SUDOKU

			4	5	7			
8				6	2			
	2							
4			6	8	1			3
	6			5			1	
7			3	9	2			6
							4	
		4		7				5
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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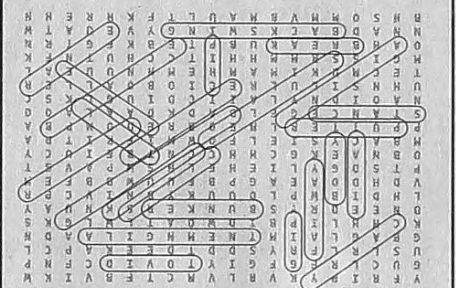
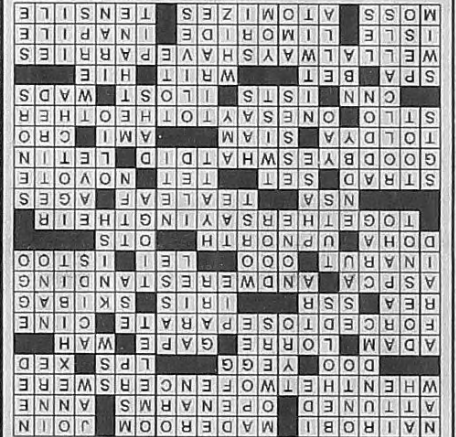
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 G U C L R F G F G I Y T O V I D C F N P
 U S L R L F R Y S D D T D E E K A P C L
 G B A G L A I M T N E M N G I L A A D N
 K C H H L I P B I D W O A T L W L G K S
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 O A H B R E A K U B P T E B K F G T R N
 N N A D B A C K S W I N G Y V E U A T W
 B H S O M M V B M A U L T F K H R E H N

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

WORDS

- AIMING
- ALIGNMENT
- BACKSWING
- BALANCE
- BIRDIE
- BOGEY
- BREAK
- BUNKER
- CADDIE
- CARRY
- CHIP
- CHUNK
- CLUBS
- DIVOT
- DOWNSWING
- DRIVER
- EAGLE
- FAIRWAY
- GRIP
- LOFT
- PUTTER
- RANGE
- SKULLED
- STANCE



7	2	9	8	4	6	3	1	9
5	6	1	3	7	7	4	8	9
8	4	3	9	1	9	6	7	2
9	8	4	2	6	3	9	7	7
2	1	6	4	9	7	8	9	3
3	9	2	6	8	7	5	2	4
4	9	5	6	3	8	7	2	1
6	2	7	9	1	6	7	2	8
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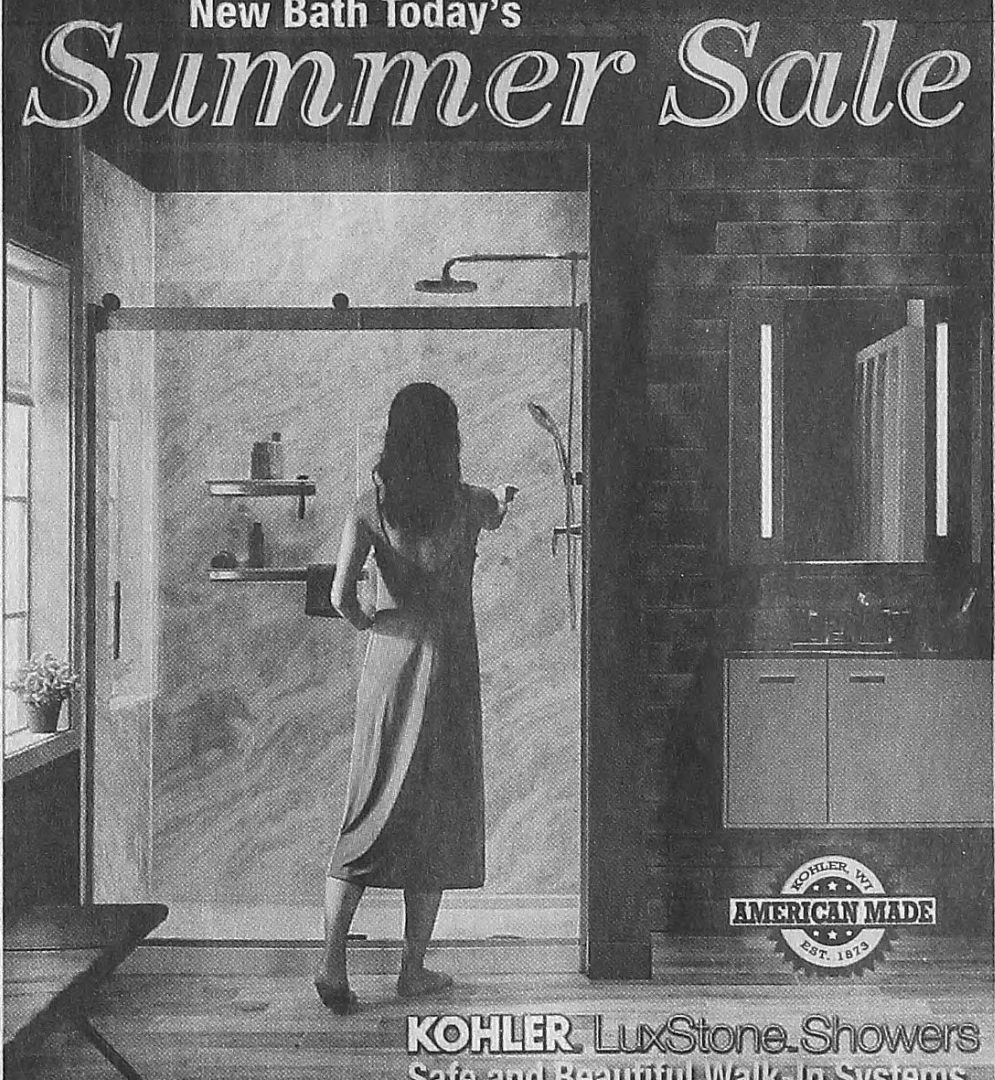
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