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State officials said plans to repair 24 miles worth of Interstate 275 will start this summer. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

## Developer pitches Farmington Hills housing

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A long-vacant industrial space in Farmington Hills may become an apartment complex.

The 5.53 acres of land at 32680 Northwestern Highway between 14 Mile Road and Middlebelt used to be home to several commercial buildings and sits in the city's business district. But it hasn't seen any action for years.

"That property does need to be developed because it's been an eye sore for basically decades," Farmington Hills Planning Commissioner Barry Brickner said.

The city's planning commission voted 5-3 for NWH Holdings LLC to qualify as part of a planned unit development that includes a senior residential complex and a storage facility currently being constructed south of the property.

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## MDOT plans to kick off I-275 project this summer

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It's time to fix the biggest road running through northwest Wayne County

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will kick off a massive repair of 24 miles of Interstate 275 between Will Carlton Road and 6 Mile Road this summer. The project will span four years and is expected to be completed in sections. The work will run through Wayne County communities including Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

The \$270 million in work will include concrete repairs and replacements, bridge repairs, sign replacements, drainage improvements, sidewalk improvements and tree replacements. MDOT will also repair part of the I-275 Metro Trail, which runs alongside the interstate.

During the project, I-275 will remain usable at all times. However, some ramps will see temporary closures. Drivers in both directions will always have access to two lanes.

"It allows us to have shoulder width for pull of when necessary as well as emergency access if we needed police and fire," Adam Penzenstadler, a project and contracts engineer, said of the lane closures.

MDOT planned to start the project in 2020, but delayed to secure more funding and expand the improved area. The project is part of Rebuilding Michigan, a five-year plan to repair the state's busiest roads.

The work will happen in four phases:

- 2021: Concrete repair between Will Carlton and Northline roads as well as culvert replacements between

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## State high court asked to review murder case

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State Attorney General Dana Nessel's legal team has not banished its hopes of using Floyd Galloway's sexual assault on an apparent stranger as evidence against him in the murder case of Danielle Stislicki.

Nessel's team failed to get the decision they wanted from Oakland County Judge Phyllis McMillen and then the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The case is sealed, but online records at least show that the state's appeal now has a supreme court case number.

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## Juice spot could open in Garden City strip mall

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A pair of empty storefronts in Garden City could see new life as a takeout restaurant.

The city's planning commission reviewed plans during its regular meeting Feb. 11 for a new eatery planning to locate at both 211 and 217 Inkster in the J&J Plaza just north of Cherry Hill.

The restaurant, which would occupy both storefronts, would consist of a vitamin juice and fruit juice shop, said Mario Ortega, the city planner. He said

the plans for such a restaurant, which is in an area zoned C-1, would fit the area and comply with the city's master plan.

"Customers that visit a carryout restaurant usually stay for a minimal amount of time. They're there to pick up their item and leave," he said. "We believe the proposed use would be compatible with the master plan."

If opened, the eatery, which did not have a name announced during the meeting, would occupy spaces that formerly housed Elegance Baker's and

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A juice shop could come to these two empty storefronts along Inkster Road north of Cherry Hill in Garden City.

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# Milford has a heart, help for homeless man

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Ian Sharp first noticed the car while walking his dog in the park in the first week of February.

It was gone after his two-hour stroll through Dodge Park 10 and silo field in Highland, but the next day it was back again. The following day, with a nagging feeling of unease, Sharp drove back to Livingston Road where he had seen the Hyundai. It was there again, parked in freezing temps, and he saw a man slumped behind the wheel.

He approached slowly with mounting dread.

"I thought he was dead," Sharp recalls. "He was gray and the car wasn't running, his legs were up on the dash and it was pretty terrible inside his car... I was prepared to open the door and find somebody who had frozen to death."

Sharp knocked on the window and the man inside awakened, soon introducing himself as Mike Marshall. Over the next 45 minutes, Sharp would learn a lot about Marshall, including that the 2006 Hyundai Elantra he was in had been his home since Sept. 16.

Sharp, a British native and retired engineer who has made Milford his home for many years, provided Marshall with some immediate needs, including food, gas money and hygiene needs.

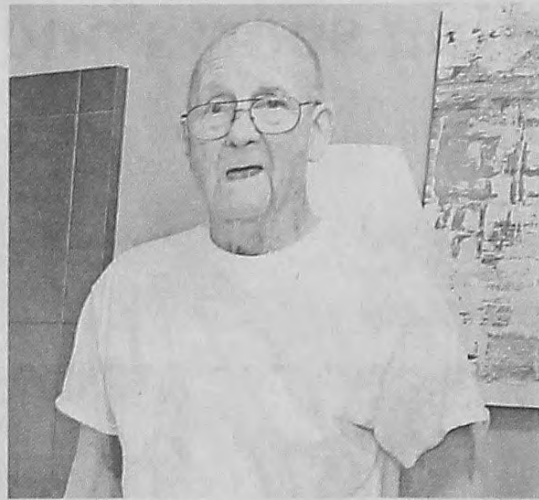
But not knowing what to do for a long-term solution, he turned to the Milford Matters Facebook group, and the help started pouring in, including individuals paying for a hotel room and providing food and clothes.

Now, more than \$10,000 has been collected on Marshall's behalf in a gofundme account, and he is out of his car and safely tucked into a warm room at the Best Western in Hartland through the end of February.

## Tale of heartbreak, gratitude

Marshall spoke by phone from that toasty room which has a shower and fully stocked fridge, sharing a heart-breaking story and his gratitude for dozens of strangers who came to his aid during one of the coldest, loneliest times in his 74 years. They are the family he never knew he had, and they give him renewed faith in humanity.

"They mean that us Americans..." he



Mike Marshall pauses in his Best Western motel room in Hartland on Feb. 16. Until recently, Marshall was living in his car.

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pauses, voice breaking, "we do give a s--- about each other."

While he is crying one moment, touched by the kindness, he is laughing the next, keeping his sense of humor as he recounts that the night before he felt "really obligated" to get down on his knees in the hotel room and give a prayer of thanks. Once he was down, however, he was praying "dear Lord, help me get up."

"I will not be that stupid again," he laughs. "I can pray standing in the corner."

He is beyond grateful for the bed to sleep in, getting rest after months of sleepless days and nights crammed into his 2006 Hyundai Elantra with his legs propped up on the dashboard in order to reduce the swelling from his diabetes.

The car, like Marshall, has some significant mileage. The Hyundai has about 177,000 miles on the odometer, some of those miles from his return trip to Michigan two years ago from Texas.

Marshall is a Detroit native, a 1964 Cooley High graduate who has had his share of bumps in the road of life, but was managing them well until six years ago when his wife Donna was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Within a year, she had died, and Marshall's life savings were drained by medical bills.

## Living off Social Security

He had worked for many years in construction, but completed a nursing

degree when he was about 50. Both he and Donna were employed in a nursing home in Texas. While he said he loved what he did, he advises young people that "it's great to do what you like to do, but if you don't get a retirement, you are screwed."

Marshall had to stop working when he was 66 due to worsening arthritis. He and Donna were "doing fine" with both of their monthly Social Security checks, but after her death, he couldn't keep his head above water. He lives on a \$1,200 per month Social Security check.

"The medical bills sucked up all the money," he said. "My trailer fell apart. I had probably two mental breakdowns. She died and I was able to hang on for about four years. I had to leave it all sit there because it fell apart. Nothing worked, no heat, no water. I left there with nothing except my car."

Marshall's only child, a son from his first marriage, is disabled and lives in a tiny trailer in Florida, which didn't seem a viable option. Instead, Marshall headed back to Michigan, where he had not lived in decades. He moved in with his sister and her ex-husband, but it was a tumultuous, stressful situation, with constant yelling, cursing and threats.

On Sept. 16, he couldn't take it anymore and left. By so doing, he joined the ranks of the homeless. In Michigan the number of homeless is about 62,000, the majority of whom are in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, Elizabeth Kelly, CEO of HOPE Shelter in Pontiac, said.

## Homeless in Oakland County

Homeless is narrowly defined by the state as individuals living in uninhabitable conditions, including cars, abandoned houses, tents, under overpasses, and cemetery mausoleums. They are often the working poor and don't include those living in motel rooms or "couch surfing," moving from one family member or friend's home to another.

Last year, about 3,000 homeless individuals were assisted through Oakland County human services agencies through the continuum of care.

Hope serves about 700 of these individuals per year, Kelly said, not only by offering beds in one of three shelters, but through helping them obtain proper documents and placement in perma-

nent housing, which is also scarce due to affordability and landlord income requirements.

Marshall said he has sought assistance for his medical issues at the hospital and expressed frustration that he had told doctors and nurses that he was living in his car and still did not receive help in getting out of his situation.

Kelly said a lack of knowledge about available resources is an obstacle in getting homeless individuals the help they desperately need, as well as a lack of awareness of the extent of the problem.

"The average person doesn't know where to start or who to call," she said. "We expect it (a shelter) is like a grocery store — nearby and convenient — and it's not. The other part is most people in Oakland County don't think of homelessness as a reality of this county or as extensive as it is... You pass someone in their car and don't realize it is homelessness."

## Accepting help, making plans

She is grateful Sharp observed something amiss with the Hyundai in Dodge Park 10, and for the action that resulted on behalf of a desperate man who was not only homeless, but hopeless.

"It's the most amazing thing that all these volunteers who don't know each other came together to make sure he has what he needs and to help him on his journey," Kelly said. "These are people trying to do the right thing and they have been very successful in doing that. It gives everyone a roadmap on how they might help."

Marshall said his new friends have paid for his hotel stay up until the end of the month, but at that time, he will be leaving and getting help from Kelly in finding permanent housing.

As he was on the phone, another call comes in, from Bambi Chick, one of his social media friends who has been checking in on him daily, helping to coordinate meals, bringing him clothing donations.

Marshall is filled with gratitude for her, but she is equally as enamored of him.

"He is such a smart, intelligent, funny man," Chick said. "I told him, you have been taking care of people for 40 years, it's time to take care of you... It takes a village to step up and help someone."

## Project

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Northline and Five Mile roads.

- 2022: Road rebuilding on the southbound lanes between Northline and Five Mile roads.

- 2023: Road rebuilding on the northbound lanes between Northline Road and M-14.

- 2024: Road rebuilding on the northbound lanes between M-14 and Five Mile Road.

Because of the lengthy timeline, MDOT does not expect weather delays to have a significant impact.

"Weather delays are always a possibility," Penzenstadler said. "However, with the timeline of this project, there's a lot of time to catch up if there is a delay."

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## Housing

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The vote, which will allow developers more flexibility when it comes to zoning requirements, is one of several approvals NWH Holdings will need to build on the space.

As part of the proposed five-story, 200-unit complex, developers plan to include walk and bike paths, a club house, a pool and other amenities. The apartments would include one, two and three-bedroom options.

"We do feel that we're adding to the community through these walking paths and the ability to tie into the walkability that is just to the west of us," Keith Phillips, the architect on the project, said.

Some planning commission members, while noting the area would suit a residential development well, worried about the complex's five stories and



A rendering of what the proposed apartment complex at 32680 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills could look like. COURTESY OF NWH HOLDINGS LLC

the traffic it could create along the already busy Northwestern Highway.

"I don't think five-story buildings are too common in this city," Commissioner Duke Orr, who cast an approving vote, said. "I don't think we have that many at all. I think this is a little too dense."

Commissioner Steve Schwartz, one of the three who voted against the PUD

qualification, said he'd like to see the story count go down. Others requested a traffic study.

"This is attractive for residential," Schwartz said. "You get in your car and you're downtown in 20 minutes... I'd like to see this come back at three or four stories. It's just too much."

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## Case

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Supreme Court staff confirmed that state's Assistant Attorney General Scott Shimkus filed a formal request for the attention of Michigan's highest court on Feb. 11, and Galloway's attorney Ellen Michaels has until next month to formally respond.

Shimkus said during the late 2020 Court of Appeals hearing that evi-

dence gathered in a 2016 Hines Park investigation should be used in Galloway's trial because it implies motive and intent while ruling out death by accident or mistake.

Now serving up to 35 years in prison, Galloway, 34, of Berkley pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a runner at the Livonia park.

Michaels has countered that the Hines Park case and Stislicki's murder case are too dissimilar to be used in the same trial.

The Hines Park runner was a strang-

er. Galloway and Stislicki knew each other from working at the MetLife building in Southfield, where Galloway had been a security guard.

Stislicki, 28, of Farmington Hills was last seen Dec. 2, 2016, and her corpse has never been recovered.

According to preliminary examination testimony, Galloway's job site had changed by the time she disappeared.

Stislicki's co-workers saw Galloway's car in the parking lot with the hood up and then saw him departing in the passenger seat of Stislicki's Jeep.

## Juice

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Faizies Hair Salon. There was no word on when the restaurant could open.

The planning commission unanimously approved both the site plan and the recommendation for a special land use, the latter of which still requires approval from city council.

No members of the public spoke during the public hearing for the restaurant, though there was some discussion about greenspace elements to the site.

Commissioner Michael Steenburg asked if there was a way to add any sort of greenery to that area, even in pots, to help spruce it up.

"Would it be possible, rather than permanent plantings, to put a couple of large potted plants out there?" He said. "Some kind of a two-foot tall, two-foot

diameter pot with a shrub in and maybe two or three of those out there so we can break up that austerity a little bit?"

Ortega said adding more elements to the site could be tricky, given where the building is located in relationship to the small parking lot out front and the right-of-way with the road.

"We're having issues with cars backing up into the sidewalk as it is, unfortunately," he said.

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# Man sues Livonia, 2 police officers

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Andrew Mathews wants vengeance against Livonia and its police department.

Now on probation because of a previous confrontation with officers, he has sued the city and Officers Faris Alhajar and Sam Tamer in U.S. District Court, demanding a jury trial and damages because of their Feb. 29, 2020, conflict.

Mathews, 40, claims in a federal suit filed Feb. 18 that Alhajar had no reason to stop, search and question him as he walked to work that day and no reason for Tamer to then "gratuitously" punch him twice in the face, causing fractures, lost teeth and physical trauma.

He is suing on three counts - unlawful seizure, excessive force and municipal liability. Mathews could not be reached for further comment, and his attorney Matthew Kolodziejcki did not respond to requests for comment.

Yet they said in their complaint that Livonia should be held liable for inadequately screening potential officers and "improperly training and allowing its police officers to enforce laws as they deem fit, without regard to the constitutional rights of individuals."

"This is the first I've seen of this complaint," said Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid. "We will review the allegations and any comment will be through the law department."

Representatives from the law department reinforced that they will not comment on pending litigation.

Online court records show Mathews was arraigned on two felony counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer stemming from last year's incident. He pleaded no contest to one of the counts in Third Circuit Court in Detroit. The other was dismissed. Mathews was sentenced to 18 months of probation Jan. 29.

According to the lawsuit, Mathews

was walking north on Deering Street to his job at Mama Mia Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, at 4:30 p.m. on the day in question.

A uniformed Alhajar was in a fully-marked patrol vehicle when he saw Mathews cross Plymouth Road. The lawsuit alleges Mathews was stopped without any evidence of crimes or civil infractions being committed.

The officer then ordered Mathews to place his hands on the front of his police vehicle. Alhajar tried to place handcuffs on Mathews when he found Mathews' name in a law enforcement database for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Mathews panicked and ran. Other officers, including Tamer, arrived to search. Tamer spotted Mathews and tackled him from behind, causing Mathews to fall.

Mathews' lawsuit alleges police justified their "unlawful actions" in reports that had false claims about him being engaged in unlawful conduct.

# Romulus woman dies in crash in Westland

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A 49-year-old Romulus woman died after a multi-vehicle crash Tuesday in Westland, according to police.

Westland police said in a press release the car wreck happened near Van Born and Henry Ruff roads at about 5:35 p.m.

Two people were taken to a local hospital, and the woman was pronounced dead after arrival.

It is unknown if alcohol and drugs were involved.

The investigation is ongoing. [svela@hometownlife.com](mailto:svela@hometownlife.com)

# Deaf man sues Westland because of police response

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Westland is dealing with another lawsuit alleging poor police conduct.

Bernard Culver, a deaf man, was in a 2018 car wreck that he details in a complaint filed last week in U.S. District Court.

He is demanding a jury trial and damages because, no matter how many times he pointed at a printed "I Am Deaf or Hard of Hearing" card, police apparently failed to call for a sign language interpreter or other aids and services so he could tell his side of the story, the lawsuit states.

Culver's complaint alleges violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Michigan Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act.

It could get settled before a judge

gives it a more serious look since Culver's attorney - David Moss, director of Wayne State University's Disability Law Clinic - claims he has been working with city representatives for more than a year on a settlement.

The agreement, Moss said, is supposed to include some sort of policy or other municipal measure to prevent a similar situation from happening to another hearing-impaired person.

The "City of Westland" is the sole defendant, and city Mayor Bill Wild and Chief Jeff Jedrusik did not respond to requests for comment. They typically do not comment for stories regarding pending litigation.

Culver could not be reached, and Moss declined to share much more about the lawsuit and settlement talks.

According to the 19-page suit, Culver was behind the wheel driving north on Hix Road around 5:30 a.m. on Feb. 12,

2018, when he stopped at the Ford Road intersection for a flashing red light. He was in the intersection, trying to make a left turn, when a car without headlights struck him.

Both cars were damaged but still operable. The drivers pulled into a McDonald's parking lot and the other driver apparently called Westland police. An officer tried to communicate with Culver through written notes after ignoring his card for a person knowing sign language.

"Mr. Culver's lip-reading skills are very weak," the complaint states. "Mr. Culver's ability to read written English likewise is very weak. He struggles to understand written English. Mr. Culver communicates best using mime, gesture and sign language."

Culver received a \$155 ticket for running a red light.

While the other driver apparently

drove away in his vehicle, an officer called a tow truck to move Culver's car to an impound lot. As far as Culver could tell, no one told him he could have waited until sunrise to drive the car to a service station or made his own arrangements to tow the car less expensively.

Culver said he tried to ask the officers in writing where his car was being towed and what he needed to do to get it back.

"On information and belief, neither officer tried to tell Mr. Culver where his car was being towed or what he needed to do to get it back," the complaint stated. "If one of the officers tried to tell Mr. Culver where his car was being towed or what he needed to do to get it back, Mr. Culver did not understand."

The city, police department, police chief and a detective are still dealing with a January lawsuit because of a dismissed felony armed robbery.

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# Surgeon saves life of South Lyon man

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Gene Cabadas was dying, bleeding out from a tear in his aorta.

The clock was ticking on the South Lyon man's life with each heartbeat that passed, as well as each hospital that passed on giving the 85-year-old Cabadas the surgery that could save him.

In all, three hospitals declined to take him.

The fourth proved to be the charm when Dr. Yusuke Terasaki, a Detroit Medical Center cardiothoracic surgeon, answered the call with a yes. With no time to waste, Cabadas was put on a life flight to Harper University Hospital.

"His condo is across the street from the hospital, he could hear the helicopter coming in the dark," Cabadas recalls. "I landed and was in an unfamiliar hospital with a doctor I'd never heard of before... I thought, 'Who is this?'"

But the answer was simple and came to him immediately:

"Someone willing to help me when no one else would."

Cabadas spoke by phone with his wife Ellen by his side to help recollect the terrifying events of Aug. 25.

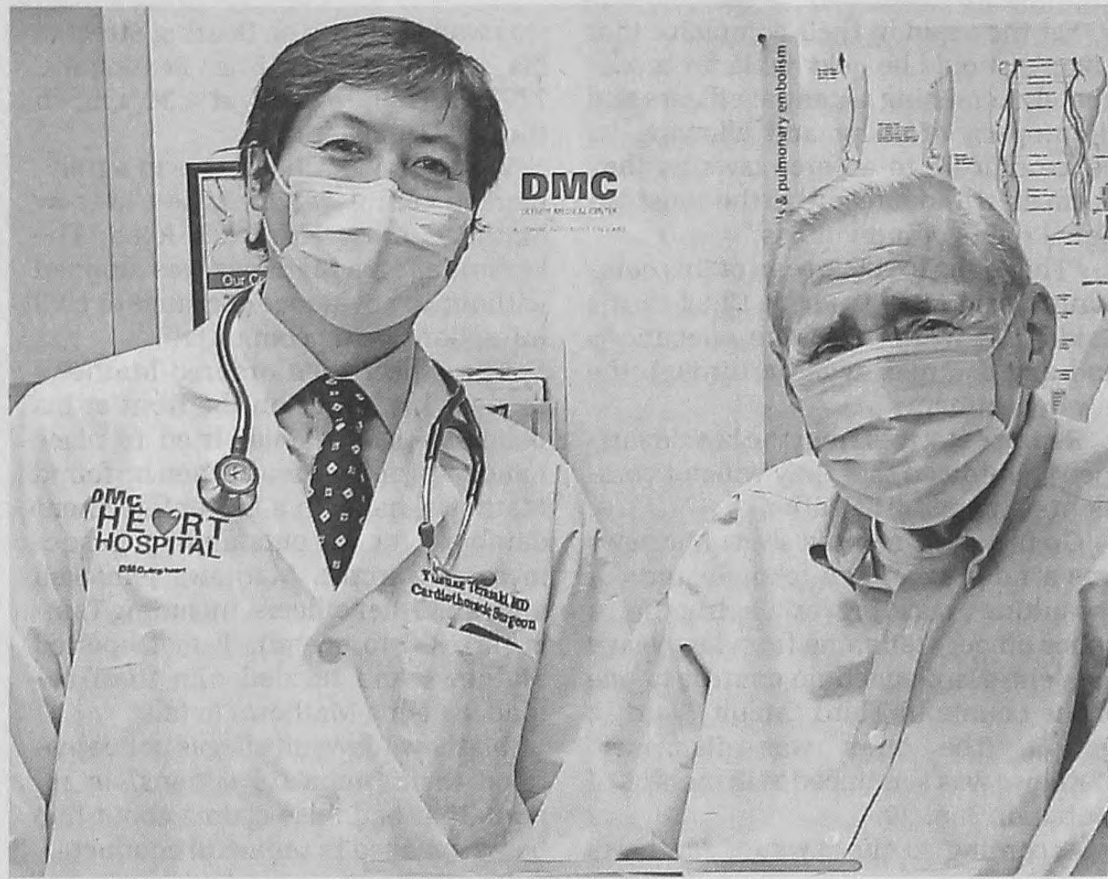
It was about 1 a.m. that day when Cabadas was startled from sleep by excruciating pain in his lower jaw. He stumbled to the bathroom, where he dampened a washcloth to put to his face before making it back to his bedroom, where his left arm went numb.

"The next thing I know, I'm laying on the bedroom floor and I heard Ellen talking to EMS and then I don't remember anything," Cabadas said.

Ellen Cabadas, Gene's wife of 65 years, picks up the thread.

"It was so scary," she said. "He was fine when he went to bed. When I called 911, I thought he was having a heart attack."

Gene Cabadas had a tear in his aorta, the main artery that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body. He needed a surgery to repair a Type A aortic dissection, which is not performed at the emergency room to which he was taken.



Dr. Yusuke Terasaki, DMC cardiothoracic surgeon, left, stands with Gene Cabadas of South Lyon. Cabadas had life-saving heart surgery at DMC in August.

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But as the ER physician called hospitals with the capabilities of performing the surgery, each declined to accept Cabadas as a patient. Until the call to DMC Heart Hospital, where Terasaki and the team of heart doctors perform between 20-30 aortic dissection surgeries per year.

"Mr. Cabadas was rejected by the hospitals mostly because of his age. He's 85 years old," Terasaki said on why he thinks the other hospitals declined the surgery.

While Terasaki notes that age is indeed a risk factor, he doesn't believe it should disqualify a patient from a surgery that without it the patient will almost certainly die within 48 hours.

He said he and the DMC team like to see and assess patients on an individual basis. He told the hospital's transfer center to bring Cabadas over and what he saw upon his patient's arrival was that Cabadas is an 85-year-old who had

remarkably good baseline health — without kidney or lung disease, not obese, good blood pressure.

"An 80-plus-year-old who still mows the lawn and snow blows is different from one that is bed-ridden," he said. "It's important for us to differentiate. I have to lay eyes on the patient and assess him myself, I have to give the benefit of the doubt, and I think we did better than facilities that rejected him based on age."

It was late that night when Terasaki set to work on Cabadas, and it gave time to Gene and Ellen's five children to arrive, three from out of state, to show their support even though COVID-19 restrictions were in place.

Because of the pandemic, Terasaki said the hospital has performed fewer aortic dissection surgeries this year, attributable to some patients' reluctance to go to the hospital for any emergency until it is too late and other potential pa-

tients dying from the virus itself.

The aortic dissection surgery is the most intense operation the DMC heart team does, Terasaki said. Cabadas spent about 9 hours total in the operating room, where he was put on a heart and lung machine. The majority of the time in surgery is for cooling the body to 18 degrees Celsius to stop blood flow and then rewarming it again. The surgery itself, in which the torn portion of the aorta is replaced with a synthetic graft, must be completed within 50 minutes or the risk of stroke increases.

"We are fighting time," Terasaki said. "It's the most intense type of operation we do. Unfortunately, the mortality rate after or during surgery is 20 percent, really high. One in five patients don't make it."

Terasaki took the risk with Cabadas and it paid off with the priceless gift of life.

"I'm always happy to see patients who do so well after the surgery, after you have done something with your hands and fixed it," he said. "We really enjoy doing what we do and are happy to see that positive end result...He was such a pleasure to take care of and has a wonderful, supportive family to care for him after. It is pure happiness to see that kind of patient and an honor to take care of him and I hope he has many more years to live."

Cabadas plans to enjoy many more years with Ellen, whose cooking he attributes to his good health, as well as with their entire family, which besides their five kids includes 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

"I was able to enjoy my 85th Christmas with my family because of what they did for me," said Cabadas, who also benefited from the DMC Rehabilitation Institute. "Hopefully, I have a lot more Christmases with my family. They returned me the gift of life. They saved me, no matter how old I was, they gave me a chance. I've got a lot of living left to do."

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The BioLife plasma center at 29959 Plymouth Road in Livonia opened Feb. 13. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## New plasma donation center opens in Livonia

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The most recent snow storm not only closed schools and delayed the opening of businesses, but kept some people away from donating plasma at a new donation center in western Wayne County.

The new BioLife Plasma Services building in Livonia opened its doors to the public Feb. 13, but actual donations weren't scheduled to begin until Tuesday. Of course, that came after the region got hit with several inches of snow overnight, making the line for donors shorter than usual.

"It was a bit of a slower day than what I expected," Manager Darin Baker said.

BioLife Plasma Services opened its most recent facility at 29959 Plymouth Road on an outlot at the Wonderland Village shopping center. The center is one of the first ones the company opened in southeast Michigan: another center opened earlier this month in Ypsilanti, and another opened in Warren last fall. It operates other centers around Michigan, including in Mount Pleasant, Grandville and Marquette. The center is set up to receive those interested in donating plasma, a process that's similar to donating blood, Baker said, though can take a little longer to complete.

"It's that clear liquid part of the blood," Baker said. "It also contains a lot of proteins that our company is able to make medicine from."

Common diseases plasma can help treat include hemophilia and other im-

munodeficiency disorders. Baker said other centers are donating plasma to help in the fight against COVID-19 right now, though with the Livonia center being so new, they aren't set up to donate plasma for that cause, though Baker said it could be in the future.

Those interested are screened and are then set up to donate plasma and are compensated with payments on a preloaded Mastercard debit card. Donors can give plasma as much as twice a week for as long or as short a time period as they choose, though Baker said he prefers clients give at least twice, the minimum amount needed to allow for their plasma to be used.

Baker said clients at the Livonia center are those who live or work in the area. That makes it easier to give frequently if they don't need to drive across town. Donors must be at least 18 years old and weigh a minimum 110 pounds, as well as clear a health screening, in order to donate. Those interested in donating can visit BioLife or call the Livonia center at 734-452-0137.

Baker said he's aware of the stigma plasma donation center have had in the past. He said the professionalism of both the employees and clients they serve shows that stereotype doesn't exist at a facility like BioLife. He said one look at the facility will have people who may have those thoughts change their minds immediately.

"Just take a drive around my facility," he said. "When you walk in side, you'll be able to tell right away that that stigma does not apply here."

## Fieri's Flavortown makes use of ghost kitchens, Livonia included

Susan Selasky [Detroit Free Press](http://Detroit Free Press)  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Jalapeno pig poppers, bourbon brown sugar BBQ wings, and bacon mac and cheeseburgers.

Welcome to Flavortown, where these appetizing items and more are now available in metro Detroit and Lansing courtesy of Guy Fieri, of Food Network fame.

Fieri, also known for his spiked hair and several cooking shows, launched Guy Fieri's Flavortown Kitchen across the U.S., including in Michigan.

Guy Fieri's Flavortown Kitchen is what's called or branded as a "ghost kitchen." These kitchens are in name only, offering delivery only. There is no pick-up or carryout available.

According to its website, four locations are in Michigan.

In metro Detroit, the kitchens will operate out of the Bravo! Italian Kitchens in Livonia and Rochester Hills. A Sterling Heights location operates in Brio Italian Grille at The Mall at Partridge Creek.

The Lansing locations also operate out of a Bravo! Italian Kitchen.

Ghost kitchens also go by the names of cloud, host, or virtual kitchens. Some ghost kitchens work with restaurants by making their dishes just for takeout and delivery. They

have no dining room and deliver through Grubhub, Postmates, Uber Eats or other third-party food delivery services.

Listed as a top trend for 2020, ghost kitchens gained speed amid the coronavirus pandemic as restaurants pivoted into takeout-only to survive.

While these locations are open as their named restaurants, ordering items from Guy Fieri's Flavortown Kitchen is available only online. Menu items include shareables featuring the poppers along with chicken wings and queso dip. There are burgers and sandwiches, entrees and salads, and sides of fries, mac and cheese, and fresh pickles.

While Fieri's Michigan kitchens are operating, according to a company spokeswoman it's best to check the app or website to make sure delivery is available within your area. You can order at [guysflavortown.com](http://guysflavortown.com).

Fieri partnered with Robert Earl of Earl Enterprises' Virtual Dining Concepts. Earl is of Planet Hollywood and Hard Rock Café fame and Earl Enterprises, according to Nationwide Restaurant News, acquired Brio Italian Grille and Bravo! Italian Kitchens in June 2020.

Across the U.S., 116 Guy Fieri's Flavortown Kitchen are set to open in 25 states. The kitchens are in the soft opening phase.

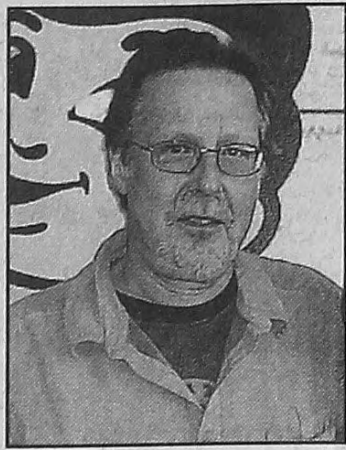


Guy Fieri's Flavortown Kitchen is open in metro Detroit and Lansing. COURTESY OF GUY FIERI'S FLAVORTOWN KITCHEN

# Obituaries

## Dean Eric Anderson

On Tuesday, February 16, 2021, Dean Eric Anderson, loving husband and father, passed away at the age of 63. Dean was born on April 19, 1957 in Detroit, MI. He spent the majority of his career as a maintenance manager at Hartland Nursing Home in Livonia.



Dean was an avid fan of classic rock music, classic cars, and had a great love for nature. He was known for being a quiet guy with a dry sense of humor. On the weekends, he would wake up early and make his entire family breakfast.

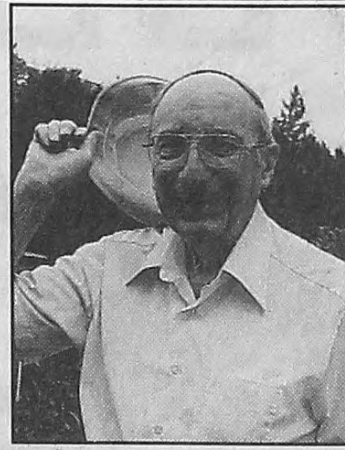
Dean was preceded in death by his father, Woodrow, his mother, Joyce, his brother, Daniel, and his greatest friend and nephew, Donny. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Amy (Rafferty), his three children, Erin Leigh, Airman Matthew Dean, and Rachel Leigh (Alex), and his three sisters, Dayle, Debbie (Bob), and Jill (Ben).

There will not be a funeral service at this time. Flowers or donations may be sent to Amy Anderson at 12190 Cavell, Livonia, MI 48150.

## Patricia Ann (Boldes) James

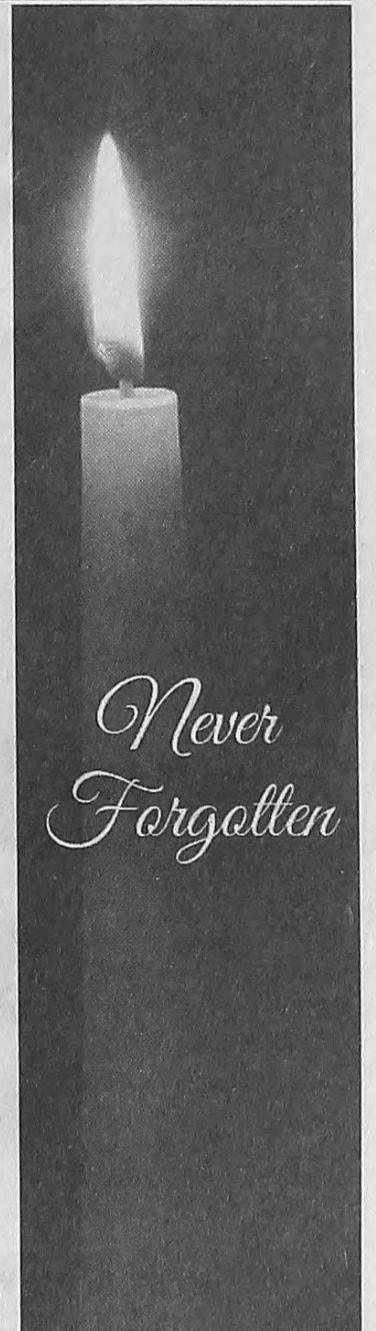
(September 14, 1930 – February 18, 2021)

Patricia ("Pat") James, formerly of Farmington Hills, left the planet clear-eyed and, in her words, "not afraid and ready after a long, happy life." She was born in South Dakota to Gustave and Elizabeth (Callahan) Boldes. After graduating as an RN from Herman Kiefer Nursing School in Detroit, she married Richard ("Dick") James in 1954 and raised four children with him while pursuing a successful nursing career at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Pat and Dick enjoyed travel, playing bridge, golfing, and otherwise spending time with family and in the company of many dear friends. Pat was preceded in death by Dick in 2014 and grandson Nathan Cauley in 2011. She is survived by her children Mark (Gail) James, Karen (Mark) Mitchell, Sue (Pat) Cauley, and Marianne James; grandchildren Aaron (Jill Chapin) Mitchell, Leah (Justin) Newman, and Elizabeth Cauley (Jairo Garcia); great grandchildren Rowan and Brynna Newman; cousin Nancy Olson; and many friends, old and new, who have meant so much to her. Please visit <https://www.lynchandsonsbrighton.com> for a full obituary and to leave memories of Pat and messages of condolence for her family. Due to covid restrictions no service is planned at this time. Donations may be made in Pat's name to Angela Hospice of Livonia ([angelahospice.org](http://angelahospice.org)) or the charity of one's choice.



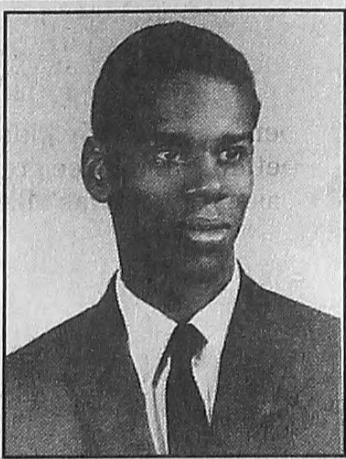
**Earl W. Sissom Sissom**

GARDEN CITY - Age 94 February 23, 2021 Beloved husband of the late Juanita. Dear father of Keith (Pat) and Sharon Sissom-Sanders. Grandfather of Cassie Sanders. He was a teacher for 33 years at Farmington Elementary School in Garden City. Visitation Thursday 2 pm - 7pm. Funeral services were held. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorials to Easter Seals or Michigan Humane Society. [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com).



**Ilse Heintz**

PEACHTREE CITY, GA - Ilse Heintz, 97 years, passed away peacefully on February 14, 2021 in Peachtree City, Georgia, with her daughter and son-in-law by her side. She was formerly a resident of Livonia and Garden City for over 50 years and was an active member of the Garden City Presbyterian Church. She and her beloved husband Herman immigrated from Germany in 1950 and started in Staten Island, NY. Herman preceded her in death in 2005. She is survived by 2 children: Doris (Warren) Pincombe, and George (Renee) Heintz and 4 grandchildren: Pincombe (Roger & Erin) and Heintz (Travis & Erica). She was an avid gardener, accomplished seamstress, and talented crafter. Cremation and a celebration of her life will be held in Georgia.



**Dwight C. Hullm**

Dwight C. Hullm, February 12, 2021. Dear son of Helen and Wellington (Pete) Hullm, who preceded him in death. Farmington High Class of 1969. Cherished brother of Adrian and Tracey; beloved husband of Marjie, dear stepfather and grandfather. He also leaves behind many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends behind. Visit <https://www.bunkerfuneral.com/obituaries/dwight-c-hullm/> for full obituary and to send condolences.

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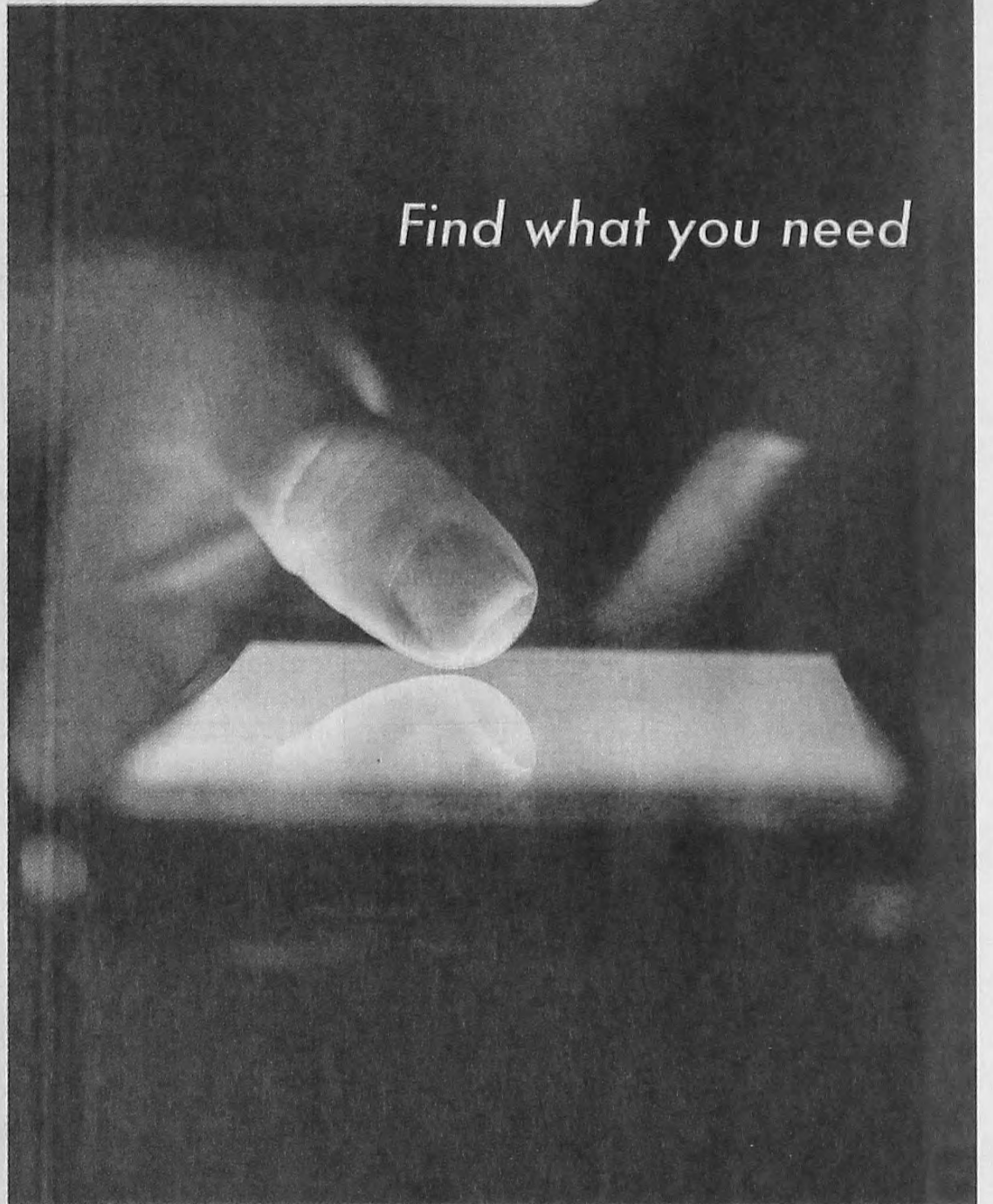
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Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, at night. COURTESY OF CEDAR POINT

# Cedar Point reveals plans for new riverboat ride

**Darcie Moran** Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Cedar Point plans to be in full swing this year with activities, including a 150th-anniversary celebration that was postponed due to the pandemic.

The amusement park announced a season schedule, including plans to debut a new riverboat ride, celebrate its anniversary with a parade, host a Wild West-themed Frontier Festival, host the Cedar Point Nights evening festival and give away lifetime tickets.

The park expects to release COVID-19 safety information in the coming months, according to a news release Thursday announcing the plans.

During its reopening amid 2020 closures, visitors were required to conduct health screenings on the park app, use masks, undergo temperature screenings, and social distance. The park also set up hand sanitizer stations, touchless screenings, and capacity management.

The first of the weekend events will begin May 14 and the Cedar Point Shores Waterpark opens May 29.

"Cedar Point will continue to provide safe family fun in 2021, just as it has since its beginning," said Jason McClure, vice president and general manager of Cedar Point, according to the release.

"Safety is always our top priority. In the current environment, our team will continue to carry out our mission of not only safety but the very reason we've been here for more than 150 years - to make people happy."

Here's the schedule:

### Frontier Festival

**May 14-16 and May 21-23, then daily May 28-June 13**

The Frontier Festival, described as a "Wild West hootenanny," will be the first to return in 2021, according to the park.

There will be themed décor, live music, games, street entertainers and local artisans.

For food and drink, the festival is centered on "a stockpile of cherries amassed during the harvest." More than 20 cherry-inspired foods will be available and, for adults, there will also be more than 100 craft brews, seltzers, ciders and custom cocktails.

The event will continue to partner with the children's cancer foundation Prayers for Maria, and the proceeds from the purchase of merchandise, including ones with Peanuts characters,

will go toward the organization, according to the release.

### Snake River Expedition debut

**May 29 through Labor Day, Sept. 6**

Cedar Point's new riverboat ride will be next on the schedule, with families working to smuggle goods around Adventure Island, according to the park. Riders will have to perform secret tasks, encounter some surprises, and avoid "danger" while being led by a cast of characters and experiencing special effects, according to the park.

"Guests will also see nods to Cedar Point's past attractions like the Western Cruise and Paddlewheel Excursions boat rides," according to the park.

### 150th Anniversary Celebration

**Daily June 26-Aug. 15**

The 150th anniversary celebration will include a parade, limited-edition merchandise, and the debut of new food options.

The "Celebrate 150 Spectacular" parade and nighttime party will feature floats, some more than two stories tall, to depict the park's history, along with acrobats, dancers, performers and a grand finale.

The new food options include C.P. Juice Co., with fruit-shaped drink cups like those served at the park years ago, and Taste of the Point food tours, for a sampling of Cedar Point favorites.

### Win lifetime tickets

**During the 150th anniversary celebration, June 26-Aug. 15**

Guests can win free admission, along with three guests, to Cedar Point and Cedar Point Shores Waterpark for the rest of their lives by scanning their mobile devices at guest kiosks during the 150th anniversary celebration.

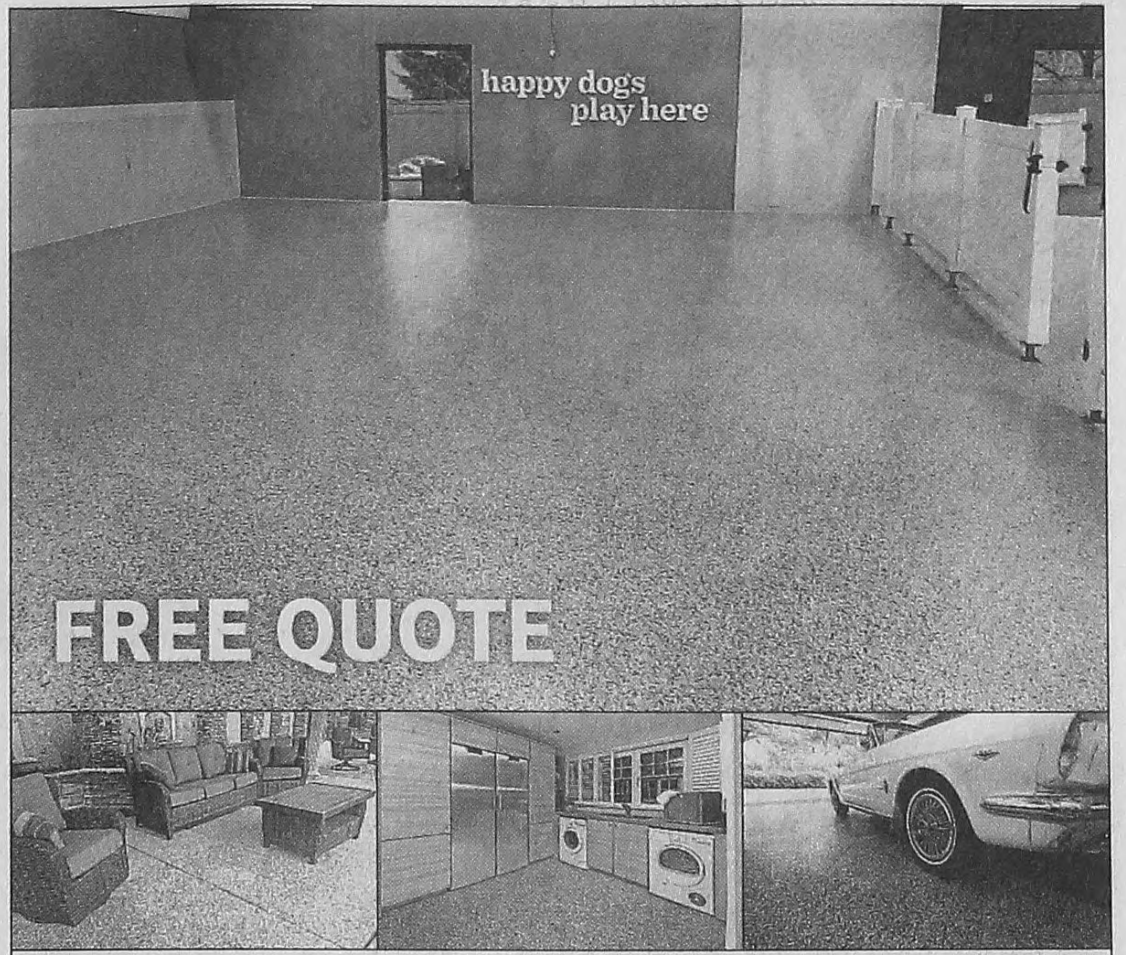
They will have five chances to win each day and have a chance to upgrade to the CP 150 VIP Club, with several Fast Lane passes, and access to VIP areas and viewings of the parade..

### Cedar Point Nights

**Aug. 6 through Labor Day, Sept. 6**

Cedar Point Nights at the Cedar Point Beach will return to cap the summer season.

It will include a new "dining in the dark" experience, beach games, fire pits, live entertainment and rides.



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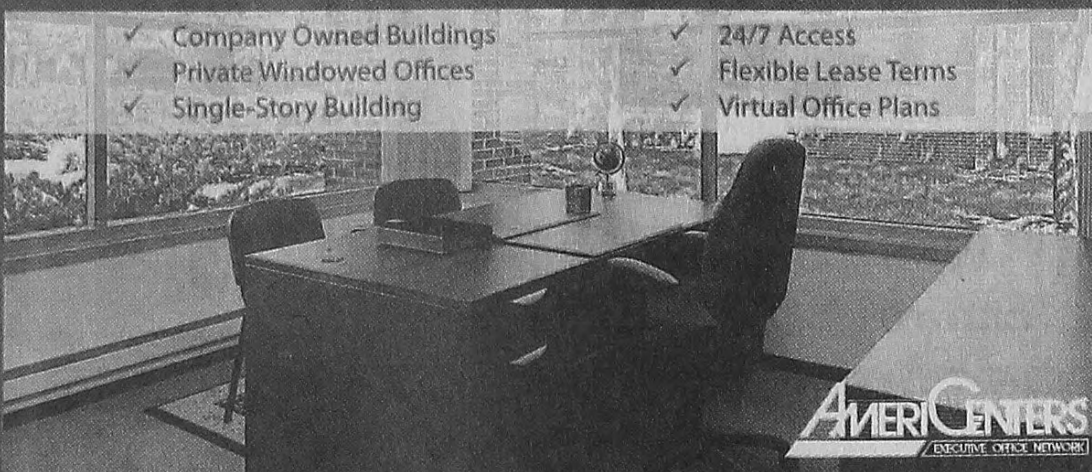
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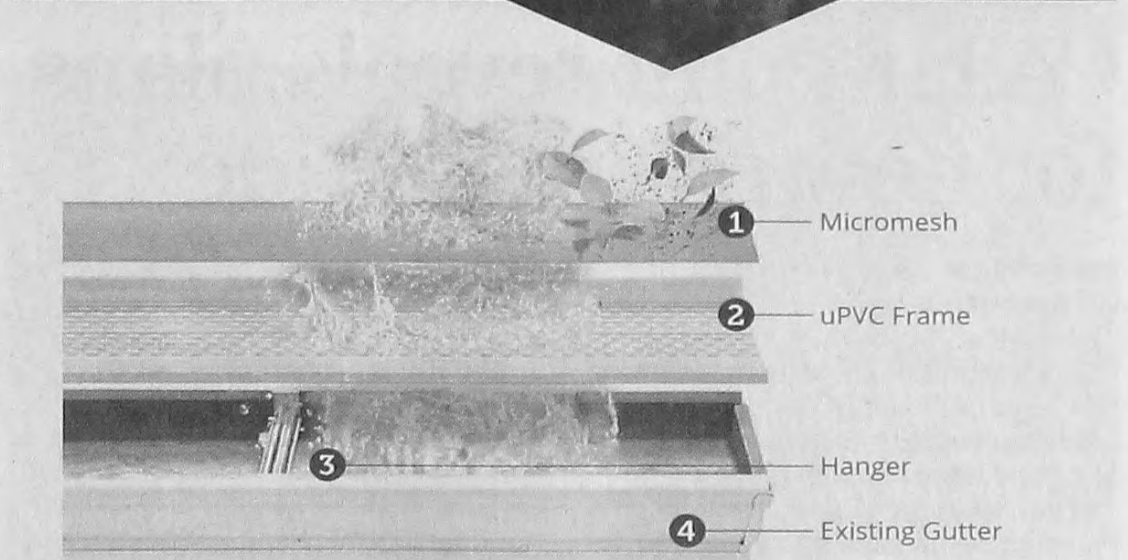
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# SPORTS

## Wayne Memorial continues perfect season with win against Belleville

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

Heading into Tuesday game, Wayne Memorial girls basketball had a chance to take sole possession of first place of the KLAA East, facing undefeated Belleville. Leaving, the Zebras made sure they left no doubt on who was the best team on the floor.

Wayne Memorial (7-0) dominated the Tigers (6-1), forcing a running clock in the second half in an 84-25 onslaught at home.

In the fourth game of the 2021 season in which they had allowed 25 points or less to an opponent, the Zebras beat previously undefeated Belleville by 59 points, the largest win deficit Wayne Memorial has recorded since Dec. 4, 2015.

"We just want to compete," Wayne Memorial head coach Jarvis Mitchell said. "I don't know if it's the best because we'll play a game tomorrow and then we'll have a total... I don't want to say that because I can't tell you that. I know we competed hard, I know some things went in our favor."

"We stuck to our game plan." The game plan was set for the Zebras from the start of the first quarter.

After a quick score from Belleville sophomore Rachel Riley on the inbound, Wayne Memorial senior guard Lachelle Austin answered quickly with a layup, igniting a frenetic pace that led to 32 first-quarter points, 15 of which came from Austin.

Before Belleville could record its second field goal of the game — connecting

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The Wayne Memorial girls basketball team warms up before ending Belleville's perfect season Tuesday night at home. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## John Glenn basketball speeds past Stevenson

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

John Glenn head boys basketball coach Jerret Smith was satisfied with the shots his team was getting against KLAA East opponent Livonia Stevenson. They just weren't falling through.

After a nine-point first quarter, the Rockets allowed the Spartans to balloon its lead to as many as 14 points in the middle of the second quarter.

But once D'Angelo Stoxsill found his shot, blowing by a Stevenson defender for a layup at the rim, John Glenn (4-2) was back, beating the Spartans (4-2), 58-44, Monday on the road.

After losing two-of-three to start the 2021 season, John Glenn won three straight, beating both Stevenson and Belleville, two of the top teams in the KLAA East.

"In our conference, it's a well known thing they all want to play slow," Smith said. "We don't like to play slow. We like to play fast: maximizing possessions."

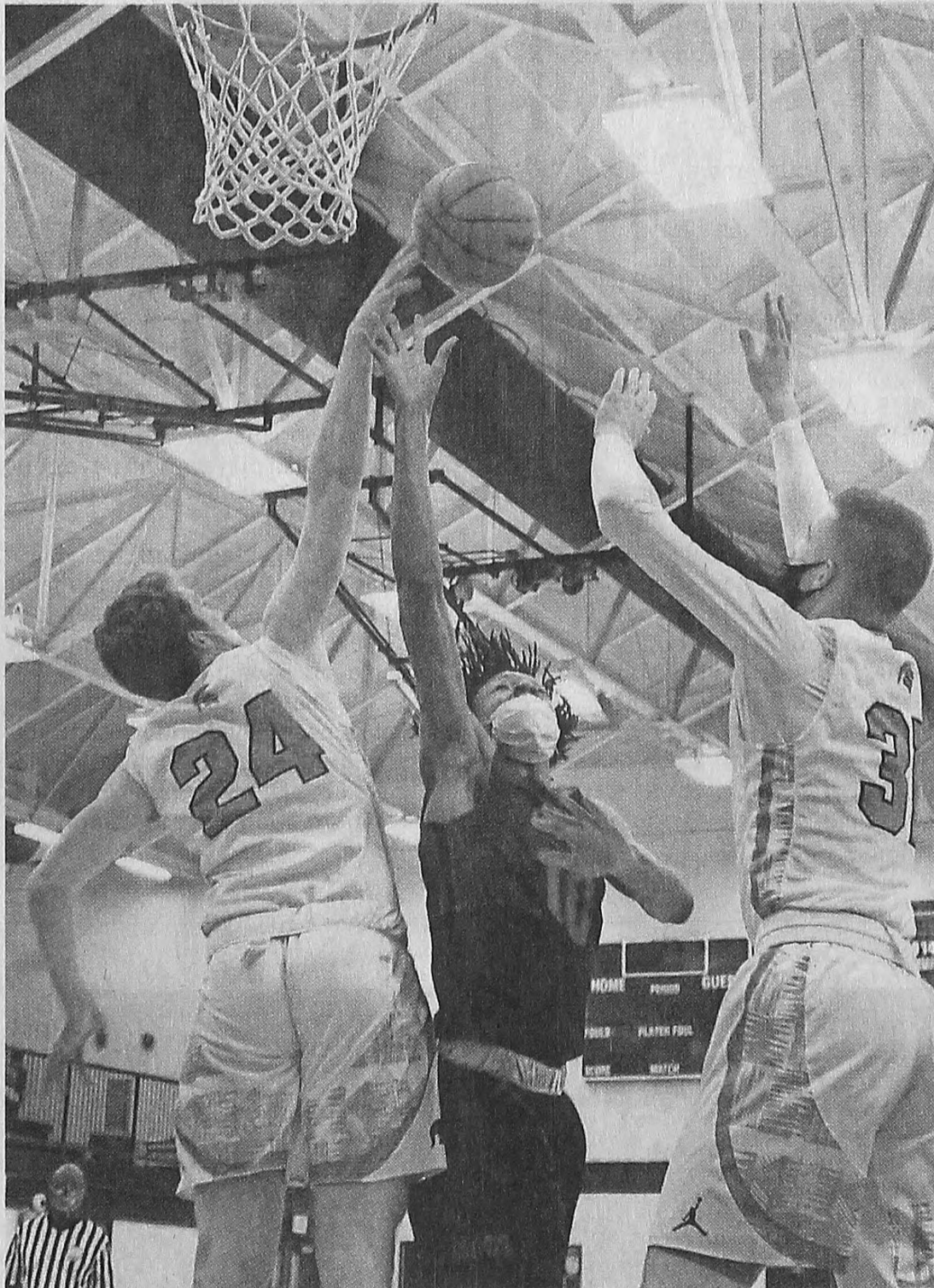
"When we are clicking we can win. We just beat Belleville and Stevenson: the top two teams in the league. Golly, if we are hitting shots, we are good."

In the second quarter, Stoxsill led the Rockets on a 13-0 run, scoring eight points on the run, stopped by a 3-point make by Stevenson senior guard Jacob Mars as time expired at halftime to give the Spartans a four-point lead.

But the third quarter was all John Glenn. The Rockets, using their speed in transition, outscored the Spartans, 21-10. Senior guard Bryan Tyler, who led the team with 17 points, connecting on eight-of-nine from the free-throw line, scored nine points for the Rockets in the third quarter.

In the second half, John Glenn outscored Stevenson, 34-16.

"What we were doing was working and we started going into their mentality, putting some pressure on and we started falling to their pressure," Stevenson head coach Eoghann Stephens said. "We took it and we started forcing shots we don't normally take. That really just turned the game because when we are taking shots we don't want to, they are taking it to the



John Glenn's D'Angelo Stoxsill, center, puts up a shot against Stevenson. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

rim and scoring."

Stevenson senior guard Devin Way cut John Glenn's lead to six early in the fourth quarter, grabbing a miss and recording the layup for the score. But an 8-0 run, including 3-point makes by senior guard Shane Myers, who scored 12, and Stoxsill, who scored 13, secured the

Rockets' double-digit victory — Stevenson's first double-digit loss of the year.

Stevenson junior guard Kenoly Jones led the team with 11 points off the bench, while Mars scored 10 for the Spartans.

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## Stevenson's Sophie Bater chooses Schoolcraft

**Colin Gay**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

When Livonia Stevenson head softball coach Kevin Hannigan meets players when they are first joining the team, he tells them to call him any time if they want to get extra hitting and pitching sessions in.

When Hannigan first met Sophie Bater, it did not take long for her to take him up on that offer.

"Literally that night, after I spoke to her during the day, she was already calling me for some gym time, to find

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## MHSAA pushes back spring sports one week

**Colin Gay**  
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The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced Monday it would delay the start of the spring sports season by one week to accommodate the end of the winter sports season.

Spring sports practices will return March 22 with competition set to begin March 26. All spring sport tournament dates will remain as scheduled, wrapping up June 19.

General conditioning will continue to be allowed, while out-of-season training — such as four-player workouts and open gyms/facilities — will continue to

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## Basketball

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### Tough stretch

While John Glenn is known to play fast, maximizing possessions and running a similar system to what Smith and the rest of the coaching staff ran with Nate Oats at Romulus, the head coach knows what his team has been through.

The Rockets played a stretch of four games in five days.

With the style of play of John Glenn and only a limited number of players to work with, Tyler said the stretch has been extremely tiring.

"It's challenging especially on our bodies," he said. "We only have nine, 10 guys and we don't have many subs like

that. The way we play is very tiring. Luckily the games are at 7 p.m. It's a little bit of rest."

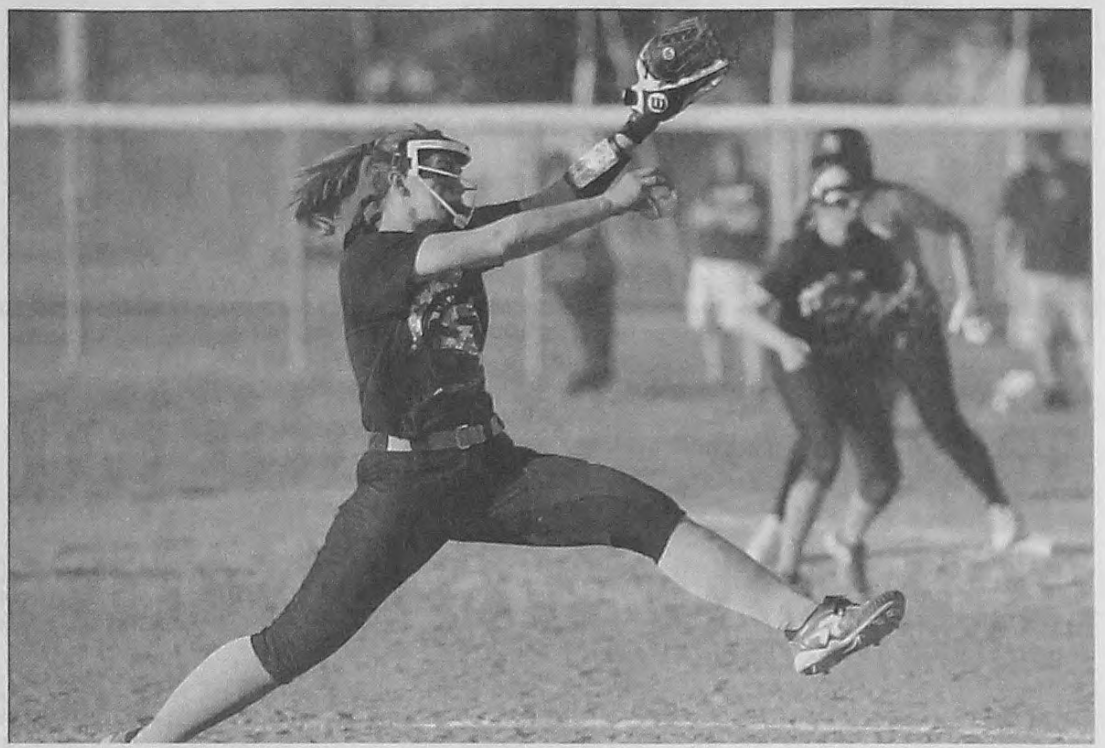
No matter how his team is feeling, Smith knows John Glenn's success depends on if the team can get into that rhythm: the ability to press defensively, force misses and transition back to offense quickly and recording fast-break layups and jumpers.

Smith knows it's tough. He knows his team is worn out.

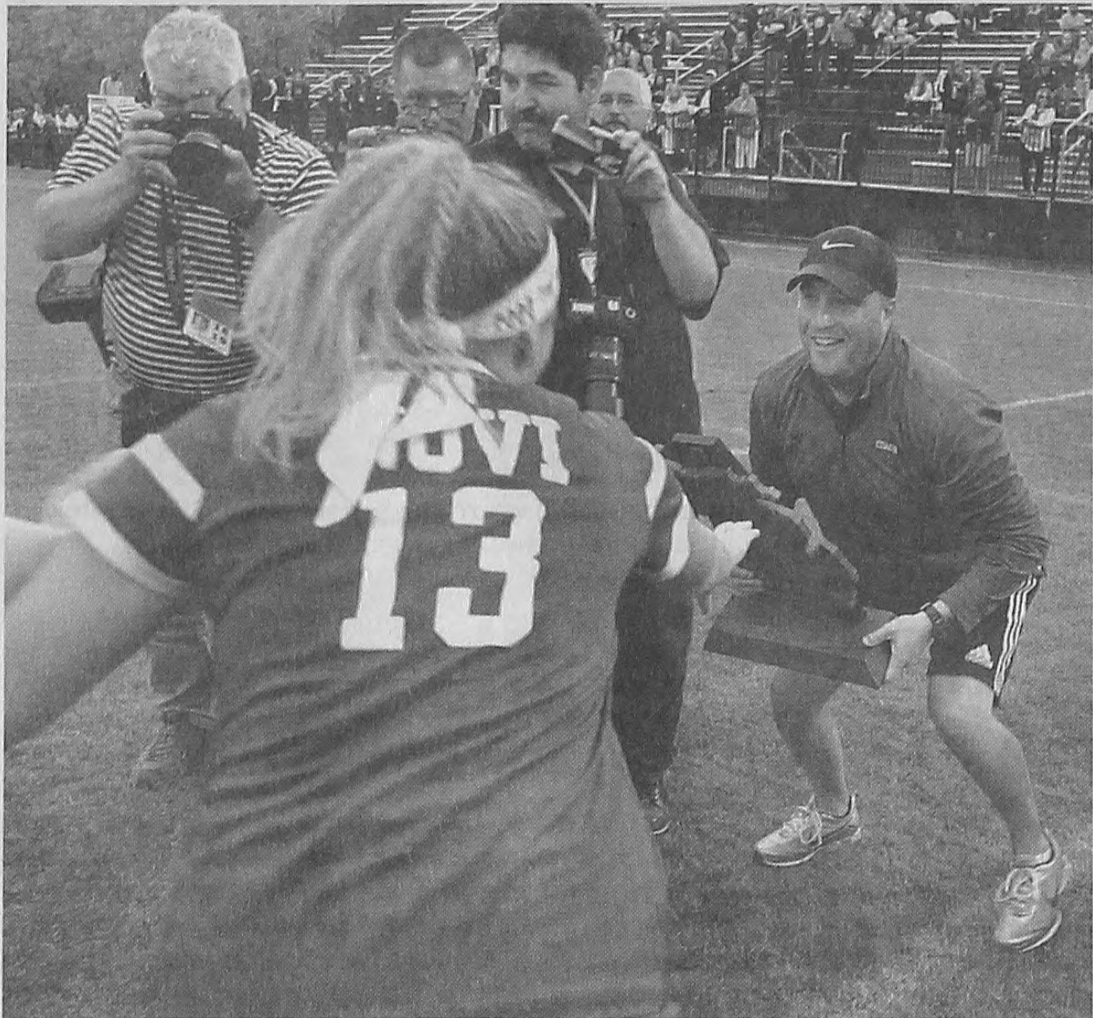
Nevertheless, he knows they still have to find the rhythm.

"They got to get into a rhythm," Smith said. "Once they get into a rhythm, people have to find a way to stop us."

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Sophie Bater has been a four-year varsity player for the Spartans, and is one of the team captains as a senior. COURTESY OF ADAMS SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY



As he holds the Division 1 Michigan Girls Soccer state title trophy in his arms, Novi coach Todd Pheiffer is about to get mobbed by his celebrating team.

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## MHSAA

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be run until March 21.

Here's a look at the playoff schedule for the 2021 spring season:

- Baseball**
  - District tournament — June 1, 4, 5
  - Regional tournament — June 9, 12
  - MHSAA Semifinals — June 17-18
  - MHSAA Finals — June 19
- Boys golf**
  - Regional tournament — May 31-June 5
  - MHSAA Finals -- June 11-12
- Boys lacrosse**
  - Regional tournament — May 20-June 2
  - MHSAA Quarterfinals — June 4-5
  - MHSAA Semifinals — June 9
  - MHSAA Finals — June 12
- Girls lacrosse**

- Regional tournament — May 20-June 5
  - MHSAA Semifinals - June 9
  - MHSAA Finals -- June 12
  - Girls soccer**
    - District tournament — May 26-28 and June 1-5
    - Regional tournament — June 8-12
    - MHSAA Semifinals — June 15-16
    - MHSAA Finals — June 18-19
  - Softball**
    - District tournament — June 1, 4, 5
    - Regional tournament — June 12
    - Quarterfinals -- June 15
    - MHSAA Semifinals — June 17-18
    - MHSAA Finals -- June 19
  - Track and field**
    - Regional tournament — May 20-22
    - Regional Entries Due — TBD
    - MHSAA Finals — June 5
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## Softball

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some space as a freshman," Hannigan said. "Right then I knew she was driven. Her goals were going to be high."

Four years later, Bater, a four-year letter winner for the Spartans, a three-time Scholar Athlete recipient and a former first-team All Division player, will get the chance to continue her softball career at Schoolcraft under head coach Rey Linares.

For Bater, softball was in the cards early on. Her mother, Melissa, a former pitcher at Eastern Michigan, introduced the sport to her at a young age, coaching Sophie's youth teams until she was 12.

Sophie Bater had the physical tools in her favor as well, reaching 5-foot-5 as a 10-year-old first baseman and pitcher.

"When I was playing first, I had a lot more balls that would not get past me, which was great," she said. "Pitching, I had a longer stride and longer arm to whip it around. Hitting was stronger because I had a lot more body behind it."

What Melissa Bater saw in her daughter was someone who loved to play the game, continuing to progress while she grew. Bater said she helped her develop skills on the mound, along with pitching coaches Jessica Volpe and Alec Lesko at Total Sports Softball.

When Hannigan got the chance to see what Bater could do at Stevenson, he said he had a gut feeling that she would be successful from the moment she first stepped onto the field, following in the footsteps of the nine other Spartan softball players who have gone on to play at the college level in his five-year tenure.

On the field, Hannigan said Bater provides mental toughness and maturity to the game, along with a sense of composure on the mound that not many players have.

In 2019, Bater's sophomore season, the Spartans finished undefeated in division play, earning its highest win total in school history with 16 before losing to South Lyon East in the district semifinal.

But to Bater, that comes down to trusting in her personal ability, along with the ability of the teammates around her.

"When you are pitching, you can't think of what everyone else's job is. Like, 'OK, they are supposed to field it, they are supposed to catch it, they are supposed to throw it,'" Bater said. "You just have to figure out where the next pitch is going to be because nothing really starts until you throw the ball. If they hit it, great, you have (eight) other players behind you to back you up."

Ahead of choosing a college, Bater said she was focused on smaller schools across the Midwest, allowing herself to be focused on her studies without softball being her "job." She was noticed by Schoolcraft starting her freshman year when Linares watched Bater pitch, saying he was right on her from the start.

While the recruiting process was different than she expected, Melissa Bater is proud of all the obstacles her daughter has had to go through, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am super proud of her for everything she has accomplished, the hard work," Melissa Bater said. "It has not been an easy road. She has had to work hard."

"It's made her stronger in the end." With Sophie Bater already knowing where she will go to college ahead of her senior season at Stevenson, Hannigan said he has already seen a jump in her step, seeing that there's no more pressure from the recruiting process weighing her down.

To Bater, after not being able to play a junior season due to the pandemic, there is something to prove when she takes the field for the Spartans in March, something that has affected the entire team.

"Every single one of them wants to be there since they didn't get to play last year," Bater said. "I'm one of the captains and I rarely have to tell them to hustle or to help out. They are always there ready to go."

This season, Hannigan said that the team motto will be "All in," something Bater came up with. Ahead of her final season with Stevenson, the head coach feels it fits her entire career with the team.

## Memorial

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on three-of-six tries from the free-throw line — the Zebras had already taken a 27-5 lead.

Of Wayne Memorial's 32 first-quarter points, 12 came off of offensive rebounds — a stat the Zebras dominated Belleville, recording 24-of-47 boards off misses. In the first eight minutes, senior forward and Minnesota commit Alanna Micheaux scored nine points, finishing the game with 23 points and 19 rebounds.

"We kind of just viewed it as another game for us to get better," Austin said. "It wasn't coming in saying we wanted to dominate. We just wanted to get better."

The dominance continued in the second quarter, outsourcing the Tigers, 25-9 to take a 39-point halftime lead.

Much of the Zebras' success has to do with pace — scoring fast and transitioning quickly back to defense, leading to 18 steals, including five by Micheaux.

But a lot of it has to do with team chemistry too, something Austin, an Eastern Michigan commit, has developed with Micheaux, taking a cross-court pass from the big and recording the layup and the foul late in the second quarter.

Despite a running clock in the second half, Wayne Memorial continued to extend its lead, using the final 16 minutes to record a 27-7 run, allowing only three



Alanna Micheaux led Wayne Memorial with 23 points and 19 rebounds, seen here in a 2019-20 regular season game against John Glenn. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Belleville field goals in the entire second half.

Wayne Memorial finished the game with four double-digit scorers: Micheaux; Austin, who had 17; sophomore

Samyah Jefferson, who came off the bench and scored 12; and junior Davai Matthews, who scored 11, connecting on five-of-six from two-point range.

Micheaux said having Matthews in

the pain with her provides the rest of the team a security blanket in the paint, knowing that all the work in the post is not solely on the senior.

"I feel like I can trust Davai that if I miss, I know she is going to pick up the rebound," Micheaux said.

Belleville senior Danielle Bryant led the Tigers with nine points.

While Mitchell likes to think this will remain consistent for Wayne Memorial moving forward, he knows how inconsistent girls basketball can be at times.

"This is girls basketball. You would like for it to be like that all the time, but it's not like that all the time," Mitchell said. "For whatever reason, the girls, now this was a real big game for them."

But for Wayne Memorial, this season is different. Despite not knowing if the Zebras were going to have a season or not, Austin said she and the rest of the team prepared for one, working to improve no matter what.

Over the course of the 2021 season, having won seven straight averaging 75.7 points per game while allowing only 31.3 points per game, Austin says the Zebras' output is just a showcase of the work put in.

And moving forward, she feels, Wayne Memorial will continue to show off.

"Don't count us out," Austin said. Contact reporter Colin Gay at [cgay@hometownlife.com](mailto:cgay@hometownlife.com) or 248-330-6710. Follow him on Twitter @ColinGay17. Send game results and stats to [Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com](mailto:Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com).

# Trevor Leigh shines for Milford basketball, football

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Trevor Leigh is a late bloomer when it comes to organized sports, joining his first basketball team in sixth grade and his first tackle football team in seventh.

To him, the two sports went hand in hand. He never wanted to drop one to focus on the other. Leigh never really knew which one he was better at until much later.

"I didn't realize I was better at football until the end of my junior year and I was like, 'Maybe I could play college,'" Leigh said.

Coming out of his senior season of football at Milford, Leigh will get the chance to play at the college level, signing his letter of intent to play on the offensive line at Northern Michigan. But that doesn't mean his basketball career is over.

Heading into the 2021 season, his final transition between the two seasons is happening, one that from the outside may seem difficult — transforming a lineman into a rim-protecting forward. But to Leigh, it's something he's always done.

Instead of seeing two separate sports with two separate mindsets, two separate approaches, Leigh sees two outlets where he can showcase "Milford toughness," something he's learned ever since stepping onto the Mavericks' football field and basketball court four years ago.

## From the field to the court

Milford head basketball coach Dave Gilbert refers to Leigh as "Big Trev."

From the moment he saw Leigh post up against former Milford center and current Lawrence Tech forward Gunner Gustafson as a sophomore and Gustafson telling his coach Leigh was the toughest kid to go against, Gilbert knew he had someone he could work with.

Gilbert knew he had a player who brought a distinct attitude and an infectious attitude to the rest of the roster.

"Trevor can move people," Gilbert said. "He uses his body extremely well. He sets some nasty screens because he brings that football mentality. He's not afraid to get in someone's way. He might get called for one or two moving one's in a game. Guess what: that doesn't really bother me."

At 6-foot-5, Leigh is by no means the smallest player on the basketball court, playing offensive tackle and defensive end for the Mavericks in the fall. But he's usually not the tallest. He usually can't out jump the opposing post player, admitting he weighs a lot more than the guys he's up against.

Instead, he has to be tough, willing to physically move a player out of the paint, something Leigh said is representative of the generic football player that takes the basketball court during the winter season.

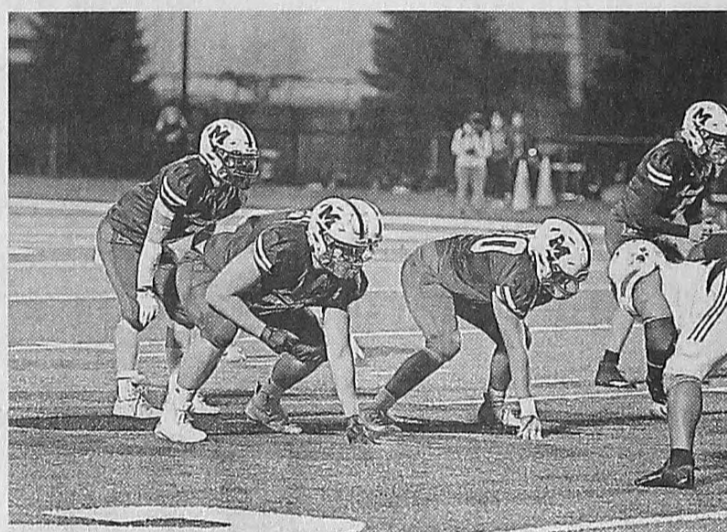
"Usually, they are stronger than the ones who don't," Leigh said. "You can just tell sometimes they are more physical, more tough in a lot of ways... They want to have more contact, they invite more contact and they are usually stronger as well."

But basketball has its effect on the football field, too. Milford head football coach Garfrey Smith said he has seen Leigh go through the maturation process from sophomore to senior year, using footwork techniques developed in the gym — boxing out in the paint — played out on the line, along with his ability to condi-



Milford senior Trevor Leigh will provide the Mavericks with a big presence in the paint in 2021.

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Milford senior Trevor Leigh will play on the line at Northern Michigan starting next season.

tion and get stronger.

Gilbert always knew that Leigh was a football player playing basketball.

Over the summer, he would talk football with his senior forward, asking him about the recruiting process, giving him advice on talking to schools.

Leigh knew this too, saying that an invite to a camp at the University of Cincinnati that was eventually canceled due to COVID-10 secured his path to follow in the footsteps of his dad, who played college football at Central Michigan.

To Smith, what separates Leigh is his knowledge of football, teaching others on the field what they should do and how it affects the other players on the field.

"Trevor understood the game where a lot of kids at their age didn't understand the game," Smith said. "That's the big thing for Northern is they are getting a kid that understands the game. Once they teach how they want it done, it's going to happen."

## Family atmosphere

It did not take long for Leigh to realize Marquette would be home.

He first visited Northern Michigan over Christmas break, receiving an offer from the school soon after his senior season was over. While he took other visits afterwards, his mind continuously went back to the Wildcats.

"I'm a huge outdoorsman, and everything about Marquette and their football program, I immediately loved," Leigh said. "They have a family atmosphere, which was a huge thing that I wanted to see in a program because it's something I see a lot in our basketball program."

To Gilbert, Leigh was a big part of that team culture, describing him as a "teddy bear," with an ability to flip a switch when it comes to practices and games.

Smith said he brings that to the football field as well. "Every day after practice, Trevor would come up to each coach, say, 'Thank you,' and shake our hands. That's the kind of thing you don't see very often," Smith said. "Trevor wasn't big on emotions. Just seeing him do that was huge for us."

"I'm going to miss that kind of attitude and that kind of good-spirited athlete."

Leigh's attitude was something that Milford helped develop, knowing that his school didn't have the best athletes and didn't have the most talent.

Instead, he had to be tough, something that will show up in Marquette when he gets there, but will first show up when he takes the floor for the Mavericks this winter.

"I'm big, but I'm never the biggest or strongest guy," Leigh said. "But my toughness really stands out as the reason why I am playing at the next level."

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# Late offense sparks Marian, beats Mercy in double-OT

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Izabel Toma needed to see someone else shine before it was her time in the spotlight.

The Marian girls basketball senior watched the final seconds of regulation while down by three points as junior Grace Rotter hit a 3 to tie the game at the buzzer, forcing overtime.

Surviving a first overtime period with seven free throw makes on eight tries, Toma had her chance, hitting two 3s against rival Mercy (1-2), leading Marian (3-1) to the 64-59, double-overtime road win.

Marian led only three times in the entire contest, only one of which came in regulation at 2-0.

"It helps pull us together, as you saw," Toma said. "We come together as a team always. After that first 3 by Grace Rotter at the end of the game, it just helped know we are there for each other and we can pull through for each other."

From the second possession of the game, Marian had to pull together.

Junior forward Sarah Sylvester twisted her left ankle after an awkward landing off a layup try, sidelining her for the rest of the contest and leaving the Mustangs without one of its biggest rebounding weapons — something, head coach Mary Cicerone said, Mercy struggled with in their first meeting the previous Friday.

"I'm so proud of the kids," Cicerone said. "They didn't get down losing Sarah, because she's a key for us. They kept working hard and tried to step in her spot."

But Marian struggled to find its footing offensively. Through three quarters, the Mustangs had trouble navigating Mercy's defensive pressure, scoring 26 points heading into the final eight minutes on six field goals made — all of which came in the first half.

In the third quarter, Marian did not make a single shot, scoring all of its 10 points from the free-throw line, seven of which came from junior Anna Herberholtz, who led the Mustangs with 21 points.

Marian finished the game with 27 free throw makes



Maya White, right, goes in for a layup as Marian's Izabel Toma guards. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

on 38 attempts.

In the first three quarters, Mercy head coach Gary Morris, whose team allowed 53 points to the Mustangs Friday night, said his team performed well defensively, but still came up short in not keeping offensive players in front of them and letting Marian players get by off the bounce.

Morris used the advantage of having Sylvester sidelined, using sophomore Maya White in the post, who led the team with 16 points.

Momentum turned early in the fourth quarter. Marian used a 12-6 run, including five points by Herberholtz, to come to within three, and an 8-0 run at

the end of the quarter, capped by Rotter's buzzer beat-er to tie the game at 46.

"We just didn't get in a good flow early," Cicerone said. "We lost our people, kept giving up layups... we had a lot of mental mistakes both offensively and defensively."

"But I think what was the big deal, they just kept playing hard and hard. They missed a lot of shots, but so did Mercy. It was an ugly kind of game. We just hung in there."

Cicerone saw what Rotter's 3 did for the Marian bench. She knew that Toma was a streaky shooter, but thought she was due to make a splash, especially after the team's offensive woes through regulation.

Toma knew she needed to step up when it counted most.

"It was huge because I know I have to contribute to my team, and my 3s are one of the biggest things I got," Toma said. "Against our rival, we weren't going to come to lose. Last time playing on this court, always come to play."

While he felt his team played hard with seniors Alexis Roberts and Julia Bishop combining for nine free throws on 10 attempts in the fourth quarter, Morris said this game was still a tough pill to swallow in an unusual 2021 season.

"This is uncharted territory, this whole season is," Morris said. "Don't have much time... Learn from this one, get that bitter taste out of our mouth and get back to work tomorrow."

After the game, Cicerone was honest: There was not much to take from this win on the court. It was ugly basketball with mistakes throughout the 40 minutes played.

But one thing Cicerone did learn is that her team could win despite all that went wrong.

"Even though things weren't looking good, they just kept playing hard," Cicerone said. "They kept making mistakes, but they kept playing hard, and that's all I can ask."

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2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2021 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Conference Room, 201 S Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, March 2nd Organizational meeting 12:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 3rd First meeting 3-9 pm
- Thursday, March 4th Second meeting, 9-4 pm
- Monday, March 15th Final meeting 9-12 pm-

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Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Stallion, e.g.
- 6 Saudi, e.g.
- 10 Floats gently
- 15 Livens (up)
- 19 Optic layers
- 20 Female adult
- 21 Accustom
- 22 Roman 951
- 23 Sweet capsicum variety
- 25 Bacon piece
- 26 Give kudos
- 27 Queen, in Spanish
- 28 Mickey & Sylvia hit of 1957
- 31 Don —
- 32 Suddenly become alert
- 35 Tetley pouch
- 36 Extremely scarce
- 41 President pro —
- 43 Brainsy bunch
- 44 Bit of Vail gear
- 45 The "sum" of "Cogito, ergo sum"
- 46 Bona —
- 47 Christmas poem opener
- 49 Sinister powers
- 54 Wooed with tunes

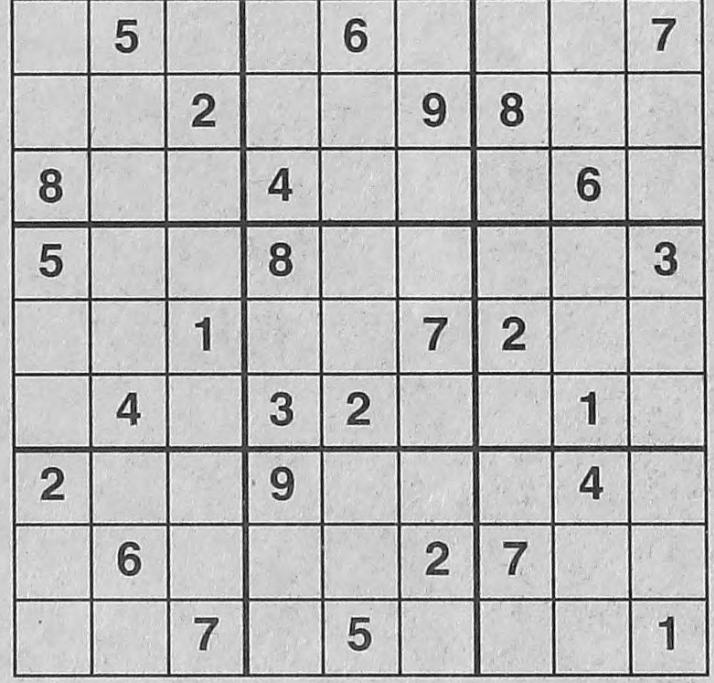
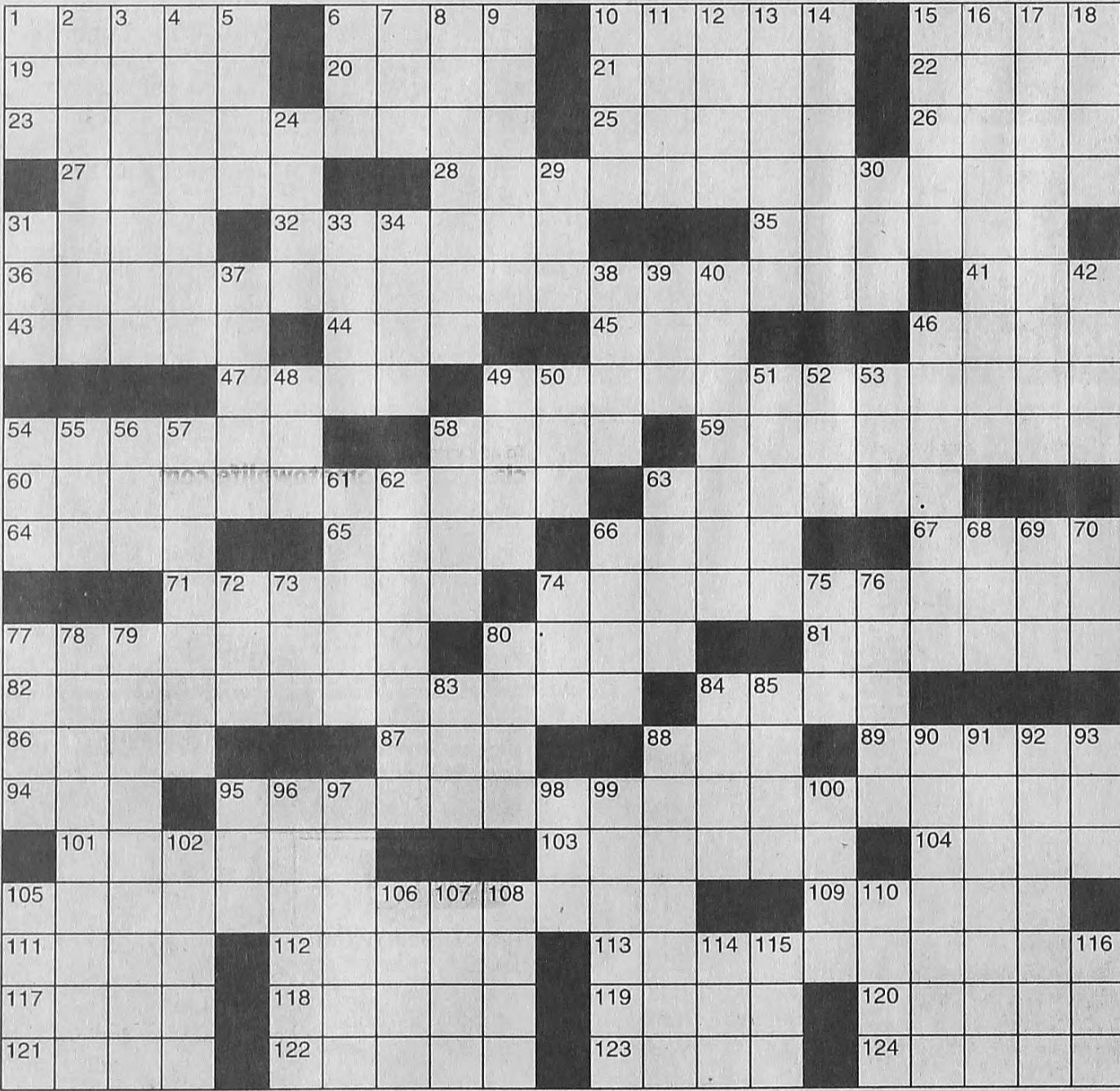
- 58 Comic blows
- 59 Fragrant
- 60 Best Actress nominee for "Breaking the Waves"
- 63 Turn aside
- 64 Category
- 65 Hit, as a gnat
- 66 Place
- 67 Lure for fish
- 71 Deodorant target
- 74 Song from "Oklahoma!"
- 77 How fast a plane is flying
- 80 Govt. agent
- 81 Comic Gilda
- 82 Deep pessimism
- 84 Installed, as brick
- 86 Actor Ladd
- 87 Soft throw
- 88 Chum
- 89 Lhasa — (small dogs)
- 94 Visibly angry
- 95 Highly venomous cephalopod
- 101 Filled the fuel tank, with "up"
- 103 User of four-letter words
- 104 "— Smile Be Your Umbrella"

- 105 "Guys and Dolls" guy
- 109 Rockers Clapton and Burdon
- 111 Fitzgerald of jazz
- 112 Cliffside nest
- 113 What you do when you look at the ends of nine long answers in this puzzle
- 117 Regal Norse name
- 118 Adorn fussily
- 119 Morales in movies
- 120 Haggard of country
- 121 Where AT&T is "T"
- 122 Squiggly letters
- 123 Breeding 1-Across
- 124 Carne — (Baja dish)

- 7 Drake's music
- 8 University in Nassau County
- 9 Mechanical way to learn
- 10 Prudent
- 11 Part of ABM
- 12 Animal coats
- 13 French for "sad"
- 14 Days of the week, e.g.
- 15 Campus workstation locale
- 16 Tending to radiate something
- 17 Provided juice for?
- 18 Pro or con
- 24 Give relief to
- 29 Composer Carl Maria — Weber
- 30 Cheer shout
- 31 Printer clog
- 33 Org. in "The Martian"
- 34 With 53-Down, requests
- 37 Broken-down
- 38 Knights, e.g.
- 39 Tic-toe link
- 40 Retired professors
- 42 Defrost
- 46 Was achy or regretful

- 48 "Holy cow!"
- 49 Hoof or paw
- 50 Totally dominate
- 51 Good craps roll
- 52 Keats work
- 53 See 34-Down
- 54 Place
- 55 Novelist Tan
- 56 Small bite
- 57 Comedic actor Jackie
- 58 H.S. junior's exam
- 61 It has fluttery leaves
- 62 Twirl, as one's thumbs
- 63 Naturalist Fossey
- 66 Con game
- 68 "Anthem" writer Rand
- 69 Suffix with hero
- 70 The Raptors, on NBA schedules
- 72 Engine stat
- 73 "— culpa"
- 74 "I think," in texts
- 75 Half of hexa-
- 76 Anwar of Egypt
- 77 Culture base
- 78 In a criminal way
- 79 Book full of street maps

- 80 Desert in Mongolia
- 83 Palme —
- 84 Sonny boys
- 85 Balm plant
- 88 Most cheeky
- 90 Maintains order over
- 91 Prisms' color bands
- 92 Was a better peddler than
- 93 Org. issuing nine-digit IDs
- 95 Youth org. with troops
- 96 Delaware Valley tribe
- 97 Cows' milk deliverers
- 98 Pvt.'s superior
- 99 False appearances
- 100 Street — (urban acceptance)
- 102 Cut off stubble
- 105 An inert gas
- 106 Certain dwarf planet
- 107 Clock info
- 108 Gym lifter's units
- 110 Tomato variety
- 114 Water, in Nantes
- 115 Give relief to
- 116 Irish actor Stephen



Here's How It Works: 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 solve the puzzle!

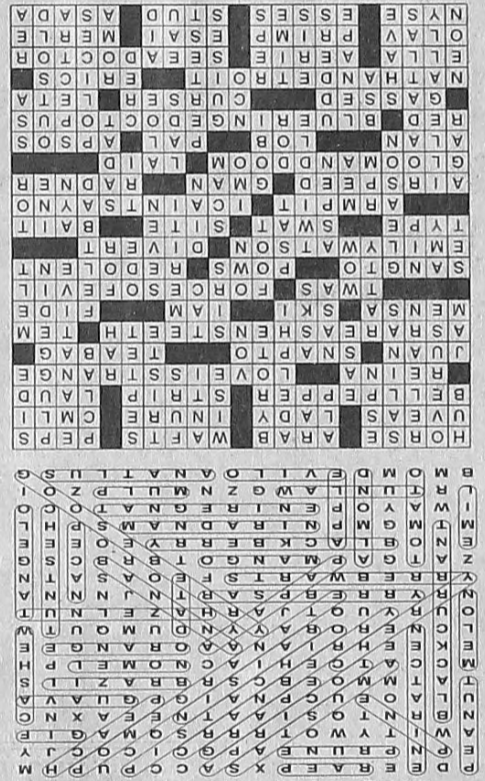
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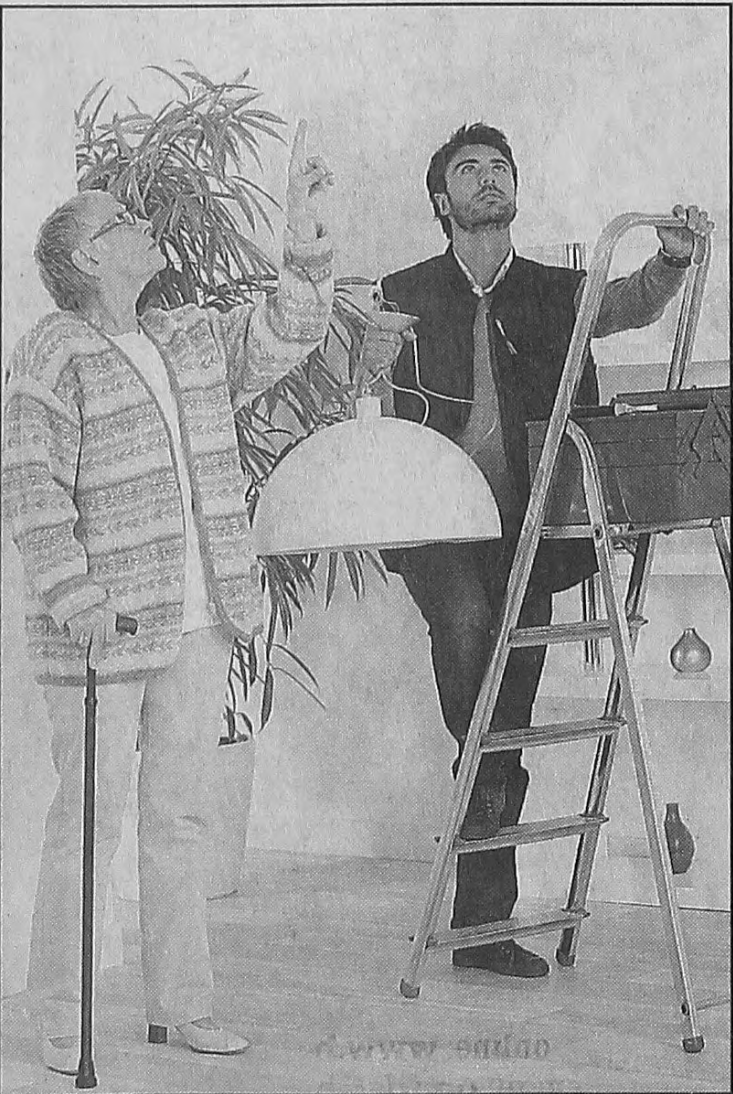
### ANSWER KEY

- ALMOND
- APPLE
- APRICOT
- BANANA
- BLACKBERRY
- BLACKCURRANT
- BRAZIL
- CASHEW
- CHERRY
- CHESTNUT
- CRANBERRY
- DATE
- FIG
- GOOSEBERRY
- GRAPE
- GUAVA
- HAZELNUT
- LEMON
- LIME
- MANDARIN
- MANGO
- MELON
- NECTARINE
- OLIVE
- ORANGE
- PAPAYA
- PEACH
- PEANUT
- PEAR
- PECAN
- PINE
- PISTACHIO
- PLUM
- POMEGRANATE
- PRUNE
- RAISIN
- RASPBERRY
- SATSUMA
- STRAWBERRY
- SULTANA
- TANGERINE
- TANGELO
- TOMATO
- WALNUT



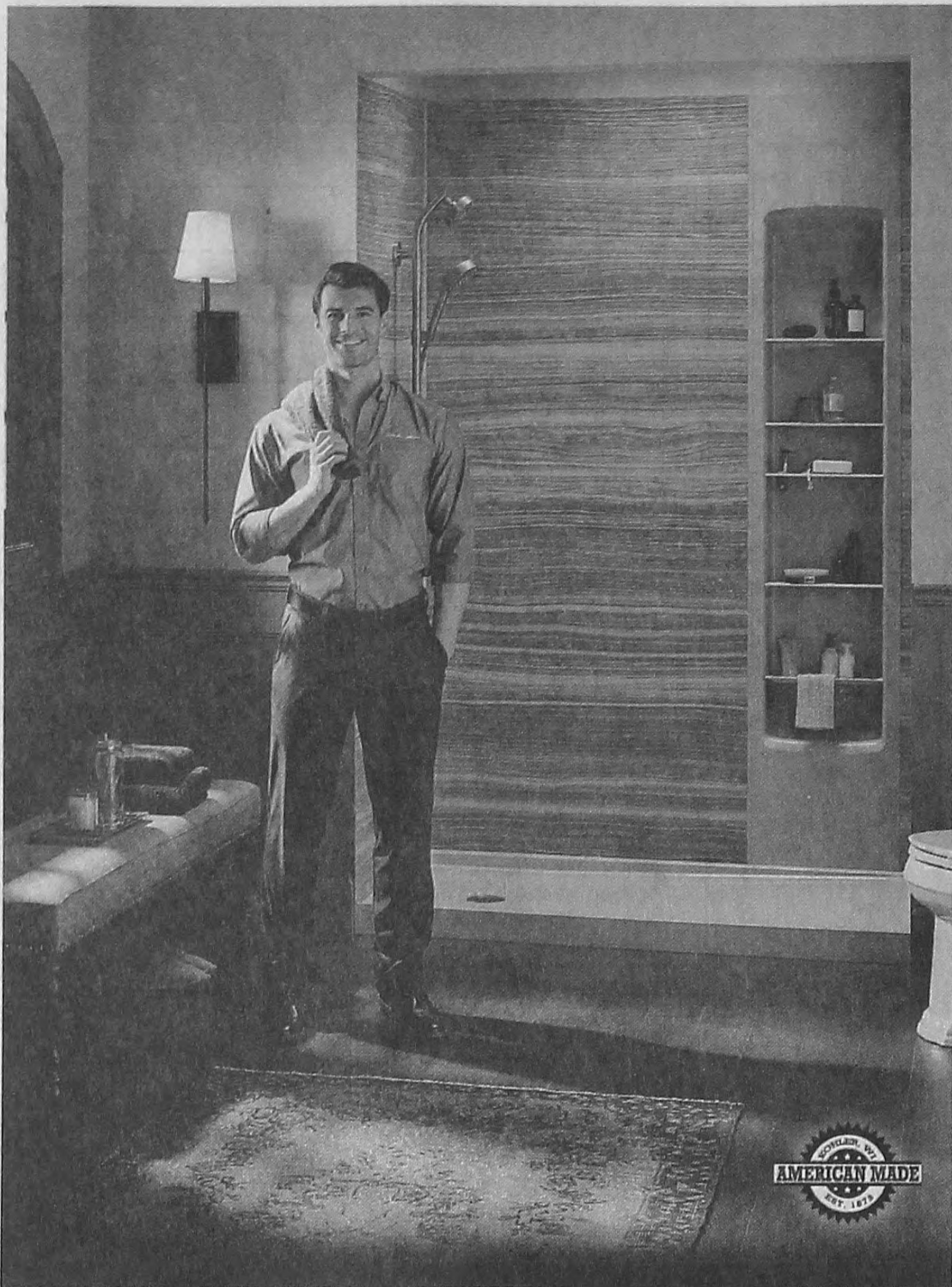
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	8	7	3	4	5	9	7	6	8
4	6	7	8	2	1	9	5	3	4
2	1	5	9	3	7	6	8	4	5
7	4	8	2	3	9	5	1	6	7
9	8	2	7	4	5	1	6	8	3
5	2	1	4	7	3	8	9	6	5
8	7	9	5	1	3	4	6	2	8
6	7	1	8	5	4	9	3	2	6
1	5	4	2	6	8	6	8	3	7

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