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New tax plan will help revitalize downtown

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In small cities like Farmington, the downtown is everything. The small, 2.7 square mile community uses its popular downtown to draw in residents and visitors for meals at independent restaurants, movies at the charming Civic Theater and getting fresh air at Riley Park.

The downtown development authority, or DDA, is financed through property taxes. As property values rise, some of the extra tax revenue is funneled to the DDA through tax increment financ-

ing (TIF) to help keep the place thriving.

"It's been a highly effective means to reinvest in our downtown," Kate Knight, Farmington's DDA director, said.

Farmington City Council recently approved the DDA's amended TIF plan. That plan that will sunset in 2039. This fiscal year, downtown will make about \$400,000 through TIF funds.

Restoring, developing downtown

As it has in the past, the DDA plans to use some of its fund for refurbishing grants offered to local business owners. The grants pay for 20% of a business owner's major restoration or improve-

ment project. Most recently, The Vines Flower and Garden Shop on Grand River Avenue used one of the grants in 2020 for a remodel.

"That's one of my favorite facets of this program," Knight said. "I think it's one of the most tangible things we can do with these public dollars."

Knight said the DDA also keeps funds to purchase land and develop it when opportunities arise. She said a prime example is the building that is now Los Tres Amigos on Grand River Avenue.

"That building was purchased by the DDA. It eventually resulted in the rede-

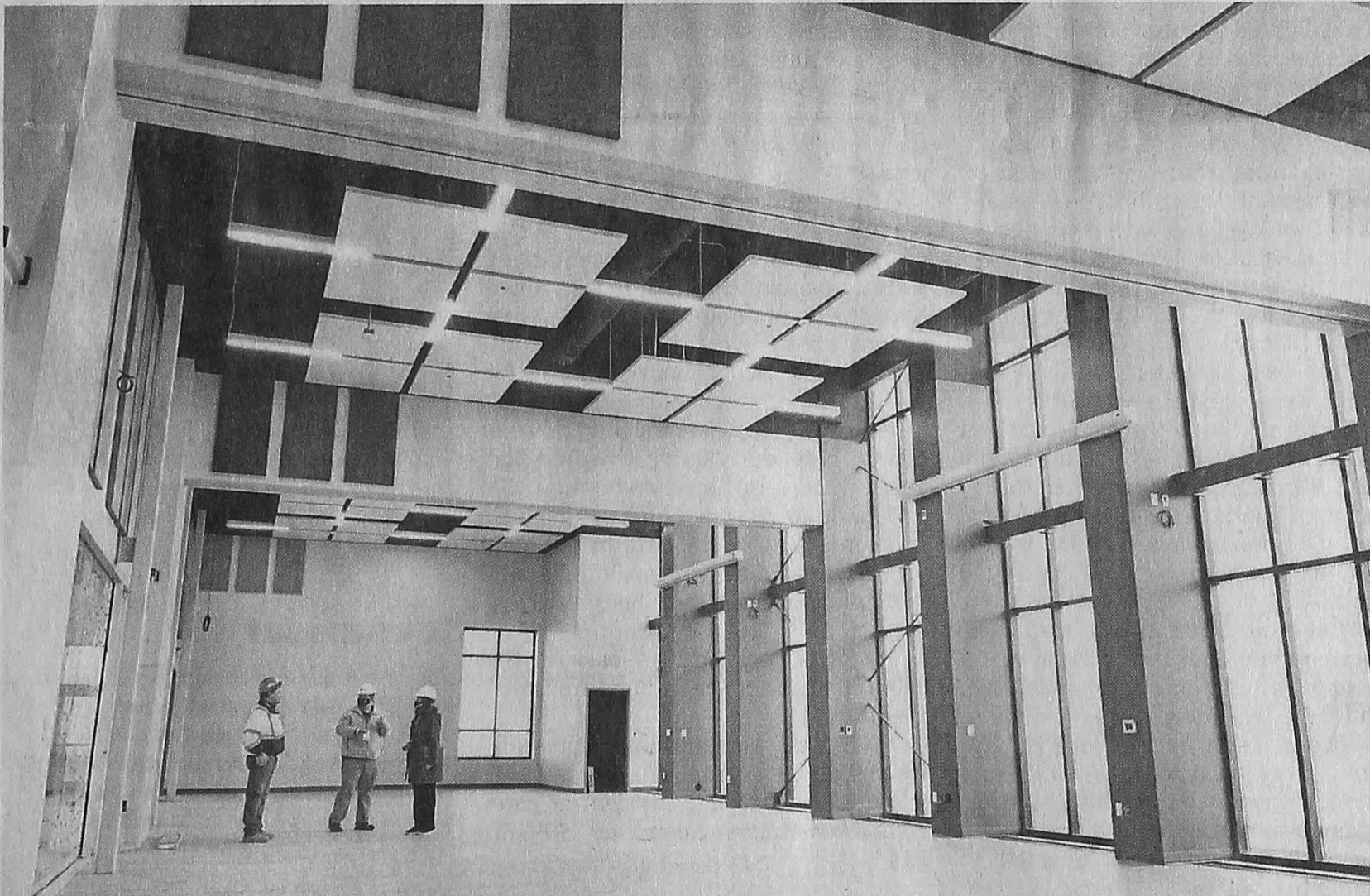
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Downtown Farmington along Grand River Avenue. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

TAKE A LOOK INSIDE

Madonna University's new Welcome Center may open this summer



The "Great Room" at the Madonna University Welcome Center. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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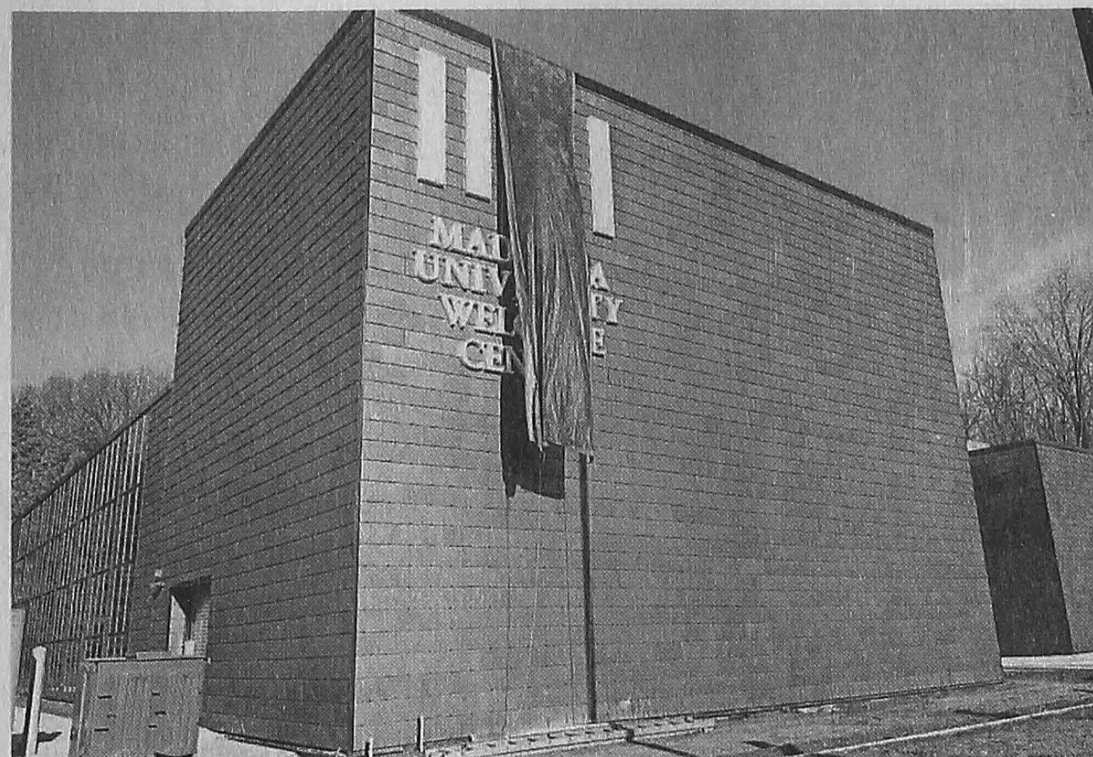
Madonna University's Welcome Center is almost ready to put out the welcome mat, perhaps as early as this summer at its Livonia campus.

The Catholic university started construction on its welcome center nearly two years ago. A groundbreaking was held in May 2019, marking the public beginning of a project that will relocate some employees to the new building off Schoolcraft Road, as well as serve as a repository and museum for the history on the founders of the university in 1937.

"I love what I'm seeing now," said Karen Sanborn, the university's director of communications, while walking the building.

The university recently provided

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The nearly complete Madonna University Welcome Center on the southwestern end of its campus. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Sports shop, salon open in well-known Garden City building

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Difficulty trying to find gear celebrating universities in the Mid-American Conference that led to the creation of one of Garden City's newest businesses.

Scott Archer said he would spend time searching area sports apparel shops for Central Michigan University gear, where he briefly attended. He could only find gear for the state's two Big Ten schools.

That's when he decided to do something about it. So the Lutheran Westland High School alumnus launched Carrot Stick Sports, a sports apparel shop specializing in gear not typically

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Canton grad and wife honored with children's book award

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Once upon a time, the husband-and-wife duo of Darrin and Karen Brege decided to dive into the ultra-competitive children's book industry.

Fifteen years and 15 published books later, the duo's creativity and hard work has earned them the coveted Michigan Reading Association's 2021 Gwen Frostic Award, which was presented virtually on March 13.

The award is part of the annual celebration of reading month each March.

Darrin, an illustrator, is a 1986 graduate of Canton High School, and Karen, a writer and native of Troy, were highly-sought-after presenters at

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Teen admits to taking cell phone from dead teen

Susan Vela

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Timothy Stevenson admitted his role in the fatal Westland shooting that took the life of Novi teen Robert Bigham.

Stevenson said during a March 25 court hearing over Zoom that Bigham, 17, had already been shot when he stepped outside of his home the night of June 7 and saw the other teen lying on the ground.

He confessed to taking Bigham's cell phone, which he remembered lying near Bigham's body.

"At the time you took it, though, you intended to keep it," prosecutor Anna Bickerstaff asked.

"For a moment," Stevenson said. "I



Stevenson

was going to give it to his mother. I called his mother up ..."

Stevenson's attorney demanded that he stop speaking, and the defendant complied.

Stevenson, 18, pleaded guilty to a larceny from the person charge, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years. A tampering with evidence charge is supposed to be dismissed.

His sentencing is scheduled for April 22, and probation is a probability.

In the meantime, he has been working while out on bond. A judge has agreed to cut Stevenson's tether.

Westland police found Bigham dead from gunshot wounds in the area of



Jones

Grand Traverse Street and Missaukee Court at around 8:55 p.m. June 7. The teen was shot while riding his bicycle.

Two other teens were charged.

Duan Markeith Jones, 19, of Westland faces charges of weapons, evidence tampering and first-degree premeditated murder.

He also is dealing with criminal sexual conduct and assault charges in other 2020 cases.

Jones appeared over Zoom on March 29, where a prosecutor officially announced a possible plea deal. If Jones pleads guilty to second-degree murder and a felony firearm count at his next April 19 court date, he would spend 25 to

40 years in prison, plus an additional two years.

The sentence would run concurrent with other possible sentences.

The third co-defendant was a Wayne teen bound over on charges of being an accessory after the fact and for weapons. Both were felony charges.

A search of online Third Circuit Court records could not successfully call up the third co-defendant's case, despite searches for the person's name and the Oct. 9 date when Jones and Stevenson's cases were filed in the higher court.

The three defendants were bound over from Westland's district court on Oct. 9.

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Garden City police investigating apparent murder-suicide

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Garden City police are investigating an apparent murder-suicide that happened March 31 outside a Windsor Street home.

According to police, they received a 911 call at about 12:29 p.m. because a man was firing a weapon at a woman along Windsor Street, near Henry Ruff Road.

Upon arrival, they found a man and woman dead from gunshot wounds. A firearm was nearby.

A preliminary investigation indicates the two had a domestic relationship and they were not from Garden City.

The woman apparently had a job that involved the Windsor Street home.

An investigation continues.

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Award

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Michigan elementary and middle schools before the emergence of the coronavirus pandemic in March of 2020.

Among the couple's most-popular works are the chapter-book series "Mick Morris Myth Solver" and "Ghost Board Posse", and the picture book, "Bigfoot and the Mitten".

"We feel a big reason we were nominated for the Frostic Award is because of the reputation we developed from our in-school presentations," said Darrin Brege, who attended Field Elementary and East Middle schools in Plymouth.

"Students laughed and had fun while we promoted reading literacy, so the students walked out thinking, 'Maybe reading is a good thing,'" Karen Brege added.

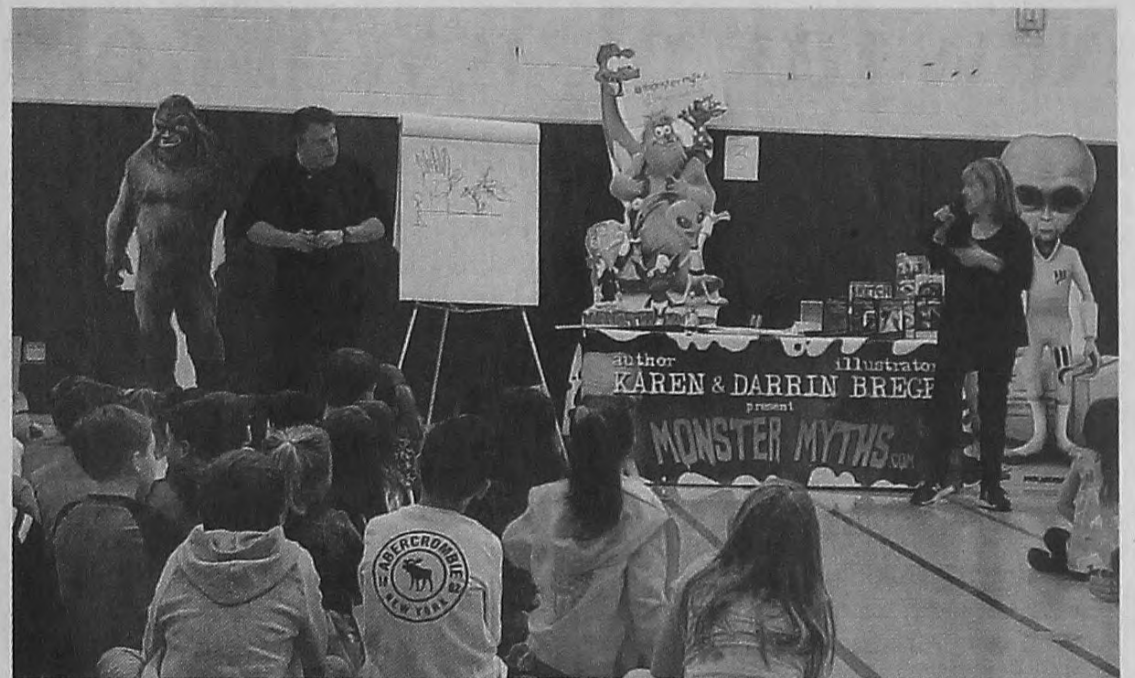
"Your nominators provided much evidence of your powerful influence on students teachers, administrators and parents in your community," said Michigan Reading Association President Colby Sharp in his letter congratulating the Breges on receiving the Frostic Award. "Your dedication to this is highlighted by these efforts for literacy education and promotion in your community."

The Breges, who live in Brighton and are the proud parents of their 25-year-old son, Mick, met close to 30 years ago at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, where Karen was a member of an improvisational troupe. Darrin had recently returned to Michigan from Los Angeles, where he was an animator for Disney.

"We were holding auditions because we needed a player for our improv group," Karen recounted. "When Darrin walked in, he looked totally L.A., wearing a black leather Harley jacket, a bandana, snakeskin boots. I told the other members of the troupe that there was no way he was going to make it."

"But it turned out he was the funniest one there. Two weeks later, we all went out after after a show and Darrin and I started doing voices. I did Natasha and he did Boris (from "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle and Friends" cartoon) and we've been together ever since."

In 2005, the Breges decided to merge their talents — Darrin is a cre-



Darrin and Karen Brege presented their books at schools until the COVID-19 pandemic emerged in March of 2020. PROVIDED PHOTOS

ative director for a firm that works with Coca-Cola, HBO and Disney; Karen was a writer for UAW Chrysler until dedicating her efforts toward children's books author — to create children's literature publications.

"We're both very kid-like, so one day we looked at each other and said, 'You know what, we should try our hand at children's books,'" Karen said.

"Karen writes the books first, then I'll add the illustrations," Darrin added. "It's really a team effort. We'll have paste-ups all over the walls of our basement while the books are coming together."

"The best thing about it is we make reading fun for kids."

The Breges' in-school presentations were so popular they had to turn down requests before mid-March 2020 when schools shut down.

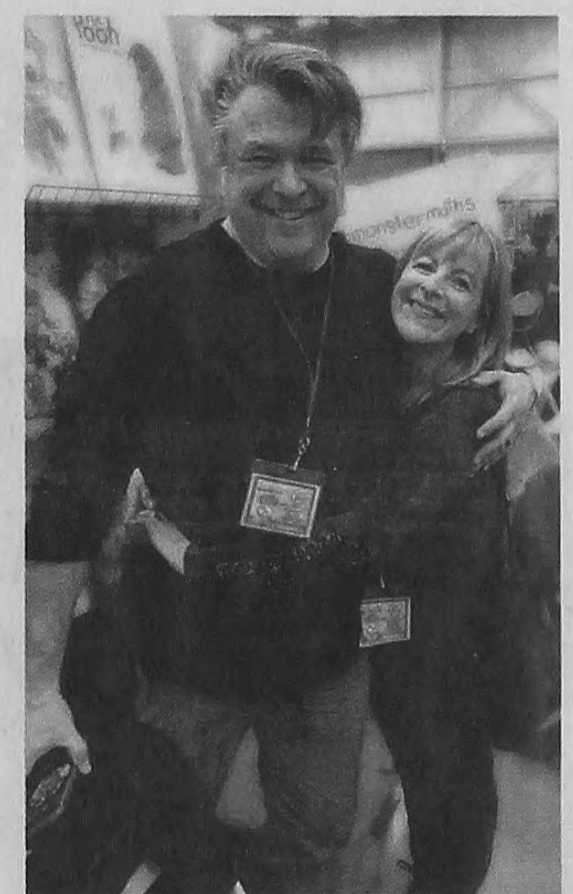
"We really, really miss performing for the littles at our school presentations," Karen said. "We were nine or 10 presentations into our March schedule last year when everything got shut down."

The duo's presentations include spot-on voice impersonations of popular cartoon characters, including SpongeBob and Sandy, and illustration lessons.

"We can't wait to get back in the schools again, once things are safe," Darrin said.

And their presentations can continue, happily ever after.

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Darrin and Karen Brege are award-winning children's books creators.

Fifteen years and 15 published books later, the duo's creativity and hard work has earned them the coveted Michigan Reading Association's 2021 Gwen Frostic Award, which was presented virtually on March 13.

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Hope emerges for Northville's hidden section of Rouge River

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The darkest, creepiest stretch of downtown Northville lies in the 100-year-old river-carrying tunnel beneath Northville Downs.

The tunnel, which stretches the length of four football fields, is the home of a section of the Middle Rouge River, which back in its pre-subterranean heyday was the site of picnics, riverbank fishing excursions and a flourishing ecosystem.

Since it was covered in the 1920s to create property for what is now a horse racing venue, the once robust waterway has withered to its current sorry state.

"There's probably some animal life in there, but it is very limited," Marty Boote, an environmental scientist employed by Ann Arbor-based Environmental Consulting & Technology, said. "There may be some macroinvertebrate, which are basically aquatic insects. Mostly, it's probably just fungi and bacteria."

"Due to the limited light, little can grow in the tunnel, except at the very ends. Fish aren't likely to swim through it, either. They'll only go a certain distance into it. Once they're not able to see visually, they'll stop. Long enclosures like this are known as fish passage barriers. It's a lot like dams, which cause the same situation for fish."

Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull was entertained by stories spun by his father Bruce of the elder Turnbull's daring trips through the tunnel.

"My dad and one of his buddies would fasten flashlights to the front of their canoes and paddle through the tunnel as a challenge," Turnbull recalled. "That was probably in the late-'20s, early-'30s. 'I'm not sure that's something I'd attempt.'"

Hope abounds

For the first time since the Roaring '20s, there is more than a ray of hope that the covered river will be rejuvenated to its former self. A planned development of the Northville Downs property includes "daylighting" the waterway and complementing it with a riverwalk.

"The city asked the developer, Hunter Pasteur, to daylight the river as part of its development plans, and they agreed," said Nancy Darga, a former member of the Northville City Council and a longtime environment advocate and member of the Alliance of Rouge Communities. "The developer has agreed to fund at least part of the daylighting projects costs."

Boote explained projects similar to the covering of the Middle Rouge was commonplace in the United States in the first half of the 20th century when development of once rural land expanded at a furious pace.

"Obviously, the human race has used the landscape for its benefit," Boote said. "Certain things we do aren't good for the environment. They're good for humans — providing people with certain functions and benefits



Marty Boote, an environmentalist for ARC, stands near the bridge to the east of Northville Downs where the Rouge River begins its journey underneath the race track. Boote is part of the team that is trying to see if they can "daylight" the section of river that has long been hidden in this underground tunnel. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

as a society — but we're finally starting to realize we have the opportunity to go back and fix some of those problems.

"ARC, which we are assisting, was formed to help restore some of what was done to harm the environment and it's promoting and teaching stewardship so we don't make the same mistakes over and over."

Boote said covering a river like the Middle Rouge wouldn't happen today.

"It would be very, very difficult because of environmental regulations in place," he said. "This structure predates environmental regulations in the United States. The Clean Water Act and Michigan environmental laws came into affect primarily in the 1970s."

Is Boote optimistic the river will be daylighted?

"I'm very optimistic," he said. "I think everybody involved in this is optimistic. Everybody is in support of it. It's just a matter of making it happen. One of the benefits of the Alliance is it provides various levels of expertise we can bring the parties together and collaborate. We can provide technical expertise to help the city and stakeholders as to what is going on and inform them. We can also bring funding into the process."

Boote said there are a lot of stream enclosures in metro Detroit, "but you don't see many on the size of a river like this."

How long will it take to rejuvenate the river?

"The first step is the design process," Boote said. "We're going to involve stakeholders and the public to gain input on what to do."

"Permitting will be on the tail end of that. We're probably a couple years out before the actual work starts. At that point it will be removing a lot of the infrastructure and demolishing what already here and moving a lot of dirt."

"It won't be just a narrow river corridor. It's going to be an actual flood corridor river. The river will flow through the middle of that which will be expanded out. It needs to be done to make it function properly."

Boote said once the river is daylighted it will start to rejuvenate itself immediately, although its getting back to 100% of its former self will take time.

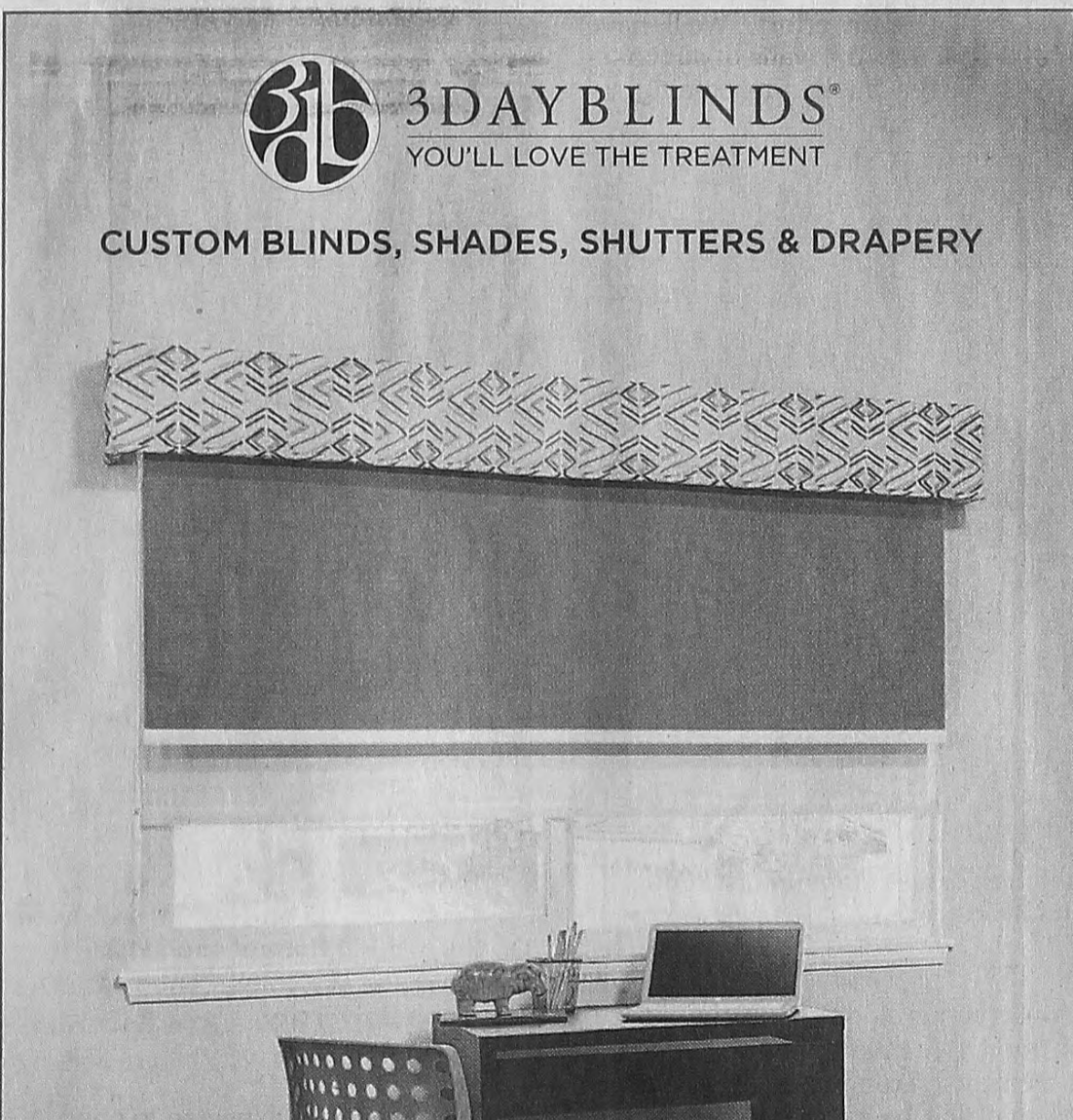
"You'll be able to see positive changes very, very quickly by the time they take out the tunnel," he revealed. "I estimate the biological community will come all the way back within 10 years."

"Realistically, there will be a huge difference in the first year or two."

Once daylighted, Turnbull and his buddies will be able to canoe up and down the river just like his dad did a century earlier.

No flashlights required.

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found in metro Detroit.

"Nobody had Central (gear) anywhere," said Archer, who lives in Dearborn. "My friends who were going to Western (Michigan University), none of them could find anything for Western. I was a fan of minor league baseball, and I had friends that were going out-of-state. Nobody could find anything for minor league baseball or any of the schools other than Michigan and Michigan State and your four Detroit teams."

After launching the business in 2019 and running it online and at events such as Lucky Squirrel — also out of the other family business D&D Executive Transportation in Garden City — he found a permanent home for the shop, as well as for a new salon run by his mother and his wife: the former Carmack Appliance building at 32431 Ford Road in Garden City between Merriman and Venoy.

The family members purchased the building last year right before the COVID-19 pandemic began shutting down businesses and construction, leaving them with some delays in revamping the building. While the space is the same size as it was during the Carmack Appliance days, it's been completely revamped: new drywall is up, along with new lighting and fixtures.

Save for some specialty services, the family were the ones renovating the space and updating it to serve their needs.

"For the most part, it was us," Archer said. "We were in here every step of the way doing everything we could."

They continued working on the space over the past year, finalizing the work just days before opening the building in February.

In addition to the sports apparel showroom, the space also opened up as 2 Archer Salon, which serves both men and women. The salon occupies the west side of the building and the sports apparel shop the east.

Opening the new salon allows Archer's wife, Anna, and his mother, Dawn, to bring in their existing clients, as well as invite new ones to get their hair done. Anna Archer said the plan was to always open a shop together, a vision that's existed for the last six or seven years.

"We had a couple of buildings over



Dawn Archer readies a hairdryer at one of the styling chairs at 2 Archer Salon.

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Carrot Stick Sports and 2 Archer Salon occupy the same location at 32431 Ford Road in Garden City.

the years that fell through," Anna Archer said. "Then this one finally worked out."

In addition to several stations on the ground level, there are some also in the back of the building that formerly served as the living quarters for the appliance shop owner's family. Those areas include more private areas for cutting hair, designed for clients who may not want to be in the front of the store, such as women who wear hijabs or people with autism.

Since opening, the salon has seen plenty of business, including new clients wandering into the shop. While it

may appear to be a unique pairing, the couple said it's worked out really well: many times, a husband who accompanies his wife's hair appointment will wander to the Carrot Stick Sports side and vice versa.

"If the husband and wife come in to check out his side, the wife's like, 'Hey, I might get my hair done over there,'" Anna Archer said. "The cross advertising works really well for us."

Perfect location

The family didn't intend to locate in



Scott Archer talks about rehabbing the former Carmack business location and turning it into Carrot Sports and 2 Archer Salon.

an iconic Garden City building. After looking for opportunities in between Scott and Anna Archer's residence in Dearborn and Dawn Archer's home in Canton, they began looking in Westland, Wayne and Garden City. After almost locating in Wayne, they discovered the Carmack Appliance building, which was nearby their limousine business across the street.

The longtime appliance shop began the processing of leaving the storefront in 2017, with the owners opting to work out of their home and eliminate the showroom for service. The building was later put up for sale.

Locating in a building most in Garden City recognize, though, has been an experience for them. They regularly have people walking in expecting for the space to look like Carmack Appliance. They've kept the building's well-known green color, which has even led some people to believe Carmack Appliance remains in the building as would-be customers sometimes stop by looking to purchase parts. The Archers even filmed a parody video detailing one such interaction of something thinking Carmack Appliance remained in business there.

Being in such a recognizable building, they said, not only allows them to be a part of the city's history, but makes it easier for customers seeking out their store.

"We like it. It makes it easier to tell people where we are," Anna Archer said. "The building already has a place in the hearts of everybody in the city, and we like that."

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Building

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Hometown Life a tour of the still-unfinished space, providing an update to the school's newest building since residence halls were built on campus two years ago.

Spanning three levels and more than 28,000 square feet, the center will serve a myriad of purposes: the center of the building will contain a museum dedicated to the history of the Felician Sisters in North America in the center. Sanborn said it's expected the museum will be the first of its kind dedicated to the Felician Sisters in the U.S. and will contain artifacts from all over once it is complete. The center will also have an art gallery, featuring work from some of the sisters.

Several stained glass windows will be placed around the outer edge of the museum, visible to those walking in the building and those traversing the first floor. Some of the pieces are new to the center and some are reclaimed from churches that have closed their doors.

The windows will feature saints and other icons from Christianity, including the Virgin Mary, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Felix.

"These look really cool when they're lit up," said Brian Dewhirst, project superintendent for J.S. Vig Construction, the Plymouth-based company working on the building.

A room for large meetings and events will also be available, once larger events and meetups become a regular occurrence again. Dubbed "the Great Room," it's a space that can fit several hundred people for university events and even private events including banquets.

Events such as orientation could begin in the space as early as this summer. The space can be subdivided for smaller groups to meet, complete with all the audio/visual necessities.

"That's the whole intent, with the projector screens and above the glass wall here they'll have a projector," Dewhirst said. "There will be speakers in here."

It's expected annual events such as the Deo Gratias donor recognition event that have long been held in the nearby Franciscan Center — opened in 2009 —



Karen Sanborn, Director of University Communications at Madonna, stands inside its Welcome Center on March 30. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

will most likely move to the new building, Sanborn said.

Sustainable components

While the building is not planned to be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified, there are plenty of environmental and sustainable impacts noticeable in the building. In addition to plenty of natural light coming in through the side windows and ceiling, the building also sports a geothermal heating system that has dozens of wells under the nearby parking lot to help power aspects of the building.

Those 36 geothermal wells are an expensive system to install up front, but will provide heat at a much lower cost over its lifetime.

"You're paying for minimal electricity to run the pumps and fans, but that's minimal," Dewhirst said. "The only gas running into this building is for a back-up generator."

Dewhirst said he's seen several geothermal systems installed in projects he has worked on in recent years, though said the Madonna University Welcome Center is one of the more extensive ones he has done.

The construction plans included

adding some electric vehicle charging stations in the parking lot.

Nearby the room containing the geothermal will be a limited-access area: the archives. Only those with special permission, including scholars, will have access to the rows of documents pertaining to the Felician Sisters. The center will serve as a central location for such documents for the order, which began its North American ministries in the 1870s, where the sisters began doing work in Wisconsin.

"That's when they started schools to teach immigrant children," Sanborn said.

In addition, the building will house some university staff, such as advancement and other administrative employees, who plan to relocate into the space later this year.

Staggered opening

The entire building will not become functional all at once. The offices and banquet room are expected to be some of the first functions of the building to open, followed later by the museum.

"We're still looking ... probably some time in the summer," Sanborn said. "One of the first things will be university staff that moves in."



On the ground floor of the \$11.2 million dollar Welcome Center at Madonna University.

The museum is expected to open later on before the end of the year.

Construction of the center, which costs more than \$11 million, has seen plenty of delays since it began. The COVID-19 shutdowns last spring halted work completely on the project, and since then Dewhirst said other issues have popped up that have delayed work.

Those issues include quarantines for workers exposed to COVID-19, as well as delays in obtaining proper materials also as a result of the pandemic. Dewhirst said he hopes the recent blockage of the Suez Canal does not cause any other delays in obtaining supplies.

Once ready, Sanborn said the university plans to hold a celebration of the new center later on this year. There are still plenty of opportunities for donation and naming rights for the new building. Those interested can learn more about the project and sponsorship opportunities on the university's website, madonna.edu.

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Obituaries

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Lois A. Combs

WESTLAND - Lois A. Combs a long-time resident of Westland passed away March 27, 2021 at the age of 86. Lois was a member of the former Good Shepard Reformed Church in Westland and more recently the Berean Bible Church in Livonia. She worked for many years for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools at the Board office, Franklin Junior High and retired from a position as bookkeeper at John Glenn High School. She is preceded in death by her husband Wendell Combs and son Jeffery Combs. She is survived by daughter Gail Combs (DL) Oglesby and Gail's daughter Taylor Combs, daughter Shari Combs and Shari's son Greg Combs. Lois is also survived her brother Bob Brown, stepbrother Bob Walker, as well as her dear friend Elaine Langham and many cousins, nieces and nephews. A Private Interment will take place at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia later in April. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com



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Robert James Killingbeck

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Robert Killingbeck of Canadian Lakes passed away on March 28, 2021 lovingly surrounded by his family.

Born in Wayne, Michigan on September 12, 1946 to Gerald and Helen (LaDuc) Killingbeck, Robert was affectionately called "Moe" by his lifelong friends and five siblings: Judy, Don, Betsy, Joanne, and Dave.

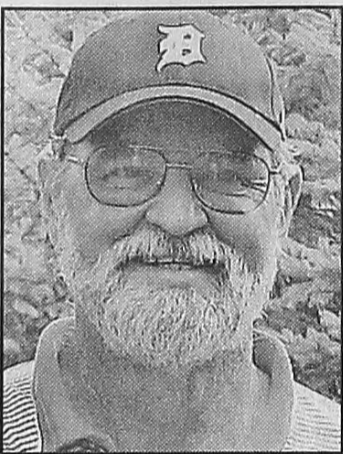
Throughout his life, Moe held many titles. He was a student and graduate of Wayne Memorial High School ('64) and of Eastern Michigan University ('69). He was an outstanding athlete-turned-coach in multiple sports. He was a teacher for 27 years at Marshall Junior High. He was a builder who built three of their family homes.

Most important to Moe were his titles of devoted husband to Kathy, father to Rodney, Casey and Julie and grandpa to Molly, Jack, Cate and Casey. Moe was the epitome of a family man from the time he met his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Kathleen "Kathy" Patterson in 1962.

Moe and Kathy's 54 1/2 year, adventure-filled marriage reflects their love of time together as a family: Golfing, camping, fishing, RV trips to the U.P., building and enjoying dune buggies (and cars), and watching their favorite Michigan sports teams (especially the Tigers who Moe loved to watch even when there were playing like a bunch of saps). The adventures continued with a move to Canadian Lakes in 1999 where Moe honed his skills in golf (2 hole-in-ones), became a supreme dune buggy builder and developed a newfound passion for bridge.

Known to his family as an expert tire cleaner, a great golf ball hunter, #1 Phoebe Buffay fan, dedicated Price is Right watcher and nonstop jingle-singer, Moe was simply an all-around wonderful husband, dad and grandpa.

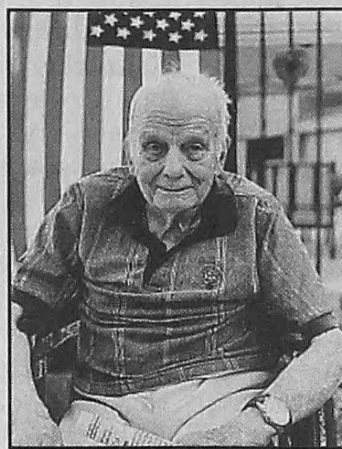
A memorial service will be held this summer. Memorial contributions in honor of Robert Killingbeck may be made to the Susan P. Wheatlake Regional Cancer Center.



Edward N. Schneider

On Tuesday, March 23, 2021, Edward N. Schneider, known as Ned to family and friends, passed away peacefully from natural causes at the grand old age of 94.

He was married to Joan for 39 years until her death in 1999. Left behind to honor his memories are his son Edward N. Schneider, Jr. and his wife LeAnne, his daughter Julie and her husband Keith, and his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Christopher. He also leaves behind his granddaughter Sarah Melton and her husband Chris, and grandson Daniel Cowan and his wife Amelia.



Ned proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Following his service to our country he and Joan started their life together he worked in production at Ford Motors, in Detroit, Michigan. A couple of years later, they moved out to Washington DC, where Ned attended Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. He became a minister and they lived in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania for a couple of years. They then moved to Michigan, where he became Associate Rector at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham. After retiring from St. James, he became Rector at Grace Episcopal Church in Marysville, Michigan. In 2015 he moved out to Glendale Arizona, where he lived out the remainder of his life.

Ned was an active member of his Bloomfield Village community, where he spent most of his life. He was a long standing volunteer fireman for the Bloomfield Village Fire Department.

Ned was an avid reader and moviegoer, but his real passion was the theater. He enjoyed attending plays but he loved to act in them. He was a member of St. Dunstan's Theater Guild of Cranbrook, in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He was also a member of The Players Clubhouse and Theater in Detroit, Michigan.

He played an important part in our love of history and culture. We love you dad. You will be deeply missed.

"All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players; They have their exits and their entrances, And one man in his time plays many parts." -William Shakespeare

A private family service will be held at a later date.

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Billions of cicadas set to swarm 15 states

Dustin Barnes
USA TODAY

It's a debut that's been 17 years in the making, and in a matter of weeks, it's one that will grab the attention of millions of Americans.

Billions of periodical cicadas will emerge across 15 states and Washington, D.C., with some possibly coming out as early as late-April or the first week of May, said Gene Kritsky, a periodical cicada expert and dean of Behavioral and Natural Sciences at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati.

This year's group, known as Brood X, is the largest of the 17-year-broods in both density and geographical area. And while the name may sound dramatic, the "X" is technically the Roman numeral 10 in this instance, Kritsky told USA TODAY.

Read below for some of the most common questions surrounding these large, red-eye insects.

Where will the Brood X cicadas emerge?

Essentially, there are three major patches where you're likely to see the largest swarms of these cicadas, Kritsky said:

- The southeast corner of Pennsylvania, almost all of Maryland, parts of Del-

aware and New Jersey, and a few areas in New York.

- Ohio, almost the entire state of Indiana, a few areas in eastern Illinois, and northwest and eastern parts of Kentucky.

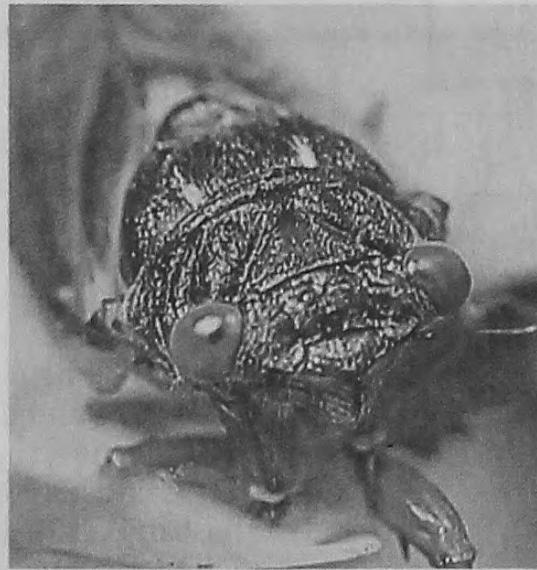
- Western North Carolina, east Tennessee and a scattering around west Tennessee and the northern part of Georgia.

Overall, this large emergence will affect the District of Columbia and at least parts of these 15 states: Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

When are the cicadas coming?

When soil temperatures hit 64 degrees a few inches below ground, the cicadas will start to emerge. That usually comes on the first or second day when temperatures reach the low 80s, Kritsky said.

"It's hard to make predictions other than just (looking at) long-term climate trends," Kritsky said. But generally, those temperature markers come earlier for Southern states. So northern Georgia could see the right conditions for Brood X emergence around the first part of May, while Cincinnati could reach that point near the middle of May.



Brood X of periodical cicadas are large, winged, mostly harmless flying insects known for their almost deafening buzz. GETTY GETTY

slightly higher than a low-flying airplane, which can hit about 80 decibels.

"These individuals will crawl out every 17 years and they know they have only one purpose, and that is to mate and reproduce," said Jerome Grant, a University of Tennessee entomologist. "So they're going to make a lot of noise to attract females to mate."

Competitive males are all about flexing their muscles. That's how they make their trademark catcalls, Grant told the Knoxville News Sentinel, part of the USA TODAY Network. Male cicadas have a special ribbed organ called a tymbal. When they flex their muscles, the ribs rub together and produce sound.

Do people really eat cicadas?

Yes. There's evidence dating back to the 18th century showing people would eat the swarming insects, said Kritsky, who has tried them himself once. "I don't make it a habit of eating them."

"They taste kind of like cold, canned asparagus to me," said Grant, adding that they're best when harvested right after they've molted. "Then they're still soft. You can freeze them or cook with them. They make a good stir fry, and they're good in dumplings and in stews."

Contributing: Brittany Crocker, Knoxville News Sentinel

Northville man charged with restaurant break-ins in Livonia, Redford

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A 49-year-old Northville man is facing breaking and entering charges for restaurant burglaries in both Livonia and Redford Township.

Livonia police said they began investigating a burglary at Wing Snob, near Five Mile and Middlebelt roads, on March 15.

Someone had broken in during the early morning hours by shattering the front door's glass. The cash register was

gone. Security camera footage revealed a white man using a hammer to smash the door. His getaway vehicle was a light-colored, older Lincoln Town Car.

That same morning, there were two restaurant break-ins within 20 minutes of each other in Redford Township.

Security camera footage once again showed a white male suspect driving an older Lincoln Town Car.

Police there were on the lookout and spotted a vehicle matching the description and attempted a stop.

The vehicle fled from officers, but

they were able to take a good look at the license plate.

Soon after, the driver Mark Tulik was stopped and arrested in Detroit after a brief foot chase.

Livonia police detectives say Tulik confessed to committing the Wing Snob burglary.

He is residing at the Wayne County Jail and is expected to appear for an April 8 court appearance in Livonia's 16th District Court.

Livonia court officials have arraigned Tulik on two felonies - breaking and entering and possessing burglar's tools.

Tulik is facing seven felony counts from the Redford breaking and entering incidents. Those include two counts for breaking and entering, fleeing police and assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer. He's also dealing with a single count of possessing burglary tools.

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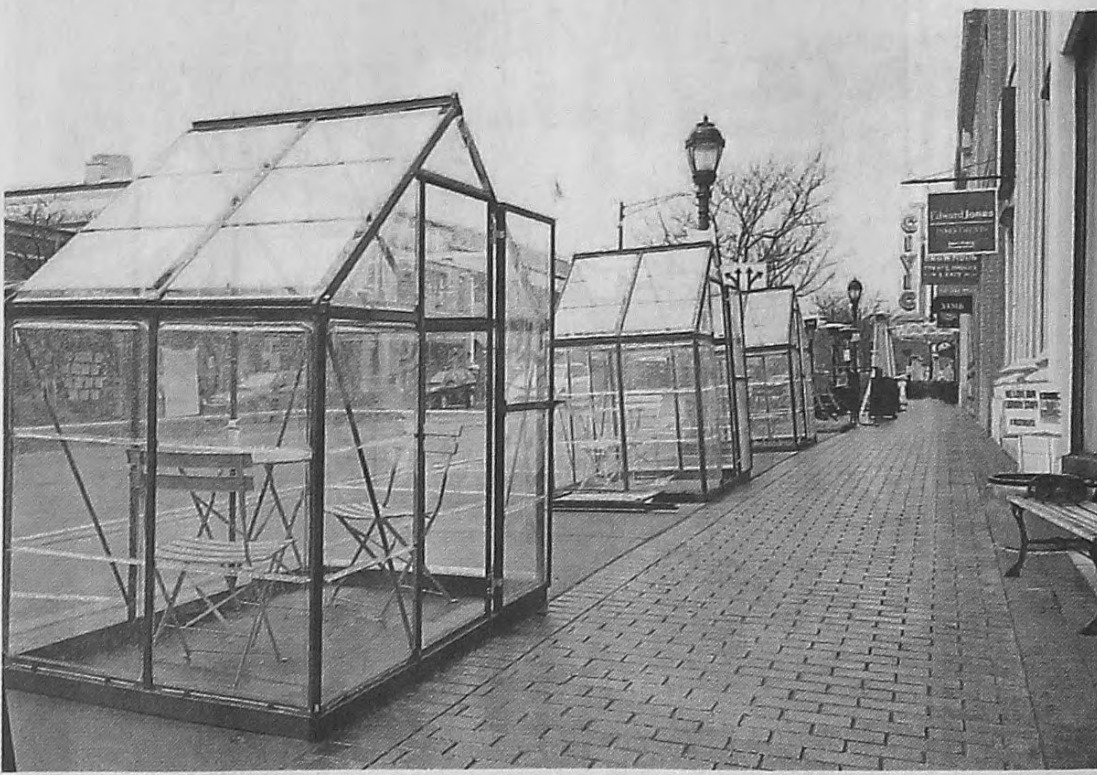
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Downtown Farmington along Grand River Avenue. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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velopment that became Los Tres Amigos," Knight explained. "In that deal, the downtown retained the parking field behind the building, so now that's all public parking."

Citizen's council in the works

The old Maxfield Training Center's eventual redevelopment will not only change downtown, but how the DDA operates as well. Robertson Brothers' impending townhome development at the space is a big reason the DDA retooled its TIF plan when it did.

"We wanted to be ready to assist with the Maxfield redevelopment," Knight said. "That's a Brownfield area, it's contaminated and we want to be able to help balance the cost of a developer building in our high-density, walkable downtown."

When something is built at the Maxfield site, it'll push downtown's population to over 100 people. That residency uptick will require the DDA to create a citizen council that will likely be a recommending body to the existing board. The DDA already has two at-large posi-

As it has in the past, the DDA plans to use some of its fund for refurbishing grants offered to local business owners. The grants pay for 20% of a business owner's major restoration or improvement project.

tions on its board for Farmington residents.

"Certainly it's appropriate for someone who lives downtown to have a voice," Knight said. "I think their opinion should be included over someone who doesn't live downtown. We have people who live and work downtown and they see things, they appreciate things and they have ideas they want to bring."

Any time changes are made to the TIF plan, it requires council approval, Knight said.

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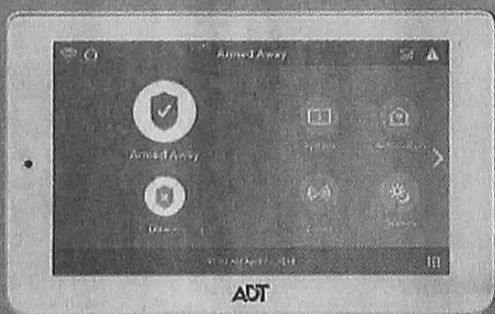
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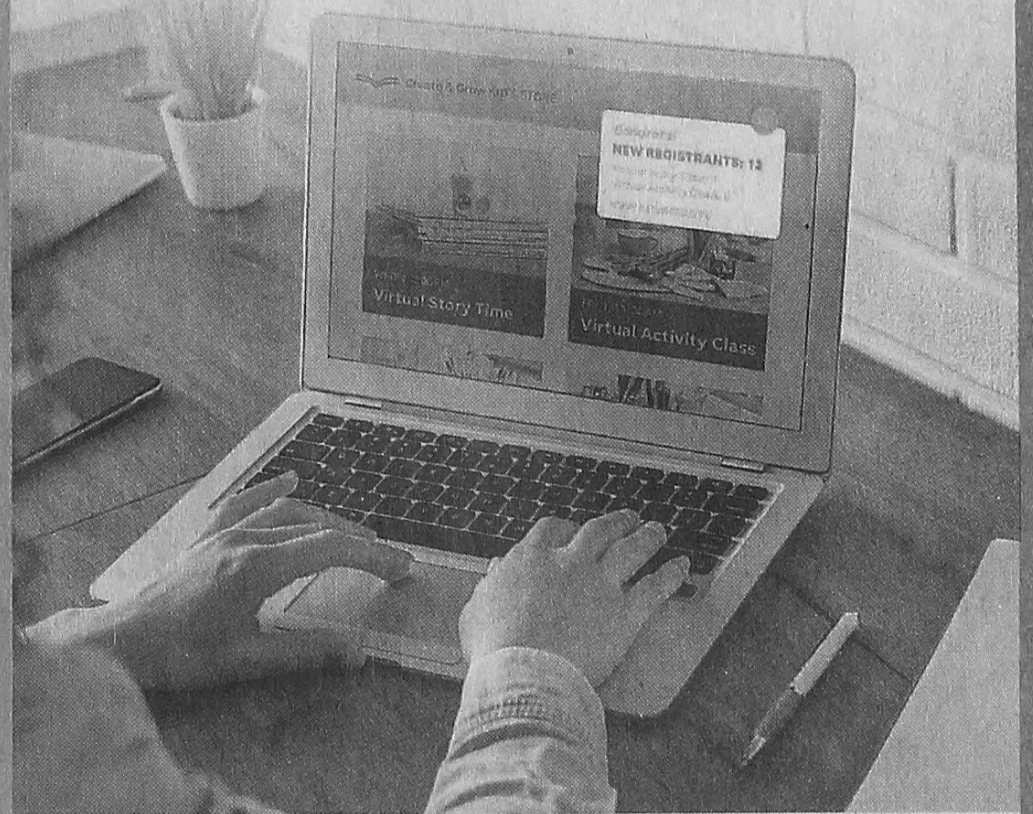
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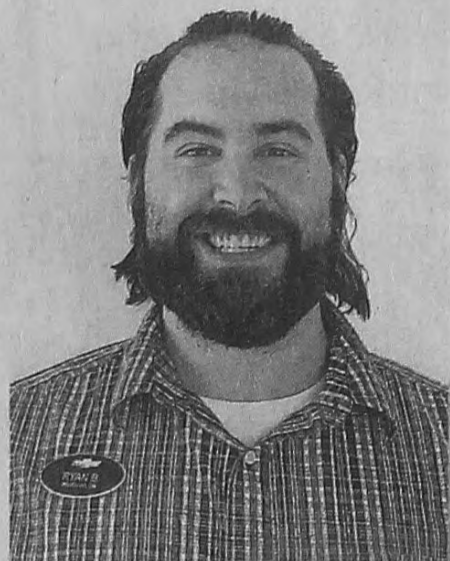
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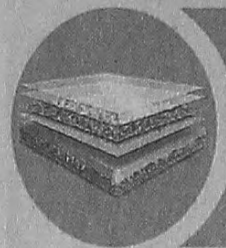
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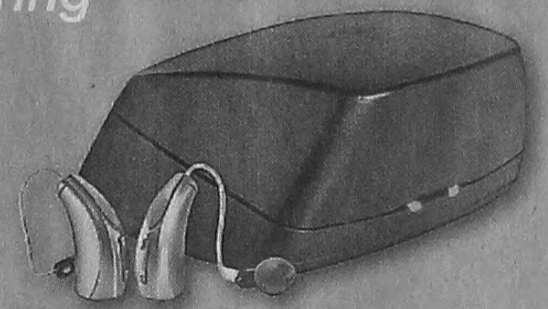
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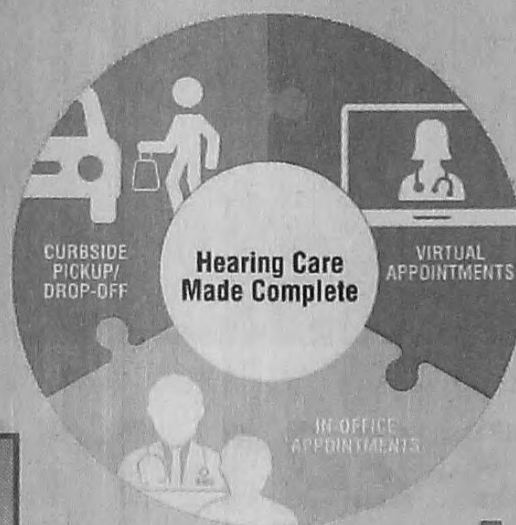
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Hamady finds perfect ending to Brother Rice hockey career

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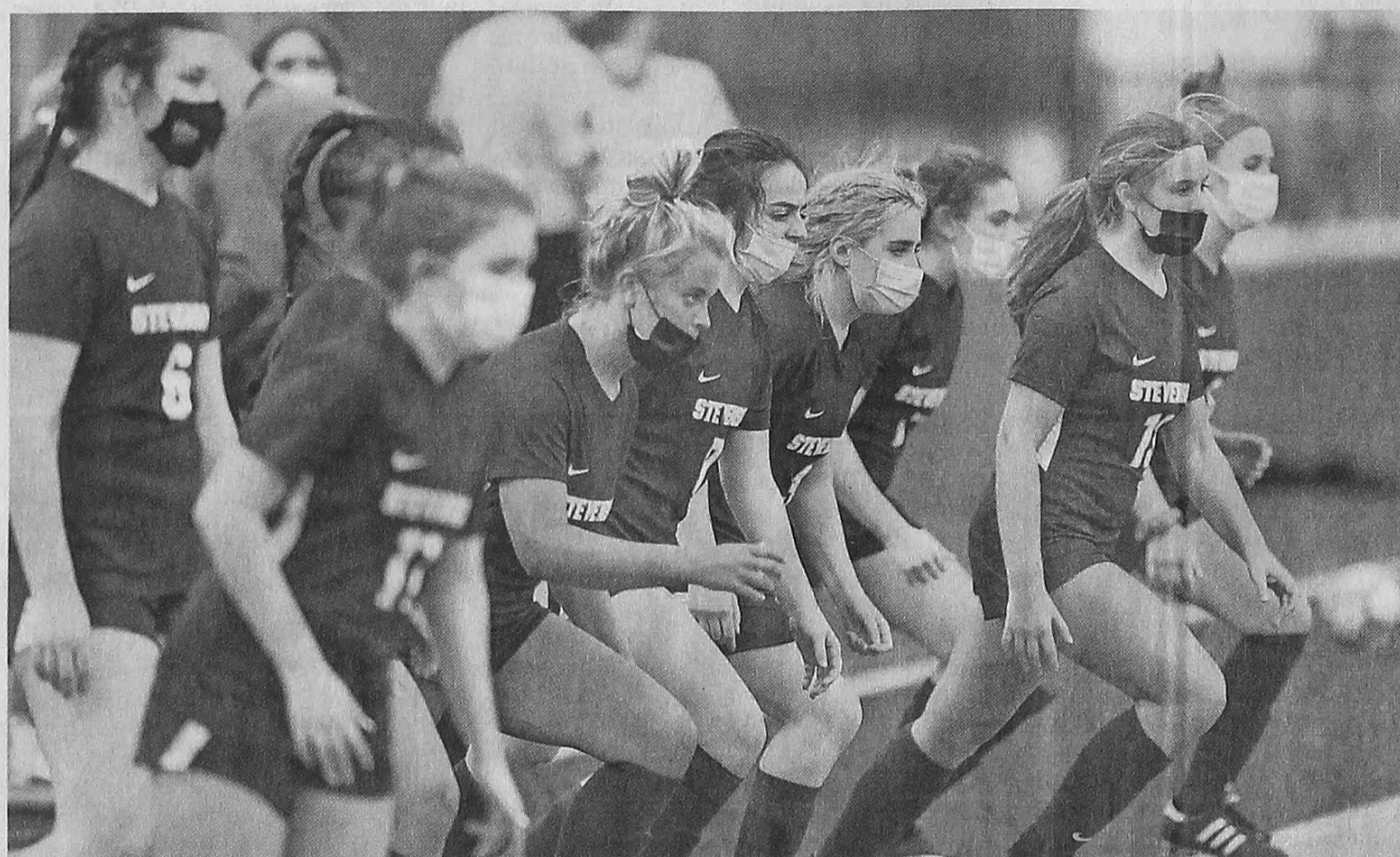
Alec Hamady inherited his love of hockey from his father, his first coach, teaching him how to skate and stay on his feet. At the end of Hamady's high school career at Brother Rice, that love turned

into success, hitting the game-winning goal for the Warriors in the Division 2 state title game against Byron Center. Even two weeks after the game-winner, Hamady still views the moment itself as a blur. With the clock inside 10 seconds at the end of the third period tied at 1, the senior forward took two rebounds, putting the puck through the Bulldogs' goalkeeper's legs for the score.

"After the puck went in the net, I don't really remember anything else," Hamady said. "Everything went to black." To him, it was the perfect ending to his high school career. It was a perfect representation of why he picked Brother Rice in the first place. After playing travel and Triple-A hockey for years, Hamady had to decide which team he wanted to play for head-

ing into high school. When he got into Brother Rice, it was an easy decision which way he would go. "I kind of realized that high school hockey was just as competitive, especially with a team like Brother Rice," Hamady said. "It wasn't that difficult to make that decision, but it was just hard

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Livonia Stevenson Spartans warmup before their Tuesday game. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Short-handed Stevenson sets foundation in opener

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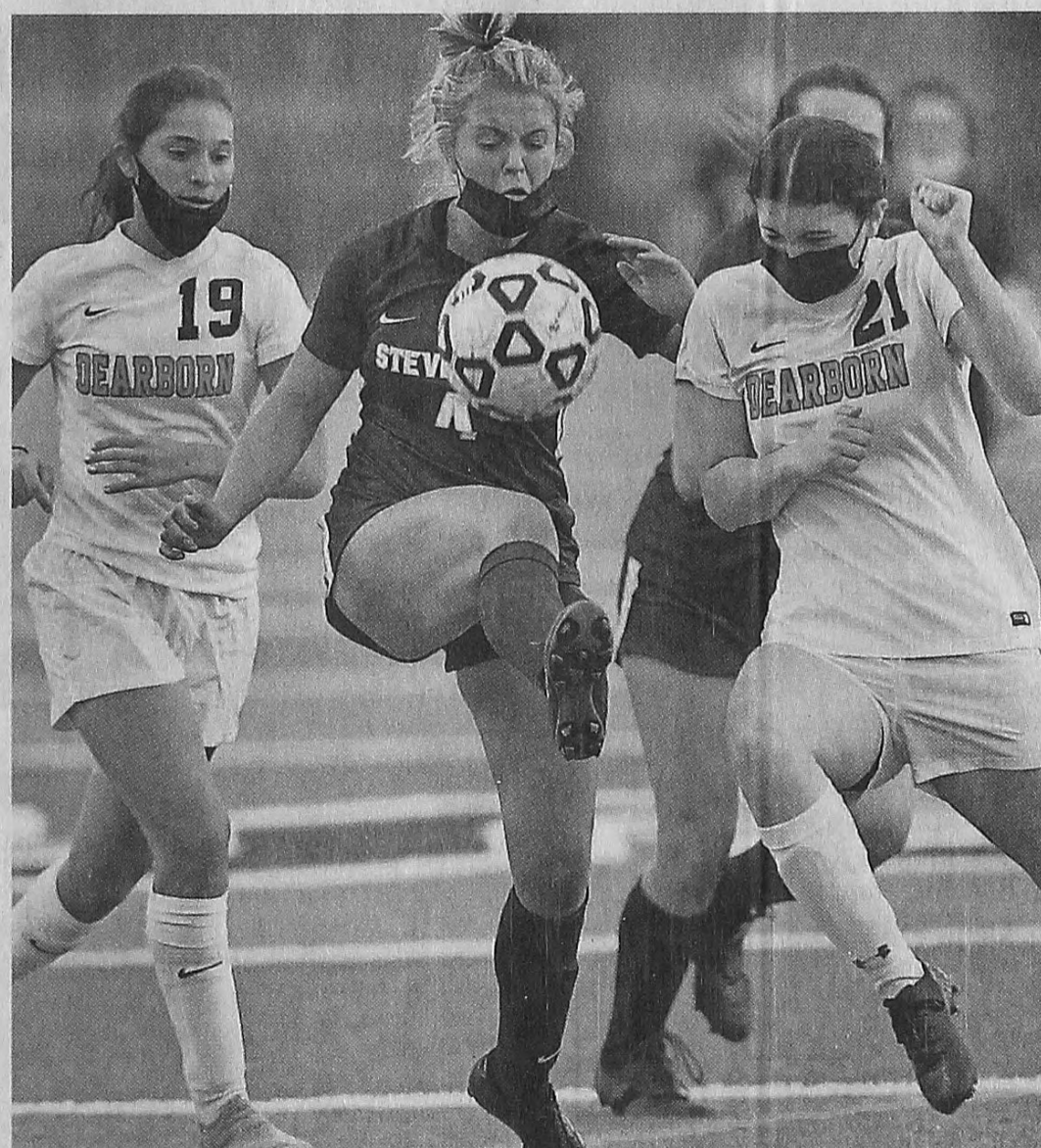
Heading into Livonia Stevenson's first game of the 2021 season — the team's first game since June 4, 2019 — head coach Ken Shingledecker didn't really know what to expect.

After three days of tryouts and only two practices, the Spartans took the field against Dearborn short-handed after five players were held out due to COVID-19 protocols, leaving the head coach without certainty of what he was going to see.

"It's been a really hard week for us," Shingledecker said. "To be honest, I really didn't know about this group. We graduated a lot of seniors and have a ton of new kids. We are really flying by the seat of our pants here, and the girls really battled hard."

The Spartans opened the season with a 1-1 draw against KLAA East opponent Dearborn, but got their first glimpse at what they would be working with in 2021: a group led by four seniors directing a roster filled with younger players who were seeing their first varsity action.

Just over eight minutes into the second half, junior forward Katelyn



Mackenzie Gregor looks to get a shot off on goal.

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Eagles capture title, 1,000th win for coach

No. 1 Hartland defeats storied Marian, 51-34, in regional championship

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HOLLY — This was how the girls basketball players at Hartland dreamed the night would end when they woke up on the morning of March 12, 2020.

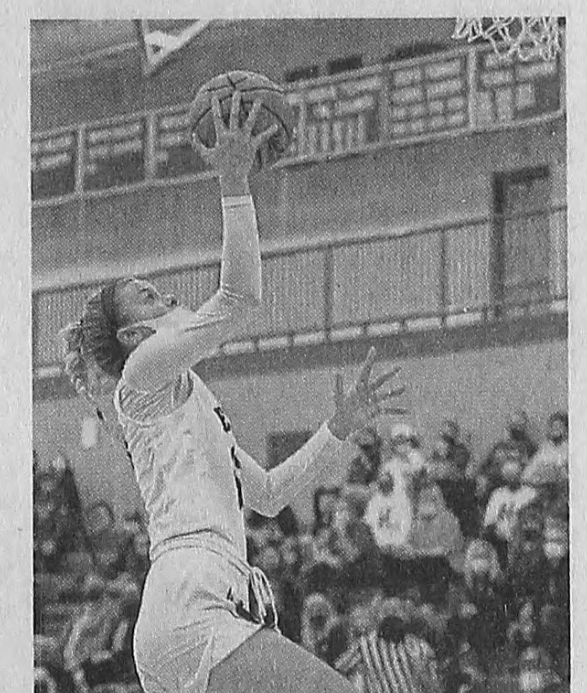
There they were, taking yet another team photo with yet another regional championship trophy. These championship moments have become so common for the Eagles that they have the routine down pat — keep smiling until every parent has taken enough shots, then break off for small group photos with the wooden mitten.

The Eagles were deprived of this moment a year ago, not because of a loss on the court, but because the COVID-19 outbreak shut down winter tournaments about four hours before they were set to play Walled Lake Western in a regional championship game.

"We were about 45 minutes away from getting on that bus and going," Hartland coach Don Palmer said. "We were told, 'No game,' and that was the season."

The lost opportunity for a team with legitimate state championship aspira-

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Hartland's Lauren Sollom scores two of her 10 points during a 51-34 victory over Birmingham Marian in a regional championship basketball game on March 31 at Holly. TIMOTHY ARRICK/SPECIAL TO THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

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Hartland's Amanda Roach (11) scored a team-high 11 points in a 51-34 victory over Birmingham Marian in a regional championship basketball game on March 31 at Holly. PHOTOS BY TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY



Hartland players celebrate their regional championship on March 31 at Holly.

Hartland

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tions has served as a powerful motivation for the eight remaining members of that team.

"On our warmups, we put 'Unfinished business' because of this game," Hartland senior guard Syd Caddell said following a 51-34 victory over perennial power Birmingham Marian in a Division 1 regional final at Holly.

No. 1-ranked Hartland improved to 20-0, extended its winning streak to 34 games and earned Palmer his 1,000th varsity victory coaching boys and girls teams at Milford and the girls at Hartland.

"Last year, it was really sad we didn't get to play this game," Hartland senior center Lillee Gustafson said. "So, I was really happy we got to play this game and that we won for this year's team and last year's team, too."

Hartland, which has won every game by at least 11 points this season, took the floor anticipating its greatest challenge of the season. Marian has won six state championships and 15 regional championships under coach Mary Cicerone, the fourth-winningest girls basketball coach in Michigan history, three spots ahead of Palmer.

"I know all about Marian," Palmer said. "I don't know Mary Cicerone that well, but I know of her. She's got (six) state titles. They're always good, they're always tough. We played (Farmington Hills) Mercy a couple times. Those are the programs you look up to, you aspire to be like. To come in here and win that was a big win for us."

Hartland had its previous three post-

season games well in hand after just one quarter, but clung to a 9-8 lead through eight minutes against Marian. The Mustangs took a 10-9 lead on a basket by Anna Herberholz to start the second quarter and were down only 16-14 when Hartland reeled off 10 straight points to grab a 26-14 lead with 2:45 to go in the first half.

The Eagles were up 41-32 when they began to work the ball deliberately on offense with six minutes remaining. Marian was forced to foul, and Hartland went 10-for-15 from the line the rest of the way.

"I was incredibly nervous for the game, even more nervous than I've been for Howell and Brighton games," Caddell said. "We've never played this team. I knew how good they were. I knew how many titles they had. So, I knew we had to bring it. If any game we had to play our best, it was this one."

Amanda Roach scored 11 points to lead a balanced Hartland attack. Gustafson had 10 points and 14 rebounds, Lauren Sollom had 10 points and seven rebounds, Leah Lappin and Gracey Metz had seven points each, and Caddell had six points.

"Hartland is just a very oiled machine," Cicerone said. "They play very well as a team. They don't have much weaknesses. I thought we did well until that second half when we didn't take care of the boards. We didn't finish that well."

"They knew what to do when we tried to throw our little press, because we couldn't stop them in a man. They were too good of ballhandlers and too good of passers. So, we tried a little trap, and they picked that apart, too. My girls got tired. It was all downhill from there."

Herberholz led Marian with 14 points.

Hamady

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leaving Triple-A with all my friends, going into a school where I really knew nobody."

But Hamady wanted an atmosphere where he was looked at as a player and not just a prospect, coming in as a smaller player than those he played against and with on travel teams.

Hamady went through the ranks, joining the Brother Rice varsity team permanently as a junior, taking a spot on the team's third and fourth lines, according to head coach Ken Chaput.

But Chaput watched Hamady grow, working his way through the system and growing both on and off the ice along the way.

"To go from freshman year to senior year, there's a lot of change and a lot of maturing, growing up. It's natural for anybody to go from freshman year to senior year and evolve," Chaput said. "He learned every step of the way. I think the results speak a lot for him and the hard work he has put into his school and hockey. I couldn't be happier for the kid."

Over the course of his four years at Brother Rice, Hamady said he's learned to work for everything.

After making it to the state semifinals in 2020 before having the season cut short due to the emergence of COVID-19, Hamady said he knew this year's Brother Rice hockey team was not as skilled as that one was. However, he said he led a group with unfinished business, working through each of the shortcomings they had.

"We had something to play for," Hamady said.

Through the uncertainty of the 2021 season, the senior forward, who made

himself a go-to producer in the Brother Rice offense, created a bond with his teammates, each wanting success for the team as a whole instead of individually.

"It's definitely a really special group," Hamady said. "Everybody would have taken a bullet for their teammate, we were that close."

In the weeks after the game, Hamady said it hasn't really hit him that his high school career is complete, that he will not be playing with the Warriors on the ice ever again. To him, it's hard to think about, shifting his focus for what's next in his personal hockey career: aiming to play junior hockey after graduation.

While he doesn't want to think about the fact that his Brother Rice career is over, Hamady couldn't have thought of a better way to end it.

"It's honestly amazing," he said. "You couldn't have written up a better way to end a season or end a career with Brother Rice."

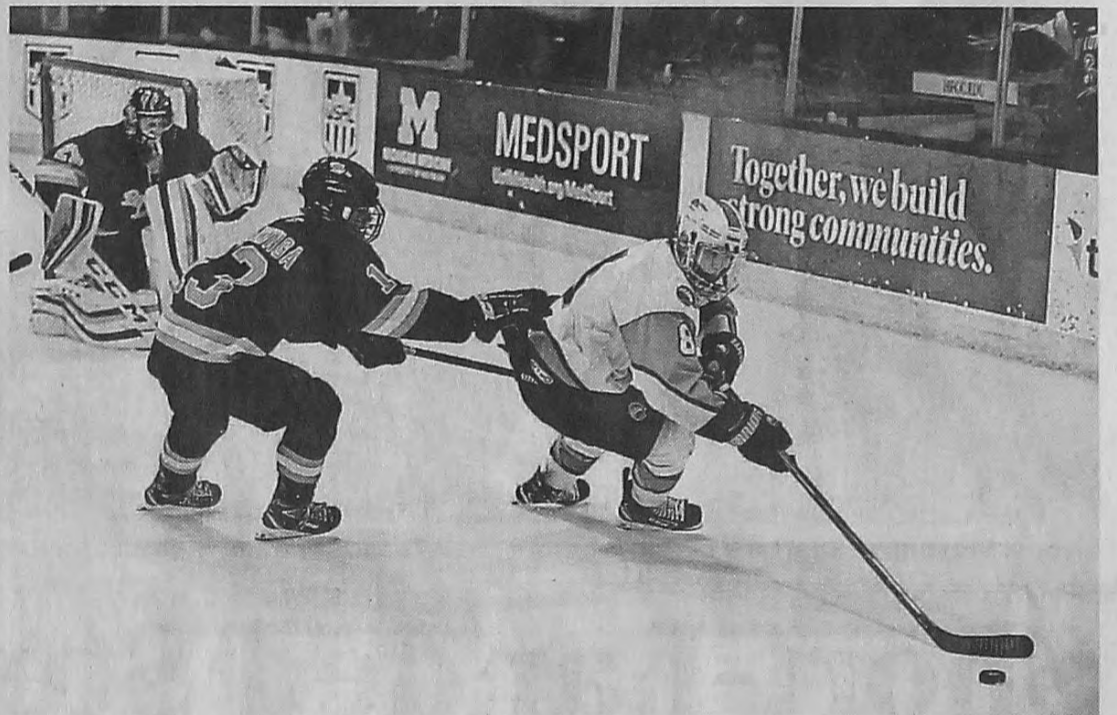
Athlete of the Week results

Hamady won the Hometown Life Athlete of the Week award the week of March 29, earning 42,200 (48.16%) of the 87,618 total votes cast.

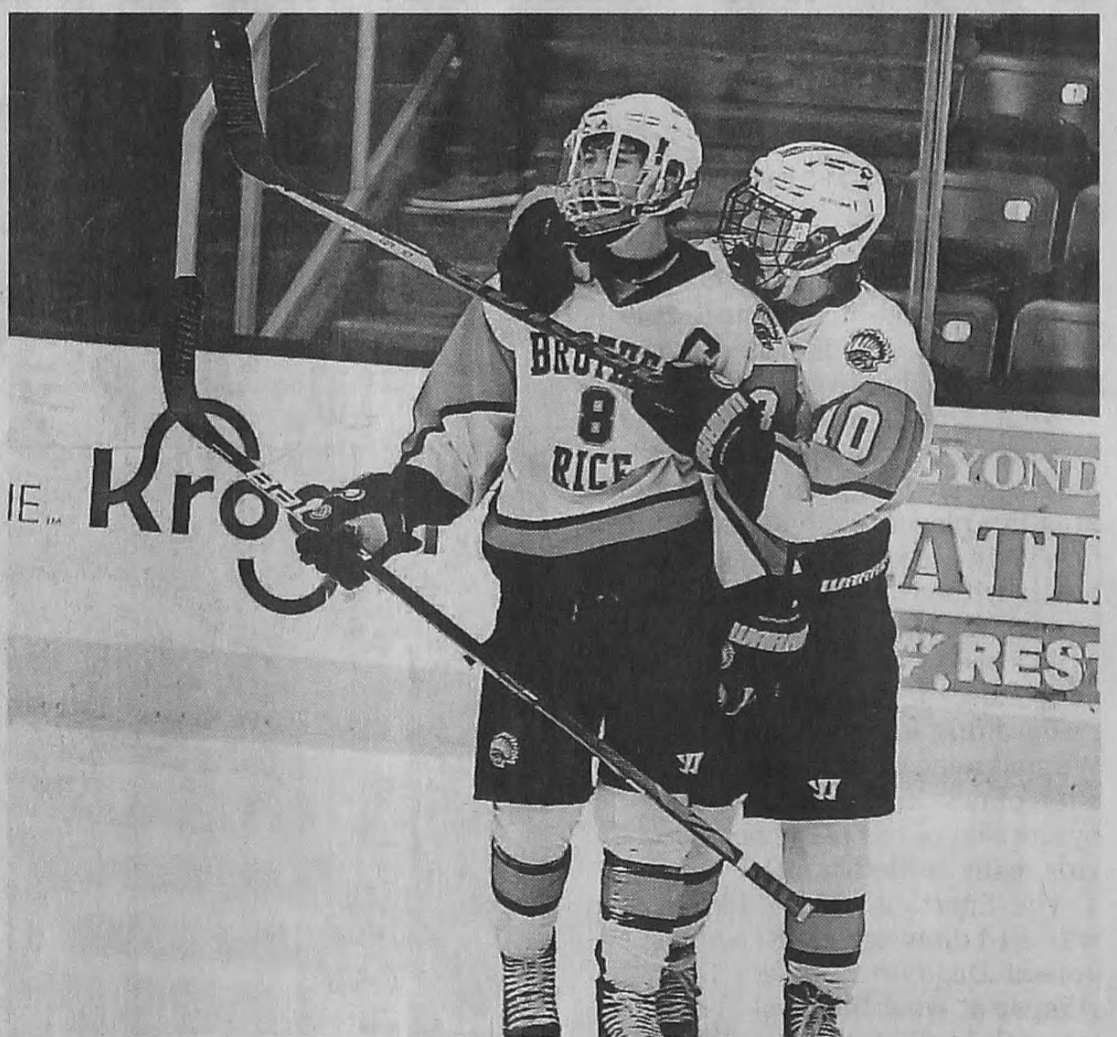
Mercy senior point guard Alexis Roberts finished second in an extremely tight race, earning 40,924 votes (46.71%).

Northville senior swimmer Conner Halberg finished third, Milford junior swimmer Fletcher Smith finished fourth and John Glenn senior bowler Anna Maxwell finished fifth.

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Brother Rice senior Alec Hamady scored the game-winning goal for the Warriors against Byron Center. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Brother Rice sophomore Peter Rose celebrates senior captain Alec Hamady after his game-winning goal.

Soccer

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Wilmoth took a pass from junior defender Gabriella Sapia, setting herself in the middle of the field and connecting on the first goal of the 2021 season.

Wilmoth's goal seemed destined as the only score the Spartans needed until Dearborn senior Lila Mozham hit a rocket over the head of freshman goalkeeper Chase Gregor to tie the game.

Shingledecker said he knew, as the clock ticked down, that Stevenson would need a second score to secure the first win, saying the team never con-

nected on that "final moment" after ruling the offensive possession for most of the contest.

Reflecting on the first game, Delaney Millis saw something to build on, something she could work with.

The senior midfielder is one of only a few players on the roster that had played Stevenson soccer before — playing for the Spartans as a sophomore before her junior season was canceled due to the emergence of COVID-19.

As a senior, Millis is hungry to achieve what she felt she lost out on as a junior: a significant chance at a state title. Now, as the season begins, it's her and her older teammates' jobs to get each player on that same page.

"For us, you have to educate the younger kids on what we're about at Stevenson," Millis said. "When there's only three left, this is going to be the legacy that we're leaving. It's important just to make sure that they know what we're about, they know how we play, that we continue the reasons why we have so many championships."

Millis described the season opener as an introduction to the learning curve of varsity soccer for many on the field, seeing firsthand what level it took to beat what she describes as Stevenson's toughest competitor in its division.

Now that they have a foundation set, Millis said it's time to build.

"Now that we've seen what we need

to work on, it's going to keep getting better and better," Millis said.

Shingledecker knows the grind of a schedule Stevenson is about to embark on. He knows there will be tough games ahead for this young group.

But Tuesday night, he was just thankful to take the field with a group that had not been able to in 21 months.

"It was great for the kids to have a chance and to really get a good game out of it too," Shingledecker said.

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Wayne Memorial outshines Temperance Bedford

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Wayne Memorial head coach Jarvis Mitchell will take a hot start from anyone on his roster. In the state quarterfinal against Temperance Bedford, Lachelle Austin stepped up.

The senior guard scored eight of the team's first 12 points in the first quarter, adding two steals and a rebound to five the Zebras an early lead, one that they would not give up over four quarters of play.

After Austin's hot start, senior forward Alanna Micheaux finished, scoring 18 points in the final 24 minutes to lead Wayne Memorial (17-2) to a 59-35 win Monday against Temperance Bedford (18-5) in the Division 1 state quarterfinal.

"We prepared for this. We worked hard for it, so I think we are in a good state of mind right now," Austin said. "For me, this is my first time being in the final four, so it's really a good feeling for me."

After a steal by Austin ignited the offense at the start of the second quarter, Micheaux took over, leading the team on a 9-1 run in which the senior forward recorded four points, three rebounds and a steal.

Austin finished the game with 13 points, three steals and two rebounds.

Over the past two years this press defense has been Wayne Memorial's calling card, wanting to force opponents to play at their speed, ramping up the pace off steals and fast-break layups. In the 2021 season, it's worked, allowing more than 40 points in a game seven times this season, including both losses to Hartland and Detroit Renaissance.

"That's who we are," Wayne Memorial head coach Jarvis Mitchell said. "We try and pressure, we try and play our style because we know we have athletes and we try and use that to our advantage."

Holding onto an eight-point halftime lead, Wayne Memorial failed to lift its foot off the gas pedal in the third period, outscoring the Kicking Mules, 13-7, while allowing only two field goals, including an and-1 by senior Savanna Killinen.



Alanna Micheaux gathers in a rebound. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The Zebras failed to let up, using two steals by sophomore guard Mayla Ham and one by sophomore guard Samyah Jefferson to increase the lead to 17 at the end of the third quarter.

A 7-3 run at the start of the fourth quarter, helped with two blocks by sophomore guard Kelli Wales and one by junior forward Davai Matthews, secured the Zebras' return to the state semifinal game after back-to-back appearances in 2018 and 2019.

Micheaux finished the game with a game-high 19 points, adding seven rebounds, two blocks and a steal, showing off her physicality in the pain against two or even three Temperance Bedford defenders draped over her.

"You look at her body, she's probably

Late results

Results of the state basketball semifinals against Detroit Renaissance were unavailable for print deadline. Visit hometownlife.com for up-to-the-minute game results for Wayne Memorial.

the most college-ready body kid I've ever coached," Mitchell said. "Tough as they come and she's resilient. She's been here before, and I think here experience is kind of what is propelling her as well."

Killinen led the Kicking Mules with 16 points, 13 of which came in the second half.

Micheaux knows what playing in the

state semifinal game is like. She was on the 2018-19 team that lost to Saginaw Heritage by three points in the final four.

With that experience and knowing who the Zebras are facing — a Renaissance team who beat them by eight on Feb. 27 — the senior forward knows how she will lead the team on its way to the Breslin Center.

"We just have to give it all we got. All we got, leave it all on the court," Micheaux said. "I got confidence in all of us that we can pull through."

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Michigan high school boys basketball playoff scoreboard

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The boys basketball playoffs are here. After a condensed season due to COVID-19, Hometown Life-area teams made their push in the postseason tournament to see who can make it to the Breslin Center in East Lansing April 10 for the state final.

Here's a look at how area teams have fared in the tournament.

Regionals

Division 1

Regional 5 — Northville

Final

Ann Arbor Huron (18-0) 64, Livonia Stevenson (13-7) 39

Semifinal

Livonia Stevenson (13-6) 53 Salem (8-9) 51

Regional 7 — De La Salle

Semifinal

U-D Jesuit (11-0) 36, Brother Rice (8-5) 35

Division 2

Regional 15 — Livonia Clarenceville

Semifinal

Ferndale (12-4) 78, Livonia Clarenceville (7-9) 53

Division 4

Regional 31 — Ypsilanti Lincoln

Semifinal

Detroit Douglass (13-5) 55, Plymouth Christian Academy (12-6) 51; 2 OT

Districts

Division 1

District 20 — Livonia Franklin

First round

Redford Thurston (5-7) 68, Garden City (0-17) 57

Livonia Franklin (10-7) 76, Livonia Churchill (1-17) 56

District semifinal

John Glenn (10-5) 59, Redford Thurston (5-8) 48

Livonia Stevenson (11-6) 59, Livonia Franklin (10-8) 55; OT

District final

Livonia Stevenson (12-6) 66, John Glenn (10-6) 45

District 19 — Plymouth



The Livonia Stevenson varsity boys basketball team stands for the National Anthem on Feb. 22. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

First round

Salem (6-8) 41, Northville (12-6) 39
Novi (4-11) 56, Plymouth (3-13) 48

District semifinal

Salem (7-8) 72, Detroit Catholic Central (4-8) 67; OT

Canton (10-5) 61, Novi (4-12) 50

District final

Salem (8-8) 50, Canton (10-6) 44; OT

District 17 — Dexter

First round

Ann Arbor Skyline (7-4) 63, South Lyon (10-5) 44

District semifinal

Ann Arbor Skyline (8-4) 51, South Lyon East (10-4) 48

District 23 — Dearborn Heights

Crestwood

First round

Dearborn Heights Crestwood (10-4) 54, Wayne Memorial (2-12) 45

District 25

First round

Groves (8-7) 54, Southfield Arts and Technology (5-10) 48

Seaholm (6-8) 47, Farmington (4-12) 45

District semifinal

Brother Rice (7-4) 59, Groves (8-8) 57

Seaholm (7-8) 2, North Farmington (8-3) 0 — Canceled, COVID-19

District final

Brother Rice (8-4) 66, Seaholm (6-9) 36

District 7 — Milford

First round

Walled Lake Central (8-6) 45, Milford (6-11) 30

District semifinal

Lakeland (9-7) 44, Walled Lake Western (2-15) 41

District final

Walled Lake Northern (10-4) 58, Lakeland (9-8) 31

District 8 — Bloomfield Hills

District semifinal

Waterford Mott (12-7) 62, Bloomfield Hills (8-5) 54

Division 2

District 57

District semifinal

Livonia Clarenceville (6-8) 69, Detroit Communication and Media Arts (7-5) 48

District final

Livonia Clarenceville (7-8) 68, Detroit Cornerstone Health and Technology (7-8) 63

Division 4

District 124 — Westland Huron Valley Lutheran

District final

Plymouth Christian Academy (12-5) 81, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (6-8) 41

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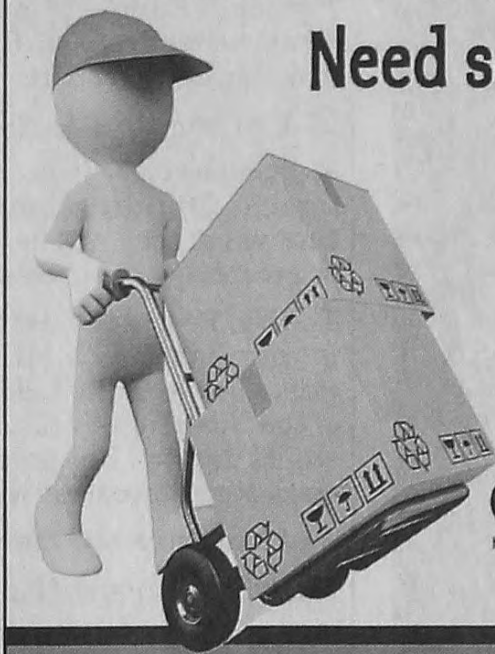
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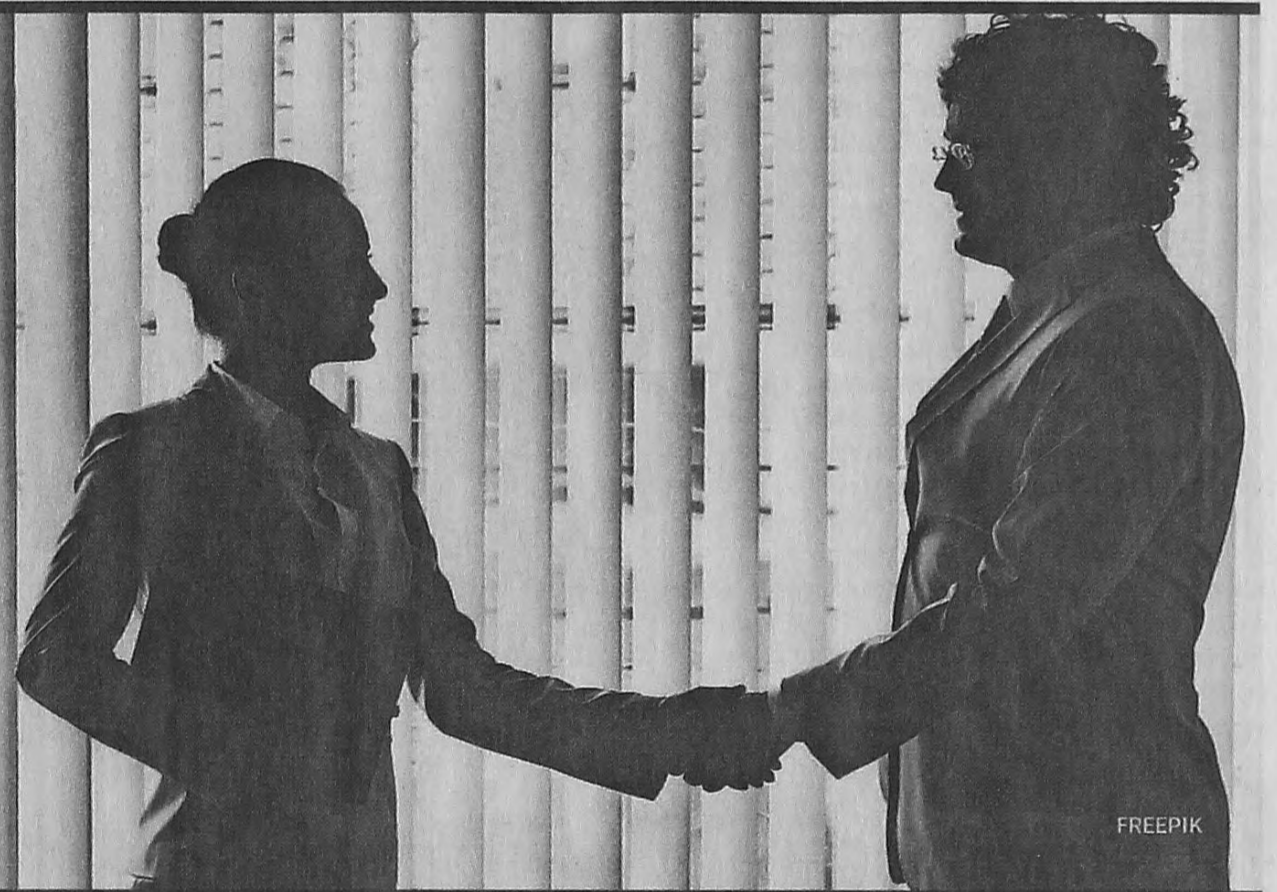
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willing to pay. Here's the secret: Many job candidates could get substantially more.

The mere mention of the word "negotiation" can make some people nervous, so here are three different approaches you can take to make a counteroffer with confidence:

1. The Name-Your-Price Approach

This one is pretty straightforward: Just ask for the salary you want. Simply say something along the lines of, "If you can do [your salary request], we have a deal." When strategizing the right number,

add on a 10% buffer since there is a good chance the company will offer a lower amount. Employers like certainty and are more likely to consider your request if you make it clear that you will sign if they agree.

2. The One-Small-Problem Approach

With this method, identify one item you would like to negotiate. It can be more salary so you can pay for day care, more vacation time to visit relatives or flexible work hours so you can attend a child's school events. After spending a day with your offer, reach

back out and say, "This company is definitely my first choice, and I'm determined to make it work. I have one small problem I need to solve before I can accept." Follow with your one ask and a simple explanation as to why it would help you make the decision.

3. The Multiple-Offers Approach

This one is a lucky position to be in. If you have received multiple offers and think you would be happy in any of the positions, you have more leverage. The companies you are speaking with have already

decided they want you, so be honest about the fact that you are considering other offers. The company that wants you most may turn around and offer you more.

Negotiating can be uncomfortable, but if you approach it correctly, a few minutes of discomfort can have a big payoff. Think of it this way: If you negotiate an extra \$5,000 per year and stay at the job for four years, you've just made an extra \$20,000 — and that's before any potential salary increases. \$20k is probably worth a few minutes of awkwardness.

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