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Founder of Plymouth Briefcase Drill Team dies

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Prior to 1985, every parade had its succession of routine attractions: marching bands, colorful floats, silly clowns and waving, smiling politicians sitting in the backseats of convertibles. Then Plymouth's Fred Hill added a

wrinkle to the usual smorgasbord of fun: the smiles-generating Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team, a contingent of 16 men who marched in unison to Hill's direction with the precision of a Marine Corps drill team — all dressed in business suits and carrying briefcases. Hill, who spread joy to all who knew him, passed away Nov. 15 at his lake

house on Bass Lake. He was 79. Hill, a Plymouth entrepreneur and 50-year member of the city's Kiwanis Club, had been battling cancer. He was surrounded by his family at the time of his death, longtime friend Lee Harrison said. In addition to the American Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit, the team

made several appearances across the country, including in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Fiesta Bowl Parade in Tempe, Arizona, and at the Indianapolis 500. There will be a final remembrance of his life sometime in December, See **FOUNDER**, Page 2A



Owners Gabriel and Tiffanie Vera have opened a second location of Aratham, their plant-based meal service, in Westland. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Plant-based meal service opens Westland location

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It's fair to say Gabriel and Tiffanie Vera got into the meal-providing business at a good time. Launching in late 2019, the Warren couple began their plant-based meal service Aratham, targeting southeast

Oakland County with customers in communities such as Birmingham, Troy and Royal Oak. What began as delivery service grew, which allowed the couple to open its first storefront in Troy. Now, the couple has opened its second location in Westland, a storefront in the Twin Oaks plaza near Newburgh and Ford roads.

The Veras found many of their customers were attracted to the plant-based diet, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic bringing more attention to health. That's shown since opening the shop at 37628 Ford Road.

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Westland council OKs plans for 2 subdivisions

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Two former elementary school sites in Westland are becoming subdivisions. City council unanimously approved plans for home developments at the former Kettering and Maddison elementary schools at its Nov. 15 meeting. The Madison development, 12.16 acres on the east side of Carlson Street south of Avondale Street, will have 45 homes. The Kettering development, 9.04 acres between Venoy Road and Hubbard Street south of Avondale Street, will have 35 homes.

"We're looking forward to this," Council President Jim Hart said. "Building on some of these vacant school properties is something I've been an advocate for since I've been on council; I think all of us have. I'm thankful the school district is working with you so we can get some new roofs out here." Both proposals came from Lombardo Homes, which is based in Shelby Township. The developer has built several communities in Westland, the most recent of which is the Marlee Woods subdivision, west of Venoy Road and north of Ford Road. Initial buyers will be able to choose from a variety of ranch and colonial-style homes. All homes will have an attached two-car garage and basement. Lombardo will add residential streets to both developments, as well. Two homes on the eastern end of the Kettering development will be built by students in Wayne-Westland Community Schools' construction program.

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Fred Hill, founder and leader of the Briefcase Drill Team, died Nov. 15 after a long battle with cancer. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE PHOTOS

Founder

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Harrison said.

The early days of the drill team were interesting, according to an article that appeared in the Detroit Free Press.

“In a particularly memorable promotion”, Hill “rented two elephants for Plymouth’s Fourth of July parade and decked them out with signs for his store,” wrote former Free Press reporter David Lyman. “But in 1985, the elephants were unavailable. Hill was on his own.”

“Inspired by the memory of a bunch of guys he’d seen pushing lawn mowers

in a Memorial Day parade in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, he posted a sign in his store window: ‘General Hill is looking for a few good men to march in the Fourth of July Parade.’ Sixteen guys signed up.”

Hill tried umbrellas first, Lyman reported, but, Hill said at the time: “Military maneuvers with umbrellas didn’t look funny enough.”

Hill’s first attempt to enter Detroit’s Thanksgiving parade with briefcases was vetoed by organizers, who thought his proposal was “too oddball for such a thoroughly mainstream event,” Lyman wrote.

But after a “change in management” at the parade company, the group was invited to participate, and the briefcase team began its relationship with De-

troit.

While Hill is known far and wide for establishing the drill team, his contributions to the Plymouth community were immeasurable, noted Plymouth Chamber of Commerce President Wes Graff.

“Somehow, when he was on the Chamber of Commerce Board, he talked our Chamber outside of Ann Arbor into hosting an event featuring his beloved (former Ohio State University football coach) Woody Hayes as the speaker,” Graff recounted. “Everyone in Plymouth has a Fred Hill story, starting with his unquestioned leadership of the Briefcase Drill Team.”

“We have lost a great man, a great friend and a great Kiwanian,” Harrison said. “Fred loved Kiwanis and was work-

ing on ideas for the club right up until he entered the hospital. The last time we talked he wanted to be sure that golf outing would continue to the premier event in the area. Thanks to the organization he left behind, I’m sure it will be.”

Dave Latawiec, who considered Hill his best friend, referred to Hill as “Mr. Fred Hill ... because he enjoyed it and always seemed to bring a smile to his face.”

“Driving with Mr. Fred Hill to events was always an adventure,” Latawiec continued. “We managed to lose track of where we were and often ended up lost or way out of the way from the correct route.”

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Subdivisions

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“We’re very excited about these two lots going back to the school district and we’re going to partner with them in a mentoring role to offer some job shadowing,” said Gregory Windigland with Lombardo homes.

Council expressed optimism regarding both projects.

“This works well with those (nearby) homes and, based off the success you’ve had with the Marlee Woods project, I’m sure you’ll have great success with these as well,” Councilman Jim Godbout said.

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Some Aratham's plant-based meals, prepared to go. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Service

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“We want to open places that are not too close together,” Tiffanie Vera said. “We were delivering in this area. Westland was kind of like the cutoff.”

Customers can either walk in to purchase the packaged meals or place an order online. The shop offers about 15 different meals per week and rotates them out. All dishes are vegan, and there are some gluten-free and nut-free options as well. There’s a variety of cuisine options, with dishes such as pad thai, vegan crab cakes and a “sausage” pepper sub, which is made using plants.

It serves up several sides and even desserts, which can include seasonal items like pumpkin pie bars. Several breakfast options are also available,

allowing customers to get all three daily meals from Aratham.

“We have people come in early in the week and pick up 20, 30 meals and feed their family for the whole week,” Tiffanie Vera said.

Juices are also sold as well.

They acquired the space, a former hair salon, earlier this year and began renovations. The shop was completely remodeled and sports a fresh, inviting look complete with plants in the window.

In addition to the prepackaged meals, there’s a small section dedicated to non-food items, such as candles, essential oils and more. Many of the retail items are created by other small companies, but Tiffanie Vera said they are all in line with the same goals as Aratham.

“Every little thing we bring in for our retail ... I’m very serious about what we have here,” she said. “It has to be sustainable.”

“These businesses are sharing the mission as we are.”

The Veras have seen enough success at their two locations that they’re continuing their expansion: they plan to open a third retail location, this one in Detroit, in the near future.

Gabriel Vera said their clientele have gravitated toward their model, looking to Aratham for healthy food for their families. The success they’ve seen since launching in 2019 comes with the care he and his family have put into their business and the food.

“It’s really about the passion and the love that goes into preparing all these meals,” he said. “Everything is and is very well thought-out.”

“It is a business that has grown from the passion of the family.”

More information, including online ordering, can be found at aratham.com.

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Northville dentist creates toothy Christmas tree

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Leave it to a joy-spreading dentist to design and build the world's first and only Christmas tree made entirely of larger-than-life pearly whites — all cavity-free, of course.

Made up of 1,111 eight-inch plastic molars, the 16-foot-high tree was erected in the front yard of Northville's Preservation Dental office at the intersection of Griswold and Main streets, where Dr. William Demray attempts to take the intimidation factor out of dentistry.

The number 1,111 is widely considered the number of enlightenment, Demray noted, adding the tree was raised on Nov. 11 (11/11) at 11:11 a.m.

Demray, who has created a character for Northville's annual Fourth of July Parade named Betsy Floss, said the world can never have too many light-hearted distractions, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The tree is an attention-grabber," Demray said, chuckling. "(Thursday) while we were putting it up for the first time, there was a near collision outside our office. We heard a semi lay on its horn because a driver in front of him had hit its brakes to stop and do a double-take of the tree."

"A couple people asked us if we could keep it up all year; maybe decorate it with hearts for Valentine's Day, eggs for Easter and shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day — they like it that much," added Denise Jenkins, Preservation Dental's business manager. "But deep down, it's only meant to be a Christmas tree."

In 2016, Demray hired Michigan-based SPI Injection Molding to produce 3,333 of the teeth — "They're realistic looking, but cartoon-like at the same time so as not to scare people," Demray explained — to help turn his 1878 Victorian-era office into an art exhibit for Northville's Art Week.

"We formed a display that made it look like these teeth were coming out of our three second-story windows, kind of like waterfalls," Demray said. "The inspiration for the project was a prohibition-era photo shot in Detroit in which police were dumping barrels of whiskey out of the second-story windows of a warehouse."



Dan Diachenko of Euko Design helps to put together Preservation Dental's toothy Christmas tree Nov. 11 in Northville.
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"We came up with a story that the tooth fairy's living quarters were too small for her expanding business, so she needed a temporary warehouse to store her teeth while she built a new one. We kept the sculptures up a few months and then took them down. We retained them because it was quite an ordeal to have them made and there were so many of them."

The teeth remained in storage until November 2020 when Demray came up with the idea of the Christmas tree to help inflate the mood of passersby during the heart of the pandemic.

"Last year was fun, but this year we're taking it to the next level," Demray said. "We've added a computerized light and music show to accompany the tree. It's really going to be spectacular."

Demray, who has added a 13-foot-long candy cane to the display this season, said the tree will stand until Jan. 6.

A teeth-lighting ceremony is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19 — shortly after the conclusion of the Northville Christmas Parade.

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



The tree, at the corner of Griswold and W. Main, will be lit up for the holidays.

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Man in custody after fatal Redford shooting

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Redford Township police placed someone in custody due to the fatal shooting that happened earlier this week.

Awaiting arraignment, he is accused of shooting a man in his mid-20s at about 11:50 p.m. Nov. 14 in the 15400 block of Lenore Street.

According to police, they were dispatched to the area because of reports of a shooting. First responders found the shooting victim and pronounced him dead at the scene.

Police knew from their initial investigation the name of a person of interest.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Capt. Al DiPrima at 313-387-2571 or the RTPD command desk at 313-387-2555.

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Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and Police Chief Chad Baugh stand near a hybrid vehicle.
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Canton police add hybrid vehicles

Courtesy of Canton Township

The Canton Police Department has increased the number of hybrid patrol vehicles in its fleet from one to eight.

The department switched from ordering the traditional Ford Explorer Police Interceptor vehicles to Ford's new hybrid version.

Ford states the hybrid vehicle provides police agencies with improved power and performance with no trade-

offs when it comes to safety or interior passenger/cargo space when compared to its previous vehicle.

In addition, it's the only vehicle worldwide, engineered to meet the 75-mph rear impact crash test.

And the Side Protection and Cabin Enhancement (SPACE) architecture with structural reinforcement works to protect officers on the job.

"As part of the Canton Township board goals, we will continue to pur-

chase hybrid vehicles for our police patrol fleet," township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak said. "These vehicles are a smart choice for our budget, providing a significant potential for fuel savings and reduced CO2 emissions."

Ford states the hybrid Police Interceptors have an EPA-estimated rating of 24 mpg combined — a 41 percent improvement over the current Police Interceptor utility vehicle with a conventional 3.7-liter gas engine.

State suspends Garden City child care's license

Child apparently put another in hot dryer

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The state suspended a Garden City woman's child care license after officials learned a child put another child in a clothes dryer and turned on the machine.

Both children were in the care of Kathleen Mayhue-Radeback, who was operating a child care business at 30599 Marquette St., between Merriman and

Henry Ruff roads.

Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs issued a license suspension notice to the woman earlier this month, citing her for lack of appropriate care and supervision, a lack of suitability and conduciveness to the welfare of children and failure to provide truthful and accurate information to the department during an investigation.

A Google search associated Mayhue-

Radeback with Mini Me's Family Child Care on Marquette Street.

Hometown Life called the business but the person who picked up immediately disconnected upon learning a reporter was calling.

According to the state's order, Mayhue-Radeback actually reported the dryer incident to a registered nurse when she took a "minor household member" to the hospital on Aug. 4. She told the registered nurse that she was stressed because the child had put another in the dryer and turned it on. The child admitted the same to a nurse and

social worker.

State officials learned the victim told her mother in September about the incident, describing her experience as hot, dark and painful on her back. Mayhue-Radeback had removed her from the dryer.

Mayhue-Radeback first received her license to operate a facility for six in 2019. She also was cited for not being truthful with investigators.

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Westland man sentenced in hit-and-run of skateboarder

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A 21-year-old Westland man was sentenced to 2-5 years in prison for leaving the accident that killed skateboarder Dominic Duhn along Sheldon Road in Northville Township last year.

The prison time was part of a sentencing agreement that Third Circuit Judge Catherine Heise stuck to when punishing Gustavo Godinez, 21, in her courtroom on Nov. 16.

Godinez pleaded no contest months ago to failing to stop at the scene of a serious personal injury accident.

He did not speak during the Nov. 16 sentencing, but his attorney Francisco Villarruel asked for a few words after members of the Duhn family shared emotional victim's statements.

Hometown Life had to cover the sentencing via YouTube, and the family never appeared on camera. But they told of learning the night of Sept. 3, 2020, that Dominic was dead and how devastating it was. The 20-year-old was an Eagle Scout and Michigan State University student they only knew as smart, caring, funny and exceptional.

The family, though, had also expressed rage with Godinez, calling him a coward who showed no remorse and who was the total opposite of their son and brother.

Because of their emotions and speculations, along with orders that the Duhns couldn't denigrate Godinez, the judge occasionally interrupted the Duhn family.

"My client adopts and accepts the family's portrayal of this young man," said Villarruel, who has alleged Duhn was drinking and perhaps high on marijuana when he was struck. "But at this event, on this day, he wasn't the Eagle Scout. He wasn't the smart guy."

The Duhn family obviously became upset, and the judge tried to regain order.

"All right, all right," Heise said, using her gavel. "Everybody stop."

Investigators have said Godinez's vehicle struck Duhn shortly after 11:30



Gustavo Godinez Jr., 21, seated at right, in 2020. Godinez was sentenced Nov. 16 to 2-5 years in prison for the hit-and-run death of Dominic Duhn, 20, of Northville. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

p.m. as he was skateboarding down a Sheldon Road Hill of about 100 feet. He and his friend apparently had activated their cellphones' strobe settings to warn drivers.

It took more than month before investigators officially announced they had connected paint chips left at the scene to Godinez's vehicle, making their arrest. Godinez told police he thought he hit a deer or a person that night, when he was heading home from work at Los Tres Amigos in Northville.

Before Godinez stood to hear his sentence, the Duhn family relived the horrible moments that have passed since Dominic died.

"I was woken up by my distressed mother and a police officer beside my dad," said Enzo Duhn, who lost his older brother and role model. "Quietly, the officer informed us of Dominic's death."

Drew Duhn expressed gratitude to

the tipster that helped police arrest Godinez.

"Gustavo Godinez took my child away from me," he said. "You killing Dominic hurt me so badly it feels like my heart has a knife going through it. For five weeks, I wondered what monster does this."

"You left him on the side of the road like roadkill. You didn't even call 911. It's unbearable for me to live with this pain."

Dominic Duhn's mom shared that she and her son were best friends who called each other all the time "to share everything" when he was at MSU.

She wears a locket of his hair around her neck and has sleeping issues because she can't stop wondering if Godinez was drunk when he drove from the crash.

"It haunts me envisioning how Dominic was so violently hit, (how it) knocked him out of his shoes and how

his body slid over 100 feet where Gustavo left him to die like roadkill," she said. "Gustavo gave us a life sentence of pain and sorrow when he killed Dominic. We will never get an early release from broken hearts. We don't get paroled from this life sentence without Dominic. We don't get visitation rights to see Dominic."

"Gustavo gave my family the worst punishment possible, that is worse than any prison sentence. Gustavo needs a lot of time behind bars."

After the sentencing, she said that her family agreed to the 2-5 year sentence and that it's in the process of pursuing a lawsuit against Los Tres Amigos and Godinez's mother, who owned the car her son was driving that night.

Godinez had already faced several traffic allegations before the hit-and-run incident.

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Let a restaurant serve your Thanksgiving feast

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Forget about cooking a big turkey. Give your potato peeler a rest. Don't fret over making sure gravy is lump-free.

If you prefer to leave the holiday cooking to someone else, there are plenty of options at metro Detroit restaurants.

A fully cooked and prepared meal is a game-changer for those who don't want to host a big gathering. While restaurants were closed last year just ahead of Thanksgiving; many are open for special menus and some have buffet dining.

Below is a sampling of restaurants offering Thanksgiving specials.

Keep in mind menus are subject to change and availability can vary. Pick-up dates will vary from the day before Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving Day. Most of the meal packages are offered in several serving sizes. With some of the meal packages, the turkey is already cooked, but some you will need to cook yourself. Cooking and reheating instructions are included.

Also, keep in mind restaurants may have a cut-off date for reservations or for ordering meals-to-go.

Bob Evans

Farmhouse Feasts returns for dine-in and include Thanksgiving entrées of slow-roasted turkey and handcrafted traditional sides, rolls and pumpkin pie.

Farmhouse Feasts to-go start at \$59.99 and serves, four, eight or up to 10 people. The feast is packed cold with reheating instructions available for carryout, curbside pickup or delivery through Wednesday, Nov. 24. You can also order sides and desserts separately. Bob Evans locations will be open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

For info: bobevas.com/farmhouse-feast.

Bravo! Italian Kitchen

Livonia and Rochester Hills

Thanksgiving feast to-go features sliced white meat turkey, gravy, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, spicy Italian sausage stuffing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Pick up hot, or cold and reheat. A small feeds three and is \$78.99 or a large is \$148 and feeds six. Classic Italian side dishes are also available for ordering.

For info: bravoitalian.com.

Buca di Beppo

Livonia and Utica

Thanksgiving feast to-go features sliced white meat turkey, gravy, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, spicy Italian sausage stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Pick up hot, or cold and reheat. A small feeds three and is \$78.99 or a large is \$148 and feeds six. Classic Italian side dishes are also available for ordering.

For info: bucadibepo.com/.

Cafe Cortina

Farmington Hills

Back for a second year, Café Cortina's Thanksgiving family dinner features farm-raised, Tuscan-style roasted turkey with chestnut stuffing. A selection of traditional sides includes stuffing, red-skinned mashed potatoes and caramelized baby carrots with honey and pistachios. Includes a choice of chef's homemade pumpkin or Michigan apple pie. Dinner sizes serve six-eight people or nine-12 people and start at \$399. You can also order extra sides for an additional cost.

For info: 248-474-3033 or cafecortina.com.



Emmele Herold of Hazel, Ravines & Downtown holds a coffee cake. PROVIDED BY HAZEL, RAVINES & DOWNTOWN

Crystal Gardens

Southgate

Offering a buffet-style Thanksgiving meal or you can order a complete meal to-go. Buffet includes turkey, carved prime rib, ham, penne with mini meatballs, traditional sides, an assortment of salads, rolls and desserts. Cost is \$34.95, \$33.95 for seniors and \$24.95 ages 4-10. Turkey to-go package includes a cooked 24-pound turkey with reheating instructions and traditional side dishes. There's also sweet potatoes, mac 'n' cheese and pasta salad, rolls and butter, one pumpkin pie and one apple pie. Serve 10 people for \$195 or 15 people for \$228.

For info: 734-285-2210 or crystalgardensonline.com.

D. Prime

MGM Grand Detroit

Pan-seared Maple Leaf duck breast, cranberry gastrique, dauphinoise potato, charred pearl onion petals. \$46 per person.

For info: mgmgranddetroit.mgmresorts.com.

Frame

Royal Oak

A curated Thanksgiving to enjoy at home. From chef Michael Barrera, the feast includes brined turkey ready for the oven or fryer along with sides of mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, roasted sweet potatoes with maple glaze and walnuts, cornbread and sausage stuffing, buttermilk biscuits and honey. Pies are from Adela Bejo of Hip Hop Bake Shop. Feed up to six people for \$385.

For an additional cost, you can order carafes of cocktails whipped up by mix'tress Jaz'min Weaver. You can also order wines.

For info: framehazelpark.com/experience/thanks-giving-dinner/

Great Lakes Pot Pies

Clawson

Thanksgiving dinner in a pie. There's a bottom layer of stuffing topped with sweet potato and cranberries. Next is a turkey filling, which also has carrots, celery, green beans, onions and spices. All are tucked inside a cranberry speckled cornmeal crust with leaves cut into the top. A 5-inch pie is \$15 and 9-inch pies are \$34. The pies are available through the end of the year.

Hazel Ravines & Downtown

Birmingham

Holidays @Home concept is back and expanded. Thanksgiving @Home offers everything but the turkey. There are traditional side dishes such as stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy. Vegan options, desserts and holiday cocktails are also available. Hazel's Family Feasts features a traditional crab boil with Alaskan king crab, shrimp, mussels, sausage, butter-boiled po-

tatoes, green beans and dinner rolls. It feeds two-four people and is \$180.

For info: hrd.kitchen.

Lockhart's BBQ

Royal Oak

Family meal serves eight-10 and includes a hickory-smoked turkey and choice of Lockhart's BBQ sides and desserts. Choose from baked beans, Loretta salad, mini cornbread, garlic mash, sweet potato mash, mac 'n' cheese, deviled eggs, jalapeno brown beans or creamy cole slaw. Pie choices are a whole pumpkin, apple or three berry cobbler. Cost is \$135. You can also order smoked turkey and ham or turkey breast as well as sides a la carte.

For info: lockhartsbbq.com.

Mitchell's Fish Market

Dine-in or dinner to-go. A prix fixe turkey dinner is \$32 per person and includes soup or salad, roasted turkey breast with gravy, cranberry relish, herb stuffing, seasonal vegetables, choice of whipped potatoes or mashed sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie or other Mitchell's favorites.

A kid's two-course turkey dinner is \$15 for ages 12 and under. Dinner includes roasted turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet corn sauté, pumpkin pie or Oreo sundae.

Pickup dinner serves four-six and is \$149. The dinner includes sourdough bread with butter and Mitchell's house salad, 4 pounds sliced roasted turkey breast with whipped potatoes, turkey gravy, herb stuffing, cranberry relish, mashed sweet potatoes, sweet corn sauté and seasonal vegetables and one pumpkin pie.

For info: mitchellsfishmarket.com.

Oak & Reel

Detroit

Dinner to-go from Michelin-starred chef Jared Gadbaw. Menu features slow-roasted turkey breast, turkey leg "Porchetta" stuffing with or without oysters, roasted brussels sprouts and cippolini onions with pancetta, mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce and dinner rolls. Serve four-five people for \$160 or eight-10 people for \$320. Add pumpkin cheesecake or chocolate tarte for \$28 each.

For info: 313-270-9600 or exploretock.com/oakan-dreel/.

Rugby Grille

Birmingham

Thanksgiving Day brunch is 7 a.m.-9:30 a.m. A four-course prix fixe Thanksgiving dinner is \$95 with seating times at noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. There's a choice of appetizers, soup or salad, a choice of entrée including a traditional turkey dinner and three dessert offerings to choose from. An a la carte kids menu is also offered.

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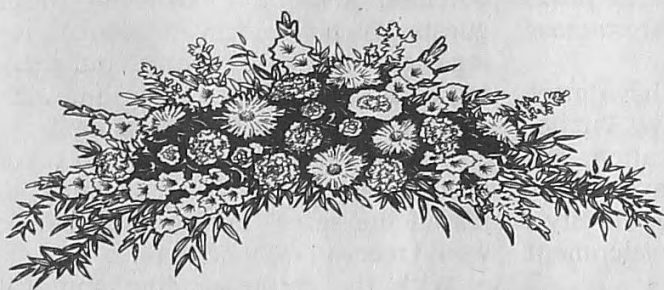
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Craig Brian Bowles

NORTHVILLE - Craig Brian Bowles, age 66, passed away on Nov. 13, 2021. He was born in Detroit, MI to the late Richard and Evelyn Bowles. Beloved husband of Diane for 43 wonderful years. Loving father of Sarah (Matt) Steele. Cherished grandfather of Emersyn and Jackson. Dearest brother of Kevin and Keith (Diane). Will also be missed by other close family and friends. Craig was the successful business owner of Meadowbrook Products. He was a member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Livonia LBN, and Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governors for many years. Craig was an avid Red Wings fan and season ticket holder for over 30 years. Visitation Thurs., Nov. 18 from 2-8pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral Service Fri., Nov. 19 at 1pm (Visitation 12pm) also at the funeral home. Craig was a tremendous supporter of the Schoolcraft College Foundation. In lieu of flowers, we would love for you to continue his legacy by making a memorial donation at <https://bit.ly/scfcraigbowles>.

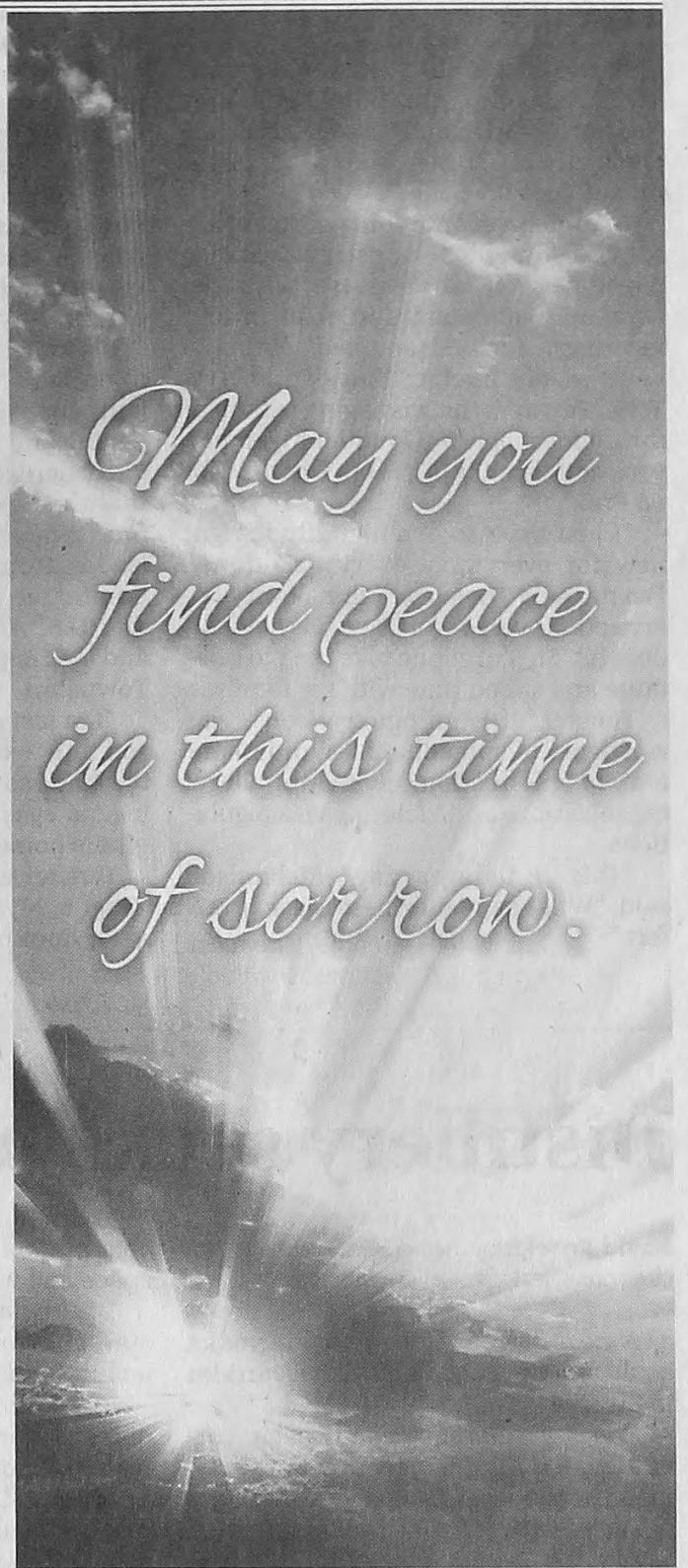


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Josephine Marie Colville

BIRMINGHAM - Long time Bingham Farms resident Josephine Marie Colville (nee Jurusik) 12/29/1925 - 11/01/2021, passed away peacefully in her sleep on 11/1. She was just a month shy of her 96th birthday. She had been living in Vancouver, Washington to be near family, but always considered the Birmingham area her home. Jo was born in Elmira Heights, NY, and attended Elmira College. She graduated with a degree in Nursing and moved to New York City where she met her husband, James M Colville. During the course of her tenure at New York City Hospital, she was one of the charge nurses tasked with caring for polio patients during the last great outbreak of that disease. She and her husband Jim were married on 4/15/1950 and soon moved to Texas where he served as a flight surgeon at Perrin AFB during the Korean Conflict. After the war, the couple moved several times to Oklahoma, New York, and Detroit for Jim's career in Infectious Diseases before finally moving to Bingham Farms in 1963 where he started a practice in Internal Medicine, and became Director of Infectious Diseases at Beaumont Hospital. Jo was a full-time mother of 3 boys. She was also a devoted member of the PEO, as well as the Northbrook Presbyterian Church. She also served as the Treasurer of the Village of Bingham of Farms. Together with friends, she started a successful investment club and educated herself on the Stock Market, as well as continuing the practice of nursing. Jo loved travelling and after her children were grown, the couple frequently visited destinations both within the United States, and abroad. Jim predeceased her in 2006, and in 2015, she relocated to the Portland OR area to be near family. She is survived by her younger brother Paul, and her sons James Jr, Mark, and Thomas. Flowers or remembrances can be sent to the Northbrook Presbyterian Church, in Beverly Hills.



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Fenster back on US soil, grateful for ‘team effort’

Miriam Marini Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Hours after landing back in the United States, Michigan journalist Danny Fenster stood alongside leaders who aided in his release from a Myanmar prison Tuesday.

In exchange for nothing, former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson was able to negotiate Fenster's release with the Myanmar commander in chief in four meetings, Richardson said during a news media briefing Tuesday in New York. Fenster, the managing editor of the online magazine Frontier Myanmar, was sentenced to 11 years of hard labor on Friday.

"I just have so much gratitude right now for everything everyone's done," Fenster said Tuesday. "I think every every action everyone's taken has helped a little bit. So, I'm gonna take time to celebrate and spend time with my family."

Fenster, of Huntington Woods, was convicted of spreading false or inflammatory information, contacting illegal organizations and violating visa regulations.

"This is Danny's day," Richardson said. "What happened here is a team effort."

Richardson visited the southeast Asia country at the beginning of the month to further humanitarian aid and coronavirus vaccination efforts and was able to negotiate Fenster's release in a series of meetings with Myanmar's commander in chief.

"I said to him, this would be a gift, a humanitarian gesture to the American people," Richardson said, adding that he was also able to free his own staff member, a 31-year-old Burmese woman. "This was the right thing to do. This was a journalist doing his job. This was a journalist reporting of what was happening and he shouldn't suffer."

Richardson and Fenster emphasized that the release was a collaborative effort. Standing alongside them were leaders from the Richardson Center, the Committee to Protect Journalists, former U.S. Ambassador Cameron Hume and U.S. Rep. Andy Levin, D-Bloomfield Township.

"I'm just so grateful to Gov. Richardson and everybody who had a hand in this and I so appreciate the idea of keeping our eyes on the prize about bringing others home," Levin said.

Fenster was held in Insein Prison in Yangon, Myanmar, located in southeast Asia, since his arrest at Yangon International Airport on May 24. With Richardson, Fenster flew out of Myanmar to Qatar on Monday. He is one of more than 100 journalists, media officials or publishers who have been detained since the military ousted the elected government of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi in February.

At the briefing Tuesday, Fenster detailed his days in the prison. He spent his days reading and exercising, waiting for nightfall when he could go back to sleep.

"I came in there at first with an attitude that I'm not going to be here very long, and I'm going to stand my ground," he said. "It didn't take too long to figure out that I didn't have a whole lot of ground to stand on."

Richardson, who serves as an unofficial envoy with no ties to any government, and other leaders present Tuesday said that while Fenster's release is cause for celebration, there is still work to be done for U.S. prisoners worldwide.

"As delighted and relieved as we are to have Danny home, dozens of journalists remain in prison in Myanmar among the thousands of political prisoners," said Joel Simon, executive director of the Committee to Protect Journalists. "Not long ago, despite the enormous challenges, Myanmar was a hopeful place for media freedom, and there was a thriving and diverse media scene of which Danny was a part. Today, Myanmar is among the worst jailers of journalists in the world."

Fenster echoed the call for continued efforts to release political prisoners of all backgrounds, not just journalists, across the globe.

"This will be a short little celebration, but let's let's keep focused on what the actual story is here."

Also at the briefing were Fenster's family members, including his brother, Bryan, who spearheaded the campaign to raise awareness of Danny's detention and demand for his release.

"Diplomacy is about showing up. It is about human interaction, about personal relationships, especially with people you disagree with," said Mickey Bergman, vice president and executive director of the Richardson Center. "Showing up in person takes courage and it is not simple, it's complicated. It has conflicting value in every day and every moment that we do this. And showing up doesn't mean necessarily that you're successful — sometimes it works, sometimes it fails."

"Today it worked."

Distillery seeks new facility, tasting room in Livonia

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A new place to sample some vodka could join the Schoolcraft Road corridor in Livonia.

The city's planning commission voted Nov. 9 during its meeting to recommend a proposal to house a distillery business with a tasting room. The plans would see Livonia-based BBS Distilleries relocate to the space formerly occupied by Subway, at 27600 Schoolcraft inside the Buckingham Village shopping center.

Jason Mitchell, one of the petitioners for the relocation, told the planning

commission the business needs a new space and wants to stay in the city.

"We're limited in where we can go to stay in Livonia," he said. "We've been looking and there's very few spots."

In addition to having space for the distilling equipment, the business would also occupy a small tasting space in the 2,800 square-foot facility. It would include a small bar and tables for a few dozen customers to sample the products, which could also be purchased by the bottle and taken home, as well.

Mitchell said BBS Distilleries, which currently operates along Schoolcraft between Merriman and Farmington,

creates several kinds of spirits including vodka and whiskey. He said the products are available in liquor stores across Michigan.

The tasting room would have more seats inside it than the Subway. But because of the proposed location, the parking in the shopping center would be enough, said Mark Taormina, the city's planning and economic development director.

"Although the proposed distillery would have 10 more customer seats, parking at the center should be adequate, and that's because of this shared parking agreement," he said.

Some neighbors who live nearby

wrote in concerns about security and potential disruptive behavior from guests. Mitchell said, in addition to having cameras at the property, staff serving would be equipped to dealing with any issues that could arise inside.

"All the personnel that we do serve customers come in, clients coming in, it's all the same training a bartender would receive," Mitchell said.

With the recommending approval from the planning commission, the proposal now goes to the city council for its review and final determination.

Contact reporter David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Twitter: @davidveselenak.




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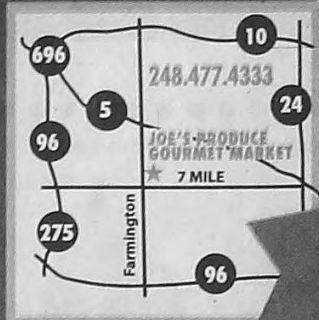
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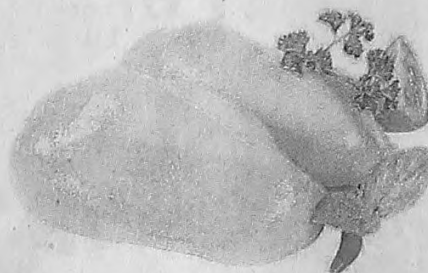
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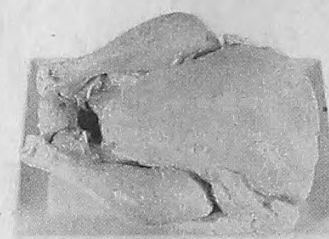
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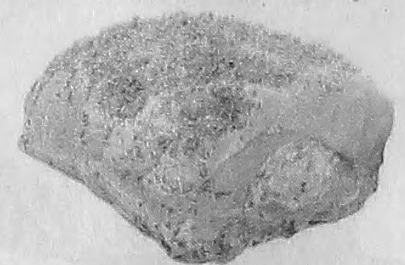
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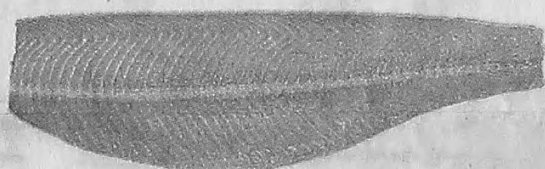
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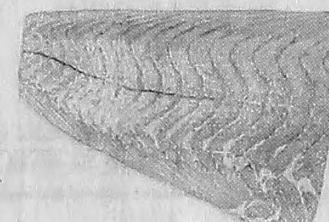
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SPORTS



Bloomfield Hills Marian celebrates after beating Davison in the Division 1 volleyball state quarterfinal on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021, at Royal Oak. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Miss Volleyball: Marian's Ava Brizard wins state's top honor

The senior helped the Mustangs beat Davison 3-0 in Tuesday's Division 1 quarterfinal

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It's shaping up to be a week Ava Brizard will never forget. On Monday, the Bloomfield Hills Marian senior officially signed her letter of intent to join North Carolina State.

Also, on Monday, the Michigan Inter-scholastic Volleyball Coaches Association named the 6-foot-1 outside hitter its Miss Volleyball, an honor given to the best player in the state each year. And, late Tuesday night, she floated above the net and slammed down the final point in the Mustangs' 3-0 victory over Davison in the Division 1 quarterfinal at Royal Oak. The effort advanced the defending state champions to Thursday's semifinal at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. On the line is a chance for No. 1 Marian to play for its fourth state title on Saturday afternoon. "Oh God, probably this one," Brizard

said when she was asked to pick her favorite moment of the week. "As great as all the other things are, everything I do is for my team. To do this for my community and to send us to Battle Creek for the second year in a row, I'm just so proud." After Brizard saw the ball spike on Davison's end of the court, she spun around, leap-frogged as low as she could and then sprung up to celebrate with her teammates. How fitting. Celebrating is why she's even here. Brizard grew up playing tennis. She did so for 11 years. And she was competitive about it.

So much so the losing stuck with her. Losing a point was tough. But losing a match was the end of the world. Plus, it wasn't much fun celebrating a win by herself. She wanted to play with friends. "I was kind of getting a little sick of it," she said. "My mom was like, 'Why don't you try a team sport?' She played volleyball in high school. So I went out, and I did a couple of clinics, and I fell in love with it instantly." Seven years ago, she signed up for her first travel team. That put her in the same gym as

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Freshman QB leads Mason past Brother Rice with last-second TD

The Warriors' first regional appearance since 2014 ended in heartbreak

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There's that great John Madden quote that goes, "If you think you have two quarterbacks, you actually have none." The former NFL broadcaster was es-

entially implying that if you play two QBs, the offense is never going to find a consistent rhythm. So what happens when you play three guys behind center? For the Mason football team, that means you're going to win your first ever Division 3 regional championship. The Bulldogs used three signal-callers to upset Brother Rice, 20-17, during the Nov. 12 game at Lawrence Tech. There was the starter, sophomore Nick Wells, the runner, senior Alex Bushey, and the gunslinger, freshman Cason Carswell. But it was the rookie who pulled off the unlikely comeback.

Trailing 17-14 with 1:21 left, the Bulldogs put together a nine-play, 63-yard drive to secure the win. They opened the series with Carswell throwing passes of 11 and 36 yards to Dylan Badgley to get into scoring territory. Two Carswell passes to AJ Martel got them inside the 10-yard line with under 30 seconds left. They brought in Bushey to punch in the winning 2-yard TD, as he had 13 carries for 84 yards at that point. He had been clutch for them all night. He consistently was the one moving the chains with big-gainers on QB dives. But Brother Rice stopped him for a 4-yard loss.

Mason brought out Carswell one more time. And he found paydirt quickly. He tossed a 6-yard TD pass to Badgley in the flats with 10 seconds left. Once Badgley flipped the ball to the side judge, the celebration started for Mason, which wound up halting the Warriors' last-gasp effort to win the game on a hook-and-ladder play as time expired. "It's like having a wide-open offense," Brother Rice coach Adam Korzeniewski said of preparing for three QBs. "It's tough to defend. Obviously, they've been coached well and they know their

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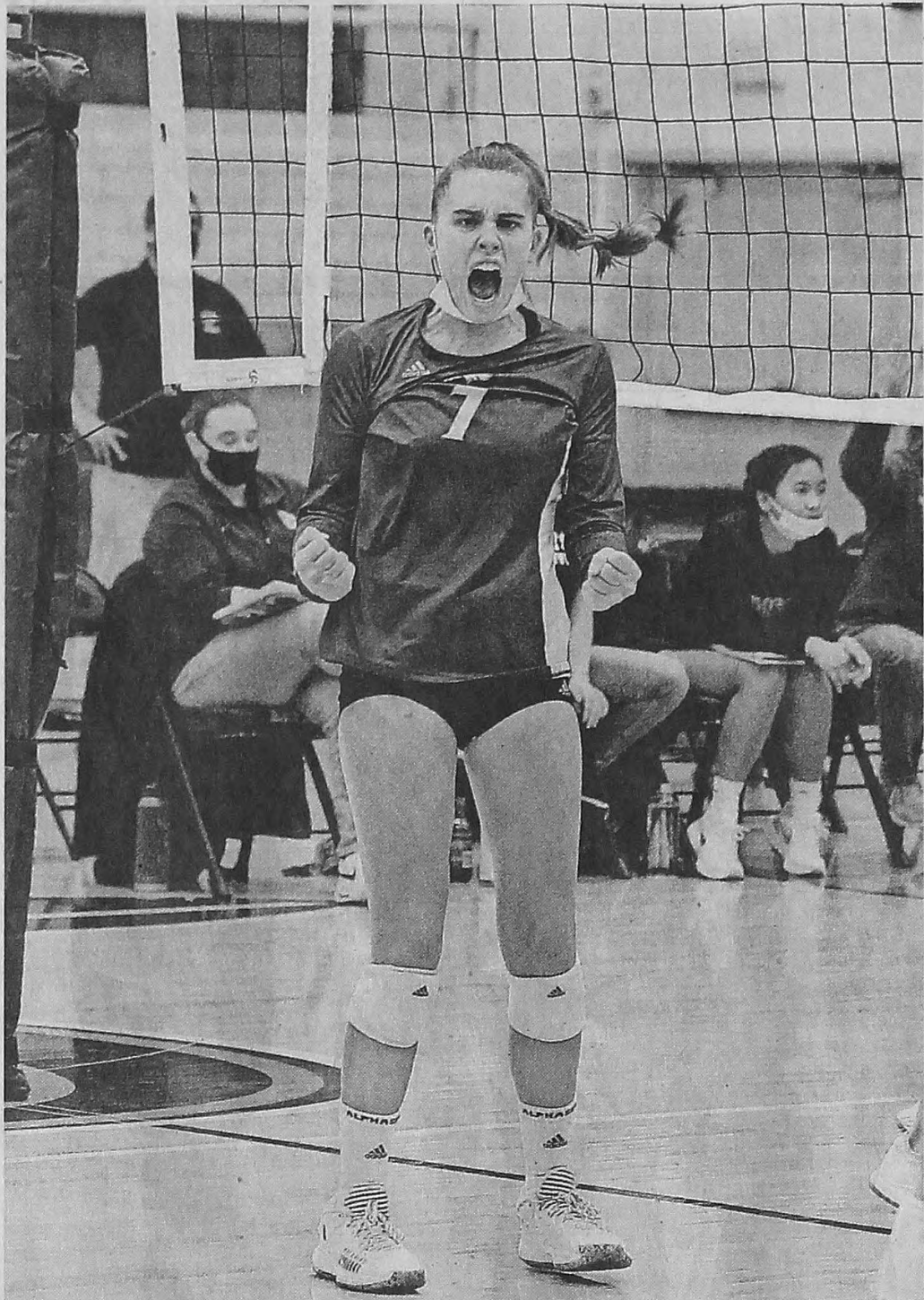
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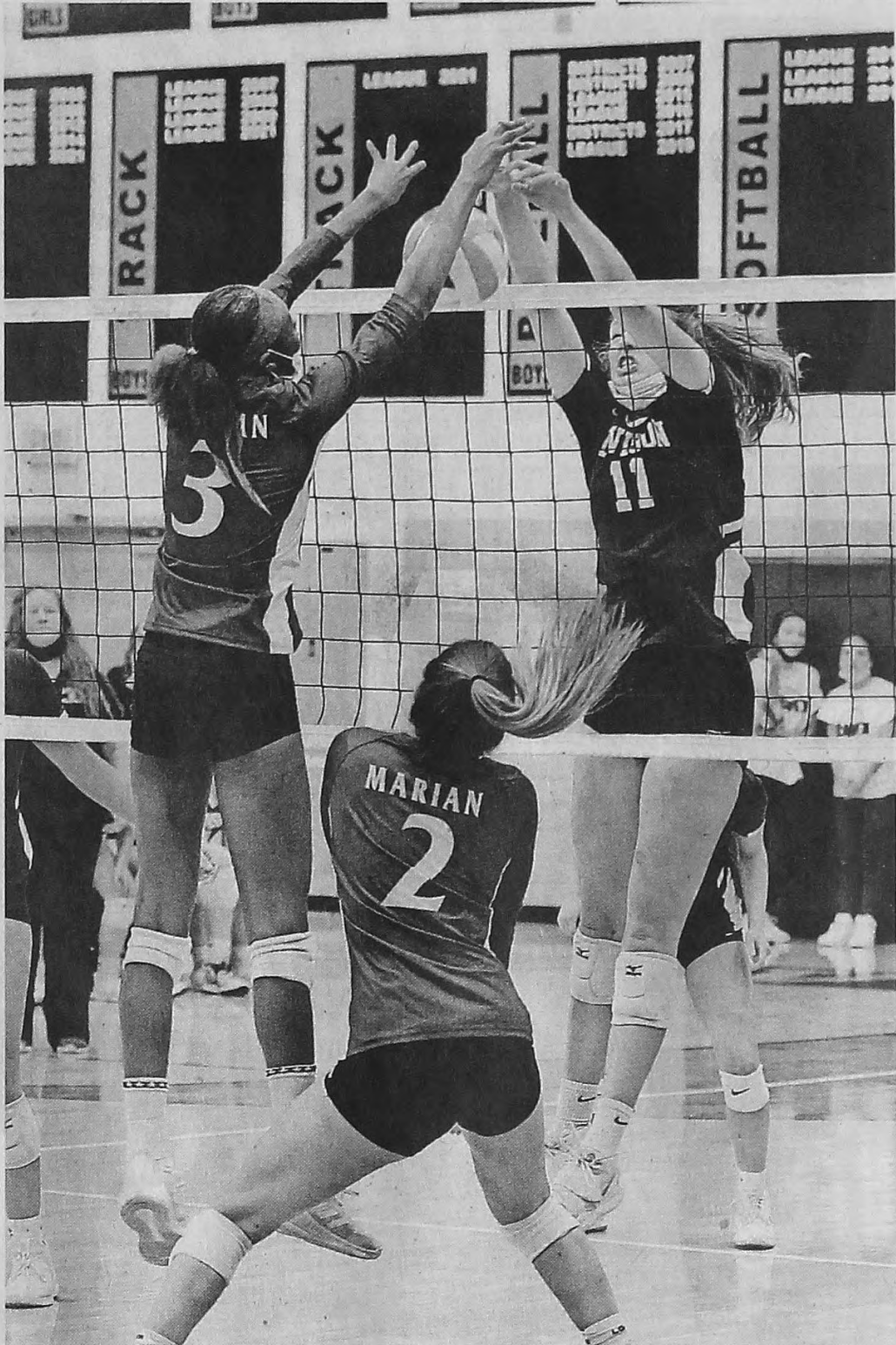


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Bloomfield Hills Marian's Janiah Jones (left) blocks Davison's Amanda Glanton during the Division 1 volleyball state quarterfinal on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021, at Royal Oak. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Bloomfield Hills Marian coach Mayssa Cook talks to her players in a timeout break against Davison during the Division 1 volleyball state quarterfinal on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021, at Royal Oak. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Brizard

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Mayssa Cook, who's in her fourth season coaching Marian.

Cook still remembers the shiny and sparkling barrette Brizard wore in her hair to her first practice.

"She was laser-focused on me," Cook recalled. "She looked so hungry (to learn). She looked so intense. The same Ava Brizard you see today is the same Ava you saw at 11. She was the same girl who wanted to hit the crap out of every ball. She would be so mad (when she failed). I think she would cry the whole car ride home, her mom would tell me, if she didn't dig a ball. You don't teach that (competitiveness), and she's had that since she was 11."

Brizard was a fast learner.

Cook, who coached at Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard back then, often challenged Brizard by throwing her into scrimmages with varsity players.

Whenever Brizard could make it to

Gabriel Richard, Cook let her practice with the team. And it wasn't easy getting her to practice. The Brizard family lives in Novi. That's quite the hike for an open gym, but Brizard's father, Brian, quickly got used to making long drives for his daughter.

In 2015, Cook's Gabriel Richard squad went 42-0 en route to winning the D-2 state championship.

Brizard made Brian drive them through a winter storm so she could be there to watch the Irish win the title.

"I gave her a hug after the match," Cook remembers. "And I said to her, 'You are going to win a state title one day. That is going to be you.'"

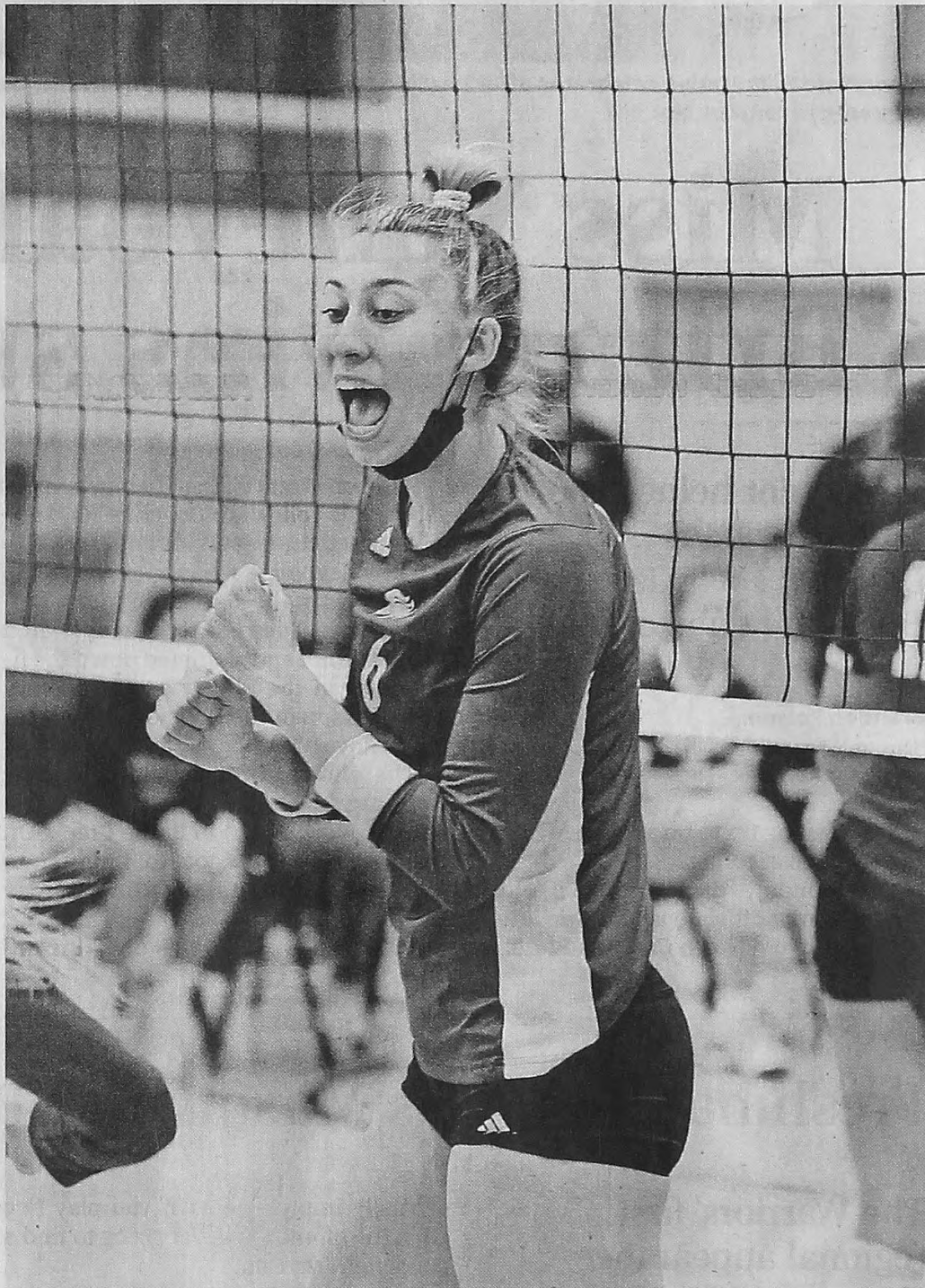
"I never fathomed that I would be the one coaching her to it at the high school level."

Not long after Cook took over Marian, Brizard visited the school and decided to transfer.

And the rest has been history.

Already this season, she's collected 537 kills, 364 digs, 51 aces and 37 blocks.

She's been the most important player Cook's ever coached, the coach said.



Bloomfield Hills Marian's Sarah Sylvester celebrates a point against Davison during the Division 1 volleyball state quarterfinal on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021, at Royal Oak. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Cook said she had to pinch herself to see if she was dreaming when she learned that Brizard had won Miss Volleyball.

"I've seen her play with 17- and 18-year-olds since she was 11 years old," Cook said. "I never had a doubt in my mind that she could be a sixth rotation starting outside as a freshman. She's has on the court. I have never, in my 20 years of coaching, seen a player that's brought that kind of skill with that kind of character to the game of volleyball."

"Regardless of what happens the rest of this week in the playoffs, I could not be any more proud of any kid I've ever coached than this kid right there."

Cook said the younger Mustangs have learned about hard work and dedi-

cation from Brizard. She expects her players will ask, "What would Ava do?" next season while she's playing in the ACC and no longer leading practices back in Michigan.

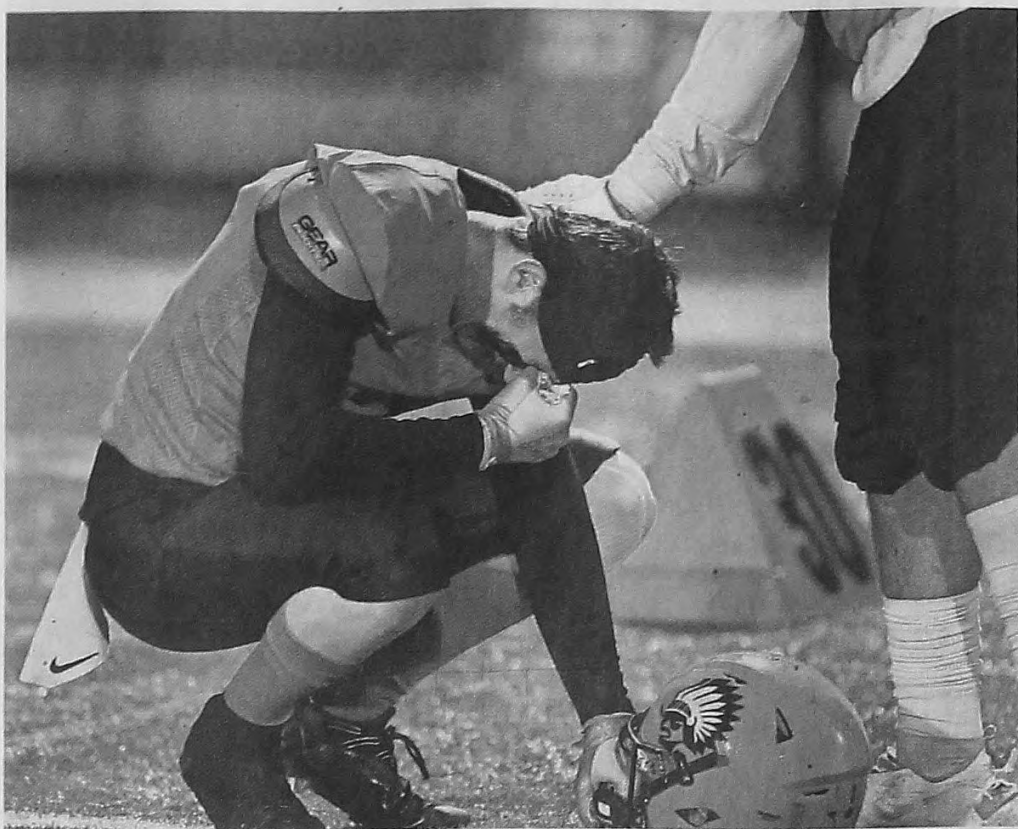
Marian is just two wins from repeating as the state champions. There's still a lot of celebrating, stomping and screaming left for Brizard. NC State can wait.

But imagine where the program would be had she stuck with tennis.

"She couldn't stand it," Brian said. "I don't know what you know about tennis, but you'll lose a point here and win a point there. She'd lose a point, and it'd be the worst thing ever."

"But with volleyball, she can celebrate every point with her teammates." And she will Thursday in Battle Creek.

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Brother Rice Warrior Josh Filar gets a consolation pat on the back by a teammate after their tough 20-17 loss to Mason High in playoff football on Nov. 21, 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Football

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system well. The offensive playbook is wide open when you're dealing with a situation like that.

"(Carswell) made some big throws for them. They got the ball down the field, and that's not a bad a team."

Brother Rice (8-4) played one of its worst games, but it still played well enough to win. Its defense was stout for most of the night. It just couldn't sort things out on offense.

The passing game struggled until the fourth quarter. A false start penalty halted a drive that should've given Brother Rice points in the final six minutes. Another penalty brought back a 57-yard punt return for a TD by Brayden Dowd earlier in the game.

The Warriors had no trouble on their opening series. They got into the end zone with just eight plays, the final three of which were wildcat plays led by running back Nolan Ray, who finished with

17 carries for 187 yards. He capped the drive with a 4-yard TD run on a wildcat sprint to the near pylon.

Brother Rice's defense came up with four stops in the first half. Mason didn't even get the ball past its own 40-yard line. It looked like the Warriors were going to carry a 7-0 lead into halftime, and then it made their biggest gaffe of the night.

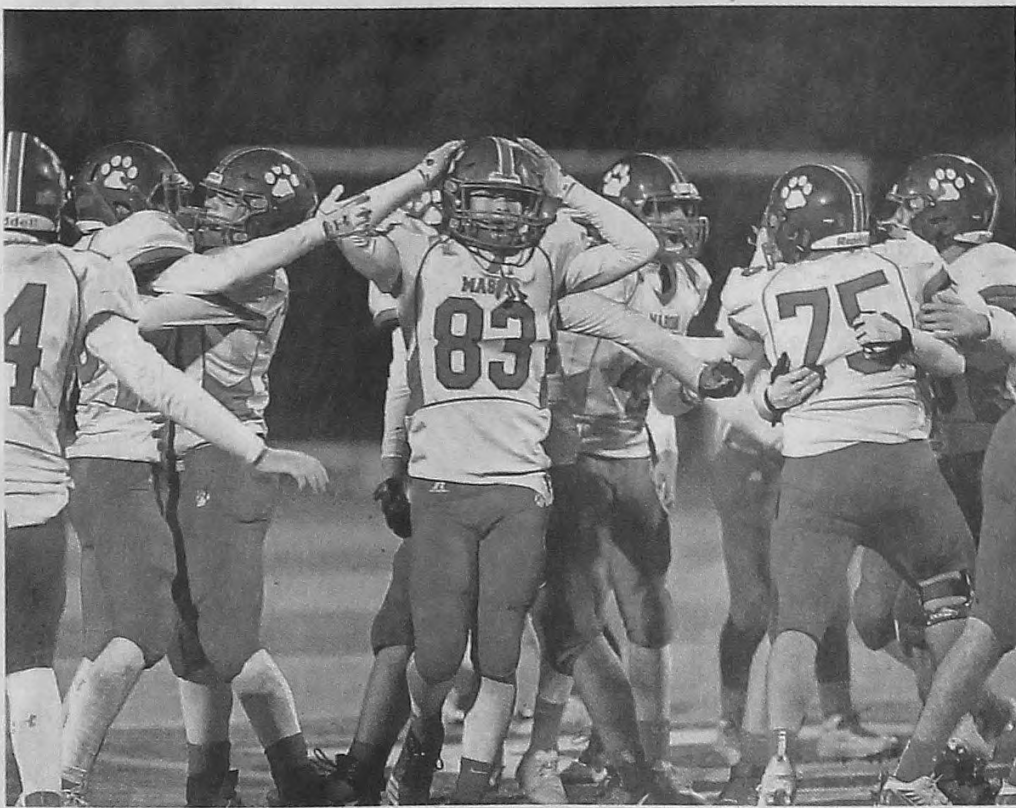
Instead of killing the clock and going into halftime with a safe lead, they attempted to add one more score with 2 minutes left. But they wound up tossing an interception to Mason's Ethan Swider, who returned it to the 30-yard line.

A few plays later, Carswell threw a 4-yard TD pass to Kaleb Parrish nine seconds before the intermission.

More blunders hurt Brother Rice in the second half. Its first series ended with a 22-yard field goal by Owen Pardi, despite being 12 yards from the end zone. Its next drive ended with a turnover on downs at the 32-yard line.

After Bushey scored from 2 yards out

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Mason High celebrates its 20-17 victory over Brother Rice. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Xavier Bowman, center, celebrates his late fourth quarter touchdown grab that temporarily put Brother Rice in the lead against Mason. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Ex-top prospect Christin Stewart among 20 new MiLB free agents

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Back in 2015, the Tigers drafted left-handed slugger Christian Stewart with the No. 34 overall pick from Tennessee. Six years later, the organization has cut the outfielder loose as a minor-league free agent.

Stewart is one of 20 minor-league free agents from the Tigers' farm system, along with reigning Triple-A East MVP Aderlin Rodriguez. On Tuesday, Baseball America provided the full list of free agents for all 30 teams.

Although these players can sign elsewhere, the Tigers could bring some of them back.

Stewart, 27, played 157 games in the majors from 2018-20, hitting .225 with 15 home runs, 59 RBIs, 49 walks and 146 strikeouts. In the shortened 2020 campaign, he hit .167 with three homers, nine RBIs, five walks and 30 strikeouts over 36 games.

His poor results forced the Tigers to demote him to Triple-A Toledo in September 2020.

Stewart didn't make the 2022 Opening Day roster, which wasn't a surprise, and spent the entire year in Toledo. He hit .254 with 21 home runs in 89 games for the Mud Hens. He has a career .263 batting average with 48 homers across 233 games at the Triple-A level.

Rodriguez, 29, earned Triple-A East MVP honors for his performance in 2021.

He hit .290 with 29 homers, 94 RBIs,



Toledo's Aderlin Rodriguez (46) is tagged out sliding into third base during the Indianapolis minor league baseball team home opener vs. Toledo on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at Victory Field. MICHELLE PEMBERTON/INDYSTAR

42 walks and 127 strikeouts in 116 games. Although Rodriguez is a solid player for organizational depth, it's tough to see him making his MLB debut for the Ti-

gers, considering he is confined to first base, third base and designated hitter.

Rodriguez has 12 years of minor-league experience, playing for the Mets,

Tigers' new minor-league free agents

- RHP Jose Appleton
- C Juan Centeno
- RHP Cale Coshow
- RHP Israel De La Cruz
- 2B Yariel Gonzalez
- RHP Drew Hutchison
- RHP Xavier Javier
- RHP Mark Leiter Jr.
- 3B Josh Lester
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- LHP Robert Ross
- RHP Zachary Shepherd
- LHP Locke St. John
- OF Christin Stewart
- 3B Drew Ward

Mariners, Orioles, Padres and Tigers. Detroit signed him to a minor-league contract in January 2021.

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Football

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to give Mason a 14-10 lead, Brother Rice's offense finally woke up.

Ray ripped off runs of 13 and 48 yards to put the Warriors in scoring territory.

Korzeniewski called timeout with 2 minutes remaining to regroup his offense for one final TD push.

"Just to not give up. Keep fighting, keep digging," QB Mark Gojcaj said he and his teammates were saying to each other during the timeout. "It was nothing but motivation from these guys, honestly. Everybody was ready to go. Everybody was pumped. We never stopped until the clock hit triple zeros."

The series ended with Gojcaj lasering a 10-yard TD pass to Xavier Bowman with 81 seconds left.

That proved to be enough time for

Mason and Carswell to work their magic.

"Throwing the slant there was obvious," said Gojcaj, a 5-foot-10, 170-pound senior. "Honestly, the O-line and Nolan, they really put up a great effort out there. Basically, they took all the pressure off of me to make that drive possible."

Ray took a knee near Pardi's kicking net on the north sideline as he watched in disbelief as Carswell led the Bulldogs

to their regional title with 10 seconds remaining.

"Just hoping our defense can do it," Ray said. "They played a hell of a game. It's a tough spot that they were in. ... It's a good team, and we just couldn't get it done today."

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The Mustang bench, including coach Sarah Lindstrom, center, celebrate as Northville ties up Skyline 25-25 in the fourth set. Unfortunately that's as close as the Mustangs got to taking that set and lost the match three games to one. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The Mustangs are ready for future success on volleyball court

Brandon Folsom

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Northville knotted the score at 25, forcing third-ranked Ann Arbor Skyline to call timeout.

The Mustangs needed just two points to force a fifth set.

Coach Sarah Lindstrom reaffirmed her confidence in her players during the intermission.

"We have them right where we want them," the first-year coach said she told her players. "We've worked so hard to get to this point. We're two points away from making this a really long night for them."

"Let's go out and play to win. Let's not fear the loss. Let's leave it on the court."

The offense didn't come.

Skyline tallied the next two points and won Tuesday's Division 1 volleyball quarterfinal 3-1 at Dexter.

Northville, which dropped the first two sets, 25-15 and 25-19, was *THIS* close to storming back and completing the comeback.

The No. 7 Mustangs edged Skyline 25-23 in the third set. A win in that fourth set would've given them mojo going into the tiebreaker.

Instead, it was a 27-25 loss, bringing

their season to a finish, which included winning both district and regional titles.

"That match could've gone either way," Lindstrom said. "It was heart-breaking. But if we're going to go out, that's how we want to go out. We put ourselves in a position to reach our goal, which was go to Battle Creek (for the state semifinals and championship later this week)."

Skyline faces Macomb Dakota at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Kellogg Arena.

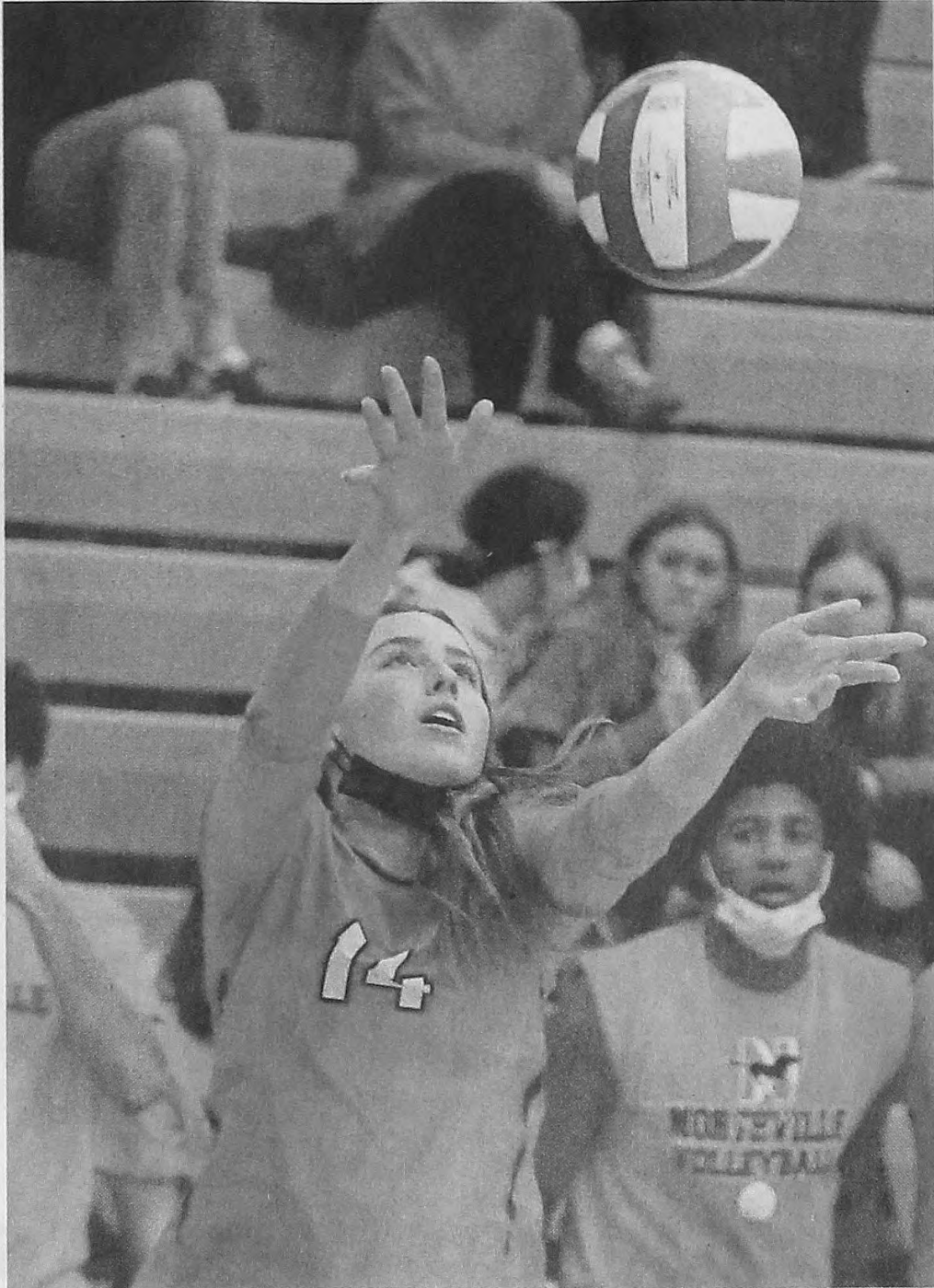
The Eagles served aggressively in the opening two sets. Northville couldn't sort out its serve-receive quick enough to make each game competitive.

"They got us out of our system in the first two sets," Lindstrom said. "I think that just frazzled us. ... Their consistency was difficult for us, but it was a great matchup."

Lindstrom went to her bench to turn things around. She put in twin sisters Mallory and Molly Reck, who ignited the Mustangs' offense. Northville fed off their energy almost immediately.

"We loosened up," Lindstrom added. "The first two sets, we got outplayed, and we were lacking offense. We put the two freshmen (the Reck twins) in to see if they could change what wasn't working."

"They're both gamers, and they're



Rylyn Jostes prepares to serve to Skyline. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

both usually good coming in off the bench. They came out fearless."

Northville graduates six seniors.

Lindstrom, who has won at her past stops at Walled Lake Central and Divine Child, said those six were integral to re-establishing a winning culture within the program.

She couldn't thank them enough for the foundation they built for future teams.

"A lot of people assumed we'd do well because we had a good group of kids," Lindstrom said. "But there was a culture that needed to be created in that gym. It

was a struggle to be a different coach for them and bring in a different coaching style. We thank them for believing in us and trusting in the way we coach."

"I said to them, 'It sucks for the seniors that this is the end of the road, but it's the beginning of what I think is going to be a volleyball dynasty here in Michigan.' They worked hard to make this a special culture."

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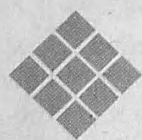
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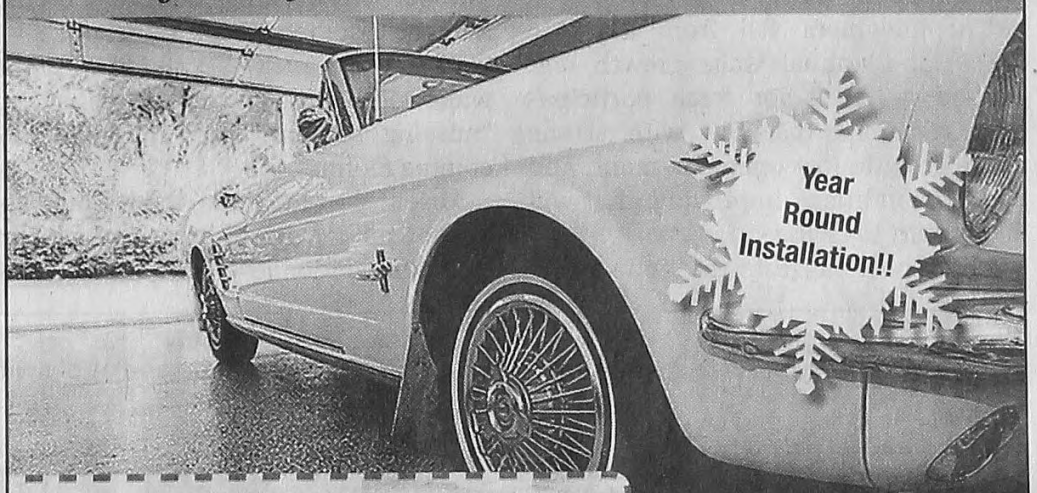
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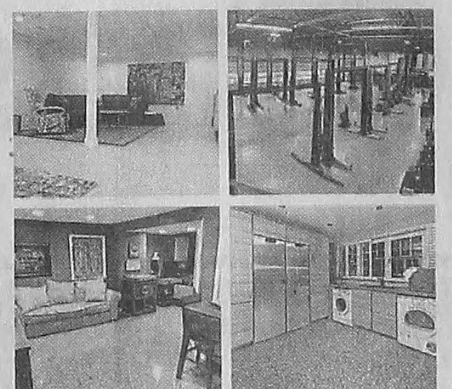
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The Job Market Warmed Up in October, With Still More Fuel in the Tank

By ZipRecruiter.com

Hiring picked up in October as the Delta surge waned, with the vast majority of industries contributing job gains, particularly leisure and hospitality. The jobs report, released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics today, clearly points to a demand-driven recovery where rapid hiring is shrinking the ranks of unemployed workers, especially long-term unemployed workers, but not yet drawing workers who are missing from the labor force back off the sidelines.

The economy added 531k jobs in October, and totals for the prior two months were revised upwards by 235k. Recent wage hikes in leisure and hospitality finally paid off. The industry led the way in the employment gains this month with 164K net new jobs. Almost three quarters of the new jobs in the industry were added by restaurants. This is quite an important step in the path to full recovery since industry still accounts for one third of the lost jobs compared to pre-pandemic levels.

Unemployment fell from 4.8% to 4.6%, and annual wage growth registered 4.9%. Labor force participation remained flat, but with strong wage growth, low unemployment, and COVID conditions improving, that will likely start to change.

The report suggests that job growth



could accelerate in the coming months, for the following reasons:

1. COVID is no longer as severe a drag on the labor market.

The number of Americans who were absent from work due to illness, the number teleworking due to COVID, and the number prevented from seeking work due to COVID all fell as Delta waned. That is an encouraging sign that “missing workers” could return in the coming months, too.

Absent the pandemic, there would be about 5 million more people in the labor force. If pandemic conditions contin-

ue to improve, and the unemployment rate continues to fall, we could see large numbers return, easing labor shortages and hiring constraints.

2. Workers are returning to offices.

The share of workers who teleworked fell from 13.2% to 11.6%. The return of workers to offices could unleash the recovery of businesses like restaurants, cafes, salons, and dry cleaners in central business districts in the coming months.

Hiring in restaurants also picked up significantly with 119K net new jobs, suggesting that workers are not hesi-

tant to take on the jobs that require close contact.

3. Schools still have much catching up to do.

The nation's schools started the school year with 723k fewer staff on payroll than before COVID. That is despite Congress's allocation of almost \$200 billion to public schools in COVID relief bills—far more than typically flows to schools through the federal budget. It's also despite the arguable need for

more staff in schools now to allow for smaller classroom sizes, provide remedial instruction to overcome learning loss, and provide counseling to students who have lost primary caregivers to COVID.

Many schools were blindsided by how difficult it was to fill vacancies at the start of the school year, and will now need to play hiring catch-up in the coming months. While the topline figures in the report pointed to a decline, that was the result of seasonal adjustments. Not seasonally adjusted figures point to a substantial increase across local, state, and private schools.

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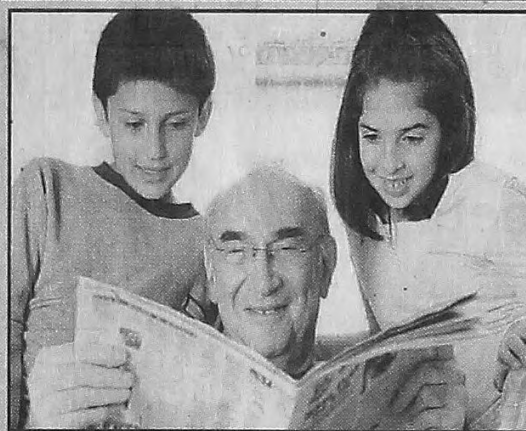
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ACROSS

- 1 Whiteboard wipers
8 Ballpark figure
16 Ballpark figure
20 "Working Girl" actress Griffith
21 Device guiding a train off its track to avoid a collision
22 Wed. follower
23 Functional again after an outage
25 Gas: Prefix
26 "Do Ya" rock gp.
27 Salty Greek cheese
28 Figure skater Midori —
29 "The Pleasure — Company" (Fred Astaire film)
30 Musical key with two sharps: Abbr.
32 Brief hesitation to let words hang in the air
38 Napoleon exile site

- 42 Milan locale
43 Designer McCartney
44 Symbol used twice after "http:"
48 Guys who read gas or water gauges
50 Open space
51 Dwayne who played Dobie Gillis
53 Apt to snoop
54 Really mean
57 Rat — (knock noise)
58 Certain choir voice
62 Summer hrs.
63 Phenomenon in hypnosis
67 Inedible kind of orange
69 Christmas seasons
70 Whac- — (carnival game)
71 Emily Dickinson poem with the line "Meek my Vive le roi!"
78 Greek letters before xis
79 Henchman of Captain Hook
80 Eerie sign
81 Get 40 winks

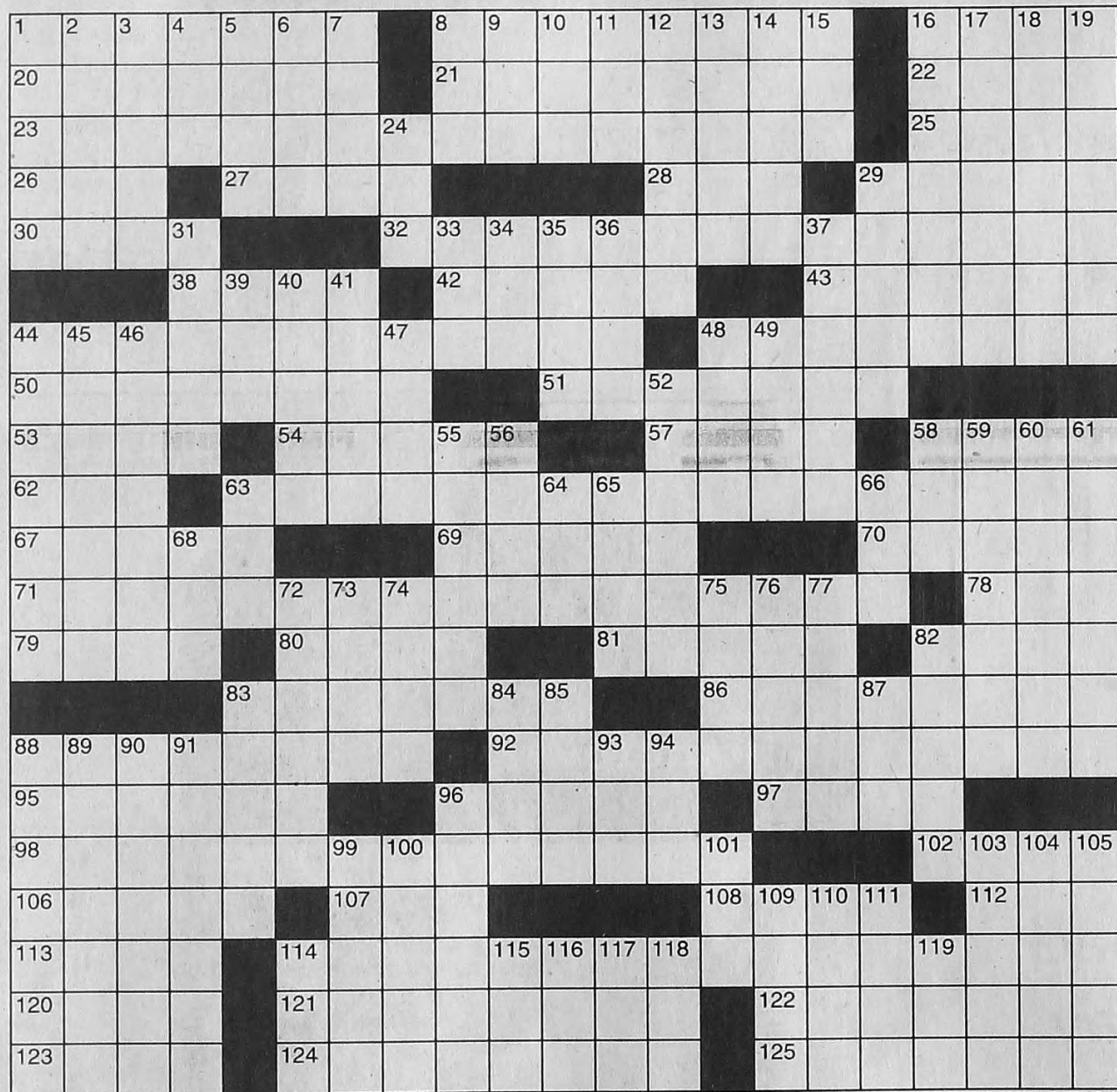
- 82 "New Jack City" actor
83 Actor Gavin
86 Birds of a given region
88 Eyelash cosmetics
92 Periodical datum indicating years
95 Dog collar jinglers
96 Duelist Burr
97 Radiation units
98 Guernsey's archipelago
102 Intl. oil group
106 Queen, in Madrid
107 Counterparts of egos
108 Skating leap
112 Pep rally cry
113 Writer Sarah — Jewett
114 Device on which you might see the first words of seven answers in this puzzle
120 Molson, e.g.
121 Government bureaus
122 Deny
123 Little whirlpool

DOWN

- 1 Plant firmly
2 Ruler's land
3 Tinfoil maker
4 Cinch — (Hefty brand)
5 Sufficient, in dialect
6 In season
7 Bench, e.g.
8 Actor Byrnes
9 Sun. homily
10 Mr. Capote, to his friends
11 Bond creator Fleming
12 Make smaller
13 Samuel of justice
14 Certain choir voice
15 Unit of work
16 Newspaper employee
17 A ship's steerer has control of it
18 Ear or heart part
19 Isolde's love
24 Get 40 winks
29 Repeatedly
31 Sabbath observers, collectively
33 Feel crummy
34 Actress Hagen

- 35 Kimono tie
36 K thru 12
37 Lordly home
39 Cato's lang.
40 Singer Mars
41 End in — (finish even)
44 Groups of devotees
45 Arboreal marsupial
46 Paraphrase
47 Zaire's Mobutu — Seko
48 Business school subj.
49 'Zine online
52 Resulting in something
55 "Here, have a sample"
56 "In — face!"
58 \$ dispenser
59 Little big cat
60 Part of TNT
61 Bad rating, perhaps
63 Furry friend
64 Mel's Diner waitress
65 D.C. VIPs
66 — Diego
68 "Fancy that!"
72 Laryngitic
73 Urban rec facility
74 Toon frames
75 Sports group
76 "When will — learn?!"

- 77 Think aloud
82 "You are not!" rebuttal
83 Carta lead-in
84 Roundish
85 Nick Jr. girl
87 "Fee, fi, fo, —!"
88 Bacterium, e.g.
89 Stuck
90 Soiled
91 Certain food factory
93 Actor Chaney
94 German conjunction
96 Green-light
99 Loyal subject
100 Just kills time
101 — mo
103 Utah city
104 Use as a surface for a meal
105 Munches on
109 Reverse
110 Journey
111 Gusto
114 Pothole-filling stuff
115 Outdated RCA product
116 Sundial's "3" moment
118 Suffix with hobby
119 — tai



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com.

SUDOKU

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

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!

YOUNG AGAIN

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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

ANSWER KEY

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

Answers

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

YOUNG AGAIN

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

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BABE
BABY
BAIRN
BAMBINO
BRAT
CALLOW
CHERUB
CHILD
CHIT
CUB
DAUGHTER
EARLY
FLEDGLING
FRY
GREEN
GROWING
IMMATURE
INFANT
JUNIOR
KID
KITTEN
LAD
LAMB
LASS
LITTLE
MINOR
NESTLING
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