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PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS LOCKDOWN

Canton police still seek weapon, student

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Canton Township police continue to investigate whether there really was a weapon last week on the campus shared by three Plymouth-Canton high

schools, causing a four-hour lockdown.

Police Chief Chad Baugh said a student spotted another student outside in between Canton and Plymouth high schools, the afternoon of Dec. 9, apparently with a handgun tucked in the waistband.

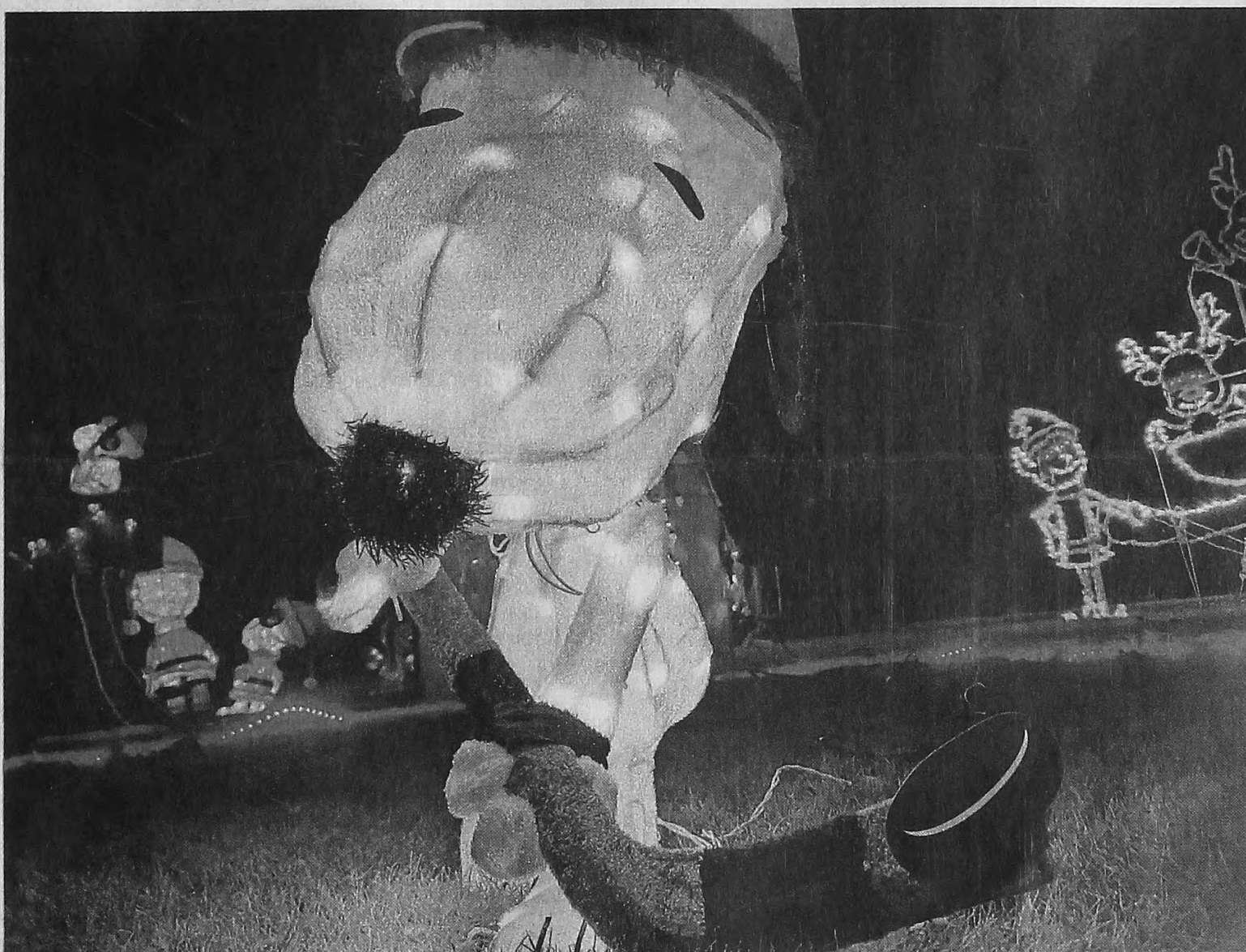
Police have since talked to students, teachers and other school community members, but they have not been able to identify an actual student who had the actual weapon.

"We have not talked to the student that was carrying a weapon," Baugh said

Monday. "At this point, we're still trying to determine if there was a weapon actually on the school campus."

Police vetted various tips regarding students who may have been armed and

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Snoopy's ice hockey pond, a work in progress, is new this year to Dave Matejka's holiday light display at his Livonia home. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Livonia home stages massive light display every Christmas

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Dave Matejka's Christmas lights display started small about 20 years ago, and he adds two or three pieces to it every year.

Or four. Or five.

Well, who's counting anyway?

Every part of his yard at 19520 Hillcrest St. in northwest Livonia is covered in Christmas décor. There's a sparking Christmas tree farm, a nativity scene, an ice skating pond, Santa playing basketball and so much more. Dave and his wife Patrice Matejka love their light display and the joy it brings other people.

"We're always amazed at how many

people come by in the summertime while we're out mowing the grass and stuff and say 'We can't wait for your display,'" Dave said. "It makes us feel good."

The display takes five full days to set up.

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Judge rules to uphold all charges against Rep. Jewell Jones

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Rep. Jewell Jones, D-Inskter, will stand trial on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges after a judge ruled police had the authority to arrest the representative earlier this year.

Troopers were called to the side of westbound Interstate 96 near Fowlerville Road on April 6 for a vehicle that had been driving recklessly, according to police reports. There police encountered Jones and a woman.

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Northville grad preps for Miss America

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Thursday's 100th Miss America Pageant will include some local flavor.

Northville native Vivian Zhong, 24, will represent Michigan in the iconic competition set for the Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville, Connecticut.

After years of being aired on one of the big-three networks, Thursday's competition will be streamed live only on NBC's Peacock Network beginning at 8 p.m.

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HOW EVENTS UNFOLDED DEC. 9



A long line of cars along Joy Road north of Salem High awaits students Dec. 9 after the schools were locked down. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Plymouth-Canton high school students head home hours after threat, lockdown

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools high school students were sent Dec. 9 more than three hours after the school went on lockdown after a report a student was seen with a weapon.

Canton Director of Police Services Chad Baugh said the lockdown occurred shortly before 2 p.m. after a student reported seeing another student with a weapon and contacted police. Officials were still trying to find the student and the weapon when students were released.

"Everyone is safe. There have been no injuries," he said at about 5 p.m., about 30 minutes before students were released. "It's very complex. There are three different high schools up there and over 6,000 children going to school. We feel that the scene is safe."

The school district stated on its website at 5:28 p.m.: "As an update to our lockdown situation at P-CEP, we have the situation under control. We are preparing a supervised release of students coordinated with law enforcement support that is on-site."

The school district canceled classes for Friday and held classes virtually for older students this week leading up to winter break.

Text messages from Plymouth, Canton and Salem students to their parents were reporting early in the lockdown that their classroom doors were locked and, in some cases, barricades were erected.

Canton High School senior Jonah Radwanski had just arrived at his final-hour football tech classroom in the campus's Phase III athletic complex when the lockdown was announced over the schools' public address system.

"The teacher got us all into the weight room and locked the door," Radwanski explained. "They didn't

barricade the door because there was actually a security guard just outside our room.

"Tension in our school was pretty high last week after what happened in Oxford but it kind of eased as the days went on — until today when it went right back up again."

Radwanski said twice during the multi-hour lockdown heavily-armed law enforcement officers entered the weight room.

"The first time they came in they showed a photo of a student to our teacher," he said. "The second time the officers said a student's name to the teacher. We knew it was serious, though, because the officers had AK-somethings strapped to their shoulder."

Just before he and his classmates were released, Radwanski noticed a backdoor that led from the weight room to an outdoor area behind the school open slowly.

"I was looking at my phone and didn't think we were getting released for another hour," he said. "The backdoor opened slowly and the first thing I saw was a big gun and someone dressed in all black. Thankfully, it was a law enforcement officer telling us we could leave."

Plymouth High School senior Nathan Curtis and his football teammates were working out in the school's gymnasium when the lockdown announcement thundered over the intercom.

"A couple of us ran to all of the (gymnasium) doors to lock them, but we figured it still wasn't a very secure place to be because there's a balcony that circles the gym," Curtis said. "That's when we all went into the locker room and locked the door."

"Only a couple people had cellphones because we were working out and didn't have them on us, so we didn't know what was going on most of the time. It was scary at first after what happened last week in Oxford, but we all came together and agreed that if someone

busted through the (locked) locker room door, we'd all rush him. We figured it'd be better if five of us went down than everyone in the room."

Curtis said tension has been high in the wake of the Oxford tragedy in part because of the way the Plymouth-Canton high school campus is set up.

"The way I look at it, we have three schools here and three times as many students, so something like this is three times more likely to happen than anywhere else," Curtis said. "It's especially nerve-wracking on the outdoor walking paths leading from Plymouth (High School) to Canton (High School) because there'd be nowhere to hide if someone decided to do something crazy."

Eric McGuigan received a text from his daughter who was in a classroom on the third floor of Salem High School a few minutes after 2 p.m., he said.

"She told me they were in a lockdown and that it was not a drill," McGuigan said. "She was in a room with no windows, so she had no idea what was going on."

The Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township police departments all responded and are on-scene at the sprawling campus. The parking lot and surrounding roads were closed by police. Parents were asked to stay away to keep the area clear for police.

Parents standing near the south entrance to the campus's varsity football stadium around 4 p.m. remained tense as they waited for students to get dismissed or receive all-clear robocalls from the school district.

The police department has a police officer, called a school resource officer, assigned to each of the high schools, Baugh said.

Plymouth-Canton elementary schools in the vicinity of the high school campus ushered all students who were outdoors for recess inside their respective buildings.

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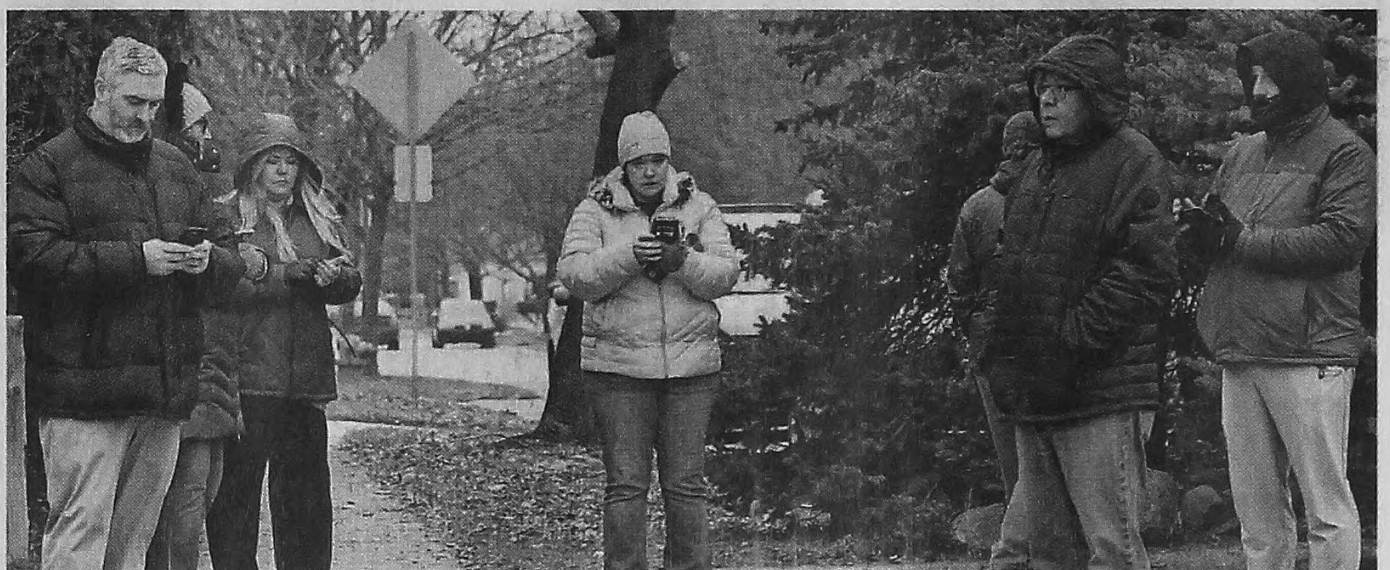
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Parents and friends of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students wait near Salem High on Dec. 9 for word on students at the high schools during lockdown due to a reported weapon being brought to Canton High.

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Lockdown

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caused the student to tip off security.

"At this point, we feel comfortable that none of the students that have potentially been identified were the person with a handgun," Baugh said. "We haven't identified anyone specifically carrying a handgun on the campus."

Baugh doubts a hoax is to blame. He appreciated the tipster, whom he termed honest, forthright and helpful.

The problem may be Canton's proximity to Oxford, where about an hour away a high school student is accused of killing four students and injuring seven others, including a teacher, on Nov. 30.

"I think everyone is on heightened awareness and there's general anxiety throughout, not only our campuses here in Canton, but throughout southeast

Michigan," Baugh said.

More than 20 law enforcement agencies responded to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' active shooter threat. About 6,000 students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools went into lockdown mode at approximately 1:40 p.m., or less than an hour before dismissal.

Baugh emphasized that his agency has spent years training for a potential school shooting incident, and the work showed in its response. He highlighted staging locations and locations to pull resources to address challenges. He has continued to stress that a slow, methodical approach was key.

"We're very fortunate to have a plan in place for a circumstance like this and the plan worked," he said. "There was no delay. It was just immediate. Our people were ready for it and they responded very well."

Because of the lockdown scare, Plymouth-Canton's high school students are not returning to in-person learning until Jan. 3.

They shifted to a virtual-learning model this week.

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Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Dear Rick:

My husband and I decided that it is best for us to move into a senior independent facility. For the last few months, we have looked into a number of options and the one that we prefer requires a substantial upfront buy-in. The monthly payments are not a problem because my husband's pension and our Social Security will more than cover our costs. The only issue is the large upfront buy-in; however, we figure that we can use the proceeds from the sale of our home.

Our plan was to spend the next couple months getting our house ready for sale and then to sell it in the spring. When we told our three children our plans, one of my sons unexpectedly said

he would like to purchase the house. We don't have a problem with that and neither do our other two children.

Do you see any potential problems, and how should we proceed? We want to make sure that everything is on the up and up and that we are fair to our son; but at the same time, fair to us.

Karen

Dear Karen:

If done correctly, the sale of the home to a family member can be a win-win for both parties. From your standpoint as the seller, you don't have to worry about getting the home ready for sale and all the hassles that go with the sale process. At the same time, your son from the buyer standpoint is buying a home that he knows and is familiar with. In addition, both parties can potentially save money since you don't have to pay real estate commissions on the sale of the home.

This can save upwards of six percent of the sales price, which both parties can benefit from. That being said, there

are some minefields that can cause problems that you want to avoid.

The first deals with the price of the home. I believe it is best to hire an appraiser to determine the fair market value of the home. It is important from the beginning of the process that both sides of the transaction agree on the fair price of the home.

After you agree on the price, I think your son should have the home inspected by an inspector. If you were selling the home to a third party, that party would get the home inspected, and I think your son should as well. This way, everyone will know the true condition of the property and if any repairs are needed. Having the house inspected keeps everyone on the same page as to the condition of the home.

In addition, I believe your son should sit down with the mortgage company to make sure that he has the wherewithal to qualify for the mortgage. After all, in this transaction you cannot do any seller financing because you will need the

proceeds for your buy-in.

Once you've completed the aforementioned steps, I recommend that you hire a qualified real estate attorney to draft a purchase agreement. The purchase agreement will not only include the purchase price, but also identify who is responsible for fees and costs that will be incurred, such as title work and filing fees. In addition, the purchase agreement will specify what's included in the sale, such as appliances and furniture.

The purchase agreement will ensure everyone is on the same page when it comes to the transaction.

Selling a home to a family member can be beneficial to both parties if everyone is on the same page. Having a game plan is important and avoids any hard feelings down the road, which can then be a win-win for both parties.

Good luck.

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Miss America

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A classical pianist, Zhong is attempting to become the first Miss Michigan to be crowned Miss America since Kirsten Haglund in 2008. Twenty years earlier, Michigan's Kaye Lani Rafko won the honor.

"The second I won, it was surreal because I knew it was the final time I'd be competing," Zhong said in a July 2021 interview with Hometown Life. "When the reigning Miss Michigan told me I'd be competing in the 100th Miss America Pageant, it was almost too much to take in."

Zhong, one of two Asian-Americans entered in this week's competition, is seeking to join Angela Perez Baraquito Grey as the only Asian-Americans to take the title. Grey won in 2001.

If Zhong is triumphant, she won't have long to celebrate. The 2015 graduate of Northville High School is slated to take a test Friday as she pursues a



Northville native and Miss Michigan 2021 Vivian Zhong will compete in the Miss America pageant.

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doctorate degree in her quest to become a pediatric oncologist.

Zhong was crowned Miss Michigan in June.

The 51 Miss America contestants are judged on interviews and a talent competition. The swimsuit portion of the competition was eliminated in 2018.

According to the event's Wikipedia site, Miss America travels about 20,000

miles a month, changing her location every 24 to 48 hours, touring the nation and promoting her particular platform of interest. Zhong's platform is increasing awareness and fundraising for pediatric cancer.

Zhong lost a close friend to the disease when she was in middle school.

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State troopers investigate fatal crash near I-96 and Telegraph Road

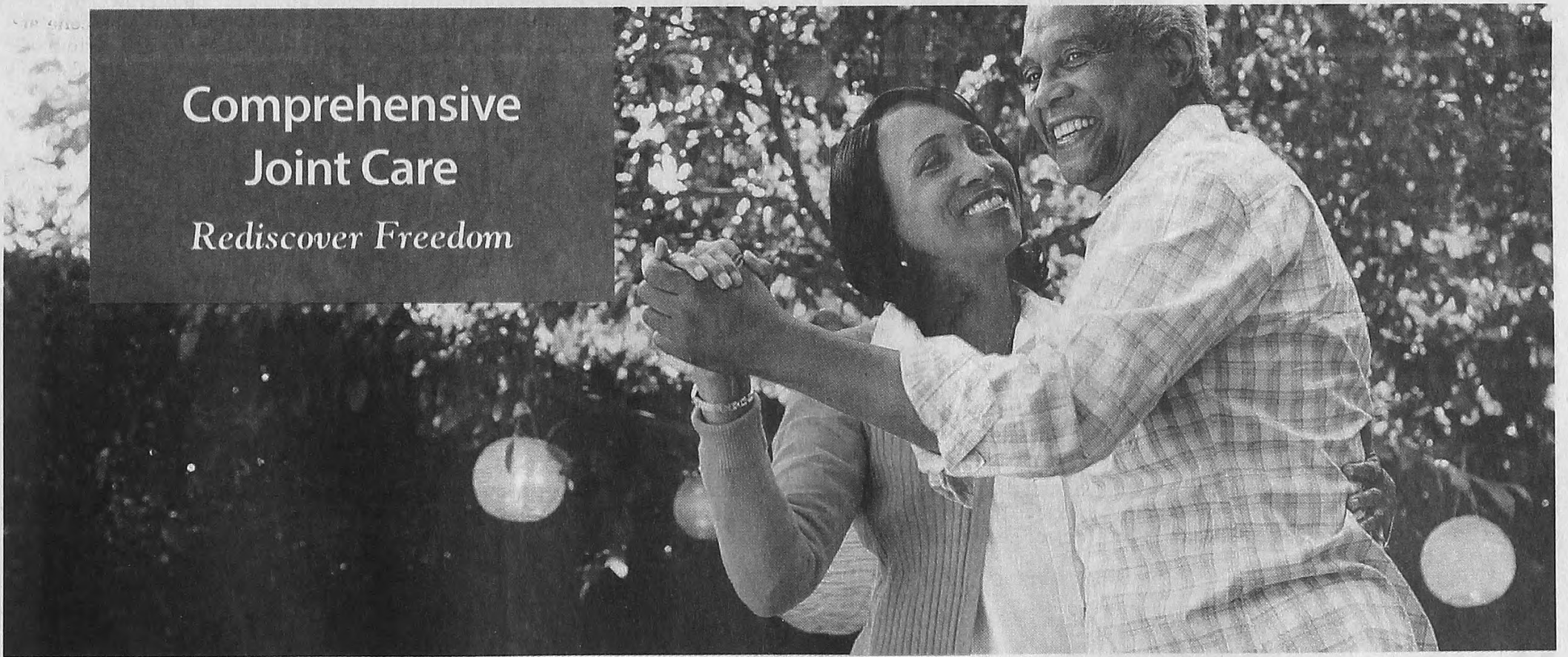
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A 26-year-old Detroit woman died in a late night rollover crash near Interstate 96 and Telegraph Road, according to Michigan State Police troopers.

In the agency's Tweets, they said the crash happened at 11 p.m. Dec. 8 near the border between Detroit and Redford Township.

The driver apparently lost control of her vehicle, which overturned and ejected her. She was pronounced dead at the scene, and the freeway was temporarily closed for an investigation.

She was not wearing a seat belt. A medical examiner's report is pending. svela@hometownlife.com



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'We need to quit talking and start doing'

Saving century-old barn in South Lyon a huge endeavor for historical group

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At a time of year when miniature Christmas villages are popping up in homes, some South Lyon residents are dreaming of adding a life-size piece to its year-round historical village in the city.

The South Lyon Historical Society believes a century-old barn would be a perfect addition to the Historical Village at McHattie Park, which currently features a train depot, chapel and one-room schoolhouse of similar age.

However, making the dream come true will require assistance from the community with an estimated cost of \$200,000 to get the barn moved from its current Salem Township location.

"We want to get the community involved in this project. We've not had anything like this before," Linda Ross, South Lyon Historical Society president, said. "The depot and school and chapel were all moved at once. This is the first time we've had something this big that we have to take it down and move it."

Obtaining a vintage barn has been a goal of the historical society for the past two decades as they seek to preserve a piece of the area's history as a farming community.

They found what they believe is the perfect representation, a post and beam barn built in the late 1800s off Pontiac Trail, about a third of a mile south of 8 Mile Road.

The barn, owned by the Roper family, has been well-maintained and is the right size—about 30 feet long, by 20 feet wide and 22 feet high to the roof's peak.

Bob Polasky, who is on the barn committee for the historical society, said he believes the structure is technically a horse stable with six equine stalls and room for a horse-drawn buggy. It is an appropriate size for placement in the historical village.

To get it there will be costly, however. The barn will have to be disassembled—saving as much of the original wood as possible—to be reconstructed at the historical village site.

Polasky found contractors Herb and Christopher Hinz in the Michigan Barn Preservation Network who would complete the work, keeping the walls and roof intact, and moving the wood on a large trailer to the village without hazards to utility lines, which can prove to be a real hindrance to moving historical buildings.

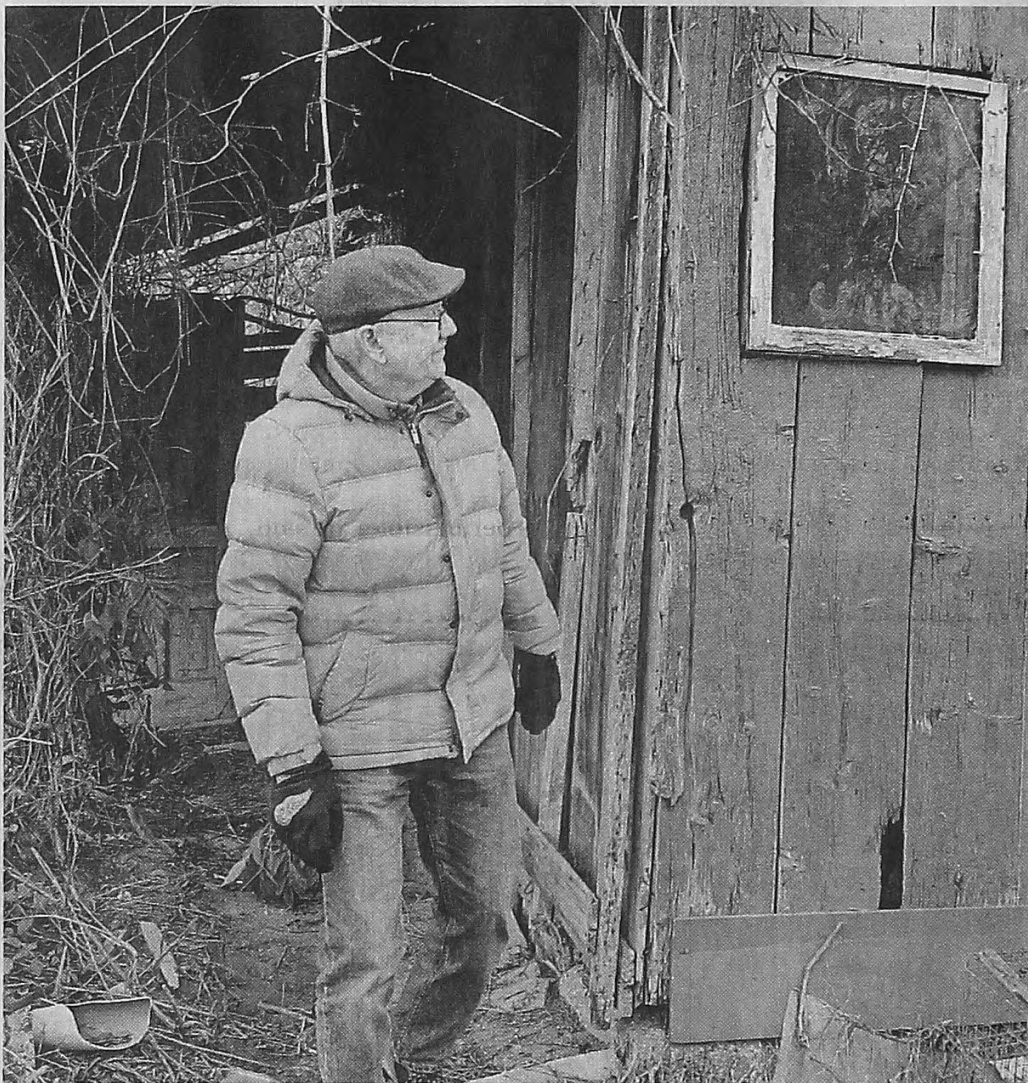
"When we reconstruct at the village, it will be as true to original as it possibly can be, but with a lot of new lumber in it," Polasky said.

A temporary sawmill would be established at the historical village site for at least three to four months where residents can watch the barn built from scratch, but again with post and beam construction. A cupola would be added



The South Lyon Area Historical Society is looking to remove and re-install at McHattie Park the barn along Pontiac Trail just south of Eight Mile. The barn, which features post-and-beam style construction, was likely built a bit after 1890.

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Bob Polasky, of the South Lyon Area Historical Society, inspects the barn.

to the roof and the interior would get a new staircase to the loft.

The project could take up to eight

months total and when finished would function as an unheated museum, displaying a variety of farming-related ar-

tifacts and machinery the historical society has collected over the years, including items salvaged from the grain mill before it was torn down.

"We want to share that this used to be a farm and horse community before all these subs came in, and just share that history with the kids," Ross said. "Unless they go to Maybury or Kensington, they don't know what a farm is or how a farm works."

As a side plan, Polasky said a barn quilt may also be added to the exterior, making the historical village an attractive destination for certain groups.

Polasky and Ross hope to win the approval of the city council and will bring a presentation to them early in the new year, to be followed by a number of fundraising events. There is a sense of urgency attached, because the Roper family is looking to sell the property on which the barn sits.

If the project receives the green light, the goal is to move the barn late next year or early 2023, in time for the city's 150th anniversary celebration, Ross said.

"We've been at a stand still for a long time," she said. "The barn project has been discussed for 20 years and we spotted this barn. It has lit a fire. We need to quit talking and start doing."

For more information, call the historical society at 248-437-9929 or email Polasky at bobthebrakeman@comcast.net.

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Wayne County, Oakland County COVID-19 tracker

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Michigan reported far fewer coronavirus cases in the week ending Sunday, adding 50,253 new cases. That's down 28.3% from the previous week's tally of 70,095 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked fifth among the states where coronavirus was spreading the fastest on a per-person basis, a USA TODAY Network analysis of Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the latest week coronavirus cases in the United States decreased 3.8% from the week before, with 821,545 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 6.12% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 18 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

The previous week used for comparisons in this report was likely skewed by cases and deaths artificially delayed from the week that included Thanksgiving. If the previous week was artificially high, cases and deaths either decreased less, or increased more, than these numbers reflect.

Wayne County reported 8,243 cases and 133 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 10,512 cases

and 159 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 242,555 cases and 6,108 deaths.

Oakland County reported 5,929 cases and 63 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 8,335 cases and 73 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 179,078 cases and 2,920 deaths.

Across Michigan, cases fell in 80 counties, with the best declines in Oakland County, with 5,929 cases from 8,335 a week earlier; in Wayne County, with 8,243 cases from 10,512; and in Kent County, with 2,966 cases from 4,735.

Michigan ranked 35th among states in share of people receiving at least one shot, with 62.3% of its residents at least partially vaccinated. The national rate is 72%, a USA TODAY analysis of CDC data shows. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses administered a few weeks apart.

In the week ending Sunday, Michigan reported administering another 1,082,673 vaccine doses, including 223,073 first doses. In the previous week, the state administered zero vaccine doses, including zero first doses. In all, Michigan reported it has administered 13,344,337 total doses.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly

outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Mason County with 762 cases per 100,000 per week; Luce County with 755; and St. Clair County with 721. The Centers for Disease Control says high levels of community transmission begin at 100 cases per 100,000 per week.

Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 8,243 cases; Oakland County, with 5,929 cases; and Macomb County, with 5,163. Weekly case counts rose in three counties from the previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Cheboygan, Lake and Ontonagon counties.

In Michigan, 806 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 864 people were reported dead.

A total of 1,567,578 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 26,914 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 49,921,405 people have tested positive and 797,346 people have died.

Note: In the Johns Hopkins University coronavirus data, cases and deaths for the Michigan Department of Corrections and the Federal Correctional Institution separately from Michigan counties.

Michigan's COVID-19 hospital admissions staying flat

USA TODAY analyzed federal hospital data as of Sunday, Dec. 12.

Likely COVID patients admitted in the state:

- Last week: 4,084
- The week before that: 4,061
- Four weeks ago: 3,059

Likely COVID patients admitted in the nation:

- Last week: 93,748
- The week before that: 86,490
- Four weeks ago: 71,084

Hospitals in 38 states reported more COVID-19 patients than a week earlier, while hospitals in 37 states had more COVID-19 patients in intensive-care beds. Hospitals in 39 states admitted more COVID-19 patients in the latest week than a week prior, the USA TODAY analysis of U.S. Health and Human Services data shows.

The USA TODAY Network is publishing localized versions of this story on its news sites across the country, generated with data from Johns Hopkins University and the Centers for Disease Control. If you have questions about the data or the story, contact Mike Stucka at mstucka@gannett.com.

Novi buys land for \$249K for preservation effort, Beck Road improvement

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The city of Novi is purchasing nearly 8 acres of vacant property with two seemingly disparate goals: preserving woodlands and improving Beck Road.

City Manager Pete Auger said the goals do not conflict.

"We are killing two birds with one stone," Auger said. "We will continue to purchase property that maintains wetlands and woodlands, and if we need the right of way for the Beck Road project we can probably use this property for that."

In a memo to the city council regarding the purchase of the two parcels on Edinborough Lane, both of which abut Beck Road south of 10 Mile Road, the city manager noted the council had "previously developed a goal to identify and purchase high quality woodlands using tree fund dollars."

However, the \$249,000 purchase of the land unanimously approved by the council will not use the tree fund, but will come from the general fund, Auger said.

The memo did not reference the Beck Road project, but during the council's Dec. 6 meeting Auger said obtaining the Edinborough Lane parcels fit in with that infrastructure program and after the road project was done, the land would be protected in perpetuity for trees.

He was unsure how much acreage would be needed.

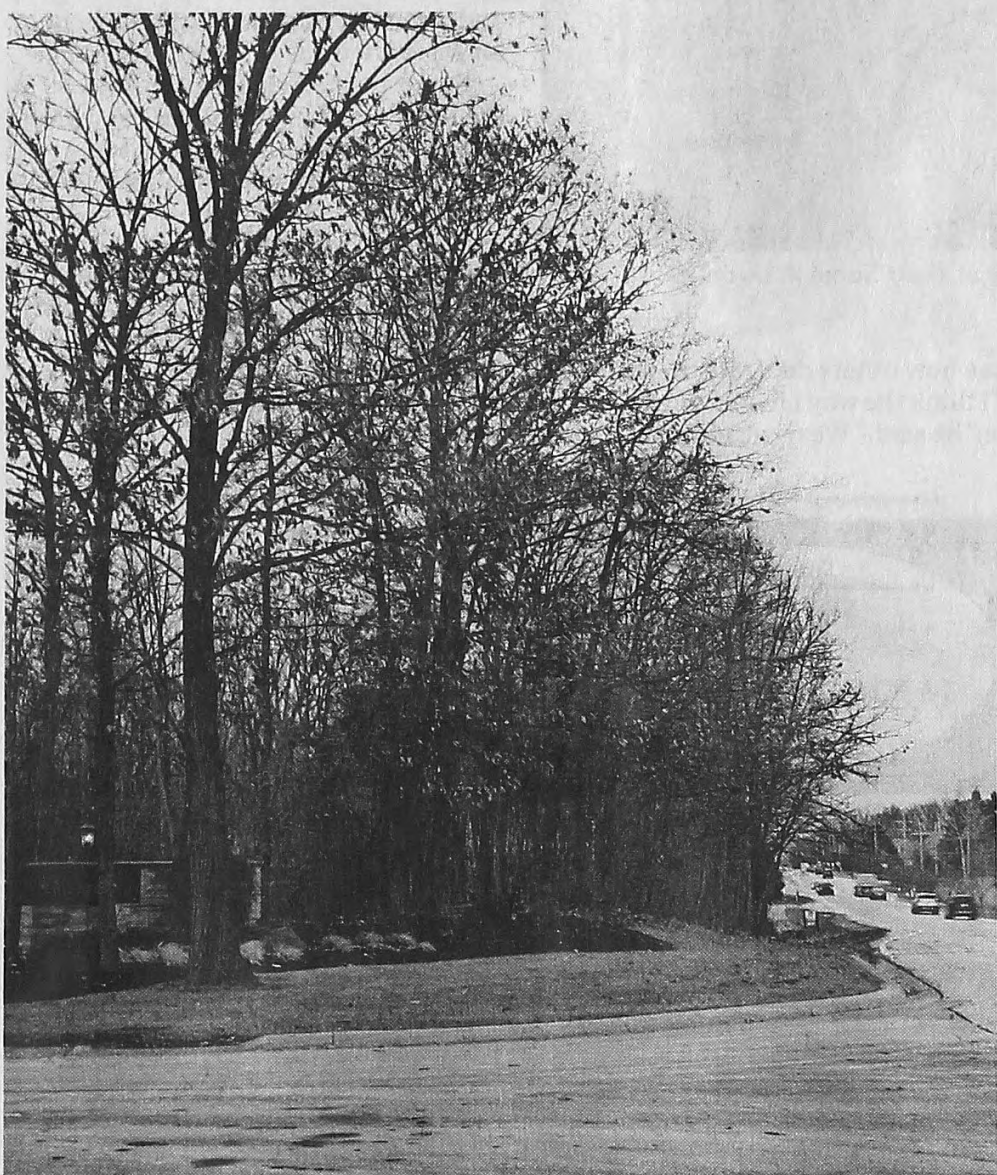
Auger is expecting a public input meeting to take place in January regarding Beck Road, which has capacity issues and for which improvements have been discussed for more than a decade. The city has made all adjustments it can to ease traffic issues, including improvements to intersections and turn lanes, he said. Federal money has been applied for and Auger said the first stage of improvement will be between Grand River and 11 Mile Road, the only section in the city currently considered for extension up to five lanes.

The remainder of the road is not finalized for design, but he anticipates a small boulevard approach with a grass median on Beck between 11 Mile and 8 Mile in order to keep the ambiance residents want.

He is unsure how that approach will affect the Edinborough properties the city will acquire, nor how many trees, if any, might be removed.

The city has about 70% of what is needed for right of way on the Beck Road project, Auger added. If federal dollars are released, construction between Grand River and 11 Mile Road could begin as soon as next year.

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The City of Novi purchased land along Beck Road north of Nine Mile to preserve woodlands and make room for a Beck Road widening project.

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State grants tax credits for new Livonia warehouse

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More tax breaks are coming for the project to revitalize the former General Motors property on the west side of Livonia.

The Michigan Strategic Fund recently approved a tax credit of more than \$3.68 million for the development of a warehouse structure on the site of the former GM spring and bumper plant off Eckles Road. That approval will allow for brownfield redevelopment at the site. The new, roughly 365,000-square-foot facility does not yet have a tenant, but is expected to be a workplace with roughly 185 jobs once constructed and occupied. The investment in the facility is expected to total about \$32 million.

It was one of several projects approved for tax credits by the MSF recently.

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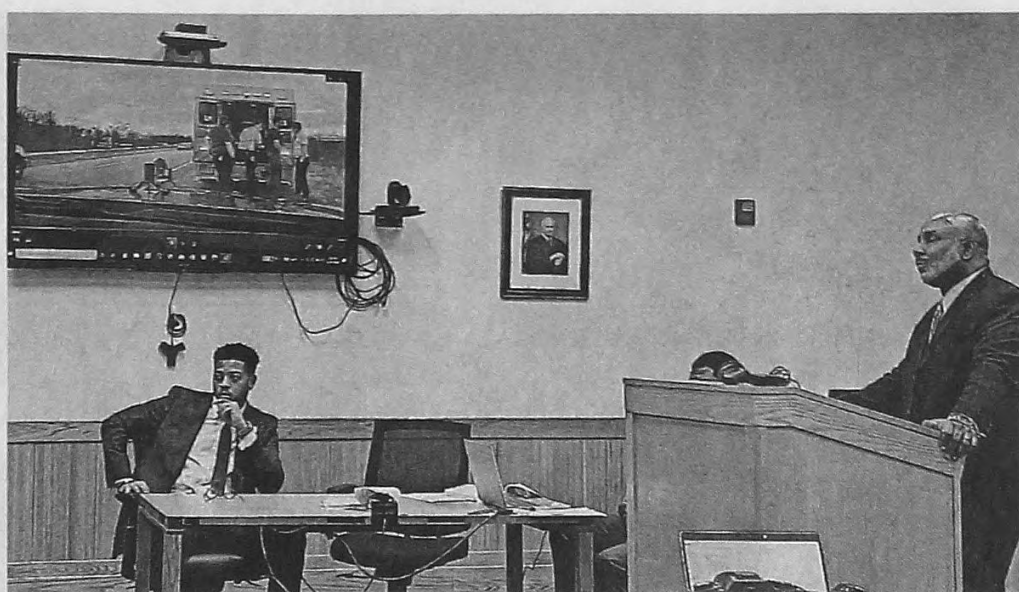
businesses in the state," Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said in a statement. "Through these investments, we can position Michigan to usher in a new era of prosperity and stay laser-focused on growing our economy, creating good-paying jobs, and lowering costs."

The development at the former GM plant is the third entity to occupy the site. Amazon opened a brand-new fulfillment center on the site in 2017, and Republic National Distributing Company opened a distribution center for alcoholic spirits as well on the site.

The recent tax credit is not the first the project received: the City of Livonia granted the project its own brownfield tax credit late last year.

The new facility had its groundbreaking earlier this summer. It's being developed by Canton-based Ashley Capital, which has developed other projects across the region. The facility is expected to be complete sometime in early 2022.

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



Rep. Jewell Jones listens to his attorney during an evidentiary hearing Dec. 10. Dashcam video from the April 6 incident is visible on the screen behind him.

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Jones

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Jones was charged with four counts of resisting and obstructing a police officer stemming from the April 6 incident. He is also charged with four misdemeanors: operating a motor vehicle with a high blood alcohol content, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, possession of a weapon while under the influence of alcohol and reckless driving.

Jones' attorney Byron Nolen argued Friday those charges should be dropped because the arrest was unlawful, thus making the charges "fruit of the poisonous tree."

Nolen asked Michigan State Police trooper James Gilmer what crime Jones had committed when Gilmer placed a handcuff on the representative's right wrist.

Jones was "obstructing my investigation; he tried to leave several times and I have a right to arrest him," Gilmer said.

Gilmer testified he asked Jones for his driver's license and identification seven times before arresting him.

"Just because they ask you a question, it does not mean you have to cooperate," Nolen said. "My client got arrested for not answering his questions."

Livingston County Circuit Court Judge Michael Hatty disagreed.

"Based on the totality of the circumstances, the detention of the defendant is permissible," he said. "It is a lawful arrest."

Blood test results, firearm charge stand

Jones did not allow officers to draw his blood upon arrival at the Livingston County Jail. Troopers obtained a search warrant for his blood and drew it at 9 p.m., three hours after the traffic stop. Jones' blood alcohol level was at least 0.17, according to the complaint.

There was "false and misleading information," in the affidavit submitted to obtain the search warrant for Jones' blood, Nolen said. Therefore Jones' blood alcohol test results should be suppressed, he said.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Roland Sizemore argued there was nothing false or misleading in the affidavit, that Gilmer used information gathered by his partner Kenneth Harden.

The female passenger in the SUV told Harden the pair left Bar 7 in Southfield and headed to Detroit when they got turned around and ended up in Livingston County, Harden testified.

That information is what Gilmer referenced in the affidavit and is accurate, Sizemore said.

Hatty ruled the search warrant resulting in Jones' blood alcohol results was lawful.

Lastly, Hatty dismissed a motion by Nolen to dismiss the weapons charge alleging Jones was more than 50 feet from the vehicle when arrested.

Hatty said the pistol was in plain view and the charge will remain.

Subpoena for state trooper personnel files

Nolen asked Hatty to allow subpoenas for the personnel files for Harden and Gilmer.

"I want to see if there are any other complaints for people complaining of unlawful arrests with the troopers involved in this arrest," he said.

Nolen asked for Hatty to take a look at the files to see if there was anything pertinent to the case.

The Livingston County Prosecutor's Office filed a motion earlier this month asking those subpoenas be terminated.

Hatty granted the prosecution's motion to quash the subpoenas but told Nolen he could refile the subpoenas with additional evidence in the future.

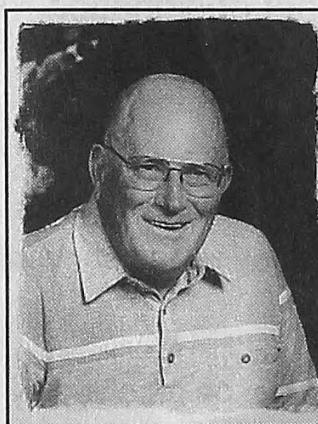
Jones is out on bond. He previously had been jailed for 60 days after violating terms of his original bond.

Obituaries

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Walter Harold Smith

FARMINGTON HILLS - Walter Harold Smith passed away Friday, Dec. 3, 2021, on his 90th birthday. He was the beloved husband of Virginia (nee Schury) Smith, and beloved father of Timothy Smith, Jeffrey (Jean) Smith, and Kristine (Stephen) Van der Ploeg. He is also survived



by his four grandchildren, Nicholas Smith, Joshua (Klara) Van der Ploeg, Madeline (John) Shelman, and Jessica Smith; two great-grandchildren, Anna Van der Ploeg and Andrew Shelman; and his sister, Lois (nee Smith) Schaefer. He was predeceased by his parents, Walter and Elsie (nee Weingarh) Smith, and his brother, Dale Smith.

Walter's life will be celebrated in a memorial service on January 22, 2022, at 11 am at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI, 48152. Visitation will begin at 10 am, and luncheon will be served at the church following the service. Please notify Tim Smith (313.689.5956, prospector1581@aol.com) if you plan to attend the luncheon.

Memorial gifts can be given in Walter's name to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI, 48152, or to Genesis Lutheran Church, 7200 Mack Ave, Detroit, MI, 48214. To send a message of sympathy to the family or to share a favorite memory, please sign Walter's online guest book at www.NeptuneSociety.com.

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An ice skating pond is the centerpiece of Dave Matejka's front yard light display. PHOTOS BY SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Display

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It includes, Dave guesses, somewhere around 50,000 light bulbs and does a real number on their electricity bill.

"We get statements, you know, from the company," Dave said. "Our bill is kind of flat, but for the month of December that line just shoots up. It always says in there that we're using three times the electricity of our neighbors."

The family seldom gets started with setup before Thanksgiving, so friends and neighbors have been known to lend a helping hand.

"We were lucky this year because some friends from Canada came and visited around Thanksgiving time, so we put them to work," Dave said. "Our neighbors next door have helped us many times, too. We're very lucky that people have helped us so many times, because some of this stuff is really hard to put up."

Dave grew up cruising neighborhoods around in December to look at Christmas lights, and it's still — along with spending time with his wife and daughter — one of his favorite parts of the season. He enjoyed last year's Light



Dave and Patrice Matejka stand near a display at their home in Livonia.

Up Livonia contest not only because his home ended up being one of the winners, but because it gave him a chance

to see how others decorate their homes. "I think the way Livonia did it is really nice," he said. "We went and drove to see

other people's lights, too."

This year's Light Up Livonia contest — in which residents are encouraged to enter their home's holiday light display for a prize and visit from Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan — runs through Dec. 14. People wanting a festive evening out to check out the light displays in the community can find a map of all homes and businesses that entered at livonia.gov. The city will choose four homes and one business as winners.

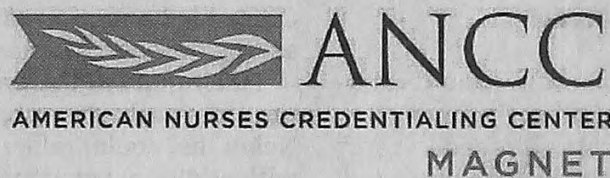
The Matejkas entered the contest again this year, but mostly just so people could find their house when taking in the city's light displays.

Dave's favorite part of this year's display is a new addition — Snoopy's ice skating pond. Patrice likes the Christmas tree farm, which is new this year, and a reindeer flight school she bought for Dave a few years back.

Some people make a pilgrimage to the house every winter, and they probably have their own favorites, too.

"One year, we got a Christmas card in the mailbox from someone saying how much they enjoyed our lights," Patrice said. "We don't even know who they are, but they come by every year and put a Christmas card in the box."

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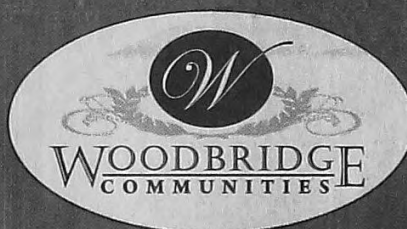
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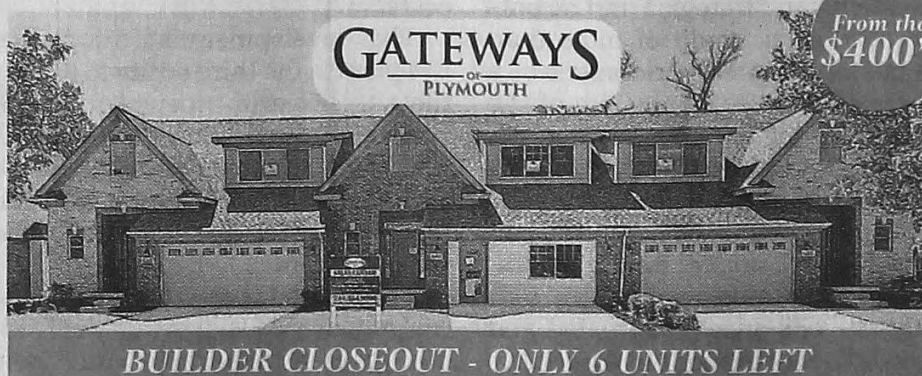
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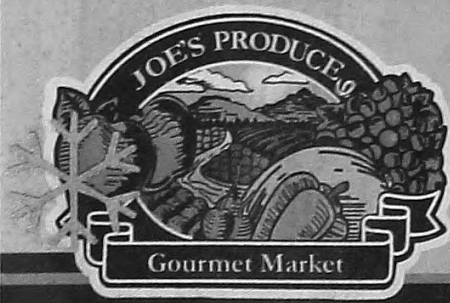
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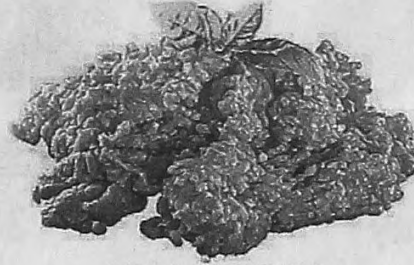
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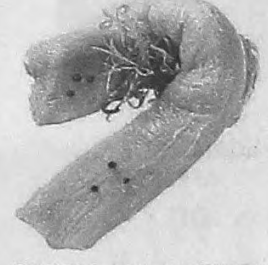
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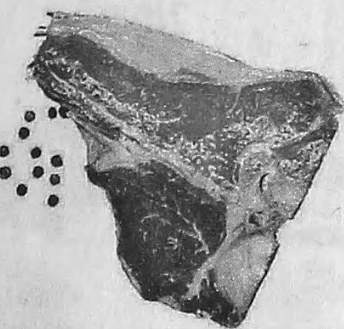
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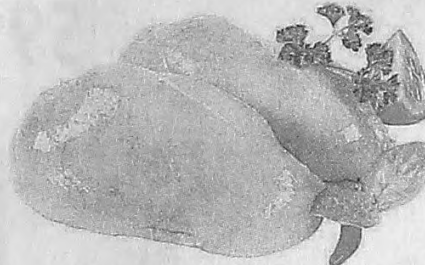
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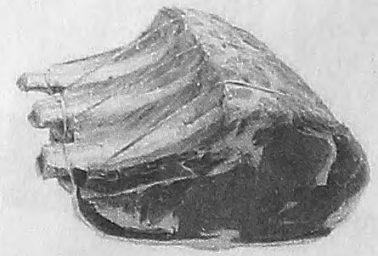
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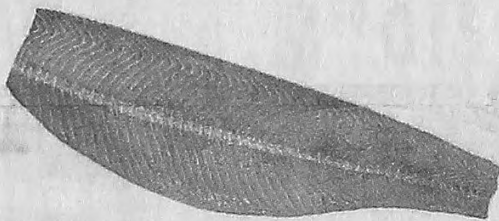
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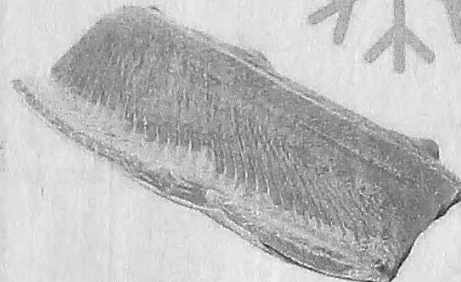
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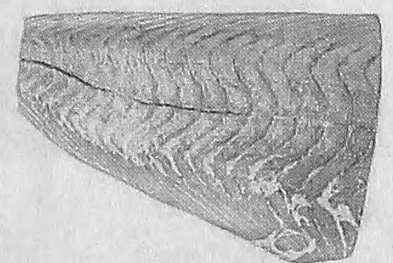
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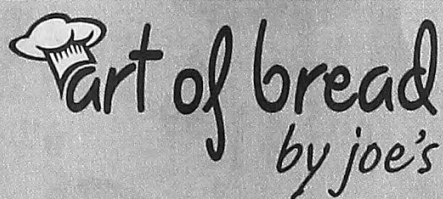
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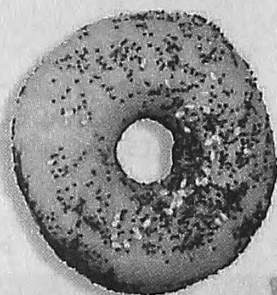
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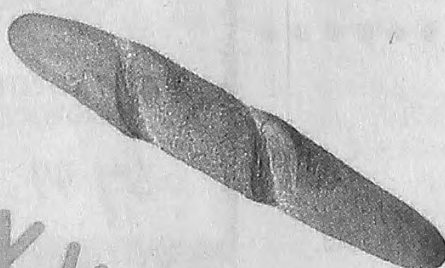
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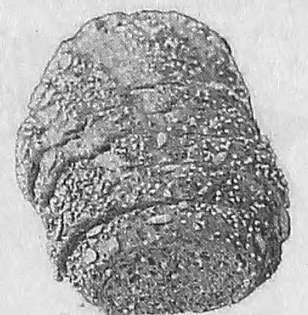
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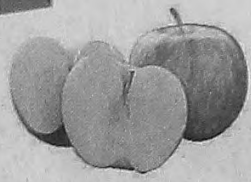


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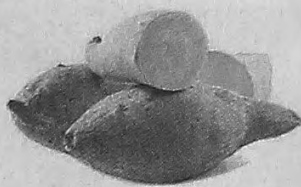
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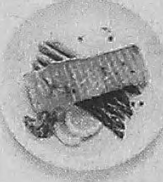
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SPORTS

Wayne Memorial struggles but shows promise in season opener

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
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Wayne Memorial played like a basketball team with the deck stacked against them.

The Zebras trailed state power Ypsilanti Arbor Prep by 28 when coach Jarvis Mitchell called a timeout with 1:35 left.

"What do I always say?" the eighth-year coach asked his players as they sat down. "Every possession we can always get better. So lets get out there and get better."

Long Beach State commit Davai Matthews instantly made a basket down

low. Then Mia Bass came up with a steal.

And then Paris Bass poked free another ball.

Time expired, and Arbor Prep walked off the court with the 67-41 victory in Saturday's Best of Michigan Holiday Classic girls basketball showcase game at Belleville, but Memorial proved Mitchell right in the final 95 seconds.

Entering the matchup, the Zebras (0-1) were already at a disadvantage.

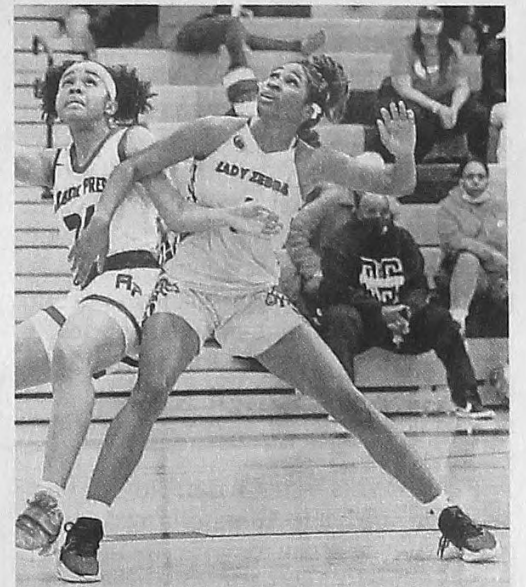
Not only were they playing the Gators, who've appeared in three state finals since 2016, but it was their first game of the season. Most teams have already played three, maybe four games,

but Memorial was making its debut.

Plus, they were breaking in four new freshmen (part of five underclassmen it's using in its rotation) and trying to move on after graduating three seniors, all of whom are playing in college. That includes Minnesota's Alanna Micheaux, Eastern Michigan's LaChelle Austin and Lawrence Tech's Paris Robinson.

What's more, the baseline was lined with college scouts. Sixteen of them to be exact. From Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin to Detroit Mercy, Eastern Michigan, Oakland University, and Western Michigan, among others.

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Wayne Memorial's Mayla Ham (right) battles Ypsilanti Arbor Prep's Stacy Utomi for a rebound Dec. 11 during the Best of Michigan Holiday Classic. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Franklin hosts Crestwood on Dec. 9. The Patriots won, 61-21. "Overall we did a lot of good things," coach John Santi said. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Franklin girls dominate Crestwood

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Livonia Franklin started out its season the way coach John Santi hoped. The Patriots are running hard, executing on offense and playing really tough defense.

It also helps that Santi has two good players in seniors Kalin Bates and Erin Young who have seen a lot of minutes as

four-year players.

"When your top players are your hardest workers, it makes any coach's job very easy," he said.

At times, he's catching his players correcting themselves before he can offer a teachable moment, as well. That type of leadership translated into a dominate performance Thursday against Dearborn Crestwood where the Patriots won, 61-21.

"Overall we did a lot of good things," Santi said. "We played very hard defensively. We spend a lot of time on our defensive sets in practice. A lot of what we went through in practice showed up in the first quarter. We shot the ball really well tonight, which a lot of times can cover up some of your deficiencies."

Franklin (2-0) came out with sharp intensity on defense that led to its offense

playing well.

Young used a swing pass to find senior Sam Provenzano for a corner 3-pointer, and a steal by Bates led to an easy transition basket by fellow senior Emily Burton for a quick five point lead. That lead swelled to a 19-2 lead at the end of the quarter with the Chargers (0-3) not making a single field

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Howell ends losing skid to Hartland in OT

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
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HARTLAND — Howell hockey players mobbed Ryan Moran along the glass near the Highlanders' student section after his overtime goal beat Hartland, 2-1, Wednesday night at Hartland Sports Center.

But when that celebration began dying down, a second wave started as players turned their attention toward senior goaltender Ean Badgett.

Without Badgett's heroics throughout the entire game, the Highlanders wouldn't have had an overtime hero.

"I've been telling everybody he's probably the best goalie in the state of Michigan," Howell coach Rocky Johnson said. "He's showing it night in and night out. He's the one that's kept us in these games. Tonight he faced a lot of shots, but he was perfect almost."

As has been the case recently, Badgett held his ground while facing a barrage of shots. He made 40 saves against Hartland, while the Highlanders put only 18 shots on net.

Howell, which was shut out in its previous three games, has been outshot 176-72 over the last four games. Badgett has been a rock between the pipes, posting a 2.24 goals against average and .949 save percentage in those games.

"I've got to provide for my team as best as I can," Badgett said. "If that means saving 40 shots every night, I've got to do it."

Badgett was in net when Howell beat Brighton in the regional championship game two years ago, 4-2, to end the Highlanders' eight-game losing streak against the Bulldogs. On Wednesday, he backstopped Howell's first victory over Hartland since a 2-1 decision on Dec. 1,



Hartland's Brady Balagna (left) tangles with Howell's Nathan Wilton in the Highlanders' 2-1 overtime win Dec. 8. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR LIVINGSTON DAILY

2015.

The Eagles had won seven in a row over Howell and were 14-0-2 against Livingston County teams since that loss.

"A game like this, a rival, we haven't beaten Hartland in a long time," Johnson said. "To come in here in overtime and be successful is so amazing for the emotion and psychology of these young men."

Hartland outshot Howell 14-5 in the first period, but couldn't get a puck past Badgett. The play began to even out after that, with the teams heading into the third period still scoreless.

An unlikely source produced the first goal of the game, with junior forward Dwight Bekkala knocking in the rebound of a shot by Michael Mukavetz 2:05 into the third. It was Bekkala's first point and only the second for Mukavetz.

It was Howell's first goal in 190 minutes, 2 seconds of action spanning five games.

"We have a third line with Bekkala, (Ethan) Lamentola and Mukavetz," Johnson said. "Those guys really helped us a lot. They kind of slowed down the pace of the game when they were in there. Without them in there, we would not have been able to rest our top six."

That was really huge for us."

It took Hartland four minutes to tie the game on a wrist shot from the left circle by Isaac Frantti with 10:46 left in the third period. The goal came shortly after Hartland killed a five-on-three power play that lasted 1:50.

Howell (3-4-1) had to kill a five-on-three power play for a 1:34 span late in the third to get the game to overtime.

The winning goal would come on a conventional power play just five seconds after Hartland's Jordan Haydu went to the box.

With the faceoff to the right of Hartland goalie Cole Gumiela, the puck came over to Hartland defenseman Jack L'Esperance. Moran poked it away, whiffed on his first attempted shot, but backhanded the loose puck in the crease into the net at 1:11 of overtime.

"On our power play, I play right wing," said Moran, a second-team all-state defenseman. "I went to the faceoff and got the puck from the defenseman. I shot it, then the rebound just came right out and I went around the goalie. It was pretty fun."

"It's an amazing feeling. It's my senior year. I've played against Hartland two years in a row. We lost every game. To win in overtime the last time I'll play them, it's crazy. It doesn't feel real. It's awesome."

The power play was the sixth of the game for Howell.

"We were better tonight penalty wise than it's been," Hartland coach Rick Gadwa said. "Our penalty kill has been really strong. End of the day, you can't live in the box. You can't take a penalty in overtime. Those just hurt a team. We were already struggling enough tonight in creating offense, so that was the end of it for us."

Franklin

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goal in the process and only hitting two free-throws.

The second quarter had more impressive shooting on display, in particular a buzzer beater as time expired in the half by Provenzano who had 14 points, while hitting four 3-pointers in the first half.

"Sammy can shoot. Now, that doesn't mean... she didn't shoot the ball very well on our opening night against Trenton. She didn't shoot the ball too well in practice this week too. Sometimes it's just a confidence thing," Santi said.

"Once you see it go in one time, you feel a lot better about yourself and your ability."

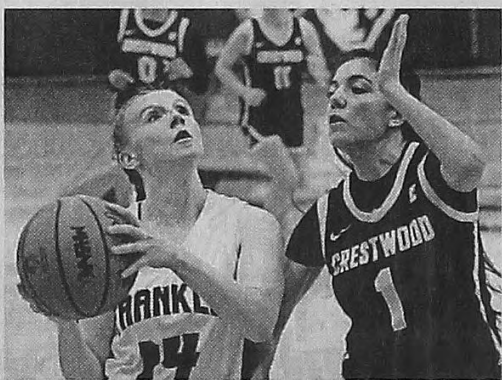
Leading the charge in the third quarter was Young herself who opened the quarter with seven points and finished the quarter with 13 points. She had 20 points, seven rebounds, two steals and two blocks on the night.

"We rely on her for a lot of stuff. We rely on her to score, to bring the ball up and get us into sets. She just kind of does everything," Santi said of his senior.

Young, however, said that her play was more symptomatic of how great the team played.

"It was just more of a team game, other than a me game, really," the humble 5-foot-10 senior said.

"They had a lot of opportunities that they pitched in with. Our team did our job perfectly. Growing is more of a team thing. You can't grow with your team. This team has gotten better each year. This year we've gotten tremendously better. We work to-



Franklin's Emily Burton (left) looks for a clear shot against Crestwood.

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gether very well."

Franklin rode that performance to a comfortable 55-14 lead with a quarter to play.

Crestwood was led by Lachelle Moreland-Jones who had six points, while Sohair Holman and Mallak Saleh each had four points.

Even though the game was well in control the entire contest, Santi like that he only only could help build his depth, but that his team stayed focused.

"I still want to see them compete. I want to see them do things the right way. It doesn't just have to be fast breaks. It can be working on sets, working on things you need to work on to improve for later in the year," he said.

"Plus, we're not real deep. So it's good to get some of the other girls some experience and time on the floor against a team that won't give up, like Crestwood."

The Patriots look to stay undefeated against rival Livonia Stevenson Dec. 16 on the road.



In the midst of Crestwood players, Franklin's Erin Young, center, puts up a shot.

Wayne

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Although scouts haven't been strangers to the Zebras' practices over the years (Mitchell estimates 25 have already visited their open gyms in 2021), it's still jarring to see a bunch of scouts sitting courtside with notebooks out.

So Memorial learned a lot about itself on opening night. And it's not going to get any easier.

But Mitchell wouldn't have had it any other way.

"You'd rather take lumps like that than win big when it's false security on what you're really going to face (in the Division 1 playoffs)," Mitchell said. "In that tournament, everybody is pretty much good. When you play cupcakes in the beginning and your kids never have any adversity, you're never going to get better."

"We got better tonight. We lost, but we got better."

Matthews (17 points) helped Memorial keep it close in the first quarter. The

6-foot-2 power forward made a jumper and sank a pair of free throws, and then Mia Bass made two foul shots to make it a 13-10 score.

However, Arbor Prep made back-to-back 3-pointers to close out the period, including Taylor Wallace burying one from the corner at the buzzer to ensure the Gators a 19-10 lead at the break.

And then Mya Petticord, a four-star Texas A&M commit who scored a game-high 23 points, took over the rest of the night.

The senior guard was virtually unstoppable. Whether it was turnaround jumpers, drives to the hoop or pull-up shots, the Arbor Prep star had no trouble scoring in front of the scouts.

So Memorial didn't have its best showing, especially on defense while Matthews sat with four fouls most of the second half.

But the team knows it can only go up from here.

"In Wayne history, we're never great early, but you can expect to see us in March," Mitchell said of his team's history of scheduling tough non-conference games. "We've been to three final

fours in the last four years. You might get me now, but we'll get better over the course of the season, and then we'll be right where we are normally are at."

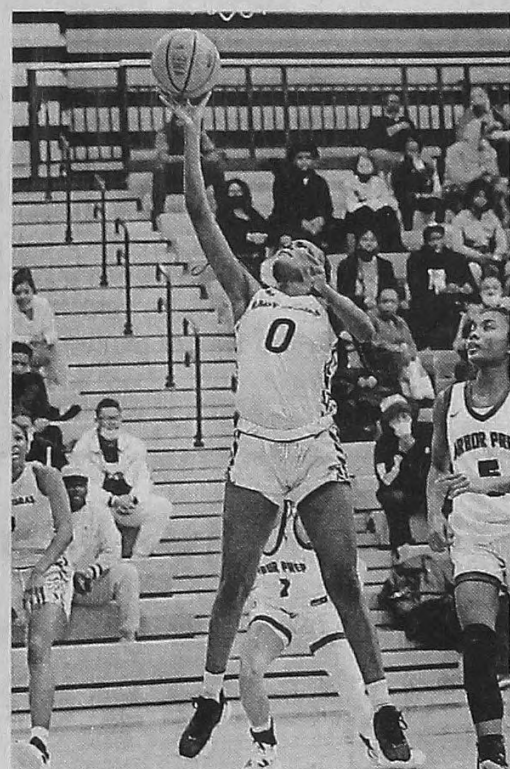
This week Memorial plays Renaissance and Kensington Lakes Activities Association rival Belleville in back-to-back games (Renaissance actually edged Belleville 38-34 on Saturday).

And then two of its following three games are on the west side. It faces East Grand Rapids on Dec. 18 at Aquinas College and East Kentwood on Jan. 8 at Cornerstone University.

It's not going to get any easier over the next month.

"That's the only way I play. That's the only way I play," Mitchell said proudly. "Part of the thing about being at Wayne is we'll forever schedule like that. We want to play the best, whether you beat us or we win. The only way to ensure these kids get better is to play (against) the best."

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Wayne Memorial's Paris Bass shoots against Ypsilanti Arbor Prep on Dec. 11 during the Best of Michigan Holiday Classic showcase at Belleville.

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Brighton defense hands Mercy largest loss in 7 years

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BRIGHTON — The toughest sales pitch for many basketball coaches is getting their players to be as committed on defense as they are on offense.

At Brighton, it isn't a difficult sell for girls basketball coach Paul Ash.

It's fully understood that playing all-out on the defensive end is responsibility No. 1 for anyone in a Brighton uniform. That point is nonnegotiable.

For some teams, playing defense is a necessary evil. For Brighton, it can actually be — dare we say? — fun.

The Bulldogs' commitment and energy on the defensive end Friday night carried them to an impressive 58-32 victory over Farmington Hills Mercy.

Particularly in the first half, as Brighton built a 38-20 lead through two quarters, it seemed nearly every basket the Bulldogs scored came off a turnover.

"When you get that steal or that turnover or somebody gets that touch and they dish it to you for that open layup, it's so fun," said Brighton senior Sarah Ebel, who scored a game-high 19 points. "It makes you feel accomplished for all the hard work we put in in practice and how we get up in each other's faces."

A relentless defense helped Brighton (2-0) hand Mercy its largest margin of defeat since a 65-28 loss to eventual state champion Bloomfield Hills Marian on Feb. 13, 2015.

In addition to scoring 18 points, Brighton junior guard Mary Copple had eight steals to lead the defensive charge.

"It's so much fun," Copple said. "A lot of teams dread defense, but we really take pride in our defense. When you get steals and it turns into offense, it's rewarding and it makes us want to keep at it."

There's no telling how far the Bulldogs can go this season playing the brand of defense they did against Mercy.

The Marlins are no slouches, having won 12 district championships in the last 16 years and winning their first three games of this season.

"It's tough for teams to simulate how we play defense in their practices," Ash said. "We think it's going to be hard for them to adjust to what we're trying to do. But we kind of caught them on a



Brighton's Sarah Ebel drives for two of her game-high 19 points while defended by Farmington Hills Mercy's Sara Cunningham on Dec. 10.

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night when they didn't shoot well. You defense always looks better when the other team doesn't shoot particularly well. You know Mercy's going to win a lot of games this year. I like where our defense is right now."

The ability to beat a bigger team was also a positive sign for the Bulldogs.

Mercy has three players who are at least 6 feet tall, while 6-foot Makena Smith is Brighton's only player taller than 5-10.

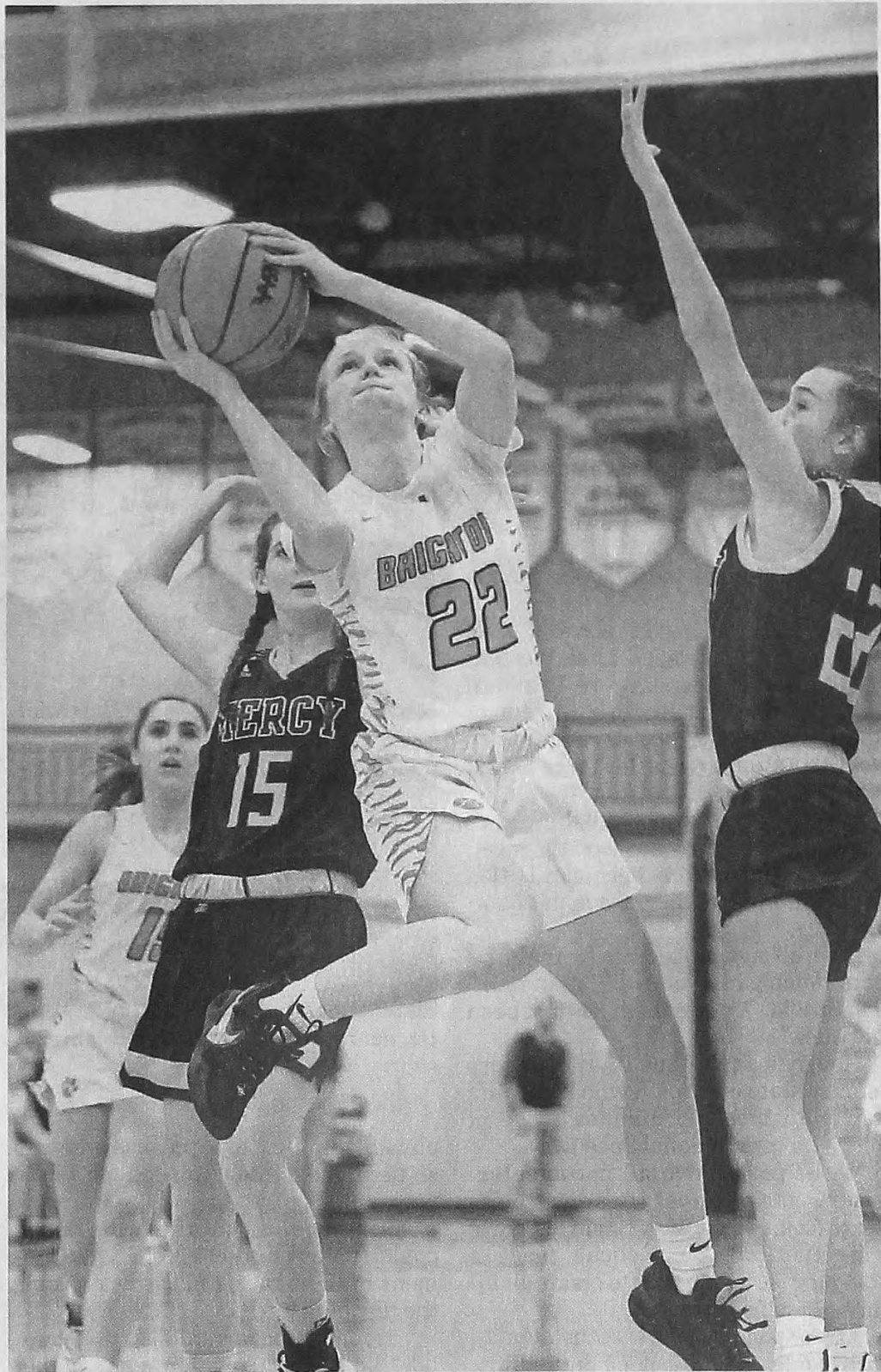
"Our coach prepared us really well for this game," Ebel said. "He came in telling us they're a very physical team. A lot of people see us as more of a finesse team. We're not super big. We're kind of small. So, when we come in and beat a huge team that's very physical and has those big posts, it's accomplishing, because we know we can play that way."

Mercy led 4-2 in the first two minutes, but it didn't take Brighton long to seize control of the game. After a 16-2 run by the Bulldogs made it 20-6 early in the second quarter, Brighton was never threatened.

Brighton led 38-14 before Mercy scored the last six points of the first half. Ebel had 11 points and Copple 10 in the first half.

Sara Cunningham, a 6-foot senior, led Mercy with 14 points. No other Marlin had more than four.

Jessica Andrew had 10 points, six re-



Jessica Andrew had 10 points and six rebounds for Brighton in the 58-32 victory.

bounds and three steals for Brighton.

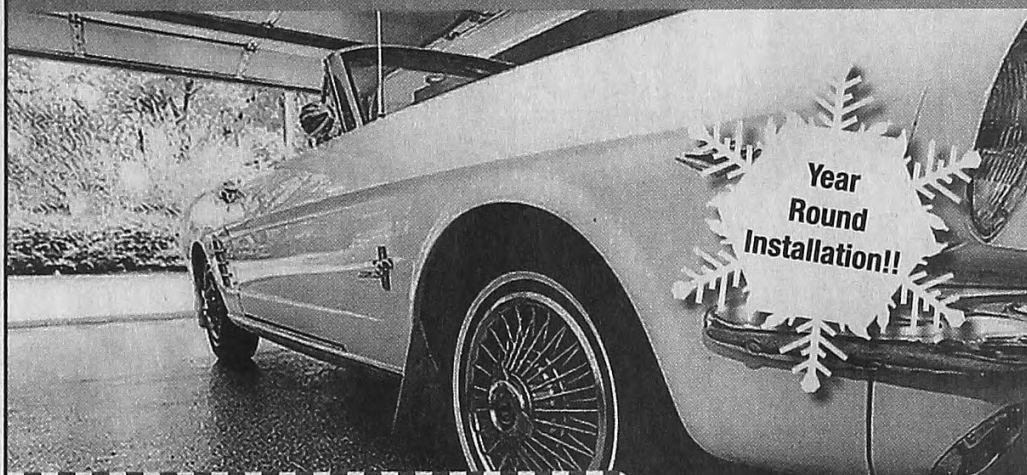
"I think we can be a solid team this year," Ash said. "We'll find out more. We play two solid teams next week. Then we play West Bloomfield in the Motor

City Classic, so that will give us a real test of where we are. We're not ready to say we've accomplished anything yet, but we feel good about the work we've done so far, I'll say that."

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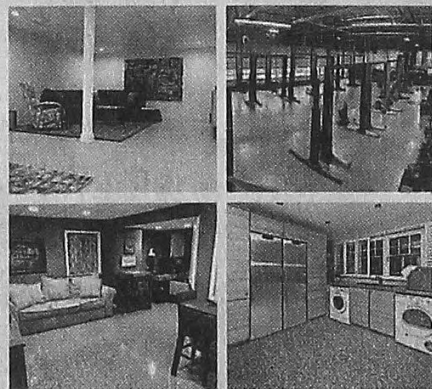
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Hartland's Hough is cross country national champ

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Riley Hough didn't need to become a national champion to establish himself as one of the greatest cross country runners ever to come out of Michigan.

But now that he's added one of the most prestigious championships to his legacy, he has cemented his name on a very short list of all-time greats from a state known for producing tremendous distance runners.

Hough became the sixth Michigan boy to win the Eastbay (formerly Foot Locker) Cross Country Championships on Saturday at Balboa Park in San Diego, pulling away from a pack of five contenders to win in 15 minutes, 11.4 seconds.

He won by 3.4 seconds over Kenan Pala of San Diego.

The other Michigan winners were Brian Grosso of Walled Lake Western (1988), Abdul Alzindani of Dearborn Fordson (1995), Dathan Ritzenhein of Rockford (1999, 2000), Tim Moore of Novi (2001) and Grant Fisher of Grand Blanc (2013, 2014).

Hough's victory marked the eighth time a Michigan boy has won the meet, which began in 1979. Michigan is tied with California for the most male champions.

"I've always looked up to the guys from Michigan who won this race," Hough said. "To join them has just been an honor."

Hough is a two-time Division 1 cross country state champion who is the first runner to break 15 minutes twice at Michigan International Speedway.

With a pack of five still in contention heading into a hill that often determines the outcome of the race, Gavin Sherry of West Hartford, Connecticut, made a bold move in an attempt to create an insurmountable gap.

As the pace picked up considerably, each runner had to decide how badly he was willing to hurt.

Hough used a slingshot move around a turn to take the lead with about 500 meters remaining and dropped the hammer.

"I was a little worried, I'll tell you that, because I was struggling up that hill," Hough said. "We were all basically



Hartland senior Riley Hough celebrates his victory in the Eastbay Cross Country Championships on Dec. 11 in San Diego.

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crawling up that hill, because we were so tired. It definitely worried me a little bit."

Even once he had the lead, Hough couldn't allow himself to enjoy the moment until he raised his arms crossing the finishing line.

"Probably the last 200 is mostly uphill," he said. "I couldn't hear whether there were people behind me or not. I was a little scared they were going to come up out of nowhere."

"I was in so much pain, but I had to push through it."

The race completed a busy post-season for Hough. After winning his second straight state championship, he won the

Michigan Meet of Champions and the Eastbay Midwest Region before taking fifth in the fastest high school cross country race in U.S. history in Alabama.

All of that experience in big meets prepared him for his finest moment.

"I feel like it's definitely helped to make sure I know what it's going to feel like," Hough said. "RunningLane last week was a good way to experience what it would feel like at the end, because at RunningLane I worked really hard, harder than I ever have before. The same thing with (Eastbay). It actually prepared me for the pain."

Caleb Jarema of Pinckney was also part of the 40-man field, placing 32nd in

15:58.9.

"Overall, the whole couple days has been really cool," Jarema said. "We've done all kinds of activities, gone to the beach, got a lot of free stuff; that was pretty cool. The race itself was pretty packed. I don't think I had my best race, but it was still just a really fun experience. It was cool to see Riley win, too."

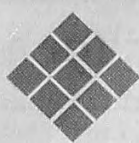
Other Michigan finishers were Farmington's Peter Baracco (14th, 15:34.0), Traverse City Central's Luke Venhuizen (25th, 15:53.4) and Benzie Central junior Hunter Jones (33rd, 16:00.7).

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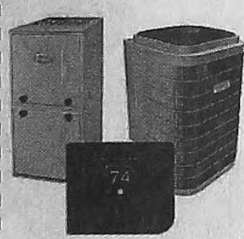
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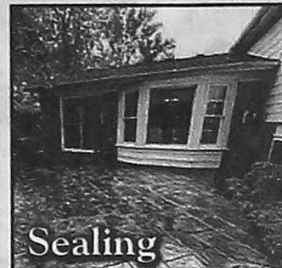


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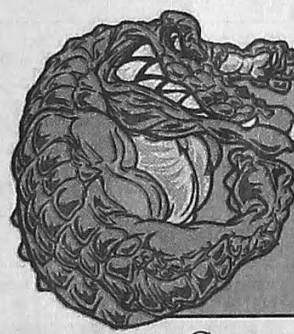
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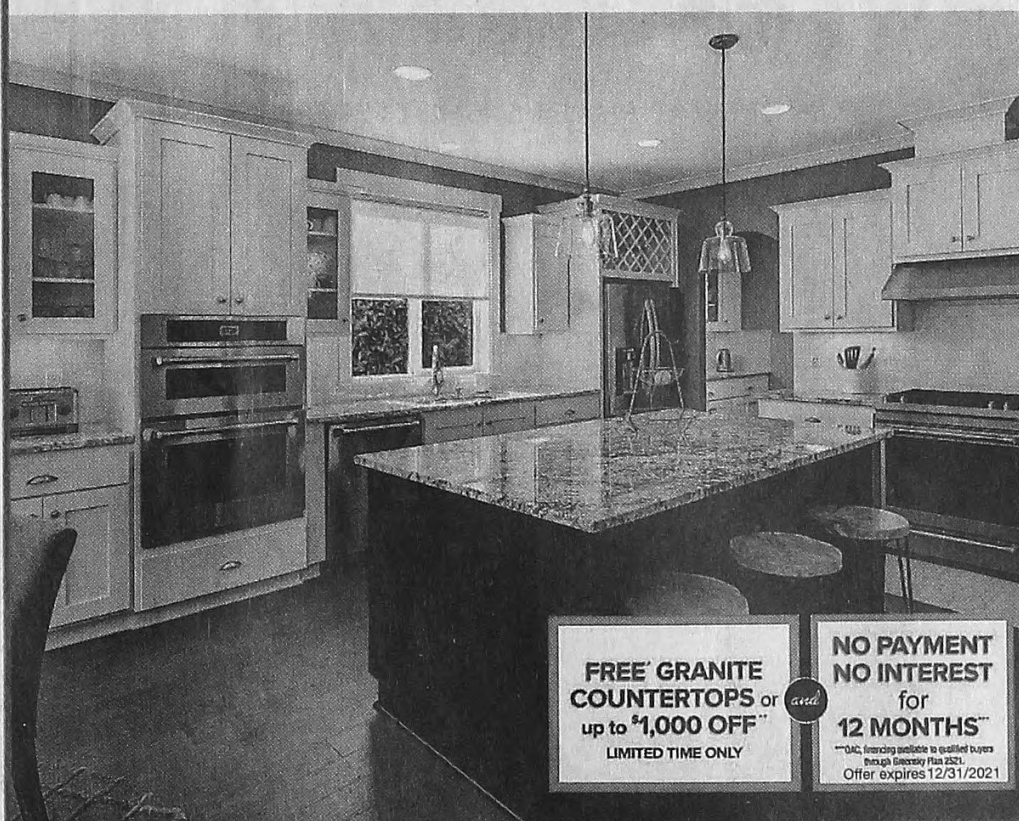
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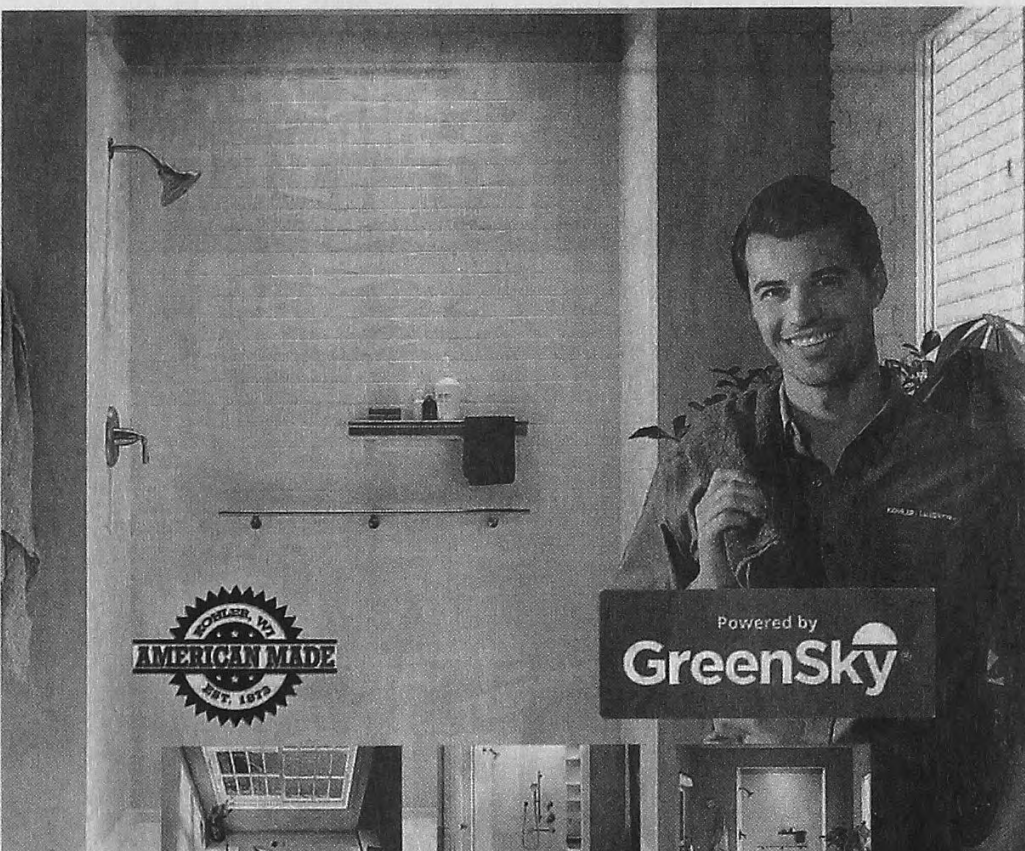
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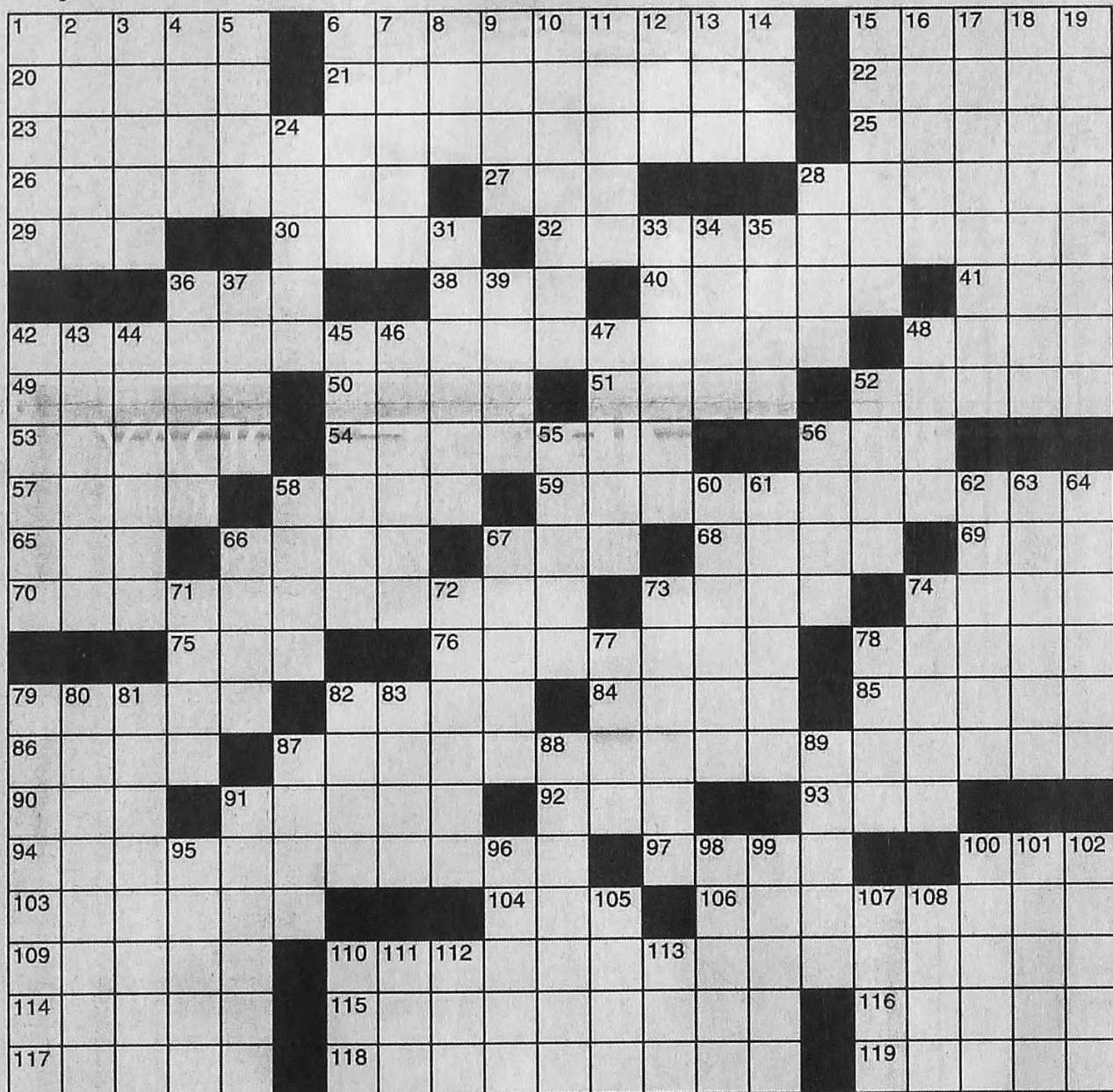
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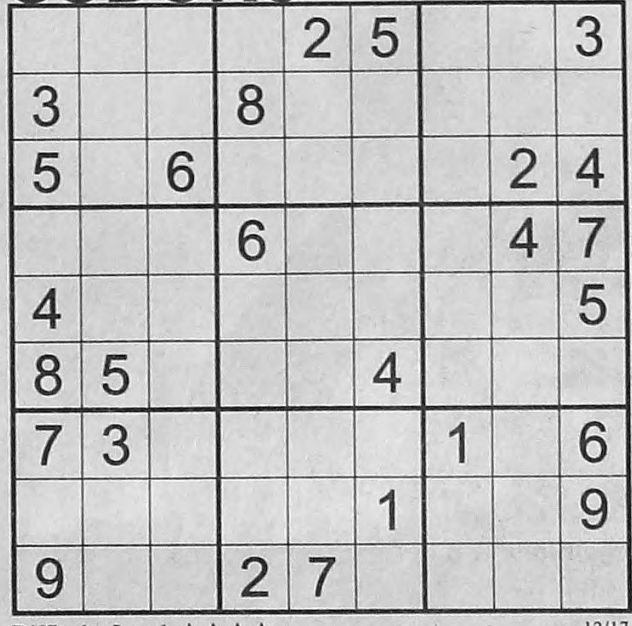
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| ACROSS | 49 Continuously | 90 Gore- (rainwear fabric) | DOWN | 37 Pappies | 79 Test versions of smartphone programs, e.g. |
| 1 Requested | 50 Cruel emperor | 91 Herb in pesto | 1 Get a lock on | 39 Boatloads | 80 Vacant political position |
| 6 Mass helpers | 51 Troop's group | 92 Farm female | 2 Milan's La — | 42 Piece of tile art | 81 Oil, in slang |
| 15 Foil maker | 52 Partners | 93 FedEx competitor | 3 Gold purity unit | 43 Zoo dweller | 82 High-speed |
| 20 Empathetic declaration | 53 Scenes | 94 1996-2002 "Saturday Night Live" cast member | 4 St. Pat's land | 44 Eyeball part | 83 A Great Lake |
| 21 Steak lover, e.g. | 54 Title sorority in a 1985 film | 95 Agra apparel | 5 Bargain buy | 45 India's Gandhi | 87 Military post |
| 22 Lounges idly | 56 Turkish cap | 100 Band's job | 6 Home | 46 Be wobbly | 88 Scans again |
| 23 Italian developer of an educational method | 57 French friends | 103 Guarantee | 7 Advances, as money | 47 Fog or steam | 89 Artisans' club |
| 25 Third month | 58 Smithereens | 104 The, to Henri Thorpe | 8 Vietnamese New Year | 48 Lounge around | 91 Rails in ballet |
| 26 "Two Years Before the Mast" star | 59 Onetime rival of Steffi Graf | 106 "Velvet Fog" vocalist | 9 Several | 52 Fishnet stuff | 95 Invited one |
| 27 Film director Craven | 65 Swimmer | 109 Actor Falk | 10 Lay away | 55 Oven brand | 96 Actress Page |
| 28 Family-style Chinese dish | 66 Farm female | 110 Comedian with the 1990 HBO special "Cats, Cops and Stuff" | 11 Deep-voiced singer | 56 "Good" or "bad" dietary intake | 98 "Duck —" (Warner Bros. short) |
| 29 Body design, in brief | 67 Disfigure | 114 Bel — (Italian cheese) | 12 Siouan tribesperson | 60 Cry upon arriving | 99 Zellweger of the screen |
| 30 The new girl on "New Girl" | 68 Calculus, e.g. | 115 Resistance to alternating current | 13 "— out!" | 61 Leading to something | 100 Body part often pulled by an athlete |
| 32 French painter of "The Horse Fair" | 69 Made in the manner of | 116 Hunter constellation | 14 — Lankan | 62 Drank like a dog or cat | 101 "— buying it" |
| 36 Commotion | 70 American Red Cross founder | 117 RBIs, e.g. | 15 Kind of nut | 63 Go by | 102 "Hero" actress Davis |
| 38 The "N" of USNA: Abbr. | 73 Therefore | 118 Engulfed by fire | 16 Averse | 64 Gives assent | 105 Emailed junk |
| 40 "— never believe me!" | 74 Fix, as a pet | 119 It can precede eight first names in this puzzle to form the names of California cities | 17 Criticized petulantly | 66 Speed-of-sound ratio | 107 General — chicken |
| 41 Rap's "Dr." | 75 Frigid | | 18 "No question" hardwoods | 67 Green stuff | 108 Other, in Oviedo |
| 42 She played Abby Parker on HBO's "The Deuce" | 76 House pests | | 19 Some | 68 Speed-of-sound ratio | 110 More, in a music score |
| 48 Cut with a light beam | 77 Spirited | | 24 Part of MLB | 69 Green stuff | 111 Band blaster |
| | 79 Flub up | | 28 Boxer Oscar de la — | 71 Paddy crop | 112 News svc. |
| | 82 Sense by touch | | 31 Curs' sounds | 72 Like a tinny recording | 113 Vocalist Yoko |
| | 84 Zeus' wife | | 33 Add while mixing | 73 City of ancient Egypt | |
| | 85 Singer Della | | 34 Throat-clearing noise | 74 Plants-to-be | |
| | 86 Fencing sword | | 35 Flock of quail | 77 Tobacco plug | |
| | 87 She played Miss Ellie Ewing on "Dallas" | | 36 Dancer de Mille | 78 Get set for surgery | |



#2.069 Average time of solution: 63 minutes
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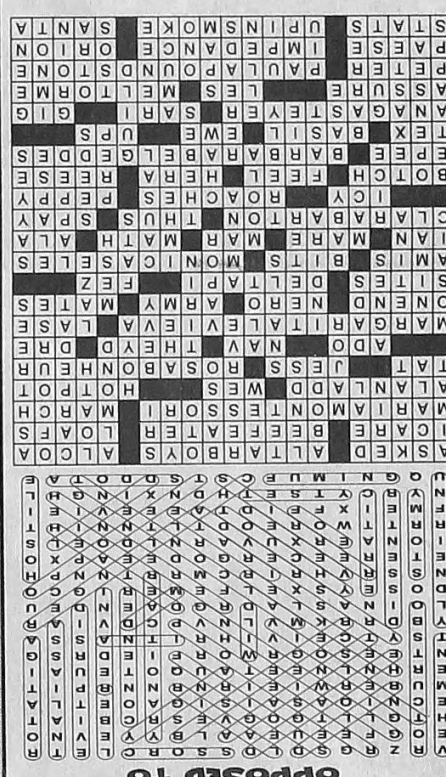
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 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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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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 T S Y T C E I V I H R I T N A S S A
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- ADVERSARY
- AGAINST
- AGITATOR
- ANGRY
- ANTI
- ASSAILANT
- AT ODDS
- BESIEGER
- CHALLENGER
- CONTENDER
- CROSS
- DISRUPTIVE
- DISSENTER
- ENRAGED
- ERRATIC
- FOE
- FUMING
- FURIOUS
- GLOWERING
- HEATED
- HECKLER
- HINDERER
- HOSTILE
- INVADER
- IRATE
- LIVID
- MAD
- MALCONTENT
- OBSTRUCTOR
- OPPONENT
- PROTESTER
- REACTIONARY
- REBEL
- RILED
- RIVAL
- STIRRER
- STORMY
- TESTY
- TOUCHY
- UNFRIENDLY
- VEHEMENT
- VEXED
- VIOLENT
- WILD



Opposed To

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