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## Concerns derail Livonia tow yard proposal

Council votes 5-1 against, citing water runoff safety

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Environmental concerns among Livonia City Council members and residents of one neighborhood led to council members voting against a waiver

that would have allowed a new towing lot off Stark Road.

Council members voted 5-1 against a motion that would have allowed a tow yard to be built at 34437 Rosati Ave. The business would have been part of an industrial park being built.

Residents of Alden Village, some of whom have previously sued Ford Motor Co. because of groundwater contamination at the former Ford transmission plant on Plymouth Road, feared a business dealing with crash-involved vehicles could leak auto fluids into their neighborhood's retention pond.

"Storm water runoff goes directly into the retention pond, which is in the aquifer that all of our houses are on," resident Bruce Tenniswood said. "We've spent the last couple of years fighting to get this cleaned up, and we've done an amazing job. The (contamination) numbers are down."

"I'll tell you what: The residents of Alden Village are not going to stand for

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Anthology has open seating areas throughout the building. Staff said they'll encourage residents to be out of their rooms as much as possible at the new, upscale assisted living facility in Farmington Hills. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Upscale assisted living facility set to open in Farmington Hills

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Staff at Anthology of Farmington Hills, an upscale assisted living and memory care facility, believe getting full-time care doesn't need to mean giving up your lifestyle.

The new center, located at 30637 West 14 Mile Road, will welcome its first residents next month. With 80,000 square feet of space, Anthology includes 22 memory care units and 70 assisted living units. Anthology has locations around the country, and its other Michigan locations include Novi, North-

ville, Rochester Hills and Troy.

"Our goal is having our residents continue the lifestyle they've been used to," said Ellen Byrne, the facility's executive director. "You may need a little more help with things and you may

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## Whitmer hosts local women in business roundtable

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The woman who has endured arguably the most turbulent term in the history of Michigan governorships — including surviving an alleged murder and kidnapping plot and leading the state's navigation through a once-in-a-century pandemic — offered and solicited advice with a group of Canton Township-area small business owners Jan. 20.

And Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's appearance at the 45-minute business roundtable held in a Summit on the Park banquet room (although there was no actual roundtable due to pandemic distancing protocols) was greatly appreciated, said Canton businesswoman Tammy Haggerty, who helped organize the event at the request of the governor's office.

"I thought it went really well," Haggerty, owner of Jacob Matthew Jewelers, said. "It was nice of the governor to sit and listen to us with no political talk."

Whitmer was expected to sprinkle anecdotes gathered during her roundtable events across the state into her Jan. 26 State of the State address.

"My term has included a global pandemic, a 40-year flood, calls for racial justice, a divisive legislature and a kidnapping and murder plot, so people naturally ask me: Why do you do this?"

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# Portillo's plans to open restaurant in Livonia

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A popular Chicago restaurant appears it will open its second Michigan location in western Wayne County.

Portillo's, known for its Italian beef sandwiches, hot dogs and chocolate cake, plans to locate a restaurant in Livonia. The restaurant is planned for 13000 Middlebelt in the parking lot of the Millennium Park shopping center between Schoolcraft and the CSX Railroad tracks.

The restaurant would locate in a new out lot created in the center, situated between Outback Steakhouse and Meijer, Mark Taormina, the city's planning and economic development director, said. Once built, it

will join Outback, Culver's and Popeye's as restaurant in the center.

"Effectively this would be a fourth new out lot and developed with a full service restaurant with a drive up window," Taormina said.

The proposal calls for a 7,900-square-foot building with 184 indoor seats and 44 outdoor seats on a patio, according to Taormina's report on the project for the city's planning commission.

Portillo's first came to Michigan last year when it opened a restaurant along Hall Road in Sterling Heights. It's known for its Chicago-style hot dogs and other tasty dishes, such as the Italian Beef Sandwich. Portillo's declined comment on the proposed development when reached by Hometown Life.

Once the planning commission makes a recom-

mendation, the item will go to the city council, which will make the final decision.

Taormina said representatives from Portillo's were at the planning commission's study meeting, the precursor meeting held before the commission's regular meeting to discuss projects.

He said they appear excited to open a restaurant in Livonia and want to get work started as soon as possible. It could potentially open by the end of the year, he said.

"They are super excited about this location," he said. "They can't move quick enough to move this thing."

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## Upscale

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not be able to drive anymore, but you still want to go to the movies or have a drink with your friends before dinner."

The building includes studio and multi-bedroom living spaces along with a plethora of amenities: a courtyard, movie theater, rehab center, spa and library. Visitors at a grand opening held Jan. 19 said the facility's modern design creates a comfortable, homey environment.

Part of Anthology's goal is to create a community where people want to be out of their rooms as much as possible, so community spaces as simple as lounges or as niche as a pub are all over the center.

"A core tenet of the Anthology philosophy is to create an environment where everyone can live well and focus on continuing their life story," said Erin Caswell, the company's senior vice president of operations. "The team we have at Anthology of Farmington Hills embodies that, and we couldn't be more excited to open the doors."

Residents in the memory care unit can choose from a variety of studio apartment layouts that start at \$6,795 a month.

Those staying in the assisted living unit can choose between studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom options that start at \$4,595 a month.

All assisted living apartments offer in-unit laundry, as well.

Residents will have access to 24-hour care, and amenities like field trips and the movie theater are included in the monthly cost. The only extra charge will come from an on-site salon run by a third party.

"There has been and, realistically, there still is a stigma around moving out of your home and into any kind of care community," Byrne said. "We are trying to change that image. ..."

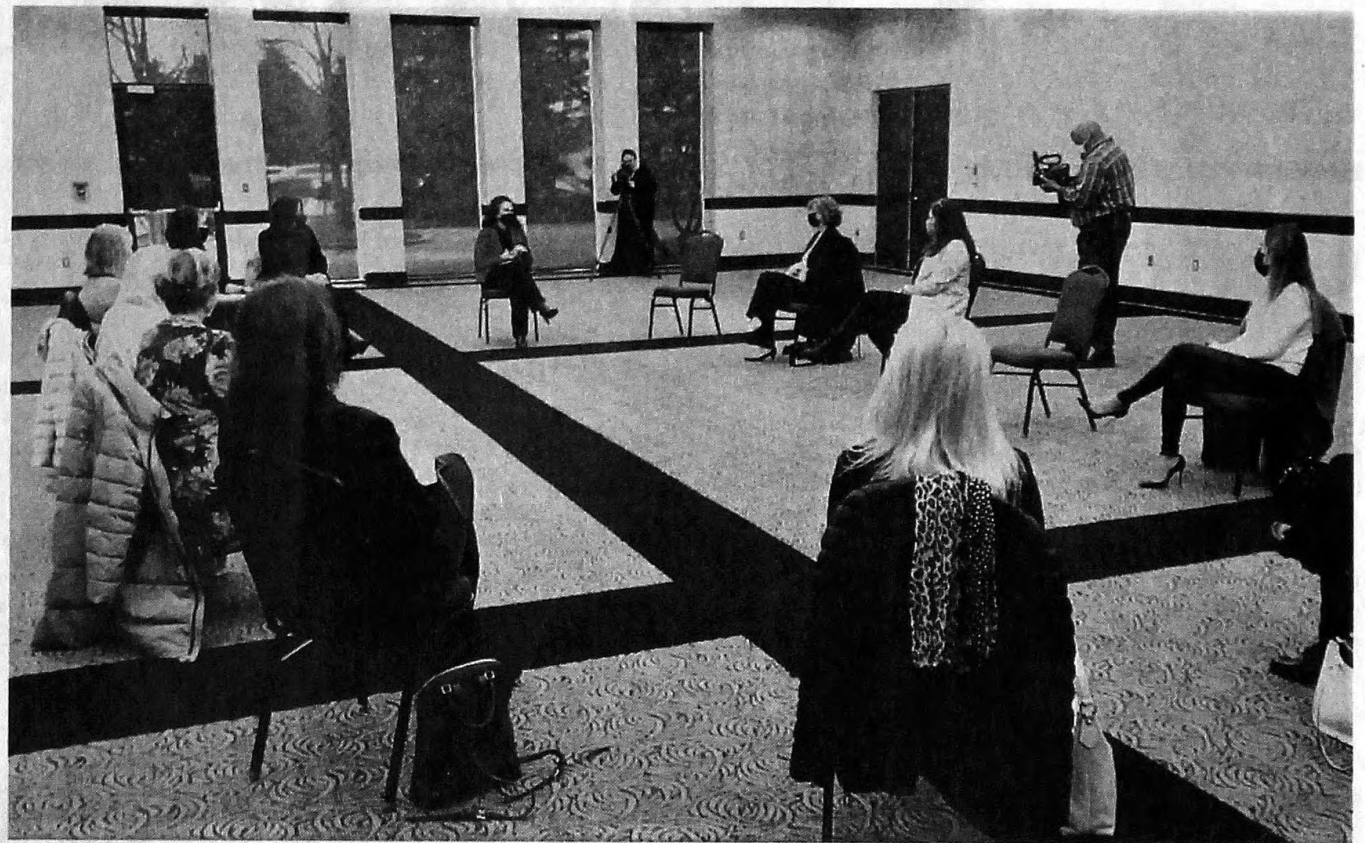
"You still get to live a very dignified, active life. I think that's really something we focus on."

Byrne said she and her staff don't want residents to feel like their lives as they know it are over when moving into assisted living.

She said residents and their families can rest assured Anthology is somewhere people will be cared for physically and socially.

"People want to know that mom and dad are safe, well cared for and having a good time," she said. "That's really what we provide."

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Participants were seated at least six feet apart due to COVID-19 protocols.

## Roundtable

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Whitmer told the close to a dozen business owners and community leaders during her closing remarks.

"I do it because I love the state of Michigan. Our state isn't always depicted on the national news in flattering terms, but that's not who we are. This is a state of hard-working people, people who care about their families. I want to help solve the problems we're having so that our kids can live a better quality of life than we've always had."

The sharpest point of contention among the attendees — most of whom own their own businesses — was rebuilding their workforce during a stretch when securing employees has been more difficult than ever.

Midway through the discussion, Whitmer asked the attendees if they had any advice they could share that may get the ball rolling on a form of workforce-expanding legislation.

Medina Atchinson of Belleville's Atchinson Ford lamented how the size of her workforce has shrunk dramatically in recent years.

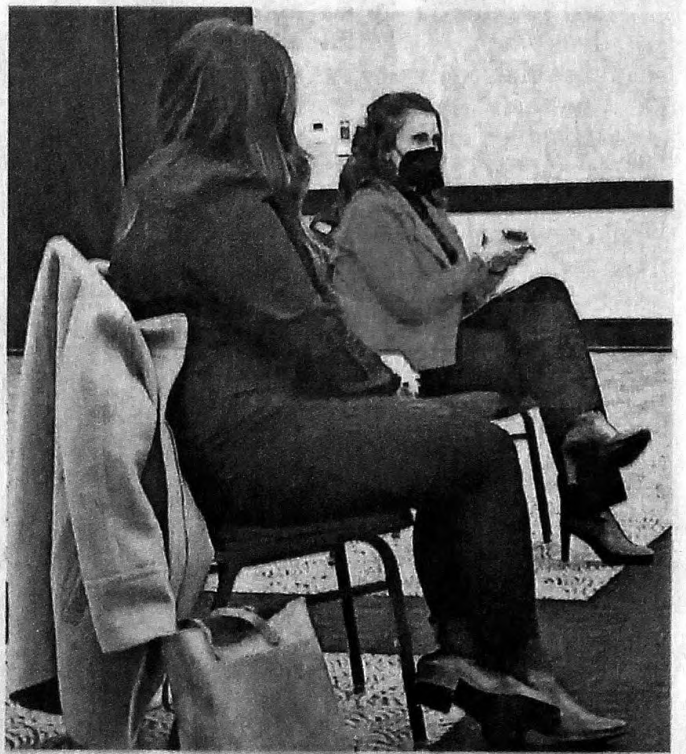
"I'll have potential employees come in, fill out the paperwork, get licensed and trained — all at my expense — and then when it comes to start working, they ghost me," Atchinson said. "They go to the unemployment office and tell them they applied for a job at my business, but I told them no. They're playing the system."

Atchinson said she wants to see the unemployment office work with businesses to determine if someone applying for benefits really followed through with their job search.

"There needs to be a checklist they can run down," she said. "The way it is now, they're taking the unemployed person's word for it."

Other top topics of conversation included finding a remedy for high-priced daycare — a hurdle people often cite for not working — and developing a consistent list of COVID-19-related protocols (i.e. mask-wearing and vaccinations).

"The CDC (Center for Disease Control) seems to change its stance on a daily basis regarding mask-wearing and vaccinations related to workplaces," said Lisa Pardington, owner of Canton's Holiday



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer answers a question during the Jan. 20 women in business roundtable in Canton Township. PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Market. "We need some long-term consistency because COVID isn't going away anytime soon."

Rising costs of supplies is also hindering business owners like Szechuan's Jennifer Brock, who said the cost of a case of chicken has increased from \$30 to \$100 in the past year.

"We have to keep raising the prices of our meals, but how much longer can we do this?" Brock asked.

Whitmer acknowledged there are no easy answers, and Canton isn't unique to the financial and workforce struggles.

"It's a global problem that we're working long hours to fix," she said. "As women-led business owners, community leaders and women who are raising families, your hard work inspires me."

"I look forward to the post-pandemic days when we can all meet again at one of your places and talk about more pleasant matters."

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## Tow yard

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one ounce of an increase in those numbers."

Residents also had concerns about how much noise a towing business might create.

Terry Sever, a realtor representing the landowner of the industrial park, said the business would be able to safely operate in the area. Sever said vehicles wouldn't be staying in the yard for long periods. Typically, the only vehicles parked at the site overnight would be the tow trucks themselves.

"If they get a call and there's been an accident in the middle of the night, they'll bring it back to the yard for a day until it's resolved where (the vehicle) should go or who's going to service it," Sever said. "He works for insurance companies, so he's not looking to accumulate vehicles."

But, most council members weren't convinced.

Councilman Scott Bahr cast the only vote in favor of the waiver. Council Vice President Laura Toy wasn't present at the meeting and did not vote.

Most of council felt the development posed too many environmental concerns surrounding oil, anti-freeze and other fluids that might leak from a vehicle. Several worried those fluids would either seep into the ground or become part of runoff from the property during storms.

"My concern is still about the environmental aspect of having a towing facility in a very sensitive area," Councilman Rob Donovic said. "If it wasn't in this sensitive area with all the efforts that have been going on these past several years, I'd be voting to support it."

Council later approved a motion to put the matter to its committee on health and public safety so members can learn more about the risks and solutions for similar proposals in the future.

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# Former Farmington priest sent to prison on sexual assault cases

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A man who served as a priest at a Farmington church several decades ago will spend longer in prison than originally expected.

Gary Berthiaume, who served as a priest at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in the 1970s, was sentenced Jan. 20 to serve between 17 months and 15 years in prison. That sentence came after Berthiaume pleaded guilty to two counts of second degree criminal sexual assault and pleaded no contest to one count of gross indecency.

That sentence, handed down by Oakland County Circuit Judge Daniel O'Brien during a hearing held online, exceeds an original expected sentence where Berthiaume would serve a minimum of one year and one day per an original plea agreement reached in November. Berthiaume later withdrew his plea before placing it back on the record, which allowed for a different sentence to be imposed by the court.

The 17-month minimum sentence was shorter than what was discussed by the state attorney general's office, who prosecuted the case. Assistant Attorney General Danielle Russo Bennetts said the victims in the case, who spoke at a previous hearing, said they were comfortable with the original figure imposed by the court at that hearing late last year, which was a minimum of 20 months in prison.

"Most victims were pleased with the 20 months and would not mind seeing that today," she said.

Michael Smith, Berthiaume's attorney, asked O'Brien to stick with the original 366-day minimum sentence agreed to during the previous hearing.

"This is closure for everyone. The allocation I've stated in the past and most recently is when we first did the agreement, we believed it to be fair and equitable," he said. "That's why we entered into that agreement."

That original sentence was erased after Berthiaume withdrew his guilty plea, prompting a new hearing and sentencing after he pleaded guilty again.



Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

**Gary Berthiaume served as a priest at both Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington and at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wyandotte.**

Berthiaume was originally arrested in 2020 at his home in Illinois on a single charge of second degree criminal sexual conduct at his home and brought to Michigan to face the charge. The victim in that case was 14 at the time and reported the assault took place in August 1977 at the rectory of Our Lady of Sorrows. Additional charges were added after more investigation by the attorney general's office last summer when additional incidents were discovered to have taken place during the 1970s. Berthiaume served as a priest at both Our Lady of Sorrows and at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wyandotte during that timeframe.

Berthiaume, who sat next to his attorney in a room during the virtual hearing, did not make a statement before the sentence was handed down. All he said was that he was ready to move forward.

"I'm just waiting to be sentenced and accept it," he said.

Smith said Berthiaume has overall led an "exemplary" life the last few decades, saying he and his family have dedicated themselves to their religion.

While Berthiaume does have a previous conviction on his record — he served a sentence in the Oakland County Jail back in the 1970s for sexually assaulting two minors — Smith said he has not had legal troubles.

"He's done a lot of good in his life. More good than not," he said. "He's prayed a lot. He's prayed for everybody on this screen."

After issuing the sentence, O'Brien spoke broadly to all those who were victims of crimes.

"My deepest sympathies to all people suffering," he said. "That's a universal statement in this world."

# Canton man sentenced to 19 years on sexual exploitation charge

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A Canton man was sentenced to 19 years in prison on a charge of sexually exploiting a child.

Shailesh Patel, 54, also must pay a \$50,000 fine, according to federal prosecutors, who issued a statement about the Jan. 20 sentencing.

And he still faces a March sentencing in Third Circuit Court in Detroit after also pleading guilty to criminal sexual conduct charges, once again involving children. He knew the victims through a Hindu temple where he volunteered.

Federal prosecutors say Patel admitted that, about 10 years ago, he gave a 10-year-old girl his cellular phone to make a video that qualified as child pornography on at least one occasion.

The victim said this pattern repeated approximately 30 times. Court documents stated he abused the child beginning when she was as young as 5 and continued until she was 12.

The victim, who also is central to the Third Circuit CSC charges, has said the abuse is a "burden that I will carry for the rest of my life, and so will those people in my life who love me the most, my family and friends."

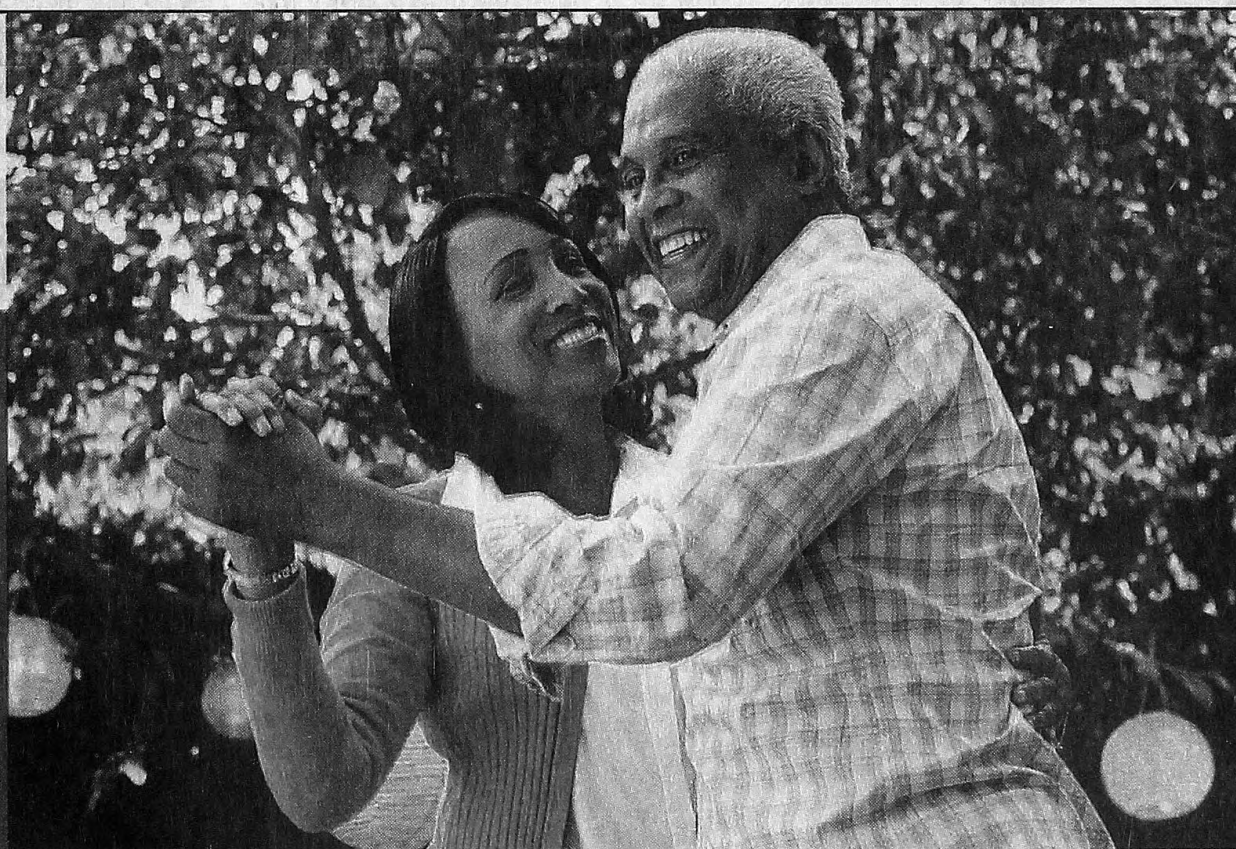
"The victim in this case demonstrated great courage coming forward with her story, stopping Patel's abuse and likely preventing future victims," U.S. Attorney Dawn N. Ison stated.

The Canton Police Department investigated Patel with the help of the FBI's Southeast Michigan Trafficking and Exploitation Crimes Task Force and state and federal prosecutors.

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# Wayne County COVID-19 cases and deaths tracker

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New coronavirus cases increased 9.2% in Michigan in the week ending Sunday as the state added 140,169 cases. The previous week had 128,398 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked 31st 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, cases in the United States decreased 14.9% from the week before, with 4,770,122 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 2.94% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 27 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Many counties did not report during data during the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, disrupting the current and previous weeks' statistics. Week-to-week comparisons are skewed and these numbers will be unreliable even as they're accurate to what states reported.

Wayne County reported 21,546 cases and 182 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 25,074 cases and 132 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 357,507 cases and 6,973 deaths.

Oakland County reported 16,099 cases and 72 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 17,027 cases and 96 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 254,045 cases and 3,367 deaths.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Dickinson County with 2,464 cases per 100,000 per week; Delta County with 2,359; and Marquette County with 2,211. The Centers for Disease Control says high levels of community transmission begin at 100 cases per 100,000 per week.



**Peyton Roth gets her COVID-19 vaccine during a vaccine clinic for students, aged 5-11, on the Alabama State University campus in Montgomery on Jan. 21.**

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Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 21,546 cases; Oakland County, with 16,099 cases; and Macomb County, with 11,862. Weekly case counts rose in 75 counties from the previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Kent, Livingston and Calhoun counties.

Michigan ranked 35th among states in share of people receiving at least one shot, with 64.9% of its residents at least partially vaccinated. The national rate is 75.5%, a USA TODAY analysis of CDC data shows. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which are the most used in the United States, require two doses administered a few weeks apart.

In the week ending Sunday, Michigan

reported administering another 178,371 vaccine doses, including 50,856 first doses. In the previous week, the state administered 158,432 vaccine doses, including 35,338 first doses. In all, Michigan reported it has administered 14,594,370 total doses.

Across Michigan, cases fell in eight counties, with the best declines in Wayne County, with 21,546 cases from 25,074 a week earlier; in Oakland County, with 16,099 cases from 17,027; and in Washtenaw County, with 5,605 cases from 5,903.

In Michigan, 793 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 754 people were reported dead.

A total of 2,124,225 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 31,502 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 70,700,678 people have tested positive and 866,540 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 falling

USA TODAY analyzed federal hospital data as of Sunday, Jan. 23.

Likely COVID patients admitted in the state:

- Last week: 4,055
- The week before that: 4,313
- Four weeks ago: 3,102

Likely COVID patients admitted in the nation:

- Last week: 188,864
- The week before that: 197,883
- Four weeks ago: 99,261

Hospitals in 25 states reported more COVID-19 patients than a week earlier, while hospitals in 22 states had more COVID-19 patients in intensive-care beds. Hospitals in 30 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](mailto:mstucka@gannett.com).



**The interior of the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.**

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**The Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit sold the property to Pulte Family Management after owning it for decades.**



**Plans to expand the inn were recently presented to the planning commission.**

# Pulte to expand the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Twp.

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Big changes planned for one of Plymouth Township's most iconic places got a stamp of approval from one of the community's discerning bodies.

Plans to expand The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, were recently presented to the township's planning commission.

Those plans include constructing a 14,000-square-foot ballroom addition as well as a ceremony pavilion and an addition and improvements to the pro shop for the golf course. More than 30 parking spaces would also be added as a part of the work.

Word of the additions comes less

than six months after it was announced the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit finalized the sale of the property to Pulte Family Management after owning the property for decades. That sale allowed for the Pulte family to own the center, which they had helped redevelop when it still was owned by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

"The archdiocese is very familiar with our work, which is also why we're here," said Francis Resendes of Resendes Design Group, which is doing the work on the property. "We kind of hit it out of the park with our response to the call, and it'll only get better from here."

"The Pulte family's commitment to doing things right, I don't think that's a question."

Resendes said that work is expected to take place over the next 12-16 months.

The planning commission reviewed the plans for an amendment to the site's planned unit development during its meeting Jan. 19 at Plymouth Township Hall. It unanimously recommended approval to the township board of trustees, who will take up the matter at a future meeting.

Planning commission chairman Dennis Cebulski inquired about several artistic pieces within the facility, which formerly served as St. John's Seminary by the Archdiocese for 40 years.

He called the Inn at St. John's a "jewel" of the township and wanted to make sure such pieces weren't simply removed.

"We're concerned about history as well," he said. "So I think that would be a useful planning device on your part."

No members of the public spoke during the public hearing held at the planning commission's meeting about the proposed changes.

Several commissioners spoke in high regard to the proposed changes, including Commissioner Keith Postell.

"I can see no reason not to approve what you're asking for," he said. "It's a tremendous asset improvement to the community."

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# Carryout-only Egyptian eatery opens in Westland

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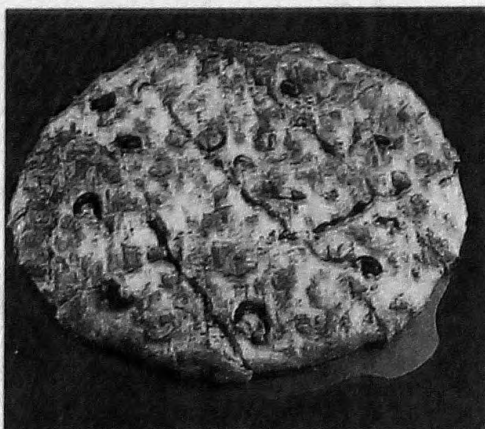
A new Egyptian restaurant in Westland opened this month.

Egyptian Kitchen Restaurant, 2717 S. Wayne Road, offers carryout only. The family business is owned by the husband and wife team of Hassan Abdelaziz and Safaa Abdelmalek.

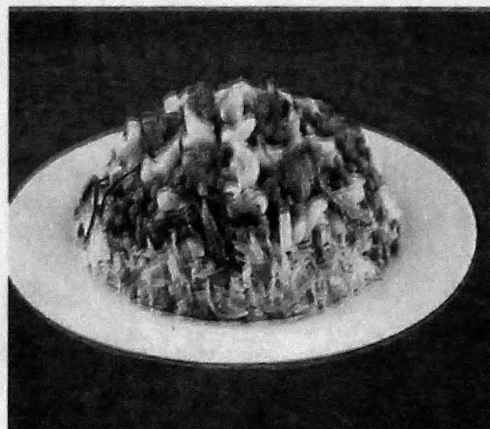
Eventually, the restaurant will open for dine-in service.

You can expect traditional and authentic Egyptian dishes, along with several other familiar Mediterranean recipes. While many Mediterranean-style dishes are similar, here they will be ramped up with the restaurant's signature Egyptian flavors. All food served here is 100% halal, according to the menu.

For its soft opening, the menu includes a koshari bowl, feteer (a thin flaky homemade dough) featuring



Above at left, feteer is stuffed with sausage or chicken shawarma at Egyptian Kitchen Restaurant. Above at right, Koshari, the national dish of Egypt, is also served at the restaurant. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY EGYPTIAN KITCHEN RESTAURANT



chicken shawarma and hawawshi beef and ranges from \$9-\$12.

Popular Egyptian street food, koshari is also the national dish of Egypt. The koshari bowl, according to the restaurant's online menu, is a blend of rice, macaroni, lentils and chickpeas in a tomato sauce and topped with crispy onions. Feteer is a flaky Egyptian thin pastry Abdelaziz says is similar to pizza.

At Egyptian Kitchen, feteer is served stuffed with sojok (sausage) or chicken shawarma along with tomato, cheddar, mozzarella, romi cheese (an Egyptian cow's milk cheese), bell pepper slices and olives. Hawawshi is a traditional Egyptian sandwich stuffed with ground beef, tomato, onion, garlic, bell pepper and seasoned with the restaurant's spice blend.

There are also grilled meals (\$14.95-\$17.95) that include shish kafta (skewers of seasoned ground beef and lamb), chicken tawook (skewers of house marinated boneless chicken breast), shish kebab (house marinated beef skewers), and a mixed grill dish of all three.

Its grilled dishes are served with grilled vegetables, french fries or yellow rice, and sides of baba ghanouj, Egyptian salad and hummus.

A history of all the Egyptian dishes served is provided on the restaurant's website.

# Oakland County woman finds \$3M prize in spam folder

Tanya Wildt Detroit Free Press  
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An Oakland County woman's search for a missing email has turned into a \$3 million surprise.

Laura Spears, 55, of Oakland County, was on the hunt for an email when she noticed one in her spam folder from the Michigan Lottery notifying her she had won a \$3 million Mega Millions prize, according to the Michigan Lottery.


Spears' ticket matched the five white balls drawn Dec. 31 — 2-5-30-46-61 — and had the Megaplier, increasing her \$1 million prize to \$3 million. Spears had purchased the ticket a few days earlier after seeing a Facebook ad that the jackpot was at a high amount.

"I couldn't believe what I was reading, so I logged in to my Lottery account to confirm the message in the email," she told the Michigan Lottery. "It's all still so shocking to me that I really won \$3 million!"

She plans to share the money with family and retire earlier than planned.




Laura Spears, 55, of Oakland County won \$3 million in the Dec. 31 Mega Millions drawing. PROVIDED BY MICHIGAN LOTTERY



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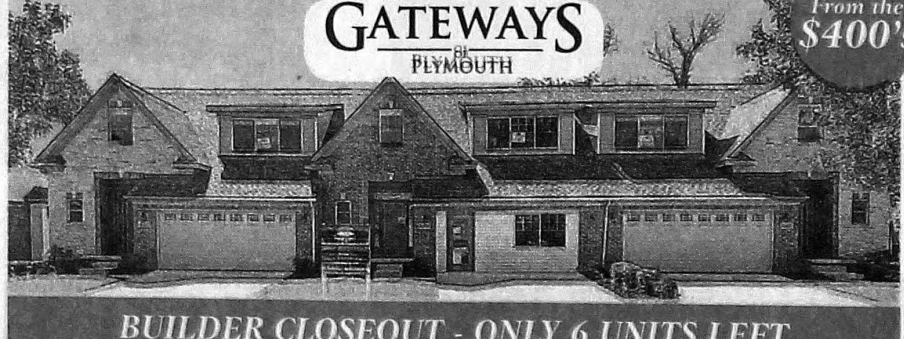
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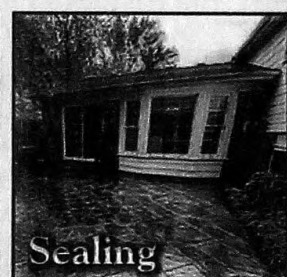
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# New events, vehicles coming to Detroit auto show

Mark Phelan Detroit Free Press  
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The Detroit auto show will return with plans for attractions from the riverfront to parks throughout downtown, Sept. 14-25.

The plan, which includes displays inside the Huntington Place convention center, will be the first full-scale auto show in Detroit since January 2019.

The show, which has international status as the North American International Auto Show, took place in January for several decades before the Detroit

Auto Dealers Association, which runs the show, decided to move it to June so automakers could offer outdoor demonstrations of new vehicles and technologies.

That move brought with it an ambitious plan to have outdoor attractions along the Detroit riverfront and at the parks to make the most of the scenic location, downtown restaurants and attractions.

The September show retains those goals, NAIAS executive director Rod Alberts said, promising “a destination event” that will showcase the region

and draw visitors.

DADA's original plan for a show in June 2020 ran afoul of the COVID-19 pandemic and the status of Huntington Place — then known as Cobo Center or TCF Place — as an emergency field hospital. DADA tried to reschedule for fall 2021, this time running afoul of the delta variant.

NAIAS has been one of southeast Michigan's signature events for decades, regularly drawing 700,000-800,000 visitors, journalists and auto engineers and executives from around the world. At its peak, the show pumped

\$400 million annually into the local economy — more than hosting a Super Bowl.

Auto dealers staged a dry run for the auto show's outdoor portion last summer. Called the Motor City Car Crawl, it featured vehicles on display in downtown parks and entertainment including a Sheryl Crow concert raising money for local children's charities.

Motor Bella, a separate show-affiliated event at MI Concours in Pontiac last fall suffered from inclement weather. It was not mentioned in the DADA's plans for 2022.



U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens, D-Rochester Hills, assisted small community governments in Michigan at getting rules made more flexible to qualify for and spend federal pandemic aid in the American Rescue Act.

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## GOP veteran praises prominent Democrat for help on federal grants

Bill Laitner Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

In a rare display of bipartisan goodwill, a news release from the office of U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens, the centrist Democrat from Rochester Hills, contains a prominent thank-you from stalwart Republican Kurt Heise, who is serving his second term as supervisor of Plymouth Township.

Stevens' release quotes Heise as saying: “I want to thank Congresswoman Stevens and her staff for listening to our concerns and making sure they were addressed in Washington.”

Both Stevens and Heise were taking a moment to celebrate this week's approval of a new, more flexible formula that decides how much federal pandemic aid will go to small communities like Plymouth Township. For Stevens' efforts in getting the feds' rules eased, Heise extended the rare across-the-aisle expression of gratitude. Stevens occupies a seat in Congress for which Heise campaigned in 2016, although he withdrew before the Republican primary that year.

Heise's statement also says that new rules about funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury “respect local governments regardless of their size, giving Plymouth Township the flexibility we need to make priority investments in our community.” Stevens, in a letter to Treasury bureaucrats last fall, asked them to give more flexibility to local governments nationwide in determining how much they'd receive, and how they could spend federal money coming from the American Rescue Plan. Heise, in a phone interview, confirmed to the Free Press his praise for Stevens and her staff.

“Plymouth Township is getting about \$2.8 million,” he said. “Some of our neighboring cities, like Livonia, are bigger and are obviously getting a lot more. But we appreciate what we're getting. That money originally came with a lot of string attached” but Stevens' nudging provided welcome flexibility, Heise said.

“So we thank Haley Stevens' office,



Heise

and I'm sure we weren't the only ones” who benefited from her intervention, he said.

“Somebody listened to us, and that doesn't always happen when you're a small community,” he added. Heise is a former Republican state representative who was designated to greet President Donald Trump in May 2020 when Air Force One landed at Metro Airport during a presidential visit to a Ford plant. He's the former environmental director for Wayne County and is considered an expert on the ecology of Lake St. Clair.

Others who said they were relieved by the change from Washington — and happy to be receiving federal aid — were Mark Wollenweber, acting city manager for Huntington Woods and former city manager of Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Shores and St. Clair Shores; as well as Teri Weingarden, treasurer of West Bloomfield Township.

The new formula for funding “helps most of the communities around Detroit,” said Wollenweber, whose last day as acting manager in Huntington Woods was Thursday.

“I can tell you, the new regs are 400 pages and the summary by U.S. Treasury is 44 pages,” he said, chuckling.

Stevens' efforts added to lobbying by the National League of Cities to get the rules eased, Wollenweber said, adding: “It's almost a first, in my opinion, that Treasury would, one, listen, and then, two, take an action like this.”

Weingarden said she was relieved. “Everyone was so apprehensive that we were receiving funds but they were so restrictive” about how to qualify and how to spend each community's allocation, she said. West Bloomfield expects to receive \$5.8 million, Weingarden said.

“Now, there's much more flexibility,” she said.

## How to check for unclaimed money

Annabel Aguiar Lansing State Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Anyone missing \$1.8 million?

That's the value of the highest item of unclaimed property from an individual Michigander, a slice of the over \$2 billion currently held by the state's Unclaimed Property division.

The division is managed through the state Department of the Treasury, which returned \$116.7 million in unclaimed assets to rightful owners in the most recent fiscal year.

While claimable assets are listed for individuals and entities like businesses and organizations, Terry Stanton, the Treasury's state administrative manager for unclaimed property, said the bulk of unclaimed assets are from people.

“We hear from folks saying, ‘I really need this, I'm going through some struggles, my property taxes are due, my rent is due,’” Stanton said. “It's heartwarming to be able to help people out and make sure that we're getting the money back to the right person.”

The money usually comes from uncashed checks like forgotten refunds from a utility, a credit balance or money left in an inactive bank account past a typical dormancy period of three years, a period determined by Michigan's 1995 Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. By law, the institution must attempt to contact the owner before reporting the property as unclaimed to the state, which takes custody until the rightful owner submits a claim.

Only properties valued at \$50 or more are posted on the website. Stanton said the amount of smaller properties, some only pennies, is just too large to include in a database with the more significant balances.

The average claim pays out around \$2,000, though business claims are typically much larger than individual assets.

The timeline for returning money after a claim depends on the property, with claimants in the simplest cases seeing a check in hand within a couple of weeks. More complicated situations, like claiming property for a deceased relative or bankruptcy proceedings, enter gray areas with further required doc-

umentation and months of bureaucratic process.

A number of Lansing-area institutions have unclaimed funds in the database, including Sparrow Health System, McLaren Greater Lansing, Michigan State University and Lansing Community College. Stanton said the dynamic with obviously known entities is interesting, as the process requires active participation and documentation from the claimant.

“We do outreach and we will send a letter to an individual or business saying, we believe that we have property for you, please go to our website and check it out, but we never hear from them,” Stanton said. “We can lead a horse to water, but we can't make them drink, right?”

Some entries in the database represent physical unclaimed items from abandoned safety deposit boxes, typically precious items like jewelry or gold bars or other heirlooms: wedding dresses, a silver necklace appraised at \$10,000, baseball cards signed by Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams. The items are cataloged by the Treasury and kept in a limited-access, secured property room in an undisclosed location.

While there's no time limit on claiming property, tangible items in the possession of the state for longer than a few years are usually auctioned off after an appraisal, with the equivalent value still remaining claimable.

“It's all just property,” said Stanton, a baseball fan whose mind was blown that someone could forget those cards. “We've got to handle it.”

Do you have unclaimed funds? Anyone can search for unclaimed funds belonging to an individual or business through the Department of Treasury's database at unclaimedproperty.michigan.gov/app/claim-search to begin filling out a claim.

Customer service representatives from the Treasury are also available at 517-636-5320 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays to begin the claim process for the caller.

It's worth giving it a try: a January 2022 search shows the Lansing State Journal currently has two unclaimed balances, each ranging from \$100 to \$250.

## Obituaries

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### Elsie McKeown

Elsie McKeown, age 91, passed away Friday, January 14, 2022. She was born in Detroit, Michigan. She graduated from Holy Redeemer High School and worked for Michigan Bell. After raising her family, she was employed with the City of Farmington Hills, where she later retired.



She was very active with Keep Michigan Beautiful, BCSEM and the Farmington Optimists. She loved gardening, playing Pinnacle, and writing monthly newsletters for fellow retirees. Elsie was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers. She is survived by her six children, three granddaughters, two great-grandsons, and three siblings. Per her wishes, cremation has taken place and no funeral will be held. A memorial tree planting ceremony and reception will be scheduled for the spring. Online condolences may be shared at [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)

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# Many Michigan parents have access to child care credits they aren't using

Nushrat Rahman Detroit Free Press  
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Roughly one-third of children in Michigan under age 5 qualified for child care subsidies, but only 5% received those credits. Meanwhile, an estimated 44% of Michiganders live in “child care deserts” — places with a lack of licensed child care providers.

That’s according to an August analysis from the Michigan League for Public Policy and Kids Count in Michigan released this week looking at how many kids in Michigan, from birth to 5 years old, have access to educational and supportive safety nets, such as child care subsidies and food assistance programs, that are key to their economic security.

The report finds significant gaps in need versus access to programs that provide food help, offset costs for child care and cash assistance among eligible families.

“Children are not necessarily getting what they need to thrive,” said Kelsey Perdue, Kids Count in Michigan project director.

Across Michigan there were 683,798 children under age 5 as of 2019. Twenty-two percent were in four-person households making less than \$25,750 at the time. Working parents are struggling to make ends meet and participation rates for assistance programs meant to help them stay afloat may not reflect true need, the fact sheet notes.

Data comes from federal and state sources and is from 2019 and 2020. Among the findings in the state and county level analysis:

- In Wayne County, about half of Michigan kids under 5 were eligible for child care subsidies, but only 7% received the credits. The state last year raised the income eligibility requirements through 2023, so now more kids are able to tap into these benefits.

- Quality child care is scarce in Michigan. About 44% of Michiganders live in child care deserts — or areas where the ratio of kids under 5 to licensed child care providers is greater than three kids



Infant room lead teacher Alesha Lewis sits with Harley McCormick, left, and Khari Little at Phippen Palace Childcare Academy in Detroit in 2020. About 44% of Michiganders live in child care deserts — or areas where the ratio of kids under 5 to licensed child care providers is greater than three kids per spot. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

per spot. The statewide ratio is 1.9 kids per spot and so, overall, Michigan has a low capacity of child care spots. Only Baraga County in the Upper Peninsula had a nearly one to one ratio.

- Nearly 50% of young children in Michigan were eligible to get food assistance benefits. However, only a quarter were enrolled to get that support.

- Two percent of kids received cash assistance, despite 11% of kids under age 5 qualifying for the help. In Wayne County, 19% were eligible for this help, but only 3% were enrolled in the state’s Family Independence Program.

These gaps affect a family’s economic security, health and well-being and

the future academic success of young people, Purdue said.

When it comes to child care access, even if parents can afford it or have tapped into subsidies, it may be hard to find a spot in the first place. There is also a shortage of early childhood educators, and the industry faces challenges with recruitment and retention because of low pay, she said.

“Early childhood is so foundational to setting children up for a successful future. The architecture of the brain, for example, is set in these early foundational years, so we really wanted to have a snapshot that everyone can understand how our youngest kids in the state

are doing,” she said.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last year unveiled a \$1.4 billion plan to expand affordable child care with federal dollars. Licensed child care workers can now get \$1,000 bonuses. The state raised the income eligibility for child care subsidies to 185%, or a family of four currently making \$49,025, from 150% of the federal poverty level — or \$39,750 — through 2023, then 160% for the following years.

“We had a really historic opportunity to invest in child care and we did that, so there’s been a lot of really, really positive movement, but some of these changes we need to make permanent,” Perdue said.



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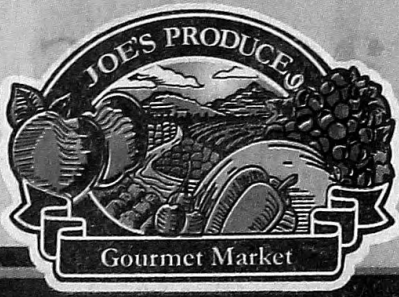
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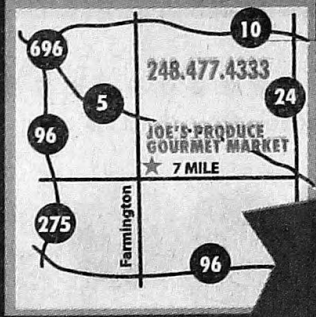
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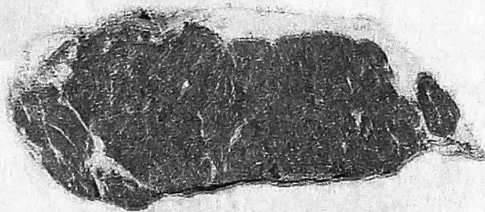
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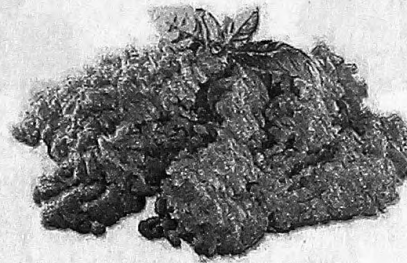
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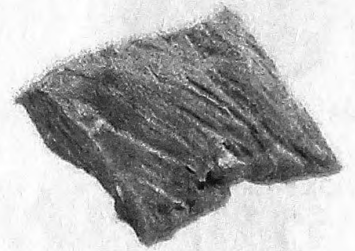
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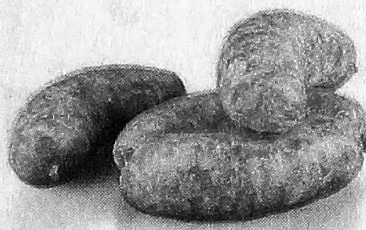
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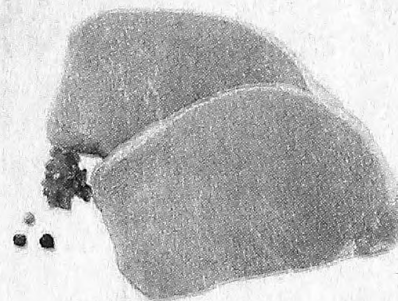
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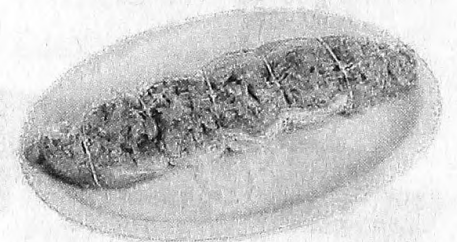
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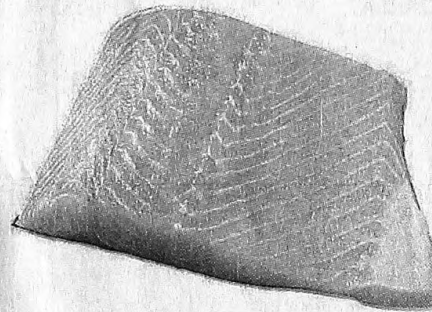
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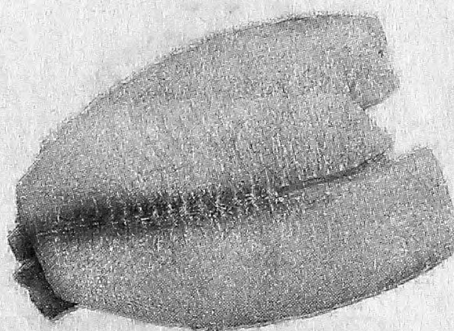
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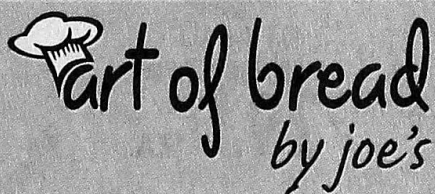
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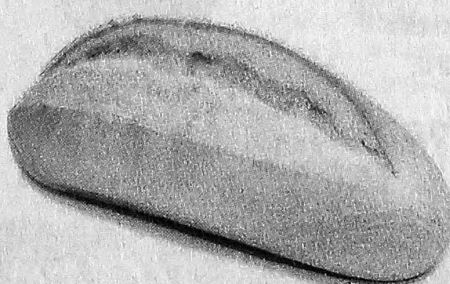
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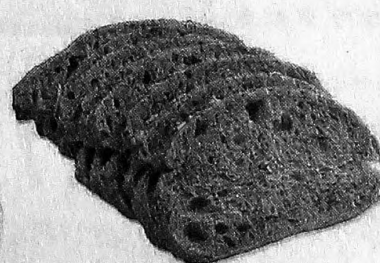
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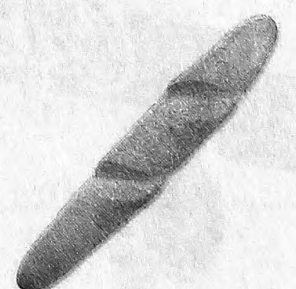
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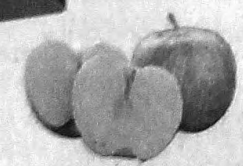


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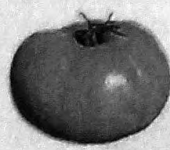
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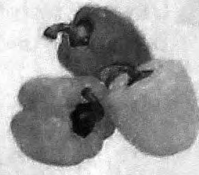
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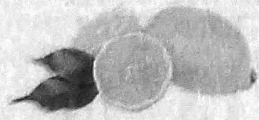
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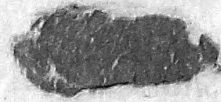


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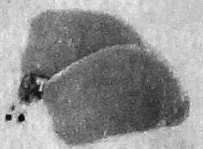
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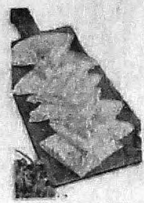
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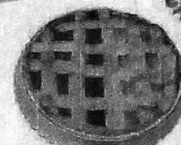


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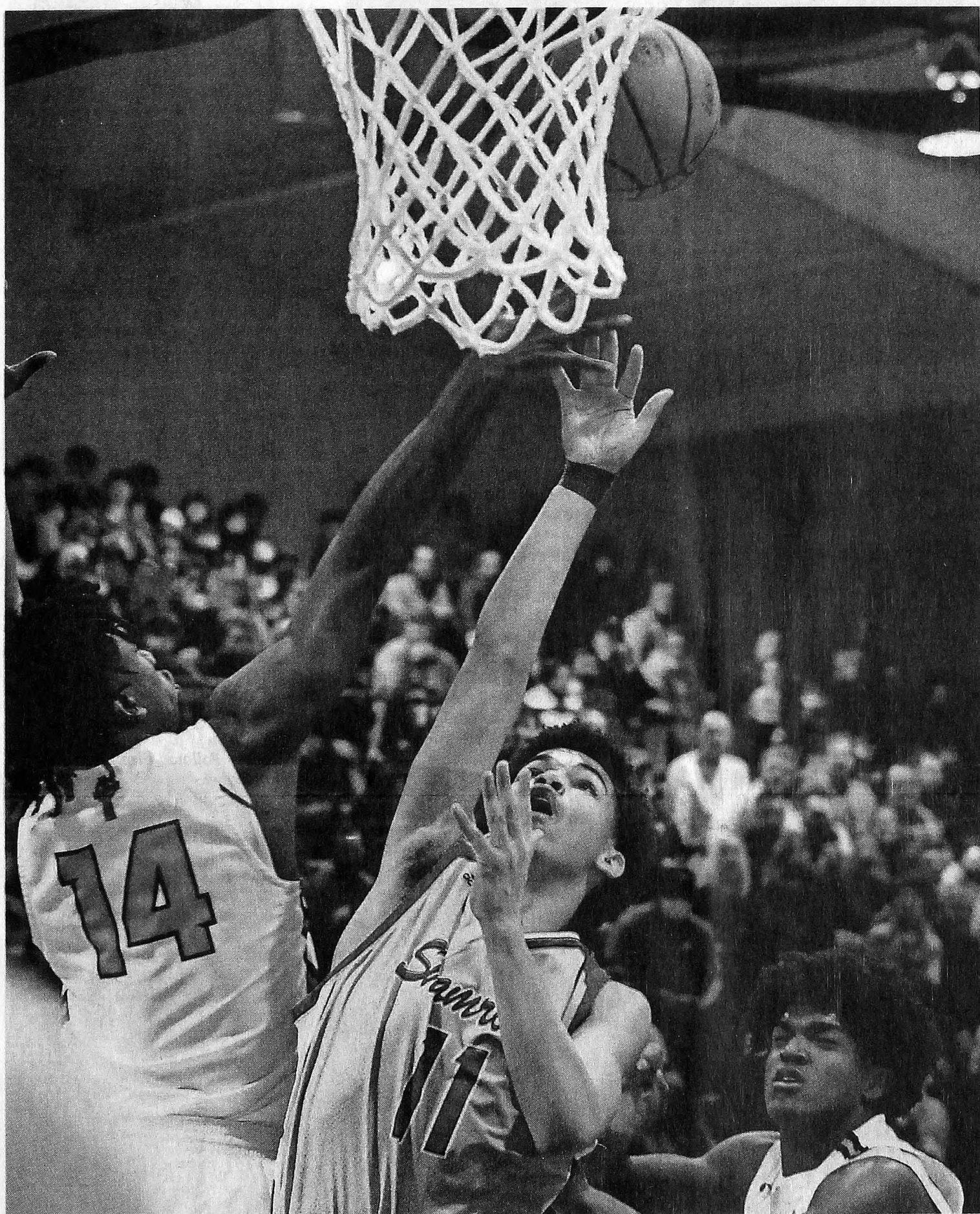
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# SPORTS



Detroit Catholic Central's Chas Lewless, center, puts up a shot against Brother Rice. The Shamrocks won, 55-51. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Sophomore ignites CC's comeback at Brother Rice

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Memories of recent missed opportunities surged through Chas Lewless' mind as the Detroit Catholic Central sophomore toed the foul line.

They weren't easy free throws to make. Brother Rice's student section was to his immediate left. And they were hollering at him as he sank the first and then the second to give the Sham-

rocks a 51-50 edge with 1:07 left.

The Warriors attempted to regain the lead, but Josh Ross blocked Johnathan Blackwell's layup. It was clean. And CC secured the rebound.

Rice sent Lewless back to the foul line with 10.5 seconds left.

Once again, the memories returned as he made the first of his two double bonus attempts to secure the eventual 55-51 victory in Catholic League-Central play Jan. 20. He finished with a game-

high 22 points.

And what were those thoughts?

It was about how hard the guard had worked to return to his team. He missed eight weeks of fall ball and pre-season practices with a wrist injury. He sat out the season opener, earning a "DNP" on his stat line.

And he was also thinking about last season.

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## 'We've got to get rolling'

### Chiefs hockey team prepares for playoffs

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Wednesday night was about getting ready for the postseason.

And what does a playoff team do? It closes out games when it captures a quick lead.

That's what Canton did in its 8-3 victory over Novi at Arctic Edge Ice Arena. But it's not what the Chiefs (10-7, 3-2 KLAA-Black) have been doing as of late.

They entered the Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover losers of three-straight. And their last two losses? They held 2-0 leads but let their foot off the gas too early and ultimately gave away the wins.

Not this time.

Eight minutes into play, Danny Fletcher poked in a rebound on the back side to give the Chiefs the 2-0 lead they've come accustomed to grabbing early in games.

Just over a minute later, Anthony Jariett rifled in a shot from point-blank and then Joel Fonovic pushed in a breakaway goal with 5:22 left in the opening period to ensure Canton a 4-0 lead skating into the locker room.

"We've been struggling the last few games," Canton coach Justin Maedel said. "It was nice to see the guys do some things we've been practicing lately. We also just needed to get rolling again. Regionals is a month away, give or take, so we've got to get rolling. We can't wait until a week before regionals to start playing."

Tyler Husted scored early in the second period to make it 5-0 before Novi got dangerous with the puck.

Cam Kitts put together a five-point night, netting a hat trick and assisting on a pair of goals, while Fletcher finished with a pair of goals.

Goalie Nate Azarovicz picked up the win.

"Getting a jump in the first and to get up by a couple more than just two helped out our confidence," Maedel added. "It was good we followed through the entire game. We let up some, but, overall, we kept pushing and pushing and pushing, which was good."

"... Novi is tough, regardless of who they've got on the ice. Yeah, they're struggling, but they're still a good squad. Coached really good by (Mark) Velluchi."

Novi (2-12, 0-4 KLAA-Gold) got goals from Jackson Kinter and Joel Sancen in the second period. Alex Czapski netted the Wildcats' final goal 40 seconds into the third period.

Henri Lettman and Kyle Gilger shared time in goal.

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# MSHAA winter tournaments approach amid uncertainty

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Winter high school sports seasons began on time and without any pauses on a state-wide basis, which is in stark contrast to the chaos of the previous school year induced by the coronavirus.

That has been a welcome change for the Michigan High School Athletic Association, but things can change quickly and that has MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl worried.

The recent Omicron variant's spike has caused some counties and/or school districts to return to the policies of limiting attendance at games, put in place by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services at the start of the pandemic.

There are some school districts, scattered across the state, which have postponed games.

"There's no state-wide orders in place or in effect, and those decisions have fallen to local county health departments and even local school districts," Uyl said. "Some of those districts are making some decisions now that case numbers are up again based on their local conditions."

The MHSAA has no direct control over regular-season contests, but winter-sport tournaments, run by the MHSAA, begin in just over a month.

That is why the MHSAA is so interested in recent actions taken by counties.

"What schools are doing for the regular season is going to be their call, but here we're a little more than a month out from winter tournament season," Uyl said. "So we are trying to keep tabs on what local districts are doing, what is going on in different counties because we have to finalize our plans pretty quickly with all sports, when districts start beginning in mid-February when you're talking wrestling."

For months, the MHSAA has had its tournament sites set for every sport.

But what does the MHSAA do if a particular county rules only 100 people can attend an event, similar to a lot of indoor events last year?

The MHSAA took a financial bath for the fall and winter sports seasons a year ago and a repeat of last winter's attendance limitations would be devastating again.

A year ago, many host schools forwarded the MHSAA what little revenue



Hudsonville's Emmalyn Costen and Midland Dow's Abby Rey battle for a rebound last April. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

they made with limited attendance, rather than keeping it for their districts.

"We were really hoping," Uyl said, "this school year would kind of be a return to normal where the schools that were hosting could see some revenue again, which was the case in the fall."

As it seems unlikely the MDHHS will issue any state-wide regulations, the MHSAA has some latitude to move hosting sites.

And this is far more than just a basketball issue. The MHSAA also has tournaments scheduled for hockey, boys swimming and diving, wrestling, boys and girls bowling and girls gymnastics.

"We've got to move pretty quickly over the next couple of weeks just to kind of see what the lay of land is going to look like come February," Uyl said. "With a state-wide order, everybody is kind of working from the same sheet of music."

"When it's really now county by county, that really creates some confusion, because two schools only a handful of miles apart can be under completely different restrictions and expectations."

Uyl pointed out that Ingham County, which includes East Lansing, is limiting the capacity at high school games, while nearby Eaton County has no such restrictions.

If a district or regional hosted in Ingham County has schools from two counties, it would be better to move the district or regional to a school in a less restrictive county.

"Does it then make sense," Uyl asked, "to make sure that that event is going to be held at a place to where not just parents can see it, but brothers, sisters and grandparents and other folks can be there?"

"That's what makes it much more

complicated this year."

If you want to talk complicated, take the girls and boys basketball tournaments. The MHSAA needs a combined 256 district sites, 64 regional sites and 32 quarterfinal sites just to get the boys and girls tournaments to reach the semifinals at Michigan State.

Add in all of the other sports — wrestling needs a combined 160 district sites for individual and team tournaments — and you are way past complicated, bordering on convoluted.

That is why Uyl and his staff are paying attention to each move by counties and districts.

"That's something we're going to try to get our arms around the next couple of weeks," Uyl said. "That's why we have to know what different counties are doing now, and we're going to try to plan as much in advance."

"The thing we've learned the last two years is that advanced planning becomes impossible. But during January, we have to get a handle on what counties look like and if we need to adjust some host sites come tournament time, we at least need to have the conversation."

MSU added another hurdle this week when it mandated that all fans attending MSU men's and women's basketball games at Breslin Center must have proof of vaccination or a recent negative test in order to be admitted.

That could also be the case for the girls and boys semifinals and finals.

"Whatever it's going to be, I think you need to clearly spell it out to people so everybody knows what to expect," Uyl said. "Come the end of March, will those be the same requirements in place for our fans and spectators?"

That question is unanswerable today. The only thing certain at this point is the uncertainty.

"That's why it's been so hard making decisions," Uyl said. "All during COVID, I don't think anybody's crystal ball has been able to really project out two months from now what exactly the world going to look like, what are going to be the COVID conditions."

"That's what's made being in a decision making position just so challenging."

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## Comeback

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"I was just really thankful to be there, to be honest. That's just all I've wanted," Lewless said about securing the win at the foul line. "We played them twice last year, 0 for 2, and one was just a blowout. We just got blown out, and the other one we lost by six with a big comeback at halftime. To be up at that position where I could ice the game, that's all I've wanted since we've played them. I was so happy to be there because I knew I was going to knock them down."

That's not cockiness talking. That was his well-earned confidence.

Rice (7-2, 1-2) opened the game on a tear, taking an early 9-0 lead, and it was the usual suspects doing the heavy lifting. It was Curtis Williams and Blackwell from the foul line. Xavier Thomas from 3. And Keithan Gilmore cleaned up the glass and finished with a put-back attempt.

It wasn't until Cooper Craggs drove to the hoop and made a contested shot in traffic with 4:01 remaining in the opening period that CC (7-2, 2-1) finally cracked the scoreboard.

Lewless went on to score seven of the next 14 points, including cashing in on a drive to the hoop at the buzzer, to trim the Shamrocks' deficit to just 14-11.

He inspired a 15-1 run to open the second quarter, including hitting back-to-back 3-pointers to give CC its first lead, 17-16, at the 5:44 mark.

Rice closed out the half with five points to keep it close at 26-22, but CC carried the mojo into the locker room.

"I just saw how we were down big, and I felt like we needed a spark," said Lewless, who finished with four 3s. "I had to provide a spark to get us back into the game."

CC and Rice traded leads and hero moments throughout the second half.

First, it was Craggs, an Oakland University commit, taking over in the third quarter, scoring nine of his 16, mostly from drives to the hoop. That ensured CC a 43-38 lead entering the fourth.

And then it was Blackwell, who buried a trio of 3s in the second half and finished with a team-best 21 points, willing Rice back into the game late in the third



Warrior Xavier Thomas, center.

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and early in the fourth. In fact, he scored 16 in the second half, even making two free throws to trim his team's hole to 45-44 with 5:22 remaining.

Two more of his free throws with 1:20 left gave Rice its first lead, 51-50, since the second quarter. But those were the last points the Warriors would get.

Ross wound up blocking Blackwell's potential game-winning layup with 10.5 seconds remaining, and Henry Garrity missed a 3-pointer just before the buzzer that could've also given Rice the win.

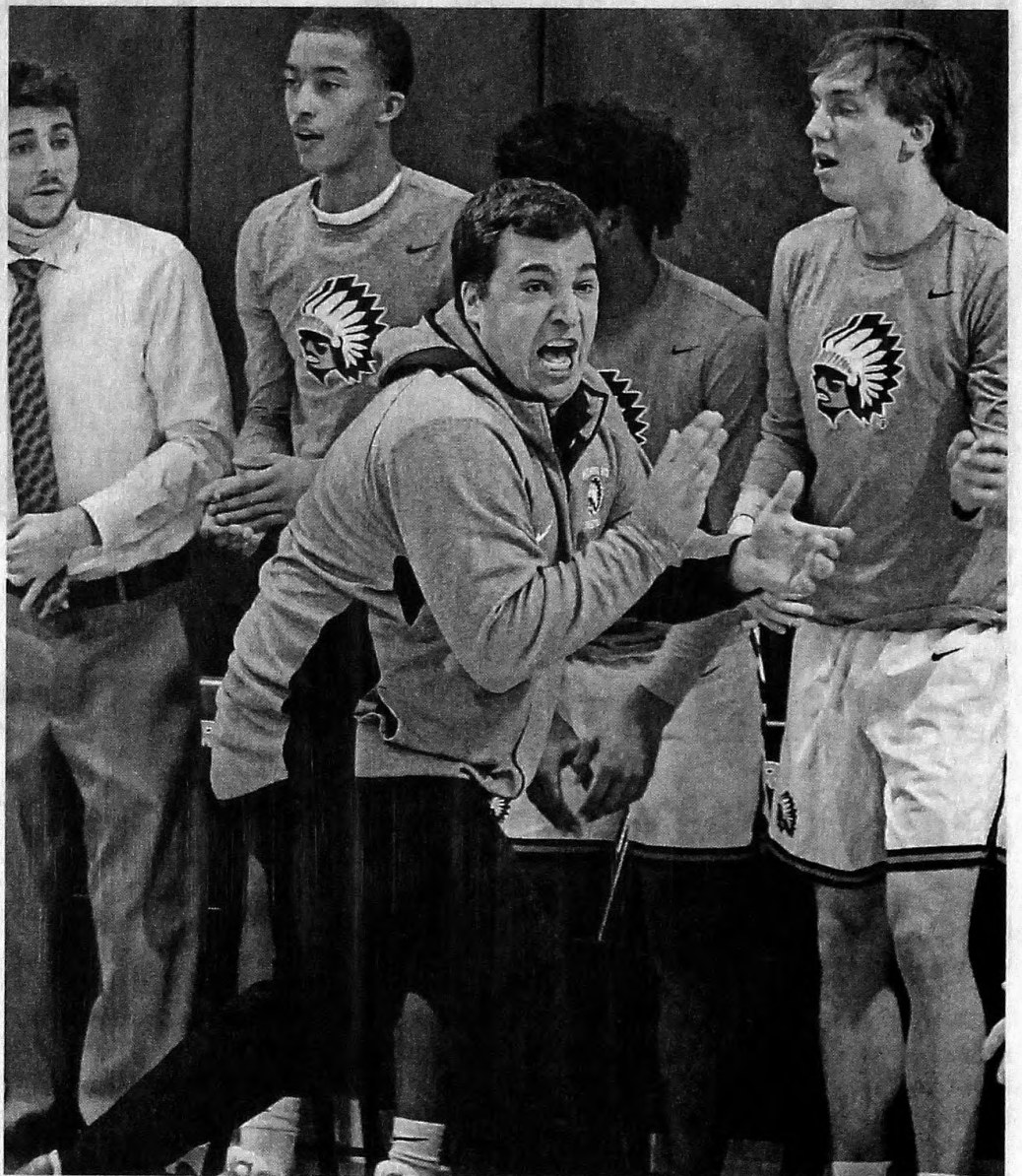
"He's a really good player, and he made some plays," Rice coach Rick Palmer said of his three-star guard. "He made good reads all night."

"Everyone is going to talk about Henry's missed shot at the end, but Johnathan had that layup, and I really liked that look. Josh Ross made a pretty good play defensively. But we're not going to flinch, and we're not going to fold."

Thomas finished with 16 points for Rice, while CC held Williams, a four-star junior, to just 10 points.

Kam Mayes chipped in seven points for the Shamrocks, who exited the game in a first-place tie atop the CHSL-Central standings with Orchard Lake St. Mary's, everyone's pre-season favorite to win the Division 1 state title.

After the crowd cleared the gym, CC's



Brother Rice head coach Rick Palmer applauds his team's defense early in their game against Detroit Catholic Central on Jan. 20.

players made their way to Rice's cafeteria for a post-game meal. Except Lewless was late to the party. He was swamped with media requests.

"Hey, make sure you head in there and get some food before we leave," CC coach Brandon Sinawi said to Lewless, quickly patting the guard on the back with a big smile.

"He lit a fire in the first half, and he was the best player on the floor, and there's some really good basketball players playing on both sides," Sinawi had said about Lewless 15 minutes earlier. "He struggled in the last couple of games, trying to find his shot and us struggling to find him. But he was locked

in, and he's a next-level kid. He had some moxie tonight."

"He and I talked before the game. I told him to let the game come to him and to take what the defense was going to give you. If they're going to go under screens, he's going to lift. (If there are open 3s), he can knock it down. I'm super proud of him, and I couldn't have been any more proud of him to come out here on the road against Rice, a top-five team, and play the way that he did."

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# Salem bounces back with gritty comeback at Novi

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Not this time.  
Not again.  
Salem's Ryan Peters converted on a tough basket and made the ensuing and-one free throw.

That stopped the bleeding. Those three points ended a 15-0 run by Novi, one that saw the Wildcats erase an 11-point deficit and even take a 46-41 lead with under six minutes left.

Not only did Salem fumble a late lead against Northville, it couldn't stop the Mustangs from taking over the fourth quarter completely and running away with the victory.

Peters' make at the foul line was the type of catalyst the Rocks needed five nights earlier, but it never came. On Jan. 18 at Novi, it came at just the right time.

That three-point play ignited a 15-2 run of their own, which included Pryor Reynolds burying two of his four 3-pointers, putting any chances of a comeback out of reach for the Wildcats in a 60-52 victory.

Reynolds was 8 of 8 from the foul line and finished with a game-high 22 points, 18 of which came in the second half. Peters scored six of his eight points in the fourth quarter.

"We just kept telling the guys to stay focused, believe in each other and believe in what we're trying to do, and they started executing," Salem coach Ryan Nimmerguth said. "Once we got a nice and-one there, it kind of turned the momentum a little bit. That calmed us down. Which was huge by Ryan, and we started taking care of the ball a bit."

It was a back-and-forth affair in the first half, with Novi escaping the first and second quarters with leads of 12-10 and 27-26, respectively.

The second half, though, was a game of runs.

Quite literally.  
Reynolds made two foul shots to open the third, and the Rocks proceeded to go on a 15-3 run that gave them an 11-point lead midway through the quarter. Reynolds made a pair of 3s during the scoring spree, which ended with Derik Watson getting fouled on a put-back attempt that also sent him to the line for an and-one free throw.

And then it all went downhill over the next three minutes.

Novi (1-8, 1-5 KLAA-West) scored 10-straight to close out the period and trim its deficit to just 41-40.

The Wildcats scored five straight to begin the fourth to extend that run to 15-0 before Peters finally put an end to it.

Salem (5-2, 2-1 KLAA-West) didn't doubt itself as it went scoreless for six-straight minutes.

"That's a message we just work on all year: 'It's the next play. It's the next play,' and, yeah, we were disappointed," Nimmerguth said. "I was disappointed. I was mad. But we've got to focus on the next play. We can't deal with anything that's gone on from that point. We can only fix what's going forward. We're going to work on the next play."

Novi guard Danny Groechel, who scored a team-best 16 points, made a layup with 1:11 left to halt Salem's late 15-2 run, and then Rodney Hackman (seven points) made a foul shot that made it 56-50 on the next possession.

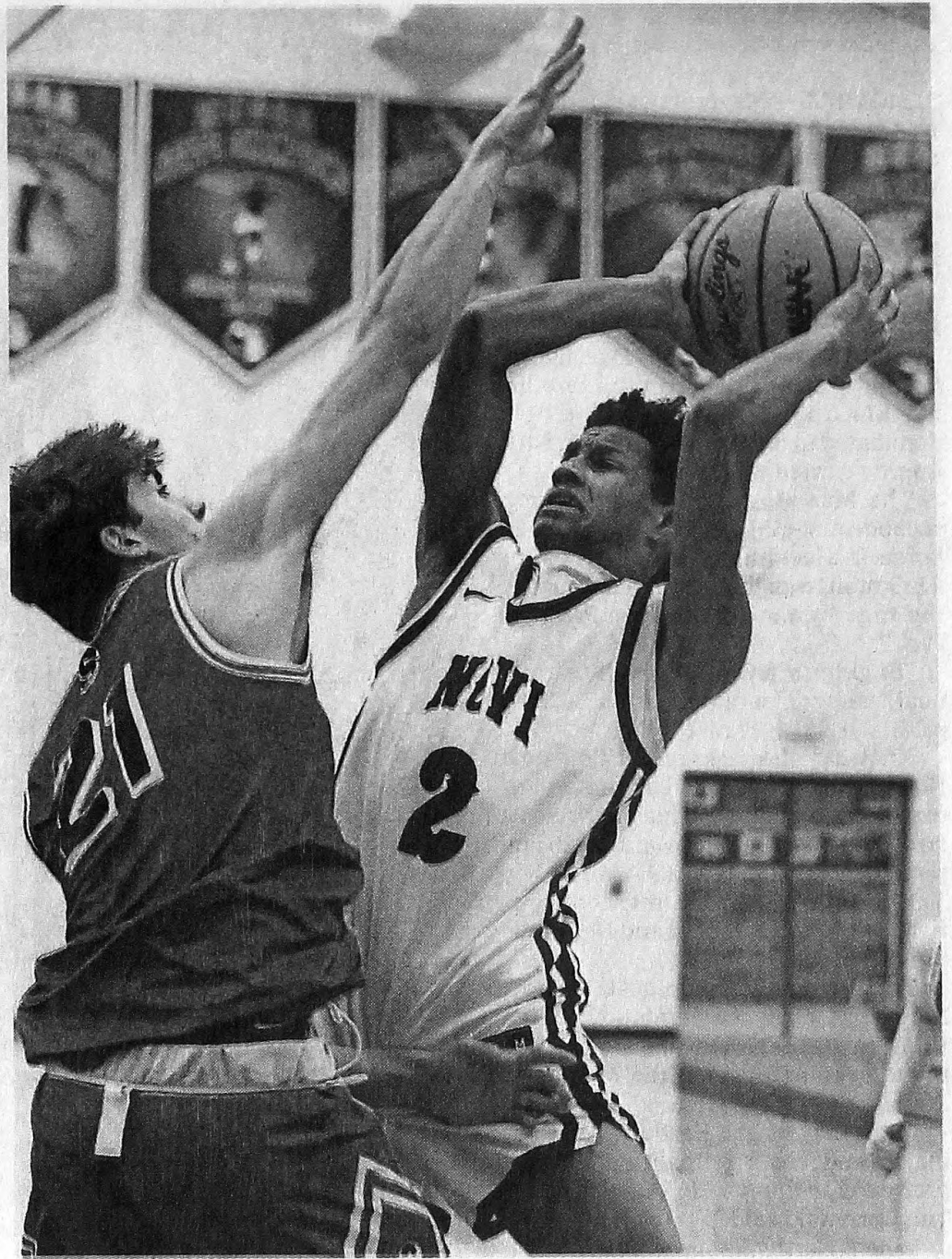
Salem was even called for traveling on the next trip down the court. And the Wildcats got a chance at a layup to make it a four-point game with 22 seconds left, but that gimme missed by that much, which was enough to have Novi coach Chris Housey squat down and slam his hands on the hardwood in disgust.

The Rocks netted four free throws in the bonus to close out the win.

"We started playing good defense together," Housey said. "We were flying around, and we were making some stuff happen. And then everybody kind of settled down. Then we got out of our tempo once that and-one (Peters' big play) went in. We kind of lost our momentum a little bit. That run was great because we were getting after it on D. We've got to keep doing that if we want to be successful. ...

"It was a game of runs, right? We just needed to maintain that momentum, and we couldn't do it. Hats off to them. They played great and brought it to us. They were ready to play tonight, for sure. It took us a little bit to get going. All of the credit goes to them. They're well-coached. They made shots, and we didn't make some shots."

Ashton Wheeler added 12 points for



Novi's Te'John McGowan tries a shot on net against Salem.

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the Rocks, while Henry Rummel buried a trio of 3-pointers in the second quarter and finished with nine.

Novi guard Te'John McGowan scored 15 points, including 14 in the first half, and Luke Aurilia had five.

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# Howell beats Northville, maintains KLAA West lead

Bill Khan Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

HOWELL — Maybe it benefited Howell's girls basketball team that Brighton and Hartland had already played Northville.

After their performances against two state-ranked Livingston County teams, the Mustangs had the Highlanders' undivided attention when they arrived in Howell.

Northville could not be taken lightly, having separated itself from the other five KLAA West teams that have been dominated in recent years by Livingston County's three powerhouses.

The Mustangs held a high-scoring, second-ranked Hartland team to 39 points in a loss on Dec. 16 before beating a Brighton team that was ranked sixth at the time by the Detroit Free Press on Jan. 7.

"Brighton's always a tough team to beat," Howell senior Maeve St. John said.

Knowing the risk of looking past Northville with a game coming up Friday at Brighton, the Highlanders used a strong defensive effort to win 42-28 and remain alone atop the KLAA West.

Howell is 6-0 in the division, Hartland is 5-1, and Brighton and Northville are each 4-2.

The Highlanders are 10-0 against Northville since the formation of the KLAA in 2008-09, but this victory was more meaningful given the Mustangs' level of play this season.

"How they played Hartland, then going in and beating Brighton, that's a pretty tough thing to do," Howell coach Tim Olszewski said.

When Northville beat Brighton, it ended an 80-game winning streak by Livingston County's three teams against the other five in KLAA West games. Mustangs coach Todd Gudith believes the gap between his team and the traditional division powers has narrowed.

"A little bit," he said. "Don't get me wrong, the three Livingston County teams are certainly the cream of the crop and the ones we certainly know are going to be at the top of the division year in and year out. They've got great programs, they've got great youth pro-



Northville's Evelyn Deren is guarded by Amelia Storm of Howell on Jan. 18. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

grams. Yes, teams do lose kids to graduation, but they just seem to keep reloading, these three schools."

Northville's calling card, like Howell's, has been its defense. The Mustangs have allowed 36.3 points per game, while Howell has given up 31.8 points during a six-game winning streak that followed a 1-3 start.

So, it was no surprise that points were hard to come by early in the game. Howell led 6-4 after one quarter, holding the Mustangs without a field goal until 6:39 left in the second quarter.

"Four of their points in the first quarter were off free throws," St. John said. "We felt we were playing good defense. It was just where our offense was com-

ing from."

After back-to-back baskets by junior Eve Tanaskoska gave Northville an 8-6 lead, sophomore Alexis Le scored consecutive baskets to ignite 10-0 Howell stretch to end the first half. The Highlanders shut out the Mustangs for a 7:03 stretch of the second and third quarters.

"Honestly, I think they just scouted us well," Howell junior Molly Deurloo said. "... We had to be more patient on offense; I think we did."

Howell built a 22-12 lead on a 3-point-er by Caitlyn Rayl with 4:23 left in the third quarter. Northville cut the lead to five points twice before the end of the quarter and trailed 34-28 with five minutes left in the game.

The Highlanders held the Mustangs scoreless over the final 5:46, pulling away by scoring the last eight points.

"We want to try to play a game to about 40 or so," Gudith said. "We're certainly capable of getting to that number most nights. It's just two good defensive teams going after it, so we knew baskets were going to be hard to come by for both teams."

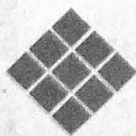
St. John had 14 points and six assists, Amelia Storm had eight points, Sophia Daugard had seven points and six rebounds, and Deurloo had six points for Howell.

Susy Heller led Northville with 11 points, seven coming in the third quarter.



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# Our top 5 girls basketball teams: Week 1

**Brandon Folsom** Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

To coincide with the first Associated Press basketball rankings of the season being released this week, Hometown Life sports reporter Brandon Folsom is releasing his first poll.

There are four standout teams, ones that should make big playoff runs in March. And there are several teams that are worthy of Folsom's No. 5 spot. Check back each week to see who's looking good as the regular season winds down.

*Note:* These records are based on results from before Jan. 17.

## 1. Redford Westfield Prep (10-1)

The Warriors aren't just one of the best teams in Michigan, they're beating teams across state lines as well. They've played a stacked schedule against Class A and B schools with their talented roster of speedy guards and athletic forwards. Their lone loss? A three-point close-call at Ypsilanti Arbor Prep, which is likely the best team in the state, regardless of division.

## 2. Wayne Memorial (8-1, 5-0 KLAA-East)

No one in the league is anywhere as talented as the Zebras, who are led by Mayla Ham, Paris Bass, Davai Matthews, three Division I college prospects. Their lone loss? Yep, that was to Arbor Prep in the season opener. As we know, that's nothing to scoff at. Expect Wayne to make a deep playoff run.

## 3. South Lyon East (7-2, 5-0 LVC)

It'd be lazy to say Central Michigan commit Taylor Anderson is carrying the Cougars. She's not doing it alone. This team is loaded with talent. From forward Anna Lassan to guard Ella Kruschka and everyone in between, these girls are easily one of the 20 best teams in the state. They lost to West Bloomfield early on. Since then, their only other loss? Yep, that was to Arbor Prep.



South Lyon East's Taylor Anderson. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## 4. Farmington Hills Mercy (7-2, 3-1 CHSL-Central)

The Marlins won the arm-wrestling match against rival Marian, but it's not going to get any easier for them. Their division has three, possibly four, of the 25 best teams in the state. If they can beat Dearborn Divine Child in the rematch, stave off Marian again and beat Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, they could be dangerous entering the postseason. Junior Maya White has been a star, but

the seniors have really been contributing, too.

## 5. Livonia Frankin (6-2, 5-2 KLAA-East)

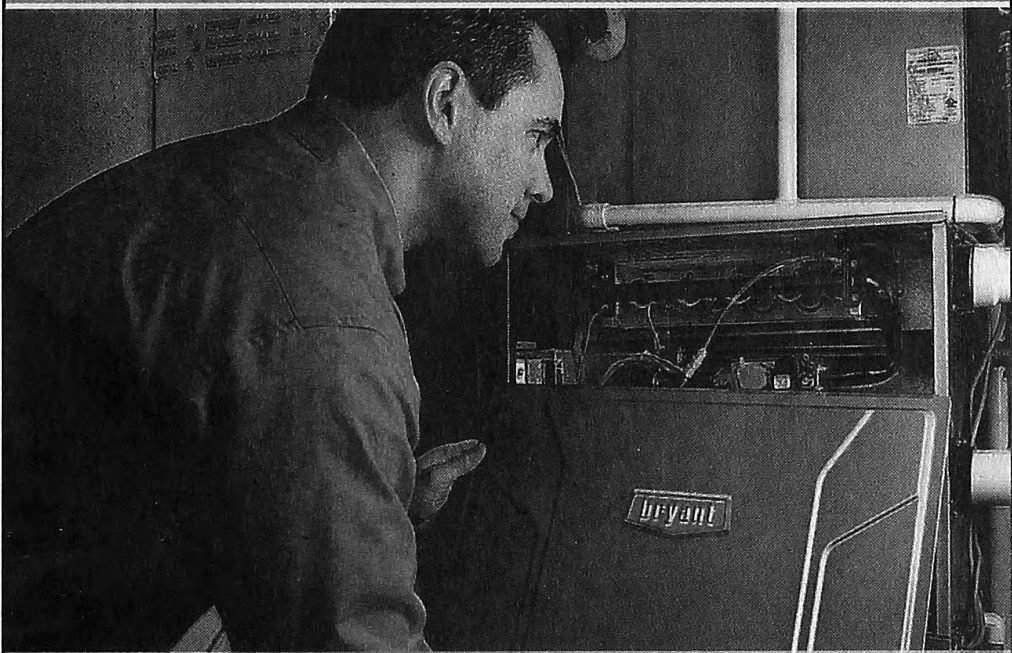
It's going to take a lot to keep the Patriots in the top five because there are several equally-as-talented squads on their heels right now. Anyone from Marian to Detroit Country Day, Northville and Plymouth Christian could be in this final spot. Right now, it's theirs to lose

because they're beating the teams they're supposed to in their division. A loss to Wayne is nothing to be ashamed of.

*In the hunt (in no particular order):* Bloomfield Hills Marian, Birmingham Seaholm, Detroit Country Day, Livonia Clarenceville, Livonia Stevenson, North Farmington, Northville, Plymouth Christian Academy, White Lake Lakeland.

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# Mini cakes with cream cheese frosting deliver lemony love

**Chula King**

Special to Tallahassee Democrat  
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Brighten your day with these delicious mini lemon bundtlets. These tasty little cakes are miniature moist Bundt cakes with a perfect blend of sweet and tart. The moistness comes from a simple lemon syrup that the cakes are dipped in right out of the oven.

The crowning jewel sitting on top of the little cakes is an amazing lemon-flavored cream cheese frosting.

These yummy little cakes are made from scratch with ingredients that you would normally find in a luscious cake.

The so-called wet ingredients include unsalted butter, eggs, milk, and granulated sugar.

These little jewels are flavored with fresh lemon zest that provide just the right amount of the characteristic flavor.

Bring up the rear are Kosher salt, baking powder and all-purpose flour.

Mini Lemon Bundtlets are a classic finish to any meal from every day to elegant and everything in between. In addition, they're a perfect snack when you just want a little taste of heaven.

*Chula King is the blogger behind PudgFactor.com.*

## Mini lemon bundtlets

Makes 24 mini lemon bundtlets

1 cup (7-ounces) granulated sugar

Zest of one lemon (about 1 Tablespoon)

½ cup (1 stick, 4-ounces) unsalted butter, room temperature

2 large eggs, room temperature

½ teaspoon Kosher salt

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 ¼ cups (6.25-ounces) all-purpose flour

½ cup milk, room temperature

## Simple Lemon Syrup

½ cup (3.5-ounces) granulated sugar

¼ cup (2-ounces) fresh lemon juice (1 to 2 lemons depending on size)

## Lemon cream cheese frosting

4-ounces cream cheese, room



Mini lemon bundtlets are dipped in a simple lemon syrup right out of the oven.  
CHULA KING/TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

temperature

1 ½ Tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1 Tablespoon heavy cream

¼ teaspoon Kosher salt

4 cups (16-ounces) confectioners' sugar

**Preheat oven to 350°F.** Spray wells of mini-Bundt pan with non-stick spray.

Working in a large bowl, rub the sugar and lemon zest together with your fingertips until the sugar is moist and

fragrant. Add butter. Beat on high until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes.

Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl and beat briefly to re-combine any residue.

Add salt and baking powder; beat until combined.

Add the flour to the batter in three parts alternately with the milk, starting and ending with the flour. Mix until everything is well combined.

Using a 1¼-inch ice cream, drop batter into wells of prepared pan. (See Tip 3)

Bake in preheated 350°F oven for 17 to 18 minutes or until top springs back when lightly pressed.

Remove the pan from the oven and let the Bundtlets cool in the pan for 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, remove from pan to a wire rack.

While the Bundtlets are still hot, dip each one in the simple lemon syrup. Let cool completely.

When the Bundtlets are completely cooled, transfer to brioche paper cups. Spoon the frosting into a piping bag fitted with a #4B open star tip. Swirl the frosting from the outside to the center top of each of the Bundtlets.

## Simple lemon syrup

**Combine sugar and lemon juice.**

Microwave on high for about a minute, or heat over a burner briefly, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Set aside.

## Lemon cream cheese frosting

**Beat together cream cheese, lemon juice, cream, and salt until smooth.**

Gradually beat in the confectioners' sugar 1 cup at a time, mixing until it's smooth and creamy before adding the next addition. Adjust the amount of confectioners' sugar or lemon juice if needed for desired consistency.

## Chula's tips

- I used reduced fat cream cheese for the frosting, but you could use full-fat cream cheese instead.

- It's important to well grease the cups of the mini-Bundt pan. I use a non-stick flour-based baking spray such as Baker's Joy.

- You don't want to over-fill the cups of the mini-Bundt pan. With the 1¼-inch ice cream scoop, the cups are half filled which was a perfect amount.

- The purpose of heating the sugar and lemon juice for the lemon syrup is to dissolve the sugar, not cook the lemon juice. In the microwave, you only need about a minute for the sugar to be dissolved.

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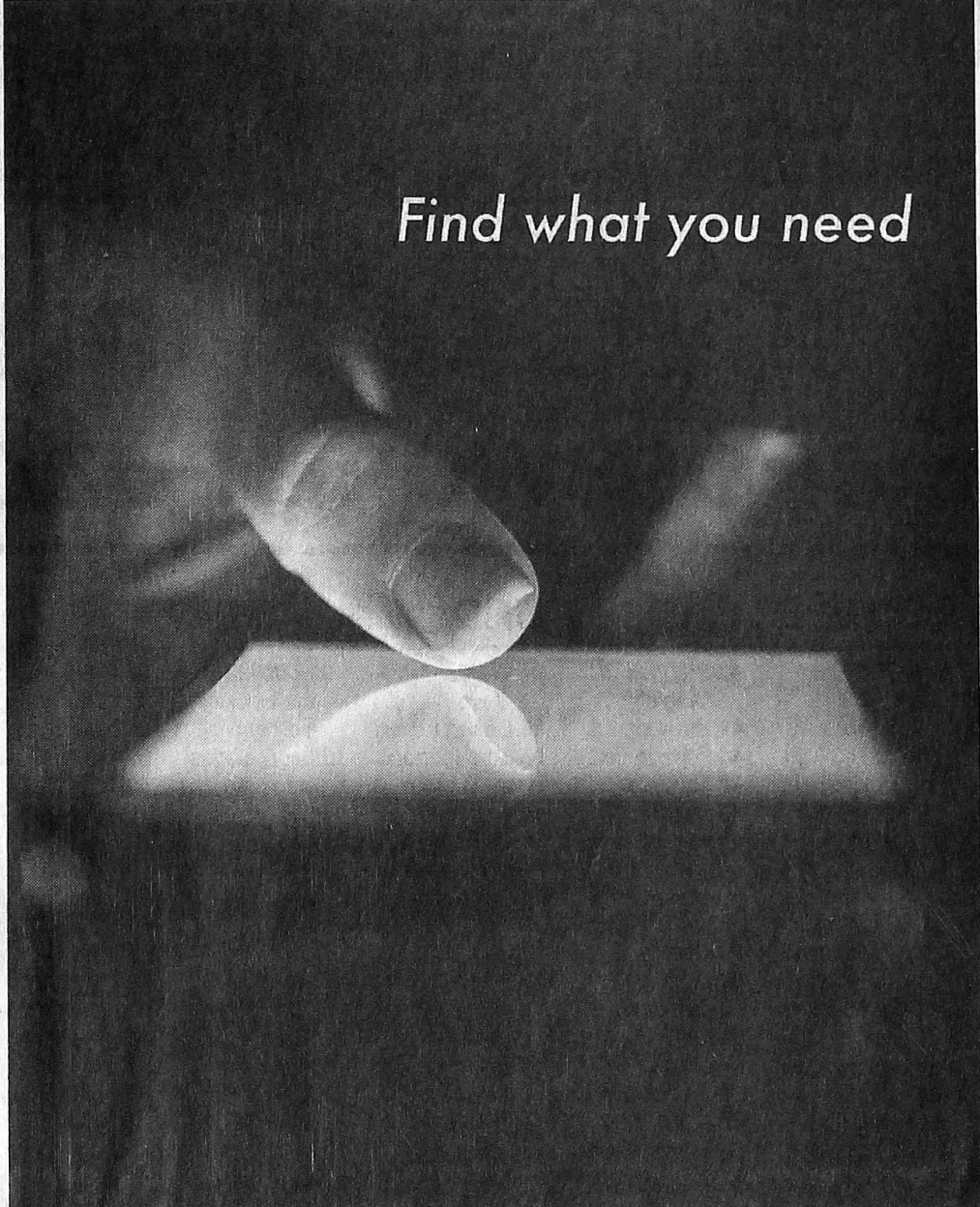
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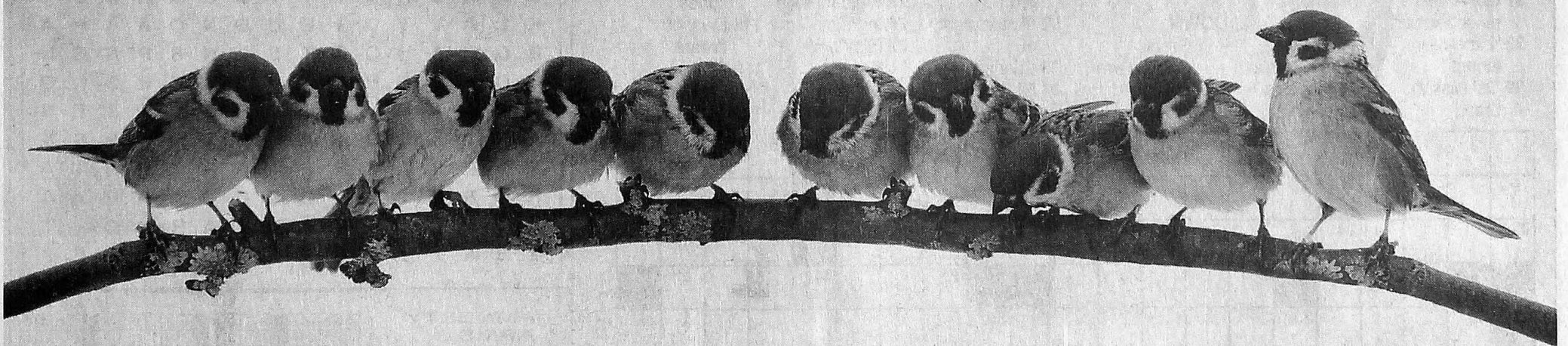
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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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

- AMNESTY
- ARMS
- ARSENAL
- AXE
- BATTLE
- BEAT
- BLITZ
- BOMB
- CANNON
- CASTLE
- CHARGE
- CONQUER
- DEFENSE
- DUEL
- ENEMY
- FIRE
- FLEE
- FOE
- FORT
- GUNS
- HATCHET
- IMPACT
- INVADER
- KEEP
- KNIVES
- LEGION
- LONGBOW
- MAIL
- MILITARY
- MINE
- MOAT
- MORTAR
- PISTOL
- RAM
- RANGE
- RANK
- RIFLE
- SALUTE
- SAPPER
- SHOOT
- SOLDIER
- SPEAR
- SPY
- SWORD
- TANK
- TRENCH
- WAR
- WOUND

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

#2,075 Average time of solution: 65 minutes

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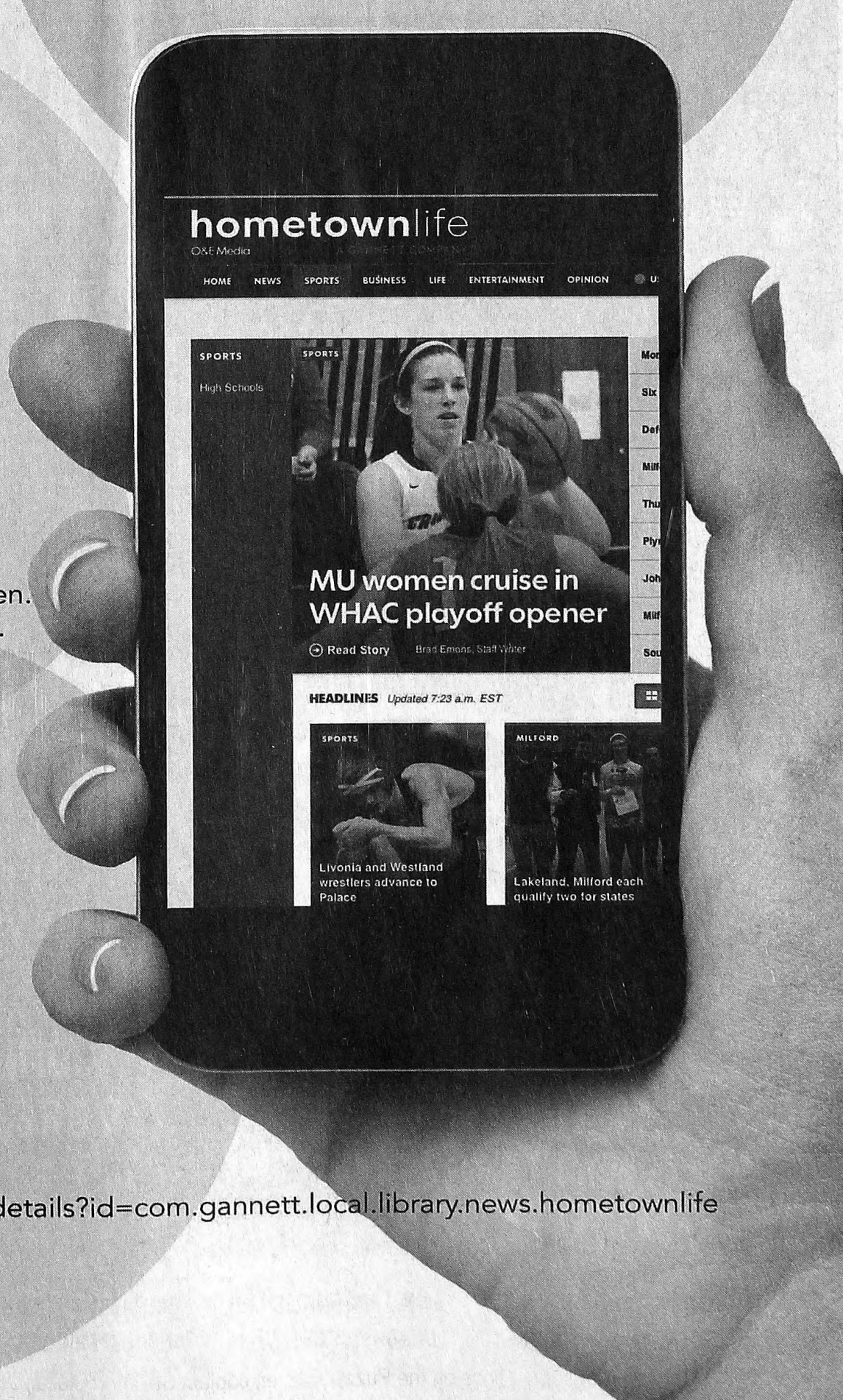
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