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Tree removal causes renovation concern

Livonia plan does not include replacement greenery

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Plans to renovate a decades-old shopping center on the east side of Livonia have encountered a snag, and it all has to do with trees.

New ownership of the Concord Plaza on the east side of Middlebelt between Five Mile and Six Mile roads wants to make some minor facade improvements to the L-shaped center housing businesses such as Domino's Pizza. But issues dealing with the center's foliage

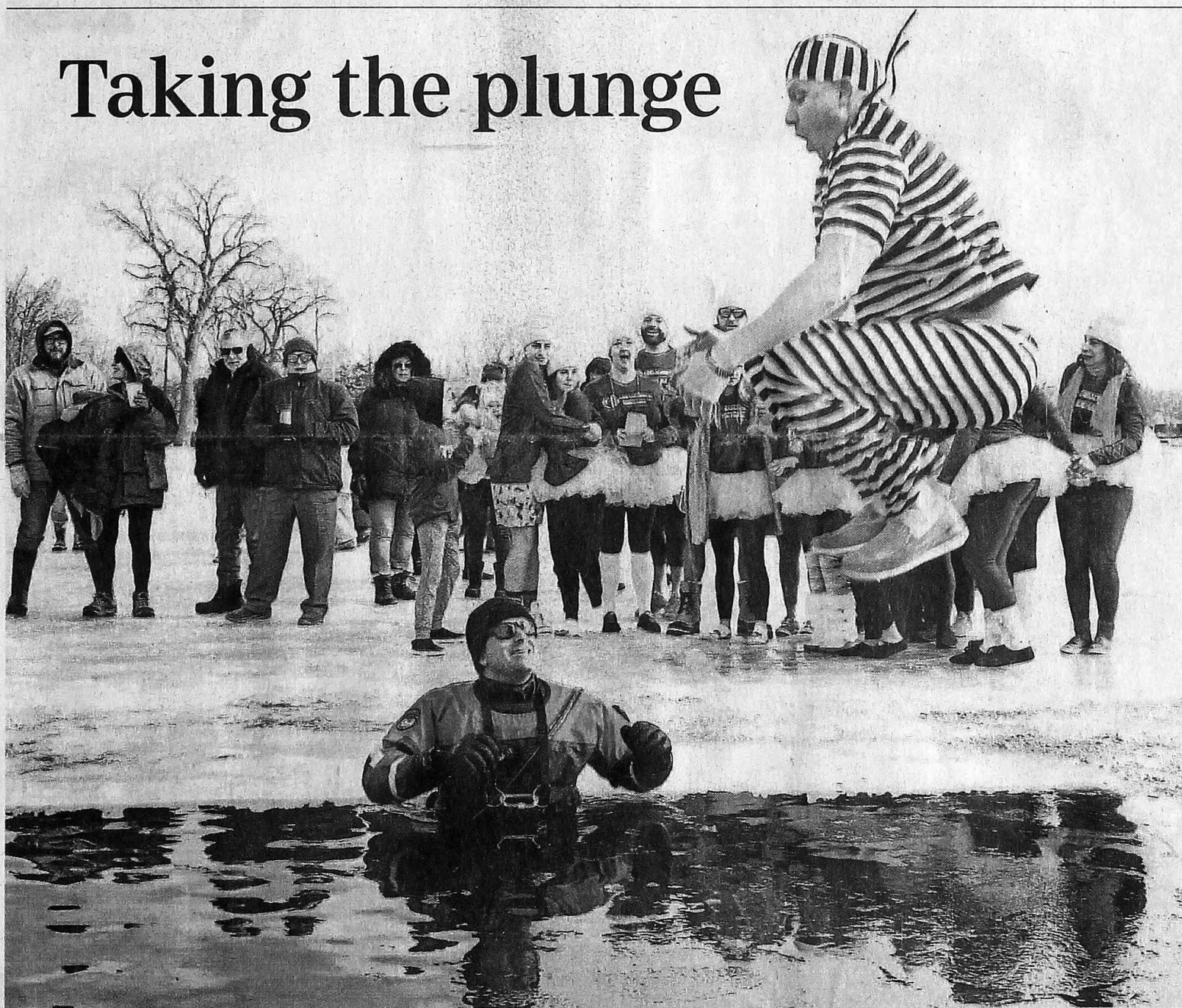
has created pause among the members of the city's planning commission.

The commission heard about plans to renovate the shopping center during its regular meeting Feb. 8 at Livonia City Hall. The biggest issue that arose was the fact that trees required under the original site plan crafted in the 1980s were removed and not replaced.

"In August of last year, the inspection department noticed that several trees had been removed. Based on the original plans, it is estimated that a total of 42 trees are missing from the site," Mark Taormina, Livonia planning and economic development director said. "The

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Taking the plunge



The first plunger leaps into the air before coming into contact with Walled Lake's nearly-frozen water Feb. 12 during Oakland County's annual Polar Plunge. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Annual event brings in \$100K for Special Olympics

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They shivered and slipped Saturday, making their way toward a square cutout chainsawed through about a foot of Walled Lake ice.

Then they jumped, raising more than \$100,000 for Special Olympics Michigan.

By crossing the \$100,000 mark, they may raise the most of any Polar Plunge in the state, said Ted Grossnickle, a Special Olympics spokesman.

"We're thrilled," he said. "This is the largest Oakland County Polar Plunge we have hosted to date. We're really thrilled to see the community come together."

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Plymouth may make parklets permanent

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Their popularity spreading due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic, parklets may be coming to downtown Plymouth soon — or not, depending on feedback gathered at a study session planned for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Ave.

Parklets are public seating platforms that convert curbside parking spaces into vibrant community spaces, the National Association of City Transportation Officials explained on its website.

"Also known as street seats or curbside seating, parklets are the product of a partnership between cities and local businesses, residents or neighborhood associations," the website stated.

A 2020 review of city-based COVID-19 innovations by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development explains how leaders of municipalities around the world have created new concepts (including parklets) to deal with pandemic-based issues while improving quality of life for residents.

Bringing the parklet concept to downtown Plymouth was first discussed by Wade Trim during Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority Master Planning sessions in 2021, Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock explained in an administrative information release dated Feb. 10.

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One of the first plungers swims past Oakland County Sheriff's Department Deputy and Dive Team member Scott Brill, left, Feb. 12 during the annual Polar Plunge at Walled Lake. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Rob Charlick leaps into Walled Lake.



The air temperature at the time was around 20 degrees.

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Plunge

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"Our fundraisers here have definitely proved to us they're ready to get back out and fundraise for our athletes."

More than 230 people, including first responders from Farmington Hills and Bloomfield, Waterford and White Lake townships, signed up for the Feb. 12 noon jump.

The police departments revelled in the opportunity to have fun. Farmington Hills Police Chief Jeff King sported a cowboy hat and cape in patriotic red, white and blue. White Lake's team entered the water wearing black-and-white striped jail uniforms.

The Polar Plunges happening across the state are Special Olympics Michigan's biggest fundraiser of the year. They're making a comeback after last year's virtual events, which raised about \$709,000, compared to a normal pre-pandemic total of more than \$1.2 million.

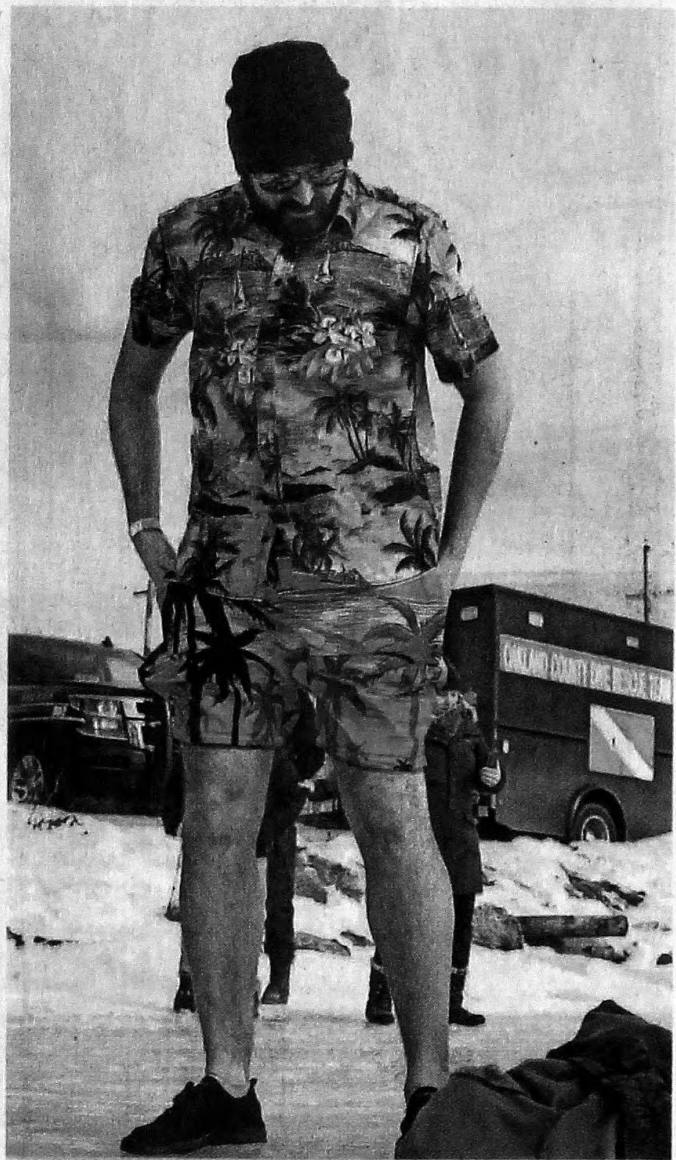
Law enforcers across the state are known to rally for their local Polar Plunges. But Team CrossCountry Mortgage Bloomfield Hills Heroes, with nearly 50 members, raised nearly \$23,000, which was a first in the team competition.

White Lake Township Police Department took second, raising at least \$22,200 with about 25 team members. Farmington Hills and its third-place team of first responders raised about \$11,700.

Upon leaving the lake, waterlogged jumpers moved as fast as possible across the ice. They then moved into warming tents to change their clothes. Some of them returned to the warmth of The Beach Tiki Bar & Boil, the event's host.

White Lake Township Police Chief Dan Keller was still cold despite his knitted hat, hoodie and coat.

"It was terrible," Keller said. "Especially getting out and then having to run into the tent. There was a stiff breeze out there. I really wasn't even planning on going into the water, but, once you get out there, it's the spirit



John Dimanbro strips down for the Polar Plunge.

of giving."

Some people donated money but didn't make the jump. Or they just braved the cold to offer support and watch.

Kimmie Bailey used words like "fun" and "awesome" to describe the day, even though she somehow managed to miss her husband's plunge with Farmington Hills' team. She explained that she's short and the crowd was large.

Bailey's companion noted that Bailey's husband, Stan, hustled through his plunge.

"It's a good cause," Bailey said.

Team Diesel member Samantha Mallia signed up for her first Polar Plunge months ago. The time between registering and jumping helped.

She wouldn't be surprised if she returns to Walled Lake for another winter splash.

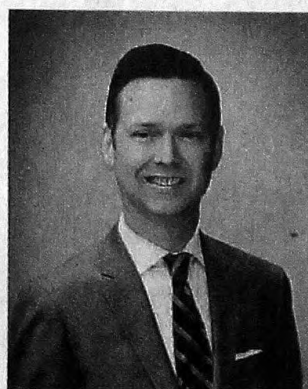
"Afterwards, it was pretty exhilarating," she said.

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Trees

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owner was notified of the violation and instructed to replace the trees according to the original landscape plan.”

Taormina said the violations remained with the city while the renovation plans were discussed, because a resolution potentially could be resolved through the site plan process.

Jason Curis, who represented the shopping center owner at the meeting, said the new owner acquired the center last summer. The biggest issue for the center — it has several empty storefronts — is the center is faces away from the northbound traffic, making it difficult to see the shops.

“You couldn’t see anything. You couldn’t see the stores, you couldn’t see the building itself,” he said. “From our experience, as described in the past with hundreds of centers that we’ve bought and turned around for communities, the no. 1 issue on a lot of these properties is that they’re directionally wrong, they’re blocked by whatever



Livonia's Concord Plaza on Middlebelt. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

they may be blocked by, in this case, there was substantial landscaping prior to our ownership.”

A new landscaping plan was submitted during the meeting which saw additional trees added to the plan, though

not as many as required by the city either under the original site plan or under new regulations under the Livonia 21 master plan now in effect.

Commissioners expressed concerns over the removal of trees and lack of re-

placement on the property. Commissioner Sam Caramagno said he didn't see evidence that the ownership was making attempts to remedy the issues with the trees.

“To come back with this plan and no time to review it, doesn't seem right to me,” he said. “I just don't see that at all. I don't see you trying from my perspective.”

Curis said the property was tough to fit all the trees planned in the original plan just based on the layout. He said he hoped the city would see that effort made and assist the development in conforming.

“The landscape architect was challenged based on the direction I gave them,” he said. “It was challenging to get to where we are at. I'm hoping that there is some relief given.”

The commission voted unanimously to recommend denial of the change in site plan proposed to the city. If the ownership chose to appeal the vote, it would then go to the city council, who could overturn the decision.

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Parklets

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Representatives of Wade Trim will present further details on parklets at Tuesday's meeting.

“These are only concepts at this time,” Sincock explained. “The locations can be moved, changed or dropped. by developing the parklet concept, this would remove the ‘temporary’ look of the extended patio and provide an overall image improvement to the entire downtown or Old Village area.”

In November 2021, Plymouth recruited Eastern Michigan University to complete a “statistically valid survey” of city residents regarding their satisfaction with current parking parameters.

The survey revealed approximately 53% of residents are either satisfied or very satisfied with the amount of parking in the city, while 23% are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.

When asked their thoughts on the location of parking in the city, 66% were

satisfied or very satisfied, while 20.4% expressed some level of dissatisfaction.

City officials will unveil three levels of parklets — full-block length, angled parking and parallel parking — so that residents can get a flavor of the degrees of parklets available.

“Again, these concepts could be moved to any location in town,” Sincock reiterated in his release. “There has been no design work completed or cost estimates put together as the City Commission would need to authorize that work to proceed.”

No formal votes will be taken during the study session, the purpose of which will be to introduce the parklet concept and start discussion.

“Most parklets have a distinctive design that incorporates seating, greenery, and/or bike racks and accommodate unmet demand for public space on thriving neighborhood retail streets or commercial areas,” the NATCO website stated.

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A rendering shows how the parklet concept extends outdoor dining by using existing parking space. PROVIDED BY WADE TRIM

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Chilly Plymouth Ice Festival draws visitors from near and far

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Frigid temperatures didn't stop visitors from visiting downtown Plymouth on Saturday and Sunday.

Families lined Kellogg Park, slowly walking around the triangle to get a closer glimpse of the biggest ice carvings in town.

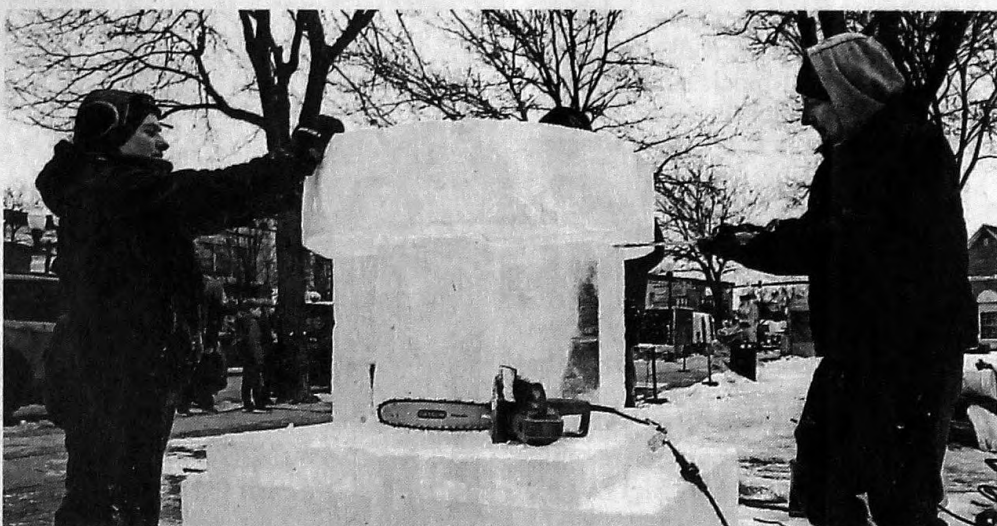
More sculptures — and even an ice bar at E.G. Nicks — could be found throughout downtown by the various businesses.



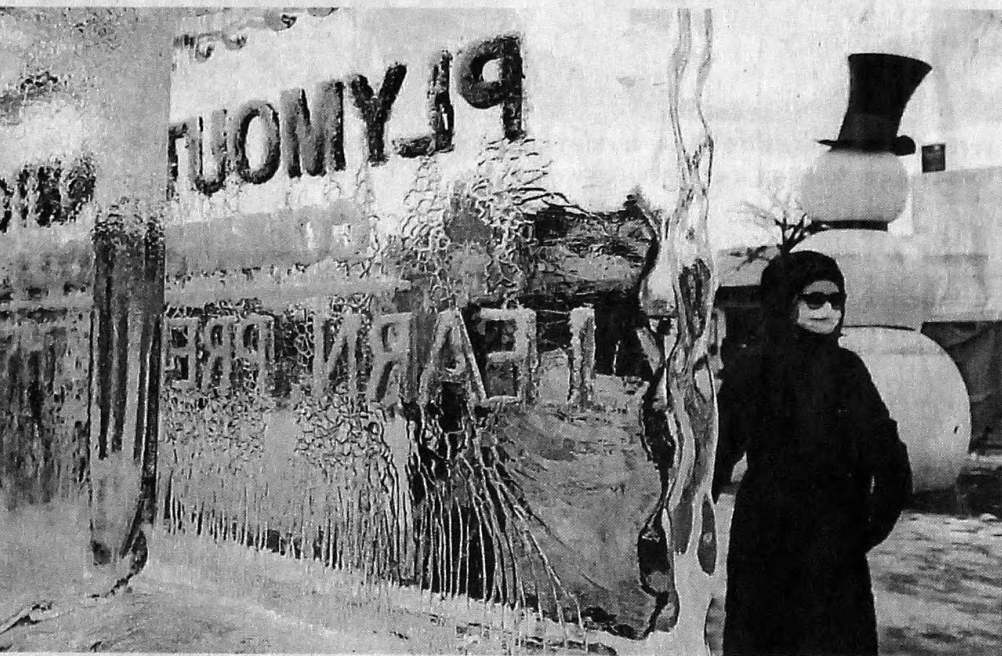
A golden retriever ice sculpture in Kellogg Park.



Commerce Township residents Bre Harris, left, and Rebecca Mason line their faces up behind an ice sculpture during the 2022 Plymouth Ice Festival.
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Tajana Raukur, left, and Bogdan Korostetski, both from Ice Dreams, begin to stack blocks of ice for carving in Kellogg Park.



Festival attendees walk past an ice sculpture for Plymouth-Canton Schools.



Tiffany Wood, from Georgia, photo-bombs a snap of an ice sculpture.

Westland church to bring back GreekFest

Courtesy of Annette Madias
Saints Constantine and Helen
Greek Orthodox Church

The Greek festival season is starting early this year with GreekFest 2022, a one-day Greek Festival to be held in the Hellenic Cultural Center of the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland Saturday, Feb. 19.

The event was first held in 2020, but was canceled last year due to pandemic concerns.

The HCC halls will be filled with traditional Greek food, live Greek music, Greek merchandise and costumed Greek dancers. Enigma Detroit will headline the music at the event, with Greek dance lessons offered and audience participation encouraged. All guests can enjoy traditional Greek culture and be Greek for a day.

Greek food is the centerpiece of the festival, with church members mixing and baking for weeks beforehand. Eat in or take home offerings range from a traditional Greek dinner — souvlaki, spanakopita, pastichio and fresh Greek salads to Greek street foods, like gyros and Greek fries.

There will be a wide array of Greek sweets and desserts available for sale, as well. Patrons can enjoy a traditional baklava, or be adventurous and try sweet loukoumades, which are fried doughnuts drizzled with honey.

Festival guests also have the chance to learn traditional Greek folk dances and join the action on the dance floor. Adults can enjoy a Greek beer at the taverna, or a Greek coffee or frappe at the coffee house.

There's plenty for kids to do, too with fun crafts and other activities in the children's area. Tours of the beautiful Saints Constantine and Helen Church sanctuary and iconography will be offered throughout the afternoon. Greek cookbooks, icons and gift items will also be available for those who enjoy shopping.

The festival runs 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19. Admission is \$2, and there will be free valet parking available. All activities will be held in the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, between Wayne and Newburgh.

The entire event is indoors. COVID-19 safety protocols are recommended. Those who prefer not to attend in person are welcome to order food or sweets to pick up at a drive-thru. Orders can be placed at www.stcons.org.

How historians uncover state's Underground Railroad sites

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We know a few stories about the Underground Railroad passing through Michigan, collected from oral histories, journal entries, records of abolitionist magazines and other clues left behind on the path to freedom.

But documenting a 200-year-old secret network can be a maddening task.

"They didn't want to be found," said Amanda Campbell Crawford, an archaeologist for the U.S. Forest Service. "We know that there were probably a few thousand more stories that we don't know."

As chair of the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission, it's Campbell's job to find traces of the Underground Railroad in Michigan. The network was a major chapter in Michigan history due to its border with Canada, seen as a safe haven for Black people. The modern-day Detroit-Windsor border was one of the busiest crossing points.

The government commission, formed in 1998, is composed of one member appointed by the state House speaker, one by the state Senate majority leader and nine appointed by the governor, all to four-year terms.

Their work includes fielding applications about suspected Underground Railroad sites and hosting networking events with other historians. While the pandemic interrupted quarterly meetings and moved their annual gathering online, it also quadrupled attendance.

Appointees include academics, members of communities with ties to the Underground Railroad and a member knowledgeable in historic preserva-

tion. All are unpaid volunteers save for the occasional lunch.

Michigan had known Underground Railroad sites in Battle Creek, Marshall, Jackson and Detroit, tracing the typical route through the southwestern portion of the state into Canada.

One major project for the commission this year is developing a statewide marker system at documented sites, funded by a grant from the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. The markers will show visitors a QR code directing them to information about the history of the property.

Separating fact from speculation

A marker at an eventually discovered site isn't an impossibility, according to Rochelle Danquah, a member of the commission and a Ph.D. candidate at Wayne State University.

"We know that movement was not static," she said. "We know that these different networks, they were breathing."

Danquah, who leads the commission's sites committee, primarily deals with people who report suspected Underground Railroad locations.

The documentation process for a physical location requires a thorough application through the National Underground Railroad Network. The key is to suss out slightly unusual architecture from concretely verifiable passageways for freedom-seekers.

Nineteenth-century basements — including areas to stow animals when it got cold and large crawl spaces — have been mistaken for signs of the Underground Railroad, Danquah said.

The real proof comes when a suspected site can be tied to evidence from a journal or other snippet of writing.

The bulk of uncovering the intentionally hidden network entails combing through documents and journals to match them up to suspected sites.

In Marshall, a first-floor telephone booth at the National House Inn contained a hidden trap door. It led to iron grating in the risers between the stairs, where one could see through the glass front door as a lookout.

But without thorough corroboration, it's just a very likely story.

In Battle Creek, strong Quaker influence made the city a stop for freedom seekers looking for "stationmaster" and state legislator Erastus Hussey. Among them was Perry Sanford, a formerly enslaved man who made his home in the city. Like much Underground Railroad history that is corroborated, it's largely confirmed through recovered writings.

Uncovering untold stories

Danquah is currently working to document the story of a family who fled from slavery and eventually moved back to the Lansing area to live, at face value an odd choice given its concentration of state power.

But abolitionist sentiment was creeping into political action by then, meaning Lansing might not have been the strangest choice for the family.

After a series of escapes into Michigan, where slave catchers were turned away by Quakers and free Black people protecting the escapees, the federal 1850 Fugitive Slave Act required that people be turned over to slave catchers

even in free states.

In response, the Michigan legislature passed a Personal Liberty Act in 1855, prohibiting the use of county jails to detain escapees and advising prosecutors to defend those who were recaptured in order to neutralize the federal rule. That law was spearheaded by Hussey.

But that narrative — one of well-meaning white allies stepping in to help anonymous escapees — is a typical one in Underground Railroad research. That's according to Roy E. Finkenbine, a University of Detroit Mercy professor and history department chair appointed to the commission in 2009.

Contrarily, recent scholarship has emphasized the experience of freedom seekers and nonwhite people over mostly white abolitionists. Finkenbine's own research centers on abolitionist action of Native Americans within Michigan, finding evidence of groups including the Odawa and Ojibwe working together to help freedom seekers reach Canada.

He believes people are still drawn to the history of the Underground Railroad — despite the inherent challenges in documenting it — because it shows people coming together over racial, occupational and religious lines.

"In some ways, it's us at our best," he said. "Just as we are divided now as a nation, we were extremely divided ideologically then, as well as regionally, socially, racially."

He continued: "A lot of Americans want to remember this part of the history because it showed people coming together over a whole lot of things to help even in the face of legal structures to the contrary."

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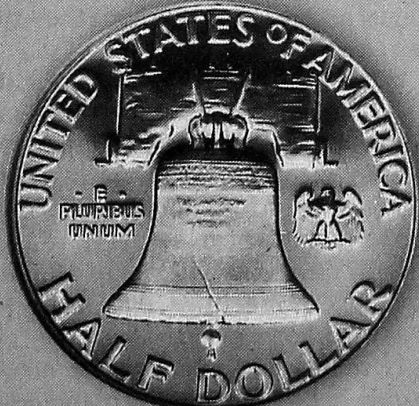
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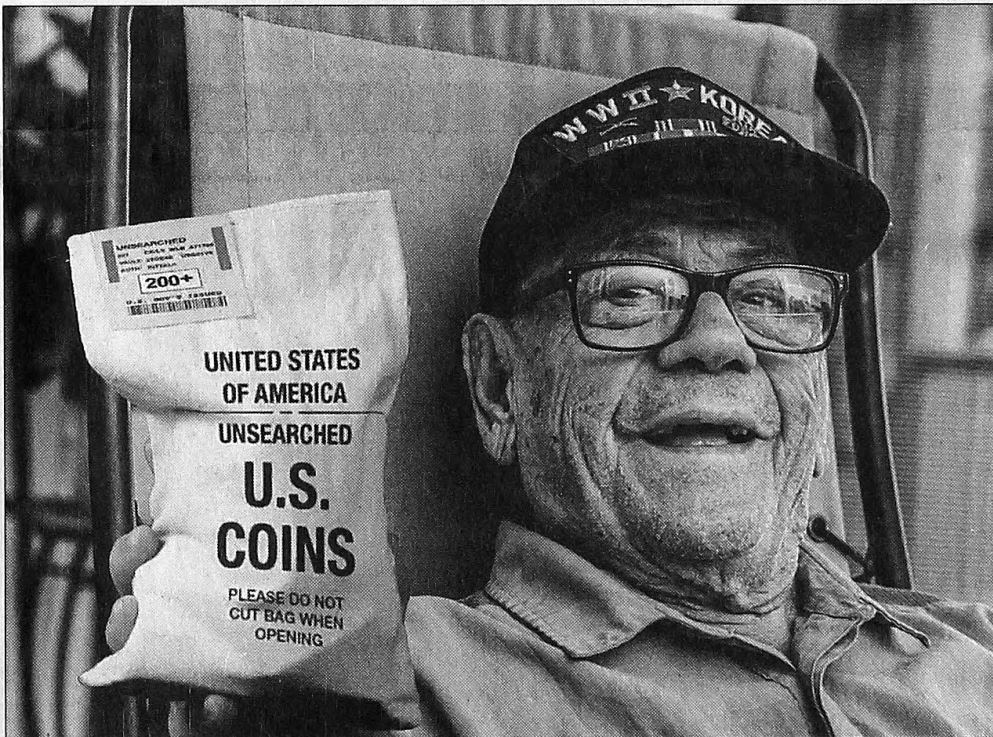
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Farmington sub's comment leads to walkout

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Students at Farmington High School left the building Feb. 10 after a substitute teacher used the phrase “cotton picking” to describe a Black male student.

According to district administration, she was immediately removed from the building and will not work in the district again.

Superintendent Chris Delgado said the student touched something on the substitute’s desk, and was then told to get his “cotton picking hands” off the desk. The student reported this to building administrators, who then removed the substitute from the property.

“I really want to commend the student who was the victim of this,” Delgado said. “He and another student reported this to a trusted adult ... The fact that the students knew a trusted adult and school official would handle this says a lot about the efforts to make relationships with kids.”

Students could be seen walking outside Farmington High School Thursday afternoon chanting “Black Lives Matter.” Students also met with Delgado outside the district’s central office.

“I wanted to let them know their superintendent hears them and supports them,” he said. “They have the right to go to a school and be an environment that is devoid of racism.”

According to the superintendent, the

substitute had worked in the district before. He said it’s difficult to screen someone’s prejudices before they enter a job.

“We can screen and background check as much as possible, and we can fingerprint for criminal instances,” Delgado said. “What we can’t do is screen what’s in the hearts and minds of people.

“Let’s just be clear: If anyone harbors those kind of racist sentiments, do not apply to Farmington Public Schools.”

This is one of numerous instances in previous years the district has dealt with instances of racism. Some have alleged previous administrations have held racial prejudice, and the district has been sued on racial prejudice alle-

gations, and some former staff work in a nonprofit intended to support minority students because they feel those students are treated unfairly. Most recently, an optional equity challenge the district offered to staff in late 2021 came under fire from right-wing protesters calling the challenge “critical race theory.”

Delgado said he thinks racism is a societal issue, not one unique to the Farmington community. At a recent school board meeting where diversity efforts were targeted by critics, many community members spoke on how they value Farmington and Farmington Hills’ diversity.

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A crash on I-696 in Farmington Hills on Sunday involved multiple vehicles. PHOTOS BY ANNIE BARKER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Snow snarls motorists across metro

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A snowy Super Bowl Sunday with whiteout conditions saw crashes on highways across Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties.

Michigan State Police, in a series of tweets, reported one crash in which someone was critically injured but, otherwise, stated there were no serious injuries reported in the majority of crashes. Some drivers and passengers were taken to nearby hospitals as a precaution, however.

I-696 at Orchard Lake

All lanes of traffic were closed because of crashes on I-696 between the I-96/I-275/M-5 interchange and the Orchard Lakes exit in Oakland County on Sunday afternoon.

Dozens of cars, believed to be more than 50, appeared to be involved in crashes on eastbound I-696, with crashes both eastbound and westbound amid whiteout conditions, a Free Press staff member reported about 12:30 p.m.

At least 20 cars appeared to be involved in a crash on the westbound side of I-696, as viewable from Exit 5 about 2 p.m.

Jeremy Otto, of Livonia, said he drove into a snow squall just after the I-96/I-275/M-5 interchange while traveling east on I-696 Sunday. Soon after, traffic stopped and Otto found himself surrounded by damaged cars on the highway and the nearby ditch.

“We were weaving through crunched cars,” Otto said. “It’s amazing that our car is unscathed.”

Otto said his family transported two adults, whose car was severely damaged, and their young child away from the traffic crash.

As of 5:17 p.m., both directions were open, state police said on Twitter.

I-696 at Van Dyke

I-696 was closed in both directions at Van Dyke following traffic crashes around 2 p.m., according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

As of 3:30 p.m., state police reported that eastbound lanes were clear at the Van Dyke exit, but westbound lanes remained closed.

Warren Mayor Jim Fouts, in a Face-



The I-696 crash collected dozens of vehicles amid whiteout conditions. As of 5:17 p.m., both directions were open, state police said on Twitter.

book post, said six people were transported to local hospitals with minor injuries.

I-96 at Grand River

A pedestrian crash closed the east-bound lanes of I-96 at Grand River in Farmington Hills, a Free Press staff member and MSP reported.

One lane opened around 5 p.m, but express lanes remained closed. An investigation of the crash is underway.

Preliminary investigation showed that, in a crash on the express, a driver involved in a prior crash got out to look at their vehicle, another vehicle couldn’t stop, and the second vehicle hit the first and pushed it into the pedestrian, MSP said.

The pedestrian was subsequently pushed into the wall.

The pedestrian was taken to a local hospital with critical head injuries, police said.

Of the crashes at I-696 at Orchard Lake, I-696 at Van Dyke and I-96 at Grand River, state police said, in a tweet, that they “started from a driver going too fast and losing control or a driver driving too close to the car in front of them and not being able to stop.”

State police warned drivers to leave room to react on snowy roads.

I-94 at I-696

Eastbound and westbound I-94 ramps to westbound I-696 from were closed due to a crash, MDOT reported just before 3 p.m. The crash was reported cleared as of 7 p.m.

Drivers who had to leave their cars behind and later found them missing were told by state police, in tweets, to call 248-584-5740 for cars in Oakland and Macomb counties and 734-287-5000 for cars in Wayne County. The state police posts open 8 a.m. Monday.

AG opinion allows Livonia councilwoman to remotely attend meetings

Shelby Tankersley [Hometownlife.com](#)
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Laura Toy, Livonia’s city council vice president, hasn’t attended a meeting since mid-December 2021. Toy is following a recommendation from her physician to stay home as much as possible because of COVID-19 concerns.

“I had an allergic reaction to the vaccine,” she said. “Because I’m of high risk, I can’t be near people.”

Toy is one of several lawmakers around Michigan who have been unable to attend in-person meetings during Michigan’s latest COVID-19 surge for health-related reasons. While during much of the pandemic local officials could conduct business remotely, the state’s provisions for lawmakers to meet virtually expired Jan. 1.

But, a recent opinion from Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel says the Americans with Disabilities Act provides for some board, commission and council members to participate in meetings remotely. So, Livonia will allow Toy to start dialing into meetings.

“It is my hope that local boards will use this guidance and ensure fair access to public meetings for those who require appropriate accommodations as we continue to navigate our way through the pandemic,” Nessel wrote. “Government participation should include everyone in our state who wants to serve.”

It won’t be the first time an individual member of the council participated from afar. Livonia has previously allowed Councilman Rob Donovic to participate remotely while serving in the military overseas.

Nessel’s opinion does not extend to members of the public who wish to participate in public comment remotely.

Council President Jim Jolly said he thinks it’s important to have a full board and said he hopes Toy can join council in-person again soon. Livonia does have an attendance policy or penalize members who don’t attend meetings; It hasn’t had a widespread attendance problem for about a decade. Jolly and other members have said they feel Toy has a legitimate reason for being absent.

“It’s not a perfect solution, but we’re doing everything we can,” Jolly said. “I understand that she’s not with us per the guidance and advice of her doctors. Given the situation with the pandemic and her personal situation, I think it’s the right thing to do.”

Most of Livonia’s council has not masked during meetings this year. Members are separated from one another by plexiglass dividers during meetings, and Toy said she hasn’t asked them to wear a mask so she can attend comfortably.

Toy, 69, is the oldest person on Livonia’s council. Because of her health concerns, she’s happy about the Attorney General’s opinion.

“Quite frankly, I was delighted when our AG looked at that,” she said. “This has denied my rights as an elected official, too. I mean, I was duly elected to serve, so we should have parameters set up so I can serve.”

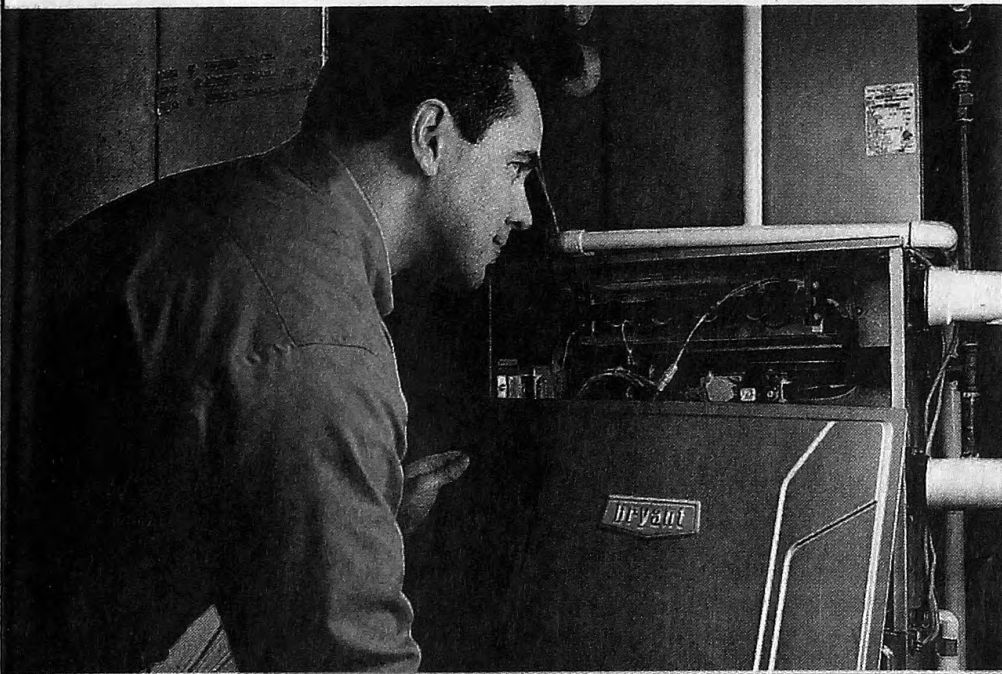
Jolly agreed it will be good to have Toy back at meetings, even if it’s just over the phone.

“I think it’s important for elected people to be doing their job and representing the people who elected them,” Jolly said.

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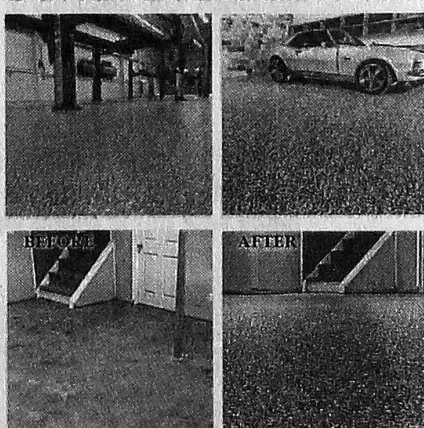
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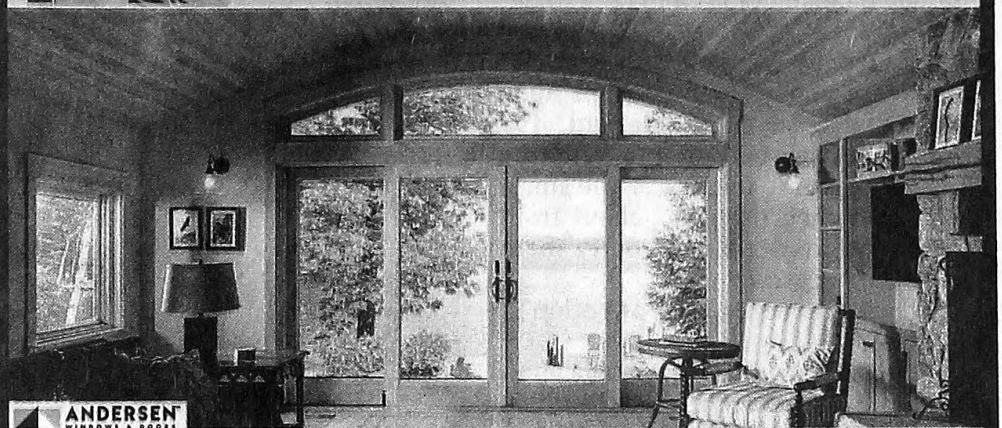
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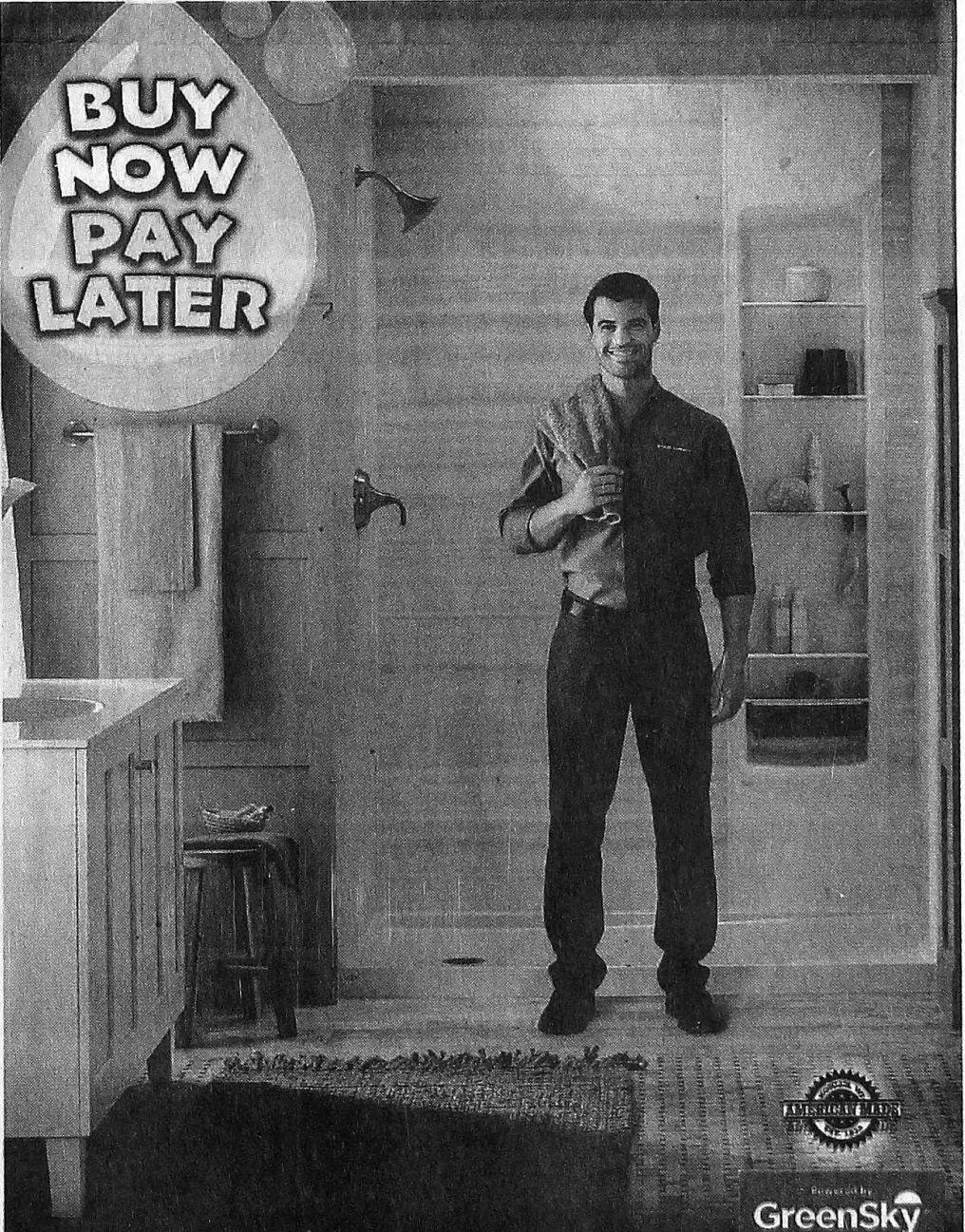
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Livonia shop goes viral for 'Detroit Rams' shirts

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John Yu's Laurel Park Place shop received a lot of attention this Super Bowl weekend.

The shop, Pro Sports Zone, is known for selling sports memorabilia, from jerseys to framed photos. But it was one piece of merchandise leading up to this past weekend's big game that took the internet by storm, creating a whirlwind reaction: T-shirts depicting the "Detroit Rams," a locally-created shirt with a combined Detroit Lions and Los Angeles Rams logo.

The imagery hearkens to the strong connection many Detroit Lions fans have toward Matthew Stafford, the longtime Detroit quarterback who was traded last year to the Rams. The shirts were something he heard about from regulars before deciding to carry them before the big game.

"A few customers got my attention to it," Yu said.

But once it got out, the Livonia shop began making rounds all over the internet: the store went viral once people found out it was selling the shirts, with plenty of both positive and negative comments. A video posted of the shirts at the shop on Twitter by TheDLine, the company that made the apparel, has garnered more than 2 million views.

That prompted Yu to go through Monday and clean up the negative or curse-laden posts made on the shop's social media pages over the T-shirts, something that disappointed him.

"It's just one of those things," he said. "People get really nasty on social media."



John Yu, owner of Laurel Park Place's Pro Sports Zone, has been selling a lot of "Detroit Rams" jerseys in recent days. They've been quite popular, but have also sparked some anger among Lions fans. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Yu said he found the shirts amusing when he first saw them and thought more customers would enjoy them. They've sold well since launching, Yu said, though said he doesn't expect to stock them again any time soon, calling it a one-time item.

Pro Sports Zone has been at the mall at Six Mile and Newburgh roads for several years and has become a destination for sports fans from across the region

looking to gather merchandise for local teams and sports icons. The shop is also known for hosting athlete signature sessions, as well.

Yu said he never had Stafford in his shop to sign autographs, but said his wife, Kelly Stafford, stopped by the store last year looking for jerseys to give to children.

He said she was nothing short of kind.

"I met Kelly last year when she came to the store. She had a hard time getting jerseys for Make a Wish," he said. "She was super, super nice."

The Rams defeated the Cincinnati Bengals, 23-20, in Super Bowl LVI Sunday night.

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Wayne County sponsors COVID-19 testing, vaccines in Livonia

From Staff Reports Hometownlife.com
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Through the end of March, Wayne County is sponsoring a COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinic at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. The senior center is at the corner of Five Mile and

Farmington roads.

All approved COVID-19 vaccines will be on hand and both PCR and rapid COVID-19 testing is available on site. The clinic is run by Honu Management Group, who was hired by Wayne County to run the site.

The city had previously run its own

vaccination clinic at the senior center in early 2021.

No appointment is necessary for vaccination or testing services, and the site's hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during weekdays.

COVID-19 testing at the site is drive-up only. Residents seeking testing are

asked to park in the marked area at the northeast corner of the senior center.

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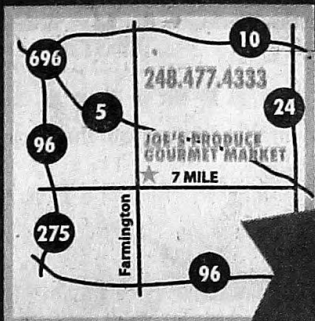
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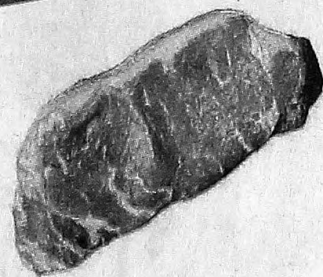
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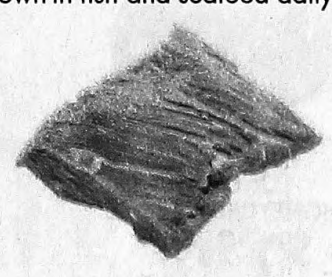
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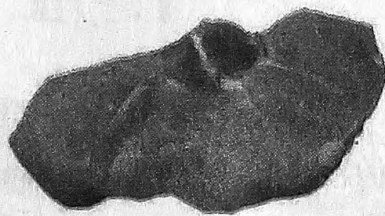
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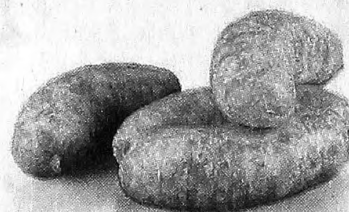
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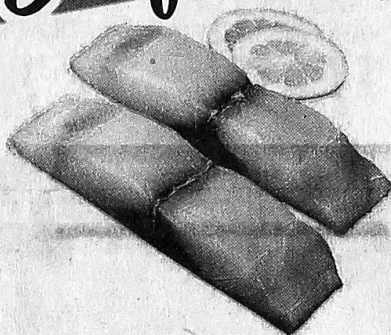
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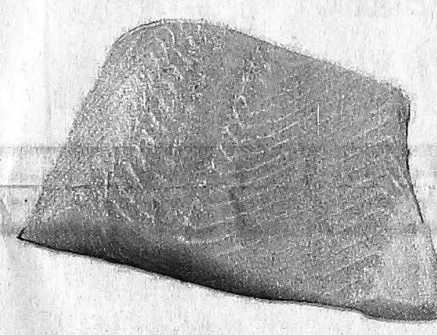
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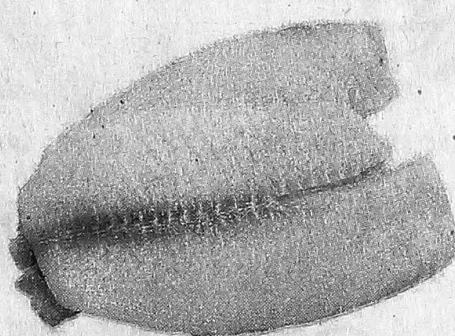
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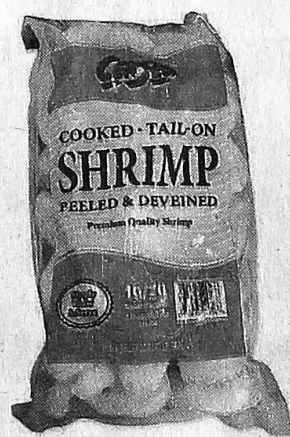
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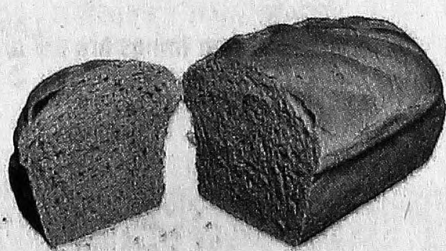
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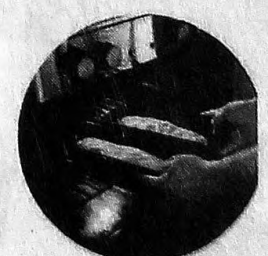
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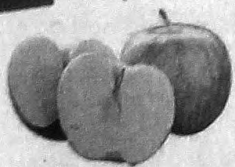


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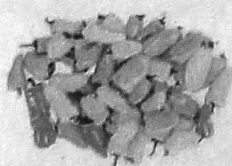
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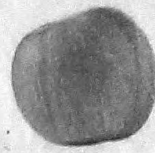
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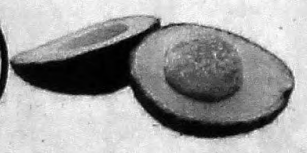
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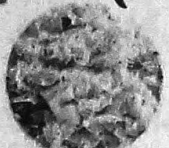


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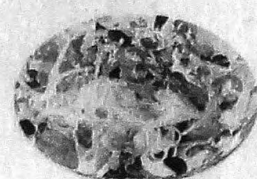
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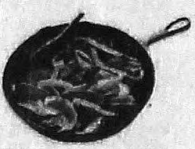
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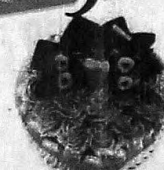


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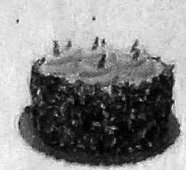


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Canton beats Plymouth to snap losing streak

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Canton girls basketball coach Kayla Bridges knows exactly what it takes to win in rival Plymouth's gym. The second-year coach graduated from Canton in 2011 and spent four years playing games against the Wildcats.

What's more, when she got into coaching, she joined the staff at Plymouth and learned under head coach Ryan Ballard for five years. She's seen the heartbreaking losses. She's seen the blowout wins. She's even seen the Wildcats win district championships. So she was prepared to help her

Chiefs pull off a 35-33 comeback victory at Plymouth and snap their nine-game losing streak. They almost erased a 15-10 halftime deficit in the third quarter and then went on a 9-0 run in the fourth that made the comeback even possible. That included Justice Tramble and Ava Murphy each hitting 3-pointers to put Can-

ton ahead by six. "They were double-teaming our big (Tramble) and clogging up the lane," Bridges said. "So we changed it up a little bit to get a little more space and open up driving lanes for us. Once you hit one shot, they get some confidence and

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Rice, Catholic Central play OT thriller



Catholic Central's Kam Mayes had this shot blocked by Rice's Xavier Thomas. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Missed opportunities at the foul line ultimately decided Rice's 76-73 victory

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Finally, the losing was going to end. The Detroit Catholic Central boys basketball team had lost three-straight in the Catholic League-Central, Michigan's toughest conference. The Shamrocks were going to knock

off rival Brother Rice. And it was going to be a pretty easy feat, too. The Warriors kept sending them to the foul line in overtime. First, Kam Mayes went to the line. Chas Lewless went next. And then Mayes was fouled pulling down a crucial rebound and went back to the charity stripe. And, once again, Lewless found

himself toeing the line for another pair of freebies. The problem? The Shamrocks split each pair of free throws. Instead of taking a two- or three-possession lead, they left four points on the table. Lewless' last miss led to Rice racing down the court and four-star forward Curtis Williams burying a 3-pointer to

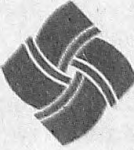
put the Warriors ahead 72-71 with 30 seconds left. CC's Cooper Craggs missed a 3 of his own on the ensuing possession. And Williams went 4 of 4 in the double bonus in the final 8.2 seconds to secure the win.

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Senior guard wills Canton past Plymouth

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The Canton boys basketball team tweeted that guard Cole Vickers had officially signed with Ferris State.

Attached to the post was a picture of the senior signing his national letter of intent with coach Jimmy Reddy and eight teammates standing behind him.

And about 90 minutes later, Northville coach Todd Sander retweeted it and gave Vickers one of the greatest compliments you can get.

"Congratulations, Cole Vickers!" the tweet started. "You can't get to Ferris State soon enough!"

Sander was joking, of course, but the sentiment is one that many coaches agree on around the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, and that's: Good riddance!

Vickers has been an absolute nightmare for defenses to try and stop. And, mostly, none of the teams ever really stop him from scoring. He's somehow going to get his points.

Just ask park rival Plymouth. The Wildcats actually bottled up the 6-foot-4 guard during Friday's match-up.

He was shut out of both the first and third quarters and had just two points — a fadeaway jumper with 2:16 left in the first half — entering the fourth quarter. He didn't even score again until four minutes were left.

Plymouth did everything it needed to. Kelvin Amoako (14 rebounds) cleaned up the glass to limit Canton's second-chance opportunities. Jace Petree (20 points) and Bryce Garbacz (11) hit their shots to keep the Wildcats barely ahead for most of the night. And the team just looked locked in on upsetting its rival.

But this is Vickers we're talking about.

He buried a 3 to knot the score at 42 with 2:41 left and never looked back. He scored 13 of his 17 points (yes, really) in the final three minutes. That included him going 6 of 7 from the foul line.

And no bucket was bigger than his steal with just over 60 seconds left. He nabbed a turnover and raced up the floor and was fouled while finishing at the rim. The bucket counted, and as he regained his footing, he flexed in front of Canton's student section under the basket, a relief that he had finally got himself going again.

He made the ensuing and-one opportunity, and the Chiefs held on for the hard-fought 54-48 comeback win.

These are the moments that have opposing coaches firing off tweets in the middle of the week.

"Cole Vickers, who was not playing great, finished the game strongly," Reddy said. "That last three or four minutes,



Plymouth's Kelvin Amoako (middle) battles Canton's Devon Pettus (left) and Jaden Williams for a rebound Feb. 11. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

he was awesome. He doesn't usually come out, but we took him out to talk about a couple of things. He did a good job of running toward the pressure toward the end of the game. He hit big shots and big free throws, and he's a college basketball player. He's got to do those things for us."

Canton (11-4, 11-0) just needs one win to earn at least a share of the KLAA-West title and two victories to win the division outright.

When Garbacz nailed a 3 to close out the first half and ensure Plymouth a 24-16 lead entering the locker room, it sure didn't look like the Chiefs were going to get a step closer to winning the league.

"We shot 22% in the first half," Reddy added. "Us not getting any second-chance opportunities was frustrating for our guys. But we did a better job in the second half of making the extra pass. The ball stuck in the hands of our guys too long in the first half, so we weren't getting great shots."

"Jaden Williams was a guy who was open. So we got it to Jaden in the second half, and that's a credit to him. He knocked down some big 3s."

It's true. Vickers doesn't get the opportunity to play hero ball in the final four minutes

without Canton's 6-foot-5 senior igniting his team's offense in the third quarter.

Williams buried four 3-pointers in the period alone while Lake McIntosh (14 points) also drained a 3. The effort was good enough to trim the Chiefs' deficit to just 32-31 entering the fourth.

"We were moving the ball well as a team, so I just got open looks, and I made them. I executed," said Williams, who scored all 12 of his points on those four shots from downtown. "We just had to do what we did. We started off slow, but we just had to keep our heads in the game. I just happened to have the hot hand."

Devon Pettus' basket seven seconds into the fourth gave Canton its first lead, 33-32, since midway through the first quarter.

But Petree and the Wildcats kept battling back, even using a 9-0 run to gain some breathing room until Vickers finally straightened out his play.

"I was struggling in the first half, and I couldn't get anything to drop," Vickers said. "I feel like I was kind of forcing it a little bit in the first half, too. I was upset about it."

"Coach, at halftime, really told me that we've got to pick it up. We've got to

get back at it. I felt like I started to get a feel for it back in the fourth quarter. Jaden, on our team, hit a lot of 3s, and that really boosted up our energy and got a lot of the guys going.

"But I was struggling. I couldn't make anything. I wasn't playing great defense. He (Reddy) pulled me out and kind of got me right. He told me that great players make plays in big moments. I took a little break and subbed back in, and I was ready to go."

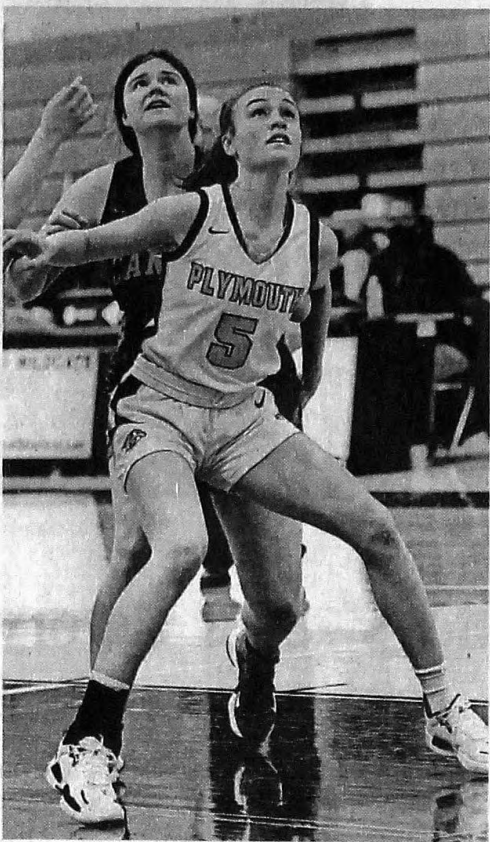
And that's all it took.

"I told them we can't fault our effort," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said of his team fumbling its lead late. "There were a lot of good things out there. But how far are we willing to sprint when we don't know the distance? Tonight we didn't sprint for the last two minutes. We just had bad possessions. We need to continue to sprint to the finish."

Soukup was happy with how his defense shut down Vickers early on.

But he wasn't going to give away his game plan afterward. Plymouth and Canton might meet again in the playoffs next month.

"Hmmm... We had a good game plan for Cole, how about that?" Soukup said, smiling. "Let's just say he's definitely somebody we planned for."



Plymouth's Morgan Miller boxes out against Canton on Feb. 11. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The Farmington Hills Mercy girls basketball team won the Catholic League-Central title by beating Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard on Feb. 10. COURTESY OF FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY ATHLETICS

Snap

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start hitting two, three and four shots. It just opened it up for us, really."

Plymouth made one last-gasp effort to steal back the win, and it almost pulled it off with an 8-0 run of its own.

Morgan Miller, who scored a game-high 18 points and buried four 3s, got a basket in transition and then turned around and made a shot from downtown to knot the score at 33 with 1:41 remaining.

Shortly afterward, however, Canton's

Marisa Cribari iced the win by corralling a rebound and making a put-back near the rim.

Plymouth's Meghan McCarthy attempted to tie the score with a baseline jumper at the buzzer, but the ball hit the front end of the rim.

"It's a hard game. Emotions were high. I think in times like that it's really important to keep your team calm, so I was telling them to make the easy pass, calm down and take a deep breath," Bridges said. "We were really trying to stay within ourselves and don't let the outside get us flustered. I think they did a good job of that."

Canton (3-13, 2-10 Kensington Lakes

Activities Association-West) got 13 points, three 3s and three steals from Cribari, followed by eight points and 11 rebounds from Tramble and eight points and eight rebounds from Cramton.

Helping Miller, who scored 13 points in the second half alone, and the Wildcats (4-12, 2-10) was McCarthy, who scored a basket in each quarter and finished with eight points.

"It's definitely a weird feeling," Bridges said of coaching in her old gym. "This place was home for me for a few years, and I learned a lot from Coach Ballard. I still know a lot of the girls, but they gave me their blessing to branch

off. They've been nothing but supportive and have had good emotions about me coming back over here. I love coming back here because it's like a family reunion almost."

Marlins capture Catholic League-Central title

The Farmington Hills girls basketball team (13-2) closed out its Catholic League-Central schedule with a convincing 46-32 victory against Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard.

The win ensured them first place in the league standings with a 9-1 record as well as their first league title since 2020.

Thriller

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That’s right, Rice somehow escaped with a 76-73 victory, despite the Shamrocks having multiple opportunities to snap their losing streak on Tuesday night.

“It’s not easy. I can sit here and say we’re playing tough teams every night, but that’s not acceptable to me,” CC coach Brandon Sinawi said. “You’ve got to give every coach and team credit in this league for playing hard. But there’s no reason for us to lose four games in a row. To have a lead late in the game and not make free throws and not close out games, it’s not going to take us where we want to go. I can say this league is great and fun to be part of, but it sucks to lose.”

Rice coach Rick Palmer wasn’t much happier on the opposite bench.

The Warriors (10-4, 4-3 CHSL-Central) entered the evening three days removed from an overtime loss to then-ranked No. 4 Grand Rapids Northview at The Showcase at Cornerstone University.

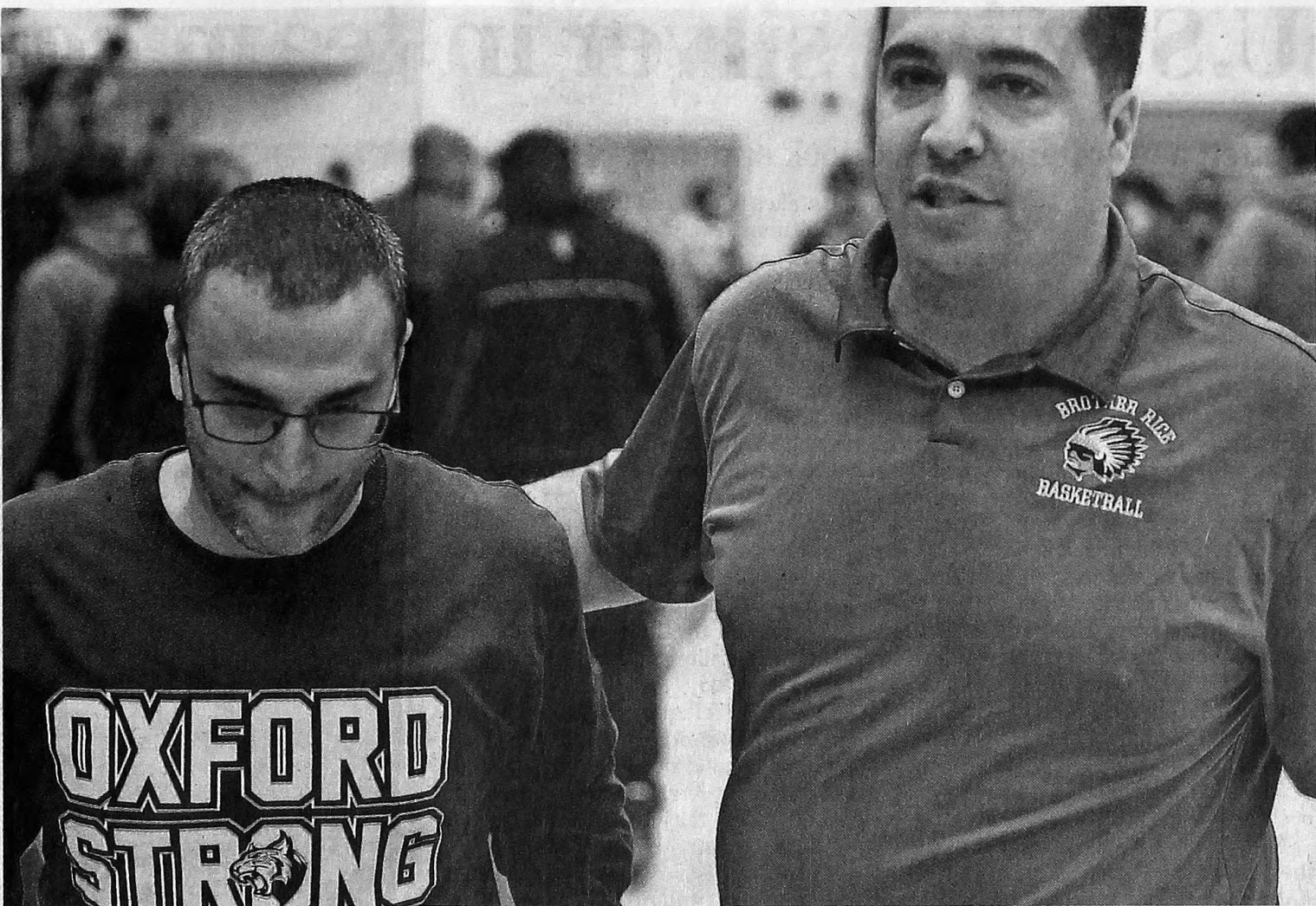
They played as well as you expected against a top-10 team. They competed like they have night in and night out. Except Belmont University commit Kyler Vanderjagt sank a 3 to knot the score at the end of regulation. And the wheels fell off in sudden death with the Wildcats, quite literally, using a layup line to beat Rice.

Palmer reminded his team of their inability to close out its game in west Michigan before sending them back on the court for OT at CC.

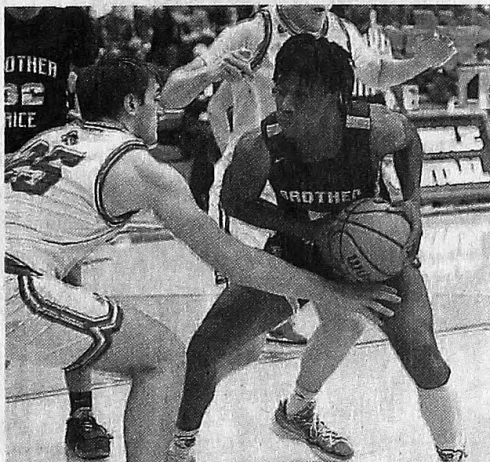
“Finally, at the end of the game, we trusted each other and were passing how we normally do,” he said. “It took us a long time to figure out how to play the right way, but we found a way to win.”

“I just think we weren’t moving the ball or trusting each other like we have normally done. That’s how we played early on in the Catholic League when we weren’t successful. When we started having success and winning games, we were moving the ball. Tonight, we didn’t move the ball. We won because of our talent. We had to overcome a lot tonight, but we made enough plays to win.”

“I’m happy with the win, but I’m not thrilled about the way we played. Hopefully, we can learn from it.”



After a tough game, Catholic Central coach Brandon Sinawi (left) and Brother Rice coach Rick Palmer exchange kind words.
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Brother Rice’s Jonathan Blackwell.

It was no surprise to see the action go back and forth with each squad swapping leads. Different players traded hero moments, especially in the second half. The final four minutes of regulation saw Rice and CC go blow for blow, as the

score was tied four separate times.

That included Rice three-star guard Johnathan Blackwell, who scored 17 of his game-high 25 points in the second half, sending the game to OT off a dribble-drive to the hoop that went for two points, knotting the score at 65 with 59 seconds left.

Others helping the Warriors were Williams (17 points), Xavier Thomas (13), Warren Marshall (11) and Keithan Gilmore (eight). Gilmore, however, exited the fourth quarter with an injury.

The Shamrocks (8-6, 2-5) held the ball on the final possession of regulation to attempt the winning shot at the buzzer, but Lewless, who scored 21 points, couldn’t sink a hurried jumper.

Players stepped up all game for CC. TJ Nadeau (19 points) made shot after shot in the second half to keep pace with Rice. Craggs (17) had a solid first half by scoring in the paint. Brady Hewer (eight) ended several of Rice’s posses-

sions with steals that led to transition baskets.

CC just couldn’t keep that mojo going in overtime.

“We wanted to continue to just get to the basket and find our looks when we could,” Sinawi said. “The drive and kicks were there. The layups were there. We just needed to continue to fight, and that was the message. We did. They just made more plays than we did.”

The Shamrocks will likely finish in last place of the Central as long as Rice beats Warren DeLeSalle to close out league play. However, the Warriors still have a chance to win the league title. It needs CC to somehow upset first-place Detroit U-D Jesuit.

“We wanted to control our own destiny, but we can’t,” Palmer said. “We just need to keep bouncing back. I’ve got a great group of guys and I wouldn’t want to be coaching anyone else. I’m just thrilled we’re finding a way to win.”



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U.S. wins silver in team competition

Clutch performance from Chock and Bates seals 2nd

Tom Schad
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BEIJING — Novi High graduate Madison Chock and Evan Bates lingered in the mixed zone after speaking with reporters, watching on a nearby TV screen as Karen Chen took the ice.

"Yes!" Chock whispered as Chen landed one jump. Bates wrapped her in a hug after another. As Chen froze at the end of her long program, overwhelmed by emotion, the two veteran ice dancers clapped from the mixed zone.

The silver medal was officially theirs.

On a roller coaster final day of the team figure skating competition at the 2022 Winter Olympics, it was Chock, Bates and later Chen who sealed the deal on the Americans' silver medal — the best performance in the short history of the team event.

The U.S. previously won bronze in both 2014 and 2018.

"We've been lucky enough to sit in the box at every one of those events. And this year, knowing that we'd get the chance to participate, was a big deal to us," Bates said.

"(We knew) that we have an opportunity to inspire the next generation of American skaters, with what we do here. Because let's be honest — (there are) so many new eyes, so many new viewers to our sport at this event. That's what makes it so unique."

The Russian Olympic Committee, which entered as the favorite, won gold in the team event in dominant fashion, while Japan took the bronze.

For the Americans, a team silver medal is about as strong a result as could have reasonably expected — even if they might have had an outside chance at gold just a few days earlier. Fueled in part by Nathan Chen's brilliant short program, they led the team standings after Day 1 of competition.

By Day 3, however, the Russians had pulled away and the U.S. found itself deadlocked with Japan in second, with just two more events to go: The free dance and women's long program.

As the captains of the U.S. team, Chock and Bates admitted they knew

the stakes when they took the ice in the penultimate event of the competition.

"We were very aware of what was going on. We were in the team box watching all of the events," Chock said. "But that doesn't change what we do when we get on the ice."

Chock and Bates' long program has an outer space theme, with Chock portraying an alien and Bates an astronaut, set to music from Daft Punk. And, at a time when they needed it most, they delivered a season-best performance, winning the event and re-constructing their lead on Japan.

The ice dance victory also eased the pressure a bit for Chen, who redeemed herself after falling in the short program the previous day.

"Weirdly, I felt quite calm," Chen said. "It's definitely hard to just come back after a hard skate, but for some reason I just felt very determined and very focused on what my job is. And I delivered just that."

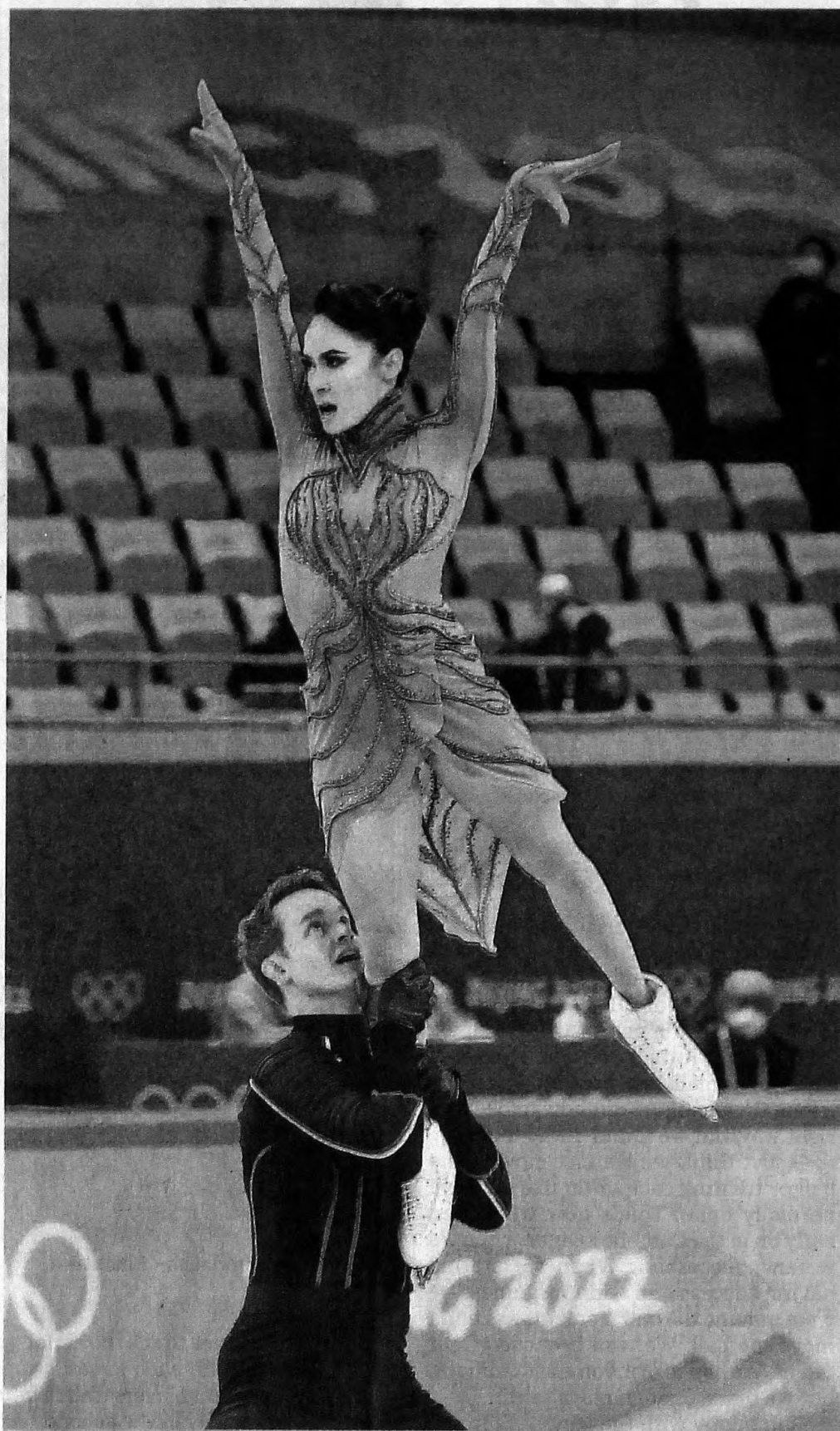
All told, nine of the 16 American skaters competing individually at the Beijing Games also contributed in the team event, and will receive silver medals.

All but one of them were able to celebrate the achievement on the ice Monday; Vincent Zhou was notably absent after testing positive for COVID-19. It is unclear if he will be able to compete in the men's short program, which will take place Tuesday.

"Team USA has always been strong, but certainly this group of athletes — we've grown up together," ice dancer Madison Hubbell said. "So to come together in a different way, a more supportive way — and especially with our training mates Madison and Evan, to be able to accomplish this together has been really touching."

A reporter asked Bates if, given the Americans' hot start, the silver medal felt bittersweet somehow — like a missed opportunity to possibly upset the Russians. He said no.

"We're celebrating silver," Bates said. "Winning a silver medal at the Olympic Games is an incredible achievement, and the fact that we all get a silver medal, the whole team — I'm so happy."



Madison Chock and Evan Bates perform in the ice dance free dance portion of the figure skating team final Feb. 7. ROBERT DEUTSCH/USA TODAY SPORTS

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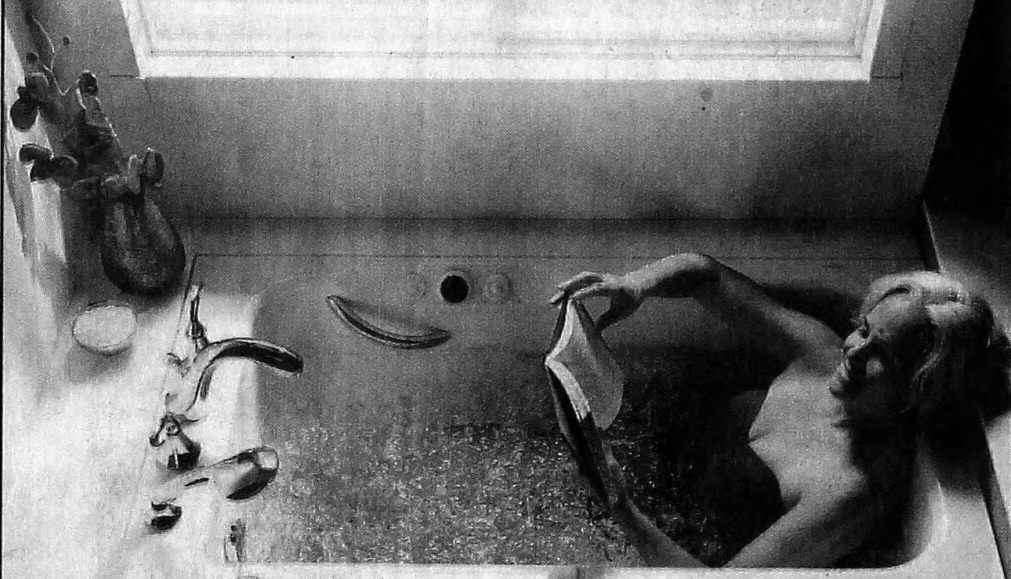


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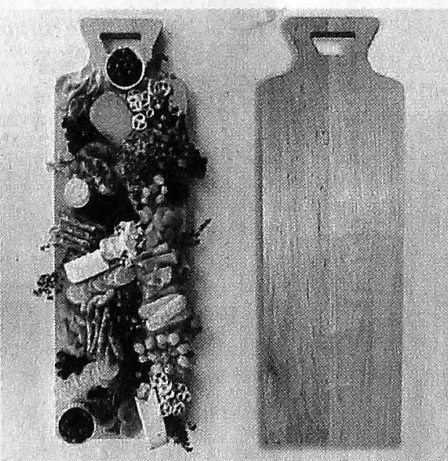
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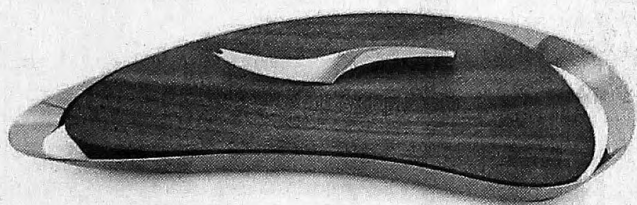
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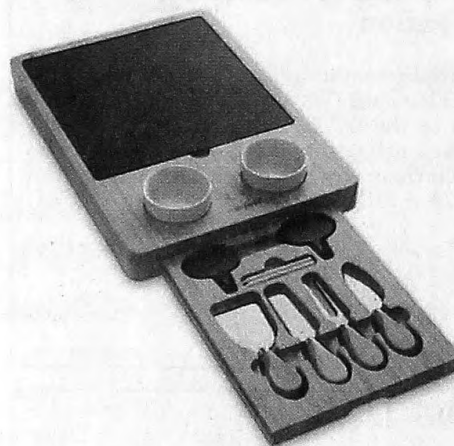
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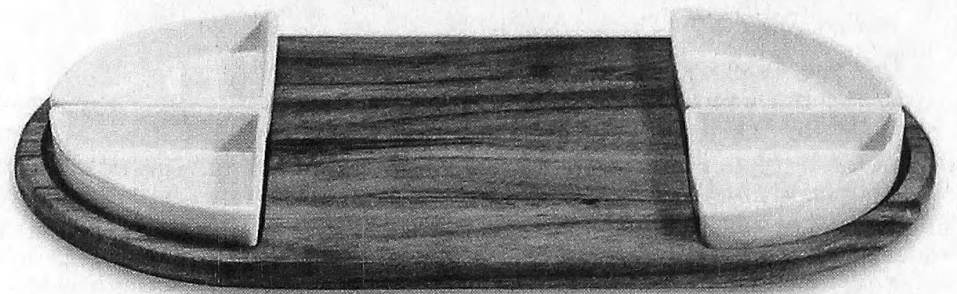
The Nambe pulse cheese board is sleek and unique with its shining stainless steel handles. \$143 at Perigold.



Casafield's organic bamboo cheese board gift set features slate, stainless steel knives, labels and chalk. \$33.99 at Walmart.

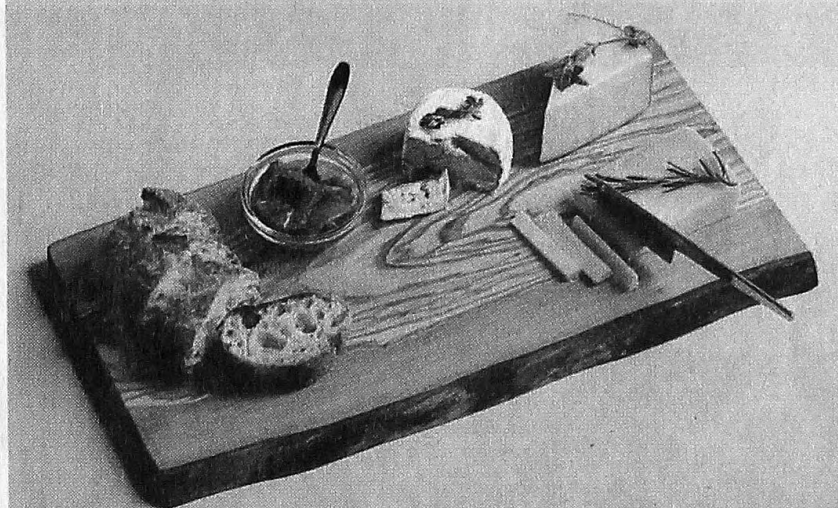


For the cheese fanatic, the Cricklade cheese board by Red Barrel Studio comes with a complete cutlery set. \$54.99 at wayfair.com.



This charcuterie serving tray with four triangular ceramic bowls is perfect for dips and small appetizers. \$56.99 at overstock.com.

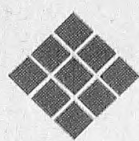
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Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process:
Public Participation

T-Mobile proposes the upgrade of a monopole style telecommunications tower and associated ground level equipment at 39425 Schoolcraft Rd, Plymouth, Wayne County, MI. Proposed project will include ground disturbance. Members of the public interested in submitting comments on the possible effects on historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Andrew Smith, RESCOM Environmental Corp., PO Box 361 Petoskey, MI 49770 or call 260-385-6999.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
2022 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2022 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Conference Room, 201 S Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8th Organizational meeting 12:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 9th First meeting 3-9 pm
- Thursday, March 10th Second meeting, 9-4 pm
- Monday, March 21st Final meeting 9-12 pm
(For written appeals only. No appointments.)

Hearings are by appointments only. COMPLETED 2022 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be completed prior to your appointment.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. **Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 21, 2022 by 12:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.**

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

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 453-1234, ext 252.

Maureen Brodie
City Clerk

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City of Plymouth
Zoning Board of Appeals Notice
Thursday, March 3, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Located at City Hall

201 S. Main Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170
Website: www.plymouthmi.gov Phone: (734) 453-1234 ext. 232

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall to consider the following:

Z22-01 Non-Use Variance Request for 190 Hamilton
Front yard setback
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Lisa Vendittelli

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 234

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Plymouth Canton Community Schools
2020 Bond
SECTION 00 11 13
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 2020 Bond, **BP#EL-2 Additions and Remodeling**, consisting of:

Additions and remodeling at Miller, Bird, and Smith Elementary Schools
will be received through Building Connected until **1:00 PM on Thursday, February 24th, 2022.**

1. All proposals shall be submitted electronically through Building Connected: <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5ae227ade0d395000fd24541> (McCarthy and Smith Plan Room)
2. For instructions on how to submit a bid please go to the following link: <https://buildingconnected.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360010222793-How-to-submit-your-bid-through-BuildingConnected->

Bids submitted after this time and date will not be considered or accepted.
Faxed and/or E-mail proposals will not be accepted.
Sealed Bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated, beginning at approx. 1:00 PM on Thursday, February 24th. Bid Opening will be publicly conducted via a Zoom meeting.

The Bid Opening can be view at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87122016942>
This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

143: Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Architecture Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Builder's Exchange, Lansing.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 10th, 2022 via Building Connected.

Site Visits are available upon request.

All bids **must** include the Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 004205), the Iran Linked Business Affidavit (Section 004210), and the Criminal Background Check Affidavit (Section 004220).

All Bids **must** be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the Bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the School District is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the Bid or failure of the Bidder to enter a Contract for performance, Further, the Bidder will execute the Contract, provide the required insurance certificate(s) and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract but prior to Work commencing.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

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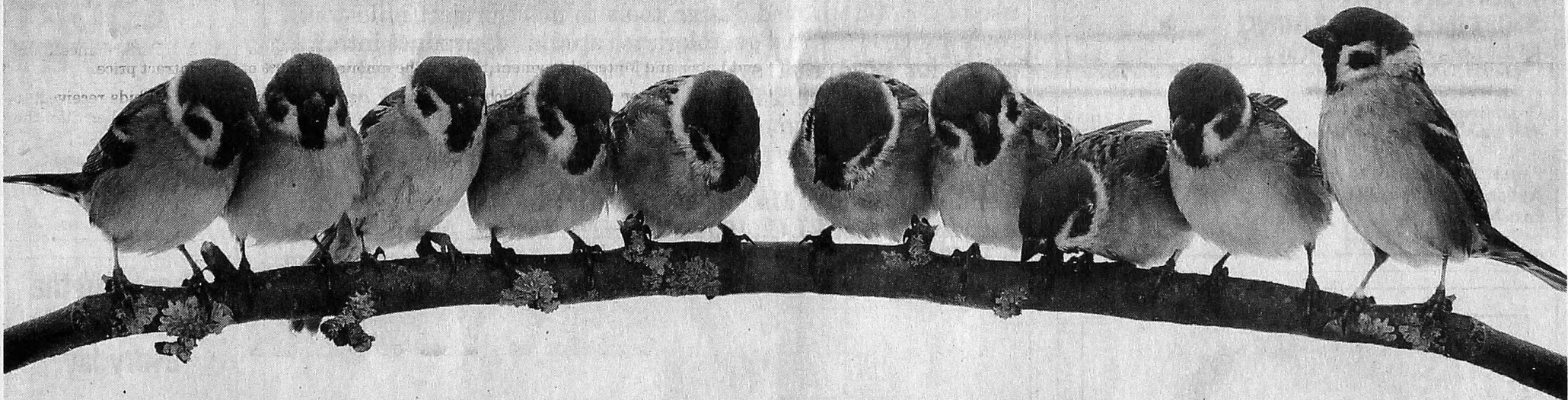
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Engg Team Leader (refer to posting ETL-921): Domestic & internat'l travel 10%. Duties: Provide engg direct'n & oversight for auto roof sys product design; develop & implem't roof sys stds, procedures & guidelines for engg & tech work performed in departm't; direct, review, & approve roof sys product design & changes; approve engg docum'ts, incl GD&T draw'gs, eBOM, cBOM, DFMEA, DVPR, FEA reports & tolerance interface plans; review & approve design evaluat'n sheets prior to formal roof sys design reviews for each project; prioritize subordinates' assignm'ts, & delegate & review work. Req: Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engg, or equiv foreign deg. 3 yrs exp in an engg mgmt or supervisory posit'n in auto roof sys manufactur'g industry; 3 yrs exp w/ each of follow'g: manag'g auto roof sys engineer'g product design teams, includ'g provid'g train'g on engg design tools & lead'g internal design reviews; execut'g design projects in auto roof sys manufactur'g industry, incl defin'g & review'g design parameters & ensur'g use of OEM-approved design tools to meet project milestones; review'g GD&T draw'gs, tolerance studies & product interface plans for auto roof syss prior to peer review; develop'g & oversee'g implementat'n of auto roof sys conceptual designs, incl lead'g & implement'g package studies; develop'g auto roof sys design proposals packaged to meet OEM & regulatory reqs.

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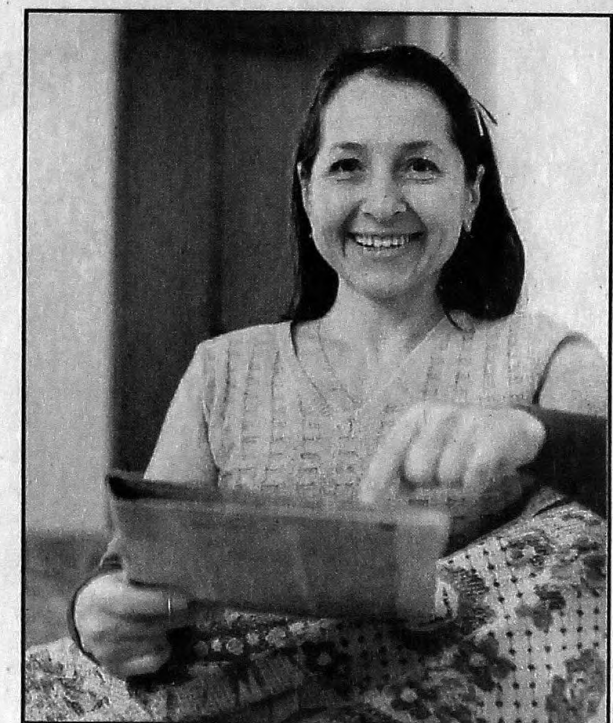
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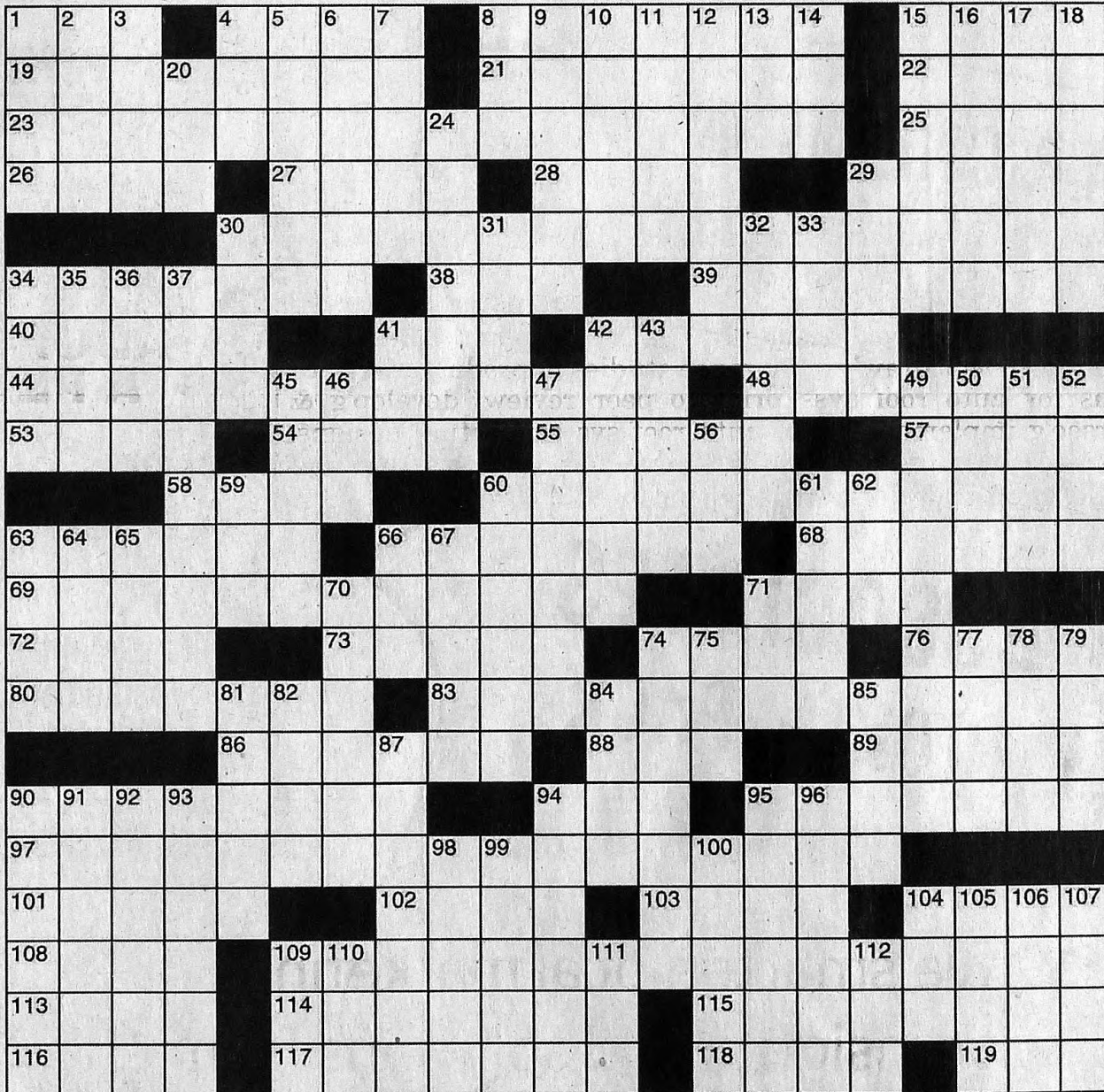
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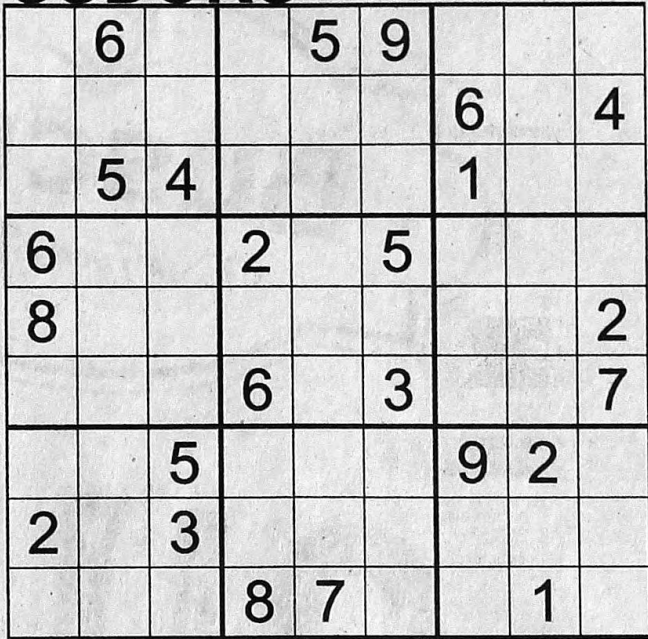
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Highest roll of a single die
4 Peak in Thessaly
8 Freaks out
15 Subjective paper piece
19 Never dying
21 Kind of cherry named for its shape
22 — sci. (coll. major)
23 Scaled-down symphony group [1994]
25 Mallorca, por ejemplo
26 “King” primate
27 Writer Ferber
28 Anti-bias job agcy.
29 Gown fabric
30 Program interacting with a remote server [1993]
34 Bygone times
38 Nurtured
39 Kids’ song with French lyrics
40 — to go (gung-ho)
41 “It’s ch-chilly!”
42 Whimpered like a baby
44 Place to disclose sins [2010]
- 48 Coinage for something with no name
53 Beginning on
54 “To — much is given ...”
55 Nantes’ river
57 Sets of points on graphs
58 Shallowest Great Lake
60 Waltz or tango [1997]
63 Itinerant band member, say
66 State after wedlock
68 Having more seepage
69 Panels that may reverse decisions [2008]
71 Melody
72 Jungle roarer
73 Ouzo flavorer
74 Exact lookalike
76 Brand of rodent killer
80 Horse-man of myth
83 Greeting act conveying confidence [1991]
86 First-rate
88 Flub it up
89 Actress Shire
90 Plant snugly
94 — cone
- 95 Junk email sender
97 Samoan peak famous for trapping clouds [1995]
101 Italian port
102 Exactly
103 Money won in a game of dreidel
104 Claudius I’s successor
108 Getting the job done
109 What the first word of each of seven answers in this puzzle is, when preceded by “The”
113 Stun with a charge
114 Canceled by crossing off
115 Revising, as text
116 Bishops’ jurisdictions
117 Prescription amounts
118 Berlin article
119 Meadow
- DOWN**
- 1 Ailing
2 Texter’s “If you ask me”
3 Mutant Marvel superhero
4 Celestial ball
5 Like a cold, hard gaze
6 Manhattan eatery since 1927
7 Isolated
8 Ad — committee
9 Hatchet part
10 Ram or ewe
11 “The Fox and the Crow” storyteller
12 Tabby’s scratcher
13 Bobby of hockey
14 Venus Williams’ org.
15 Sedative drug
16 Sticky little sheet
17 “Mama” Cass
18 Actress Wiest
20 Texter’s “Yikes!”
24 Bolted to escape
29 Riyadh native
30 Sugar source
31 Shore flier
32 “Not yet sure what my answer is”
33 Director Joel or Ethan
34 Killer whale
35 Neighbor of Myanmar
36 Early James Bond foe
37 Not similar
41 Dust jacket write-up
42 Demi and Dudley
43 Departs
45 Cupcake flourish
46 That lady
47 Less spicy
49 Honey-coated Easter entree
50 Anderson of “WKRP in Cincinnati”
51 Cicero’s “Lol”
52 Cake layer
56 ICU workers
59 Actor Stephen
60 Iran’s former name
61 Ball-shaped
62 Put on, as an outfit
63 After-bath powder
64 Andy Taylor’s boy
65 Sitting atop
66 Suffix with ball
67 Innocent types
70 President before Donald
71 Shallow pan
74 Swarms
75 Huge conflict
77 Sedate
78 Steinbeck migrant
79 Close
81 In — (more than sleeping)
82 Arm bone
84 Eatery list
85 Baseballer Musial
87 Is really mad
90 Grain fungi
91 “Watch Me (Whip/—)” (2015 hit)
92 “Apollo 13” actor Gary
93 Bills worth 100 bucks
94 “You got that right!”
95 Meat in a sub
96 Coal-mining guys
98 MMA fighter Rousey
99 Armageddon nation
100 Little laugh
104 Silent “yes”
105 Like villains
106 Russo of film
107 Gymnast Korbut
109 Elly May Clampett’s pa
110 Good Grips kitchen brand
111 “— a trap!”
112 Ark.-to-Ill. dir.



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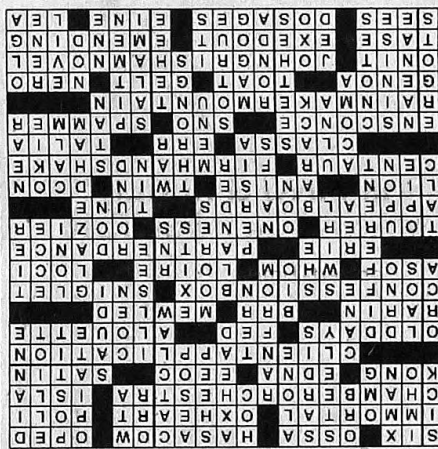
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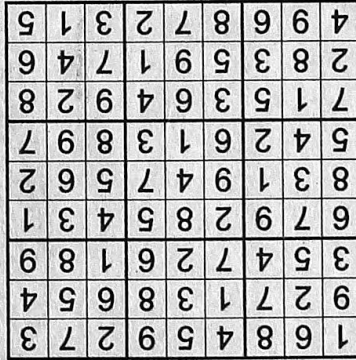
Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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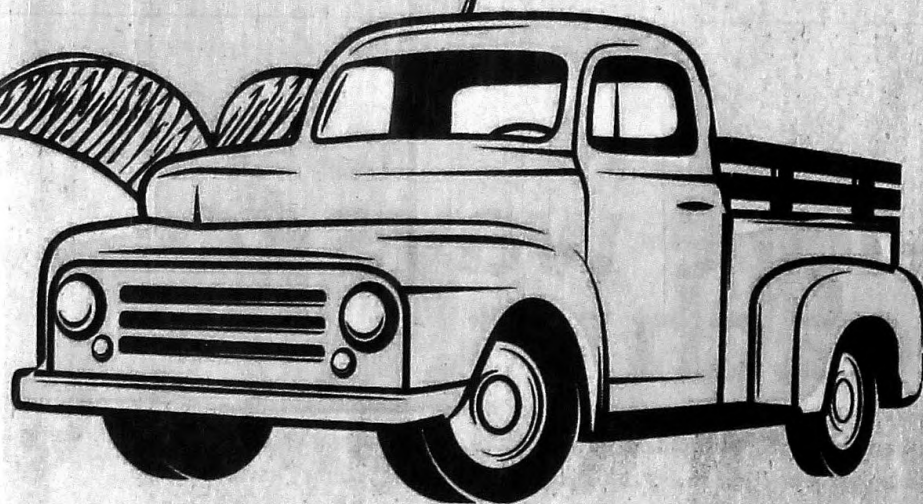


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