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School threats taper off in metro Detroit

Area saw spike after Oxford shooting

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School threats spiked exponentially after Oxford, the metro Detroit suburb now associated with a Nov. 30 high school shooting that killed four stu-

dents and wounded seven, including a teacher. Students and parents in districts throughout Michigan saw that daily in social media chatter and a slew of student arrests. There also were notable lockdowns in various school districts,

like the lockdown that kept Plymouth-Canton high schoolers on campus several hours after school. Then the holiday break came, and law enforcers confirmed the break from school eased overall fear and anxiety levels in local classrooms. “We’re still getting threats at different schools almost on a regular basis, a daily basis, but not like we were,” Oak-

land County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said. “We were getting multiple schools threatened every day.” Bouchard promised continued vigilance to keep schools safe for students and staff. “If anyone makes threats, they’re going to be prosecuted whether they

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This year, Michigan Department of Transportation crews will rebuild roughly 10 miles of southbound lanes between Five Mile and Northline roads. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

MDOT begins 2nd year of major Interstate 275 project

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Frequent travelers of Interstate 275 between Five Mile and Northline roads can expect roughly nine months of delays starting this week.

Road crews with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) are set to begin work on the second phase of MDOT’s four-year, \$257 million project to improve I-275 between Will Carlton and Six Mile roads. The four phases will go through Wayne County communities

including Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Canton. This year, crews will rebuild roughly 10 miles of southbound lanes between Five Mile and Northline roads.

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Canton man named judge for new FOX game show

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How did Canton Township native Steve Price earn a starring role on a soon-to-debut FOX game show alongside former “Wonder Years” actress Danica McKellar, ex-NFL star Vernon Davis and “Modern Family” funny man Eric Stonestreet? By becoming a master at one of his childhood hobbies: setting up and toppling dominoes. Price, who spent the majority of the first 22 years of his life in Canton (he attended Eriksson Elementary School, Central Middle School and Canton High School), will serve as a judge on “Domino Masters,” which debuts 9 p.m. March 9. on FOX. The show will challenge contestants to set up and topple complex chain-reaction domino projects with a scoring concept similar to the network’s “LEGO Masters.” “Initially, I was going to be one of the producers on the show, but after an interview (with the show’s creators) I got promoted — I guess you could say — to on-air judge,” explained Price, who joined 15 other domino junkies to build a United States-record 250,000-domino project in 2015. “It’s a unique and exciting show because not only do the contestants have to come up with creative chain-reaction projects, they have to make sure they all topple successfully. I really think people are going to enjoy it.” Dominoes are right up Price’s alley. A graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in mechanical

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Police transparency committee shows initial promise for Canton community

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Michael Kim remains upset about a multiple-car crash he was part of in Canton Township. Kim filed an unsuccessful complaint against the police department, alleging bias because, in his opinion, the driver apparently causing a string of rear-end collisions wasn't punished enough. But the township's new Police Transparency and Guidance Subcommittee should be able to review his concerns this spring, Police Chief Chad Baugh said. Recently presenting an update about the subcommittee to township trustees, he and subcommittee members said case reports, bodycam and patrol car footage and other materials are being reviewed so the subcommittee can potentially make recommendations for improvements regarding tactics, policies, procedures or coaching. Materials reviewed by the subcommittee are redacted so identities can remain unknown while hope-

fully adding another layer of trust the community has in its local law enforcers. "I very much know something is wrong here," Kim wrote in an email to Hometown Life. "I just want someone to address it. ... I really do avoid driving through Canton if at all possible for fear of police bias." Baugh announced the new subcommittee in April 2021. A \$40,000 grant assured the advice of Brett Naumcheff, a law enforcement attorney, and Scott Wolfe, a Michigan State University criminal justice instructor. The subcommittee stems from the township police department and the Canton Coalition for Inclusive Communities. Eva Davis, who is the coalition's civilian leader, is the chair. Other subcommittee members include Denise Lilly, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' diversion, equity and inclusion director and Rachel Miller of First Step, which works to help domestic and sexual violence victims. They received training on best practices and poli-

cies for the township and police department. They met over Zoom. They began reviewing cases. "We had a lot of conversation about tone and manner and how that interpersonal interaction can affect police officer and citizen interaction and how that impacts perceptions," Davis said, also noting recommendations for more layperson language in written communications regarding complaints. "All members of the subcommittee are just average lay people. We don't necessarily know all of the police jargon, and so your average citizen probably would not either," she explained during the presentation to the trustees. Miller said she has appreciated her time on the subcommittee, which she said is proving that police departments can change and become more accountable. "Canton is incredibly lucky to have a police administration that embraces change," she said. "This has been really eye opening to me. It really does show that progress and change can happen as long as police departments are willing to embrace it."

Where to get seafood this Lenten season

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For some, it's a time to get pious. For others, it's a time to enjoy great seafood. And for many more, it's a great time for both. Lent begins a time when restaurants begin catering to those eating seafood for the next few weeks. Many Catholics will abstain from eating meat on Fridays now through Easter, instead dining on seafood dishes such as shrimp and salmon. Where's the best place to get that seafood fix this time of year? Here's a look at just a few of the offerings metro Detroit has for that fix the next few weeks.

Sit down

Hazel's in downtown Birmingham is now built for seafood lovers this time of year. The restaurant at 1 Peabody recently shortened its name to the moniker everyone knew by and decided to go all in on seafood. Previously, oceanic fare was a seasonal lineup limited to several months a year. With a season known for seafood, co-owner and executive chef Emmele Herrold said she and her crew expect to see one dish fly off the menu: traditional fish and chips. "We sell a lot of them anyway, but we see a big uptick in Lent sure," she said. "Fish and chips seems to be the star." Hazel's is just one of many places known for having a majority of seafood on their menu. Another is located just down the road in downtown Birmingham, Street-side Seafood, as well as Joe Muer Seafood in Bloomfield Hills. Head farther west and find other options, including ones selling a range of dishes such as the Crazy Crab in downtown Farmington, Crab Kitchen in Westland and Hook and Reel, which has opened restaurants in both Livonia and Canton Township.



Curt Frizzell places baked cod in the warming oven at the Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church fish fry. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Take it home

In the fast food sphere, much is made of the McDonald's Filet-O-Fish and other sandwiches. Those are accessible all the time and are the stand by when it comes to a quick fish fix. Other offerings see more limited offerings. One such dish is walleye, which makes its way onto the menu at Culver's next to permanent offerings such as shrimp

and cod each spring as a limited time menu. "Typically, you run out before you get to Easter," said Brian Toggweiler, a franchise business consultant for Culver's. "It's a lot of fish, too." He said Culver's tends to be the no. 1 seller of wall-eye in the world, which only comes each spring. The wild-caught fish comes from Canada and makes its way to its restaurants across the United States, including one of it's newest ones, the one on Pontiac Trail in Lyon Township. Nearly all fast food joints have offerings this spring, including places like Arby's, Popeyes, Burger King, Long John Silver's and many more. If some more made to order is what you're feeling, you've got some local flavor worth checking out this spring as well. Many places known for their broasted chicken also serve up plenty of seafood options such as cod and shrimp. Those include places like Mr. Chicken in Redford Township, Broasted Brothers in Plymouth Township and Chicken Shack in Livonia, Westland and Bloomfield Township.

Spend time at church

There's a strong culture of fish dinners at Catholic churches across metro Detroit. In addition to attending a service, be sure to check out one of the many churches serving up dishes this year. Like previous recent years, many churches, including St. Michael the Archangel in Livonia and St. Mary in Wayne will do the dinners to-go only. Others, such as Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township and St. Aidan in Livonia will offer guests the chance to gather and eat together. Looking for a fish fry? The Archdiocese of Detroit has created a website to do just that. Fishfryfinder.org does not have every church's Lenten dinner listed, but lists many of them across southeast Michigan, complete with options and pricing. Contact reporter David Veselenak at [dveselenak@hometownlife.com](#) or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.

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DoorDash market plan for Farmington hits snag

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Businesses of the future have arrived, but it appears zoning ordinances in some places haven't kept up. Such is the case in Farmington, where a new type of business wants to locate but local zoning laws don't have a fit for how or where. DoorDash proposed bringing one of its DashMart concepts to the Farmington Crossroads shopping center on the southeast corner of Nine Mile and Farmington roads. The business would essentially serve as a warehouse-style operation with indoor space dedicated to shelves of products that can be ordered through the DoorDash app and either delivered or picked up in person. "We have all these kinds of products at the DashMart," said Paul Evans III, an operations manager for DoorDash. If approved, it's expected to operate 24 hours a day, Evans said, though its busiest hours are typically late afternoon and early evening. The DashMart would only serve as a staging area for products. It would join several other DashMarts in Michigan, including locations in Ferndale, Ypsilanti and Sterling Heights. Evans said there are plans to bring several more to Michigan. Discussed Feb. 14 at the planning commission meeting at Farmington City Hall, the concept was met with questions from the commission, mostly surrounding how it would fit in a commercial space. Commissioners deliberated plenty on the proposal, which could have lasting impressions on other similar developments in the future. "We're making a decision that is going to have implications far reaching, in my opinion," Commission Chairman Steve Majoros said. After being originally discussed in December, the item was eventually tabled for discussion and brought back before the commission when requested



Farmington Crossroads plaza at Farmington and Grand River, where DoorDash wants to locate a DashMart. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

by the petitioner. The commission stalemated on a motion to approve the proposed DashMart, 3-3, which does not approve the change. Instead, the commission requested looking at creating a zoning ordinance text amendment that would allow such a business to operate in a commercial zone. "They have to adjust to provide opportunity for that use because it's never been a part of the community," said Kevin Christiansen, the city's economic and community development director. That direction is expected to return before the planning commission at its March meeting, Christiansen said.



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WWII vet shares memories as he approaches 102nd birthday

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John Cox could tell you about his time in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, but he'd much rather chat about cars, crossword puzzles or his time spent working in a bowling alley as a youngster.

"One game cost 20 cents to bowl," he said, "and I got 4 cents for setting pins."

Dressed in a dapper plaid shirt and navy cardigan, Cox smiles brightly from a plush easy chair in his apartment at Presbyterian Village of Westland. He'll turn 102 on March 10, he says proudly, making him one of just 240,000 American WWII veterans still alive today, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Approximately 234 World War II veterans die every day, the VA says, taking their memories and experiences with them.

But Cox isn't bothered with all that. Instead, he tells the story of why, in 1928, his family moved to Detroit from his hometown of Linneus, Missouri. His father, a baker, had lost his job at a Linneus bakeshop when the authorities discovered his boss was making contraband booze using bread yeast.

"(The police) caught up with him much too often, and they told him, 'You better lay low, or we're gonna put you in jail,'" Cox explained through lighthearted chuckles.

After some gentle prodding, he agrees to talk about being drafted in World War II.

"Except I didn't get drafted," he gently corrects, beaming. "I enlisted!"

Enlistment in US Army Air Corps

Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japanese military forces in December 1941, Cox, then 21, realized the draft deferment he had banked on was likely to be revoked. He made his way to Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, where he enlisted as a member of the Army Air Corps.

There he attended a six-month training program, during which he learned how to pack, inspect and repair parachutes. Eventually, he joined the Air Corps' 27th Troop Carrier Squadron and deployed to Burma, at the time a British colony Japanese forces had invaded.

"With help from other outfits, we flew parachute troopers and supplies and all that stuff into Burma," Cox said, "and got the (Japanese troops) out of there."

From Burma, Cox's regiment headed to Sylhet, Bangladesh, where his squadron supported a spunky aviation general named Claire Lee Chennault as he trained the First American Volunteer Group of the Republic of China Air Force — an initiative Chennault dubbed "The Flying Tigers."

"We stayed (in Sylhet) for quite a while delivering packages, gasoline and supplies with our C-47s. We were there for the rest of the war — for a year and six months," Cox said, clearly ready to move on to more interesting topics.

Cox's son, Bill Cox, daughter, Sheryl Cox Bellono, and daughter-in-law, Carol Cox, pass around framed photo montages and mementos as their father talks, explaining that he has never been particularly forthcoming about sharing his experiences in the war.

"We didn't learn about this until we were well into our 40s," Cox Bellono said. "My dad was kind of a quiet guy. He went to work, came home, we had dinner, he bowled on Tuesday and Friday nights."

After their mother, Jean, passed away in 2000, Bill Cox said he began taking his father to his annual Army Air Corps reunions, where he finally learned about the integral role his dad had played in Asia during the war.

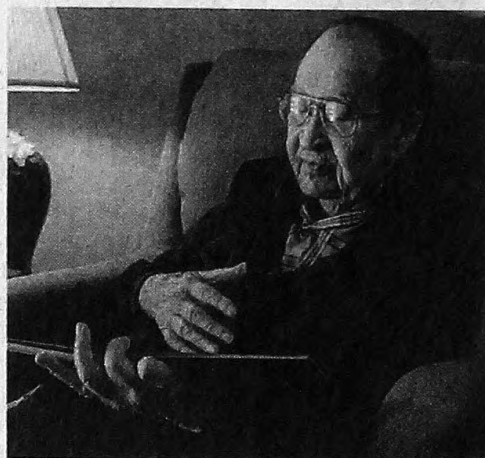
"There's a guy that put together a huge collection of what the 27th (Squadron) did, and we'd go to these reunions, and I would read about what had happened," Bill Cox said. "I was just kind of amazed by it all. You know, that he had actually been where he'd been and gone through what he'd gone through. Because he's always been just a real quiet kind of person."

Risky assignments

After gentle coaxing from his family, Cox opens up about some of the scarier parts of his time overseas.

"One of our fighter planes got hit with firebombs," he recalled. "It was after hours, so we all got out of the barracks and jumped in our trenches to hide."

Sensing his dad's reluctance, Bill Cox shared details of his some of his dad's



John Cox looks over his 27th Troop Carrier Squadron U.S. Army Air Force scrapbook at his apartment at the Village of Westland on Feb. 8.

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high-stakes assignments, including a campaign to remove a radio jammer — a piece of technology designed to scramble airwaves and interfere with military communications — that took him and three other privates on a risky midnight drive through the Sylhet countryside.

"They had to go up and down hills without having any of their lights or anything on, because if they did, they were going to be vulnerable," Bill Cox explained. "They never did find (the radio jammer), but they made it back safe."

Cox's cousin, also a member of the corps, got shot down in transit between Italy and Germany. He survived and was redeployed to China, where he hoped to be reunited with Cox.

"The dummy writes me a letter saying, 'How do I get a hold of you?' But I couldn't write him back, because I'd get censored," Cox explained, laughing at his cousin's foolishness.

It's one of many times during the interview when Cox seems to find levity in a memory that sounds anything but humorous. That sunny, good-natured disposition has helped Cox thrive into his hundredth year and beyond, said Cox Bellono.

'The original Energizer Bunny'

"We call him the original Energizer Bunny," Cox Bellono said, smiling. "He just keeps on ticking. He has a lady that comes twice a month, and she plays the

guitar, and they sing together. He can tell you every car he's ever owned — make, model, color. We're just astonished."

At Presbyterian Village of Westland, Cox has become something of a celebrity since he moved in roughly two years ago, despite the fact that he only leaves his apartment for dinner and special occasions, said the Village's resident relations manager, Breana Wallace. Other residents feel inspired when they learn Cox is over 100 and still largely independent, she adds.

"Some of the residents are like, 'Hey, I can make it to that age,'" Wallace explained. "It's like a challenge. It's definitely been a joy to have him with us, and just letting him experience this next chapter in his life."

That chapter started with a bang on Cox's 100th birthday in March 2020, during which more than 100 friends and family members gathered at a local restaurant to celebrate the milestone.

COVID-19 eliminated any hope of a birthday celebration last year, Cox Bellono said, but she's hopeful they'll be able to get the family — which includes two children, five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren — together this year.

"All his friends have passed away," Cox Bellono added. "He's like the lone survivor."

Cox said he'd like to celebrate his upcoming birthday at his favorite restaurant, Deluca's in Dearborn Heights, which he has been frequenting since it opened in 1957. He talks in vivid detail about the restaurant's humble beginnings as a dinner trolley on the corner, placing special emphasis on the fact that delivery was not available — "You had to go pick it up yourself!"

As Cox rattles off a detailed list of original menu items that Deluca's served more than 60 years ago, Cox Bellono shares that she attributes her dad's sharpness in part to his lifelong love of reading.

"We got Reader's Digest, National Geographic, Life magazine," she said, motioning toward the stacks of newspapers and magazines on her father's coffee table. "He read the Detroit Free Press in the morning and the Detroit News in the evening, every day, for as long as I can remember."

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meant it or not,” Bouchard said. “They’ll be removed from school. It’s going to affect their life. We don’t want to obviously ruin anyone’s life but the first job is to keep the schools safe.”

Most metro Detroit districts canceled school the week of Oxford’s Nov. 30 tragedy because of influx of reported online threats.

How best to respond to threat reports

Law enforcers expected the increase in school threats, which typically are associated with the aftermath school shootings. Officers and deputies experienced plenty of overtime, discussions with parents, checks for weapons at homes and real arrests.

“Sometimes it’s a way to get attention. Sometimes I think it’s a way to get out of school. I’ve heard a million different excuses, none of which make any sense to me,” Bouchard said. “Because it causes so much anxiety and suffering and pain and fear and it’s completely unacceptable on every level.

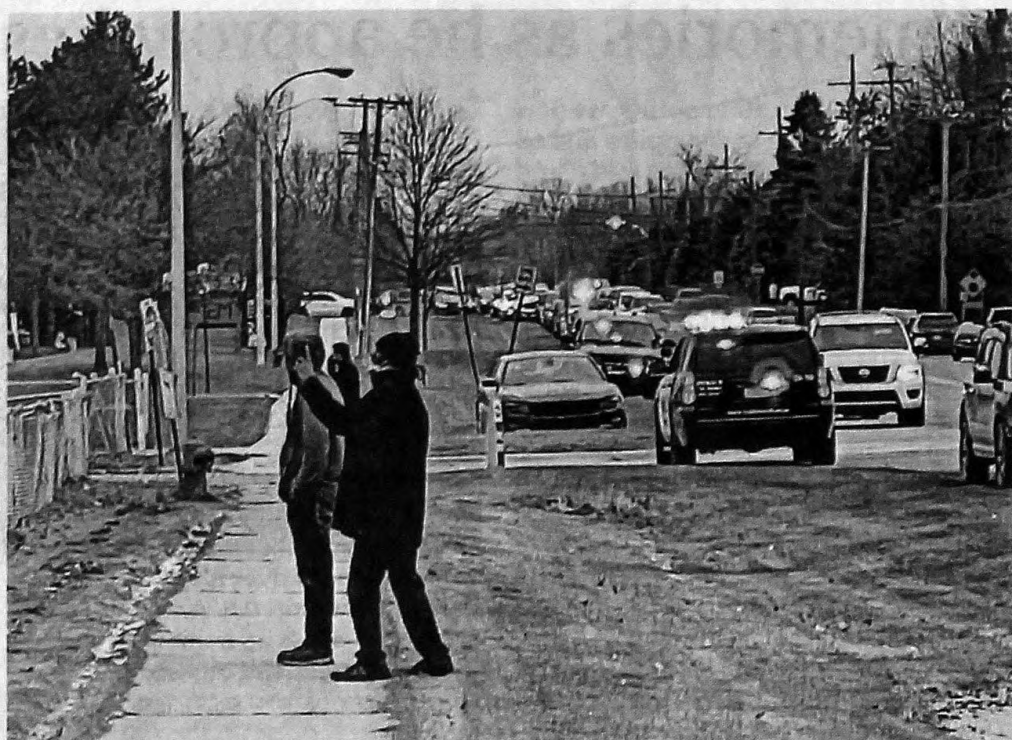
“That’s why we investigate every threat regardless if it’s credible or not. We seek charges on every threat.”

Law enforcers’ vigilance sometimes sparked criticism.

South Lyon community members took to social media, talking about pat downs, after East High School students were placed on a nearly four-hour Jan. 24 lockdown. Some worried about Fourth Amendment violations in the form of unreasonable searches and seizures of students. Others supported police efforts intended to prevent another incident.

Some also suggested that locking down an entire school might not be a reasonable reaction to an anonymous threat that, in this case, was a message in a girls’ bathroom that referenced a shooting. A weapon was never found. No one has been arrested.

Bouchard estimated that his agency



Police and parents outside Plymouth-Canton Community Schools’ high schools campus following a report of a “potential threat” at one of the schools Dec. 9.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

investigated hundreds of threats after Oxford’s school shooting. Sometimes, suspicious language in notes or conversation triggered the review. Sheriff’s deputies played a part in more than 20 students being criminally charged for school threats.

Wayne County prosecutors have pursued charges in at least 35 school threat cases since Oxford.

Canton Township Police Chief Chad Baugh said his department conducted a thorough investigation when a student reported seeing another with a gun in his waistband on Dec. 9.

Nearly 20 police agencies sent officers to the scene. Students on Plymouth-Canton’s high school campus suffered a lockdown of more than three hours before they were allowed to go home.

Police never found a weapon or a student to arrest

School was canceled the following day.

Baugh’s officers had investigated complaints of school threats for all

school levels in the preceding year. But Oxford changed everything.

“The break helped bring some calm,” Baugh said. “There was a lot of concern for everyone in the region after we had something so close happen in our southeast Michigan area. Oxford – just that horrible event there – just put everyone on alert.”

Dozens of school threats in cities

Livonia Police Lt. Charles Lister confirmed a large uptick in school threats needing investigation after Oxford’s shooting.

Officers responded to 25 school threats that were fully investigated. A majority were reposts or concerned posts about incidents happening in other states.

Livonia police filed the proper paperwork for three cases with the Wayne County prosecutors but there were no subsequent charges.

Calming the school environment, Lister said, is the same general message

from officers, prosecutors, and government and school officials that school threats – especially those threatening violence – will not be tolerated.

“I think that has resulted in them dropping off to where we have not experienced any school threats in the last couple of weeks that we have had to investigate,” he said. “Some of the kids maybe got the message to be careful what you post and what you say, especially on social media.”

Bloomfield Township Police Lt. Paul Schwab said his department conducted more than 20 school threat investigations that led to one arrest. Guns that the school community sometimes reported seeing on cellphones were often associated with video games or airsoft guns for play.

“It was pretty intense for a while,” he said. “The standing order from the chief was you will investigate these (and) you will determine if these are a credible threat or not, then take the appropriate actions no matter how long it takes.”

Within days of Oxford’s tragedy, Milford police arrested a 13-year-old boy whose social media post threatened Muir, Oak Valley and White Lake middle schools in the Huron Valley school system.

He was charged with a one-year misdemeanor and pleaded guilty to the charge. If police had determined he had the means to carry out the threat – proof of a gun, planning, or ammunition, for example – he could have been charged with a 20-year felony.

“Threats, whether false or true, are a serious matter,” Dan Caldwell, a Milford police detective and school resource officer, said. “A school threat is investigated to all ends and will not be tolerated by law enforcement, therefore, anyone thinking of making a threat should expect to be caught and prosecuted.”

He said the case required 30 hours of overtime for investigation. The district, he added, continues to evaluate school security and focus on training proper responses to staff.

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Game show

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engineering, the Fremont, California, resident makes his living constructing multi-thousand-domino projects at corporate trade shows across the United States.

He also has his own YouTube channel, “Sprice Machines”, that has accumulated more than 13 million views the past two years.

Price admitted the opportunity to turn a hobby into a career has been satisfyingly surreal.

“The fact that I can do this for a living is a dream come true,” said Price, whose profession has required building chain-reaction projects for Disney and Netflix. “Honestly, I wasn’t nervous at all working on the show. I think I would have been incredibly nervous if I was a contestant, though, because there’s a lot more pressure involved.”

Even though he’s made it to Hollywood, Price hasn’t forgotten his southeast Michigan roots.

“I loved growing up in Canton,” he said. “There were always a lot of kids my

age in the neighborhood I lived in (south of Ford Road and west of Lilley Road) to play street hockey or ice hockey on a small pond at Flodin Park. I get back to Canton probably twice a year and I’m planning on getting together with my family and friends for a viewing party for the show’s debut and finale.”

Price said working with Stonestreet (the show’s host) and fellow judges McKellar and Davis has been a memorable experience.

“They’re all fun to be around, both on and off stage,” Price said. “Obviously, Eric is the one who brings the humor. Danica and Vernon are both naturals when it comes to judging, Danica with a strong math background and Vernon is an incredible artist.”

Price said each team of contestants includes one or two chain-reaction experts.

“The casting team also has to select contestants for personality and diversity, so it makes for an interesting mix,” he said. “For me, it’s never mattered whether I’m in front of the camera or working behind the scenes. I enjoy the process of building and toppling and the challenges that go along with it.”

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Canton native Steve Price (far left) will join (from left) Eric Stonestreet, Danica McKellar and Vernon Davis as judges on the new FOX game show Domino Masters. COURTESY OF TOMMY GARCIA/FOX

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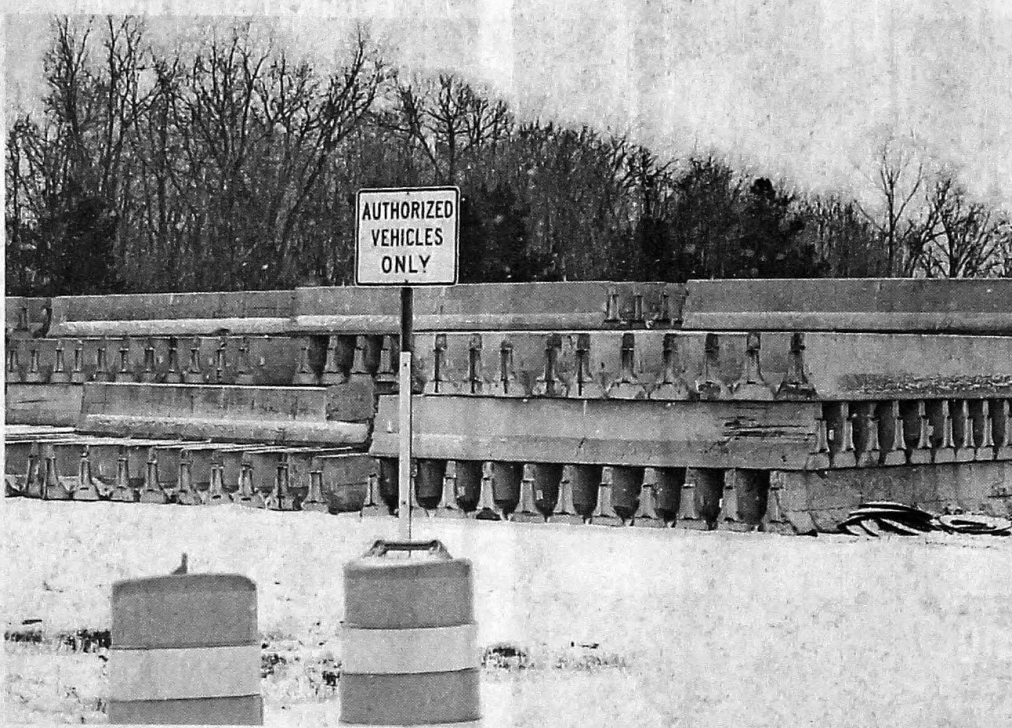
“The rough part will be throughout this next week,” said Diane Cross, a communications representative with MDOT. “Drivers will see us out there working, and they may temporarily find their ramp closed. If we can have some patience for the next week or two, we’ll get everything situated.”

Throughout the next week, people can expect temporary ramp closures while crews get set up. Otherwise, ramp closures throughout this year’s construction will only happen when a particular southbound ramp is under construction. Drivers north and southbound will have ramp access most of the time, and people can keep up with temporary closures by visiting revive275.org.

Because drivers heading both ways will have to share four lanes, Cross said drivers should prepare for delays, especially when travelling near Detroit Metro Airport.

This year’s work is expected to wrap up in November or December.

Last summer, crews focused on concrete repair between Will Carlton and



Stacks of concrete barriers line the median of Interstate 275 near Six Mile on Feb. 25. Roadwork from Five Mile to Northline will mean reorganization of traffic.

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Northline roads, bridge repairs and culvert replacements between Northline and Five Mile roads.

“The road just isn’t holding up any longer,” Cross said. “When you’re 20, 25

years old, the road gets damaged. It’s time to do the major investment of rebuilding that road.”

Cross also noted Michigan is in a particularly rough pothole season, which

the northbound lanes are affected by. She urged drivers to keep a watchful eye on cars in front of them and abide by posted speed limits, as MDOT crews will also repair potholes as needed.

“You need to drive the speed limit for lots of reasons,” she said. “We’ve got workers out there and it’s not worth risking their life so someone can go whatever speed they think they need to go. You should also drive a safe speed so you don’t hurt yourself should you hit a pothole.”

MDOT will turn to the northbound lanes in 2023 and 2024. Next year, crews will rebuild northbound I-275 between Northline Road and M-14. In 2024, northbound lanes from M-14 to Five Mile Road will be rebuilt.

Starting work in February this year, Cross hopes, will ensure MDOT completes its planned work for this phase. Any uncompleted work will be rolled into the third phase.

“We want to start as soon as we can count on weather being cooperative,” she said. “You don’t want to pour concrete in this weather, but you can tear it up in this kind of weather.”

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The parking lot of the current Doughboy doughnut shop at 34801 Plymouth Road is to be taken over by a Hyundai dealership. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Former doughnut shop to be demolished

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A longtime staple of Plymouth Road is about to become a parking lot.

LaFontaine Hyundai of Livonia plans to remove the former Dough Boy Donuts shop at 34801 Plymouth Road, which has closed, and turn the property into an extension of its parking lot for showcasing vehicles.

“Our intention with this parcel is to beautify it by demolishing the building, adding some more landscaping, and then turning this eyesore into a parking displaying beautiful new vehicles,” said Taylor Lin with Highland Township-based LAG Development.

Plans for the redevelopment were reviewed Feb. 22 by the Livonia Planning Commission during its meeting at Livonia City Hall.

The commission ultimately approved the waiver

use petition submitted for the project, passing it along to the city council, which had already done a first reading on a rezoning request in the fall. With that recommendation, the petition will see a final determination decided by the council at a later date.

The Dough Boy property — which was formerly a gas station before becoming the doughnut shop in the 1970s — could accommodate as many as 40 vehicles once cleared.

Some concerns regarding vehicle drop off were voiced to the city by those living south of the development off Laurel. One letter received by the city’s planning department expressed concern over trucks using the residential street.

Matt Szabla, general sales manager for the dealership, said he keeps communication with delivery trucks so they know not to deliver straight to the dealership but to a receiver lot nearby.

“I’m not aware of any semis dropping off cars nor have I seen and if they do and I’m on the property, I make sure that we get them down there and they’re not dropping them there and they drop them down the street where all the new cars are received,” he said. “We’ll continue to make sure we address it moving forward.”

Mark Taormina, Livonia planning and economic development director, said having the additional driveways with the new property could help prevent further issues with vehicles turning onto Laurel instead of Plymouth Road.

“Having this opening here now provides that opportunity for vehicles to exit out to Plymouth Road,” he said. “I think actually it will improve the situation for the neighbors themselves.”

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Metro Detroit businesses that opened or closed to start 2022

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With a new year comes a new recap.

Starting this year, we’re adding a new occasional roundup every few months highlighting the business community’s openings and closings across the Hometown Life area.

From restaurants to retail, a wide array of businesses opened and closed their doors throughout Detroit’s northwestern suburbs.

Here is a non-exhaustive list of businesses that opened and closed their doors in January and February. Did we miss one? Have a business opening or closing soon? Feel free to inform us by emailing dveselenak@hometownlife.com. We may reach out for this roundup or a separate story.

Farmington Hills

A vacant storefront in a prominent Farmington Hills shopping center has a new big box store.

Big Lots, the department store known for furniture, clothing and other goods opened a new store at 30120 Grand River in the West River Shopping Center. It occupies a longtime vacant spot in the shopping center where Target and the Riviera Cinema is located.

Livonia

Shake Shack, the trendy burger and fries restaurant, brought its flavor to the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty in Livonia. The restaurant takes over the corner on the border with Northville Township that formerly housed Romano’s Macaroni Grill, which closed permanently in 2020.

In addition, Livonia Budget Storage opened its doors down Seven Mile. The self-storage business opened at 29150 W. Seven Mile in the former Toys R Us building east of Middlebelt.

Plymouth

A trio of longtime downtown Plymouth businesses announced their closures this year.

Kemnitz Fine Candies, 896 W. Ann Arbor Trail, closed its doors right before Valentine’s Day after being open several decades. Its owners, Cindy and Everett Smith, have retired and seek to sell the business to someone to keep its chocolatey legacy moving forward.

Across the street, Delta Diamond, 895 W. Ann Arbor Trail, also announced it would close its doors by the end of February. A longtime mainstay of downtown Plymouth, the precious gems shop ends its run of nearly 50 years in business in both Dearborn and Plymouth. The Piotrowski family decided five years after



The West River plaza along Grand River in Farmington Hills. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the business’s founder, Thomas Piotrowski, died, that it was time to close its doors.

“We’re holding our heads up high and we’re going to try different things,” said Aurelia Piotrowski, the shop’s owner.

Joining the trio of longtime businesses closing is Wiltse’s Community Pharmacy, 330 S. Main St. The longtime pharmacy in the heart of downtown will close this spring after 42 years in business as its owners, Dale and Andrea Knab, retire.

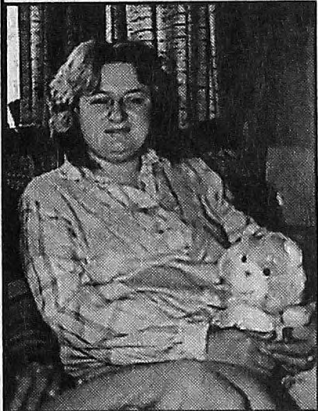
It’s not all closings in Plymouth, however. One shop has transformed a bit, switching up its interior and sporting a new name. The former Eats and Sweets inside the old Plymouth train station is now known simply as the Plymouth Depot. Located at 900 Starkweather in the city’s Old Village neighborhood, the shop has tweaked its menu a bit and put more of an emphasis on coffee.

Gone is the gift shop area, replaced with new seating for those looking to stay a while at the historic train station, a place that’s drawn visitors as high profile as a president of the United States.

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Obituaries

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Cheryl Lee Summers

Cheryl Lee Summers, age 71, was born in Wayne, Mi on January 10th, 1951. She died surrounded by her family on February 19th, 2022. She was the beloved wife of Mark, her husband of 48 years. She was the loving mother of Keith(43), Jillian (41) and Erin(38). She was the proud grammy to Chase(8).

Cheryl was a kind, warm hearted woman, that could strike up a conversation with anyone. She loved to read and never passed up a chance to go for a drive on a summer day. She loved to sit in the park and discover new beautiful places. She loved her family and friends and wanted nothing but the best for them all. She always had a smile on her face. She will be extremely missed by all who knew her. We will love her forever and always.

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Westland

Grab your smartphone and head out to the newest place to snag that perfect selfie.

Joining several other similar concepts across metro Detroit is Selfie Studio, a new self-portrait spot open in the Westland Crossing shopping center in Westland. Located at 34524 Warren, the studio has more than two dozen backdrops for guests to pose in front of, from an old-school phone booth to a '50s diner complete with milkshakes.

If you're looking for some unique cuisine, a new option has opened up that's worth checking out. Egyptian Kitchen, 2717 S. Wayne, opened its doors earlier this year, serving up plenty of northern African dishes such as a koshari bowl, feteer and more.

The restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. More information, including a full menu, can be found on its website, egyptiankitchen-restaurant.com.

Wayne

Be sure to doublecheck the address if you haven't ordered carryout from the downtown Wayne Pizza Hut recently.

The chain restaurant relocated from its iconic hut-roofed building downtown into the former Biggby Coffee building at 35545 W. Michigan Ave., which has been vacant for several years.

Canton

A new place to grab dessert popped up on the north end of Canton Township.

Ma Cherie Crepes opened for business earlier this year. Located at 43339 Joy in the Coventry Commons shopping center, the shop specializes in both sweet and savory crepes, as well as waffles, salads and sandwiches. The shop does not appear to have a website as of now, but online ordering through DoorDash is available.

Novi

Find some stylish new glasses at one of the newest shops to open at Twelve

Oaks Mall.

Warby Parker brought its signature look to the mall at 27702 Novi Road. Customers can get plenty of services at the shop, including eye exams and eyewear offerings, including the company's new Spring 2022 line. The shop is the second in metro Detroit and the fourth to open in Michigan.

Lyon Township

Enjoy some good ol' upper Midwest hospitality at the community's newest place to grab a bite to eat.

Wisconsin-based Culver's has opened its newest restaurant at 22700 Pontiac Trail in Lyon Township. Serving up dishes such as burger, fries, dinners and frozen custard, the restaurant north of Nine Mile brings a new flavor to town. With room for more than 90 people in its dining room and additional patio seating for when the weather warms up, there's plenty of space to enjoy a Butter-Burger.

The restaurant is one of several owned by local franchise owner Charles Paisley, who said he was happy to finally open the doors in late February.

"Honestly, it's exceeded our expectations and the community's been very welcoming," he said.

Milford

Get everything you need to do those kickflips at Milford's newest downtown business.

Saturdays, a shop dedicated to all things skateboarding and snowboarding, opened earlier this winter at 525 N. Main St., in the Mill Valley Center. Occupying the space formerly held by Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea, the store has everything needed to enjoy an afternoon at the skate park.

It even has a space dedicated for finger skateboard enthusiasts to try out their skills on a replica of the Milford Skate Park built at the front of the store. It's a shop that hopes to reach the enthusiasts in Milford, which its managers described as being the one community nearby that did not have a similar shop.

"We used to sit there and dream about having our own skate shop and now it's just happening," said Jack Weaver, one of the store's managers.

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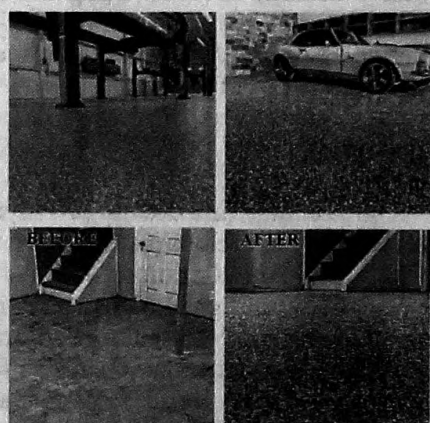
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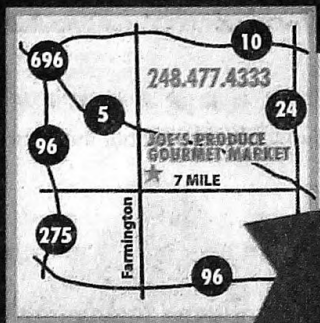


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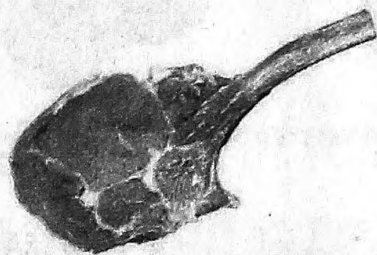
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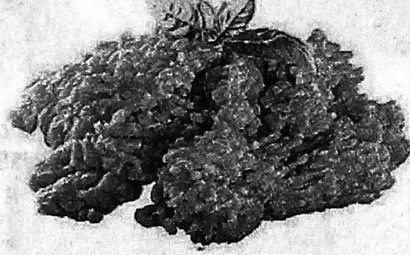
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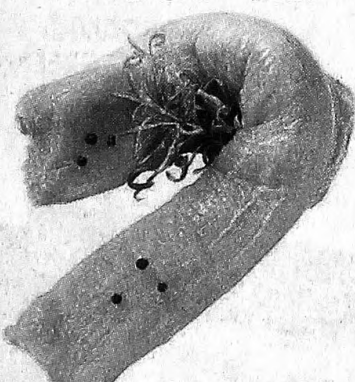
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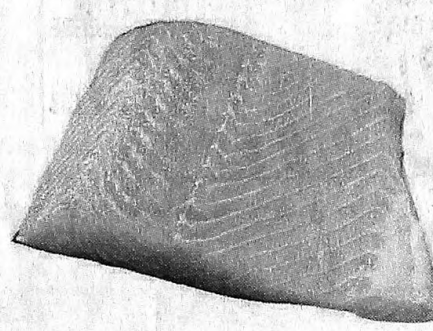


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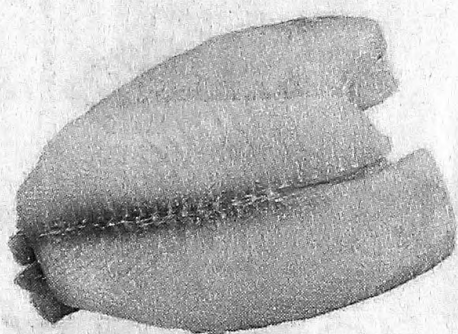
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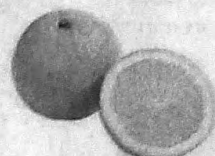
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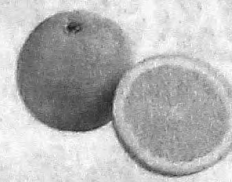
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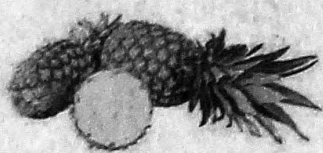
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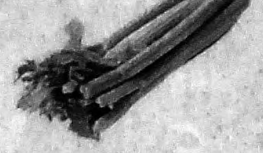
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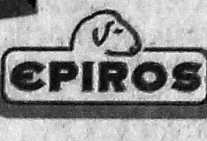


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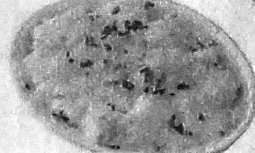


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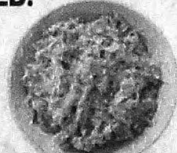
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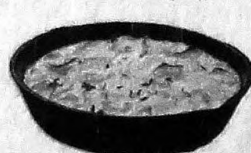
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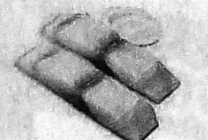
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Stevenson's Ty Heath (left) gets up after missing a shot against Novi Feb. 25 during the Division 2 hockey regional semifinal at Novi Ice Arena. Stevenson won, 8-1. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Stevenson, Novi hockey battle early in D-2 regional semifinal

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Novi's skaters exited the ice after the first period and made their way to the locker room.

Past the vending machines and the picnic tables. To the right and down the hall a little bit more.

The Wildcats were elated. They tapped their sticks on the concrete and yelled encouragement to each other.

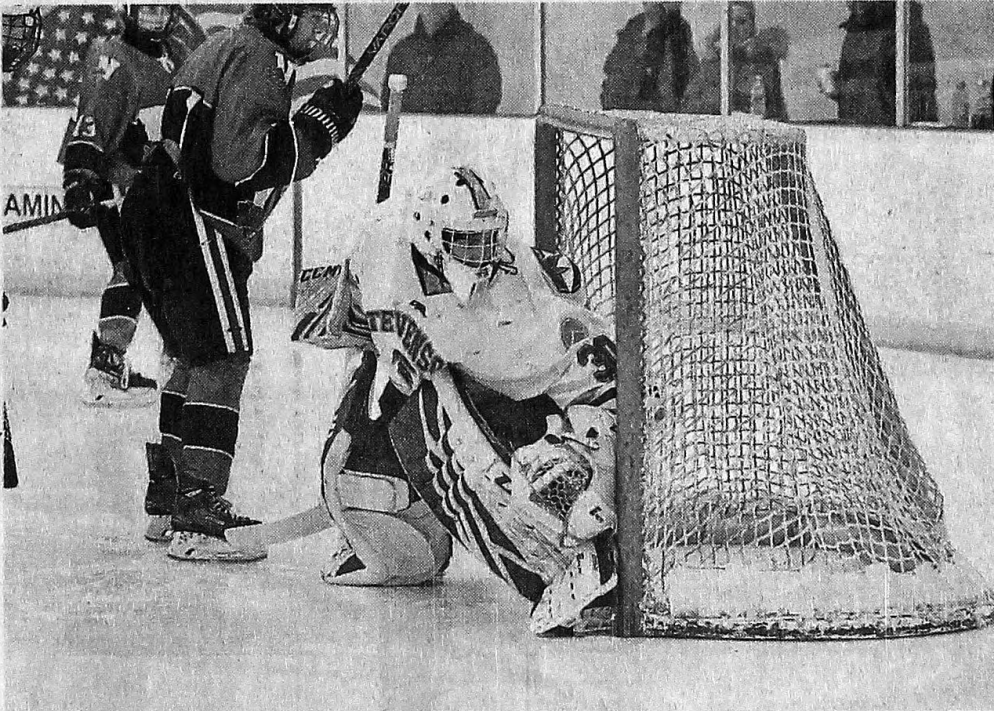
"Let's go boys!" one said. Coach Mark Vellucci revealed a half-smile as he huddled with his assistants outside their team room.

It was 0-0 in Friday's Division 2 regional semifinal against No. 3-ranked Livonia Stevenson, and Novi was still in this thing.

The Wildcats had battled COVID-19 issues, injuries and everything else you could imagine that derailed what should've been a promising season following last year's regional championship victory.

For an eight-win team that went winless in its division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, they were playing like it was their Super Bowl. And that left the Spartans looking for answers at the intermission.

"We knew Novi is a well-coached team. In a one-and-done situation, we



Stevenson goalie Zach Waldo watches the puck.

know that every team is going to bring everything that they have," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We knew full well they were going to play their hearts out, and they did that in the first period. We still thought we controlled the game a little bit. But give credit to them. They (Novi) played a whale of a first period.

"Mark Vellucci, who is such a good friend of mine, does just a good job with this program. They played their hearts out, and it puts us in a different situation. We had to relax a little bit and talk to our guys that it was OK. This is playoff hockey."

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Northville senior's two goals help lead hockey team to win

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It was nowhere near garbage time. In fact, the Northville hockey team carried just a two-goal lead into the second period. Clearly, one or two insurance goals were needed if the Mustangs wanted to guarantee a victory in Saturday's Division 1 regional semifinal.

And the insurance came. Oh boy, did it ever.

In the span of 2 minutes, 12 seconds early in the second, Northville rifled in four-straight scores to turn a close-call into a 6-0 lead over Lenawee United, a co-op squad made up of Adrian and seven surrounding schools.

And then with 4:27 left in regulation, Andrew Sziraki stole the puck before LU could clear its zone, split three defenders and throw in a shorthanded walk-off goal against goalie Seth Kordyzon to secure the 8-0 mercy-rule win.

Immediately afterward, the Mustangs' bench leapt over the boards, rushed to the east end of Kensington Valley Ice House and gang tackled Sziraki in celebration.

But, wait, why mention garbage time then?

Normally, that's when role players or skaters who are last on the bench get their shine. Most of the time, they're in there to experience a few minutes of playoff hockey. Sometimes they'll even collect a goal or an assist.

For senior Braden Fuller, he finally got his name on the scorer's sheet for the first time as a varsity player.

Actually, the forward — it's important to emphasize what position he plays — scored twice, with both goals coming during that two-minute stretch of the second period that turned a tight game into an eventual big win.

That's right. Northville's third-liner came up with two important goals. They were needed to win the game. These weren't garbage-time scores. And they were far from gimmes.

"He's been working his butt off to get a goal," Northville coach Gordie Brown said. "For him to get two goals in one shift was fun for the rest of the players.

During that section of where we went from 2-0 to 4-0 and to 6-0, seeing him get a goal just picked up the energy on the bench."

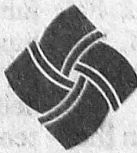
So why is this a big deal? It's because Fuller has earned every second of his playing time.

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Pinckney seniors reflect after loss to Milford

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

CHELSEA — Evan Drus stepped out of Pinckney’s dressing room by himself, still in full hockey equipment, and stared out toward the ice surface at Arctic Coliseum while the Zamboni did its laps.

In those few moments before rejoining his teammates, Drus’ Pinckney hockey career flashed through his mind.

He didn’t dwell on the negative ending, an 8-4 loss to Milford in a Division 3 regional semifinal Saturday night, but on the Pirates’ accomplishments on that sheet of ice over his three seasons.

“Just all the memories I’ve had here,” Drus said. “Just the good times with my friends, and I’ve made a lot of them.”

The Pirates won a lot, too, during the careers of Drus and Pinckney’s other 11 seniors.

A program that was 8-42-2 in the two years before the Class of 2022 began arriving on the scene went 49-45-1 over the past four seasons. This year’s 16-10 record is one of the best in program history.

“My message was to the seniors, ‘Thank you,’ ” fourth-year Pinckney coach Kenny Grundy said. “We’ve had a lot of good times, a lot of big victories and I wanted to keep everything positive, so it was an upbeat meeting. Obviously, it’s not the way we wanted it to



Pinckney’s Jackson Christopher chases a loose puck in front of Milford goalie Cooper Langley on Feb. 26 during the Pirates’ 8-4 loss in a regional semifinal.

DAN ZEPPA/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

end, but Milford was the better team to-night.”

Forwards Bennett Sheppard and Jacob Meade, and goaltender Max Lederer are the four-year players in Pinckney’s senior class.

Sheppard scored his 50th career goal to go with 74 assists in 93 games with 14:59 left in the third period.

Meade finished with 34 goals and 48 assists in 92 games, while Drus had 36 goals and 52 assists in 61 games in three seasons.

“Summer of freshman season, we didn’t start out well,” Sheppard said. “Over time, the boys figured out what they wanted to do. Grundy really helped us out. He made us work really hard and disciplined everybody my freshman year and throughout.”

A season-ending loss in the state playoffs is always the worst time of the year, but it was particularly difficult for the Pirates this season. Not only is it the final game for 11 seniors, but the Pirates were among several contenders in a

wide-open regional. They beat every team in the regional during the regular season, including a 3-1 victory over Milford on Nov. 24.

“It feels a little bit different this year, because we had a really good team,” Sheppard said. “I felt like we could have had a chance if we would’ve got there to beat Chelsea and win us a mitten for the first time in 11 years. It’s a little tough.”

Instead, it will be Milford that takes on Chelsea at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Arctic Coliseum. Milford reached a regional final for the first time since 2007.

Pinckney’s only lead came 1:12 into the game when Brendan Sullivan scored the first of his two goals.

Milford countered with four goals in a 4:33 span to take a 4-1 lead with 2:16 left in the first period.

The Pirates cut the deficit to 4-2 on Sullivan’s goal 1:35 into the second and had some great chances on a power play to get within a goal, but James Pennebaker knocked in a rebound after Jack Clickett was stopped on a breakaway shortly after the Mavericks killed the penalty.

Down 6-2 after two periods, Pinckney had a glimmer of hope when Sheppard scored on the power play at 2:01 of the third, but Milford responded with two goals to put the game out of reach. Pinckney defenseman Seth O’Neill scored with 1:42 remaining for the game’s final goal.

Battle

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Novi gave Stevenson a scare early. And it continued well into the second period.

The Spartans fought off a 5-on-3 and then Nick Sharkey threw in a rebound to put them ahead. But, fewer than 3 minutes later, Novi’s Max Kinter knotted the score by going five-hole with a shot off a faceoff.

Almost 10 minutes of the period went by before Stevenson finally relaxed.

And then it couldn’t stop scoring. Andrew Elliott, Owen Penny and Adam Heard each scored in the final 7 minutes to give Stevenson a 4-1 lead entering the next intermission.

And then Stevenson scored four more times in the third to turn an upset-special into an 8-1 win.

It took grit, and it took patience, but the Spartans pushed through past the

pesky Wildcats.

Stevenson (19-6) faced KLAA rival Canton in Wednesday’s regional final at Novi Ice Arena.

“You just want to get that first one (goal), and we got that first one. But give them credit. They came right back and got one right back and tied it up,” Mitchell said. “It’s a good, teachable moment for us and our kids. Hats off to them. They didn’t have the year they wanted to but they had one heck of an effort to-night.”

“There are still some quality players over there. Playoff hockey is such where you’re going to have bounces against you and breaks against you. You’re going to have bad situations. We got down on a 5-on-3 against, and we dug ourselves into some holes. The key is to not dig yourself into so many holes and to capitalize when you’ve got the chances.”

Brandon Folsom covers high school sports in metro Detroit for Hometown Life. Follow him on Twitter @folsom-brandonj.



Stevenson’s Charlie Ward pushes the puck forward against Novi on Feb. 25 during the Division 2 hockey regional semifinal at Novi Ice Arena.

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Goals

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For his entire life, he’s played defenseman. But he’s never cracked the varsity lineup. He’s been relegated to playing on the blue line for Northville’s JV the past three years.

Sensing that time was running out for Fuller to make the varsity, Brown asked Fuller to change positions.

Fuller didn’t hesitate. This past fall, he started learning how to play wing, and he’s been a valuable resource to the team. He hustles out there for 20- or 30-second shifts to give the starters a breather. He can put a hit on an opponent when it’s needed. He can lay out and block shots. And, most importantly, he’s the liveliest on the bench.

“He’s played defense most of his life, but he converted to forward because we were heavy on D,” Brown added. “He has a great character and is a great person. We said, ‘Your best chance to be on the varsity and getting to play is by playing forward.’ We had to convert him to forward and teach him to play wing and how to play forward. It’s taken some time, but it’s nice to see it pay off for him toward the end of his senior year. ... He cheers everyone on and works his butt off. He’s just a really good kid.”

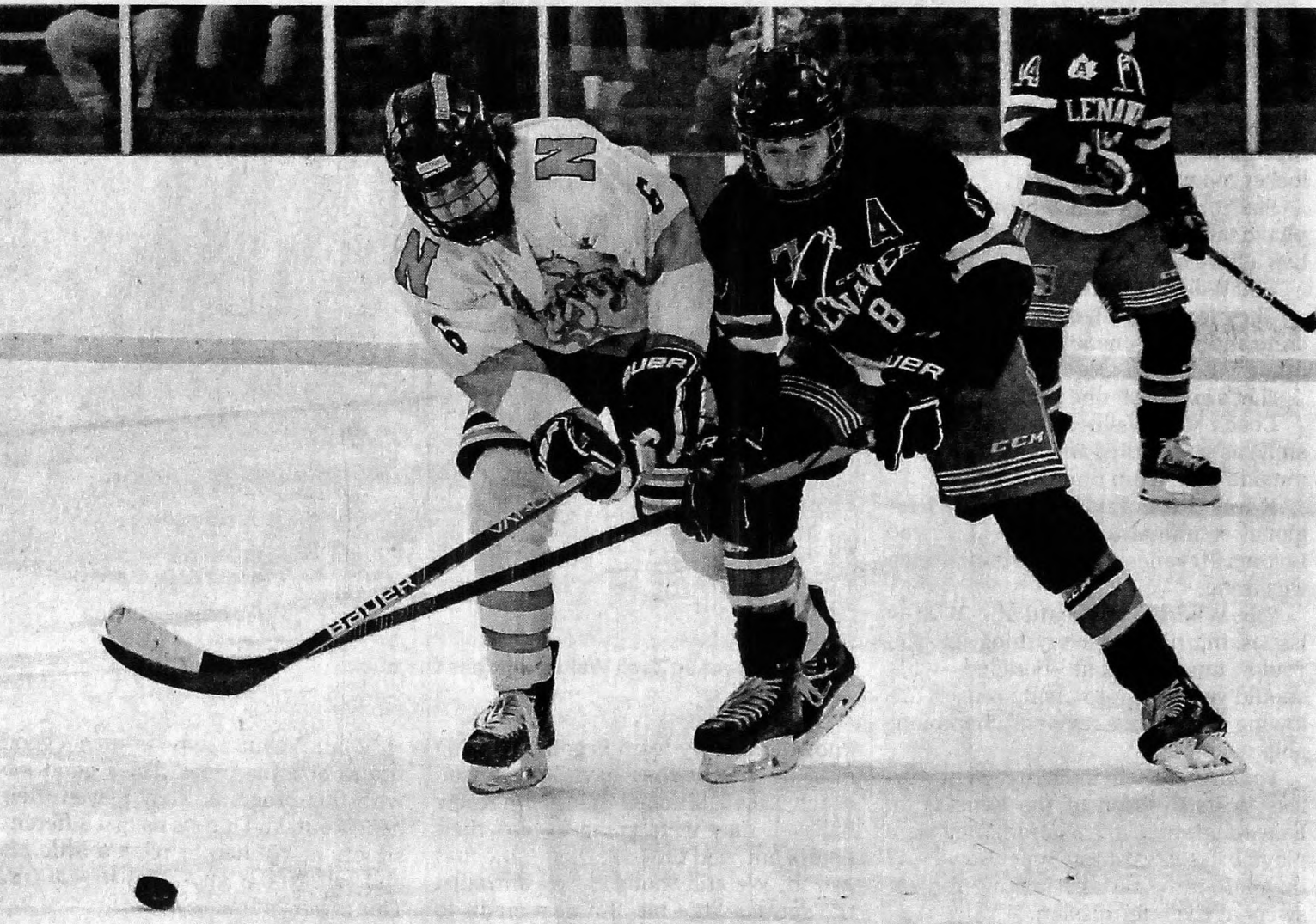
Fuller calls himself “a grinder,” which is a fitting term to describe his personality. He’s about as lunch-pail as it gets.

He’s had some experience playing forward during spring and summer league games, but it took serious dedication for him to learn his new role during training camp last fall.

When he scored his first goal, he couldn’t even think about himself. He knew what it meant for his team’s goals of advancing in the playoffs.

“Being able to put my first one on the board in a big game and help us keep rolling to, hopefully, win a regional and go on to win a state championship was pretty exciting,” the senior said.

And to score a second goal exactly 30 seconds later?



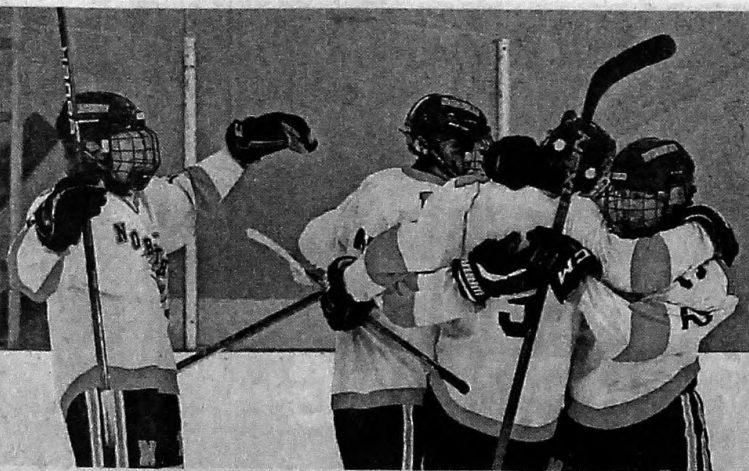
Northville’s Braden Fuller (left) battles Lenawee United’s Aldo Barba for the puck Feb. 26 during the Division 1 hockey regional semifinal. Northville had a mercy-rule victory, 8-0. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

“Any time somebody on the team scores, it’s pretty exciting,” he said. “I was just excited to see all the excitement on my teammates’ faces and be able to jump around, get big hugs and get fist bumps.”

“I play more of a grinder role, and I help bring energy. So getting on the scoring (sheet) was pretty fun.”

And no garbage time was necessary. Fuller’s effort was needed.

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Northville teammates celebrate a goal. “Any time somebody on the team scores, it’s pretty exciting,” said senior forward Braden Fuller. “... to jump around, get big hugs and get fist bumps.”

Balanced OLSM captures Catholic League title

Brad Emons Special to Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

After finishing third in the Catholic League's rugged Central Division basketball race, Orchard Lake St. Mary's acquitted itself quite nicely once the Bishop tournament started.

The Eaglets used a balanced scoring attack Saturday night to beat tournament upstart Novi Detroit Catholic Central for the third time this season, 68-48, at Eastern Michigan University's George Gervin GameAbove Center.

Four players scored in double figures as the Eaglets (15-4) earned their 11th Catholic League title in school history. Senior point guard Kareem Rozier, headed for Duquesne, led the way with 17 points, while Western Michigan-bound JaVaughn Hannah added 16.

Freshman guard Trey McKenney also did his part with 14 points, while 6-foot-7 senior center DeCorion Temple, who is headed to Central Michigan to play football, gave OLSM a lift off the bench to add 13.

OLSM, which seems to be peaking at the right time heading into the Division 1 state tourney, now earns a spot in next Friday's "Operation Friendship" game at Calihan Hall against Detroit Public School League champion Detroit King (18-1).

Trailing by 16 at the half, CC tried to make a game of it by hitting nine of 15 shots from the field while cutting the deficit to eight. But Rozier helped offset the Shamrocks' rally by scoring 11 points, including three 3-pointers to keep the Eaglets ahead 51-39 after three quarters.

McKenney made two shots to start the fourth to put the Eaglets up by 17 and the Shamrocks never got closer than 12 the rest of the way.

Freshman guard Sharod Barnes' 13-foot jumper with one second left gave St. Mary's a 17-11 advantage after one period despite the Eaglets making just seven of 18 shots from the floor.

CC made four turnovers during the opening quarter while shooting 4-for-12.

In the second, St. Mary's went on a 14-2 run to open the period, hitting five of seven shots as Hannah ignited the surge with a steal and a dunk, followed

by a 3-pointer.

Meanwhile, CC missed its first 10 shots until a basket by T.J. Nadeau (14 points) broke the drought with 2:14 remaining in the half.

Temple, who made an immediate impact with six points, made a layup with five seconds left off an assist from Rozier to put the Eaglets up 35-19 at the half as Hannah led the way with 11 points.

Catholic Central (10-8), which finished fifth in the Central, had lost twice to St. Mary's in division play, 75-64 and 81-64.

The Shamrocks got a game-high 18 points from senior forward Kam Mayes.

Catholic Central will face PSL runner-up Detroit Western (15-4) in the other "Operation Friendship" game at 6 p.m. Friday at Calihan.

Two-time defending champion Riverview Gabriel Richard kept its perfect season intact holding off a second-half charge by Clarkston Everest Collegiate, 47-43, in the Cardinal Division final at EMU.

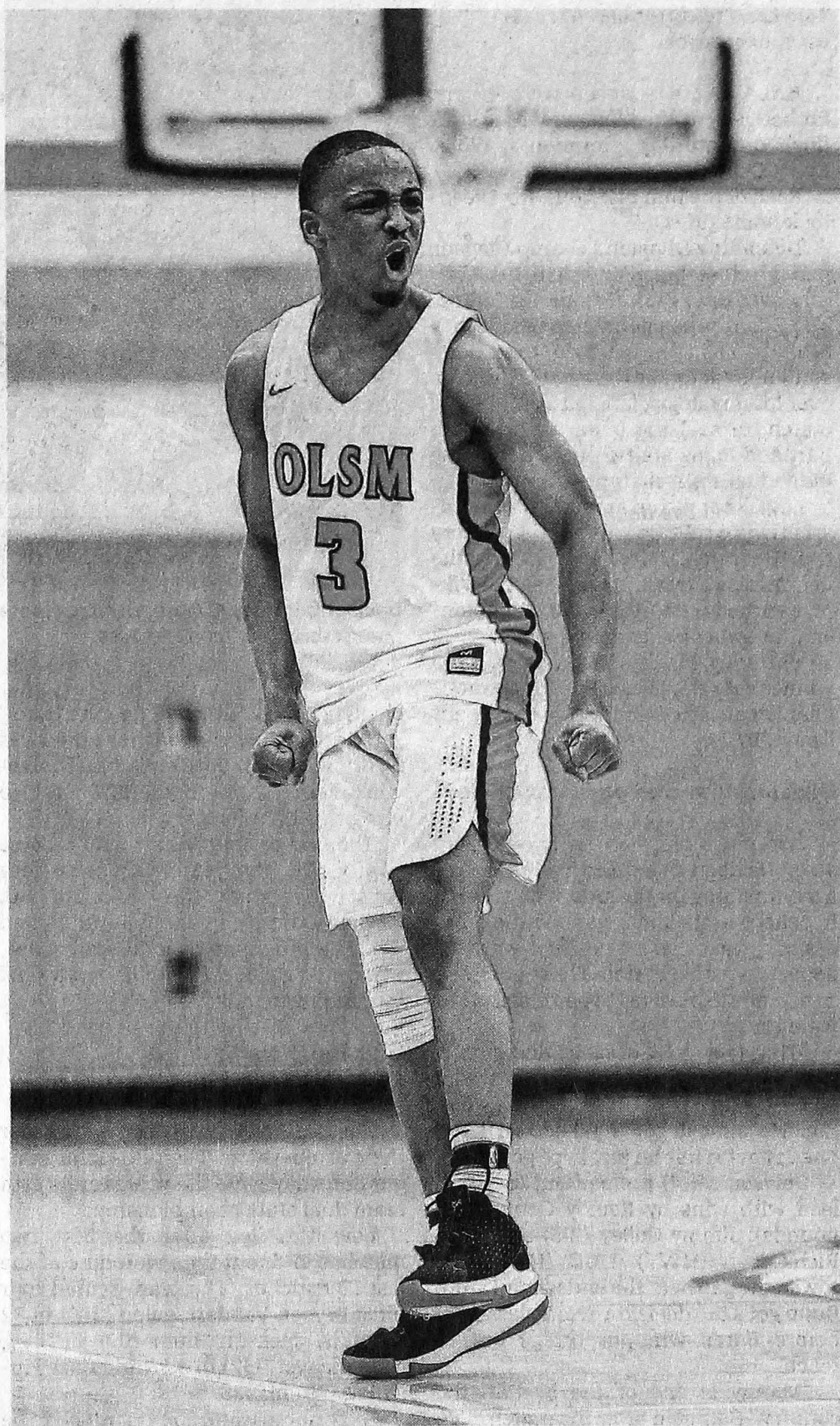
The Pirates, who led 30-19 at half-time, won their 19th straight behind 13 points apiece from senior center Michael Calhoun and freshman guard Luke Westerdale. Senior guard Cainan Harrison chipped in with 10.

The Pirates, the Intersectional 1 champs, did it without the guts of their team, senior guard Nicholas Sczezchowski, who went down with an apparent brain injury after fighting for a loose ball under the Everest basket with 3:27 left in the opening half.

Sczezchowski, the team's second-leading scorer and rebounder had scored five points. He was transported to Mott Children's Hospital and appeared conscious as he left the court on a stretcher.

"This was for Nick," Gabriel Richard coach Kris Daiek said. "My wife says you always want to leave a wrinkle in the brains of the kids, and this was the wrinkle in the brain for the kids. They're going to remember this forever. We came in at halftime and said, 'Everything is off the table. This is for him.'"

Senior guards Lucas Cross and Joey Thibodeau paced Collegiate (13-5), the Intersectional 2 champion, with 15 and 13 points, respectively.



St. Mary's guard Kareem Rozier celebrates scoring a 3-point basket against Brother Rice on Jan. 14 during the first half at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory High School in West Bloomfield Township. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

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Davison, Lowell, Dundee and Hudson claim titles

Tom Lang Special to Detroit Free Press
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KALAMAZOO – Upsets were few and far between at the team wrestling state finals on Saturday afternoon at Wings Event Center.

Each of the four divisions' No. 1 seeds took home titles.

Defending Division 1 champ Davison had the closest challenge in a 29-21 victory over Novi Detroit Catholic Central. The Shamrocks could have won if they scored a pin in the final match, but Davison junior Josh Barr got a 4-3 decision over Manny Rojas, late in the 171-pound match, to seal the team victory. Both Barr and Rojas are two-time defending individual state champions.

Lowell earned an amazing ninth consecutive Div. 2 title with a 46-16 victory over Goodrich. Dundee is chasing the Red Arrows' streak, though, as the Vikings earned their fifth Div. 3 championship in a row by defeating Alma, 55-12 on Saturday. Finally, Hudson — a 47-13 winner over New Lothrop — was triumphant again after winning three straight from 2017-19.

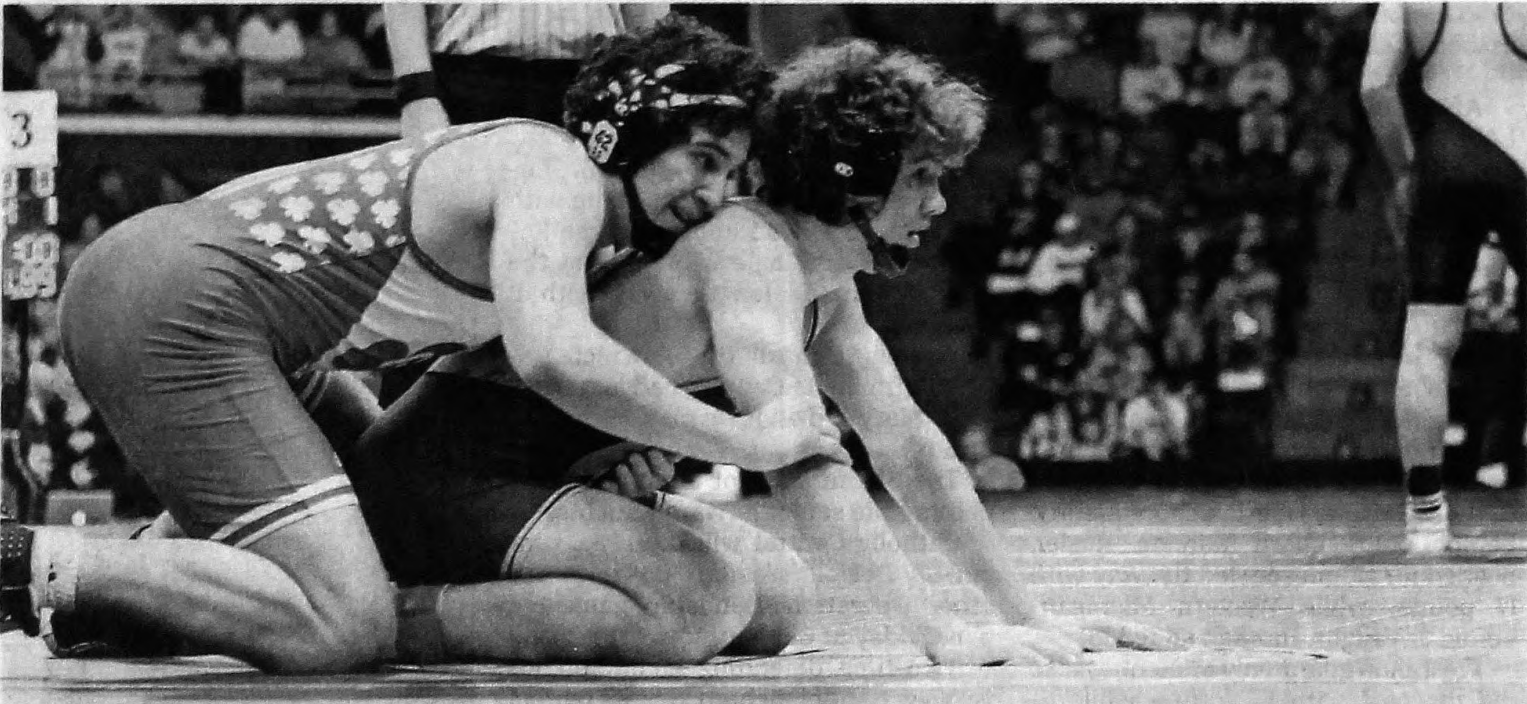
Division 1: 'A chip on our shoulder'

"We put a chip on our shoulder all year," Davison coach Zac Hall said. "It's a mental thing for the kids, who are able to believe in their ability, trust the process and trust themselves that we were going to win that match. Those guys had to extend themselves even though they were tired."

"That took a lot of heart and guts, a great match," Hall said of Barr's win. "Really, a lot of that match he was losing. He almost got a takedown here, doesn't get it but he just kept going."

Davison (19-4) jumped out to a 12-0 lead with wins by Remy Cotton (189 pounds), Jimmy Colley (215) and Zane Richardson (HWT). DCC (14-4) narrowed the gap near the end when Tatum Bunn got a 5-3 decision over Kyle White, before Barr's win put things out of reach.

"Manny is one of the best in the country," Barr said after the match. "It's an honor to even be able to step on the mat with him. It's matches like these that get me up in the morning. I like a



Davison's Remy Cotton, right, defeated Connor Bercume of Detroit Catholic Central in the 189-pound weight class. TOM LANG/SPECIAL TO DETROIT FREE PRESS

challenge, and Manny is for sure that."

The only pin recorded in the dual was in the 103 class; DCC's Nathan Walkowiak scored a fall at the 1:37 mark to bring the Shamrocks back to 12-6.

The two programs have had a fierce rivalry over the years. DCC won four consecutive state titles from 2017-20, beating Davison in the final in '17 and '20. The programs have 16 state titles, with eight apiece, since the team dual format began in 1996.

Division 2: Red Arrows fly straight with four pins

The Red Arrows just keep rolling over their competition. Their 30-point margin Saturday gave the program its 12th team dual state championship.

Lowell trailed after the first two matches, 6-5, but then won nine of the last 12 matches. The team scored four pins: Bryson Vandermeulen (285) in 32 seconds, Jackson Blum (119) in 3:44, Nate Cleaver (152) in 4:33 and Case Husiman (171) in 2:35.

"I try not to think about it much to be honest," Lowell coach RJ Boudro said about his school's ninth consecutive title. "These kids deserve it just as much

as the first ones. And really, I think that's why we have nine — we don't look at it as a streak, but more as a part of what we do."

"Honestly, to win nine in a row is absurd, especially in a sport like wrestling where you've got sickness, skin infections, injuries; all those things come into play. People take it for granted how much goes into that, and making weight, do your homework, things like that. It's hard to do that nine tournaments in a row, yet alone nine seasons."

Goodrich (31-3) has been the runner-up to Lowell (23-3) three times in four seasons.

Division 3: Dundee's big comeback

Dundee started out in a 9-0 hole after Alma's Jacob Munger (189 pounds) won and Adam Garcia (215) earned a pin in 1:22. But the Vikings won 11 of the last 12 matches to earn their fifth consecutive team title.

Dundee scored seven pins: Kaiden Hubbell (HWT) in 30 seconds, Ashton Viers (103) in 14 seconds, Kyle Smith (119) in 1:26, Braeden David (125) at the 3:22 mark, Logan Sander (140) at 3:02, Aiden Davis (152) in 1:47 and Casey Swi-

derski (171) at 2:49.

Head coach Tim Roberts said the five titles "are each their own challenge, and it's a new challenge every time. So, this one is just as special as the first one. We came in with five state champs returning, so we knew we could be good. But they were all 152 (pounds) and below. So we had to figure out how to spread it out to make a complete lineup with a bunch of green guys from there on up."

Division 4: Hudson pride

Clinton was the best in Div. 4 the past two years, beating Hudson and New Lothrop, respectively, but moved up to Div. 3 this season.

That left the two past runners-up to battle to the end, as they had so many times before: Hudson won five straight in 2009-2013, followed by three New Lothrop state titles in 2014-16, then three more by Hudson.

"These kids earned this title, I mean they worked so hard," Hudson head coach Scott Marry said. "I'm very proud of them winning a state title in football then putting it all together for us here. And I'm not kidding you, they're going to be not too bad in baseball."

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NOTICE OF SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

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The repair program will require the replacement of any 4", 6", and 8" depth sidewalk determined to be defective per the township sidewalk ordinance. At this meeting, a resolution to require the sidewalk repairs in 2022 will be considered by the township board and any public questions or concerns on the sidewalk program may be voiced. If your property is found to have sidewalk defects needing repairs, you will receive a letter from the township with information on the program and the estimated costs for the sidewalk repairs on your property. For any questions regarding the program, please call the township engineer at (248) 844-6279 or email sidewalks@plymouthtwp.org.

Jerry Vorva
Plymouth Township Clerk

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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.)

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

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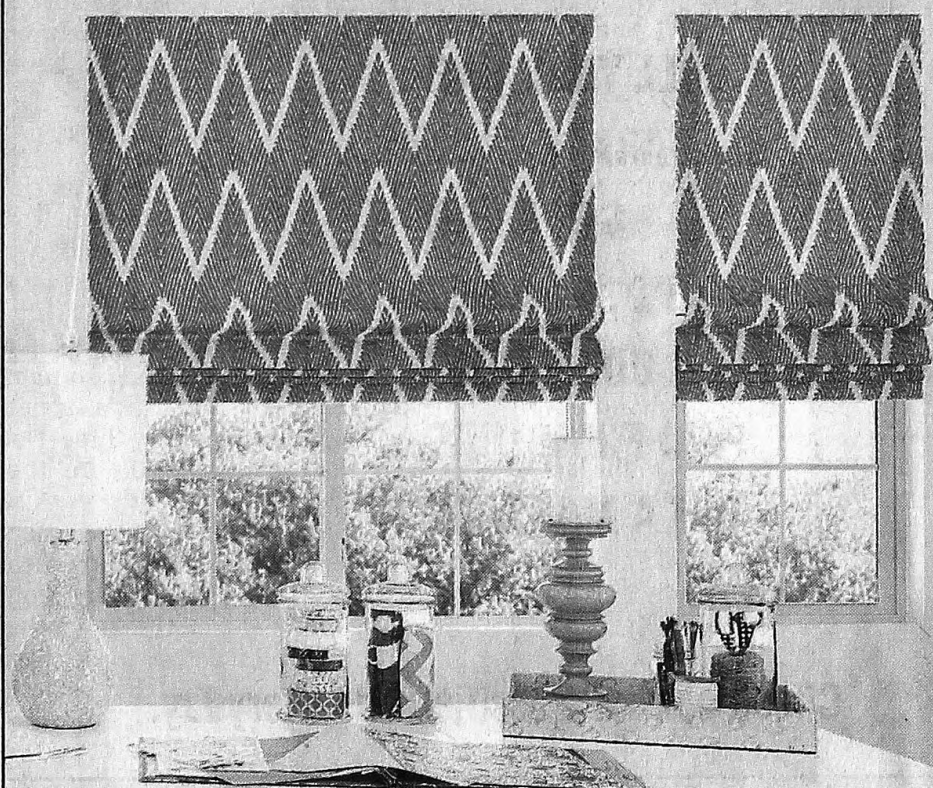
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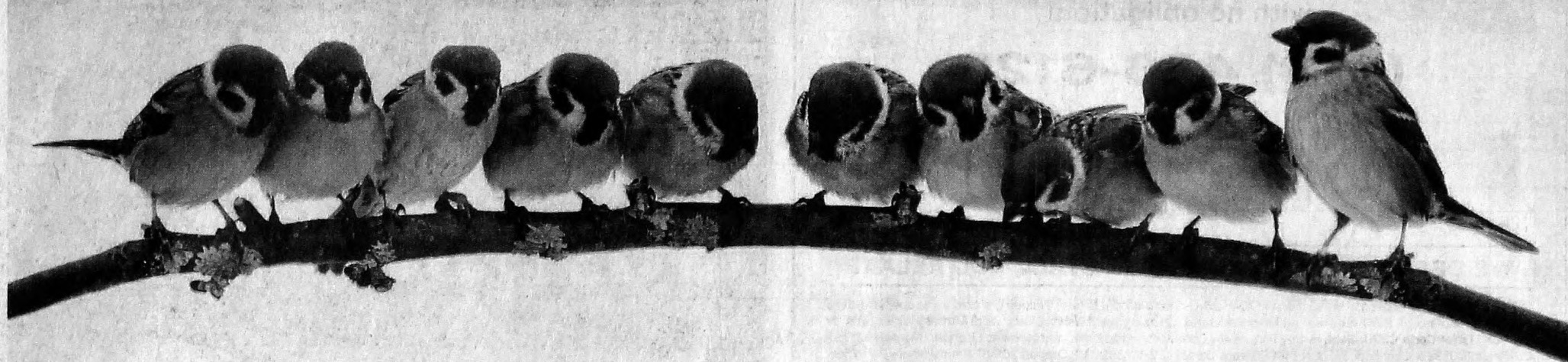
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1 Grappler, backwoods-style

8 Skylit courts

13 Astronaut Wally

20 "The Stranger Beside Me" true-crime writer

21 Flowers in the iris family

22 Some sweatshirts

23 Swift warship for law enforcement?

25 Finales

26 Makes mother's milk

27 Comic Radner

29 "How about that!"

30 Lugosi of "The Raven"

33 Hefty books

34 Defectively built flat-bottomed boat?

36 Pumpkin's color

38 Resident of Tehran

40 Makes a choice

41 Light, speedy boat transporting Oreos?

45 Just barely

48 Indian state known for silk

49 United

50 In a smoothly elegant way

53 Neon, e.g.

56 French mime master

59 High-sterned ship orbiting Earth?

61 "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" star Andy

65 Central Canadian tribe

67 Upscale hotel

68 Small combo

69 Discovering a sharp-bowed rowboat?

74 Safe, at sea

75 Do a tally of

77 "Get what I'm sayin', man?"

78 Zealous

80 Paint a passenger ship?

83 Soapmaking solution

86 Auditing org.

87 Message on a tombstone

89 Kabuki sash

90 Enthusiasm

95 Prison, in London

96 Very fast ship decorated with shrubbery?

99 Coll. reunion attendee

102 Father Sarducci of old 3-Down

104 Quick-witted

105 Racing boat with lots of mollusks attached?

109 Fill with joy

113 Lyric verses

114 Billiards stick

115 They make up molecules

116 Abstruse

118 Reproductive organs

120 Sub-sinking ship full of aquariums?

125 Lay aside

126 Bert's pal

127 Introductions

128 In clothes

129 Actors O'Neal and Reynolds

130 Says "OK"

DOWN

1 Jay-Z's music

2 Year, in Portugal

3 NBC skit show, in brief

4 Indian Ocean island nation

5 — Brasi (role in "The Godfather")

6 One voted in

7 Book page opposite a verso

8 Severe

9 Samples something

10 Singer Diana

11 With 13-Down, thick glacial mass along a polar shore

12 BB shooter

13 See 11-Down

14 Magazine publisher

15 Wannabe surfer

16 Exiled Amin

17 Key into a cash register

18 Acting king

19 Good traits

24 He-sheep

28 "— may be so bold ..."

30 — Raton

31 Lovers' deity

32 Neighbor of Thailand

34 Clayey fertilizer

35 Herd of seals

37 "— a break!"

39 Gave a new interior design to

42 Welsh canine

43 Mom's bro

44 Ball supporter

45 Org. for cavity fillers

46 Doc's warm treatment

47 "For" votes

51 Like thrift store goods

52 — facto

53 Sly deception

54 Prices to play

55 Variety of trapshooting

57 Spot's noise

58 Etching liquid

60 Husband of Eva Perón

61 Actress Keanan

62 Enthusiasm

63 Gold-fancying king

64 Boxers' event

66 Waffle brand

70 No, to Nikita

71 Torres with 12 Olympic swimming medals

72 Antique item

73 "Hooray!"

76 "Guilty" or "not guilty"

79 Onetime TV host Philbin

81 Debut on Wall St.

82 Zippo

84 Woofing pet

85 Actor Vigoda

88 Olympic skier Mahre

91 Meeting building regulations

92 Tater

93 Head, in Metz

94 Mining strikes

95 Big inits. in SUVs

97 Certain deer leather

98 Hamlet's duel opponent

99 Peace treaty

100 Shutter piece

101 Fidgetiness

102 Valuable rock

103 Long, loose outerwear

106 Nitpickers split them

107 Olympic skier Mahre

108 Sprayed, with "down"

110 Mining strikes

111 Downed

112 Electric car producer

116 Sicilian resort city

117 Investments for later yrs.

119 Home: Abbr.

121 Suffix with budget

122 — and yang

123 Doc for head colds

124 Blog feed format inits.

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

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

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