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John Johnson outside of his Rusty Nail Lounge at 43845 Ford Road in Canton. Johnson says the planned expansion of Ford Road, at right, might cost him the business that's been in his family for 45 years. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Road projects have residents and business owners worried

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The distance from the front door of Canton Township's iconic Rusty Nail Lounge to the curb that lines ultra-busy Ford Road is roughly the length of an indoor shuffleboard table, which worries the business's longtime owner John Johnson.

Johnson isn't planning on placing a gaming table in front of his landmark venue that has been run by his family since 1976; his concern is rooted in the Michigan Department of Transportation's steadily-approaching Ford Road boulevard project, which will require widening the roadway's existing footprint.

"What am I going to do if the sidewalk

and easement in front of my building is taken (for the widening project)?," Johnson asked. "Will I have to bulldoze the building and sell the property at a reduced cost than what it'd go for now?"

"This place has survived a lot of adversity — when my dad (Russell

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## Slows Bar BQ starts select delivery plan

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Western Wayne County residents no longer need to drive all the way to Corktown if they're craving a Slows Bar BQ pulled pork sandwich.

The iconic Detroit barbecue restaurant has brought many of its classic dishes to a new ghost kitchen station in Westland and has partnered with DoorDash to have them delivered to area homes.

Terry Perrone, one of the restaurant's co-owners, said they see plenty of customers coming from that part of Wayne County and began looking at a way to bring their food west, especially in the colder months.

"We know that through catering bookings that we've done, food truck

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## Wayne police seeking man suspected of killing sisters

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Two sisters are dead, and law enforcers continue to search for the man they suspect used a 9mm handgun to shoot them multiple times.

Wayne police provided an update, saying that they arrived at the sisters' Niagara Street apartment at about 9:15 p.m. Jan. 5 because of a 911 call.

First responders pronounced Dominique Parchmon, 30, dead at the

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## Emerson student who threatened racial violence out of classes

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

After a video surfaced of a Livonia Emerson Middle School student brandishing what appeared to be a firearm and using racial slurs, school officials

sent a letter to families Jan. 7 saying they're taking the matter seriously.

Emerson Principal Kevin English and Assistant Principal Lindsay Rousseau said the video in question is a year old, and local police have confirmed the weapon the student is holding is not ca-

pable of discharging bullets.

The Emerson student who took the video claims he's going to use the gun — which is fake — to kill Black people and uses a racial slur. The student does not threaten violence against the school or district.

The video had been circulating online for several days, causing concern among community members.

Administrators called the rhetoric "appalling and reprehensible."

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# Macchiato and more at new Canton coffee shop

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Ever since north Canton Township got a coffee house, Maggie Lourdes can't keep away.

The Canton resident and coffee aficionado said she makes a trek nearly every day to Coffee Haus, the new shop that opened last fall in the Coventry Commons shopping center at Morton Taylor and Joy roads.

"This is the best cappuccino I've ever had," she said. "Literally, I drink a cappuccino every day, whether it's Starbucks or another restaurant. And when I tried this, it was literally the best cappuccino."

Coffee Haus is the brainchild of Lindita Dervishi, who opened the shop at 43407 Joy around Halloween. Dervishi came to the United States in the early 2000s from her native Albania, where her mother ran a coffee shop when she was younger. With a background in business, she immigrated to the U.S. and began working a range of jobs, working at banks and even waiting tables at Sam's Place restaurant in Livonia.

"I grew up helping her and I went to business school back home, so my degree is in business accounting," she said. "I came to America doing different kinds of jobs."

Wanting to go on her own, the Canton resident began looking around for a spot to open a shop. That's when she found the vacant storefront in the shopping center. With family helping out, she opened Coffee Haus after several months of renovations, serving up classic coffee drinks.

Dervishi said she wants to transform the space into a place where the entire family can find something they like. So she's added ice cream for Novi's own Guernsey Farms Dairy. There's even a taste of her home country on the menu: salep, a popular option in Albania made with hot milk that has a rich flavor, along with some other items from Albania.

Having those products, a rarity in other coffee shops, has made others feel a bit more at home when they see it on the menu.

"Many Albanians come here too, and they are excited when they saw the product from our country," she said.

The shop is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.



Linda Dervishi, owner of Coffee Haus in Canton, begins to prepare an espresso for a customer Jan. 5.  
JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Westland woman dies in single-vehicle crash on Newburgh Road

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A 58-year-old Westland woman died in a single-vehicle crash Saturday along Newburgh Road in the nearby city of Wayne.

Wayne officers reported that they received a report of the crash on Newburgh Road, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Glenwood Road, at about 3:49 p.m. Jan. 8.

The driver was taken to a local hospital, where she died from her injuries.

A preliminary investigation indicates drugs and alcohol were not contributing factors.

No other information was available.

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## Westland City Council votes to retain leadership, attorney

Courtesy of City of Westland

On Monday, Jan. 3, the Westland City Council voted to retain Councilman James Hart as the council president and Councilman Michael Londeau as the

council president pro tem.

Both Hart and Londeau began their service on city council in 2018 and were appointed by their colleagues as council president and council president pro tem in

2020, respectively.

Additionally, James Fausone of Fausone, Bohn LLP has been reappointed to serve as the city attorney. Fausone has served as city attorney since 2009.

Westland City Council also voted to appoint long time Westland resident Tim Furlong as a member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term, set to expire January 3, 2025.

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## Canton woman wins \$25K a year for life

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A Canton woman's special set of lottery numbers finally came through for her in a big way.

Brenda Walker, 77, recently played her numbers, made up of birth dates and other special dates, on the Michigan Lottery's Lucky for Life game.

Her ticket matched the five white balls drawn Nov. 27 — 2-6-7-11-19, according to the Michigan Lottery, and won her \$25,000 a year for life.

Walker told the Michigan Lottery she's played the numbers for years.

"Every night after the drawing I call the winning numbers hotline and check my ticket," she told the Michigan Lottery. "When the

numbers were read off, I recognized them right away and had to press the repeat option a few times to make sure I was hearing right.

"When it finally sank in, I jumped up in excitement and was filled with a warm, happy, and excited feeling. I am so thankful for this prize."

She purchased her ticket at the Canton Mini Mart located at 42421 Cherry Hill Road in Canton and opted to receive the winnings as a one-time, lump sum payment of \$390,000 instead of annuity payments of \$25,000 for 20 years or life, whichever is greater.

She plans to use the money to buy a new car.

At right, Brenda Walker's winning Lucky for Life ticket. PROVIDED BY MICHIGAN LOTTERY

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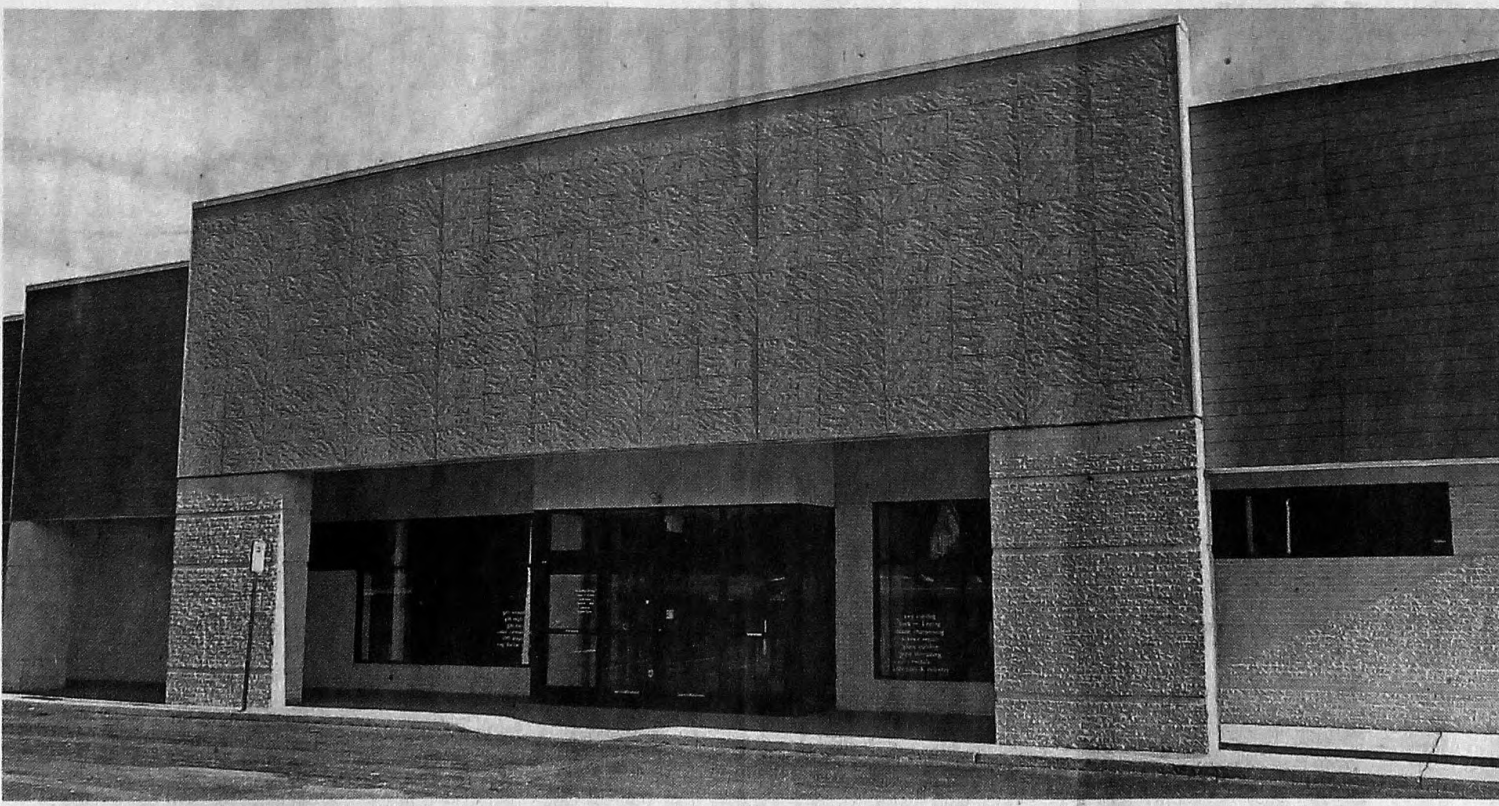
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The empty building at 22104 Novi Road. The site used to house a hardware store years ago. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Places of worship approved for Oak Pointe Plaza in Novi

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Impact Church is relocating into the Oak Pointe Plaza in Novi with the unanimous blessing of the city council.

The congregation of about 75-100 members will worship in 9,000 square feet of space in a building with 20,500 total square feet at 22104 Novi Road after the council approved an amendment Dec. 20 for uses in the plaza.

David Landry, speaking on behalf of Impact Church and Rev. David John during the council meeting, noted that the property was unique: After a 1988 lawsuit, a consent judgment limited uses to B-1 local businesses plus restaurants.

"The only consistent use since 1988 is the CVS," Landry said. "My client bought a third building and spent considerable money to fix the exterior with city permits. A year and a half ago, you approved an instructional center and

indoor recreation facility and then COVID hit and that project didn't go through."

The formerly-approved use would have been more intense with up to 300 children using the facility, and open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days a week and Sundays noon to 6 p.m.

Impact Church will be open only on Sundays with plenty of parking and no adverse effects on nearby businesses or significant detriments to area traffic, Landry said.

City planners had recommended approval for places of worship to be an allowed use in the plaza, as long as the facility spaces are under 10,000 square feet.

Nova Oak Properties, owner of the building which has a total of 20,500 square feet, will lease 9,000 square feet to Impact Church. The facility will include an auditorium with stage, office, two rooms for children's services, two rooms for specialized and volunteer

team services, a lobby and restrooms. The lease space has been vacant for more than 13 years.

Impact Church, according to its website, began in 1996 in Jacksonville, Florida, by native Detroiters George and April Davis, who had "a bold vision to spread the Gospel across seven cities in Florida."

That vision expanded with churches subsequently founded in Georgia, Maryland, Texas, Virginia, and Peru.

In September 2020, Impact Church came to Novi, with David and Grace John as lead pastors and 90-minute gatherings "filled with great music and a relevant and inspiring message from the Bible."

The church's mailing address is 39555 Orchard Hill Place, Suite 600.

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# South Lyon High student arrested after threat found on messaging app

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A 15-year-old South Lyon High School student was arrested Tuesday after police accused the teen of using Snapchat to say it was "time for Columbine Part 2" at his school.

According to Oakland County Sheriff's deputies, the New Hudson resident was removed from class, searched before meeting with the school resource deputy, school officials and his parents Jan. 4.

He was then taken into custody. Authorities said they had found in his backpack a handwritten note expressing his dislike for the school and school sporting activities.

"I have said, and we will continue to say that anyone making a threat will be investigated and held accountable," Sheriff Michael Bouchard said in a release. "It is completely unacceptable to threaten schools and it will not be tolerated."

A hearing for the student happened Jan. 5 at Oakland County Children's Village.


He was then released to his parents' custody but ordered to wear a tether. His next court date is Jan 19.

A sheriff's deputy assigned to the school and school officials learned of the threat from their Pittsfield Township and Saline High School counterparts, who said they had learned of a Snapchat threat from a South Lyon student's account.

The accused student apparently used profanity in the message while saying he did not like the school's teachers or students.

The message closed with a smiling face emoji, the sheriff's office said.

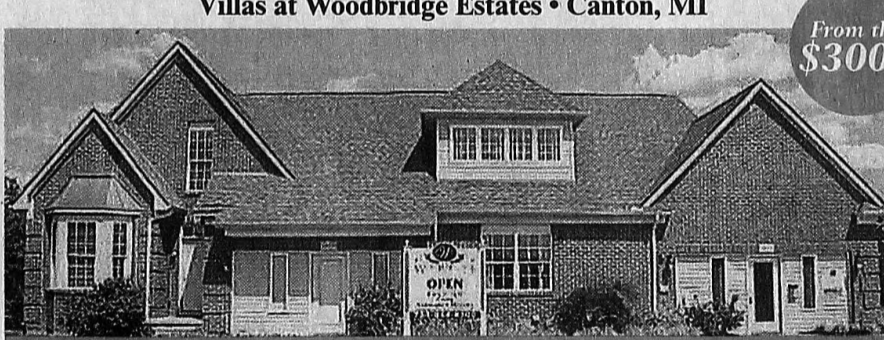
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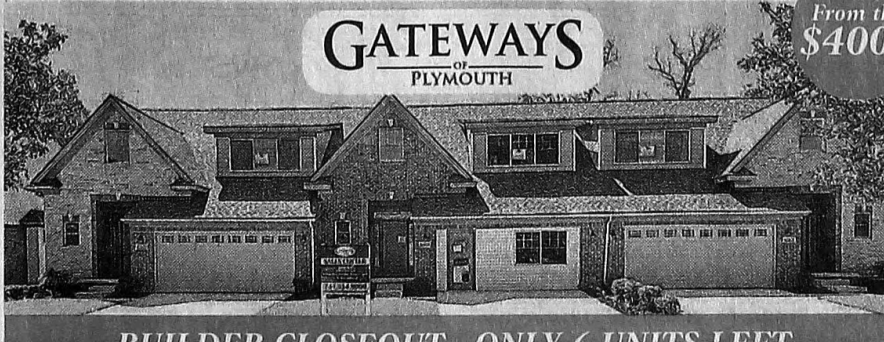
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# Vegan chef dishes up plant-based dining for Lyon Twp. library program

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When Valerie Wilson decided to become a vegan, she went cold turkey, no pun intended.

But while for nearly three decades she has lived a lifestyle that shuns consumption of any animal products, she doesn't shun those who don't.

Wilson, a Westland resident and owner of macrobiotics business MacroVal, simply welcomes all to give it a try and experience what a healthier way of eating can do.

"After you stop eating (meat and other animal-derived products), it doesn't taste good," Wilson said. "Your taste buds change; they really do.

"A misconception is that other people think we are always judging them, and I could care less what someone else eats," she said. "I will teach you about healthy whole foods.

"A lot of people think 'there's that vegan and they are judging me.' They think vegans are crazy judgmental people. I don't care."

Wilson is celebrating her 25th year teaching vegan cooking, and she will instruct chefs 6-7 p.m., Jan. 20 on how to cook Millet with Sweet Vegetable Stew at Lyon Township Public Library, 27005 Milford Road.

Registration is required on the library website. Both in-person and virtual options are available.

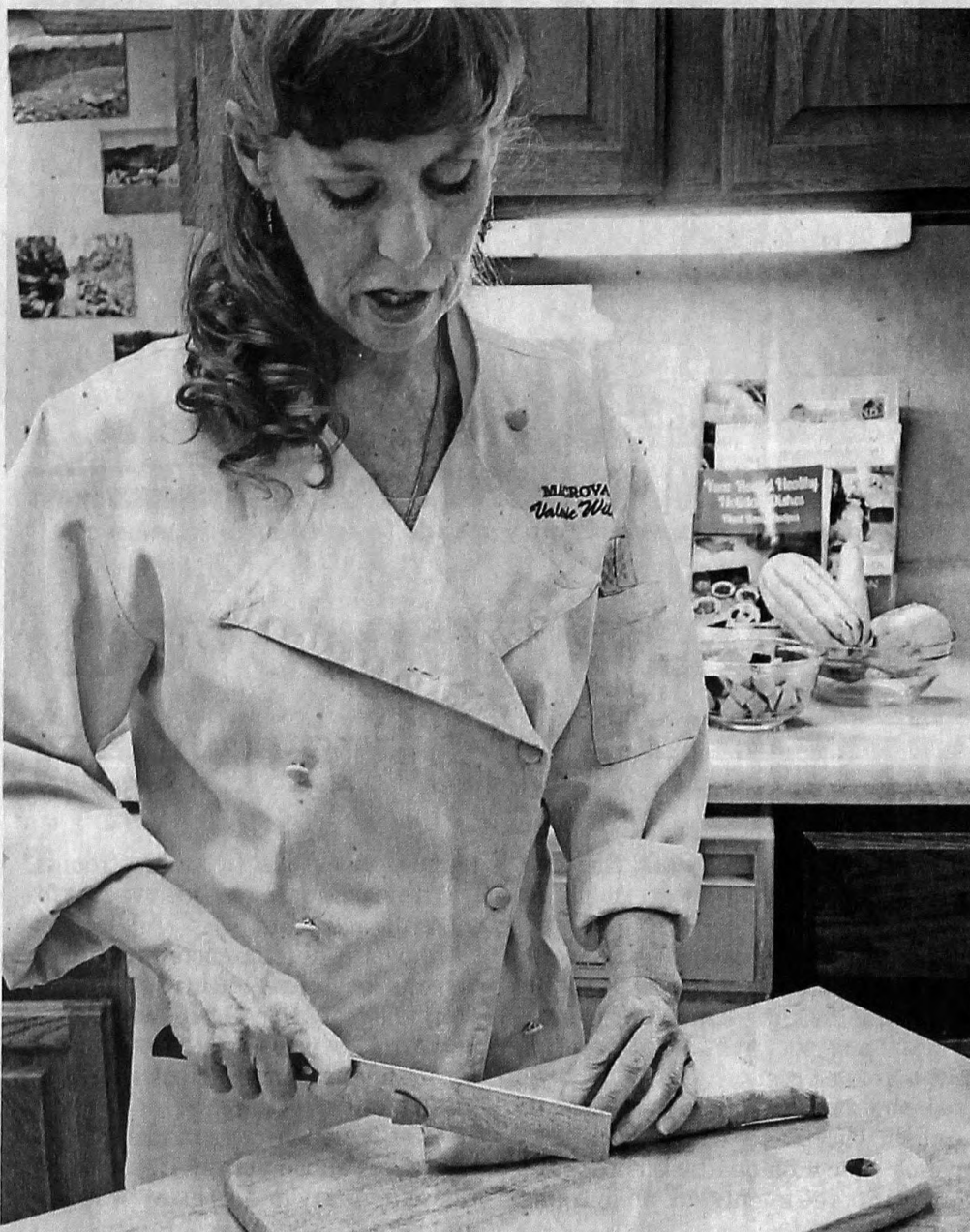
The author of five vegan cookbooks became a vegan in 1993 after reading "Diet for a New America" by John Robbins, a former heir to the Baskin-Robbins ice cream empire.

A blurb for the book states that it draws "a clear line connecting America's factory farm system with disease, animal cruelty, and ecological crises."

Her final step is to learn how to tastefully make plant-based dishes, which are delicious when seasoned and cooked properly.

"These are different ingredients with a different way to cook and a different way to flavor so they taste good," she said. "I think the cooking classes are valuable and important."

She has learned to make new dishes like fig bars to replace the Fig Newtons she loved as a kid and mochi macaroni and cheese, which is vegan friendly.



Chef Valerie Wilson chops up some carrots to add to a vegan vegetable stew at her Westland home Jan. 7. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Thirty years after she gave them up, Wilson said she doesn't crave or miss meat, eggs or real cheese.

"After you stop eating it, it doesn't taste good. Your taste buds change, they really do," she said.

She also doesn't miss the eczema or allergies she suffered from before she made the change to a macrobiotic, whole foods diet.

She no longer has pain in her knees or other joints and has more energy than anyone she knows.

Wilson said a common misconception

is that a vegan diet lacks protein. She gets plenty of protein, found in nearly everything she eats from beans and lentils to tofu, tempe, and mushrooms, as well as her many vegetables.

Another misconception, she adds, is that it is expensive to live with a vegan diet.

It's not if you're truly cooking and not buying frozen packaged meals or eating at a restaurant regularly. Wilson advises purchasing large bags of non-perishable brown rice, quinoa or millet, along with fresh vegetables.

## Tips for trying a vegan lifestyle

Wilson encourages anyone wanting to adopt a vegan lifestyle to read a book or watch a film about factory farming.

She also recommends:

**Start eating brown rice (and other whole grains).** "The first thing I tell my students to start them on a journey of eating healthy is, 'Eat brown rice, eat brown rice, eat brown rice,'" Wilson said. "Start a pot, and just eat it. ... Whole grains and complex carbs give your body energy and digests slowly. All of our ancestors, no matter where you came from, ate this. Most people are starved for whole grains and complex carbs." Dieters often think carbohydrates are the enemy, she added, but that would be simple carbohydrates, not the complex carbohydrates full of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants.

**Stop eating white sugar.** Inspect labels, Wilson advised, since white sugar is "in everything." Ending consumption of this simple carb will cut inflammation and increase energy levels.

**Choose a month to try being vegan.** Wilson says to pick any consecutive 30-day span to go without meat and dairy. She guarantees a better overall feeling at the end, if packaged processed food is also eliminated.

**Attend a vegan cooking class.** For example, Wilson's class is 6-7 p.m., Jan. 20 at Lyon Township Public Library, 27005 Milford Road.

In the end, cost savings are realized with better health and a decrease in medical bills.

"Food is medicine and it evens out when you don't have to take prescription drugs," she said. "If you put your money toward healthy food and consider the investment in health, you're not spending more money."

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# South Lyon magician attempts to befuddle Penn & Teller

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After years of performances, magician Jonathon LaChance was at ease befuddling audiences that numbered in the hundreds.

But he was about to take to a Las Vegas stage in an attempt to baffle just two customers, world-renowned magic duo Penn & Teller, his toughest crowd ever.

"I've done shows with 5,000 people, and I walk out on stage and I'm never nervous," LaChance, a Green Oak Township resident and 2014 South Lyon High School graduate, said. "But... I was going to perform in front of my two biggest role models."

The moment of nerves passed as he walked out and saw his idols and got to work on his single trick, taped for the duo's CW show, "Penn & Teller: Fool Us."

The episode will air at 8 p.m., Jan. 14 on the CW, and streams the day after on the network's website.

"I was nervous, but walked on stage and saw them and was ready to do what I had practiced my whole life," LaChance recalls of his moment to shine on the show which casts a positive spotlight on the world of magic.

LaChance's future could not have been predicted when he first tried his hand at magic at the age of 9 after receiving a set as a gift.

He hated it and threw it away.

But a year later, LaChance was back at it after his father taught him a card trick he had learned himself from a magician.

By the time he was 13, he was performing magic tricks in street shows on Mackinac Island and earning money through tips. At 16, he was making \$100 bills disappear, escaping strait jackets, and eating fire, "against his parents' better judgment," he laughs.

LaChance has benefited from many mentors along the way who he says helped drive his career. Prior to the pandemic, he was performing 500 shows per year across the Midwest, often at fairs, and even traveling the world. He



Illusionist Jonathan LaChance performs a trick in the South Lyon High School theater in 2020. The magician appeared on the CW television show "Penn and Teller: Fool Us" last summer. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

has found his destiny, and literally true love — meeting his fiancée and assistant Jazmine Hesselgesser, in the world of magic.

Creating the magic takes a lot of time, practice, and persistence, LaChance said, as well as a narrowed focus.

"One of my mentors told me a good show is when you almost seem like you're sleeping and don't have to think about what you do next," he said.

He compares his shows to a roller coaster ride with impactful tricks, including reading minds, card tricks, lot-

tery predictions and a rope trick that is quite visual. He puts in his own individual twists to add his own personality and loves the wonder that the tricks invoke in audiences.

"A lot of people think magic is gimmicks, and I want them to watch the show and say they have no idea how that was done, that it doesn't make sense," LaChance said.

Did he accomplish that with Penn & Teller?

LaChance can't reveal the outcome of his trick he calls "Cereal Surprise," and

in which he called on the show's host, Alyson Hannigan, to assist.

Whether he fooled them or not remains to be seen, but he reveals he did accomplish a goal he shared with Penn & Teller: to cast a positive spotlight on magic, the reach of which goes far beyond the stage.

"This is my dream job, because I get to make people smile and laugh," LaChance said. "In short, they forget their problems in life and have fun with a group of strangers. That is the part that makes me happy."



The Slows Bar BQ truck parked at Cherry Hill Village in Canton last year. The restaurant now operates as a ghost kitchen in Westland, selling several dishes by delivery only two days a week. Those interested in placing an order can do so by visiting [doordash.com](https://doordash.com). COURTESY OF MICHAEL SIEGRIST

## Delivery

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bookings that we've done," he said. "We were looking for something in the winter to kind of take the place of our food truck.

"That was the real driving motivation."

That's when they worked with Marquis Food Service about using some of their space at John Hix and Cherry Hill in Westland. Slows Bar BQ will operate in their kitchen on Wednesdays and Thursdays for the foreseeable future.

Many of the classics offered at other

Slows Bar BQ restaurants will be available in the new ghost kitchen, including baby back ribs, macaroni and cheese and The Reason, a pulled pork sandwich bathed in Slows North Carolina style sauce and topped with coleslaw and dill pickles. Perrone said it's possible other items could join the menu in the future, including "semi-retired" dishes not typically seen at the restaurants.

Unlike the other Slows locations in Detroit and Grand Rapids, those looking to order food from the Westland kitchen can only do so by delivery via DoorDash. The delivery area can range with several factors, Perrone said, and is set by DoorDash, not Slows. He said it appears customers will be able to order from parts of

several surrounding communities for delivery, including Westland, Wayne, Canton Township, Plymouth and part of Livonia. Those delivery areas could vary and customers are advised to check the website by entering their address and seeing if delivery is available to them.

Ghost kitchens have become a popular option the last two years with the COVID-19 pandemic. The concept involves a restaurant's kitchen cooking food it normally wouldn't serve and making it available for pickup or delivery. Other ghost kitchens have operated in the area in recent years, including Guy Fieri's Flavortown Kitchen, which operates as a delivery kitchen in Livonia.

This isn't the first time Slows has brought its food to western Wayne County: the restaurant parked its food truck in Canton's Cherry Hill Village last summer for several weeks.

Perrone said he's unsure how long Slows could operate in Westland. It will all depend on how the kitchen does in the days it's open in the future.

"I don't know if we have an end date in mind with it," he said. "It's probably too early to draw any conclusions."

Those interested in placing an order can do so by visiting [doordash.com](https://doordash.com).

Contact reporter David Veselenak at [dveselenak@hometownlife.com](mailto:dveselenak@hometownlife.com) or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.



A full hallway of face-masked Emerson Middle School students fills the hallway just before 8 a.m. on Sept. 7. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Student

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"We believe strongly that we, as a district, have a responsibility to respond to racism, discriminatory language, and hateful acts toward anyone in our schools," the letter reads.

Given the recent tragedy at Oxford High School, in which a high school student is charged with killing four classmates and injured others, administrators said the district is taking the video seriously even though it's a year old.

"We want to assure you that this student is not currently in the building, and we will continue to follow our procedures to ensure that he is not a threat to

others. Please know that the Livonia Police Department, our district's administrator of public safety, school and district administrators and our mental health professionals have been involved since we first heard of this disturbing video," the letter reads.

English and Rousseau said they're committed to keeping Emerson students safe.

"We are all too aware of how this video and this student's actions have only added to our students' and community's fears. We remain committed to providing a safe, welcoming school environment for each of our students, staff and families and we thank you for your partnership."

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## Police

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scene. Her younger sister Shyanna Hall, 18, was taken to an area hospital, where she later died.

Police say the investigation indicates an argument escalated when the older sister's boyfriend of several years shot them.

He apparently drove away in his girlfriend's black 2006 Dodge Charger still armed with a handgun.

The vehicle was later abandoned and then found in Ypsilanti Township, near

Michigan Avenue and Hewitt Road.

Two days after the shooting, neighbors at the complex did not want to talk about the shooting or said that they knew little because they were working when it happened and did not know the victims.

Wayne police, state troopers and members of the U.S. Marshals Service fugitive apprehension team are investigating.

To offer helpful information, call the marshals at 313-202-6458 or Wayne's detective bureau at 734-721-1598 or email Detective Lt. Finley Carter at [fcarter@cityofwayne.com](mailto:fcarter@cityofwayne.com) with any information.

## Obituaries

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**Catherine (Cay) M. McCarthy**

- - Catherine (Cay) Mary McCarthy, PLEASE NOTE UPDATED SERVICE TIMES. Visitation on Friday, January 7th from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. with a rosary 6:00 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak, Michigan. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at Gesu Catholic Church, 17180 Oak Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48221, on Saturday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m. Internment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan.

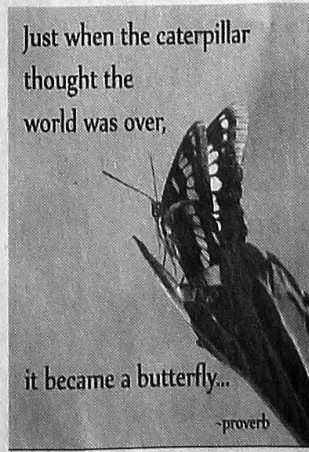
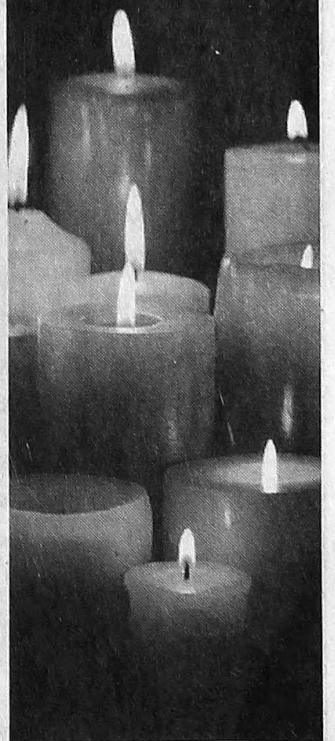
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**Vanetta "Happi" Truan**

PLYMOUTH - Truan, Vanetta "Happi" January 7, 2022; age 73 of Plymouth. Loving wife of the late Mark. Former wife of Dale Merritt. Beloved mother of Michelle Merritt. "Happi" was an extraordinary, and remarkable person, who touched many many lives to the fullest, she will be truly missed by all who knew her, including Stella. Funeral Services were handled by the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home in Plymouth. Interment United Memorial Gardens. To share a memory please visit [vermeulenfh.com](https://vermeulenfh.com)

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David Doehler's home at 19660 Beck Road sits close enough to the busy thoroughfare that a proposed plan to widen Beck to five lanes would create setback issues for the Northville Township resident. COURTESY OF GOOGLE MAPS



Keith and Debi Craig give their orders to Rusty Nail Lounge employee Melissa Rich after the business reopened following an extended COVID-19-related shutdown in August 2020. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Projects

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Johnson) passed away in 2005, the changing of the smoking laws and everything we've had to deal with with COVID. I hope (the boulevard project) isn't the thing that ultimately does us in."

Northville Township residents who live on Beck Road between Six and Eight Mile roads are facing the same level of anxiety Johnson feels as a project that would potentially widen the two-lane road to five lanes — dubbed "Beck To The Future" — is being proposed by governmental leaders in Wixom and Novi, who would like to see the project extend south to Northville Township.

During an informational meeting hosted by Northville Township in November 2021, several property owners who live along Beck Road lamented the possibility that the value and livability of their longtime homes — some structures already perilously close to the narrow shoulder — would suffer if the widening project was greenlighted.

The daunting part of the roadway-widening projects for residents and business owners is a right called emi-

**"Just the construction alone on Ford Road once the boulevard project starts is capable of creating a recession for businesses along this road. Even if it's five years from now, I don't want to have to end what has been a successful run at this location."**

**John Johnson** Owner, the Rusty Nail

nent domain: the ability of the government to take private property for fair compensation as long as a legitimate public purpose has been established.

Birmingham, Michigan-based attorney Jerome Pesick, who has specialized in eminent domain cases for over three decades, said property-taking cases are rarely overturned by courts.

"When you're talking about roadway projects like these, it's highly unlikely a court would declare the project isn't for

a public purpose and stop it from going forward," Pesick said.

Pesick, whose clients included companies impacted by the upcoming construction of the Gordie Howe Bridge over the Detroit River, said he has seen a range of results from eminent domain cases.

"In the worst-case scenarios, businesses have unfortunately had to relocate when their property was taken," he said. "At minimum, a lot of businesses lose valuable parking spaces."

Once the design process is completed for roadway reconfiguration projects, government entities will send an appraiser to the affected properties before informing the property owners what they feel is a fair price for the land they need to take.

"One problem is that the government's appraisers don't usually account for loss of future financial gain," Pesick said.

Victims of eminent domain situations are not entirely powerless, Pesick emphasized.

"The first piece of advice I'd offer a business owner or resident is to never accept the government's initial offer," Pesick said. "Secondly, the property owner should have the property appraised by an appraiser of their choos-

ing and hire an attorney.

"The government is required to reimburse the property owner for the cost of the appraisal and attorney fees, which is something few municipalities tell the property owners," he added. "A lot of people feel they don't have the financial means to fight the government, so they accept the initial offer. This doesn't have to happen."

The good news for Johnson, other business owners and the potentially-affected residents along Beck Road is that construction on Ford Road could be years away from starting and the Beck Road widening project is far from a certainty, at least based on the momentous opposition delivered by Northville Townships residents.

But Johnson is still understandably leery about what the future holds for his Canton Township fixture.

"Just the construction alone on Ford Road once the boulevard project starts is capable of creating a recession for businesses along this road," Johnson lamented. "Even if it's five years from now, I don't want to have to end what has been a successful run at this location."

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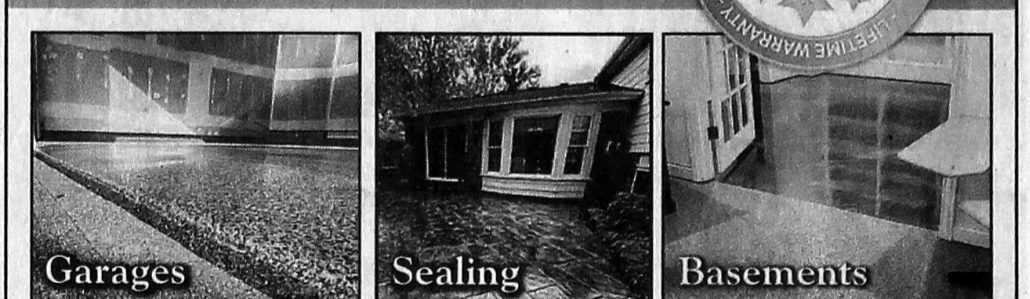
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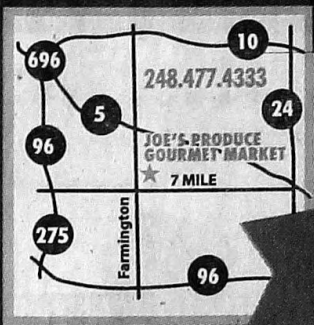
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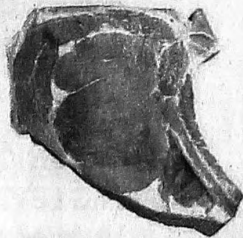
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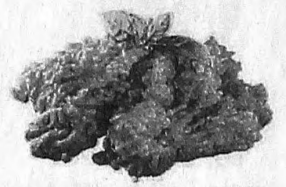
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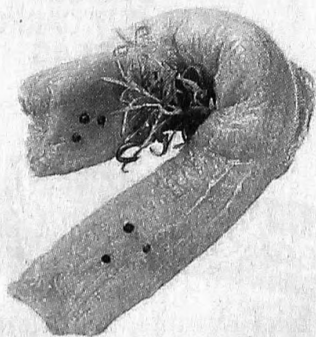
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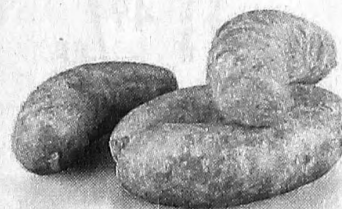
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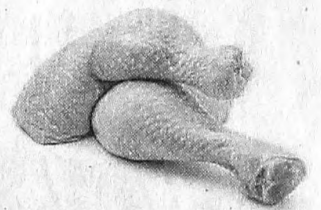
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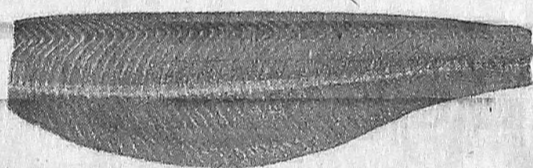
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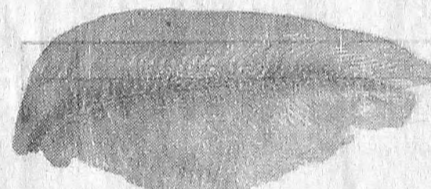
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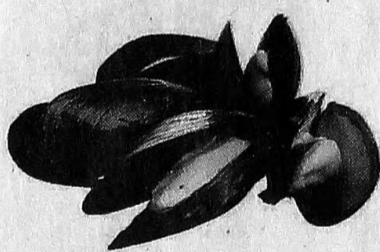
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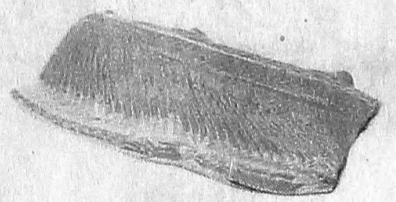
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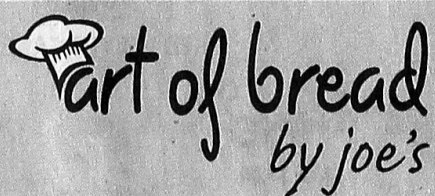
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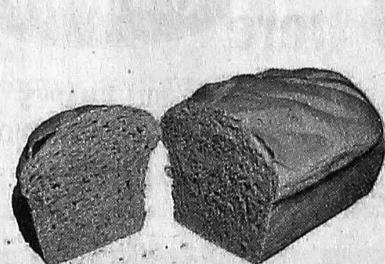
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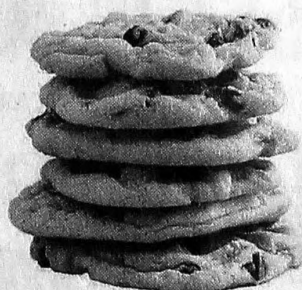
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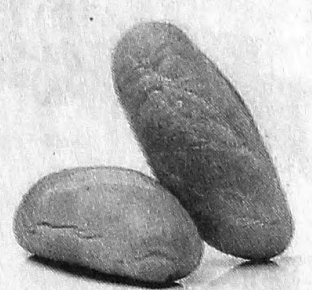
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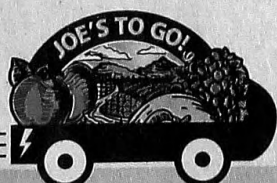
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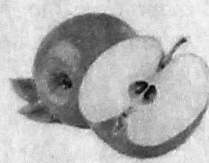
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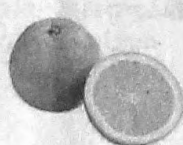
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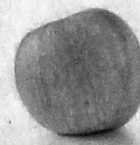
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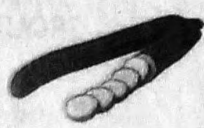
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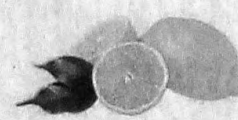
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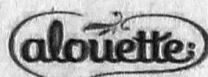


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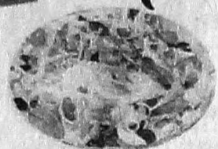


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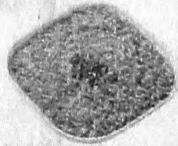
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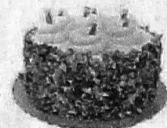
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# SPORTS

## Clarenceville edges Cranbrook at buzzer

**Brandon Folsom** Hometownlife.com  
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Livonia Clarenceville's Dontez Robinson corralled Cranbrook's make with 4.9 seconds left.

And then the junior raced to the baseline and looked to inbound the basketball.

"Hold it! Hold it!" teammate Jordan Williams hollered while pointing at Robinson.

And then Williams said it again. "Hold it! Hold it!" He said it 11 times in all.

The final few seconds ticked off the scoreboard while Robinson listened to William's advice and held on tightly, and, mercifully, the Trojans were fortun-

nate enough to escape with a 51-50 victory Jan. 6.

Clarenceville (2-1) had led by as many as 18 points in the second half thanks to a 21-4 run that spanned both the second and third quarters.

Yet, Cranbrook's Evan Evans was a couple of millimeters away from sending the game into overtime.

The Cranes (1-3) stormed back with a 23-point fourth quarter, doing most of their damage in the final 90 seconds.

Ryan Aggarwal scored down low to make it a five-point deficit with 49.2 seconds left.

And then John Kersh nabbed a steal

See CLARENCEVILLE, Page 2B



Farmington Hills Mercy's Ava Lorraine shoots against Bloomfield Hills Marian on Jan. 7. The Marlins won, 35-29. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Mercy girls push past Marian

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Gary Morris talked confidently as he made his way to the gymnasium to rejoin his girls basketball team.

The final 15 seconds of the JV game was ticking off the scoreboard as the Farmington Hills Mercy coach walked

past both the trophy cases and concession stand at Bloomfield Hills Marian.

Then he passed through the gym's doorway where he found the Marlins waiting to take the floor.

"You know," he said, watching his team gather near the ticket table, "I think if we have a really good first five minutes, that'll be the key to winning

this game."

Mercy got through 20 minutes of warmups, and it did, in fact, have a really good first five minutes against its rival.

The Marlins (6-1, 2-0 Catholic League-Central) scored six of the first eight points.

And then it exited the first quarter

with a 15-6 lead thanks to a 9-1 run that saw Maya White total four points, Lauren Smiley hit a runner in the paint and Sophie Dugas cash in at the rim on a tough drive to the hoop.

Morris got the start he wanted.

But, in reality, it was how the Marlins


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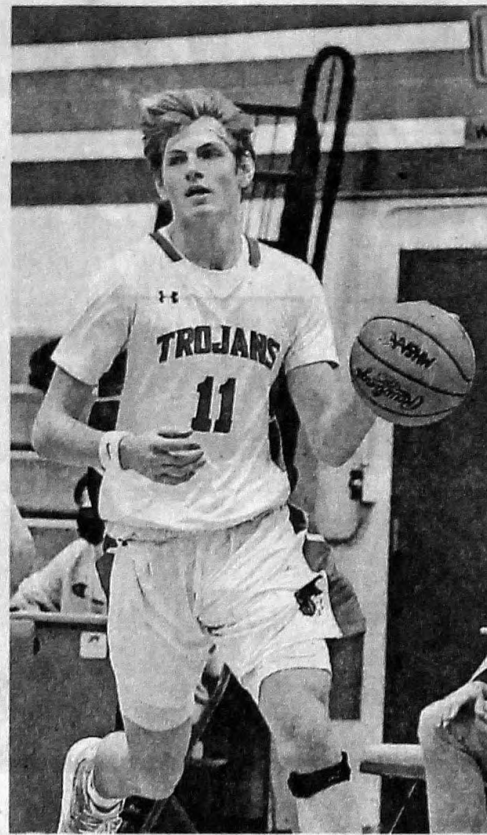
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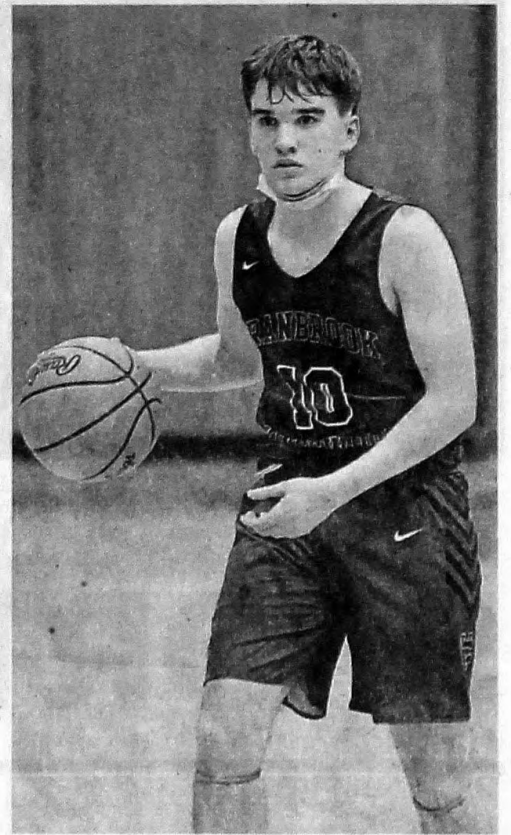
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Cranbrook's John Kersh shoots in traffic against Livonia Clarenceville on Jan. 6. The Trojans won, 51-50. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Livonia Clarenceville's Dylan Stadler dribbles against Cranbrook.



Cranbrook's Evan Evans dribbles.

## Clarenceville

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on the ensuing inbounds and managed to pass it to Bennett Luckoff for a contested layup that trimmed it to only three.

Once again, on the next inbounds the Cranes came up with another steal, only this time it was Kersh, who scored a game-high 18 points, finishing at the rim with a layup.

Clarenceville finally got the ensuing inbounds into play without forcing a turnover, and then Cranbrook fouled Williams, who made a pair of free throws in the bonus to make it a 51-48 score with 16.3 seconds remaining.

That's right. The Cranes were down 18 points but still had a chance to not the score on their final possession.

After a quick timeout, Evans inbounded the ball near his team's bench to Kersh, who dribbled it into the corner. Kersh pivoted and then rifled a pass back to Evans.

Evans got a good grip on the ball and then lined up an awkward-looking sideways 3-point attempt that he somehow

shot over the defending arms of Clarenceville's Dylan Stadler.

The ball swished into the net. As Williams was yelling to Robinson to "Hold it! Hold it!" Evans started pointing at the scoreboard and looking at it in utter disbelief. The referees didn't credit him with three points. It was a 2-point-er.

Was his foot on the line? The final buzzer rang, and the trio of officials briefly gathered near the foul line. When their conference ended, they stood by their original call.

Evans had his toe touching the line when he let go of the shot.

Game over. "Hey, with the way the game was going, it was a shocker it didn't (go down as a 3-pointer)," said Clarenceville coach Raymon Moore, who was disgusted with how his team fumbled its huge lead. "But I told the guys to switch on all screens and close-out, and they did just that. And I told them to don't inbound the ball if it gets below 5 seconds."

Upon video review, the lip of Evans' right navy blue Nike shoe was *JUST* touching the 3-point line. Like by a millimeter.

The Trojans were just happy they

didn't have to withstand an additional four minutes of overtime.

Cranbrook had momentum going its way, and Clarenceville had committed 39 turnovers on the night.

"It was just one of those things where their momentum got the best of us," Moore added. "We kind of had a mental lapse. We're working on our mental toughness as of right now. It's just tough. When momentum was going their way, the guys weren't making the plays. I would draw up certain things for them to break the press, and guys were in their own heads.

"With a game like this, I told them, 'Fellas, this feels like a loss. We're better than this, man. We've got a lot of work to do. It starts with practice. We've just got to become more disciplined.'

"With the personnel we have, we've got to be more disciplined and more mentally tough. It's just what it is, especially with a game like this. I feel like they got comfortable with an 18-point lead, thinking, 'We're better than these guys.' They got comfortable. You try to tell these kids that mental toughness is the key to situations like this."

Williams led Clarenceville with 16 points, followed by Jaden Smiley with

13, Miles Ealy with 11 and Damon Harris with seven.

Cranbrook's Ethan Peruski helped with eight points, while Evans and Cooper Gurman had six apiece.

"They quit worrying about what happened," Cranes coach Shane Finney said of his team's comeback. "Playing and being worried, that's how we played in the first half. We were a little scared. We were a little hesitant. I think when we looked up at the scoreboard with some desperation, it helped them clear their minds and just play basketball."

As the spectators cleared the gym, the three officials also made their way to the exits, but they were stopped so they could see a freeze-frame photo of Evans' toe just barely touching the 3-point line.

"Hey, you guys made the right call out there," someone told them as they looked at the picture.

One of them smiled and then gave a fist bump to one of his partners.

"We were just talking about this in there while getting dressed," he said.

Another one also smiled but said, "You already know I called it right! I already told you!"

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## Mercy

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finished the game that got them the 35-29 victory Jan. 7.

Marian's Grace Rotter hit a turnaround shot to knot the score at 24 with 5:05 left. But Mercy proceeded to make nine free throws in the bonus to seal the win.

That included Sarah Cunningham, who scored a team-best 11 points, going 4 of 6 from the foul line in the waning moments. What's more, the senior was 7 of 10 from the charity stripe in the fourth while the Marlins shot 12 of 17 from the line throughout the quarter.

"Obviously, it's a lot of pressure with all of the noise in the background in that close of a game," said Cunningham, referencing Marian's rowdy student section. "I just tried to take a deep breath and block out as much noise as I could, and I focused on my form to make sure it'd go in."

Mercy clung to a 31-29 lead as Marian came up empty-handed on a possession with 17.8 seconds left.

The Mustangs resorted to fouling immediately to preserve time, but they sent Cunningham to the line. Her two makes in the double bonus gave the Marlins breathing room with a four-point lead.

And then Smiley, who finished with eight points, tacked on two more free throws to put any chances of a Marian comeback out of reach with 3.7 seconds left.

So was it nerve-racking winning the game for your team?

"Yeah, definitely," Cunningham added. "I just try to take a deep breath before I even get the ball, or I try to step out (away from the free-throw line) for a little bit. I started to get a little shaky. I just had to remember that I can do it and it's just like practice. As long as my form is how it is in practice — because I make them in practice — I'll be fine."

Also helping in the win, Dugas added seven points.

The Mustangs (5-2, 1-2 CHSL-Central) got 11 points from Anna Herberholz, followed by Mckenzie Swanson with eight, Rotter with six and Sarah Sylvest with four.

Mercy's defense limited Marian to just six points in the first quarter and only three in the third.



Farmington Hills Mercy's Sarah Cunningham looks to pass against Bloomfield Hills Marian on Jan. 7. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Bloomfield Hills Marian's Mckenzie Swanson shoots in traffic against Farmington Hills Mercy.

Herberholz's free throw gave the Mustangs their first point of the second half with just 1:31 remaining in the third.

"I just thought we were really ready to play," Morris said. "I thought we had a really great practice yesterday, not that that always carries over. But, obviously, as a coach, you'd rather have a good practice the day before the game than to not have one. I just thought our kids were really focused. On the bus ride over here, it was really quiet, and I just think they were really focused on playing."

"The start would be important, and we came out ready to play. I thought that gave us confidence, really, for the rest of the game. We kind of responded. They'd make runs, but we were able to respond to their runs."

Marian certainly made its runs. It scored eight-straight in the second quarter, capped by a Rotter jumper, to ensure only a 19-16 halftime deficit.

And then it scored five of the first six points of the fourth to tie the score.

Mercy didn't buckle after losing its four-point lead, especially when Marian threw a 1-3-1 defensive trap at the Marlins' offense in the final 90 seconds. They had no trouble beating it, as Dugas scored on a put-back to put her team ahead by five again.

Cunningham said it was a pre-game talk that inspired her teammates to not crumble down the stretch.

"When Coach walked out before we even started our warmups, the other captain (Dugas) and I talked to our team," the 6-foot forward said. "We said, 'Listen, this is going to be a big game. We've got to keep focused.' We have a saying that it's the 'next-play mentality.' If something doesn't go right, you've got to put that in the past and you've just got to keep moving forward. I think a lot of us did that tonight."

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# Brighton junior has breakout performance in loss to Canton

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BRIGHTON — Brighton didn't have an answer for Cole Vickers, but the Bulldogs may have a future version of the Canton basketball star.

Junior Eddie Millington, a second-year varsity player, had a breakout performance by scoring a career-high 21 points and grabbing 11 rebounds Tuesday night in Brighton's 56-41 loss to Canton.

Vickers, fresh off a 30-point effort Dec. 29 against Detroit Renaissance, scored 12 of his game-high 25 points in the third quarter when the Chiefs began pulling away. Vickers has committed to Ferris State University.

It was the kind of dominance Brighton coach Mike Griest envisions from Millington by the time he's a senior.

"Oh, for sure," Griest said. "Eddie capable, too. Eddie works so hard. He's going to continue to work hard, because he wants to play college basketball. That's a good model for him to follow."

Millington averaged six points and five rebounds as a sophomore and came into Tuesday's game averaging 7.3 points in the first three games of this season.

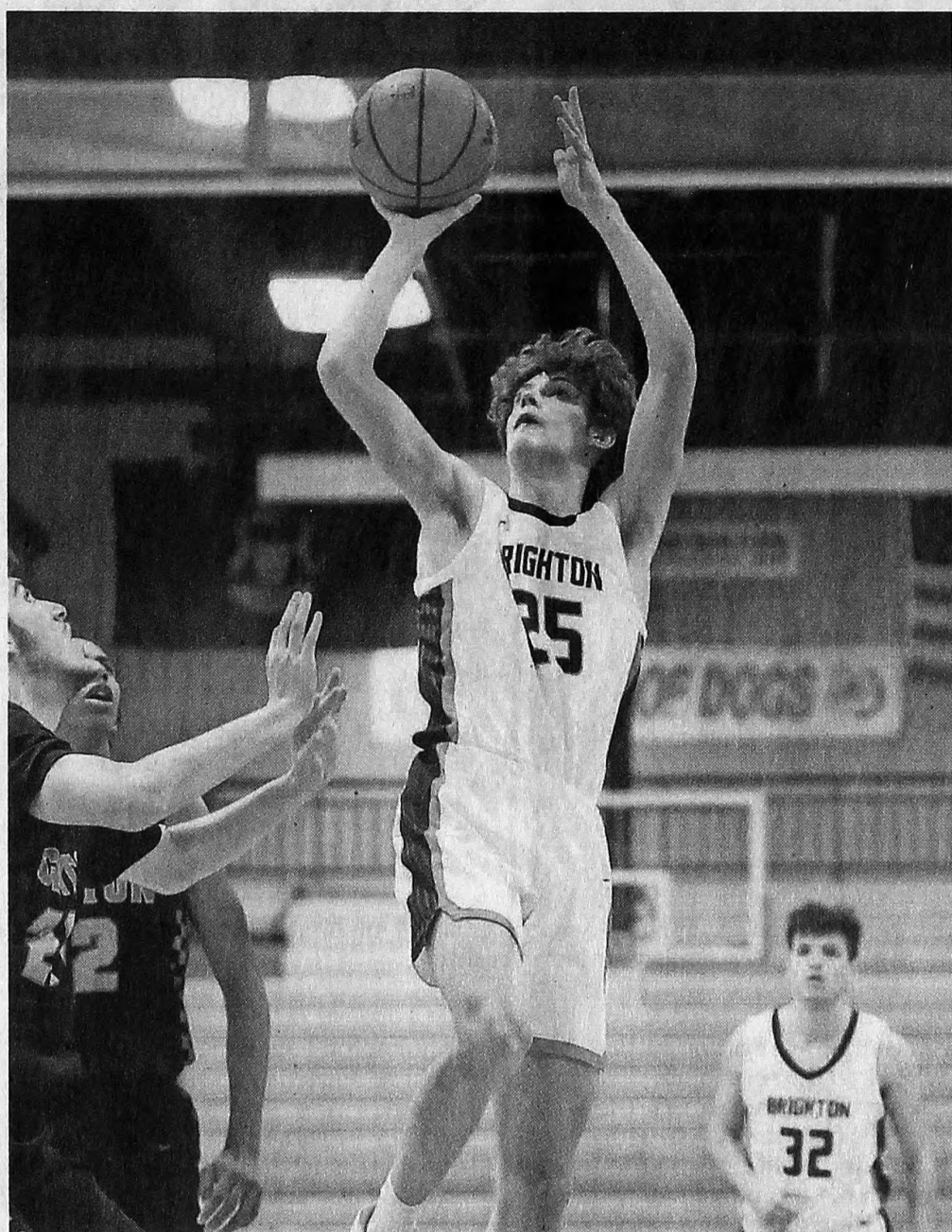
He was coming off an 11-point night in the Bulldogs' last game three weeks ago against Lapeer, which was his previous career high.

Like Vickers, Millington can score from beyond the arc or by taking it to the rim. Millington was 3-for-6 from 3-point range Tuesday.

"I want to be able to do both," Millington said. "My shooting's been a little off recently, but in this game I started to get it together."

With a year of varsity experience, Millington is much more assertive on the court.

"I was kind of a role player," he said. "Get a board, get a couple buckets inside; that's about it. I feel a lot more confident being a junior this year, being a two-year guy who started last year and



Brighton's Eddie Millington scores two of his career-high 21 points in a 56-41 loss to Canton on Jan. 4. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

is starting this year. I'm a lot more confident from that."

Brighton (2-2) hadn't played since beating Lapeer 21 days earlier. The Bulldogs led 7-6 midway through the first quarter and were still in the game at

halftime, trailing 27-21. The Chiefs stretched their lead to 47-32 after three quarters.

"We had a scrimmage over break," Griest said. "We've been competing as much as we can, but games are differ-

ent, for sure. Obviously, opening up in the league, that's a different thing, too, from preseason. You're never exactly sure. You don't sleep well the night before, most coaches don't, because you're not sure what's going to come out.

"I'm proud of the effort. The execution wasn't perfect. We have some things we have to work on, but it's early in the season and we expect that."

Vickers is no stranger to the Bulldogs, having victimized them for 27 points last season.

"He's hard to guard, because he's 6-4 and can shoot it from outside," Griest said. "If you get up on him, he can pound you down low."

"There's really no area of the game he's not really good at; that's why he's going to be a college basketball player next year. We thought we did a decent job, not a great job, in the first half, but in the second half he took over."

Complementing Vickers' output was Dante Favor with 16 points. Brighton junior Ashton Tomassi scored nine points off the bench, all in the first half.

Canton played twice over Christmas break, but came into the game with a deceptive 0-4 record.

The Chiefs had losses to Orchard Lake St. Mary's, ranked No. 1 in Division 1 by the Detroit Free Press, and Warren DeLaSalle, ranked No. 5.

The other losses were to quality teams in Hamtramck and Detroit Renaissance.

"People are going to look at our record and see 0-4, but we played some of the best teams in the state," Canton coach Jimmy Reddy said. "We had a chance to beat Hamtramck and couldn't get over the finish line in overtime. We had a chance to beat Renaissance last Wednesday; same kind of deal, up one, couldn't get a stop. We're still piecing it together."

"We kept telling our guys, 'You've got to see the bigger picture here.' We played that schedule to get us ready for the KLAA West and beyond and get us ready for districts in March."

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# Hartland freshman gets first hockey goal

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HARTLAND — Ian Kastamo could end up with 50, 60 goals or more during his Hartland hockey career, but the one he scored Wednesday night, Jan. 5, against Plymouth was special.

The first one always is.

Although Kastamo's goal was the Eagles' seventh in an 8-0 victory at Hartland Sports Center, the reaction of his teammates as he returned to the bench indicated this one meant a little more than the others in a one-sided affair.

"It was fun," Kastamo said. "They're always cheering me on for being a freshman."

Freshmen don't make the varsity team at Hartland very often. Kastamo is only the fourth ninth-grader to play for the Eagles during Rick Gadwa's 11 seasons as head coach. The first two made first-team all-state as seniors, forwards Nathan Lipon and Gabe Anderson. The third is current junior defenseman Braden Pietila, who is trending toward an all-state berth as early as this season.

Standing 5 feet, 4 inches, Kastamo is by no means an imposing presence on the ice. He earned his spot on the team with high-end skill and an advanced grasp of the mental side of the game.

"He's one of the smartest guys on the ice," Gadwa said. "His hockey I.Q. is out the roof. He just thinks the game so well. We needed a guy to play up the middle; he's serving a good role there."

Kastamo started out on the junior varsity before getting promoted for Hartland's fifth game of the season against Brighton. He had three assists in seven games before getting a goal and an assist Wednesday.

"It's one of those things where it's been coming," Gadwa said. "He's an offensive player. He's been there. He's been around the net a ton. He's making plays out there. It's one of those times where you want to get off the schneid. He did first game back from break, so it's a good start for him."

Kastamo scored during a five-on-three power play at 3:01 of the third period, backhanding the rebound of a shot by Ashton Trombley past goalie Meagan Frania.

"It felt good," Kastamo said. "I've



Jack Paweski fires a shot past Plymouth goalie Flynn Bright on Jan. 5 for Hartland's fifth goal in an 8-0 win over Plymouth.

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been waiting a long time for that. We're a while into the season now."

Senior forward Sean Hastings also scored his first varsity goal with 11:49 remaining in the third period to end the game via the eight-goal mercy rule.

"I liked our energy," Gadwa said. "Plymouth plays a hard north-south game. They like to hit. We knew we were going to have to be physical tonight, and we were."

Hartland (10-3) took a 1-0 lead on a shorthanded goal by Brendan Pietila 3:57 into the game. Plymouth's best scoring chance came about a minute later when Chris Borg won a race for a loose puck and fired a shot from the right cir-

cle. Kameron Ragon made the toughest of his seven saves to record his third shutout.

Tying the game at that point may not have done much to change the eventual outcome, Plymouth coach Darrin Silvester said.

"I'd love to say that's true, but we were outmatched by some pretty talented hockey players in Hartland," he said. "They have a lot of skill. They're able to move the puck. They see each other well. They're very good in what they do. We did a lot of chasing. When you chase a lot and you lose your temper a bit, you end up getting penalties. That's kind of what happened to us."

Power play goals by Braden Pietila at 7:31 and Ben Pouliot at 15:51 made it 3-0 after one period. Braden Pietila's second goal made it 4-0 at 3:45 of the second.

Jack Paweski and Lucas Henry scored to make it 6-0 after two.

Henry had a goal and three assists. It was the fifth straight loss after a 5-1 start for Plymouth, which played much stronger against two other Livingston County teams, beating Howell 3-1 on Nov. 20 and losing 6-5 to Brighton on Dec. 8.

"We've got an injury to our captain, who had surgery," Silvester said. "We've got another player who's not with us right now we wish we had with us."

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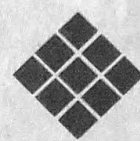
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## BOYS DIVISION 1

SCHOOL	W-L	LW
1. Orchard Lake St. Mary's	6-0	1
2. Birmingham Brother Rice	4-0	2
3. Detroit Cass Tech	7-0	3
4. Grand Rapids Northview	5-0	4
5. Warren De La Salle	7-0	5
6. Muskegon	4-0	6
7. Novi Detroit Catholic Central	3-1	7
8. Detroit King	5-1	8
9. Grand Haven	6-0	9
10. North Farmington	7-1	NR

## BOYS DIVISION 2

SCHOOL	W-L	LW
1. Williamston	6-0	2
2. Grand Rapids Catholic Central	5-1	1
3. Hudsonville Unity Christian	6-0	3
4. Ferndale	4-2	4
5. Croswell-Lexington	6-0	5
6. Parchment	6-0	6
7. Chelsea	4-1	7
8. Battle Creek Pennfield	6-0	9
9. Cadillac	6-1	NR
10. Benton Harbor	6-1	8

## BOYS DIVISION 3

SCHOOL	W-L	LW
1. Flint Beecher	6-0	1
2. Benzie Central	5-0	2
3. Bad Axe	6-0	5
4. Reese	4-1	6
5. Menominee	5-0	7
6. Ypsilanti Arbor Prep	5-0	8
7. Detroit Loyola	3-3	3
8. Ishpeming Westwood	4-1	9
9. Schoolcraft	4-2	10
10. Kalamazoo Christian	5-1	NR

## BOYS DIVISION 4

SCHOOL	W-L	LW
1. Wyoming Tri-unity	3-2	1
2. Ewen-Trout Creek	5-0	2
3. Southfield Christian	6-0	3
4. Rudyard	3-0	4
5. McBain Christian	4-0	5
6. Colon	5-0	6
7. Powers North Central	5-0	8
8. Bellevue	5-0	10
9. Munising	5-0	NR
10. Frankfort	3-1	7



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## GIRLS DIVISION 1

SCHOOL	W-L	LW
1. Midland Dow	7-0	1
2. Hartland	7-0	2
3. Hudsonville	4-2	4
4. West Bloomfield	8-1	5
5. Dearborn Divine Child	7-0	NR
6. Rockford	7-0	7
7. Holt	5-0	8
8. Parma Western	7-0	9
9. Saline	8-0	NR
10. Farmington Hills Mercy	6-1	NR

## GIRLS DIVISION 2

SCHOOL	W-L	LW
1. Detroit Edison	3-1	1

2. Grand Rapids West Catholic	6-1	2
3. Otsego	9-0	4
4. Redford Westfield	8-0	5
5. Portland	6-0	6
6. Lansing Catholic	9-0	7
7. Newaygo	7-1	8
8. Lake Fenton	8-0	9
9. Houghton	7-0	10
10. Tecumseh	9-0	NR

## GIRLS DIVISION 3

SCHOOL	W-L	LW
1. Ypsilanti Arbor Prep	6-0	1
2. Kent City	7-0	2
3. Maple City Glen Lake	7-0	3
4. Buchanan	7-0	4
5. Grass Lake	3-2	5

6. Lake City	6-0	6
7. Sandusky	7-0	7
8. Calumet	5-0	9
9. Niles Brandywine	7-1	8
10. Harbor Springs	8-0	10

## GIRLS DIVISION 4

SCHOOL	W-L	LW
1. Portland St. Patrick	9-0	1
2. Fowler	5-1	2
3. Plymouth Christian	6-2	4
4. Lake Leelanau St. Mary	6-1	5
5. Adrian Lenawee Christian	4-2	3
6. Athens	7-1	6
7. Posen	5-0	7
8. Carney-Nadeau	6-0	8
9. Gaylord St. Mary	5-0	9
10. McBain Christian	4-0	NR

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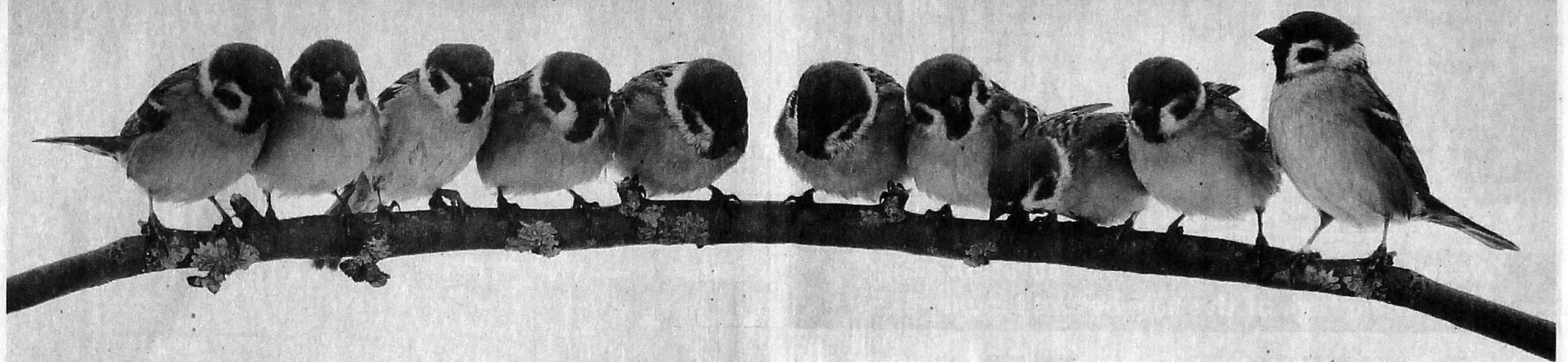
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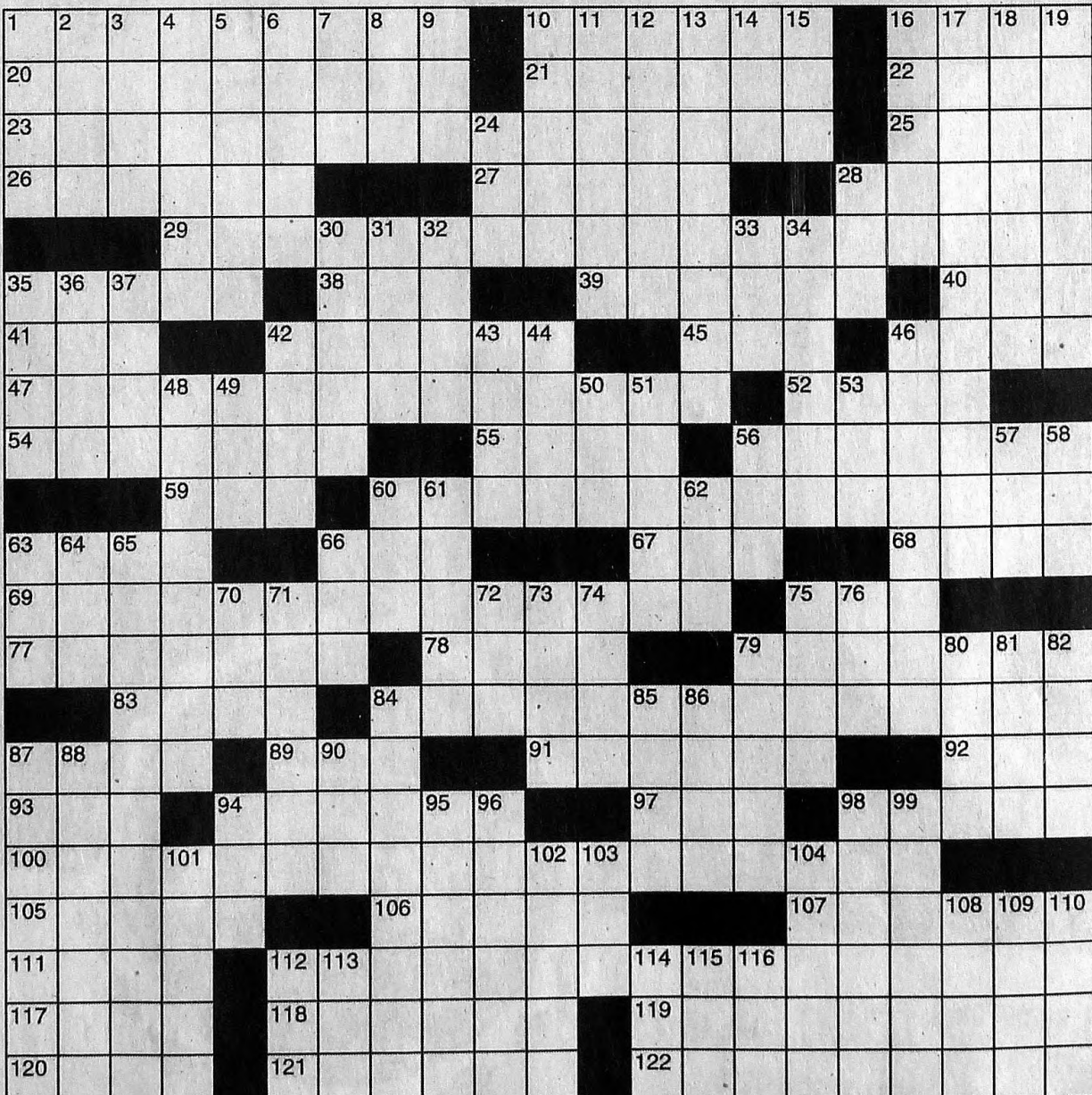
# THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

### PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

### TRIMMING UP

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sports events played by visiting teams
  - 10 Obeys reluctantly
  - 16 Boho-chic Aussie boots
  - 20 Arched shoe part
  - 21 Part of U.K.
  - 22 She talks on iPhones
  - 23 Parasites plaguing the Cheshire cat?
  - 25 A party to
  - 26 Everlasting, poetically
  - 27 Above ground
  - 28 Bedazzled
  - 29 Worked to get a different reward?
  - 35 Pizza base
  - 38 Tic-tac-toe win
  - 39 Geometry assignments
  - 40 "Dr." who raps
  - 41 Above, poetically
  - 42 Yard separators
  - 45 Prefix with cyclist
  - 46 Combat vet's affliction, for short
  - 47 One giving technical advice to wizards?
  - 52 Bull in a ring
  - 54 Structure near a tonsil
  - 55 "Othello" adversary
  - 56 Relatives of alpacas
  - 59 Adversary
  - 60 City area where lots of radiators are produced?
  - 63 Sword variety
  - 66 Medic
  - 67 Hiking aid
  - 68 Disgusting
  - 69 Untwisting threads
  - 75 "I think —!"
  - 77 Mobile's state
  - 78 Smell horrible
  - 79 Big ape
  - 83 Hoofbeat
  - 84 Math student doing sums correctly?
  - 87 Mötley —
  - 89 — hub (tech device)
  - 91 Widely known
  - 92 "Nope"
  - 93 Narrow estuary
  - 94 Guinea pig's cousin
  - 97 Ring legend Muhammad
  - 98 Speechify at the rear of a ship?
  - 100 Clock setting near a tonsil
  - 106 Eye color, e.g.
  - 107 Non-Spanish spelling of an Arizona tribe's name
  - 111 Pack neatly
  - 112 Trim request ... or what
  - 117 Sicilian peak
  - 118 Use a hammer to fix, perhaps
  - 119 Angry cry to a captor
  - 120 Promising
  - 121 Lacey's partner on TV
  - 122 Hugh Jackman film about robot boxing
  - 4 Certain plows and tractors
  - 5 Give a smile
  - 6 Ed of "Gus"
  - 7 Trim grass
  - 8 "Do Ya" rock gp.
  - 9 Wash. bigwig
  - 10 Good, in Spain
  - 11 Freeway access point
  - 12 More shrewd
  - 13 Begin
  - 14 "X" number
  - 15 Eccentric
  - 16 Consuming
  - 17 Popular highball
  - 18 Gardeners, farmers, etc.
  - 19 Well-muscled
  - 24 Affront, in rap
  - 28 GEICO's bus.
  - 30 Incessantly
  - 31 Geologic spans
  - 32 Lead-in to drama
  - 33 Sweetie pie
  - 34 Should that be the case.
  - 35 Super-deep sleep
  - 36 Skim, say
  - 37 Spur (on)
  - 42 Pâté de —
  - 43 Hollywood's Kazan
  - 44 Eye color, e.g.
  - 46 Itchy, medically
  - 48 Make weak
  - 49 Pigeon sound
  - 50 Geologic span
  - 51 Shearer of "A Free Soul"
  - 53 Sept. follower
  - 56 Bigwig
  - 57 Comic strip cry of dismay
  - 58 Sloppy farm area
  - 60 Animal in a 58-Down
  - 61 Greeting with a GIF, maybe
  - 62 June honoree
  - 63 Geologic span
  - 64 Chum
  - 65 Pre-hurricane orders
  - 66 Stuff in the 'gene pool
  - 70 Thai language
  - 71 Oppose as false
  - 72 Snoozing site
  - 73 Atoll feature
  - 74 Sticky pod in Cajun cuisine
  - 75 Entre — (between us)
  - 76 Tolkien beast
  - 79 Astronaut's wear
  - 80 "Girls" creator Dunham
  - 81 Legal exam, for short
  - 82 Former court king Arthur
  - 84 Lying adjacent to
  - 85 Epps of "Scream 2"
  - 86 Give up a poker hand
  - 87 More boorish
  - 88 Trattoria rice dish
  - 90 Distress call
  - 94 — Antiqua
  - 95 Plaid design
  - 96 Even-scored
  - 98 Nebraskan Native Americans
  - 99 Reinstate in an office
  - 101 1999 Super Bowl MVP John
  - 102 Humdinger
  - 103 Wolfed down
  - 104 Spying info
  - 108 To — (perfectly)
  - 109 Living space
  - 110 German car company
  - 112 Circle part
  - 113 Rural stretch
  - 114 Rink legend
  - 115 Bobby
  - 115 Stipend or toll
  - 116 St. Pete loc.



## SUDOKU

			8	6				
	7	9				6	2	
	5						4	
1				2				4
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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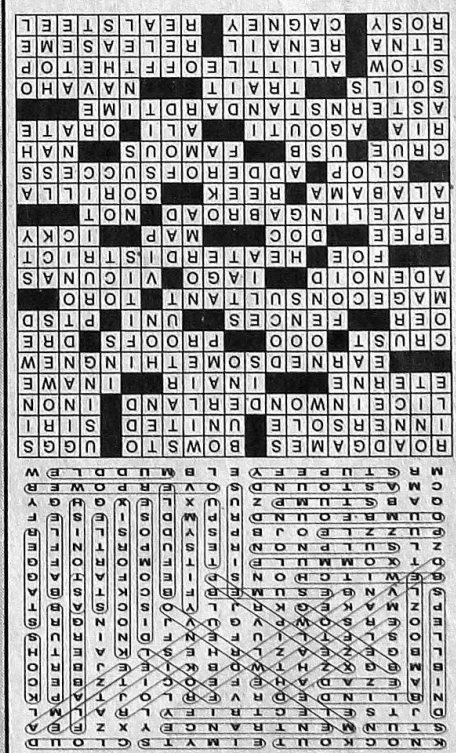
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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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N B L I N D E D R V F R L O J T A P K  
I A E Z A D A H E F E O C I T Z B E C  
L B M G X Z H T W D B K I E E J B R O  
L B G E Z E A Z L R H E S L K A E T H  
L O S L F T L I U F E N F D N I R U S  
E O E R S O W P V G U V J I O N G R S  
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S L V N B E S U M E B F B C K T S B A  
B E W I T C H O N S P I E O F A T A G  
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Z L S U L P N O N R E S U P R T N F E  
P U Z Z L E O J B P S Y D O S L I L R  
D U M B F O U N D R P M D S I E S E F  
Q A B A S T U M P Z U U X L E X G H G Y  
C M A S T O U N D S O V E R P O W E R  
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- DUMBFOUND
- ELECTRIFY
- ENTRANCE
- FLAMBERGAST
- FLUMMOX
- FOIL
- KNOCK FOR SIX
- KNOCKOUT
- MUDDLE
- MYSTIFY
- NONPLUS
- OVERPOWER
- OVERWHELM
- PERPLEX
- PERTURB
- PUZZLE
- ROCK
- SHOCK
- SPELLBIND
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- STARTLE
- STUMP
- STUN
- STUPEFY
- STYMIE
- SURPRISE
- UNSETTLE
- UPSET



**IN A DAZE**

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

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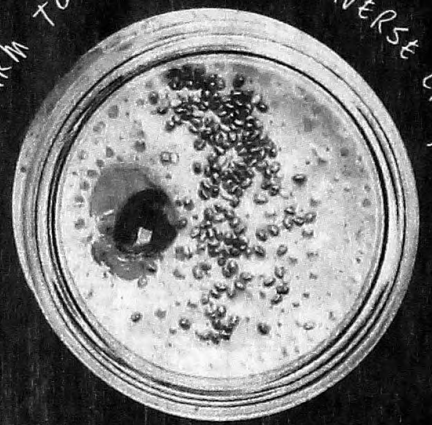
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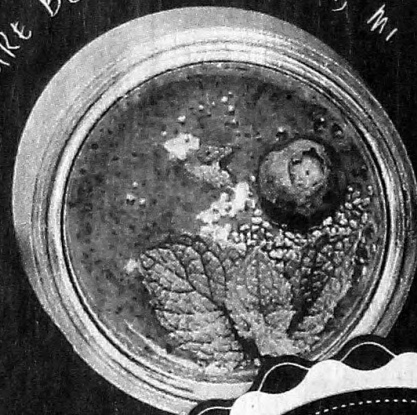
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