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## Accused killer works to prove innocence

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Accused killer Floyd Galloway Jr. apparently deserves compliments for helping his attorney prepare the best defense against state prosecutors.

Prosecutors have alleged Galloway killed Danielle Stislicki, 28, of Farmington Hills on Dec. 2, 2016, and managed

to dispose of her body so that it remains unbound.

Defense attorney Ellen Michaels said she and her client view their situation as a missing person case where Galloway has been wrongly accused.

"He and I work together," Michaels said. "He's intelligent and articulate and respectful. He's very engaged in being part of the process of proving that he

didn't do what he's accused of. He's passionate and engaged in proving his innocence, honestly."

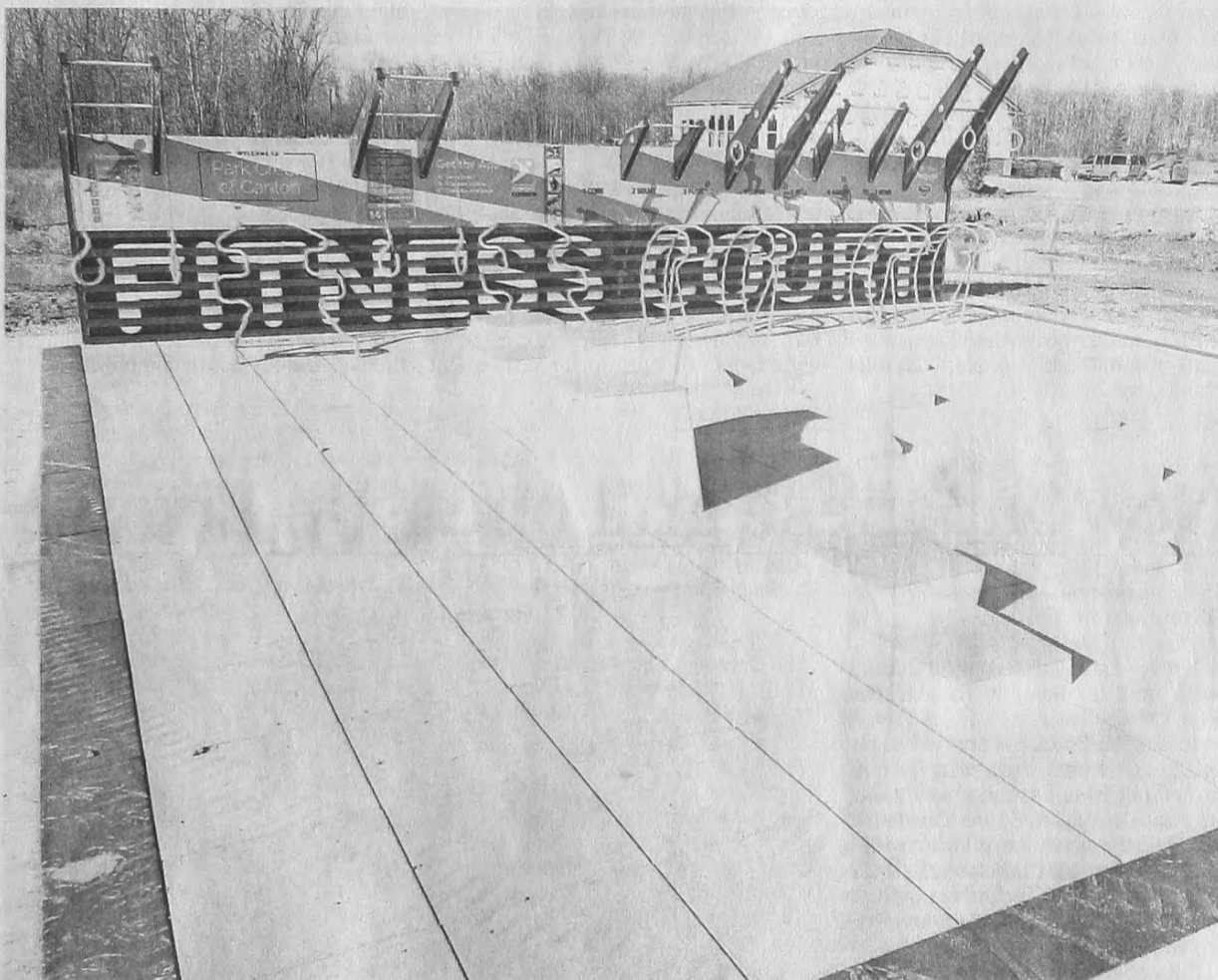
Michaels began defending Galloway, 33, after Farmington Hills' 47th District Judge James Brady said there was enough evidence to send the first-degree premeditated murder case to the higher Oakland County Circuit Court.

The attorney is scheduled for oral ar-

guments on Wednesday over Zoom with a three-judge Michigan Court of Appeals panel regarding, according to Michaels, evidence she does not want presented at trial.

While the case has been under seal, court administrators said at this point, the plan is to upload the oral arguments

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The Park Creek outdoor fitness area off Beck Road in Canton has its own smartphone app. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Futuristic outdoor gym in Canton comes with app

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For everyone who has done a quick double-take while driving by the futuristic-looking workout apparatus located smack dab in the middle of a barren field in southwest Canton, it is not a mirage.

The \$150,000 structure situated near the intersection of Beck and Geddes

roads is called a Fitness Court and it is available to everyone, not just the residents of the nearby under-construction Park Creek subdivision, whose owners forked out the six-figure check for the fresh-air gym.

Designed to provide a seven-movement (core, squat, push, lunge, pull, agility and bend) workout, the outdoor gym was invented in 1979 by the San

Francisco-based National Fitness Campaign to, according to its website, encourage healthy lifestyles.

The Fitness Court was reinvented in 2012 to adapt to 21st-century lifestyles, NFC Director Trent Matthias said, who added there is an accompanying app exercisers can utilize that will help

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## Admins of Facebook group find heart of Livonia

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"So, how much time would you all say you spend on this group?"

A group of admins and moderators who run All Things Livonia, a nearly 26,000-member Facebook group, just laughed at the question. None had any idea how much time they spend running the group, but all said it was hours a day.

"The general public doesn't realize that we're not watching this 24/7," admin Mike King said. "We get on when we can get on."

"We all have regular jobs, we all have lives," moderator Lauren Hughey added with a laugh.

The five-year-old group focuses on, you guessed it, all things concerning Livonia. It towers over similar groups focused on nearby communities, most of which are under 10,000 members, and has inspired at least four knockoff groups focused on the city.

But the original All Things Livonia is the largest of them all with roughly 26,000 members. And it is run by just eight people — four admins and four moderators. All play v similar roles in moderating posts and fielding questions, though moderators are a step below admins, and are in near constant communication.

An interview with Hometown Life was the first time several of these people had seen each other in-person.

But still, they know one another as good friends.

"(The group) got flowers one day after getting some rough news about my pregnancy," admin Jennifer Nienhuis said. "I got home from an awful day and there was a beautiful bouquet just sitting on my porch from the admins who I've never met."

The eight neighbors found a community online, which is what social media is supposed to be about in the first place. They hope, in All Things, others will find the same.

Trying not to be the 'fun police'

Some of the All Things knockoffs boast being "uncensored" or having "nice admins."

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## Outdoor dining in Plymouth to continue

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The Plymouth City Commission recently approved a measure that will allow for outdoor dining on patios and public sidewalks through the end of the year. That measure, approved during a special meeting held virtually, will now end on Dec. 31.

The measure comes amid a three-week order from the state Department of Health and Human Services that ordered dining rooms closed to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Without dining rooms open, many restaurants, including those in Plymouth, have turned outside for sit-down service to feed hungry guests looking for a semblance of normalcy in a year that's been anything but.

"We all know that in Michigan, winter is upon us," Mayor Oliver Wolcott said. "These next few months are going to be a massive challenge."

Having that additional seating outside has proven effective, according to several restaurant owners who spoke at the meeting.

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# Enjoy some holiday cheer in metro Detroit

The Christmas season is looking a bit different this year as the COVID-19 pandemic has put a damper on many community celebrations.

While some popular events have been canceled, others have seen only adjustments and others are bringing the same Christmas cheer as always.

Send event information to [oenews-tip@hometownlife.com](mailto:oenews-tip@hometownlife.com).

## Dated events

**Novi's tree lighting** will take place virtually this year because of the pandemic. The city will host the event beginning at 5:15 p.m. Dec. 4 on the city's Facebook page.

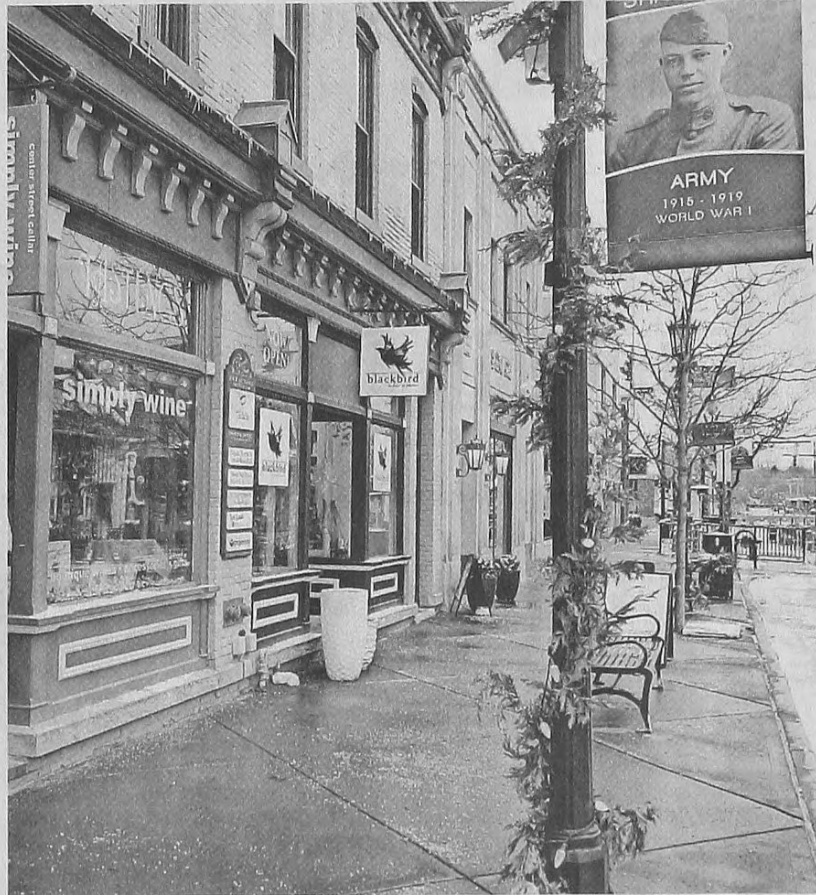
**Stuff a Squad Car in Novi** to help provide gifts for kids in the region. The City of Novi is looking for help to stuff a Novi police vehicle with toys. All donations will be given to the Southwest Oakland County Toys for Tots. (New, unwrapped toys only). Donations can be made noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 5-6 at the Novi Walmart, 26090 Ingersol in the Novi Town Center, and noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 12-13 at the Novi Target, 27100 Wixom Road.

**Pop-up Greens and Holiday Market** will allow those looking to decorate their homes this holiday season an opportunity to buy some greens. The market will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Villages at Northville on the corner of Five Mile and Beck in Northville Township.

**Santa Visits Westland Historic Village:** The big man himself will be at Westland Historic Village Park between noon and 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5. The village, at 857 North Wayne Road, generally offers all events for free aside from special fund-raisers.

**The Virtual Live Nativity** hosted by Madonna University will be free for people to enjoy at home. Starting 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, people can jump on Facebook to watch the scene at [facebook.com/MadonnaUniversity](https://www.facebook.com/MadonnaUniversity).

**Holiday Pops with the Michigan Philharmonic** was scheduled for Dec. 11 in Plymouth. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the in-person concert was



A lamp post along Center Street in Northville has greenery and lights on display. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

canceled, but season passport members can get a recording of the concert. [www.michiganphil.org/seasonpassport](http://www.michiganphil.org/seasonpassport).

**Christmas in the Village** will take place both Dec. 11 and 12 in Mill Race Village in Northville. Hosted by the Northville Historical Society, visitors will stroll through the decorated village at 215 Griswold and visit a Christmas Market and the event's first Festival of Trees. Tickets are timed and are good for a half-hour visit. Purchase tickets for the event at [millracenorthville.org](http://millracenorthville.org).

**Pet Photos with Santa** will take

place at Bicentennial Park in Livonia 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 13. The park is located at 36000 W. Seven Mile Road. Meet Santa in an enclosed part of the park. Photos will not be taken on site, so bring your own camera. Register at [livonia-parks.org](http://livonia-parks.org).

**Holiday Lights at the Farm** will allow families to see Tollgate Farms in Novi all dressed up for the holidays from Dec. 17 to Dec. 21. The farm, located at 28115 Meadowbrook, will bring its event back for those who sign up to cruise the farm to view festive displays created by volunteers. To sign up for a time slot

from between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m., visit [canr.msu.edu/tollgate/events/holiday-lights](http://canr.msu.edu/tollgate/events/holiday-lights). Cost is \$10/vehicle.

**Livonia's Chamber Cheer Holiday Tailgate** invites the local business community to do some outdoor, social-distanced networking and enjoy the holiday season. Starting 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, the two-hour event will invite locals to enjoy some drinks in and tailgate in the parking lot of Greenmead Historical Park's Alexander Blue House. Pre-registration is required, and the \$5 tickets can be purchased at [livonia.org/events/details/after-hours-networking-2167](http://livonia.org/events/details/after-hours-networking-2167).

## Ongoing events

**Wayne County Lightfest**, magical four-mile stretch of Hines Park displaying nearly 50 animated themed displays and more than 100,000 lights, runs through Dec. 31 (7-10 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 6-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday). The entrance to the Lightfest is 7651 N. Merriman Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Avenue in Westland. \$5 per car.

**Night of Lights** at Livonia's Greenmead Historical park will take place throughout December and is free of charge. Beginning Saturday, Dec. 5, the park's Christmas light display will be lit in the evenings. On Dec. 5, 12, 13, 19 and 20, families will be welcome to visit the park in the evening for free and visit with Santa Claus from a distance. Santa will greet kids on the porch of the Alexander Blue House and have a special light display of his own.

**Light Up Livonia** is set to make the city look like a real winter wonderland. Running Dec. 6-20, the city is inviting residents and the business community to pull at all the stops with Christmas decorations. Once the competition begins, Livonia will release a map of all entries so people can drive around the city and enjoy the best lit buildings in town.

**Plymouth 2020 Walk of Trees** runs to Jan. 3. Enjoy trees lining the walkways of Kellogg Park in Plymouth, decorated by local businesses and organizations in the Plymouth community.

## Brighton man dies in I-696 crash

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A 45-year-old Brighton man died Wednesday morning after his east-bound vehicle struck an Interstate 696 bridge abutment in metro Detroit, according to Michigan State Police troopers.

They said on Twitter they were dispatched to the crash near the M-5 interchange in Farmington Hills at about 5:30 a.m.

The unnamed driver apparently drove off the highway and struck the abutment. The single occupant of the vehicle died in the crash.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash.

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## New Japanese grill opens in Livonia

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A love of golf led Gede Suta to head north from his home in the Buckeye State to Michigan.

After spending some time at Pheasant Run Golf Club, Suta, who lived in Perrysburg, Ohio, found space along Ford Road in Canton and decided it would be a great spot to open a restaurant. Now several years later, he's expanded his empire, recently opening a second Sumo Japanese Grill in western Wayne County.

Suta opened his newest restaurant in mid-November at 36083 Plymouth Road in Livonia, located in the L.A. Plaza near Levan, in the space that formerly held Vito's Coney Cafe and the Cozy Corner Cafe. Opening a second restaurant, Suta said, was needed: the original store in Canton would see so much demand, customers would sometimes have to wait for more than an hour to pick up their food.

He said he's had some customers try to call ahead to the Canton location at 44275 Ford Road, but not be able to get through. Instead, they'll call the new Livonia restaurant to order.

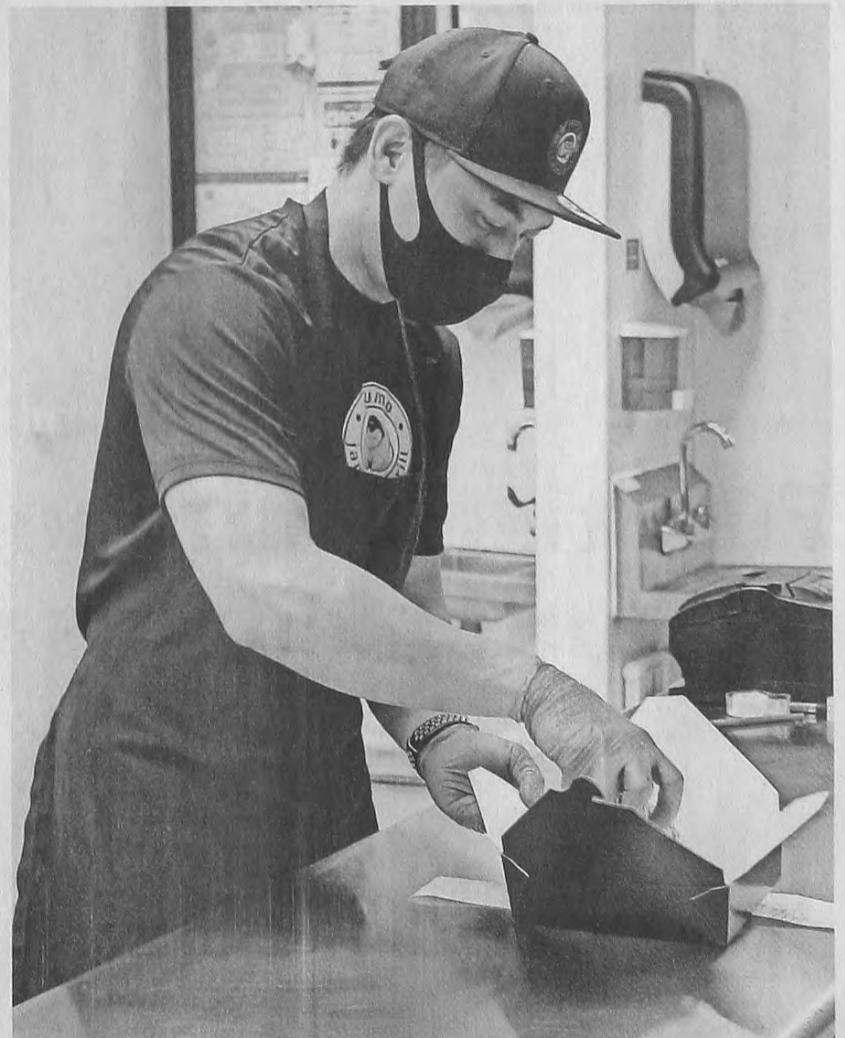
"That's the main idea of opening here: so we can serve some of the Canton folks," he said.

The restaurant has a simple menu, focusing on grilled items like steak, shrimp and chicken. Each "Sumo meal" comes with either soup or salad, as well as rice, mixed vegetables and noodles. Food is cooked on a hibachi grill, of which he has three at the new restaurant. Both locations feature the same menu.

"We just sell the healthy part of the menu," he said. "Eighty percent of the sale is chicken, shrimp or steak. Those three dishes are really popular."

The space is larger than the Canton one and will accommodate dine-in service once again allowed. Suta said the restaurant's offerings have begun to spread by word-of-mouth across the community, with customers coming in from all over. Having the Ford transmission plant across the street helps to bring in hungry auto workers as well, he said.

Suta has plenty of experience in the restaurant business. He said he's spent 15 years working at Japanese hibachi sit-down restaurants in the To-



Randi Zal prepares a takeout box at Sumo Japanese Grill in Livonia. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ledo area before opening his own space in Canton a few years ago. Having a business so focused on takeout, he said, allows for the food to be the star of the show instead of the chefs, a method he would prefer after his experiences in Ohio.

"We get a lot of regulars and they come see us. (They would say), 'Don't worry about the show, we just want the food,'" Suta said. "We just sell the food, minus the show."

He said he hopes to make it in the location — which has seen several restaurants come and go in recent years — by offering plenty of variety and solid food.

He decided on the space after looking across the region from Ann Arbor to Trenton. He hopes his reputation in Canton will help keep the restaurant a mainstay for years to come.

"We look at the space and it's perfect," he said. "We can do a lot in this space."

Customers can order at the store or call ahead at 734-469-2109; Suta said he hopes to have online ordering in the future. A menu can be found at [sumojapanesegrill.net](http://sumojapanesegrill.net).

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# Family loss inspires scrap metal exec to fight for suicide prevention

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USA TODAY NETWORK

Michael Bassirpour understands how to crush metal.

He also wants to crush the fear, anxiety and sadness that can lead to suicide.

"It's an overwhelmingly challenging mountain to try to climb to help someone going through depression," said Bassirpour, 38, of Bloomfield Hills. "If I can save one life, help one person, nothing would make me happier. I've been through those struggles. I lost my brother to mental illness. ... Every second of every day, he's in the back of my mind. I constantly think about him."

His brother's death happened immediately after Thanksgiving 2010 — on Nov. 28.

Sometimes people can't find the words to describe their pain and confusion, and when they can't find the words then they have trouble getting help. Feeling alone and isolated can make a bad situation worse. Bassirpour has witnessed this and felt powerless.

So he decided to turn a tragedy into something beautiful.

The man who makes his life running a rapidly growing regional scrap metal company based in Livonia reached out to Churchill High School with the idea of creating a powerful program, and its debut last year was transformational, students in Livonia said.

It was all part of a bigger vision.

"Crush the Stigma" involved leaving old cars in a courtyard on campus and having students write their thoughts and fears on them. After four days, Bassirpour crushed the vehicles and the words of struggle too.

Since the death of his older brother, Bassirpour needed to do more than write a check to help. He said he wanted to build a plan to get people mental health care and try to prevent other families from the shock of dealing with suicide and lives lost unexpectedly to mental illness.

"I wanted to start a conversation and help people feel comfortable," he said. "I wanted to integrate my life in business with the issue of mental illness. We crush cars for a living. The concept behind this — to have students write things they're going through on the cars. They write about depression and obesity and being not liked. Someone wrote, 'My dad judges me.' It really brings tears to your eyes."

Words also included "unloved" and "home life" and "toxic relationships" and "anger."

On other cars, students wrote messages of hope like, "We'll be here for you" or "Come see me" or "Let us know." Experts talked about suicidal ideation to a group of about 900 students.

"You could hear a pin drop," said Principal Kevin Etue, who has been at the school 10 years. "We had some hesitation at the beginning, it was a new idea. This was about not being afraid to talk about mental health or suicide prevention — to speak up, because people are listening to you. This is about crushing the stigma, the idea that you need to stay quiet."

Booths outside the auditorium on Oct. 4, 2019 — the last day of the week-long program — included psychiatrists, rehabilitation facilities and addiction experts. A key player in shaping the program was the National Alliance on Mental Illness metro Detroit chapter, long supported by Bassirpour. Partners included the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, St. Joseph Mercy Behavioral Health Clinic and Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.

Afterward, student surveys said the experience had been profound. They told teachers and counselors and parents that it helped them understand better, and offer support to friends and family who may be in trouble. Students asked for Bassirpour to return.

"When we first started the conversation and introduced it to staff and parents, there was trepidation — what if you talk about suicide and it invites students to think about it," Etue said. "Quite honestly, it had the complete opposite effect. We sent out a community letter about what it was going to be. We probably met every other week for the better part of three months."

Now the experience learned that week has been incorporated into a social-emotional curriculum that's part of course work for high school students, Etue said. School officials recognized a strong need to manage the impact of social media and other pressures.

Mental health issues are on the rise with kids, said Gina Zerka, child and adolescent health center program coordi-



Mike Bassirpour, CEO of GLR Advanced Recycling, stands on top of a pile of brake discs to be sold as scrap. "I wanted to integrate my life in business with the issue of mental illness," he said. ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS

nator at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. "We know that there's an increase in suicidal ideation and risk, based on data. There's a need for kids to get support."

## Depression crisis

Livonia is just a snapshot of what's happening all over the state and country.

Gretchen Moran Marsh, Ph.D, a licensed psychologist based in Franklin, treats high school and college students from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and the Troy area for anxiety and depression. She is seeing a measurable spike in client need.

"Anxiety and depression affect us in three different ways: How we feel, how we think and how we behave," Marsh said. "A depressed person has sleep problems, appetite problems, difficulty concentrating and difficulty with balance. They can feel jittery, have panic attacks — and our thoughts become negative and even irrational."

The importance of talking about struggle and how you cope actually teaches people to manage negative feelings rather than escaping them by eating or drinking or avoiding, Marsh said. "If we learn to cope with what's going on, we become resilient."

Discussion of suicide can't be left to textbooks and clinical settings anymore, said Paul Mercier, director of student activities at Churchill High. "We've had so many kids tell us, 'This is so important. This doesn't get talked about.'"

And the school did have counselors say students went in to get help as a "direct result" of the special program, he said.

## Anti-suicide campaign

Bassirpour realized everything he hoped to accomplish went as planned. He started to imagine how to expand the idea in Michigan and into Ohio, where his companies operate.

"That's my dream," he said. "It is really emotional and powerful. Crushing the stigma is more important now than ever."

He is haunted by memories of his brother, Glen, who died at 35.

"We played basketball together almost every day," Bassirpour said. "Growing up, there were two of us; now there's one."

## Crush for a sustainable world

Meanwhile, COVID-19 safety protocols fuel isolation and the need for mental health support. But business at a car recycling company is stronger than ever. That's what inspired Bassirpour to think of ways to reinvest in community.

As just one of many recyclers in Michigan, his company expects to recycle 65,000 cars this year, up from 55,000 in 2019. And business is growing, as the company buys cars from dealerships that do trade-ins and me-

chanics — mostly cars older than 2008.

Cars get crushed when they aren't safe, running or roadworthy, Bassirpour said. "There's 16 million cars scrapped each year in the country now."

His business drains the vehicle fluids, sells the vehicles to steel shredding companies, who then sell the material to steel mills to make bridges, beams used to build houses and auto companies to produce new vehicles.

GLR has six locations as a family business that has been around since 1927. Bassirpour joined the company in 2012, and it has partnered with Padnos Recycling of Grand Rapids as part of an ongoing national expansion. They're buying cars in 11 states.

Bassirpour came home to Michigan so his girlfriend — now wife — could attend medical school at Wayne State University. An allergist, she has helped out at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit during a surge in coronavirus.

All these years later, they both appreciate the role of health professionals.

"Take things seriously when people say things; they're not just crying out for attention. Confront them. Help them," Bassirpour said. "If you can't do it, try to find a professional. Make it comfortable for people to talk."

He and his wife, Gillian, are the parents of Hannah, 5, and Brielle, 3.

"Crush the Stigma can help improve the mental illness epidemic in the country and make it a better and more tolerable place for my children," Bassirpour said. "That would be a big win in my book."

## On hold for now

His personal mission to expand the mental health project for students is on hold now. Calls have poured in from throughout metro Detroit. The planned program for 2020 in Livonia was postponed. Everything is in flux.

While health workers do their best to contain the pandemic, Bassirpour is creating a strategy to get back into the

schools. For now, though, he has inspired some school and church officials to figure out how to have the discussion while they're waiting.

Jackson Prepolec, middle school director of the Birmingham campus at Kensington Church, is part of a team ministering to more than 10,000 attendees at five sites in metro Detroit and Traverse City who is waiting and hoping to become part of the Crush the Stigma project. Surveys at church have helped identify a concern, he said.

"We asked students, 'What is something you're struggling the most with and want to release over to God.' The largest selection of responses would have been mental health, anxiety, worries," Prepolec said. "Even our middle schoolers. We were kind of surprised. There is really a stigma, a kind of pressure students put on themselves to be a certain person, to put on a certain facade in social media that they think is not enough or not who they should be."

Social distancing prevents crowds from gathering but the desire to adopt the program remains strong.

"We are looking to raise awareness. We really believe in the power of moments and creating impactful memories," Prepolec said. "A car crush fits that mold of a marked moment, one they can remember ... when they decided to get help to fight the battle."

## How old cars help

In addition to buying vehicles directly from consumers, GLR Advanced Recycling has begun a special program. In an effort to provide long-term support in the community, people may donate vehicles to the Detroit chapter of the National Association of Mental Illness as a tax-deductible gift at the Kelly Blue Book value and GLR will donate 100% of the purchase value to NAMI Metro. The organization supports more than 1,000 people affected by mental illness each year. Go to [gradvanced.com](http://gradvanced.com) to donate a car or call 1-800-cars4cash.

**City of Plymouth**  
**City Commission Public Hearing Notice**  
**Monday, December 21, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Location: ONLINE ZOOM MEETING**  
201 S. Main Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170  
Website: [www.plymouthmi.gov](http://www.plymouthmi.gov) Phone: (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the City Commission will be held on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. online via Zoom to consider the following:

Review proposed amendments to the ordinance commonly known as the Tree Ordinance  
Deletion of Chapter 18, Article XIV, Divisions 1 and 2: Vegetation  
Amendment of Chapter 34, Article 1, Division 1 through 4: Trees

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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## COVID-19 Q&amp;A

# Is a deep nasal swab or rapid test better?

Craig Lyons Lansing State Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

LANSING — When it comes to detecting the coronavirus, not all tests are created equally.

Two tests are widely available: a polymerase chain reaction swab, or PCR test, and a less invasive antigen test. While both methods have the same goal, Jon Baker, Sparrow Health System's administrative director of laboratory services, said the rapid antigen tests fall short of the PCR test.

"The main difference is that there's a much greater possibility of a false negative with an antigen test," Baker said.

The PCR tests, in which a sample is collected with a deep nasal swab, have a higher sensitivity to detect the coronavirus. Many rapid tests, which involve either a shallow nasal swab or throat swab, don't have the same capability, Baker said.

"PCR is by a long shot the most sensitive method," he said.

But that doesn't mean the rapid tests don't have their uses, Baker said.

## Why is the PCR test better?

The PCR test has become the "gold standard" because it is sensitive enough to detect the smallest traces of the virus, Baker said.

If you've been exposed to the virus, were in contact with someone who tested positive or are only showing mild symptoms, the PCR test is the best method, Baker said.

The limitations of the PCR test are that it takes longer to process and not all medical facilities can perform the tests.

## What are rapid tests good for?

The antigen tests are best for people who already show symptoms and are within a five- to 12-day window since symptoms started, Baker said.

While the antigen tests are less sensitive, they will most likely generate a positive result for someone with a large viral load, Baker said. If people are asymptomatic or only in the early stages of contracting the virus, an antigen test might not catch its presence, he said.

## Innocence

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to YouTube.

Michaels would prefer to see the case unsealed afterward.

"I do not want anything sealed. I want transparency with the case and the investigation," she said. "I don't want things done in the shadows. I don't think that's ever good."

Jack Walrad, a district commissioner for the state appellate court, said he's not aware of future unsealing.

"At this time no order has been issued unsealing this case," he said in an email earlier this week. "We have no information on whether the case will be unsealed in the future."

Galloway's murder case was sealed soon after he was arraigned on the charge in March 2019. The seal, requested by prosecutors with the state Attorney General's office remained in place as the case moved to Oakland Circuit Court and now the Michigan Court of Appeals.

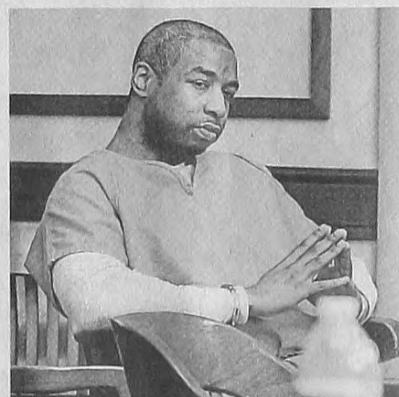
A search of Michaels' appeal on the appellate court's website returns: "This case file in this matter is fully or partially sealed under a Court of Appeals order that directed that access to the case docket should be blocked on the Court's website."

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel charged Galloway in March 2019, saying that Stislicki's family deserved justice. Nessel's staff declined to comment for this story.

Michaels expects she'll be locked in legal combat with the AG's office for some time. She plans to file "numerous more" motions related to evidentiary issues and various parts of the investigation that led to Galloway's fending off a murder charge.

"We're not even close to being ready for trial," Michaels said. "There's a lot to be explored still. Everything that happens between now and the trial is all as important as the trial if we continue to protect the rights of Floyd and to make sure he gets a fair and an excellent defense from now until the end."

Media reports indicate Galloway once played sports for Shrine Catholic



Floyd Galloway Jr. and defense attorney Ellen Michaels view Danielle Stislicki's case as a missing person case in which Galloway has been wrongly accused of homicide. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

High School in Royal Oak. He was known for being quiet and not causing any problems.

He was a security guard at the MetLife offices where Stislicki and her mom

worked in Southfield before he changed work locations and Stislicki went missing. A Berkley resident, Galloway was married at the time. His wife was in the hospital.

Galloway was a person of interest in Stislicki's disappearance when he was arraigned in June 2017 on felony charges tied to the Sept. 4, 2016, sexual assault of a Hines Park runner in Livonia.

Police said he approached a female runner along Edward N. Hines Drive, near Levan Road, grabbed her, strangled her, tried to take her clothes off and told her he wanted to have sex with her.

He was sentenced to up to 35 years in prison after pleading guilty to kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct—assault with intent to commit sexual penetration and assault with intent to great bodily harm less than murder by strangulation.

For Stislicki, Galloway is accused of waiting for her outside the MetLife building and convincing her to drive him home the day she vanished. A witness testified Galloway was in the parking lot, apparently dealing with car problems.

## Group

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But, the All Things leaders agree having rules is what makes the group what it is.

"People don't realize that we're not trying to censor people or keep things private," moderator Robin Kwon said. "We're trying to keep the group from becoming a battle ground. We shut down a lot of posts just because they're argumentative and we don't want to stir up dissension amongst neighbors."

In that same spirit, the group doesn't allow posts trying to scam people or sell something. During election season or when controversial topics arise, admins usually dedicate a single post to discussion on a given topic so the group isn't overrun by political views and opinions.

"What we made sure we were doing was not censoring, but making sure there were equal posts on both sides," Nienhuis said of the November election. "But honestly, sometimes they get out of control."

King also noted Facebook has rules the group runners have to follow, too. For instance, the social media platform does not allow posts trying to sell face masks in groups.

Among the admins and moderators, they think it's an attribute to the group that they don't all agree. Typically, they run controversial posts past one another and have disagreements among themselves from time to time. King said it's essential they're all open-minded.

"One thing that we're lucky about is we're very diverse," Kwon said. "We don't all vote the same way, we don't all have the same background and the same lifestyle... We all come from different places and we don't all think the



Four moderators in the All Things Livonia Facebook group meet at Livonia's Rotary Park on Nov. 11. From left are: Robin Kwon, Lauren Hughey, Michael King, and Jennifer Niemhaus. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

same way."

## Neighbor to neighbor

Typically, All Things is full of questions. People ask for the best pizza in town, which internet provider is the best, how they should help the injured animal in their yard or if anyone knows why local police are headed to a certain neighborhood.

Because of that, Hughey said the group was incredibly helpful when she first moved to the area. She's not the only one, either.

"We have these food posts all the time," Kwon said. "Like, 'What's the best Chinese?'... If you want to know where to eat, just post it and right away you'll know what's good and what's bad."

But what the group runners love most

is seeing charity thrive in the group. Local do-gooders like Jim Crowley, who is known for always helping others or raising money for something, and fundraisers seem to bring out the generosity in people.

"I mean, how many lost dogs have we found?" Hughey said.

Sure, people online can be cruel. But for the All Things admins and moderators, seeing the community come together makes all the "crap" worth it.

"I love to see when our community comes together for a greater good and just puts everything aside to help people when they need it," Nienhuis said. "You get to see that a lot on our page, which I think is pretty cool."

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## Dining

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"We had some customers warming their feet with their big dogs," said restaurateur Dan Johnson. "This is a town where people love the outdoor environment of this town. And they want to sit outside and enjoy it."

The move comes as several other area communities temporarily allow outdoor dining as an option during the winter months because of the pandemic. Other area municipalities such as Birmingham and Northville have loosened restrictions to allow restaurants to offer service outside for customers who may not want to dine inside when dining rooms are allowed to reopen.

With the extension allowing outdoor dining through the end of December, the patios that occupied public parking spaces along roads downtown are expected to be restored to on-street parking.

Some discussion from both community members and commissioners focused on revisiting the possibility of allowing canopies downtown. Having such structures to help keep patrons dry during the winter is just one way the city could innovate, said Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

"There's lots of other communities doing different things, and I know it would take a lot of push and changes to different things that we do because as we move forward, we can see downtowns changing across the state," Graff said. "They're becoming different kinds of entertainment districts then we've had in the past. And we need go that route. If we can do canopies or whatever, we can kind of create that atmosphere down here for an entertainment district, I think it will really help these businesses not just through the winter but going forward as the landscapes change."

Commissioner Suzi Deal said she would be in favor of looking at a way to allow canopies downtown in the future. She said downtown Plymouth has always found ways to be innovative, including the most-recent visit by Santa Claus that took him around the city in place of the traditional tree lighting in Kellogg Park.

"I would like to challenge us, though. I am in favor of doing canopies for the restaurants," she said. "I don't think it's going to be anytime soon that we're going to be able to go inside."

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## Gym

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them get the greatest benefit out of the gym.

"The Canton Fitness Court is unique in that it is the result of a partnership between the builder, MI Homes, and the local government," Matthias said. "MI Homes funded the gym, but the community leaders will support and help promote it."

Although not designed with pandemic-generated restrictions in mind, the gym is ideal for new-normal guidelines given its fresh-air environment and physical-distancing potential.

"The nice thing about the Fitness

Court is that our app has workouts designed for individuals or groups, although the group workouts need to be smaller now, of course, so that people can maintain a six-foot distance," Matthias said.

The Canton gym is one of a handful spread out across southeast Michigan. There is also one in Garden City and another on the campus of Oakland University, Matthias said.

The structures can be built by NFC crews, or members of communities can do the work, aided by detailed online instruction manuals.

"They can be built pretty much anywhere," Matthias said. "All you need is a concrete slab available at the site and the required building permits."

Matthias said the structures are de-

signed to last for decades, even in harsh climates like Michigan.

"The original models back in the '70s and '80s were mostly wooden, and there are still a lot of those in existence," he said. "These structures are built with materials to withstand pretty much anything."

Matthias said there is only one version of the Fitness Court so that users can easily adapt if they visit one away from home.

The \$150,000 price tag covers everything — from the construction end to the digital amenities.

"The bottom line is we want people to live a healthier lifestyle," Matthias said. "When you visit one of our gyms, it's hard not to get excited about working out."

# Obituaries

## Eileen Joyce Spisak

DEARBORN - Eileen Joyce Spisak, age 88, of Dearborn, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, November 26, 2020. Eileen was born March 12, 1932 to Stanley and Leona Tuttle. Eileen was proud that her father could play many musical instruments by ear and her mother lived to be 111 years old.



Preceded in death by husbands Bill Dunn and George Spisak, her parents, and eldest sister Audrey Sherratt. Survived by George's stepchildren; Diane Weir, Tim and Bruce Junod, sisters Marilyn Unger and Marjorie Casey, and many nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Detroit Lutheran high in 1950, Eileen worked as a clerk typist for two other companies before becoming an employee for Ford Motor Company. She retired from there after 33 years. Eileen was a long time member of churches West Bethlehem in Detroit, St. Michael's in Wayne and Atonement in Dearborn. She enjoyed family, friends, bowling, reading, word puzzles, walking, traveling our states and parts of Europe.

A visitation for Eileen will be held Tuesday, December 1, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Harry J Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152. A funeral in state will occur Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead St, Dearborn, MI 48126 with a funeral service at 11:00 AM. She will be laid to rest at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park, 35667 Eight Mile Rd, Livonia, Michigan 48152.

Contributions in Eileen's memory may be made to Lutheran High School Westland (c/o LHSA) 1100 Bagley Ave., Rochester Hills, Michigan, 48309; Lutheran Hour Ministries, 660 Mason Ridge Center Drive, St Louis, Missouri US; and Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 Eighteenth Street NW, Washington, Washington, D.C. US.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.HarryJWillLivonia.com](http://www.HarryJWillLivonia.com) for the Spisak family.

## Michael Thomas Bacon

FARMINGTON - On Tuesday, November 24, 2020, Michael Bacon, brother, uncle, dear friend passed away at the age of 74. Mike grew up in Farmington, Michigan and attended Eastern Michigan University. After college, he served in the Army where he was stationed in Vietnam and received a bronze star. He worked for and retired from the State of Michigan, Liquor Control Commission. He also attended Wayne State University where he received a Master's Degree in Library Science. He was a voracious reader, a skilled tennis player, bowler and golfer. In addition, he was an enthusiastic runner, jogger and walker. He enjoyed movies and had a particular fondness for Humphrey Bogart and Woody Allen movies.

Mike is survived by his brothers and sisters Rusty, Terry (Sandi), Trish (Mark) Baker and Maggie Bacon. Mike will also be forever remembered by his nephew and nieces and great nephews and a niece and his long-time friend, Barbara Chapman and her family.

The family is being served by Covell Funeral Home 232 E. State Street, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684. No service has been planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave, S.E, Ada, Michigan 49301.

## Dolores Ann Mehringer

Dolores Ann Mehringer of Livonia, Michigan peacefully passed away November 14, 2020 at the age of 90. She was born June 22, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan to Daniel John and Beatrice (Knowles) Gillice. Beloved wife of the late Otto J. Mehringer, married for 64 years. Loving mother of Michael (Diane) Mehringer, Daniel Mehringer, and Diane (Michael) Loftis. Dearest grandmother of Lauren Mehringer (fiancé Joe Schubert) and Mark (Elizabeth) Mehringer. Dear sister-in-law of Beverly Gillice. Dolores was predeceased by her siblings Charles Gillice and Mary Jane (Lewis) Erlewine. She is also survived by many loving family and friends. Dolores was a retired Livonia Public School teacher. She was also a gourmet cook, an amazing seamstress and avid traveler who visited dozens of destinations all over the globe. Dolores also loved spending summers at the family home in East Jordan, MI. A memorial Mass took place at St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Catholic Church, followed by an inurnment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, MI. Please visit [www.TurowskiFuneralHome.com](http://www.TurowskiFuneralHome.com) to share a memory or photo of Dolores. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter.



## Mary Elizabeth (Cleary) Norgren

Mary Elizabeth (Cleary) Norgren, 83, died Thursday, November 19, 2020 after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's. Predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Rod; her parents Katherine and Gerard Cleary; her sister Anna; her brothers Robert and Joseph. Survived by her 3 children, Michael (Janie), Cathy (Skip Straight) and Jerard; 5 grandchildren, Amy Anderson (Charlie), Laura Conway (Chris), Michelle Norgren (John), Melissa Norgren (Gabe), Matthew Bryan (Erin) and Alicia Sinnott (Emily); 7 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins and cherished friends. Formerly of Leesburg FL, Plymouth MI and Elmira NY. Mary retired from Westinghouse (Bell Telephone), going on to work 10 additional years for UAW Teamsters health fund. Mary enjoyed a life full of adventures alongside her husband Rod, family & friends. A private service will be held for family. The family would like to thank the staff of Falkirk Assisted Living, Flat Rock MI, as well as Corpore Sana Home Health & Hospice Palliative Care, Plymouth MI, for the care and support they provided Mary and her family. Remembrances for Mary may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



## Susan Leader Wilson

-- of Franklin, Michigan passed November 21, 2020. Beloved wife of the late attorney, Bruce O. Wilson. Born to the late Dr. Luther and Marian Leader on February 3, 1939 in Detroit, Michigan. Sister of the late Albert Charles (Gus) Leader and Jane Cooper. Loving mother of Stephen Wilson and Wendy Day (Paul). Dearest grandmother of Molly and Wilson. Aunt of three nephews and eight nieces. Sue grew up in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and attended Birmingham High School. She earned a degree in Elementary Education from Michigan State University before teaching second grade in the Pontiac school system, next door to her childhood and lifelong best friend, Sally. Susan was very proud of her school teaching years. She was a dog lover and always had at least one to complete her family. The most important things to her were her family and friends. She loved traveling the world, skiing, and spending time "Up North" at Reed Ranch and Ginger Quill with her nieces, nephews, and cherished loved ones. One of her favorite places to vacation was the Ocean Club of Florida. Sue wanted people to have a good time and was a comfort to those in distress. It will be said that she touched many with her kindness and love. Sue's final resting place is beside her husband at Franklin Cemetery. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Research and Prevention Foundation or Leader Dogs for the Blind. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500.



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## Sherry Ellsworth Almgreen

Sherry Ellsworth Almgreen, age 74, of Port Richey, Florida, a long-time resident of Westland and 1965 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, died November 24, 2020 in Perry, Georgia.

She is survived by her husband Robert Almgreen, son Kevin, daughter Michelle, two grandchildren, a great grandchild, half-brother Duke Ellsworth and many friends in Michigan, North Carolina and Florida.

She was predeceased by her parents Ted and Gwen Ellsworth and her brother Rex Ellsworth.

A memorial service for Mrs. Almgreen will be held at a later date.



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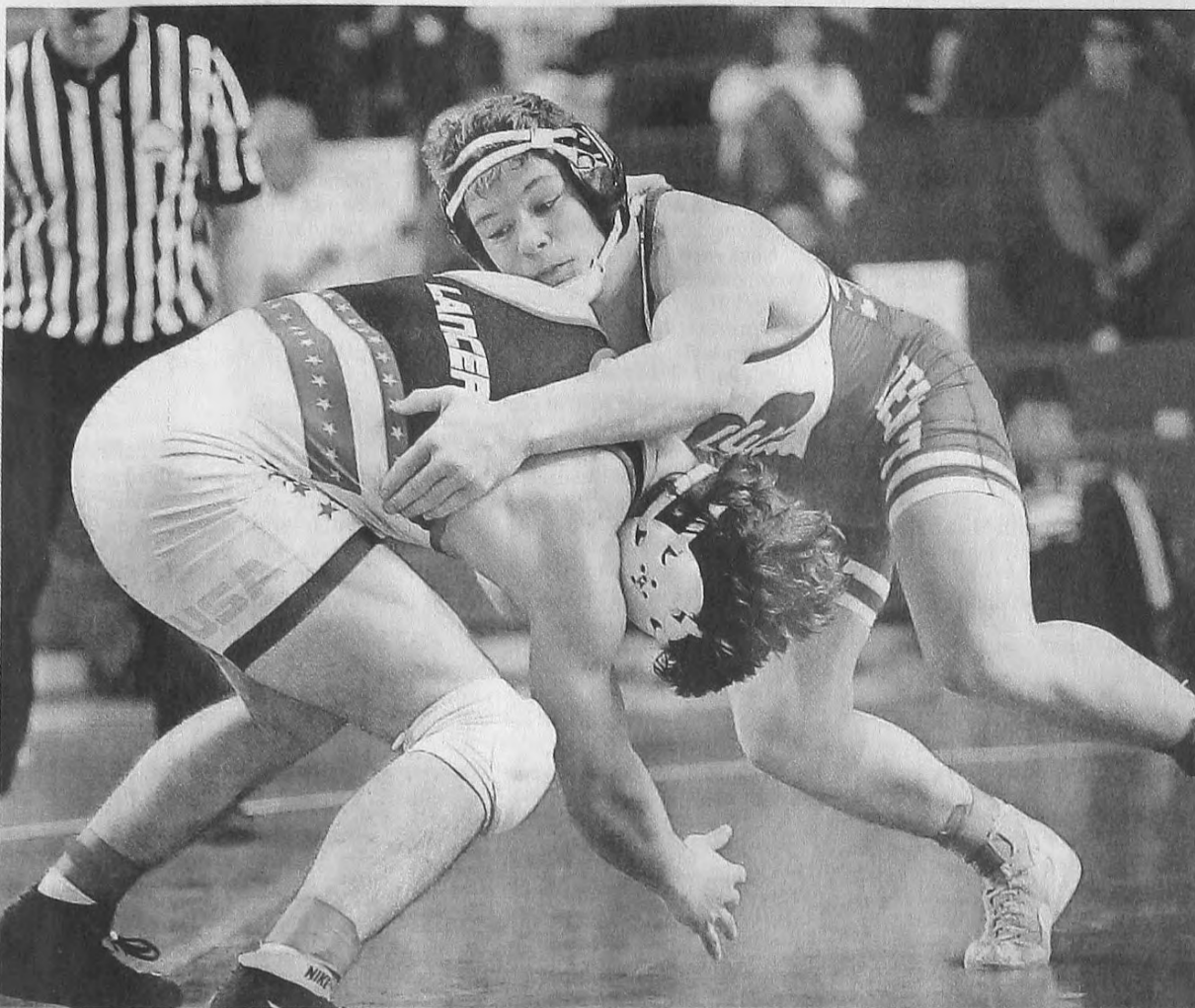


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# SPORTS



Catholic Central sophomore Manuel Rojas attacks La Salle's Dillon Walker. High school wrestling teams are waiting on word from the MHSAA to find out whether practices can resume Dec. 9. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Franklin senior OL restarts recruitment, chooses Pitt

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Kyle Fugedi started playing flag football when he was around 4 years old because all his friends played. It was fun. It gave him the chance to run around outside playing with those he was closest to.

But when he was in eighth grade, about to make the jump to high school, he remembers one of his coaches pulling him aside.

"One of my coaches said that I was a really big kid and that I possibly had a future to play college football," Fugedi said. "That's when it kind of changed where, 'Oh, I can actually do this for my future.'"

That message continued after Fugedi arrived Livonia Franklin, hearing possibilities of playing for a Power 5 program.

After four years with the Patriots, that message became reality as Fugedi, a senior offensive lineman, signed to play college football at the University of Pittsburgh.

In March, Fugedi originally committed to play football at Miami University in Ohio. But when the Panthers started to reach out to him in May, the Franklin senior could not turn them away.

"My dream has always been to play in a bigger league like the Big Ten or the ACC or the SEC or any big conference," Fugedi said. "At first ... I loved Miami (Ohio). I loved the coaches, loved the staff and everything.

"I got talking to Pitt and they were the exact same way: I loved all the coaches, loved the facilities, loved everything.

"I love Pittsburgh. To be able to have a chance to be able to play football for Pitt is one of my dreams and it's happening."

During high school, Fugedi played both tackle positions for the Patriots. However, when Pitt offensive line coach Dave Borbely first contacted him, he focused on his ability to play left tackle.

"They said I could be a three-year starter possibly at left tackle because left tackle is a hard position to be able to play," Fugedi said. "It's pretty rare."

Fugedi helped Franklin win five games in 2020, advancing to the

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## Can wrestling season happen safely in COVID-19 pandemic?

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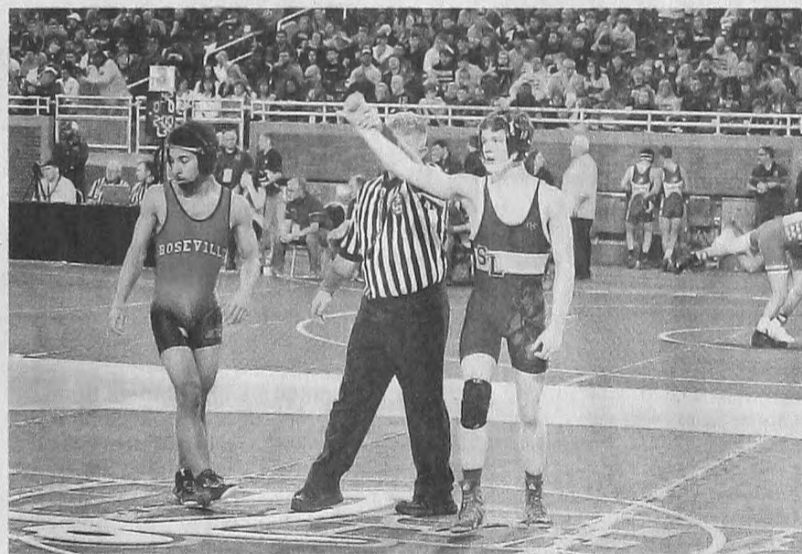
Is high school wrestling safe in a pandemic?

South Lyon head wrestling coach Zaq Makowski tried his best to inform parents and athletes the best he could, passing along information from the Michigan High School Athletic Association regarding guidelines to play during COVID-19.

Makowski had conversations with wrestlers on his roster, saying there is no pressure to join the team if they are uncomfortable with the surrounding climate.

But as he waits to see if the MHSAA allows practices to resume Dec. 9, Makowski does not have a definitive answer to the question everyone seems to be asking.

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South Lyon senior wrestler Max Honiss, right, hopes for a chance to show what he can do in 2020-21 despite the coronavirus pandemic. COURTESY OF MAX HONISS

## KLAA releases boys soccer all-conference teams

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With the boys soccer season complete and a state champion already crowned, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association announced its all-league team.

Livonia Stevenson finished the season as KLAA champions, winning the East division and beating Salem in the conference title game. Brighton and Salem finished at the top of the West division.

Here's a look at the members of the 2020 KLAA all-conference team from

the Hometown Life coverage area.

### Defenders

- Livonia Stevenson senior Anthony Polzin
- Livonia Stevenson senior Colin McGlinch
- Livonia Stevenson senior Bennett Ackman
- Canton senior Logan Hammond
- John Glenn junior Irfan Scheikhmeeri
- Livonia Churchill senior Benjamin Johns
- Salem junior Jacob Grieb

- Salem senior Tanner Locke
- Novi junior Saurav Setti
- Novi senior Ben Prisby
- Livonia Franklin senior Lefter Cule
- Northville senior Javier Del Bosque
- Northville senior Jacob Lynett
- Northville senior Levi Miller

### Midfielders

- Livonia Stevenson senior Drake Van Dike
- Canton senior Nick Rockafellow
- Canton junior Gavin Nesbitt

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Franklin goalie Eric Polzin makes a knee-save on a penalty shot by a Stevenson player. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

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# High school football's updated playoff schedule released

**Mick McCabe** Special to Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has released its schedule with dates and times for the regional finals in 11-player football and semifinals in 8-player, if practices are approved to resume Dec. 9.

The playoff games will be played either Dec. 15 or Dec. 16.

The 11-player semifinals and 8-player championships will be played Dec. 21-22.

The 11-player championship games will be played Dec. 28 and Dec. 29 at Ford Field.

## Regional finals, Dec. 15-16

### Division 1

Region 1  
Saline (8-1) at Rockford (7-0), 4, Wednesday.

Region 2  
Novi Detroit Catholic Central (9-0) at Davison (9-0), 7, Wednesday.

Region 3  
Detroit Cass Tech (9-0) at Belleville (9-0), 4, Wednesday.

Region 4  
Romeo (5-4) at West Bloomfield (8-1), 7, Tuesday.

### Division 2

Region 1

Muskegon Mona Shores (9-0) at East Lansing (8-0), 4, Tuesday.

Region 2  
North Farmington (6-3) at Traverse City Central (8-1), 5, Wednesday.

Region 3  
Oak Park (3-6) at Livonia Churchill (6-2), 6, Tuesday.

Region 4  
Warren De La Salle (5-4) at Warren Mott (7-1), 7, Tuesday.

### Division 3

Region 1  
East Grand Rapids (6-3) at Muskegon (8-1), 4, Wednesday.

Region 2  
Stevensville-Lakeshore (7-2) at DeWitt (9-0), 1, Tuesday.

Region 3  
Flint Kearsley (6-3) at Chelsea (9-0), 1, Tuesday.

Region 4  
River Rouge (7-1) at Detroit King (6-3), 7, Wednesday.

### Division 4

Region 1  
Forest Hills Eastern (6-3) at Cadillac (6-2), 7, Wednesday.

Region 2  
Grand Rapids South Christian (8-1) at Edwardsburg (8-0), 7, Tuesday.

Region 3  
Milan (8-1) at Williamston (8-1), 5, Tuesday.

Region 4

Detroit Country Day (6-2) at North Branch (9-0), 7, Tuesday.

### Division 5

Region 1  
Freeland (8-1) at Reed City (9-0), 7, Wednesday.

Region 2  
Muskegon Oakridge (7-2) at Grand Rapids Catholic Central (8-0), 6, Wednesday.

Region 3  
Grosse Ile (6-3) at Lansing Catholic (7-2), 6, Tuesday.

Region 4  
Marine City (8-1) at Frankenmuth (9-0), 4, Tuesday.

Region 5  
Negaunee (6-3) at Grayling (6-3), 4, Wednesday.

Region 6  
Montrose (8-1) at Montague (9-0), 4, Wednesday.

Region 7  
Michigan Center (6-1) at Constantine (8-1), 3, Tuesday.

Region 8  
Clinton (8-1) vs. Warren Michigan Collegiate (9-0) at Bishop Foley, 7, Wednesday.

Region 9  
Oscoda (9-0) at Traverse City St. Francis (7-2), 5, Tuesday.

Region 10  
Oscoda (9-0) at Traverse City St. Francis (7-2), 5, Tuesday.

Region 11

Cass City (9-0) at Ithaca (9-0), 1, Tuesday.

### Division 6

Region 1  
New Lothrop (8-0) at Detroit Loyola (8-1), 7, Tuesday.

Region 2  
Jackson Lumen Christi (5-4) at Schoolcraft (8-1), 7, Tuesday.

Region 3  
Johannesburg (9-0) at Iron Mountain (8-1), 6, Tuesday.

Region 4  
Carson City Crystal (6-1) at Ubly (7-2), 6, Wednesday.

Region 5  
Sand Creek (8-1) at Centreville (8-0), 4, Tuesday.

Region 6  
Petersburg (4-5) at Clarkston Everest (9-0), 5, Tuesday.

## 8-player

### \*Semifinals

Division 1  
Indian River Inland Lakes (8-1) at Suttons Bay (9-0), 7, Tuesday.

Division 2  
Martin (8-1) at Adrian Lenawee Christian (9-0), 4, Wednesday.

Division 3  
Marion (8-1) at Powers North Central (9-0), 1, Tuesday.

Division 4  
Kinde North Huron (8-2) at Portland St. Patrick (9-0), 4, Tuesday.

## Wrestling

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"Without knowing the data, I don't want to say that it's safe because I don't know," he said.

As preparation continues for the upcoming wrestling season with teams following the guidelines the MHSAA released to try and make the sport as safe as possible, there is still hope for a season, even though it will look different than a typical year.

John Glenn head coach Bill Polk has been pushing this message to his team throughout the summer, telling them to be prepared to adapt and adjust to the changes coming — whether it's wearing a mask while competing or preparing for a condensed schedule.

Wrestling is one of the only winter sports able to finish the 2019-20 season. John Glenn, like teams from around the state, is taking the flexible approach this year, waiting to see what wrestling in 2021 could look like, if it happens at all.

"I think they were ready, like 'OK, at this point what's next? What's the plan?'" Polk said.

### Masks on the mat

This season, wrestlers will have to bring something with them to the mat: a mask.

Every participant is required to wear a face covering that completely covers the mouth and nose during competitions and practices.

According to guidelines released by the MHSAA, wrestlers should have separate masks while they are competing and when they are not, but are required to wear one at all times.

Max Honiss, a senior on the South Lyon wrestling team, said mask-wearing has been one of the only differences he sees in preparing for this season, calling it a bit of a hurdle, but nothing the team can't get past.

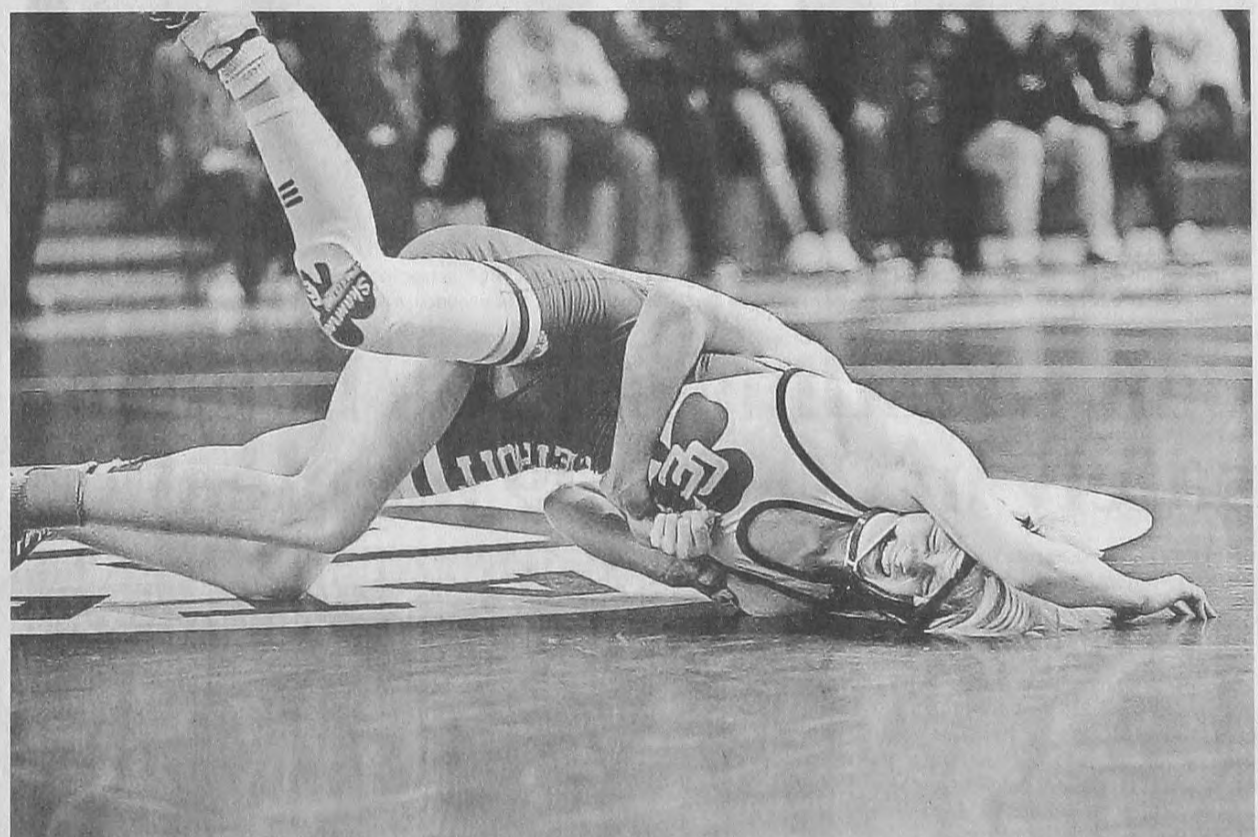
"It's a little bit harder to breathe, but... I think wrestlers deal with adversity all the time and a mask is no different than any other thing we have had to deal with like skin conditions, distancing ourselves from harmful light stuff," Honiss said. "It's a normal thing to have protect yourself and your safety for your team and your family."

Prior to the three-week halting of high school athletics, Makowski said players and coaches would have outdoor conditioning sessions with masks on, having players run around the track to get acclimated to it. At John Glenn, Polk said it's been hard for his players to adjust to masks when conditioning, saying he constantly has to remind them to put it above their nose.

Detroit Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock was clear that his team will do whatever guidelines the MHSAA releases, but is worried about the effect of masks in the middle of combat.

"I do worry about not being able to breathe, the mask coming off. Suffocating with sweat, or possibly blood could be an issue too," Hancock said. "We are going to do whatever we have to do to be able to tow the line and compete. If they tell us we have to wear a mask or if they tell us we have to do something different, we will."

In what he said might as well be his



Davison's Aden Williams brings down Catholic Central's Drew Heethuis. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

first year of coaching — nothing seems the same from past years as the head wrestling coach at Livonia Franklin — Dave Chiola watched as his players worked, ran and drilled with masks on.

Waiting for the majority of his roster to return to the wrestling room after the Patriots football season, Chiola thinks masks do more harm than good.

"I can't begrudge them, because I think it's stupid," Chiola said. "You got physical contact, body-to-body. The mask isn't really going to do anything. It's not even going to stay on."

### Contact tracing could save sport

Chiola knows the perception wrestling gets from the outside.

"People who don't understand it think it's barbaric anyway with them sweating and bleeding on each other," he said.

But compared to sports that have been played this year, such as football, and other sports in the winter season, coaches and the MHSAA are encouraged that wrestling can be done, solely because of the sport's ability to easily contact trace.

In their guidelines, the MHSAA announced it would limit teams to one competition per week with a maximum of four teams competing at one school. This would limit competitors to a maximum of three matches per week.

"If we are limited to one person who you can wrestle or two people you can wrestle, if someone comes down with symptoms, it's easier to contact trace possibly than any other sport," Hancock said.

In practice sessions, many area teams will schedule practices with pods of wrestlers, pitting athletes against the same athletes all year to limit the amount of contact made throughout the room.

Hancock said he's looking to minimize numbers in his wrestling room,

spreading his varsity starters throughout different pods so the Shamrocks would still be able to compete even if a group of starters test positive or are symptomatic.

Prior to competitions and practices, teams are required to screen athletes — take temperatures and answer questions regarding possible symptoms — before they take the mat.

Hancock knows the risks of the sport he coaches, but he sees similar risks to other sports offered in the same season.

"It is a hand-to-hand contact sport," Hancock said. "However, basketball, there's a lot of physicality in basketball. The same thing can be said about hockey. There's just more of it in wrestling."

"I think the two things we have to look at is the ability to screen athletes and the ability to contact trace, which could save our sport for the year."

### Future troubles

With all of the changes to the sport ahead of the 2021 season, players and coaches are worried. It's not only about the current season, but this season's effects in finding future athletes or in building a winning culture in the locker room.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools has not returned to in-person learning during the pandemic, so the John Glenn head coach has not been able to navigate the hallways, trying to find athletes who may shine as wrestlers as he usually does.

"It's still those kids that maybe didn't wrestle in junior high that want to try it in high school that, again, are usually pretty hard-working athletes that we can latch onto in the beginning," Polk said. "It's been really difficult to get those kids."

"Just like everyone else, we are all kind of in the same boat, it makes me a little nervous, maybe not for this year but for the upcoming years, maybe two

or three years down the road."

Chiola is nervous for the future too, more focused on the amount of experience, or lack thereof, that his varsity wrestlers would get.

"It's going to hurt future seasons too because of the lack of experience these kids are going to get," Chiola said. "You might show up on a Saturday and get two two first-period pins and a void and that's your week. That's all you have to show for a week of practice."

To Hancock, wrestling is an intimate and personal sport, and he has had trouble initiating the familial atmosphere that has brought Catholic Central success since he became head coach.

Makowski understands the hurdles. He understands the perception. He understands if people may decide not to participate.

But he eagerly wants to lead a team in 2021. He wants to do it for his seniors. Seniors like Honiss.

The South Lyon four-year wrestler has not changed his goals for his final season in the program: He still wants to win the state title at 135, earning the school's overall win record, dual-win record and pin record along the way.

But the senior wants to make sure the culture he helped build over his four years will continue when he is gone.

"I want to ingrain the deep culture before I leave South Lyon High School," Honiss said. "When I entered, there was a coaching shift."

"When I leave, I want the team to be in a good place culturally. We went from nine kids to 20."

"This team has been a huge part of my life for the past four years, and I want to leave it open for new leadership to come and leave a solid foundation for kids to grow on it."

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# OLSM's Mooney looks like Michigan's best player

Jeff Seidel Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Alex Mooney was bored out of his mind last spring when the coronavirus crisis shut down everything.

The Michigan high school baseball season was canceled, and at the worst possible time he couldn't go anywhere to train. Mooney was a junior at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, a few months before the most important summer of his life. It was his best chance to impress Major League Baseball scouts.

When it started to warm up, his father, Joe, bought a batting cage, which they put up in their backyard in Oakland Township.

"It was probably the best investment I ever made," Joe said. "We got a pretty cheap cage but it caught the ball. That's all we cared about, right? The ball didn't hit any neighbor's house and he was in there every day."

Alex trained with his brother Ryan, an outfielder who has committed to Notre Dame.

Joe Mooney, who played at Michigan on a team coached by former Tigers great Bill Freehan, was working from home. A health care executive, Joe would get off a Zoom call, take a break and throw batting practice to his sons.

"My dad's BP was so bad," Alex said, laughing.

So Joe bought a pitching machine that could mix in curves and sliders with 100-mph fastballs.

Alex wanted to be ready for the summer baseball circuit. If there was one.

"I got used to the velo on the machine, so I didn't come out of quarantine with a slow bat," Alex said.

And that's what he did.

Alex had an amazing summer that turned into a fantastic fall. He has emerged as a potential first-round pick in the 2021 MLB draft in July. Perfect Game lists Mooney as the No. 13-ranked player in the class, the fifth-ranked high school shortstop and projects him to be drafted No. 24 overall.

"I'm not writing checks for big league teams, but I would take him in the first round," said Jeff Petty, who coached Alex for Canes Baseball, one of the most respected travel baseball organizations in the country.

## The star of stars

In early September, Alex played in the Perfect Game All-American Classic in Oklahoma City. The game featured 54 of the top high school prospects in the country including:

- Jordan Lawlar, a shortstop/outfielder from Irving, Texas, ranked as the top prospect by Perfect Game.
- Brady House, a third baseman/right-handed pitcher from Georgia, who is ranked No.1 by Baseball America.
- Eight of Alex's teams from the Canes.

But Mooney was the star of stars. He had three hits, including a triple, scored three runs, and he was named the MVP.

Jonathan Mayo, from Baseball America, wrote that Mooney's "approach and all-around tools stand out to go along with excellent instincts."

In the last 18 years, 199 of the 824 players who have participated in the Perfect Game event have made it to the Major Leagues.

After the event, Ian Smith, the MLB draft lead analyst at Prospects 365, wrote: "Alex Mooney (MVP) looks more like a clear cut first rounder every day."

Mooney was named an All-American by Perfect Game and Under Armour.

If there is one knock, it is that Mooney is a five-tool player who doesn't have an elite, jaw-dropping tool. He can hit home runs but he's not considered a power hitter. He is an above average runner but he's not blazing fast.

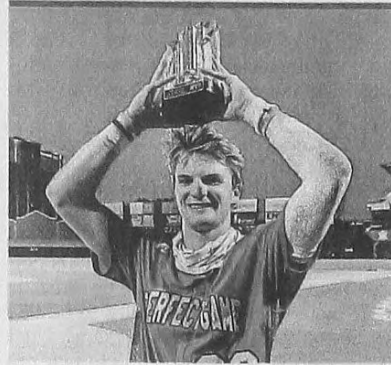
Baseball America's scouting report says that Mooney is "a heady, aggressive player who does a lot of things well on the diamond but might not have a true plus tool."

## Mr. President, too

Mooney continued to play this fall thanks to a smart, new MHSAA rule that allowed spring sports teams to hold 16 voluntary practices in the fall.

St. Mary's hosted intrasquad scrimmages, which gave Mooney another chance to shine in front of scouts. But calling it an intrasquad scrimmage doesn't do it justice, considering the talent on the field. St. Mary's has a roster that includes 13 Division I commits.

"There was significant interest from



Alex Mooney was MVP of the Perfect Game All-American Classic in September. COURTESY OF WILL CHITTY

On Nov. 11, Mooney signed a national letter of intent to play college baseball at Duke.

"Alex Mooney is one of the most talented student-athletes I have ever recruited," Duke coach Chris Pollard said in a story posted on the school's website.

But it is not clear whether Mooney will ever go to Duke.

"He's a potential first rounder — he should have a really difficult decision to make this coming summer about what his future is going to hold in the short term," Perfect Game national director Brian Sakowski said.

Sakowski has an interesting view of Mooney because he is also an assistant coach at St. Mary's.

"I think he's going to be a big leaguer," Sakowski said. "I told him that last spring, two springs ago, when he walked us off at Comerica Park in the Catholic League championship game against Catholic Central." Afterwards, I took him aside and said, 'Man, I cannot wait to watch you play in the big leagues.'

"And I've never said that to a 16-year-old kid before and I don't know if I will again."

Sakowski said that Mooney has all the tools to be a major leaguer.

"It's a combo platter, man," he said. "He's got them all. But it's so much more than that. It's the super high-end natural intellect and baseball IQ combined with an unbelievable work ethic and leadership skills and overall makeup. Combined with him just being an awesome kid, too."

Birmingham Brother Rice's Nick Plummer was the last Michigan high school player to attract this much attention from scouts, according to Sakowski. Plummer was taken 23rd overall by the St. Louis Cardinals in the first round in 2015.

No matter where Mooney is ranked, or where he is drafted, or what the scouts are saying, his father is proud of him not for what he's accomplished but for how he's doing it.

"I love the work behind it," Joe Mooney said. "I love the grind. I love that he loves the grind. And I respect that more. People don't want to talk about that. That's hard. That's the hard work. And I think that's something I respect."

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# Senior

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district final where the Patriots fell to area rival Livonia Churchill.

Fugedi said his final year at Franklin was both fun and extremely emotional, seeing the progress made of himself and the players around him: many he had grown up playing with when he first picked up a football.

The senior lineman said the process of the 2020 season — from the uncertainty of it starting to Franklin's conclusion — helped him realize he was going to be a better football player because of this season, something he wants to show at Pitt.

"It definitely showed that I can be amongst the top players for offensive tackle," he said.

Fugedi said his de-commitment to the RedHawks was straightforward, telling the football program that he had opportunities to play for bigger programs.

"Pitt just really grew on me," Fugedi said. "And I was like, 'This is where I

want to go."

Pitt currently holds the No. 9 scoring offense in the Atlantic Coastal Conference, averaging 29.6 points per game.

Ahead of his last semester at Franklin, Fugedi said his focus now turns toward the ice and his final season with the Patriots hockey team.

However, he said the Panthers coaching staff will keep an eye on his academics ahead of his freshman year of college.

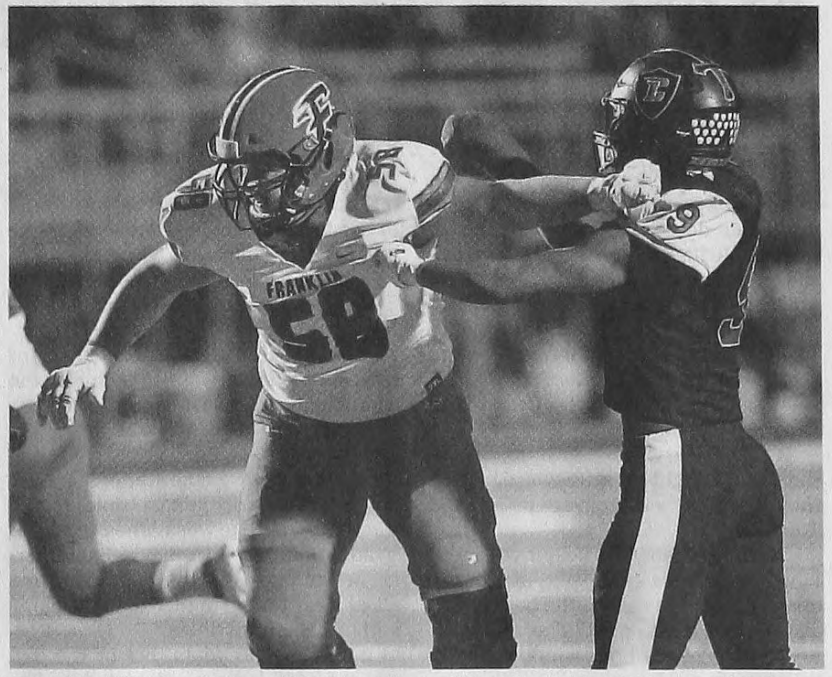
With time still left in Livonia, Fugedi is already thinking about what his college football experience will be like.

"I have a feeling it's going to be like home for me," Fugedi said. "Once I get there, I don't think I'm going to want to leave."

"Football has always been my life. There's never really been anything else. I've always been a sports guy."

"To be in a football town, it's one of my dreams. It's going to be amazing."

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Franklin offensive lineman Kyle Fugedi, at 6'6" and weighing 298 pounds, left, engages with a Franklin player before pulling to his right to block for a run play. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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- Plymouth senior Eyad Ali
- Plymouth senior Peter Boyer
- Plymouth junior Cameron Li
- Livonia Churchill junior Daniel Jakubowski
- Livonia Churchill junior Tomas Peralta
- Livonia Churchill sophomore Orfan Adil
- Salem senior Andrew Schwartz
- Salem senior John Soltis
- Salem junior Grant Israel
- Novi senior Odin Lim
- Novi senior Tristan Whalen
- Wayne Memorial senior Aiden Herdon
- Livonia Franklin freshman Nino Schembri
- Livonia Franklin senior Kellen Clegg
- Northville senior Harrison Neal
- Northville junior Kyle Stoner
- Northville senior Yianni Canelopoulos



Canton goal keeper Justus Heers makes a save during warmups in September. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Northville sophomore Alexander Nevelos

## Forwards

- Livonia Stevenson senior Nick Lema
- Livonia Stevenson senior Alec Alaouieh
- Livonia Stevenson sophomore Nico Bunda
- Canton senior Kaelan Flowers
- Canton junior Christian Austin
- Livonia Churchill senior Ryan Richards
- Salem junior Anthony Deruvo
- Salem senior Dante Perri
- Salem senior Nolan Chaput
- Novi senior Matthew Pacas-McCarthy
- Livonia Franklin junior Dante Davidson

## Goalkeepers

- Livonia Stevenson senior Brenden Ware
- Canton senior Justus Heers
- John Glenn sophomore Dashmir Krasniqi
- Livonia Churchill senior Ryan Kruger
- Novi senior Issac Gibbs

## Honorable mentions

- Livonia Churchill — Aleksander Belishta, Kip Dobar, Ethan VanLandingham
  - Canton — Ethan Gross, Christian Lopez, Carson Genthe
  - Plymouth — Ashton Terrick, Davi Jazxhi, Gary Davison
  - Livonia Franklin — Eric Polzin, Alex David, Nate Wygonik
  - Wayne Memorial — Luis Martinez, Hugo Olmos, Scotty Powers
  - John Glenn — Casey Kolb, Luis Cruz, Ceriyon Sims
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  - 88 Isle of Man man, e.g.
  - 90 Scout unit
  - 91 — pittance (hardly any)
  - 92 Garage job
  - 94 Atop, to
  - 96 Short snooze
  - 97 Bit of voice mail
  - 100 Hankerings to take pictures of small and distant objects?
  - 103 Places for milk products
  - 105 Bored feeling
  - 106 Measure of how much a ship swerves off course?
  - 110 2000-15 TV series
  - 112 Facet
  - 116 Horror film lab aide
  - 117 With 108-Down, deteriorate
  - 118 Pre-entree dishes
  - 121 Lanai wreath
  - 122 Join the club
  - 124 Chatter that's engaging?
  - 129 Entertainer Uggams
  - 130 Give kudos
  - 131 Arms depot
  - 132 Abides
  - 133 Breadwinner
  - 134 What vets provide
  - 43 Penne — vodka
  - 44 Sloppy smooches
  - 45 Wry twisting
  - 46 — Haute
  - 48 Acuff of song
  - 49 Like a swap
  - 50 Radio tuner
  - 51 Hose color
  - 55 Otter's kin
  - 58 "Bosh!"
  - 60 Go extinct
  - 62 Bub
  - 63 " 'Tis so sad"
  - 65 "You lookin' —?"
  - 67 Nosh
  - 71 Stable stock
  - 72 Seamless — transition
  - 73 Von — family ("The Sound of Music" clan)
  - 74 — oxide (anesthetic)
  - 75 The, to Hans
  - 76 Emulated a fish
  - 77 1 p.m. is one
  - 81 Horse color
  - 82 iPad downloads
  - 84 Ocl.'s 744
  - 85 Union general
  - 86 Darling type
  - 87 Bodily joint
  - 89 Aquatic bird
  - 93 Lofty trains in Sicily
  - 95 Tall volcano
  - 98 Groups of geese
  - 99 Dubliner's land
  - 101 Model Klum
  - 102 Dog's bark
  - 104 Key in anew
  - 106 Give in (to)
  - 107 Nixon veep
  - 108 See
  - 117 -Across
  - 109 Dryly comical
  - 110 In the vicinity
  - 111 Not as risky
  - 113 Kagan of justice
  - 114 Romero of "Batman"
  - 115 Work's name
  - 118 Lasting mark
  - 119 Related (to)
  - 120 Take a pic of
  - 123 — Abner
  - 125 Legendary coach
  - 126 Three, in Bari
  - 127 D.C. winter hrs.
  - 128 Remote button abbr.

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Here's How It Works:  
 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!

### ALL AT SEA

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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 L E N N A H C N K F H T S A M A B  
 P R A D A R I T A O B G U T B I O  
 R E N I L V S T A R B O A R D L A  
 F E N L I G H T H O U S E A I O R  
 I S W D C O R X D K A N C H O R D  
 S U A C M O T E C K R K N O T S S  
 H B V S Z R M A L I H A B T L W X  
 Y M E R O B B P K W O A B E I E Y  
 H A S P U I S C A R A A R M A S Q  
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 B E K I E R T A N G N I W O R O N  
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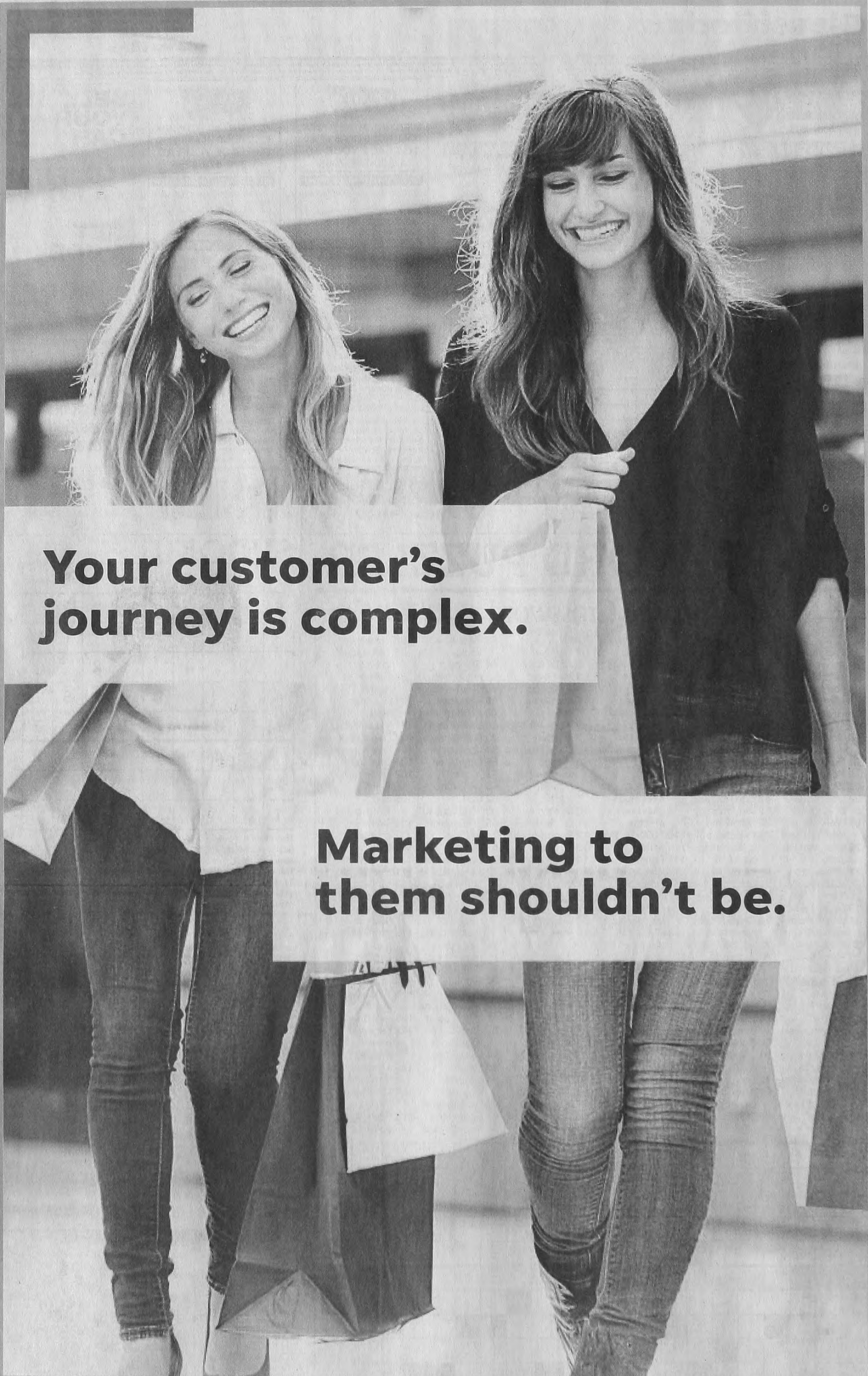
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 AFT  
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 DECK  
 DINGHY  
 DIVING  
 DOCKS  
 EMBARK  
 FATHOMS  
 FISH  
 HARBOR  
 HORIZON  
 JETTY  
 KNOTS  
 LIFEBOAT  
 LIGHTHOUSE  
 LINER  
 MAST  
 OAR  
 PORT  
 QUAY  
 RADAR  
 ROPES  
 ROWING  
 SAILORS  
 SCHOONER  
 SHARKS  
 STARBOARD  
 SUBMARINE  
 SWIMMING  
 TRAWLER  
 TUGBOAT  
 VESSEL  
 VOYAGE  
 WAVES

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