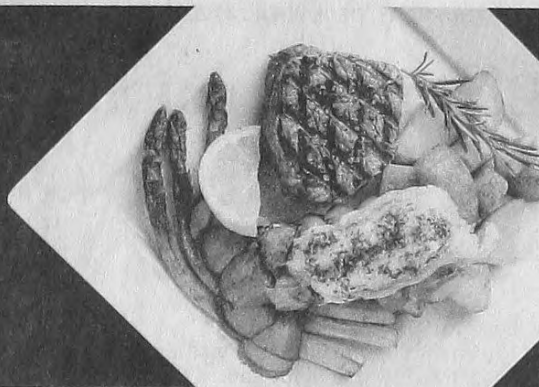


HAPPY, HOMEMADE



New Year!

SEE OUR SALE
IN FULL PAGE AD



CANTON

OBSERVER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020 | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK



Canton artist Sharryl Cross works on her oil painting "Ambition's Stride" in her garage Dec. 8. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Canton woman making mark in worlds of art, fashion design

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Eye-catching vibrancy has attached itself to Sharryl Cross's careers, first as a New York City fashion designer and currently as a self-employed artist who creates dynamic paintings in the basement of her Canton Township home.

A native Detroit and graduate of Michigan State University, Cross's journeys — both career-wise and travels-re-

lated — are the stuff little girls' dreams are made of.

In 2008, shortly after losing her job as a teacher at a college design school, she moved to New York with \$1,000 and a one-way ticket in her pocket, and aspirations of making her mark in the epicenter of the fashion world.

Her gamble paid off in the form of a robust 12-year stint as a designer of contemporary women's fashions for high-profile brands including INC (Macy's

private brand), J.Crew and Juicy Couture.

"When I was young, one of my teachers asked everyone in the class what they wanted to be when they grew up," Cross reflected. "While just about everybody said they wanted to be a lawyer, a doctor or something along those lines, I said I wanted to be a fashion designer, even though I

See ARTIST, Page 6A

Livonia family finally home for the holidays

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Being home for the holidays and surrounded by family means everything when that luxury is almost taken away.

Victoria Colone and Fred Garcia, of

Livonia, were expecting their first child, Jaxon, when they found out he'd be born with spinal muscular atrophy. The condition, better known as SMA, can be life-shortening if untreated. Colone and Garcia both carry a recessive gene for SMA, so their children will have a 25%

chance of being born with it.

"The motor neurons basically die, and the motor neurons basically feed the nerves," Dr. Meghan Harper-Shankie, a pediatric neurologist at

See FAMILY, Page 5A

Defendant's assault case not usable in Stislicki murder trial

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Any jury charged with deciding whether Floyd Galloway schemed and successfully murdered a missing Danielle Stislicki can ignore his 2016 sexual assault on a Hines Park runner — for now.

The assault happened a few months before Stislicki's December 2016 disappearance, and the Michigan Court of Appeals said in an opinion released Thursday that the cases are too dissimilar to risk "unfair prejudice" against the defendant.

For example, the runner was a stranger who was moved to a secluded area during a sexual assault. Stislicki, 28, of Farmington Hills knew Galloway from when he worked as a security guard at her place of work, the MetLife building in Southfield.

Galloway reportedly faked car trouble in the MetLife parking lot the day Stislicki went missing, and he was seen in her vehicle as she drove away that Dec. 2. Her body has not been found.

"The two cases, by the prosecution's own admission, do not show similar degrees or characteristics of preparation," the judges said in their opinion. "The prosecution does not explain how the specific facts of each case give rise to recognizable shared elements of 'stalking behavior' or isolation.

"The evidence strongly invites a prejudicial character inference. Furthermore ... a limiting instruction would not alleviate the risk of unfair prejudice."

Appellate judges affirmed Oakland Circuit Judge Phyllis McMillen's decision. State prosecutors still can take their arguments to the Michigan Supreme Court. They declined to comment for this story.

Galloway's attorney, Ellen Michaels, provided a copy of the unpublished opinion.

Her client, 33, of Berkley remains in a state prison because of his guilty plea to charges of kidnapping,

See JURY, Page 5A

LETTERS TO SANTA

Christmas Day is just about here, and the excitement is building. Hometown Life is giving Santa a helping hand by collecting a bunch of letters and compiling them for his reading pleasure. Here's what some local first graders offered, just as they wrote it.

Dear Santa,

I love you. Can you please bring my mom an Ipnoe 12. Can you bring a moninter for my dad. Can you bring me a Lions Helmet. I love you so much.

Love, Ojas

P.s I LOVE you!

DEAR SANTA:

I love you so much, can you please bring my sister and brother toys and games.

I have been good.

I will leave you cookies and milk.

I LOVE YOU BIG GUY!!

I LOVE THE ELVES!!!

P.S. Be careful with reindeer.

Ema Aguilar

Dear Santa,

Can I have a toothless toy please.

Your Friend, Michael

Dear Santa,

I love you so much. How are your reindeer? I hope your feeling healthy. Please bring me and my brother sanad and sister Selena and my cousin Bella a present.

Love Leo

Dear Santa,

How are the rader? Can you please bnnng mi mom gloue? Can you please bnnng food to hungry ple! Please can you breg mi dad a woch? Can you please breg me a rabo dol? I hev ben zare good! I love you. I wel lev cres for the reder. I hop

im on the nest lest. I love Max and I love you.

Love

Finley Riggs

p.s. Love Finley

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? Can you please bring my sister a dog? Can you please bring me a doll please? Have a safe trip!

Love your friend, Ava

P.S. I love you!

See LETTERS, Page 2A



Charity donations deductible even if you don't itemize taxes



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick:

I am in my 50s and do not itemize my deductions. I was told by a member of my church that I can make a tax-deductible charitable donation for 2020.

Is that true? If so, what type of contributions can be made? And are there any downsides that I should know about?

Thank you. J.

Dear J.:

Yes, you can make a charitable deduction even though you do not itemize your deductions.

Under the CARES Act which was passed earlier this year, individuals who do not itemize their deductions are allowed to deduct up to \$300 of charitable contributions.

To qualify, contributions must be in cash. In other words, a donation of clothes or household goods would not qualify for this deduction; it must be cash.

Therefore, if you choose to donate to your church, you should write a check and the first \$300 will be tax

deductible. If you donate more, it will not be tax deductible, nor will you be able to carryover the difference to future tax years.

Whether you're taking the standard deduction or itemizing your deductions, it is important to remember the documentation you need when it comes to charitable contributions. In the old days, your canceled check was sufficient documentation in case the IRS came calling. However, that is no longer the rule.

Charitable contributions of \$250 or more require a receipt from the charity in addition to a copy of the canceled check.

Most charities nowadays send receipts. Save these receipts and file them with your tax records.

On the other hand, if you do not get a receipt, then it is a good idea to contact the charity and have one sent to you. You do not need to send a copy of your receipt with your tax return; rather, you need to save the receipt with your tax records.

If you are over 70½ and not itemizing your deductions, and plan on donating more than \$300, you can make qualified charitable distributions (QCD).

A QCD transfers money directly from your retirement account to a charity. Although in this transaction you do not receive a charitable deduction, you do receive a tax benefit.

Money coming out of your retirement account,

which would normally be taxed to you, is not taxed since it is donated directly to a charity. Therefore, seniors over 70½ who do not itemize their deductions and make charitable contributions in excess of \$300 should consider this strategy when making charitable contributions.

The key to doing a QCD is to have your IRA custodian directly transfer the money to your charity of choice. If the custodian sends you a check in your name and you sign that check over to the charity, you do not receive the favorable tax treatment.

You will need to work with your IRA custodian to have contributions sent directly to the charitable organization. The time to do this is now; you do not have time to delay.

One further reminder regarding charitable contributions is to make sure that you do due-diligence on the organization.

This time of year, there are many bogus charities attempting to take advantage of the generosity of American people. Always do your research to be sure the charity is legitimate.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomadvisors.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email Rick at rick@bloomadvisors.com.

hometownlife.com

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

Published Sunday and Thursday by
Observer & Eccentric Media

Newsroom Contacts:

Phil Allmen, Content Strategist
Mobile: 248-396-3870

Email: pallmen@hometownlife.com

Follow us on Facebook: @OEHometown

Subscription Rates:

Newsstand price: \$1.50
\$104 per 12 months home delivery

Home Delivery:

Customer Service: 866-887-2737
Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m. to noon
Afterhours, leave voicemail
Email: custserv@hometownlife.com

Advertising Policy:

All advertising published in this newspaper is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the advertising department. We reserve the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Our ad-takers have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an ad constitutes acceptance of the advertiser's order.

Letters

Continued from Page 1A

Dear Santa,

I love you you are the best. Do you like chocolate cookies? How are the reindeers? Give Mrs. Claus a hug from me. How is Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? Bring Baby Blue Biscuit and Remi a dog toy please. Please bring my momma her favortire dress that hers always wanted. Please bring my Grandma and outdoor automatic shower for the cabin. And please bring Bex a baby brother. Please bring my sister Marina the Indominus Rex. Please bring my daddy a chainsaw.

Please could I have a princess suitcase with toys inside?

Love,
ellie

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would love to get a Nintendo Switch, lava lamp, mine-craft legos and backpack, hot wheels track, and Roblox toys.

Love, Aiden
Dear Santa

I love You! Can you Please bring my dog a Bow? CAN you Please bring my Mom a fone Kas?

CAN you give me A Hvr Bord? I Will Leve Mik and cookes.

Love Evelyn :)

Dear Santa, houw is

Mrs. Clos dooing? Can you please get my mom a roombu and can you get me a hufrbord? And can you get my Dad a Zoya doll pleas? And can you get my bruthr a xbox gift cord? And can you get my

sistr a rambo hode? Ive been good! I will get you choklit cookees and choklit milk. And I will giv yore Rander sum carrots. I love you big guy.. Love - Zoya to you Santa.

P.S. I love you.

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? Can you bring my brother a nerf gun? Can you bring my mom makeup? Can you bring my dad a game for the VR? Can you bring my sister a baby shark toy? Can you bring me an elf I can touch? Ive been good. I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots for the reindeer.

I love you so much.

Love, Mackenzie

Dear Santa

I hope you are healthy. How are you and Mrs. Claus? Could you please bring my mom an iPad? Can you please bring my mamaw a picture frame? Can you please bring Mrs. Zuzo money? I would like an electric scooter for Christmas. I have been a good boy! I will leave you milk and cookies. Have a safe trip!

Love, Landon

P.S. I love you!

Dear Santa,

I hope you ar healthy. Can you bring Samuela Transformers Robot? Can you please bring my Dad a watch? Can you please bring me a Disney Pixar car? I've been good. I will leave you milk and cookies. I love you so much.

Your Friend, Joel

Dear Santa,

I hope you are healthy! Do you have a dog? I have two dogs and they love toys.

Can you please bring them toys?

Can you please bring mom clothes?

Can you please bring me Pokémon cards, Godzilla toys and a PS5?

I've been a good boy.

I love you.

Love, Liam

P.S. Eat the cookies!

Dear Santa,

Are you ready? Can you please bring bells for Grayson? Can you please bring food to hungry kids? Can you please bring me a MARIR game? I've been good. Please don't make a mess by the fireplace. I love you so much!

Love Sophie

PS Watch out!

Dear Santa,

I hope your helthey. Please give Dante tennis balls, skwekey balls, and a santa baby. Please give RayRay dolls. Please give food to kids who cant afourd it. I have ben a good boy. I wont a toy dog and a Mad Hater hat with the wig not atatch. Good luck on the trip! Thank you so much!

Love, Jasper

Dear Santa,

I'm excited for Christmas! I have a big wish list. Mommy wude want a new joolery set. Mimi wude love a new phone. Papa wants a new shart. Avery would love a new Barbie. I really want a gemex set. I can't wait for you to visit me! I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Lydia

Dear Santa,

I'm love Christmas so much. I have a big wish list. My Mom nids new shoes. My DAD wuts a new truce. My DOG nids a new dog bed. My uther dog wuts a new BoNe. I really wunt a hovre Bike. Bebe wutns blakit. I can't

See LETTERS, Page 4A

WESTBORN MARKET

CURBSIDE PICK UP &

DELIVERY

VISIT:
WWW.WESTBORNMARKET.COM
AND CLICK YOUR STORE TO START!

WE'LL BRING THE MARKET TO YOU!

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WAYNE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
Estate of BARBARA J MCNEELY
Decedent, Date of birth 09/19/1949

TO ALL CREDITORS: Notice To Creditors: The decedent, BARBARA J. MCNEELY, died 10/12/2020. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Shirley Bird, Successor Trustee, Braunlich, Lievona & Braunlich, 19 E. First Street, Monroe, Michigan 48161 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Attorney Name	Bar No.
Brittany Braunlich 19 E. First Street Monroe, MI 48161 (734) 242-6363	P77264
Successor Trustee Name	
Shirley Bird 42074 Hanford Rd. Canton, MI 48187	

Publish: Dec. 24, 2020 LO-0000357900144

City of Plymouth Zoning Board of Appeals Notice Thursday, January 7, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. Online ZOOM

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

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. online via Zoom to consider the following:

- Z20-10 Use Variance Request for 606 Maple
Habitable space in detached garage
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: William Lincoln
- Zoning Ordinance Interpretation
Sec. 78-21 Floor area ratio calculation and habitable space in a detached garage
- Z21-01 Non-Use Variance Request for 1071 N. Holbrook
Rear Yard Lot Coverage
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Mark Oppat
- Z21-02 Non-Use Variance Request for 365 Joy
Front Yard Setback
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Jill and Matt Nagle

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:
Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 234

Publish: December 24, 2020 LO-0000357829 345

COVID-19 deaths surge in western Wayne County

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The COVID-19 death toll was stark in Hometown Life's western Wayne County communities this past week, testifying to the recent surge in growth rates. After weeks of less than 10 deaths for the entire region, the total leapt to 85 for the eight cities and townships in the county's western region, according to a county data analysis.

There was an accrued death count of

544 on Thursday, Dec. 10, and 629 deaths counted on Thursday, Dec. 17 - an increase of about 16%.

Westland took the worst hit, experiencing 22 confirmed COVID-19 deaths. Livonia wasn't far behind, experiencing 20. Canton Township had 11 deaths, and the remaining communities had at least four for the same week.

Growth rates stayed below 7%. A few weeks ago, some communities were dealing with growth rates exceeding 20%.

Across the county, there were 50,140 cases counted so far and 1,658 deaths so far on Thursday.

The youngest age group of up to 29 years of age accounts for about 30% of the county's cases.

The oldest age group of 80 years or more accounts for the most deaths.

The state of Michigan counted 450,776 confirmed cases and 11,212 deaths on Thursday.

Here is a look at how the confirmed case rates have been trending in Wayne

County:

- Redford, 7%
 - Westland, 7%
 - Canton, 6%
 - Garden City, 6%
 - Livonia, 6%
 - Plymouth city and township, 6%
 - Wayne, 6%
 - Northville city and township, 5%
- Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susan-vela.

Canton man, 53, arraigned on 18 CSC charges

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A Canton man, 53, was arraigned Thursday on 18 counts of criminal sexual conduct, felony crimes that if convicted could lead to life imprisonment.

Township police said in a statement they began their investigation into Shailesh Patel after an alleged victim filed an

abuse report against him.

Online court records indicate the alleged crimes happened in 2005. Most of the CSC counts involve allegations regarding a child younger than 13 years of age and, for three fourth-degree CSC counts, force and coercion.



Patel

Police worked in conjunction with an FBI task force focused on trafficking and exploitation crimes.

Bond was denied for Patel. He is scheduled to return to court later this month.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susan-vela.

Position on Schoolcraft Board of Trustees opens

Schoolcraft College has an opening on its Board of Trustees and invites individuals interested in filling that vacancy to contact Beth LaForest, director of strategic operations and board liaison, by email at blafors@schoolcraft.edu with any questions or to receive an application packet.

The deadline to submit an application is 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2021.

The seven-member Board of Trustees serves as the college's policy-making body. To be considered a candidate for the position, an applicant must be a registered voter and a resident of the Schoolcraft College district, which includes the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton school districts as well as part of the Novi school district.

Board seats have six-year terms. This position will be appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve into 2022. The applicant then must run in the next general election in November 2022.

The vacancy is the result of Trustee Gretchen Alaniz's decision to resign after serving Schoolcraft College and the community since 2013.

Fire inspectors: Working from home sparks risks

Slone Terranella Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

A total of 112 people died in residential fires this year, with the majority of victims being children and people with disabilities, according to the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society.

The Michigan Fire Inspectors Society is warning the public to pay extra attention to electrical safety indoors this holiday season, which is a time that's more prone to residential and electrical fires.

"We really want people to take a few minutes this year to walk around their home and look for overloaded outlets, damaged extension cords under couches or rugs, or worn-out holiday lights, so they can be safe this holiday season," said Kyle Svoboda, district chief of

Plainfield Fire Department and Michigan Fire Inspectors Society executive board member.

COVID-19 also creates more concern from fire departments, which worry about the increased numbers of people staying inside and using various electrical devices and charging stations.

To protect people from having electrical fires or issues, the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society recommends taking these steps:

- Inspect all electric cords and holiday lights for signs of damage or wear and tear. If cords are frayed, bare wires are exposed or sockets are broken then dispose of the damaged cord or string.

- Replace broken lights, and use extension cords properly. Never overload or run cords under furniture, carpets or rugs.

- To ensure the products you use at home comply with national safety standards, always look for the label of a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as UL, CSA or Intertek.

- When using appliances, inspect them for signs of damage and use the appliance only in its intended manner.

Another electrical danger is arcing, which happens when there are loose electrical connections. According to the National Fire Protection Association, this is dangerous because it was the heat source in 3 out of every 5 electrical home fires from 2012 to 2016.

The Michigan Fire Inspectors Society recommends using arc-fault circuit interrupters that are designed to detect and stop dangerous arcing before it becomes a deadly electrical fire, according to a news release.

BEAT IT
FACE IT
OAKLAND COUNTY, MI

OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN
Together

THE ONLY WAY TO BEAT COVID-19 IS TO FACE IT.

You can't forget the danger. Especially in the next few months. Wear the mask. Wash your hands. Practice physical distancing - at least 6 feet apart. Consider virtual gatherings for the holidays. Shopping locally. Ordering food for curbside pickup. We can beat this virus if we all face it together.

For more holiday safety tips, visit oakgov.com/covid.

Paid for by Oakland County Health Division

Grinch cancels plans to steal Christmas



Shelby Tankersley
Reporter

The Grinch has had a change of heart. That's right: The grumpiest, greenest, nastiest, not-nicest of them all is not planning to steal Christmas this year.

His reason? This year has been hard enough, and even he has to draw the line somewhere.

"I really started to consider it when they canceled Livonia Spree," he said in an exclusive interview with Hometown Life. "I started the year loving the loom-

ing sense of uncertainty and fear a lot of people were feeling, but it was eventually too much for even me to deal with.

"I just can't make people's year any more difficult."

The Grinch added that other pandemic-related hardships, including the hard work done by local health care professionals, the cancellation of summer events and online schooling struggles pushed him to cancel his devious plans.

The Grinch, who social distanced before it was cool, said this year really hasn't been that different for him. But, he started channeling his energy into more typical hobbies when he decided to cancel his attempt at a holiday heist.

"I don't want to brag, but I've perfected my sourdough recipe," he said. "I've

also been doing a lot of crocheting - my dog Max has a hat for every color of the rainbow. During the summer, I got a chance to binge 'Friends,' as well. I'm glad those crazy kids Ross and Rachel finally figured it out in the end."

However, don't expect a handmade hat from him next Christmas.

"Am I getting soft? Absolutely not," he said, scoffing. "Look, just because I'm giving you people a break this year doesn't mean you can relax about next year. You can bet your bottom dollar I'll be back in 2021."

But since everyone can sleep a little easier on Christmas Eve, the Grinch - grudgingly - said he wouldn't try to stop folks from spreading a little holiday cheer this season. If people were to

make a point to call their grandparents, send a few Christmas cards or try to make life easier for those less fortunate, he's certainly not going to get in the way.

"You know, someone very wise once said 'Perhaps Christmas doesn't come from a store. Perhaps Christmas means a little bit more,'" the Grinch said. "I mean, I'm a complete Scrooge, and even I think that's a pretty good statement. It's been a rough year for everyone, and maybe people really do need a little Christmas cheer this year."

"I mean, I certainly don't, but other people might. Whatever."

Contact reporter Shelby Tankersley at stankersle@hometownlife.com or 248-305-0448. Follow her on Twitter @shelby_tankk.

Letters

Continued from Page 2A

wait for you to visit me! I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Love, Ruby

Dear Santa,

I have a big wish list.

I want a Nintendo switch with a game cald Mario Cart.

My mom wants a pot.

My dad wants hiking shose.

My grandma wants sause.

My grandpa wants shose.

I cant wait for you to visit us.

I hop you have a merry crismas.

Love, Dev

Dear Santa,

I'm icxited for Chrestmes! I have a big wish list. Daddy wants a michigan foot ball. Mama wants flowers. Decon wants a pokemon shrt. Loral wants new barbeys. I want the bayblade game. I can't wate for you to vizit me! I hope you have a mary cristmes.

Frome, ARAV

Dear Santa

I am excited for christmas. I have a big wish list. Svasti wants LED Lights. Vedant love Animals. I Want Daddy to have a Horse and Mommy Goat and Maulik will like a car. My brother would like a bottle. Evan would like a choco-

late. I would like a Hoverboard. Merry Christmas

Love me (Yauvana)

Dear Santa,

i Love Christmas So So So much!

i have a big wish list

Nanok wood Like A New Bone

London woud Love A Baby yoda Bed Sheet.

gia Wants Lola. Get NaNa a Plush ban-

nan. get Dad a coffee mug. get PaPa a rat

Plush. get Uncle Erik a butt Pillow.

get Martina A dog Plush. get Anut Ti-

fany a New Pir of Glaas.

get mom a Nanok stoft Anamol.

get Mark a wach. get me

A LOL campr. Art Stuf. get me a cry

BaBay.

i can't wait for you To visit me.

I hope you have a merry Christmas

oh get Lexi A Scrach Pad.

Love, Scarlett

Dear Santa,

I am excited for Christmas! I have a

big wish list! My Dad wants jellybeans!

Addie would love dog treats! Mom

wants slippers. I really want a LOL OMG

set! I can't wait for you to visit my house.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Love,

Lennix

Dear Santa,

I'm so excited for Christmas! I have a

big wish list. My mom wants a pretty

plant. My dad wants a car Lego. Luke

really wants a truck. Teddy wants a kitty house. Meeeka wants a cat climbing thing. Squeaker wants a toy mouse. I realllly want Mario Kart. P.S. I can't wait for you to visit me.

Love, Grace

Dear Santa,

My dad wost for Christmas is a Mchi-

gan T Srt. My mom wost for Christmas is

a eye shado palit. My cat wost som har-

ties. My dog wos a toy cat. My brother

wost for Christmas is a excvetr. I wot a

cristlflir. My sistr wost a bik.

From the Grays

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, How do you dliver the pra-

sints in time? I have many wishes this

year. My mom whonts a bord game. My

dad whonts a scarfe. My sistr Olivia

whonts Roblox money. My sister Alison

whonts Pj mack crasphomrs. My pet

Linney whonts peppers. My pet Resae

whonts cucombrs. I whont a scapbord.

I will leve you milk and cookese.

Love, Natalie

Derr Sata,

Ih sata! Ham arw yorr Aifs? and I love

yorr Rabeers. I have mane wishis this

yer.

My mom wod lilke sam geens at sip-

pers. My dad wid lilke a nom skrs gen

and Bakk. My Big Bathr the now hare

Parer Lago. For my athr Brarth nathn

was a bane and a kaj. Lastavahh I wit a

now notopo saste a sam gas and I wit

lermik and lomad kokess and las af karis.

Love, Charlotte

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, I whont Mario Lego

King Boo and the Haunted Yard. I whont

Mario Lego Starter Course, and I whont

a Nintendo.

My Mom whonts fuszy worm socks.

Dad whonts a new wath.

Logan whonts a toy T-TEX.

Thank you!

Austin

Dear Santa

Hi Santa How are the eives doing to

have many wishes this year. My mom

wishes for fuzzy slippers My dad wishes

for worc book bac My sister wishes for a

neclies Me I wishes for one meillyn LOL

dolls My gemu wishes for apple funu Mu

nenu wishes for neclice . milk I will leav

you a cookies.

Love Baileigh

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa how do you deliver all the

presents on time? I have many wishes

this year. My Mom would like a dijudl

pichrfram. My Dad would like a neow

par uf sliprs. My brutr Owen would like a

ninjo Kiy Jet. My brutr Emmeet would

like a chotoy. I would like a BatcafV. Haf

a seaf chrip.

CANADIAN COLDWATER

LOBSTER TAIL

5-6oz. • WILD CAUGHT

\$7.99 EA.

Reg. \$10.99 ea.

SEAMAZZ JUMBO

COOKED SHRIMP

26-30 COUNT • FARM RAISED • TAIL-ON

\$9.99 LB.

Reg. \$12.99 lb.

JUMBO RED KING

CRAB LEGS

16-20 COUNT • RUSSIAN • WILD CAUGHT

\$19.99 LB.

Reg. \$29.99 lb.

Shell of a Deal

OUR BIGGEST SALE OF THE YEAR!

NOV 27TH - JAN 3RD

First COVID-19 vaccines given in Novi

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Dr. Ala Shuker was ready for two shots Thursday, of a very different sort.

He took the first, a COVID-19 vaccination, in his right arm shortly before 2 p.m.

The second will be a shot of whiskey at home in West Bloomfield tonight as he celebrates being the first person immunized at Ascension Providence Hospital in Novi.

Shuker, an internal medicine physician, has not taken a day off work since mid-March, seeing COVID-19 patients daily. He said the vaccination represents the beginning of the end of the pandemic.

"We have lost a lot of lives. People have lost family, friends, parents," Shuker said. "I have made too many phone calls, I have dreaded picking up the phone. I had to do one today. This shot is an important step for humanity to put this disease to an end... It is safe. What is not safe is getting exposed to COVID."

As of Dec. 17, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reported 450,776 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and 11,212 deaths resulting from the disease. The first cases in the state were identified in March.

Since Jan. 21, the CDC has recorded nearly 17 million cases, with more than 306,000 deaths in the United States as of Dec. 17. Worldwide, the virus has infected more than 72 million and killed 1.6 million people.

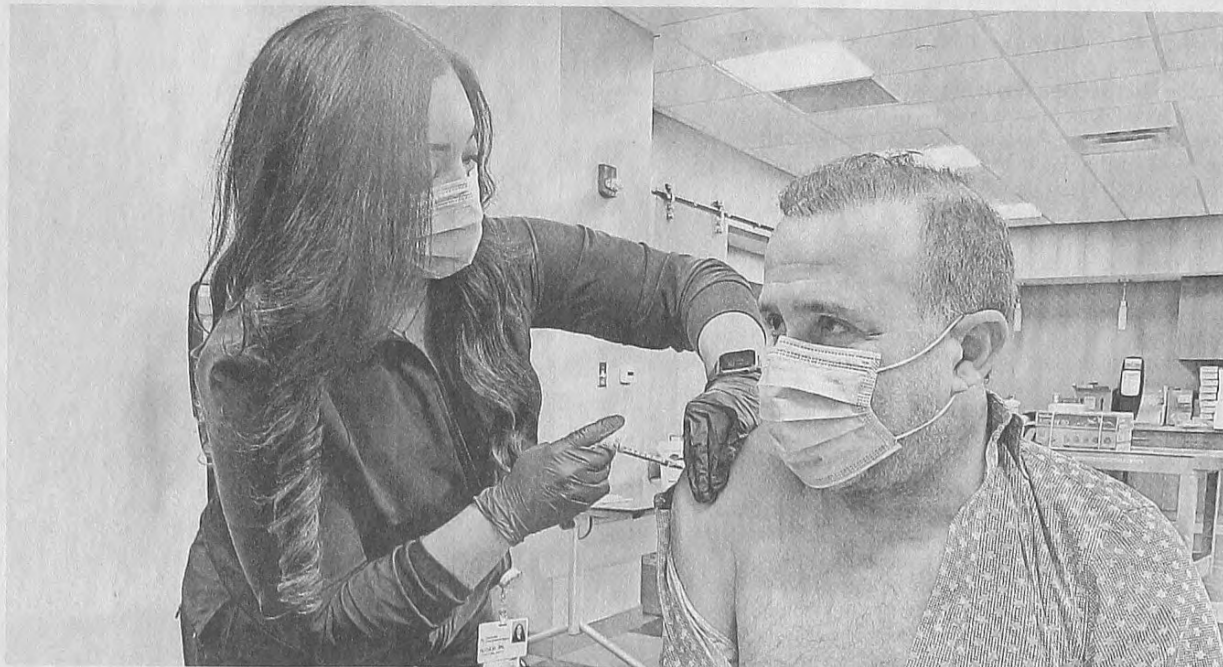
Aveshah Williamson, a registered nurse who works with both post-op and COVID-19 patients at Ascension was second in line for the shot after Shuker. Although he often pokes patients with a needle himself, Williamson couldn't look as Michigan National Guard Medic Spc. Andrew Wasilewski administered the shot in a smooth motion.

Williamson admits that he had some concerns over the vaccination, but they were minor and he expressed confidence in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As he sat for the 15-minute observation period, Williamson said he felt fine, maybe even better than fine.

"This is the first step in turning back time and getting us back to normalcy," Williamson said. "It's a historic step to get us back to a normal life... I can't wait until it's available to the general public and across the country."

Lynn Chiesa, chief nursing officer for Ascension Providence, said the Novi campus received 975 doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine Dec. 17, while the



Alicia Murrell, RN, gives the first COVID-19 vaccine at Ascension Providence Hospital in Novi to Dr. Ala Shuker, a physician of internal medicine who has worked daily with COVID-19 patients since the pandemic hit in March. COURTESY OF LOU MARTIN

Southfield campus received 1,950 doses the day prior. Between the two hospitals, there are 3,156 staff members.

Only five Novi staff received the shot that first day, a "soft start," with another 200 expected to receive a shot Friday.

Michael Kosal, director of pharmacy, expected that all 975 shots would be administered before Christmas. He was unsure when the next shipment would arrive, but within three weeks, a second dose will be administered to all who have received their first shot.

"If I had my druthers, we'd vaccinate 400 tomorrow and then another 400 the next day, but we have to ensure proper processes," Kosal said. "This shot has 95% efficacy after two doses."

Chiesa said the first priority for vaccinations among staff are those who work directly with COVID-19 patients and, she was very excited to protect all employees from a disease they have seen devastate the patients they care for.

"The only way to put an end to this pandemic is through vaccination," Chiesa said. "Our hospital is excited. This is our defense against the monster, a shot of hope."

Kosal agreed that the best line of defense is the vaccination, a clear offense after having played defense with reactionary measures until this point.

He expressed confidence in the vaccination, noting that medical experts had used previous knowledge of SARS



Aveshah Williamson, RN, receives his vaccination from Michigan National Guard Medic Spc. Andrew Wasilewski
SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and MERS, other viruses that have similarities to the coronavirus, to aid them in faster development of a COVID-19 vaccine.

"You take that knowledge and apply it to get a faster solution," he said.

For Dana Falk, a respiratory therapy educator at Ascension Providence's Novi campus, that solution brought immense relief. She was third in line for the vaccination. Asked what it meant to her,

she began to cry.

A respiratory therapist for more than 25 years, COVID-19 has been like nothing she has seen in her career. Particularly devastating to her, are the patients she has tended to who have died alone in the intensive care unit.

"We expected the second wave, we prepared as much mentally as you could, but you can't get used to people going through it," she said. "You think you're accustomed to it (in the medical profession) that you get a thick skin, but this is different. The outcomes aren't great."

She is ecstatic about the vaccine and what it represents for humanity, and also for her own family. Her parents are both cancer survivors. She hasn't seen her Dad since January, or her Mom since March. Her son graduated from high school this year in a way that was anything but normal and then started college sitting in her living room. With the shot, she looks forward to a return to normalcy.

"The vaccine opens those doors," she said.

Other metro Detroit hospitals have begun vaccinating their staffs, as well. Oakland and Wayne counties started vaccinations Friday.

Contact reporter Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com or 517-281-2412. Follow her on Twitter @SusanBromley10.

Family

Continued from Page 1A

Beaumont Children's Hospital in Royal Oak, explained. "So, the motor neurons are in the spinal cord and from those, you get the nerves that feed the muscles. Of course, if the nerve dies, the muscle dies."

Without treatment, 3-year-old Jaxon would likely have been unable to even roll over on his own and, by the end of his first year of life, would likely have needed a ventilator to survive.

But, his young life has a far happier beginning.

"He is currently walking, he's running around like a typical three-year-old would," Colone said.

At just four days old, Jaxon was the youngest Michigander to be treated with Spinraza, a \$400,000 drug that treats SMA. He has sleep apnea, needs a feeding tube and recently needed jaw surgery, but is expected to eventually develop as a typical child would.

A few years later, his little sister Olivia, who is just three months old, would become the youngest in the country at eight days old to receive Zolgensma, a more effective SMA treatment that costs \$2 million. Jaxon later got the same treatment. Because of the newer drug's early administration, Olivia will likely have an even more normal childhood than her big brother.

"Olivia is expected to develop even more neuro-typical," Colone said. "They don't expect her to have sleep apnea or need a feeding tube because she was treated so early with the gene therapy drug."

Because of their kids' conditions, Garcia and Colone usually find themselves visiting the hospital around Christmas. Even if Jaxon catches a common cold, he needs to stay in the hospital. But this Christmas, it looks like they won't be taking any trips to the emergency room, and they're thankful for it.

"We've learned to not take the little



Victoria Colone, left, and Fred Garcia, of Livonia, sit with their daughter, Olivia.
PHOTOS COURTESY OF VICTORIA COLONE



Colone and Garcia with son, Jaxon.

things for granted," Colone said. "In the beginning of Jaxon's life, he had to work extra hard just to get to where he's been and where he needs to go. We've watched what he's had to overcome and go through as such a little human who understands but doesn't at the same time."

While it's been difficult and scary to watch their kids come into the world with such a rare condition, Colone said their Beaumont doctors, especially Jax-

on's first doctor, now-retired Dr. Eileen McCormick, gave them hope their kids could lead normal lives.

"We could not do this without the doctors that we had, without our family and our friends who have supported us through love and prayer, or without each other," Colone said. "I don't know if Fred and I could do this alone."

But on the parents' part, Harper-Shankie, who has been Olivia's doctor, said they're fierce advocates for their children, which makes all the difference in the world. For SMA, treatment is more effective the earlier in life it's administered.

"To see the resilience of these families and their advocacy within the medical institution is really amazing to see," she said. "I think, personally, the medical system can be a very challenging thing to navigate, especially when you have a child with special needs."

Contact reporter Shelby Tankersley at stankersle@hometownlife.com or 248-305-0448. Follow her on Twitter @shelby_tankk.

Jury

Continued from Page 1A

criminal sexual conduct and assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

Michaels said the appellate judges' affirmation was significant.

"Any connection that they were trying to make was purely speculative," she said. "What evidence do they have? What facts do they have? The court did their job today."

"They need to bring evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Floyd is guilty of this. I'm happy with the outcome. I'm done. I'm moving on and continuing to prepare for trial."

She plans to file other motions regarding evidentiary matters in Oakland County Circuit Court, where Galloway is scheduled for a January hearing.

Michaels has said she and Galloway are building a defense around Stislicki's disappearance being a missing person's case. She has said a death by strangulation is speculative.

The appellate judges did not shy from this theory: "As the trial court held, the fact of strangulation was an insufficient link between the two cases," they said in their opinion. "In this case, the medical examiner merely stated that the absence of bloodstains in defendant's bedroom could be consistent with strangulation, although he did not have enough information to determine the cause of Danielle's death more specifically than that she was a victim of assault."

Investigators found skin-cell DNA that they suggested was Stislicki's on Galloway's bedroom carpet. Testimony also has yielded that Galloway purchased a new comforter at Bed, Bath & Beyond on Dec. 4, 2016, two days after Stislicki went missing.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susanvela.

Artist

Continued from Page 1A

wasn't completely sure what fashion designers actually did."

She followed the revelation with a hearty laugh. Not only does Cross know what a fashion designer does now, she could probably write a pretty compelling book about the day in the life of one.

Cross quickly adjusted to the hustle and bustle of New York, soaking in the daily sights and sounds of the city that never sleeps.

"I love the energy you feel in New York whenever you walk outside," she said. "There's nothing to compare it to. Even when it snows, the city is electric. And wherever I went, I always checked out the new fashions that people were wearing, making mental notes of styles I liked."

"It was an emotional decision to move back to the Midwest. Life is a lot slower here, obviously, but it was time, especially with my change in careers."

Inspired by a few art lessons delivered in 2004 by her grandfather, Robert Alexander, who she elegantly described as a self-taught master artist, Cross started dabbling in drawing and painting in 2016.

"My granddad was inspired by Bob Ross toward the end of his life, so he started painting landscapes," she said. "My first two paintings (in 2004) were landscape, similar to what Bob Ross would have painted."

Cross's dabbling in art ultimately morphed into a serious desire to create eye-popping images, many of the early-stage works inspired by her world travels, including visits to Nyahururu, Maralal and Nairobi in Kenya, Africa.

The designer/artist's first collection of paintings is titled "A Story of Faces", a collection of faces each inspired by her life's experiences.

The piece that warms her heart the most is her first, a work called "I Exist," which she describes as a mixed-media portrait in which she combines pencil, marker and a paint pen.

"My mom actually asked me recently if I'd be willing to part with 'I Exist,'" Cross said, chuckling. "I had to decline her offer, but she understood."



Some of the paintings by Canton Township artist and designer Sharryl Cross. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"When people view my art pieces, I want them to connect in a way that they can create their own story," said Cross. I want to evoke emotion; I want the viewer to be moved."

"A Story of Faces" has grown to a collection of 30 images, each representative of a various stage of her life's journey.

Cross's career transformation was gradual as she worked as a freelance fashion designer four days a week, giving her one day to dedicate to her art.

She traveled extensively from 2016 until the coronavirus pandemic arrived earlier this year.

"I traveled back and forth from New York to southeast Michigan early in the year, but finally decided to make this my permanent home," she explained. "I set up an art studio in my basement and it's not unusual for me to be down there 12 to 14 hours some days, working on my collection."

Cross said the time it takes her to create a painting

varies depending on the size of the piece.

"Smaller ones, like 11-by-14 pieces, I can finish in three days or less," she said. "The 20-by-20 pieces I do can sometimes take weeks."

Cross's work can be viewed and purchased on her website www.crosscreatesart.com.

Cross has made a commitment to giving back and empowering others. For every original piece of artwork sold, she will donate 6% of the proceeds to Covenant House Michigan, an organization servicing homeless and trafficked youth in the greater Detroit area.

Admitting that the fashion bug is still in her blood, Cross announced that she is launching her own dress line sometime in 2021. She has listed a link to samples of her line on her website.

Cross said she loves to stay busy, creating items that she hopes bring joy to people's lives.

Contact reporter Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com or 517-375-1113.

“Luxury Condominium Living At Its Finest!”

Canton, MI- Enchanting 2 or 3 bedroom luxury condominiums with lofts and two car garages from 1,450 to 2,000 square feet, contemporary design, gourmet kitchens with granite counters, scenic landscaping, and spacious great rooms, from the \$270's.

Villas at Woodbridge Estates • Canton, MI

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY UNITS AVAILABLE

<p>OPEN 12-6 PM Friday Thru Tuesday</p> <p>For Information 734-844-8300</p>	<p>FURNISHED MODELS LOCATED AT:</p> <p>48610 Eastbridge, Canton, MI 48188 Located Off Geddes Rd between Denton Rd. & Beck Rd.</p>
---	--

Plymouth, MI- Elegant 3 or 4 bedroom luxury condominiums with lofts and two car garages from 2,270 to 2,430 square feet, gourmet kitchens with granite counters, quality features, and fireplaces, centrally located minutes from downtown Plymouth and nearby Northville, from \$384,900.

GATEWAYS OF PLYMOUTH

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY UNITS AVAILABLE

<p>Open 12pm - 5pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday or by Appointment</p> <p>For Information 734-354-9000</p>	<p>MODELS LOCATED AT!</p> <p>Located At 42432 Gateway Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170</p>
---	--

WoodbridgeCommunities.com

Golden Gifts Jewelers

We Buy Gold and Diamonds

33300 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152
(734) 525-4555



Fresh • Local • Natural

Joe's Produce Gourmet Market & Catering

Our produce is hand-selected, so you get the freshest and finest fruits and vegetables available, throughout the year!



Shop Joe's Produce Online | shop.joesproduce.com

We've made it easier for you to shop curbside online. We now have mobile apps for your convenience on iOS and Android. Search Joe's Produce on your app of choice.

**33066 W. Seven Mile Rd. Livonia, MI 48152
248.477.4333**

**STORE HOURS: MON - SAT 9-8, SUN 9-7
12/24/20 9-6
CLOSED 12/25
12/31/20-1/1/21 9-6**



Fresh • Local • Natural

**Sale Valid 12-26-20 thru 12-29-20
While Supplies Last • Prices subject to change.
Largest Fresh Meat & Seafood Counter in the Area!**

Now Taking Holiday Orders

**Choice Standing Rib Roast
\$13.99 lb** *Save \$1.00*
**Beef Tenderloin
\$21.99 lb** *Save \$8.00*

**USDA Premium
Choice Angus
T Bone Steak
\$12.99 lb** *Save \$4.00*

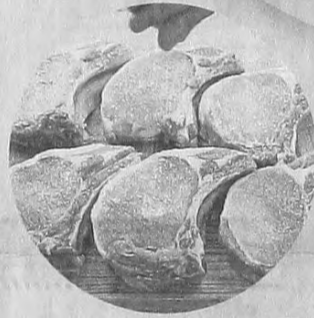
**USDA Premium
Choice Angus
Porterhouse
\$12.99 lb** *Save \$4.00*

**USDA Premium
Choice Angus
Flank Steak
\$10.99 lb** *Save \$3.00*

**USDA Premium
Choice Angus
Sirloin Tip
Roast
\$5.99 lb** *Save \$1.00*

**USDA Premium
Choice Angus
Ground Beef
from Chuck
\$3.99 lb** *Save \$1.00*

**Fresh All Natural
Pork Sirloin
Chop
\$2.99 lb** *Save 50¢*



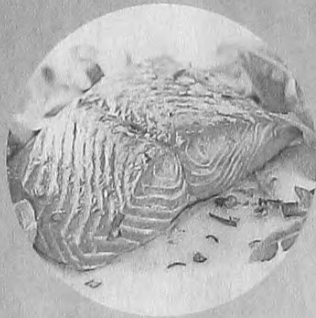
**Fresh All Natural
Pork
Tenderloin
\$3.99 lb** *Save \$1.00*

**Premium Fresh
All Natural
Boneless Skinless
Chicken Breast
\$2.99 lb** *Save \$1.00*

**Fresh
Housemade
Sausage
Bulk Breakfast
or Chorizo
\$3.99 lb** *Save \$1.00*

**Entrées to Go
Prepared Stuffed
Chicken Breasts
Muenster Bacon,
Cordon Bleu or
Bacon Cheddar
\$5.99 lb**

**Fresh Bakkafrost
Salmon Fillet
\$15.99 lb** *Save \$6.00*

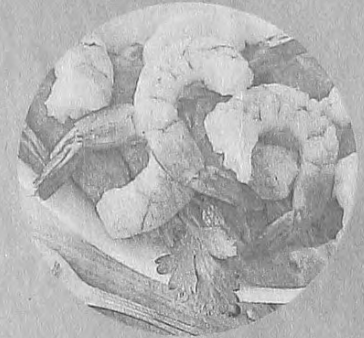


**SEAFOOD
Fresh
Atlantic Salmon
Fillet
\$8.99 lb** *Save \$3.00*

**Wild Caught
Mahi Mahi Fillet
\$8.99 lb** *Save \$3.00*

**Fresh
Tilapia Fillet
\$6.99 lb** *Save \$1.00*

**CenSea
Cooked Shrimp
31/40 Count
\$8.99 pkg** *Save \$1.00*



248-477-4311
Hours 9am-6pm
Monday: Closed
Made from Scratch

**Supreme
Pollock Fillets
\$3.99 pkg** *Save \$2.00*

**Salmon Kabob
Maple or Herb
\$4.99 ea** *Save \$1.00*

**Made from Scratch
Almond Croissant \$2.99 ea** *Save 50¢*
Pretzel Dog \$2.99 ea *Save 50¢*

**Honey Wheat
\$4.49 ea** *Save 50¢*

**CenSea
EZ Peel Shrimp
31/40 Count
\$6.99 pkg** *Save \$2.00*



Joe's Produce Gourmet Market & Catering

Our produce is hand-selected, so you get the freshest and finest fruits and vegetables available, throughout the year!

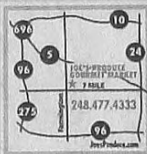


Shop Joe's Produce Online | shop.joesproduce.com

We've made it easier for you to shop curbside online. We now have mobile apps for your convenience on iOS and Android. Search Joe's Produce on your app of choice.

33152 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152
248.477.4333

Sale Valid 12-26-20 thru 12-29-20
MON-SAT 9-8, SUN 9-7
12/31/20-1/1/21 9-6



Largest Fresh Meat & Seafood Counter in the Area!
Highest Quality Hand-Selected Fruits and Vegetables
Over 1080 Items from Gourmet & Domestic Cheeses to Premium Deli Meats & Freshly Made Salads
Art of Bread-Fresh House Made Everyday-Using Non GMO Flour

PRODUCE

Michigan Locally Grown
Honeycrisp Apples
\$2.49 lb

California Sunkist Seedless
Navel Oranges
99¢ lb

Hass Ripe & Ready
Avocados
79¢ ea

Aunt Mid's Baby Bella
Mushrooms
\$1.99 ea Whole
\$2.49 ea Sliced

Driscoll's
Raspberries
2/6



ORGANIC

Organic
Honeycrisp Apples
\$1.99 lb

Organic
Bosc Pears
\$1.69 lb

Organic
Grapefruit
2/3

Organic
Sweet Potatoes
\$1.69 lb



MEAT & SEAFOOD

Dearborn
Brown Sugar Ham
\$5.99 lb
Save \$2.00

Hoffman's
Hard Salami
\$5.99 lb
Save \$3.00

Dearborn
Oven Roasted Turkey
\$5.99 lb
Save \$3.00

Now Taking Holiday Orders

Choice Standing Rib Roast **\$13.99 lb** Save \$1.00
Beef Tenderloin **\$21.99 lb** Save \$8.00
Prime Standing Rib Roast **\$21.99 lb** Save \$3.00
Pork Crown Roast **\$3.99 lb** Save \$1.00
Lamb Rack **\$27.99 lb** Save \$2.00
Amish Country Turkey 8-16 lb **\$1.99 lb**

USDA Premium Choice Angus
Ground Beef from Chuck
\$3.99 lb
Save \$1.00

OldTyme
Swiss Cheese
\$4.49 lb
Save \$2.50

Dearborn
Roast Beef
\$7.99 lb
Save \$2.00

OldTyme
Provolone Cheese
\$5.49 lb
Save \$3.00

Fresh All Natural
Pork Tenderloin
\$3.99 lb
Save \$1.00

Premium Fresh All Natural
Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast
\$2.99 lb
Save \$1.00

Dearborn
Thuringer
\$6.99 lb
Save \$3.00

Krakus
Polish Ham
\$5.79 lb
Save \$1.20

Dearborn
Smokehouse Ham
\$5.99 lb
Save \$2.00

Supreme
Pollock Fillets
\$3.99 pkg
Save \$2.00

Fresh
Tilapia Fillet
\$6.99 lb
Save \$1.00

GenSea
Cooked Shrimp
31/40 Count
\$8.99 pkg
Save \$1.00



Joe's Gourmet Catering & Events
Weddings, showers, graduations, cocktail parties, picnics or meetings... whatever your event!
Visit us at:
www.joesgourmetcatering.com
or the Knot

PASTA

Fresh Housemade Pasta **\$4.99 lb**

FINE CHEESES

Belletoile
70% Brie Wedge
\$8.99 lb
Save \$3.00

Ilchester
Five Counties Britain Cheddar Block
\$9.99 lb
Save \$3.00

Champignon
Mushroom Brie Wedge
\$15.99 lb
Save \$4.00

EVERYDAY GOURMET

Fire Roasted
Salmon
\$13.49 lb
Save 50¢

Roasted Root
Vegetables
\$4.99 lb
Save \$1.00

Autumn Pasta
Salad
\$5.99 lb
Save \$1.00

Kale Brussels
Sprout Salad
\$5.99 lb
Save \$1.00

Hint Water
12 Pack
\$16.99 ea
Save \$3.00

Briannas
12 oz Salad Dressings
2/6

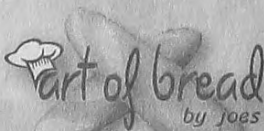
Woodstock
Hardwood Lump Charcoal
\$7.99 ea
Save \$5.00

Unique Brand
11 oz Pretzels
\$2.99 ea

Crunch Master
Snack Crackers
2/5

Chef's Feature

Herb Roasted Pork Loin **\$7.99 lb** Save \$1.00



248-477-4311
Hours 9am-6pm
Monday: Closed
Made from Scratch



CAFÉ

Joe's Fresh Roasted Weekly Coffee Special

Ginger Bread **\$6.99 lb** Save \$3.00

Jacobsen's
Nostalgic Santa Cookie Tin
\$3.99 ea

Magnum
12 Coffees of Christmas K-Cups
\$13.99 ea

PASTRY

Oreo Cake
\$16.99 6" Save \$3.00
\$26.99 8" Save \$3.00

Two Bite
Macaroons
Chocolate or Regular
\$2.49 ea
Save \$2.50

Two Bite
Cupcakes
All Varieties
\$3.49 ea
Save \$1.50

J Skinner
Sweet Rolls
\$3.99 ea
Save \$2.00

Almond
Croissant
\$2.99 ea
Save 50¢

Pretzel
Dog
\$2.99 ea
Save 50¢

Honey
Wheat
\$4.49 ea
Save 50¢



Best Buy of the Week
Lindeman's
All Varietals
2/8

WINE CELLAR

See Paul or Charles for Holiday Wine Suggestions

Kendall Jackson
Chardonnay, Pinot Noir or Rosé
\$10.99

La Marca
Prosecco 750 ml
\$13.99

Joel Gott
Cabernet or Merlot
\$14.99



**Ring in the *New Year* with
Fresh Festive Foods From Joe's**

- Fine Wines & Beer
- Chef-Prepared Dinners
- Butcher-Cut Meats & Fresh Flown-in Seafood
- Hearth-Baked Breads
- House-Made Desserts



**33152 W. Seven Mile Rd.
Livonia, MI 48152**

Go to Shop.JoeProduce.com for Curbside or Delivery.
Joe's specials are on the back page.

SPORTS



Alex Vargas, left, made a career in the football and lacrosse programs at Novi High School. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Multi-sport path earns Novi player lacrosse scholarship

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

When Alex Vargas was in third grade, he wanted to find a sport to keep him in shape when he was not playing football. A friend pointed him toward lacrosse, and Vargas quickly saw it checked a lot of his boxes.

"It's a non-stop sport no matter where you are on the field," Vargas said. "With other sports there's always the whistle. But with lacrosse, the only whistle is if it goes out of bounds or hits the goal. It's constant moving, physical, all the things I like in a sport."

Vargas continued on both the football and lacrosse paths at Novi High School. But through four years, his focus shifted, turning lacrosse into his future



Vargas will play lacrosse for Lewis University starting in 2021. COURTESY OF CHRIS JOHNSON

See **SCHOLARSHIP**, Page 3B

Haygood aims for football success at Madonna

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Herb Haygood's coaching mindset began to develop when he played for Nick Saban at Michigan State.

It was something that some players would run from and feel uncomfortable with. But it was something Haygood took pride in.

"I'm always going to be looking to find someone better than you," Haygood remembers Saban saying. "In high schools, there's always a new freshman class. In college, there's always a new recruiting class. And in the pros, there's always a new draft."

"So if you are not doing everything, on and off the field, to be the best person you can be, the next guy behind you is going to be in and replace you."

For the first time in his professional career, Haygood will begin a season in Saban's shoes, taking his first head coaching position with Madonna University, a school just launching its first season as a program.

Haygood, who was initially hired as a coordinator, takes over the position from Brian Foos, who left the team to pursue other professional opportunities, Dec. 8.

"He did a good job of making the foundation, getting kids here who wanted to be here," Haygood said. "Now, it's my job to get it to the next step and make sure our guys are competing."

Relationships spark success

Haygood said recruiting is all about cultivating relationships.

He saw this from a young age growing up in Florida, watching high school teammates, like former Michigan State defensive back Amp Campbell and former Florida defensive back Larry Kennedy, talk to Division 1 programs.

"I think we were just so used to seeing colleges and recruiters on campus or in the neighborhoods that it was more of a norm, that it was just kind of expected that that was what you were going to do," Haygood said. "You are going to earn a scholarship, you are going to go off to college, you are going to come back home and talk to guys."

Haygood had his opportunity to leave for East Lansing, becoming the first kick returner to ever be selected to the Walter Camp All-America team,

See **HAYGOOD**, Page 4B

BANKING THAT KEEPS YOU ONE STEP AHEAD

For over 65 years we've guided the way on providing financial services designed to move Michigan's way of life forward.

Put our low-rate loans to work for you today.

HOME | PERSONAL | AUTO



COMMUNITY FINANCIAL
right here right for you

Visit CFCU.ORG/StepAhead or call
(877) 937-2328 and go further.

Federally insured by NCUA.



Jake Crespi of Brighton recently scored his first college hockey goal for Michigan Tech in a victory at Bemidji State. COURTESY OF JBAUMANN PHOTOGRAPHY

First college goal 'super special' for Crespi

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

If Jake Crespi had been a star player at every step of his hockey career, the adjustment to playing a lesser role in college would have been tougher.

But Crespi, unlike many of his peers playing NCAA Division I hockey, wasn't always the player who was ticketed for success.

It wasn't until his two seasons playing for Brighton High School that Crespi became one of his team's most dangerous scoring threats.

Before and after his time at Brighton, Crespi had to prove himself by contributing in ways that didn't involve lighting up the scoreboard.

"Growing up, I never really was the guy to be counted on," Crespi said. "I never really was a goal scorer. I wasn't until high school. That's where I found my identity as a player. It takes some time to develop. Once you get comfortable finding your role and what you see for yourself, everything starts to click."

"It's definitely comfortable for me not putting up a lot of points. It was like that my first year of juniors. It's a big learning curve when you take a step."



"Once you get comfortable finding your role and what you see for yourself, everything starts to click."

Jake Crespi

It took until the 24th game of his Michigan Tech career, and fourth of his sophomore year, for Crespi to score his first college goal, which came Dec. 13 in a 3-0 victory at Bemidji State.

Blais Richartz won a race for the puck to negate an icing and passed the puck through his legs to Greyson Reitmeier, who fired a shot from the left circle. Zach Driscoll made the save, but Crespi pounced on the rebound in the slot to bury the puck for Tech's final goal with 12:30 left in the game.

"The rebound popped to me," Crespi said. "I didn't have to do much. It's one of those that worked itself out."

"It's been over a year since my last goal. It was super special to get that out of the way. I'm excited to hopefully score some more coming up."

Crespi isn't one to stress out if he isn't putting the puck in the net. He averaged seven goals a season in three seasons

with Belle Tire at the AAA level before deciding to play for Brighton his junior year in high school.

At Brighton, he scored 20 goals in 24 games to help the Bulldogs reach the state championship game before scoring 30 goals and 29 assists in 31 games to earn the state's Mr. Hockey award on a team that won the state title.

With the Tri-City Storm of the United States Hockey League, Crespi had eight goals and seven assists in 51 games in 2017-18.

He had eight goals and four assists in only 18 games the following season, one which was cut short by a shoulder injury that first flared up during his senior year at Brighton.

He had shoulder surgery before arriving at Tech, where he had two assists in 20 games as a freshman.

"I was feeling it out, getting used to my new shoulder, just trying to figure

things out at a much bigger and faster level," he said.

Finally healthy and with a year of college hockey under his belt, Crespi feels stronger and more confident on the ice this season.

"It's better this year," he said. "I've established a role with the team and earned trust with the coaching staff."

Crespi is one of five members of Brighton's 2017 state championship team playing Division I college hockey.

Forward Adam Conquest is a sophomore at Bowling Green, freshman defenseman Sam Brennan recently played his first two career games for Air Force, sophomore goalie Logan Neaton started in UMass-Lowell's season opener Sunday against Providence and freshman defenseman Tim Erkkila is at Northern Michigan.

For Crespi, playing for Brighton was great preparation for eventually playing major college hockey.

"You get to build a lot of confidence in yourself as a player," Crespi said. "You figure out your player identity and figure out what kind of player you need to be to be successful. As long as you're prepared and confident in your abilities, that takes you wherever you want to go."

MIVCA announces high school volleyball postseason awards

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The Michigan High School Association high school volleyball season remains on hold due to COVID-19, with two Hometown Life areas remaining in the hunt for a chance for a state title: Novi and Marian.

But the postseason awards season is still here.

Here is a look at area players who were named to the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association All-State and All-Region teams for the 2020 season.

All-State

Division 1 First team

Mercy senior setter Julia Bishop
Mercy senior middle blocker Charli Atiemo
Marian junior outside hitter Ava Brizard

Second team

Marian junior middle blocker Sarah Sylvester
Marian sophomore setter Ava Sarafa
Mercy senior middle blocker Ellie Tisko
Novi senior libero Rachel Jennings
Honorable mention
Mercy junior libero Amina Robinson
Seaholm junior outside hitter Audrey Brown
Marian junior outside hitter Sophia

Treder

Livonia Stevenson senior setter Jenna Szabelski

Division 2 First team

Detroit Country Day middle blocker Serena Nyambio

Second team

Detroit Country Day junior outside hitter Morgan Lockhart

Third team

Detroit Country Day junior outside hitter Nyla Muskovin

Division 4

Second team

Plymouth Christian senior middle blocker Emma Heussner

Third team

Plymouth Christian junior setter Hallie Creighton

Honorable mention

Plymouth Christian freshman middle blocker Allison Pilat

All-Region teams

Region 15

Novi sophomore outside hitter Sarah Vellucci

Novi senior libero Rachel Jennings
Novi senior outside hitter Gaby Cummings

Mercy senior setter Julia Bishop
Mercy senior middle blocker Charli Atiemo

Mercy senior middle blocker Ellie Tisko

Mercy junior libero Amina Robinson

Mercy senior Kaylin Collins
Farmington senior outside hitter Lindsay Hubler

Lakeland sophomore outside hitter Eve Martin

South Lyon East senior outside hitter Samantha Deinek

Detroit Country Day junior outside hitter Morgan Lockhart

Detroit Country Day junior outside hitter Nyla Muskovin

Detroit Country Day junior middle blocker Serena Nyambio

Region 16
Seaholm junior outside hitter Audrey Brown

Marian junior outside hitter Ava Brizard

Marian junior middle blocker Sarah Sylvester

Marian junior outside hitter Sophia Treder

Marian sophomore setter Ava Sarafa

Marian sophomore opposite Ella Schomer

Marian sophomore libero Lauren Hemming

Groves senior outside hitter Becca Apsey

Region 18
Livonia Churchill sophomore libero Erica Maladecki

Livonia Churchill senior setter Madison Johnson

Livonia Churchill junior setter Jordan Wozniak

Livonia Churchill senior middle blocker Emma Gendar

Livonia Churchill junior defensive specialist Megan Avey

Livonia Churchill senior outside hitter Olivia Clark

Livonia Churchill junior outside hitter Molly Rudd

Livonia Franklin senior outside hitter Jamia Murray

Northville junior outside hitter Jaden Rice

Northville senior libero Livvy Setla

Northville sophomore outside hitter Abby Reck

Northville senior middle blocker Sydney Reed

Northville senior outside hitter Jenna Boksha

Livonia Stevenson senior setter Jenna Szabelski

Garden City junior setter Meghan Wladysiak

Garden City sophomore setter Kennedy Fee

Garden City sophomore libero Skylar Piper

Plymouth Christian junior setter Hallie Creighton

Plymouth Christian senior middle blocker Emma Heussner

Plymouth Christian freshman middle blocker Allison Pilat

Region 19
Westland John Glenn senior outside hitter Jessica Florn

Contact reporter Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com or 248-330-6710. Follow him on Twitter @ColinGay17.

Scholarship

Continued from Page 1B

when he decided to sign to play in college at Lewis University.

Both football and lacrosse, along with time in the weight room, proved vital to bring Vargas to where he is, becoming a better athlete and putting him in the best position to compete in a prominent role as a college freshman in 2021.

Bringing physicality

Novi head lacrosse coach Chris Johnson knew about Vargas before he came to the program, impressing the coach enough to give the freshman a position on the varsity team.

Vargas was undersized. Johnson was worried he would get banged up playing against 17- and 18-year-old seniors. But it was undeniable what the freshman brought to the team as soon as he took the field.

"Our team just performed differently," Johnson said. "There was just a quality about him where he brought an intensity... a sense of urgency. When you are trying to get guys who are young to have a sense of urgency, it's not always easy.

"Alex is one of those guys where when it's game time, he has a sense of urgency and he's always in the moment."

Sophomore year, after a season of varsity football and time in the weight room, Vargas was a different player from a size standpoint, adding 30-40 pounds of muscle during the offseason. He said his size made him harder to move around, but that ended up helping him develop a faster shot.

Now a senior at Novi, Vargas noticed how impactful the weight room was, especially when he was not able to use it.

"I noticed over quarantine — it was the worst it ever hit me — but just even a couple weeks of not doing anything took you out of it," Vargas said. "That constant being in the weight room through the football season, through the lacrosse season really kept things going."

With Vargas' experience playing both lacrosse and football, Johnson saw an opportunity to turn his small roster — it plagued Novi through the 2018 and 2019



Novi's Alex Vargas winces as he takes off his helmet after taking a hit to the ribs. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

seasons — into a larger one, convincing football players to join his team in the spring.

Now, the Novi head lacrosse coach said, 50%-60% of his players come from football.

"Alex was kind of that kid (Johnson) leaned on to move the lacrosse program back up," Novi head football coach Jeff Burnside said. "(Vargas') a darn good one. For how great he is at football for us, I know he is even better at lacrosse."

Burnside saw Vargas' effect on his football teammates. He watched as his fullback "worked himself to the bone" in the weight room, watched as his teammates followed his example in the spring, bringing physicality to the lacrosse roster.

"There was no backing down from Alex," Johnson said. "I see a lot of the football players: they won't back down. They will stand up to anybody no matter the size difference and are willing to test themselves."

Instant contributor

On the football field, Burnside viewed Vargas as an example.

As the fullback, the Novi head football coach remembers him as a sophomore, helping players he was competing with for a varsity spot get better, giving them tips on how to improve, relaying the "We above me" culture that Burnside tried to instill.

"Alex is just an absolute team guy," Burnside said. "He plays himself to the point of injury, he just plays so hard. He could have been the type of kid that, 'I'm going to put everything into lacrosse,' and I would have totally understood. But I'm so glad he didn't."

"When I think 20 years down the road, he's a guy that will constantly come up in my mind of, 'That's a guy we need, guys like him.'"

This was the atmosphere Vargas found at Lewis University.

Established in 2020 by head coach

Joe Perruzzi, the Flyers went 5-2 in its first season prior to the rest of the season being canceled due to COVID-19. The Novi senior loved the campus, deciding he had found a college home.

"The chemistry in the locker room was unlike any other I have been in," Vargas said. "It's just like everyone was clicking. It was kind of unbelievable that it was their first year as a team. I just loved the program and what Coach Perruzzi was doing with it, and I wanted to hop on board."

In his first year with the team, Vargas said he hopes to fight for a starting spot and work to be the best leader he can be.

All this, Johnson thinks, is achievable based on what Vargas has done and what he plans to do if given the chance for one last season at Novi.

"I could see Alex going in as a freshman and contributing right away," Johnson said. "In a college program, that's a tough thing to do. But ... there was no shyness in his play."

CANADIAN COLDWATER LOBSTER TAIL

5-6oz. • WILD CAUGHT

\$7.99 EA.

Reg. \$10.99 ea.

SAVE 30%

SEAMAZZ JUMBO COOKED SHRIMP

26-30 COUNT • FARM RAISED • TAIL-ON

\$9.99 LB.

Reg. \$12.99 lb.

2lb BAGS SALE \$19.98 EA

JUMBO RED KING CRAB LEGS

16-20 COUNT • RUSSIAN • WILD CAUGHT

\$19.99 LB.

Reg. \$29.99 lb.

SAVE \$10 per lb!

Shell of a Deal



OUR BIGGEST SALE OF THE YEAR!



Haygood

Continued from Page 1B

along with being named as a Michigan State team captain as a senior in 2001.

After getting drafted in the fifth round by the Denver Broncos in the 2002 NFL Draft, Haygood played for the Indianapolis Colts and the Kansas City Chiefs before playing for NFL Europe's Scottish Claymores, the Montreal Alouettes in the Canadian Football League and the Tampa Bay Storm in the Arena Football League.

As he transitioned into coaching from his professional career, Haygood was reminded of his relationships with coaches like Mike Shanahan and Tony Dungy, people he felt he could call on any time, even years after he played for them.

As a recruiter, a coach and a person, this was the approach he took: treat others with respect no matter who they were. This mindset created recruiting hotbeds for schools that were not there before Haygood joined the staff.

When Haygood joined the Saginaw Valley State football program, he said the team had trouble getting kids to come from the Flint and Detroit areas. While on staff, he was able to instill relationships and build a pipeline of college graduates.

He did the same thing at schools like Olivet, Miami (Ohio) and Indiana, reaching the places these programs previously deemed unreachable.

In his six-year tenure at Eastern Michigan, Haygood, who finished second in 2016 as Scout MAC recruiter of the year, said his success dated back to relationships he began as far back as 2006.

"No one wanted to go to Eastern Michigan five years ago because 'You can't win there, you can't do this, can't do that,'" Haygood said. "Now you look at them, they are telling people no and they can be choosy ... You'll see their roster, it's full of Detroit kids now."

Bright future

From his first interview at Madonna, Haygood felt that this team would be successful.

"When you have a good administration that's going to be behind you, give you everything or put all the pieces in

"When you have a good administration that's going to be behind you, give you everything or put all the pieces in place, the recruiting part is easy, the football part is easy. ... it makes your job so much easier and it makes you want to go out and sell the place."

Herb Haygood
Head football coach, Madonna University

place, the recruiting part is easy, the football part is easy," he said. "You have to feel supported, and when you feel supported... it makes your job so much easier and it makes you want to go out and sell the place."

To Haygood, he would pitch to potential players that the only difference between the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and Division 2 football is the number of scholarships, not the quality of play.

As he guided recruits around campus to show off the new facilities, he pitched his desire for players to leave with a diploma in one hand and rings on another, Haygood felt it was an easy sell.

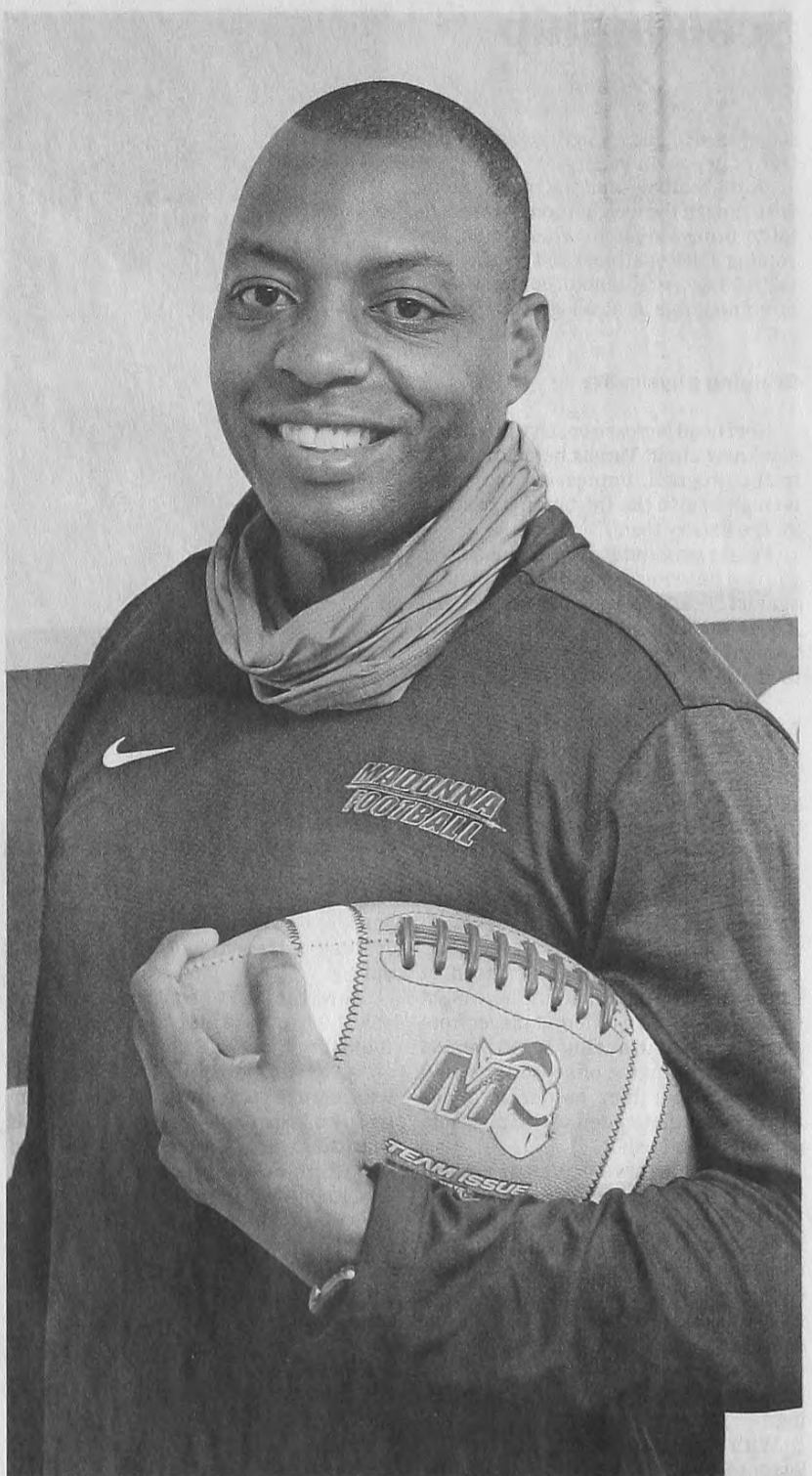
In Madonna's first year as a program, Haygood expects to be successful with the players he has. Since taking the job, a number of 2021 recruits have committed to play for the Crusaders.

But his focus is not quite to that first game. Haygood wants his players to finish the fall semester strong, while he finishes his recruiting class before focusing on the first game against Missouri Baptist Feb. 13.

However, Haygood knows he's ready to follow in the footsteps of Saban, Dungy and Shanahan. It may be a new title for him, but he knows it just boils down to cultivating and maintaining relationships.

"It's something I have prepared for way before this," Haygood said. "I was really already prepared to take over a program. I just didn't know it would be this one this soon."

Contact reporter Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com.



Madonna University's new head football coach Herb Haygood will guide the Crusaders when they start play in the spring. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

EMPIRE TODAY[®]

CARPET & FLOORING

We Make Getting Beautiful New Floors Easy



75% OFF*

Product only. Select styles.

Save Big on Carpet, Hardwood, Vinyl, and Laminate!

Schedule a FREE In-Home Estimate!

Call **888-330-0582**

or visit EmpireToday.com/newspaper.



MAINTAIN YOUR INDEPENDENCE AT HOME!

OUR STAIR LIFTS

- ✓ Install Directly on Stairwell
- ✓ Up to 60 Trips per Charge
- ✓ Narrow Profile
- ✓ Safety Sensors



ADDITIONALLY, WE OFFER WALK-IN SHOWERS & WALK-IN TUB SOLUTIONS TO HELP YOU AGE IN PLACE!

EXCLUSIVE

Neighborhood Discount Rewards

EXCLUSIVE NEIGHBOR CERTIFICATE

ACT NOW – LIMITED TIME OFFER

CALL TODAY!

CALL TODAY FOR A FREE IN-HOME CONSULTATION

248-780-0228

PROMO NUMBER: 364

EMPIRE TODAY

ACCREDITED BUSINESS

MADE IN THE USA

A COMPANY OF ULHS

15% OFF
&
10% OFF
+
5% OFF

YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE

SENIORS & MILITARY! ON TOP OF THE 15%

TO THE FIRST 50 CALLERS!

PLUS FINANCING THAT FITS YOUR BUDGET!

EXCLUSIVE OFFER – REDEEM BY PHONE TODAY

*Subject to credit approval. Call for details.
*One coupon per household. No obligation estimate valid for 1 year. **Offer Valid at the time of estimate only.

*Discount is applied to the regular price of select styles of carpet, hardwood, vinyl, and laminate when you pay for installation, padding and materials. Excludes stairs, miscellaneous charges, and prior purchases. Product may not be sold separately from installation. Residential installations only. Not available in all areas. Valid through 01/24/2021. Subject to change. Details at EmpireToday.com. Sales (except CA) and installation are provided by independent contractors. Licensure at EmpireToday.com. CSLB 1047108 © 2020 Empire Today, LLC

GARAGES | BASEMENTS | DRIVEWAYS | POOLS | PATIOS | DECKS

GatorGuard Floor Coatings

A NEW GENERATION OF COATING SYSTEMS



The fully warranted **GATORGUARD** system is a layered, seamless surface that **CREATES A GATOR LIKE GRIP**. The result is a beautiful surface that has the strength to repel while looking like new for many years to come.

25% off*
Entire Job

Winter Special
25% off your
Basement or Garage
Lifetime Coating

Some restrictions apply. See home estimator for details.
Expires 1/31/2021

\$100
VISA GIFT CARD
WITH PURCHASE
Expires 1/31/2021

DON'T GAMBLE WITH A "ONE DAY SYSTEM"...
IT WON'T LAST!
LIFETIME WARRANTY (PRODUCT & LABOR)



GatorGuard Floor Coatings

CALL TODAY FOR FREE ESTIMATE

(248) 372-9946

48 HOUR PRICE QUOTE

"How much will new replacement windows & doors cost me?"

Renewal by Andersen has a phone line dedicated to that question.

Call our 48 Hour Price Quote line at 734-335-8036, and we'll provide a quote within 48 hours of your call. Most other companies take weeks to produce their estimate. Within 48 hours, a Renewal by Andersen Project Manager will precisely measure your home's windows and doors, help you choose your window styles, colors, grilles and hardware, and then we'll provide a down-to-the-penny price quote that will be good for one full year. No hidden charges and no more wondering, "How much will new windows and doors cost?"

Get a **FREE** price quote within 48 Hours!
Call 734-335-8036 to schedule your FREE in-home visit

Renewal by Andersen is the full-service replacement window division of Andersen Windows, so everything we do is held to the same standard of excellence that Andersen has lived by for 117 years. And know that we've adjusted our operations to serve you in the **safest** way possible.

Call before December 31st!

SAVE 20% ON WINDOWS!
SAVE 20% ON ENTRY DOORS!
SAVE 20% ON PATIO DOORS!

WITH **\$0 DOWN, 0 MONTHLY PAYMENTS, 0% INTEREST FOR 1 YEAR!**

Minimum purchase of four. Interest accrues from the purchase date but is waived if paid in full within 12 months.

Renewal by Andersen
WINDOW REPLACEMENT
The Better Way to a Better Window

CERTIFIED MASTER INSTALLER
MILITARY DISCOUNT
SELL BUILD INSTALL WARRANTY

Make your home more secure. Book a Virtual or In-Home Appointment. **734-335-8036**

*DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 12/31/2020. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Get 20% off your entire purchase and 12 months \$0 down, 0 monthly payments, 0% interest when you purchase four (4) or more windows or entry/patio doors between 11/28/2020 and 12/31/2020. Military discount applies to all active duty, veterans and retired military personnel. Military discount equals \$300 off your entire purchase and applies after all other discounts, no minimum purchase required. Subject to credit approval. Interest is billed during the promotional period, but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. Financing for GreenSky® consumer loan programs is provided by federally insured, federal and state chartered financial institutions without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender or familial status. Savings comparison based on purchase of a single unit at list price. Available at participating locations and offer applies throughout the service area. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. License number available upon request. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. "Renewal by Andersen" and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of Andersen Corporation. ©2020 Andersen Corporation. All rights reserved. ©2020 Lead Surge LLC. All rights reserved.

Reliable protection. Straight-up savings.



Protect Your Home

CALL NOW to take advantage of this GREAT pricing as low as

\$27.99 /mo

New customers only. Early termination fee applies. Installation starts at \$99 with 36/24 month monitoring agreement. Upgraded packages require additional install fees. Touchscreen panel pictured requires upgraded package. See details below.



Limited-Time Offer
FREE Home Security System + Bonus Offers

+ Free Doorbell Camera
Keep watch outside your home. Available with upgrade to ADT Video Lite - \$299 value.

+ Free Visa® Reward Card
It pays to be safe. Receive a \$100 reward card courtesy of Protect Your Home.

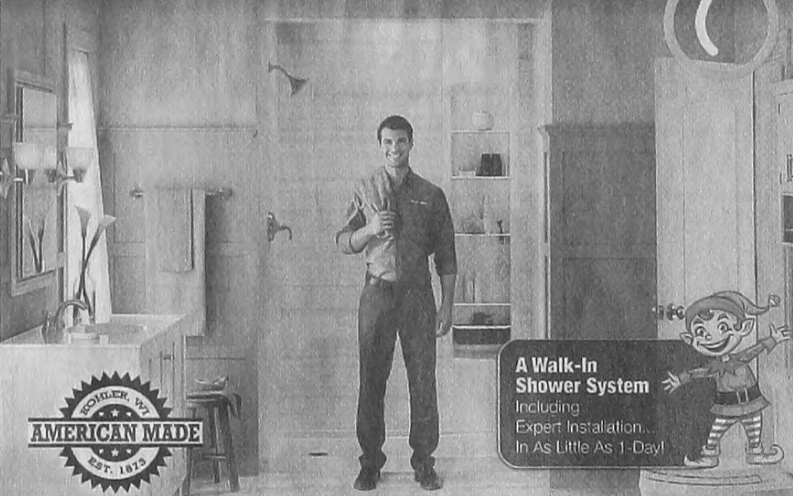
CALL NOW! ▶
313.241.9183

DF-GT-MI-D-02799

OR SAVE TIME AND SCHEDULE ONLINE
<https://search.protectyourhome.com/GT>

Offer is not able to be fulfilled for systems not installed by 2/7/21 and subject to refund. See details on reverse/below.

KOHLER LuxStone Showers
Safe and Beautiful Walk-In Systems



A Walk-In Shower System
Including Expert Installation...
In As Little As 1-Day!

AMERICAN MADE
EST. 1873

Safety Showers

Customizable Accessories | Bath Options | Lifetime Finish

THE BOLD LOOK OF **KOHLER**.

- Durable Materials for Long-Lasting Beauty
- Low-Maintenance Shower Walls
- Quality You Expect From Kohler
- Accessories to Personalize Your Shower
- Safety-Focused Design Features
- Quick, Professional Installation
- Lifetime Warranty

50% OFF INSTALLATION
~ PLUS ~
NO PAYMENTS UNTIL 2022
& ZERO DUE @ SIGNING!

Cannot be combined with any other offer. Previous sales excluded. Good at initial presentation only. Financing available for qualified buyers only.

NEW BATH TODAY
SET-UP YOUR FREE DESIGN-CONSULTATION TODAY!
CALL NOW **313-241-9145**

KOHLER Walk-In Bath

A Great Bath for an Active Lifestyle
 My husband and I are both satisfied with our new walk-in bath! We are both into aerobics and the bath is helpful.
 - Althea W.

Relax in Spa-Like Comfort and Safety At Home.
 Transform your bath into a luxurious retreat in the comfort and security of home. Treat yourself to hydrotherapy massage jets, heated surfaces and the industry's lowest step-in.

\$1000 OFF
 YOUR KOHLER WALK-IN BATH
 EXCLUSIVE LIMITED-TIME FINANCE OFFER
No Payments For 18 Months*



Call today for your **FREE** in-home or virtual quote!
(313) 241-9116

\$\$\$ FINANCING AVAILABLE
 Ask About Our Flexible Payment Plans

*Walk-In Bath installed in as little as a day. Financing available to qualified purchasers. Contact your local dealer for financing details. Limited time offer. Valid through December 31, 2020, at participating dealers only. Not available in AK, HI, Nassau City, NY, Suffolk City, NY, Westchester City, NY, and Buffalo City, NY. Also may not be available in other areas. \$1000 off purchase of a Walk In Bath. Exclusive limited-time offer. No payments for 18 months. Dealer sets all prices and is responsible for full amount of discount. Cannot be combined with any other advertised offer. GreenSky® financing offers available at participating dealers only. Applications with data entry or credit check complications may be declined in a period longer than seconds. Subject to credit approval. Interest is billed during the promotional period but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. There is no minimum monthly payment required during the promotional period. Financing for GreenSky® consumer loan programs is provided by federally insured, equal opportunity lender merchants. Participating lenders are federally insured, equal opportunity lender banks. GreenSky® is a registered trademark of GreenSky, LLC GreenSky Servicing, LLC services the loans on behalf of participating lenders. NMLS #1416362. GreenSky® financing offers available at participating dealers only.

GARAGES | BASEMENTS | DRIVEWAYS | POOLS | PATIOS | DECKS

GatorGuard Floor Coatings

A NEW GENERATION OF COATING SYSTEMS

The fully warranted **GATORGUARD** system is a layered, seamless surface that **CREATES A GATOR LIKE GRIP**. The result is a beautiful surface that has the strength to repel while looking like new for many years to come.

25% off*
 Entire Job

Winter Special
 25% off your
 Basement or Garage
 Lifetime Coating

Some restrictions apply. See home estimator for details.
 Expires 1/31/2021

\$100
VISA GIFT CARD
 WITH PURCHASE
 Expires 1/31/2021

DON'T GAMBLE WITH A "ONE DAY SYSTEM"...
IT WON'T LAST!
LIFETIME WARRANTY (PRODUCT & LABOR)

GatorGuard Floor Coatings

CALL TODAY FOR FREE ESTIMATE
(248) 372-9946

Classifieds

To advertise, visit:
classifieds.hometownlife.com

- Classifieds Phone: 800.926.8237
- Classifieds Email: dfpclass@dnps.com
- Public Notices/Legals Email: oelegals@hometownlife.com

All classified ads are subject to the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from our Advertising Dept. All ads are subject to approval before publication. The Observer & Eccentric reserves the right to edit, refuse, reject, classify or cancel any ad at any time. Errors must be reported in the first day of publication. The Observer & Eccentric shall not be liable for any loss or expense that results from an error in or omission of an advertisement. No refunds for early cancellation of order.

Community Announce
 announcements, events...

Special Greetings

Congratulations to Whitney and Marilyn Stevens!
 Celebrating their 74th Wedding Anniversary on December 28, 2020.
 Whitney and Marilyn met at church when they were teens and have been in love ever since. They have resided in Plymouth for 56 years, still enjoying togetherness, family, sociability and tons of fun!

Great Buys Garage Sales
 neighborly deals...

Estate Sales

Estate Sale
 LIVONIA by ACTION
 29580 Holmway St. (48150)
 Sat/Sun Dec 26 & 27 9am-5pm
 (W. off Middlebelt Rd S. of Plymouth Rd.)
 Furniture, Collectibles & More!
 See pics at: actionstate.com
 584-228-9090

Find your new job HERE!

NOW HIRING

Assorted Items
 all kinds of things...

Wanted to Buy

WANTED: Used Fishing Tackle, Deer Hunter & Successful Master Angler Patches 734-890-1047

Careers Jobs
 new beginnings...

Engineering & IT

Robert Bosch LLC seeks Sr. Sw Eng in Plymouth, MI. REQS: Bach, or forgn equiv. in Comp Sci, Comp Eng or rel degree, + 5 yrs work exp in embedded sw devlpmnt. Apply online at www.boschjobs.com search Sr. Sw Eng/ Reference # - REF 88307H

Senior Diesel Test Engineer (Johnson Motthey, Inc. Taylor, MI). Provide technical coordination between Testing (JMT) and Heavy-Duty Diesel (HDD) groups. Assist in the planning and execution of application test programs and in the analysis and interpretation of test results. Reqs: Must have a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, Automobile Engineering, Mechatronic Engineering or a directly related field, plus 5 years of automobile engineering work experience, or a Master's Degree, or foreign equivalent, in the above-named disciplines plus 3 years of automobile engineering work experience. How to apply: Apply by mail, ref. Job Code KBGFJG101843-1. Attn: Dean Papougeris, North American Talent Acquisition Lead, 435 Devon Park Drive, Wayne, PA 19087

Yazaki North America has an opening for an Engineer III in Canton, MI, responsible for routing and packaging wire harness systems and defining retention and covering components. Bachelor's degree in electrical, mechanical or related engineering field and 2 years of experience as related to wire harness design and release required. Send resume to YNA, 6801 Hoggerty Road, Canton, MI 48187 or kara.cyr@us.yazaki.com; reference Job Code E1G-S1D51. No phone calls, please.

Real Estate Rentals
 great place to live...

Apartments & Lofts

Plymouth Square Apts, 9410 Marguerite, Spacious 172 bdrm \$675/\$775. Call 734-455-6570
 Find what you want in CLASSIFIED!

Transportation Wheels
 best deal for you...

Autos Wanted



Advanced H&W- \$\$ for salvage/scrap autos. Free towing 7days 734-223-5581

Cars

- 17' CADILLAC ATS AWD 39K MI. \$24990 18T3103A North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 19' CHEVY MALIBU LT 29K MI. \$17314 P24086 North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 19' CHEVY MALIBU LT 31K MI. \$16457 P24085 North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 18' CHEVY CRUZE LT 27K MI. \$14595 P24090 North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 18' CHEVY MALIBU HYB. 36K MI. \$16776 P24072 North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 17' CHEVY MALIBU LS 54K MI. \$12779 P24082 North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 16' CHEVY CRUZE LT 25K MI. \$12823 P24095 North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 18' CHRYSLER 300S AWD 8K MI. \$25700 P24101 North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 19' FUSION HYBRID SE 33K MI. \$16351 P24066 North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 19' FUSION HYBRID TIT. 18K MI. \$20368 P24067 North Bros. 734-928-2108

Cars

- 17' HONDA FIT LX 19K MI. \$13500 20T9283A North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 16' LEXUS ES 350 67K MI. \$22000 20T3160A North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 19' SUBARU WRX AWD 12K MI. \$27877 20T6241B North Bros. 734-928-2108

SUVs

- 17' EXPLORER XLT 4WD 51K MI. \$25249 P24017A North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 18' FORD ESCAPE SE 27K MI. \$16900 20CB192A North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 17' FORD ESCAPE SE 4WD 17K MI. \$18900 P24030 North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 17' FORD ESCAPE SE 4WD 54K MI. \$17088 P24062 North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 17' JEEP WRNGLR SAHARA 74K MI. \$26788 P24089 North Bros. 734-928-2108
- 16' NIS. ROGUE SL AWD 27K MI. \$17313 20T6237B North Bros. 734-928-2108

Trucks

- 17' FORD F150 XLT 40K \$31280 P23876 North Bros. 734-928-2108

Turn your dust into dollars by placing a **CLASSIFIED** ad!

MAC VALVES

Mac Valves Inc., leading manufacturer of pneumatic valves is seeking associates for

Assembly Lines | Material Handlers Machine Operators

Mac Valves Inc. offer a competitive benefit package including 401K, Medical, Dental as well as short term and long term profit sharing.

Please apply in person at
 30569 Beck Road, Wixom, MI 48393.



Find everything from local, knowledgeable professionals to unbelievable deals in the classified section.

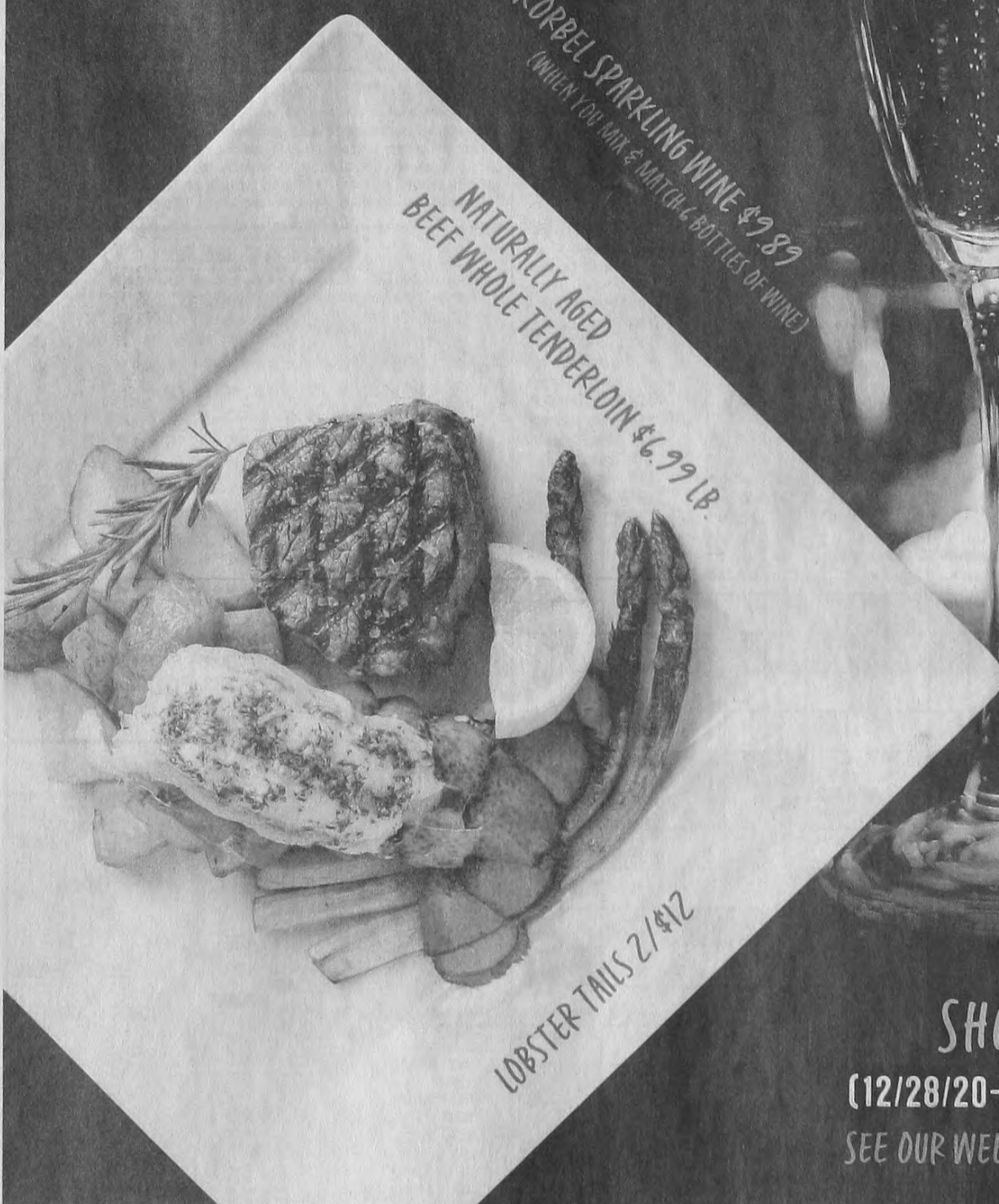


HAPPY, HOMEMADE
New Year!



KORBEL SPARKLING WINE \$9.89
(WHEN YOU MIX & MATCH 4 BOTTLES OF WINE)

NATURALLY AGED
BEEF WHOLE TENDERLOIN \$6.99 LB.

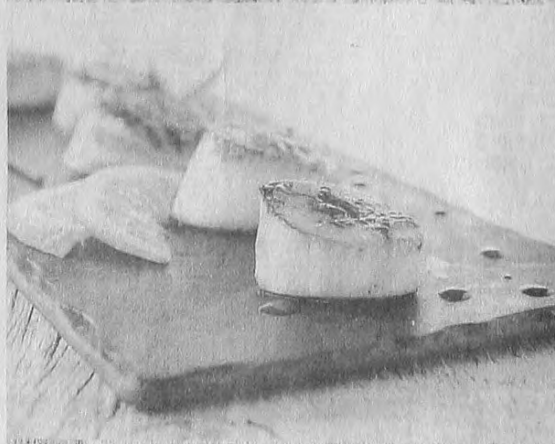


LOBSTER TAILS 2/412

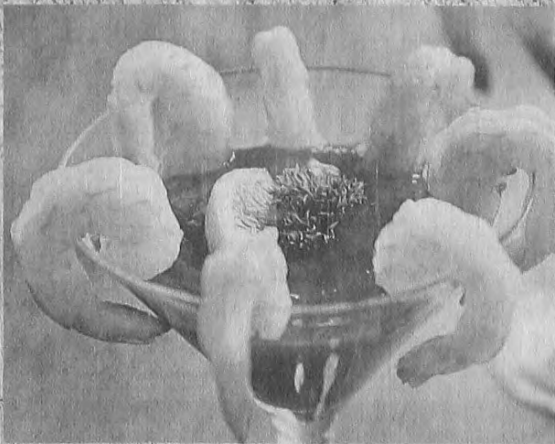
SHOP OUR SALE

(12/28/20-1/3/21) @ BUSCHS.COM

SEE OUR WEEKLY AD ONLINE FOR DETAILS



FRESH JUMBO SCALLOPS \$17.99 LB.



USA WILD CAUGHT SHRIMP
\$6.99 LB. - PLUS MORE ON SALE!



CREEKSTONE FARMS
N.Y. STRIP STEAK \$8.99 LB.

ANN ARBOR-MAIN ST. | ANN ARBOR-PLYMOUTH RD. | BRIGHTON | CANTON | CLINTON
DEXTER | FARMINGTON HILLS | LIVONIA | NOVI | PINCKNEY | PLYMOUTH/NORTHVILLE
ROCHESTER HILLS | SALINE | SOUTH LYON | TECUMSEH | WEST BLOOMFIELD