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Police train to handle calls from autistic people

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Rachelle Vartanian has moved beyond a lot of fears tied to her son's autism spectrum disorder.

But he has a driver's license now, and the founder of a Northville center working to help others on the spectrum can-

not quell the fear that he'll one day encounter the wrong police officer.

"Personally, that's my biggest fear," Vartanian said. "He won't tell you he has autism. My biggest fear is that he's going to get pulled over. Something bad will happen."

Autism is becoming more prevalent, with the Centers for Disease Control and

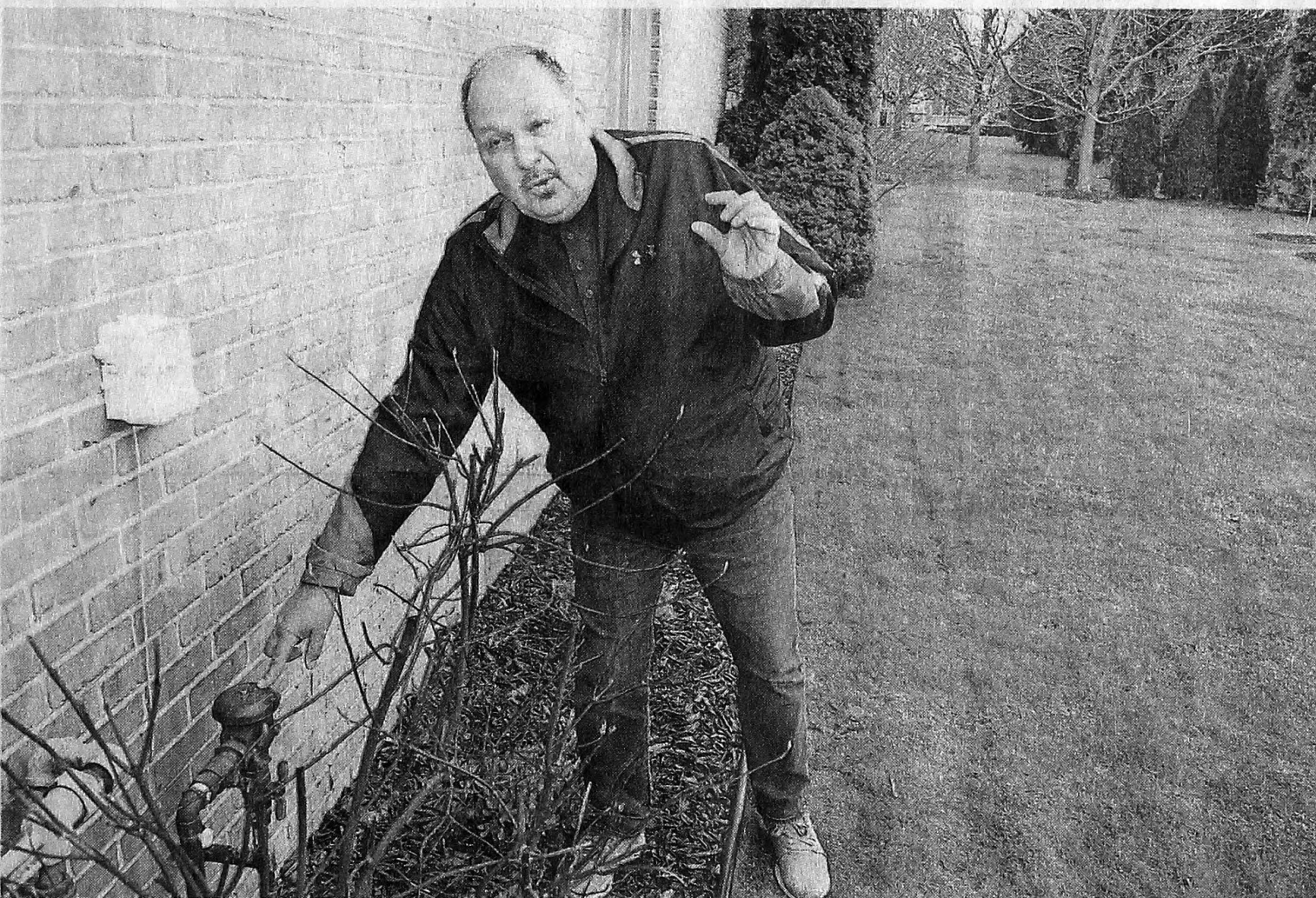
Prevention estimating that 1 in every 44 children rests somewhere on the spectrum.

Studies show that nearly 1 in 5 people with autism are likely to have police stop and question them by their early 20s, fueling concerns among caregivers such as Vartanian who are familiar with headlines about police becoming vio-

lent with autistic people.

Aware of the apprehension, the Northville Township Police Department, Michigan State Police and other law enforcement agencies have spent the past year introducing new autism awareness techniques.

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Canton resident Mike Andro will have to have a safety inspection of his home's lawn irrigation system completed, or his water might be cut off. Andro points to where his home's water is diverted to lawn sprinklers. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Canton residents facing new irrigation mandate

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Residents with underground irrigation systems may sport greener lawns than those who don't — and leaner wallets thanks to a recently enacted Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act mandate.

Longtime Canton Township resident Mike Andro was surprised to receive a

letter April 20 from the township that revealed he was required to pay for an inspection of his lawn irrigation system by May 31 or potentially have his water turned off until he did.

"I'm all for safe drinking water and for paying my fair share," Andro said. "It's just that it kind of came out of the blue. I received the letter April 20 and an inspection has to be completed by May 31

or the township could turn your water off. What about the residents who are out of town and don't get back until late-May?"

Canton Township Supervisor Ann Marie Graham-Hudak said there will be a grace period for residents who have a legitimate excuse for not getting

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Livonia-area home prices rise 5 percent

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A typical Wayne County home listed for \$129,450 in March, up 5.3% from a month earlier, an analysis of data from Realtor.com shows.

The median list home price in March was down about 14.5% from March 2021. Wayne County's median home was 1,219 square feet for a listed price of \$107 per square foot.

The Wayne County market was busy, with a median 34 days on market. The market added 1,864 new home listings in March, compared with the 1,588 added in March 2021. The market ended the month with some 2,307 listings of homes for sale.

Information on your local housing market is available through the USA TODAY Network, with more data from Realtor.com.

Oakland County home prices rise 3.1 percent to \$412,500

Oakland County's home prices rose 3.1%, to a median \$412,500, from a year earlier. The typical house was on the market for 20 days, from 24 days a year earlier.

The typical 1,930-square-foot house had a list price of \$211 per square foot.

Across metro Detroit, median home prices rose to \$229,450, up 5.7% from a month earlier. The median home had 1,446 square feet, at a list price of \$163 per square foot.

Across all of Michigan, median home prices were \$241,950, rising 6.4% from a month earlier. The median Michigan home for sale had 1,532 square feet at list price of \$156 per square foot.

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Comedy-thriller 'Deathtrap' latest Farmington Players show

Courtesy of the Farmington Players

The longest-running comedy-thriller play in Broadway history is headed to the Farmington Players stage. "Deathtrap," written by Ira Levin, will run May 6-12. Nothing is as it seems in this spellbinding tale of a wild case of writer's block leading to a murderous plot laced with all the ingredients of classic 1940s murder mysteries. Director Maureen Mansfield says audiences can "expect lots of twist and turns as Ira Levin's script is full of witty repartee."

"Deathtrap" opened on Broadway in 1978 and was

nominated for four Tony Awards. Four years later, Hollywood made it into a film.

It's the story of aging playwright Sydney Bruhl, played at the Barn Theater by Mark Boyd. The writer so desperately needs a hit that he conjures a treacherous plan to steal an astounding new script written by a younger writer Clifford Anderson (J.J. Spaulding) and pass it off as his own.

The cast also includes Barn regulars Sue Rogers and Phil Hadley. Rogers shines as Sydney's dotting wife Myra who has a heart condition, and Hadley plays family lawyer Porter Milgrim.

Elizabeth Schnelz Rexroat rounds out the cast as the Dutch psychic Helga ten Dorp who provides comic relief and dispenses chilling premonitions.

"I want them to feel like they've been on a ride at an amusement park: Full of excitement, danger, surprises, and enjoyment, but without risk," Boyd said.

"Deathtrap" is sponsored by TruVista Wealth Advisors, a division of Ameriprise Financial. Tickets are available at farmingtonplayers.org, by emailing boxoffice@farmingtonplayers.org or by calling the Barn at 248-553-2955. Adult tickets cost \$22 and students or people over the age of 62 pay \$20.

Prices

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Across the United States, median home prices were \$404,950, up 3.2% from a month earlier. The median American home for sale had 1,800 square feet, listed at \$214 per square foot.

The median home list price — the midway point of all the houses or units listed over a period of time — is used more often in this report instead of the average home list price because experts say the median offers a more accurate view of what's happening in a market. In finding the average price, all prices of homes listed are added and then divided by the number of homes sold. This measure can be skewed by one low or high price.

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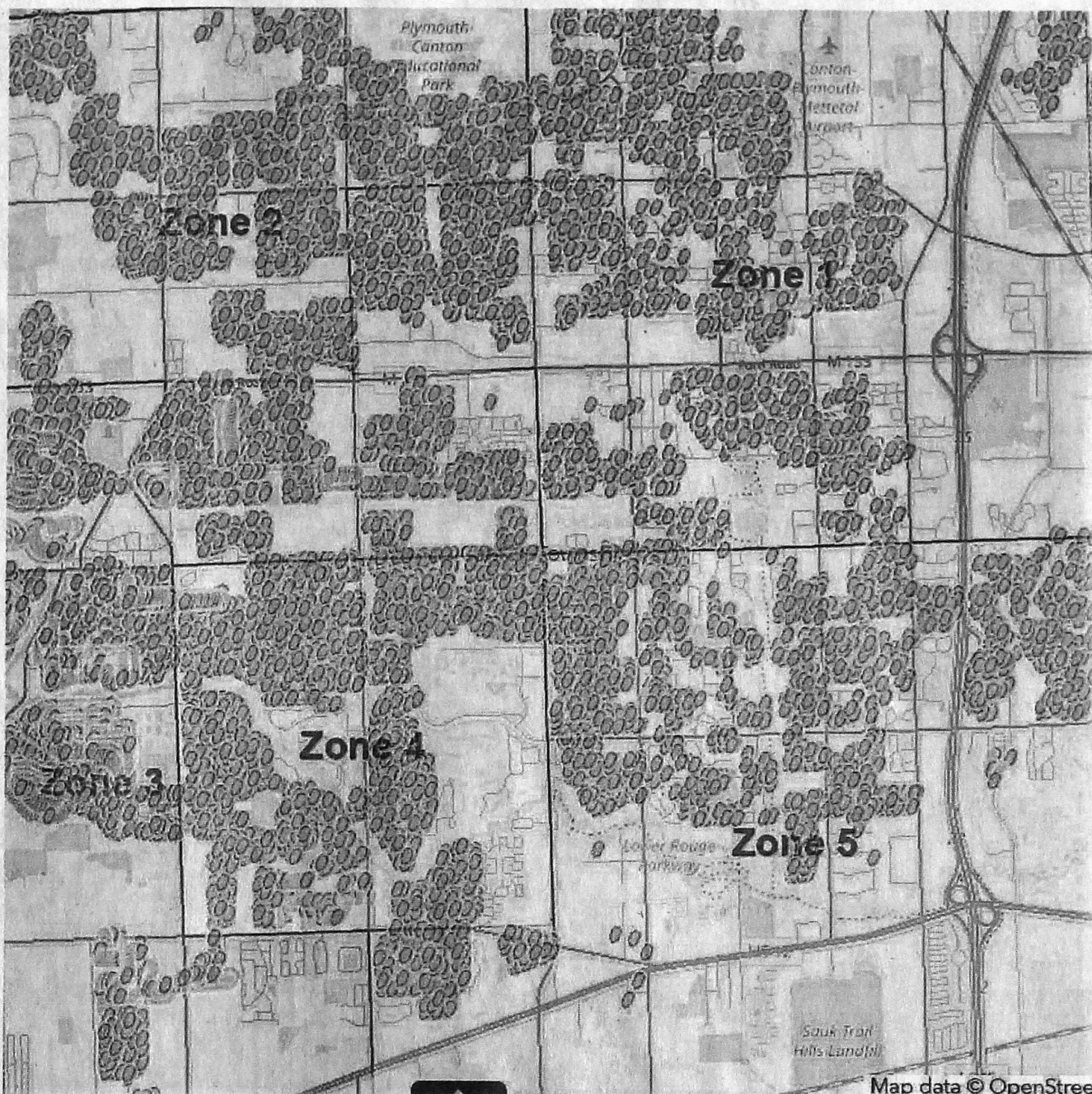
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Canton Township's residential cross connection zoning map. COURTESY OF CANTON TOWNSHIP

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the inspection prior to the deadline date.

"As long as they let us know, yes, they'll get more time," Graham-Hudak said.

Andro said he learned the average cost for the inspection is \$100. That amount could rise if inspectors find repairs to the system are in order.

"I've talked to residents whose repairs have run an additional \$200," Andro said.

Graham-Hudak made it clear that the required inspection is a state mandate, not something the township initiated.

"The board of trustees voted on the rotational system we're using in 2020 and we started doing inspections in spring of 2021," she said, explaining the township has been divided into five grids with each of the numbered grids assigned inspections for a given year. "Residents will receive letters in advance of their required time to have their irrigation systems inspected."

Inspections will be required every five years, Graham-Hudak said.

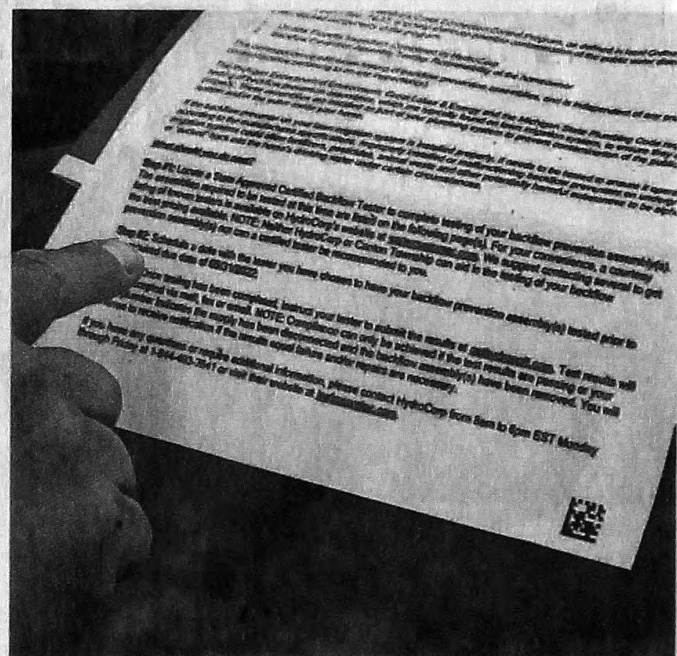
Inspectors will be examining for defective backflow preventers, which allow contaminants (including fertilizer) to enter drinking water.

Graham-Hudak said her office has received five or six letters from residents asking why the inspections are required and why the residents — not the township — have to foot the bill of the inspections.

"Residents have been OK with it once we explained the details," she said. "We have a lot of engineers in Canton and they want to know the statistics."

Given some of Canton's homes date back to the 1800s, its labyrinth of underground piping is wide-ranging in terms of age and functionality, Graham-Hudak explained.

Approximately 11,000 homes in the township use underground irrigation. The township knows which homes utilize the underground systems because permits must be pulled with the township before the installation of the lawn-watering systems.



Canton resident Mike Andro displays the letter from township officials informing him that he would be required to have a safety inspection done on his lawn irrigation system. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I'm all for safe drinking water and for paying my fair share. It's just that it kind of came out of the blue."

Mike Andro Canton resident

Canton currently requires cross connection testing on commercial and industrial facilities due to their perceived greater risk of contaminants. While testing of these facilities will continue, Canton is now required to address the residential sector. Most residential contamination risks come from the large number of underground irrigation systems.

Under the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, the Department of Energy and Great Lakes Environment (EGLE) institutes rules to protect drinking water and to prevent cross connections that may contaminate public drinking water systems, Canton Township's website explains.


"All communities are required to implement a program for removal of all existing cross connections and the prevention of all future cross connections," it continues.

Due to this large number of underground irrigation systems in the township and the limited number of certified testing companies, Canton proposed a five-year rotational schedule for inspection and testing.

Residents will be notified by mail if their property is required to be tested. Questions regarding the inspections should be directed to Hydrocorp at 844-493-7641.

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Farmington Farmers Market returns with new vendors



Walt Gajewski
Guest columnist

This year marks my 12th season at the Farmington Farmers Market, which opens its 29th season on Saturday, May 7. I also happen to be turning 65 in October. In the market's off-season, it was enough to keep track of my wallet, keys and glasses (Mary will second that).

But in a fury, the past few months have been like raking leaves in a windstorm – with one hand holding onto my hat. Applications, rules, layouts, mapping, budgets, sponsors, marketing, promotion, equipment, supplies – lots of balls to juggle, all while fielding calls, answering emails, recruiting new vendors, scheduling musicians, booking activities ... I'm sure I'm forgetting something. Oh, yes: webinars, zoom calls and seminars.

What do they say? If you love what you do, you never work a day? I'll bite on that. But I will tell you – unpacking the market from cold storage is a challenge. But I love it. And I love that Opening Day is upon us.

In the spirit of tradition

Tradition reigns and rings true as we open the market in grand fashion Saturday with the American Legion Walker Groves Post of Farmington providing a color guard and Farmington High School providing the drum line. Booming bass drums and rat-a-tat snares will fill the air as we all come together around old market bell – vendors, volunteers, residents and patrons.

WDIV Local 4 meteorologist Paul Gross will emcee the occasion, introducing special guest and radio host Chris Ayotte (WMUZ Ann Arbor) to sing our National Anthem. Next up will be Farmington Mayor Pro-Tem Joe LaRussa, followed by Kim Guesman, chief nursing assistant from Beaumont Health; Amanda Shreve, executive director of the Michigan Farmers Market Association; and Noelle Nachreiner, executive director of the Michigan Ag



April showers promise plenty of flowers for Mothers Day weekend and the re-opening of the Farmington Farmers Market. COURTESY OF FARMINGTON FARMERS MARKET

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All are leaders who recognize the vital role the farmers market plays in our community. They also recognize that altogether we are community caretakers – supporting our local farms while gathering in the spirit of community. Then the bell will ring, signifying that we are all in this together.

Your market this week

As of today, you can expect more than a dozen new and almost new vendors coming to market for the 2022 season (some were at last year's market but only a few times).

We welcome Beyond Juice and Eatery, Dough Joe's Artisan Chocolates, Drake's English Toffee, Ground Control Coffee Roasters, Let's POP, Heart & Soul

Designs and Sherman's Tennessee Hot Crackers.

In all almost 50 vendors will be setting up in the early hours of Saturday morning – our biggest opening ever. And let me remind you: It's Mother's Day weekend. Flowers everywhere! Make plans to stroll the market for artisan wares and allow time to venture out to local shops and stores, taking in the sights and sounds that mark the return of Saturday life in a Michigan small town.

At 10 a.m. we'll welcome the Fox and Fiddle musical duo to the south bricks of the market, playing till 2 p.m. Also at 10 a.m., the Farmington Walkabouts will gather at the west entrance by the Sundquist Pavilion for a spirited walk and lively conversation led by Kim Guesman from Beaumont, Farmington

Hills. Their destination: Salem United Church of Christ, on Oakland Street just behind the Masonic Temple downtown. For the record, the Walkabouts meet every Saturday at the market and all are welcome to join for the fitness and the fun. And there are incentives for miles walked. The best part is coming back to the market and finding a community buzzing with activity in the open air, where good food abounds.

Well, I think you know there's a lot to do to get ready for Saturday, so until next time and as always, here's saying: "See you at the market. Anybody know where my keys are?"

Walt Gajewski is the Farmington Farmers Market manager. The market runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays in downtown Farmington. Visit www.farmingtonfarmersmarket.com for more.

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Researchers, educators and critics call for more research regarding this latest training trend among police departments.

"For us, it has been a huge success," said Andrew Domzalski, Northville Township's community service officer. "The big success is watching all the other agencies adopt the Action For Autism program or to implement calming bags into their patrol vehicles as well. This kind of branched out statewide.

"It's a big win not only for law enforcement but for those who have children and adults with special needs," he said.

First responders learn about autism

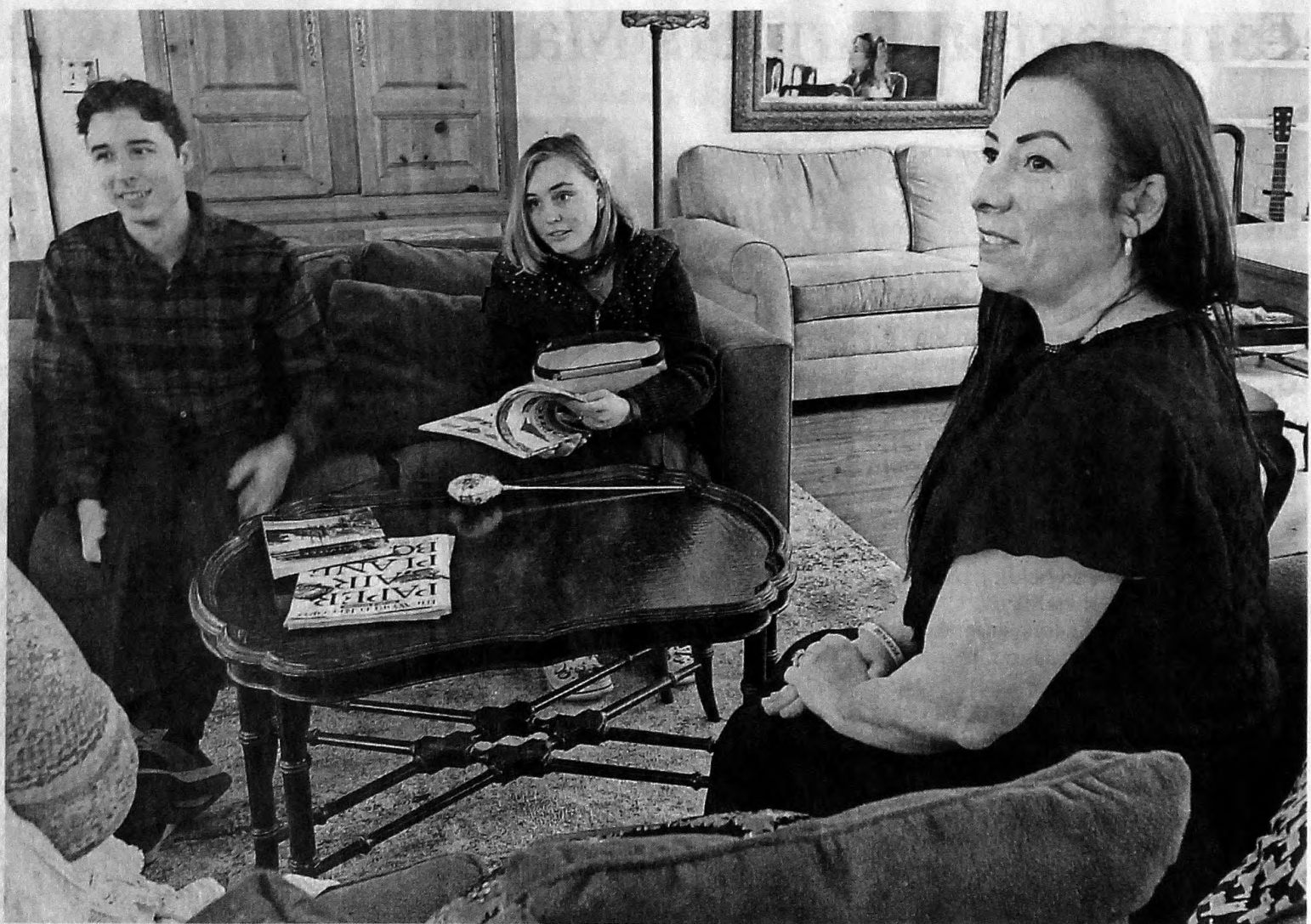
Last spring, Domzalski introduced Action For Autism, an umbrella title for solutions intended to better know the community's autistic population and their families, plus prevent quick judgments and emergency-situation perceptions that people with autism are combative or defiant.

The endeavor has meant training with the Autism Alliance of Michigan, and autism training beyond that. This helps officers understand more about those with autism and how to effectively interact with them. Officers have offered stickers that families with autistic loved ones can place on their cars and homes.

Northville Township police have collected profiles about autistic people, and the profiles include their picture, medications, mental health professionals and bodies of water to where they may wander. The information is accessible during 911 calls.

And their patrol cars have calming bags filled with sensory-calming items such as earmuffs, chew lanyards and sunglasses.

While the department has only used about 20 calming bags and gathered about 30 profiles in the past year, Domzalski said they've learned a lot about the township's autistic community as a group and as individuals — such as the man who will make himself known to police if officers play his favorite Abba



Rachell Vartanian, director of the Living and Learning Enrichment Center in Northville, sits down to talk with students Dominic Czarnecki and Dakota Sokolo on April 6. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

song over their P.A. system.

"There's value in knowing your community members," Domzalski stressed. "It just builds a better relationship and more of a sense of trust between us and them."

Michigan State Police inspired by Northville Township

Michigan State Police First Lt. Sarah Krebs learned of her friend Domzalski's work and secured her agency's support for a similar effort. About 1,500 MSP troopers and other personnel received autism training.

With donations from big companies such as Meijer and Blue Cross Blue Shield, 1,250 of MSP's patrol vehicles now carry calming bags as troopers work across the state.

Krebs shared two success stories

from northern Oakland County, near Holly. Soon after the new efforts started, parents called for help because of their teenage son. The arriving trooper's training kicked in. The trooper realized he was dealing with a teen with autism and offered the calming bag, which worked its magic and laid the groundwork for a connection. The trooper maintains a friendship with the family.

In March, a group home resident on the autism spectrum went missing. Troopers recognized the dangers of nearby water and called for air assists and reinforcements. They were able to rescue the missing man after they received a 911 call that he had fallen through an icy pond about five miles from the group home.

Krebs, with the Michigan State Police for more than 20 years, said previous training about autism was limited to speaking engagements, including troopers with children on the spectrum. "It definitely was the largest autistic project that I've ever seen our police agency do," she said. "I got a lot of buy-in from my own agency. They're very supportive of community outreach. I'm very happy that it ended up coming to fruition."

Mistakes still possible

Time will tell whether the efforts are worthwhile or go beyond positive feedback and rescue stories. Some states such as Minnesota mandate autism training for police; that is not a requirement in Michigan.

The general consensus seems to be autism training is a smart idea and items in calming bags can help.

But police officers and those with autism are not emotionless widgets. Communication is a two-way street. Disclosure of being on the spectrum can mean the difference between a good and bad emergency response.

Training officers and advocates connected to the autistic community say, even with training, mistakes will happen.

"Autism is a spectrum, but it isn't a linear spectrum," said Whitney Lee, founding director of Neurodiverse UT, an autistic-led advocacy group. "Instead, it is like a sundae bar or color wheel. Because of this, you can't effectively train people to identify autism.

"The most effective method of training police would be to train them in de-escalation and anti-ableism (ableism meaning the discrimination of disabled people)."

Dr. Neelkamal Soares, a Michigan Autism Council member who teaches pediatric and adolescent medicine at Western Michigan University, acknowledged the rampancy of calming bags and kits, which Westland, Canton Township and Farmington Hills police also offer.

He's skeptical that the non-uniform calming bags always have the right tools for the individuals involved or are appropriate for every situation involving anxiety, bright lights and sirens.

"Nobody can say for sure what are the five best things (for the bags)," he said. "The jury is out on this, but it makes for very good press. It makes for a great, family-centered approach. I'm all for that but I think there should be a lot more thought into putting these together, using them correctly and getting trained."

He's also in favor of police officers and first responders knowing more

about autism.

"I'm a big believer that educating first responders and law enforcement officers about autism is critical," he said. "We have seen many, many examples of bad outcomes because people did not understand that somebody who is avoiding eye contact and mumbling to themselves is not a threat."

University of Michigan education instructors Christine Kenney and Melissa Sreckovic join Soares in calling for more research documenting the results of law enforcement's autism initiatives. Kenney and Sreckovic want to seek feedback from autistic individuals on autism training and study police officers in the field, after they have received autism training.

The instructors shared a promising 2021 study that involved autism training for hospital security officers. The conclusion three months later indicated the officers felt more comfortable and demonstrated knowledge with those with autism.

Training to become better

In the past decade, the Southfield-based Autism Alliance of Michigan has "reached and trained" more than 14,000 police, fire and EMS personnel across the state. Last year, the agency trained Michigan State Police and law enforcers from about 20 other agencies.

The agency works with families navigating the challenges and surprises that come with autism. Representatives like Community Resource Specialist Joanna Lofton can help with Medicaid applications and provide names of the agencies and organizations that could help the family dealing with unique and individual problems.

Lofton understands the challenges. She has an autistic son. He is Black, college educated and employed as a Ford design aide.

She took him, when he was 8, to the police station to let officers know he has autism.

"I wanted them to know him," Lofton said. "I wanted them to understand these are the things that he may do and this is why. He's not being aggressive. He's not a bad kid. He's not trying to escape from you if he sees you and he's running away. That's the behavior. They're either running away from something or running to something."

Her son's autism has always added another layer of fear regarding any police interaction he may encounter.

"Police, in general, don't understand disabilities," Lofton said. "What they do to de-escalate are the very things that will escalate an individual who has autism. The perception that police have of individuals with autism is that they are out of control, that they are dangerous, that they are attacking when they don't know how to work with them. They don't know how to de-escalate them.

"There are so many things that can happen that are out of a parent's control. There's that constant fear."

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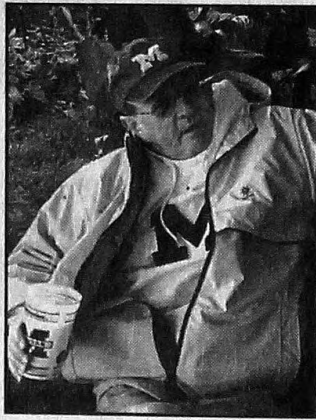
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Michael AJ Patten

OLD SAYBROOK - Michael AJ Patten, of Old Saybrook, left this world on April 27 after living an adventurous and generous life. To quote George Bernard Shaw, which describes Michael's outlook on life, "This is the true joy in life, the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap heap..." He was born in Chicago, the first son of Margaretta Agnes (Kelley Moran) Patten and Alexander Stephen Patten on March 29, 1939. Following his graduation from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, he enlisted with the U.S. Marines. After fulfilling his service, he applied to the University of Michigan, turning down an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. This was the beginning of his lifelong loyalty to Michigan. After graduating from Michigan, Michael began his CPA career with Ernst & Young in their Detroit office. Seven years later he opened a private practice. He moved this practice to Washington Depot, CT in 1997 where he worked until his retirement in 2019. Michael remained friends with many of his clients and always enjoyed coffee from "The Pantry" with his good friend, Michael. It was this move to Connecticut where he eventually met his devoted life partner, Diane. Michael loved his work and enjoyed life to the fullest with family and friends, traveling to Greece, Italy, France, Ireland, England, the Caribbean and of course "Meechigan." Most notable was when he surprised Diane with the news, he had signed them up for a 5am bike ride around the island of Barbados, (after getting his hair braided!) He always regretted not being able to join his brother Jack at Woodstock but considered himself the "hippie CPA." Michigan football became his total focus, and he was proud to say he held season tickets for 30 years. In the words of Bob Uffer, "Football is a religion and Saturday is the Holy Day of Obligation." Saturdays during the season, the faithful Michael could be found in his M den, dressed in his maize and blue Michigan clothes, right down to his socks, ready for the game. If Michigan won, he would have his "celebratory manhattan." Anyone who knew Michael could almost believe he would bleed maize and blue blood. Michael will be deeply missed by Diane, his brother, Jack and sister-in-law, Merle Patten, their children, Helen (Nell) Patten Burns and husband Brad and nephew Richard, his brother Alexander Stephen Patten and his children, A. Stephen Patten, William Sean Patten and Richard A. Patten. He also leaves behind stepsons Michael and wife Suzanne Choate, Thomas and wife Robyn Choate, Grandchildren, Jamie, Marissa, Alison, Jeffrey and Ethan, Sister-in-law Judith Lopol, Sister-in law Sharon and Brother-in-law, Thad Valechko (Marine Vietnam Veteran). A funeral mass will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 11am at Swan Funeral Home, located at 1224 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Michael's name to the VNA Community Care and Hospice at 753 Boston Post Rd, Guilford, CT 06437, the ASPCA at ASPCA.org, or St. Jude Children's Hospital at 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. GO BLUE Michael!



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In fact, they had to impose a strict limit of 4 Michigan State Bank Rolls. So, if you get the chance to get your hands on these State Bank Rolls you better hurry because hundreds of Michigan residents already have and you don't want to miss out.

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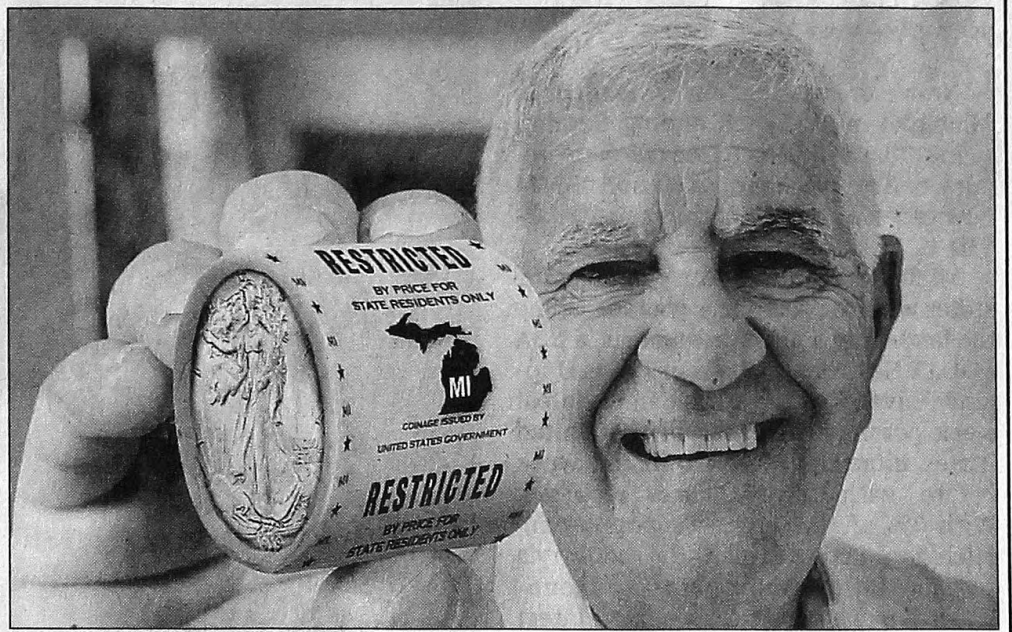
any more which moves them into the collectible coin status.

And here's the best part. The rolls are unsearched so there's no telling how much they could be worth in collector value.

That's why the state minimum set by National Mint and Treasury of just \$39 per Silver Walking Liberty coin, which is just \$585 for the full Bank Roll is a deal too good to pass up.

But you better hurry because these Michigan State Bank Rolls themselves have been marked State Restricted by price which means the state minimum set by National Mint and Treasury is restricted to Michigan residents and non-state residents must pay full price if any remain.

That's because they make amazing gifts for children, grandchildren and loved ones. Just imagine the look on their face when you hand them one of the State Bank Rolls — they'll tell everyone they know what you did for them.



■ GOT 'EM: Residents all across Michigan who get their hands on these State Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls are definitely showing them off. That's because they are the only ones known to exist with the exclusive State Restricted Design. And here's the best part, these Bank Rolls are loaded with U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars some dating back to the early 1900's so everyone who wants them better hurry.

Only State Restricted Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls go to Michigan residents

Michigan residents get first dibs on Sealed Bank Rolls loaded with U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties dating back to the early 1900's some worth up to 100 times their face value starting at 7:30 am today

▶ STATE DISTRIBUTION: A strict limit of 4 Michigan State Bank Rolls per MI resident has been imposed

"Michigan residents get first dibs. That's why Hotline Operators are bracing for the flood of calls," said Laura Lynne, U.S. Coin and Currency Director for the National Mint and Treasury.

Beginning at precisely 7:30 am this morning State of Michigan Sealed Bank Rolls loaded with rarely seen U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars are actually being handed over to Michigan residents who call the State Toll-Free Hotlines listed in today's newspaper publication.

"National Mint and Treasury recently spoke with its Chief Professional Numismatist who said 'Very few people have ever actually saw one of these rarely seen Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars issued by the U.S. Gov't back in the early 1900's. But to actually find them sealed away in State Bank Rolls is like finding buried treasure. So anyone lucky enough to get their hands on these Bank Rolls had better hold on to them,'" Lynne said.

"But here's the good news. The Bank Rolls themselves have been marked State Restricted by price which means the state minimum set by National Mint and Treasury is restricted to Michigan residents only and non-state residents must pay full price if any Bank Rolls remain," Lynne confirmed

This is important to note. "These are the only Michigan State Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls known to exist. You can't get them at banks or credit unions or the Government since they do not produce State Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls. In fact, you can only get them bearing the exclusive State Restricted Design and rolled this way directly from National Mint and Treasury," Lynne explained.

"Now that the State of Michigan Sealed Bank Rolls are being offered up we won't be surprised if thousands of Michigan residents claim the maximum limit allowed of 4 Bank Rolls per resident while they still can," said Lynne.

"That's because after the Bank Rolls were loaded with 15 U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties, each verified to meet a minimum collector grade of very good or above, the dates and mint marks of the Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars found inside the Bank Rolls have never been searched. But, we do know that some of these coins date clear back to the early 1900's and are 90% pure silver so Michigan residents who get their hands on them will be glad they did," Lynne went on to say.

And here's the best part. If you are a resident of the state of Michigan you cover only the \$39 per coin state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury, that's 15 U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars worth up to 100 times their face value for just \$585 which is a real steal because state residents who miss the deadline and non state residents must pay \$118 per coin which totals \$1,770 if any coins remain after the 2-day deadline.

"U.S. Gov't issued coins like these are 90% pure silver and a favorite of dealers, collectors and the like," Lynne said.

"We know the phones will be ringing off the hook. So the only thing readers need to do is make sure they are a resident of the state of Michigan and call the State Toll-Free Hotlines printed in today's publication," Lynne said. ■

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FACTS:

HOW TO CLAIM THE MICHIGAN STATE BANK ROLLS

If you are a Michigan State Resident read the important information below about claiming the State Silver Bank Rolls, then call the State Toll-Free Hotline at 8:30 am: **1-800-979-3771 EXT: RWB4650**

Are these Silver Walking Liberties worth more than other half dollars:

Yes. These U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties were minted in the early 1900's and will never be minted again. That makes them collectible. The vast majority of half dollars minted after 1970 have no silver content at all and these Walking Liberty Half Dollars were one of the last silver coins minted for circulation. So there's no telling how much they could be worth in collector value someday.

How much are State Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls worth:

It's impossible to say, but some of these U.S. Gov't issued Walking Liberty Half Dollars date back to the early 1900's and there are 15 in each Bank Roll so you better hurry if you want to get your hands on them. Collector values always fluctuate and there are never any guarantees. But we do know Walking Liberties are collectible so anyone lucky enough to get their hands on these Silver Bank Rolls should hold onto them because there's no telling how much they could be worth in collector value someday.

Why are so many Michigan residents claiming them:

Because they are the only Michigan State Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls known to exist with the exclusive State Restricted Design, everyone who wants their share better call the State Toll-Free Hotlines printed in today's publication. Each Bank Roll contains a whopping 15 Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars dating back to the early 1900's. Best of all the Bank Rolls have been marked State Restricted by price which means the state minimum set by National Mint and Treasury is restricted to Michigan residents who beat the deadline only. That means Michigan residents cover only \$39 per Silver Walking Liberty, which is just \$585 for the full Bank Rolls for the next 2 days.

How do I get the State Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls:

Michigan residents are authorized to claim up to the limit of 4 Michigan State Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls by calling the State Toll Free Hotline at **1-800-979-3771 Ext. RWB4650** starting at precisely 8:30 am this morning. Everyone who does is getting the only Michigan State Walking Liberty Silver Bank Rolls known to exist with the exclusive State Restricted Design. That's a full Bank Roll containing 15 Silver Walking Liberties from the early 1900's some worth up to 100 times their face value for just the state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury of just \$39 per Silver Walking Liberty, which is just \$585 for the full Bank Rolls and that's a real steal because non state residents must pay \$1,770 for each Michigan State Walking Liberty Silver Bank Roll if any remain.

Wayne County COVID-19 cases and deaths tracker

Mike Stucka Gannett
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

New coronavirus cases leaped in Michigan in the week ending Sunday, rising 38.3% as 14,482 cases were reported. The previous week had 10,474 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked 16th among the states where coronavirus was spreading the fastest on a per-person basis, a USA TODAY Network analysis of Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the latest week coronavirus cases in the United States increased 8.9% from the week before, with 381,004 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 3.8% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 41 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Wayne County reported 3,399 cases and 18 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 2,237 cases and 10 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 406,765 cases and 7,940 deaths.

Oakland County reported 2,771 cases and eight deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 2,050 cases and eight deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 292,717 cases and 3,837 deaths.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Washtenaw County with 343 cases per 100,000 per week; Oakland County with 220; and Macomb County with 197. The Centers for Disease Control says high levels of community transmission begin at 100 cases per 100,000 per week.

Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 3,399 cases; Oakland County, with 2,771 cases; and Macomb County, with 1,725. Weekly case counts rose in 68 counties from the previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Michigan ranked 35th among states in share of people receiving at least one shot, with 67% of its residents at least partially vaccinated. The national rate is 77.6%, a USA TODAY analysis of CDC data shows. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which are the most used in the United States, require two doses admin-



Sharon Blow checks in curbside for her Delta flight April 19 at Jacksonville International Airport. No one at the moment was wearing a mask following a judge's ruling to lift the mandate that had been in place for COVID-19 protections. COREY PERRINE/FLORIDA TIMES-UNION

istered a few weeks apart.

In the week ending Sunday, Michigan reported administering another 79,375 vaccine doses, including 6,734 first doses. In the previous week, the state administered 85,485 vaccine doses, including 7,115 first doses. In all, Michigan reported it has administered 15,883,605 total doses.

Across Michigan, cases fell in 13 counties, with the best declines in Alpena County, with 29 cases from 53 a week earlier; in Kent County, with 610 cases from 622; and in Ontonagon County, with 2 cases from 8.

In Michigan, 67 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 78 people were reported dead.

A total of 2,425,946 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and

36,002 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 81,365,218 people have tested positive and 993,733 people have died.

Note: In the Johns Hopkins University coronavirus data, cases and deaths for the Michigan Department of Corrections and the Federal Correctional Institution separately from Michigan counties.

Michigan's COVID-19 hospital admissions rising

USA TODAY analyzed federal hospital data as of Sunday, May 1.

Likely COVID patients admitted in the state:

- Last week: 996
- The week before that: 728
- Four weeks ago: 563

Likely COVID patients admitted in the nation:

- Last week: 43,243
- The week before that: 39,428
- Four weeks ago: 37,216

Hospitals in 34 states reported more COVID-19 patients than a week earlier, while hospitals in 34 states had more COVID-19 patients in intensive-care beds. Hospitals in 38 states admitted more COVID-19 patients in the latest week than a week prior, the USA TODAY analysis of U.S. Health and Human Services data shows.

The USA TODAY Network is publishing localized versions of this story on its news sites across the country, generated with data from Johns Hopkins University and the Centers for Disease Control. If you have questions about the data or the story, contact Mike Stucka at mstucka@gannett.com.

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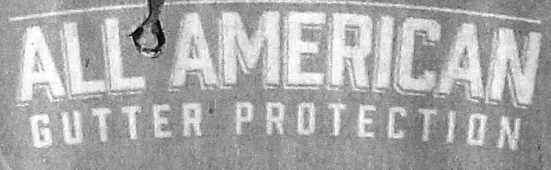
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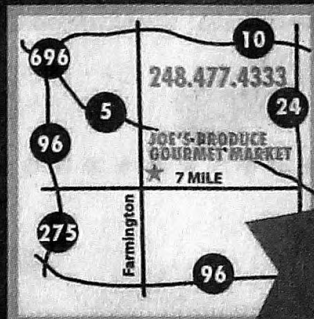
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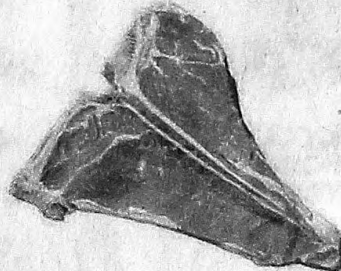
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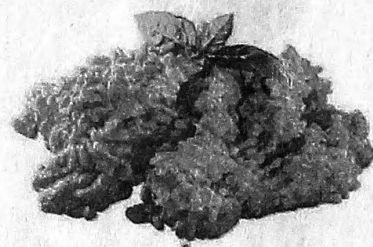
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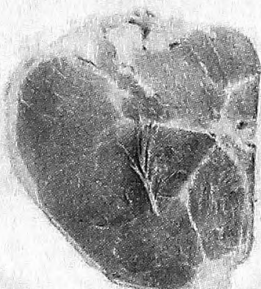
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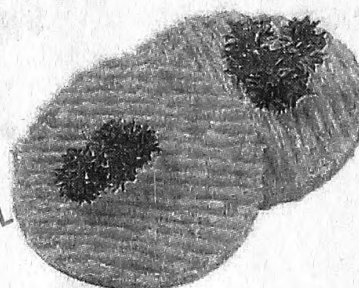
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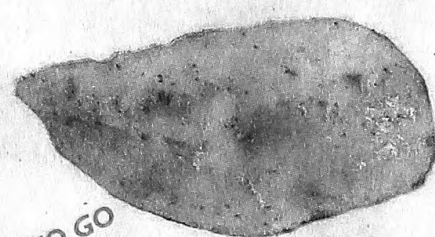


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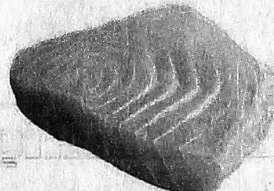
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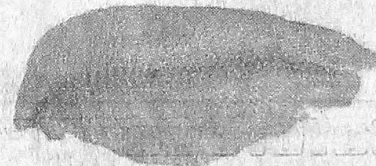
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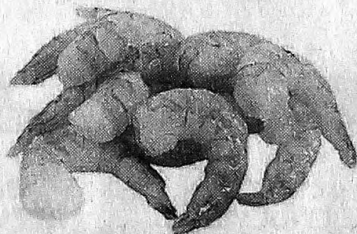
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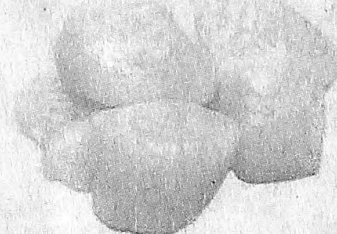
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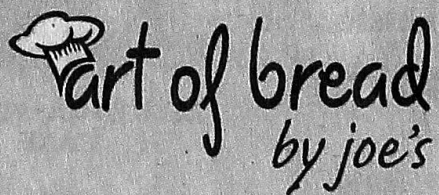
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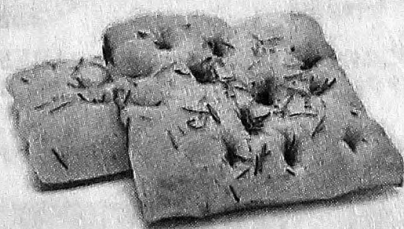
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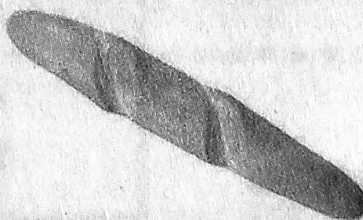
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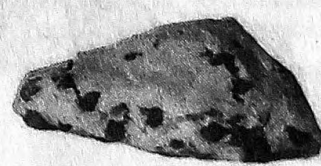
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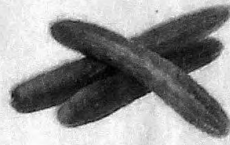
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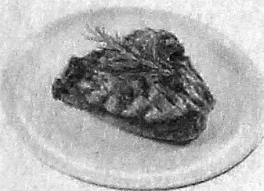


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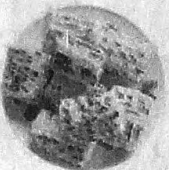


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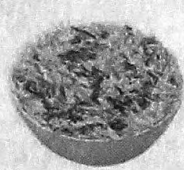
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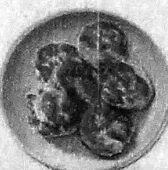
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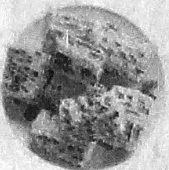


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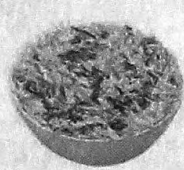


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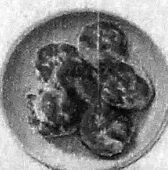
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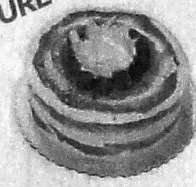
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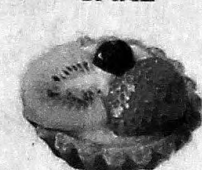


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Senior quit soccer to run and became a state champ

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Shawn Juliette did the interview for this story over the phone while driving home from the University of Illinois.

And you might think, "So what? Talented athletes take recruiting trips all

the time. What's the big deal here?"

Well, let's talk about why this wasn't your typical college visit because it's actually a pretty crazy story.

Juliette's name might sound familiar to soccer fans around the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. He was a three-year player for Livonia Churchill.

He started playing the sport when he was 5 years old. He began at the recreational league level and later joined the Livonia-based Michigan Wolves Soccer Club.

He was a dependable wide-back defender and, for the most part, soccer was his life, whether that was competing for his high school or playing on the travel circuit.

He joined Churchill's track and field team during the spring of his freshman year. He didn't expect to win many events. He just enjoyed running as a "side hobby."

He didn't go out for the track team as a sophomore, but he decided to give it another a shot his junior year.

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BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

North Farmington junior trades his hot Cheetos for hot shooting

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The sacrifices haven't been easy for Ryan Hurst, but making them keeps getting him closer to achieving his goals.

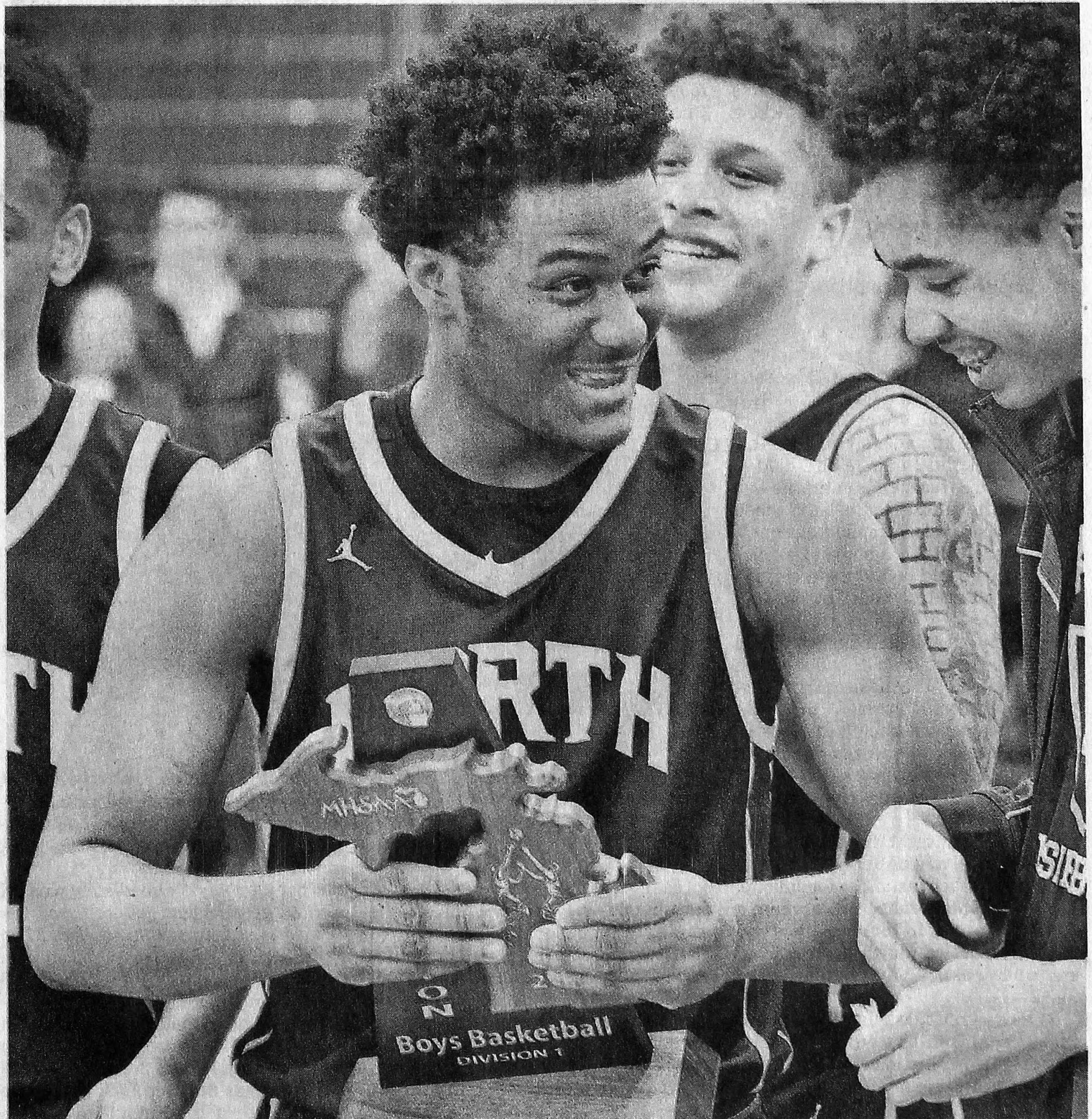
When his family bought a new house, he had to leave his friends at West Bloomfield and transfer to North Farmington, seemingly starting high school all over again just a few miles down Orchard Lake Road.

When his basketball career started taking off, he had to quit the football team so he could dedicate his time and training solely on the hardwood. One year later, the Lakers won a state title, and he missed out on lining up in the backfield with Michigan commit Semaj Morgan, one of his closest friends.

And when he knew he needed to take his diet and exercise more seriously, he had to say goodbye to slathering hot sauces on his chicken, dipping his foods in ranch and munching on Hot Cheetos, his favorite snack. He spent more time lifting weights and doing strength and endurance training, and he even considered going vegan.

But it's all paid off for the junior combo guard. He's now the best player on a Raiders squad that is gunning for a state championship next winter, while West Bloomfield finds itself in the middle of the pack of the Oakland Activities Association-Red. And without a doubt, either North or Brother Rice will have the best roster in Oakland County next season. One through eight, both teams are deep with talent and future college players. Hurst will have a say in which school winds up the best.

Saying farewell to the gridiron has opened opportunities for Hurst to play more travel ball. And the Division I interest continues to pile up as he makes the rounds on the circuit throughout the Midwest. He's taking his time on the recruiting trail, soaking it all up and expects to make a commitment to a school later during his senior year.



North Farmington's Ryan Hurst celebrates with the championship trophy after the Raiders defeated Livonia Stevenson in the Division 1 boys basketball district final March 11. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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And giving up junk food has turned him into an almost unstoppable scorer, as he averaged 23 points in his first season wearing a Raiders uniform. He's lighter on his feet and his game features more athleticism than it ever has because he's not being weighed down by a crummy diet.

Those sacrifices continue to mold Hurst into a must-watch talent and someone who is already on the watch list for next year's Mr. Basketball award.

And because of that, he is Hometown Life's Player of the Year.

"We say it all the time in our program: You've got to be willing to be uncomfortable to get better at anything in life," North coach Todd Negoshian said. "You've got to step out of your comfort zone to get better. It doesn't matter if you're a student, a husband, a father, an athlete or a best friend."

"For Ryan to take that next step, he's got to get uncomfortable with the way he eats, trains and does things in his life. For him and his future, I hope doing that really sticks with him."

Regardless of the sacrifices, Hurst has had to perform and, boy, did he do that this past winter.

It's hard to say what his best skill is.

Not many players can drive to the hoop like Hurst. At 6-foot-3 and close to 225 pounds, he's either going to get a tough contested layup or he's bulldozing someone over to earn a trip to the foul line. He can get layups in transition or take defenders off the dribble in the half-court.

What's more, he's a put-back machine. He seemingly cleans up all of his misses. He's 3 or 4 inches shorter than some of the best forwards out there, but he had no trouble averaging six rebounds per game.

And, of course, he can shoot. From basically anywhere. Mid-range jumpers. Pull-ups in front of the 3-point line. Shots from downtown near the volleyball line. He buried six 3-pointers during a 36-point performance in the Division I district championship, which ensured the Raiders a convincing 77-54 victory over Livonia Stevenson.

"I've always been a big, strong guy," Hurst said. "I played football when I was little so that helped me with attacking



North Farmington's Ryan Hurst attacks the hoop against Davison during the Freedom Classic in January at River Rouge.

BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the rim. As I go up, no one can stop me. I've always had that mindset, a killer mindset. When I step on the court every time, that translates to my game."

It sure does.

That's why it's not surprising to learn Hurst played linebacker and fullback when he was still at West Bloomfield.

He quit playing the sport after his freshman year. But if you watch him play, he's clearly a small forward in a linebacker's body.

"I loved football, but basketball is very fun to me," Hurst added. "Football season, it was keeping me bigger. In football, you've got to be big and stocky. Once I quit to play basketball, it was a

sacrifice I needed to make for my body to get into better shape. Football shape is much different than basketball shape."

It also helped that Hurst quit eating junk food, too. He stopped eating chips and started chugging water.

He picked up the hobby of running 2 or 3 miles per day to get cardio in when he wasn't training in the weight room.

He misses eating spicy food but loves seeing his hard work pay off. His goals are to guide North to a state title, win Mr. Basketball and sign with a mid-major.

"It's awful, for sure," Hurst said, laughing about being so regimented with his diet, something he's even honed in on even more since the Raiders

lost to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the regional opener in March.

"He's already lost a ton of weight since the season ended," Negoshian added. "He needs to continue to change the body. He comes committed in the weight room with our guys five days a week. He's getting explosion in lateral quickness. Billy Slobin, our strength and condition coach, has done a great job zoning in on that with him."

Who knows how many goals Hurst checks off his list as a senior?

Whether one goal or all of them come true, we'll know it's because of the sacrifices he's making away from the bright lights of a Friday night game.

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And, to his surprise, he wasn't half bad at the 800-meter run. He consistently ran around 2 minutes, 8 seconds at the beginning of the season. And then he trimmed another 6 or 7 seconds off his time. He immediately made it his goal to break the 2-minute threshold.

Little did he realize, his entire life was about to change during the Larry Steeb Memorial Meet of Champions on June 1, 2021, inside Al Ritt Stadium at Dexter.

"I remembered before the meet, my coach (Churchill distance coach Sara Kroll) asked me if I would break 2 minutes that day," Juliette recalled. "I told her, 'I'll die trying to do it,' and it turned out to be one of the most-exciting moments of my track career."

Juliette crossed the finish line in fourth place, but he finally did it: He cracked the 2-minute mark, clocking in at 1:58.55 and doing so, in fact, without dying.

That moment right there — breaking that barrier — was one of those frying-pans-to-the-face instances for Juliette. You know, one of those times where a lightbulb goes off in your head, and you quickly realize you might have discovered a new passion? Yeah, he had one of those.

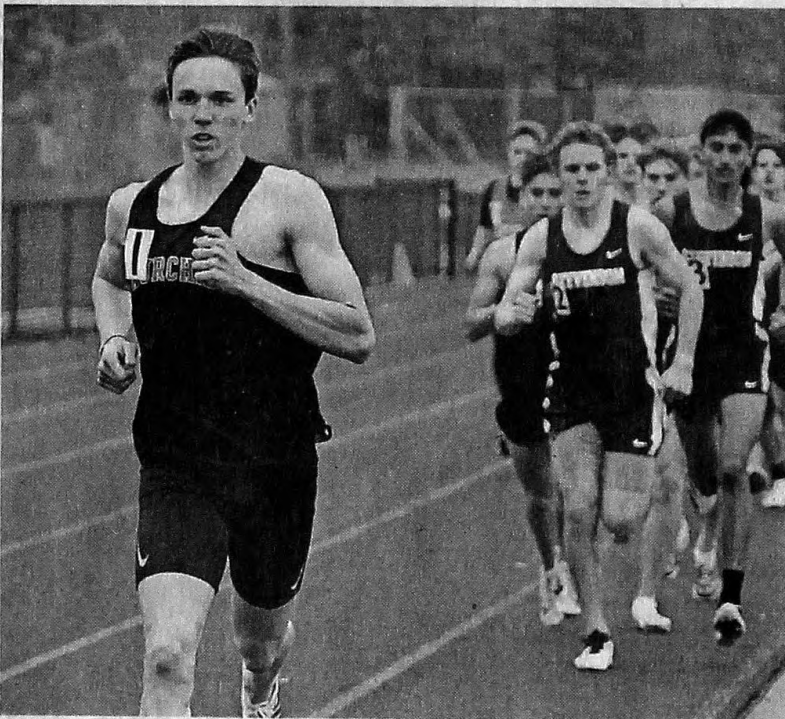
It took almost no effort for Kroll to convince Juliette to sign up for cross country before his senior year so he could continue improving as a distance runner.

The only problem was cross country competes during the fall at the same time as the boys soccer season. So Juliette did both. For a while, at least.

He went to a handful of pre-season soccer practices before the wear and tear of being a dual-sport athlete became too much to bear.

"After a couple of days, I just felt really tired," he said. "I knew if I wanted to be serious about running the best I can during cross country season that it was time to commit myself 100% to running to give myself the best chance at succeeding. I decided to quit soccer and focus on running, and I think it was the best decision I've ever made."

"Last year, when I joined the track team, I had always considered myself to be primarily a soccer player. But then I continued to fall in love with track and,



Livonia Churchill runner Shawn Juliette, already 20 yards ahead of the competition after the first bend of the 1,600 meters race, led the sprint wire-to-wire during the April 22 competition at Livonia Franklin High School.

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by the end of the season, I realized I was pretty good at it. That's when I really realized that this would take me beyond soccer."

That conversation with Churchill soccer coach Eric Puroll wasn't an easy one, but it was necessary if Juliette wanted to get better at running.

"He was supportive of me and my decision," Juliette added. "He knew about my journey. While me quitting wasn't the best thing for his team, he was very supportive of me. I was very grateful for that."

Juliette wasn't asked to be the fastest runner for the cross country team, but, boy, he was a big help.

He never won a race, but he recorded four top-10 finishes and even took 11th during the Division I regional (16:53).

His effort, along with teammate Seth Pianga placing fourth individually (16:29), was enough to push the Chargers to a second-place finish at the regional. It marked the first time they had qualified for the state finals as a team in 15 seasons.

Juliette carried that spirit into the indoor track season during the winter. While that sport isn't sanctioned by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, most of the meets feature the best of the best. Almost all of the serious runners compete on the indoor circuit.

Once again, Juliette split his time between two sports.

As part of Churchill's swim team, he

spent most afternoons at practices or meets. So he met with Kroll at 5 a.m. almost every morning for running workouts. And then he competed at track meets on the weekends.

That hard work immediately paid off during the Michigan Indoor Track Series state championship on Feb. 27 in Ypsilanti, as he ran a personal-best 1:56.14 in the 800 to become an individual state champion.

What's more, that time qualified him for the New Balance Indoor Nationals in New York City. He was the fastest Michigander in the 800 and took fifth place overall with a time of 1:57.45, just a shade over 2 seconds slower than the national champion.

Yes, that's right. The average Joe defender on Churchill's soccer team from a year ago was the fifth-fastest in the country at a prestigious showcase.

"I never would've thought this would be possible," Juliette said. "The whole reason I came out for the team was because I liked running. Everything changed after that 1:58 (at the Larry Steeb meet). I remember thinking about that moment and telling Sara afterward that I wanted to win a state championship as a senior."

"One thing Sara does is help build my confidence. And she said, 'OK, alright. Let's do that.' Since then, she's had the confidence in me to do more than I could have ever imagined."

That confidence has continued to

grow as the spring track season is now underway.

As of this writing, Juliette has won nine of the 10 events he's competed in so far. And that one event he didn't win was actually the 200-meter dash, which obviously isn't a distance event.

A week ago, he ran a personal best outdoor time of 1:57.74 in the 800, which is currently the 12th-best time recorded by an MHSAA runner this spring, regardless of division. And that's impressive after considering he did that in a rainstorm during the Livonia City Meet.

But his 800 times aren't what everyone is talking about.

During a dual meet against Plymouth on April 6, he broke the school record for the 1 mile with a time of 4:21.92.

When Hometown Life showed up to a meet after that, one Churchill coach didn't hesitate to ask, "Oh, you must be here to see Shawn, right?"

Of course, the newspaper was there to see him. It sounds like everyone who cares about high school track will be stopping by to see him at some point.

"I plan to dust off my varsity jacket and go watch him run some this season," wrote Brandon Grysko in an email to Hometown Life this week.

And who's Grysko? He set that school record that Juliette just broke back in 2006.

Kroll said she expects Juliette to be one of the top-seeded runners in the 800 at the state finals, while he might also have a chance to win the 1,600 as well given his recent record-breaking performance. While he doesn't have the fastest times in the state right now, the season is truly just getting started. Once he starts peaking, he should be a contender for a podium finish.

Outside of giving up soccer, the only downside to Juliette's story is he's behind schedule on the recruiting trail. Most elite runners make their college commitments before their senior year. Scholarship opportunities are dwindling the closer Juliette gets to graduation. He's running out of time to pick a program to join, which is wild considering he's only been a serious runner for just under 11 months.

So that's why he's doing media interviews over the phone. He's too busy visiting colleges.

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CMU responds to claims that cutting men's track was racial discrimination

Christian Booher Special to Detroit Free Press
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MOUNT PLEASANT – Central Michigan University is being investigated by the US Department of Education Office for Civil Rights for allegations of racial discrimination after cutting the men's track and field program in May 2020.

University president Bob Davies denied the allegations during a news conference on campus Thursday and said CMU would fully comply with the investigation.

Dropping the men's indoor and outdoor track and field programs left CMU one men's sport shy of the minimum to maintain status in the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision.

After getting a waiver from the

NCAA, CMU announced last August it would begin a men's golf program in the 2022-23 academic year, reaching the FBS requirement.

The official complaint states that the decision to cut track took away direct opportunities to higher education from Black students.

"I want to be very clear: The allegations of racial discrimination are unfounded and an investigation is not an indictment," Davies said. "This simply means that the OCR has received a complaint, that the complaint is under their jurisdiction and that OCR has asked us to provide information."

"The OCR is carrying out its federally mandated responsibility to look into the claims made by this individual. We understand the seriousness and impor-

tance of this objective process. We will comply fully, and I strongly believe OCR will find no evidence to support claims of racial discrimination."

Davies listed finances, compliance and student success reasons as factors in the decision made by former CMU athletic director Michael Alford, who now holds the same position at Florida State.

CMU athletics suffered a \$4.5 million decrease to its budget in the three years preceding the decision to cut the program, and it saved an actual cost of \$625,000 last year, Davies said. The addition of golf was seen as one that was cost-efficient.

"To have a competitive track and

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Franklin hosting youth boys basketball camp this summer

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Livonia Franklin coach TJ Hurley is hosting a boys basketball camp June 20-24 at Livonia Franklin Fieldhouse, 31000, Joy Road.

The camp is for players from 8-14 years old.

Sessions, which begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. each day, will focus on station work and individual and team competitions. There will be guest speakers and player evaluations.

The cost is \$150, which includes a camp t-shirt.

For more information, contact livoniafranklinhoops@gmail.com.

Lions GM swung big and connected in NFL draft

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USA TODAY NETWORK

General manager Brad Holmes went into the 2022 NFL draft determined to find a "game changer" and came away with two players who fit that bill. This is why I believe the Lions had one of the best draft hauls in the league.

I'm asked to grade the Lions' picks every year after the draft. It's a silly exercise in some ways, passing judgment on players who have not played a down in the NFL and who are still in the developmental stage of their careers, and for that reason I've always tried to make my grade more about how the Lions use the draft capital they have and less about the talent they acquire.

Where players go from here is largely up to them, and the path they're on won't be evident for another year or two at the least.

But I give the Lions an A-minus grade for this year's class because Holmes maximized the value of his first three selections by taking the draft's best

prospect at two positions and fleeing the Vikings in a trade up, according to all the popular trade value charts. I thought he made some worthwhile gambles on traits and production in the later rounds while trying to add depth to his defense.

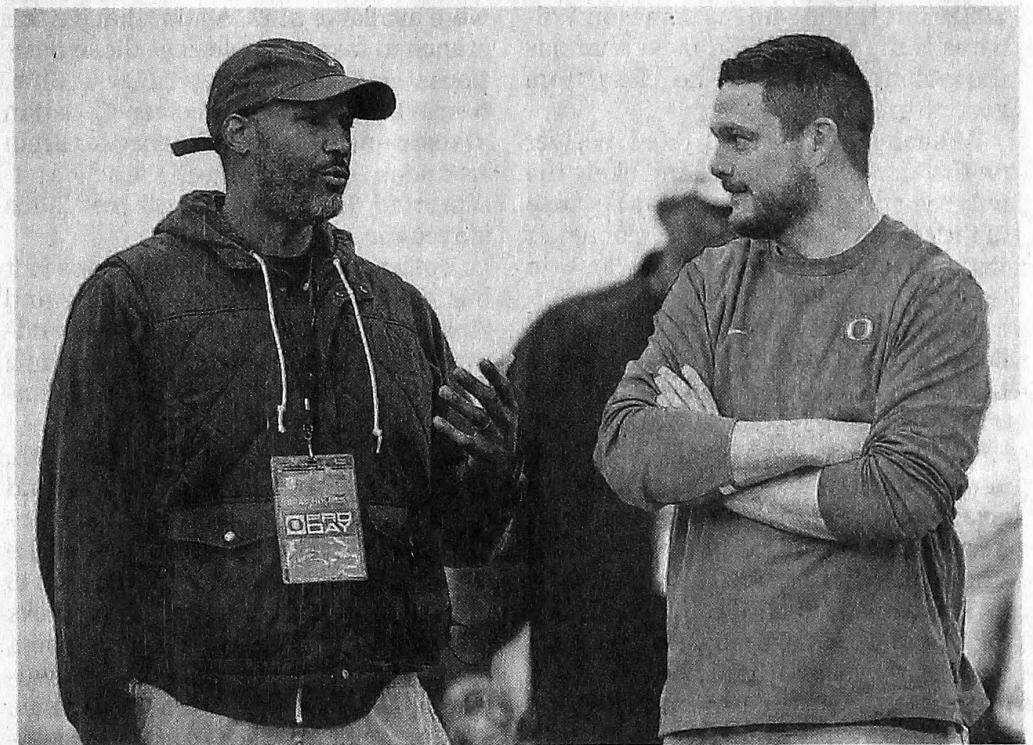
Aidan Hutchinson was the right pick at No. 2.

Hutchinson was the best prospect in the draft, at a major position of need and a spot on the board where the value was right for a pass rusher.

Kayvon Thibodeaux and Derek Stingley Jr. may have slightly more upside, and there is some belief around the league Holmes preferred Thibodeaux. But the support for Hutchinson elsewhere in the building was overwhelming, and there is no doubt the Michigan product is coach Dan Campbell's kind of player.

Hutchinson should be a force for years to come on a defense that otherwise lacks playmakers, and it wouldn't shock me if he led the team in sacks in

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Lions general manager Brad Holmes, left, talks to Oregon coach Dan Lanning during the University of Oregon's Pro Day on April 1 in Eugene, Oregon.

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Josh Paschal was selected by the Lions with the No. 45 overall pick in Round 2 of the 2022 NFL draft April 29 in Las Vegas.

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2022. But trading up for Jameson Williams is the type of bold move that has the potential to push the class from good to great.

Williams was the No. 1-rated receiver on the Lions' draft board, and likely the only reason he made it to 12 was because of the torn ACL he suffered in Alabama's national championship game loss to Georgia.

It's fair to have concerns over Williams' medical history. The last time the Lions took a receiver coming off an ACL was Ryan Broyles in 2012. But give Holmes credit for being convicted enough about a prospect's greatness to go and get the player, and give him even more credit for pulling off what could be a heist of a division foe.

The Lions traded Nos. 32, 34 and 66 for 12 and 46. Essentially, Holmes gave up an early second-round pick to move up 20 spots in Round 1 and at the Round 2/3 turn. The old Jimmy Johnson trade value chart marks that as a clear win for the Lions (they gave up 1,410 points on the chart, and got back 1,640 points

worth of value), and the newer Rich Hill version does the same (337.3 points received, 280.2 points given up).

Some GMs would prefer quantity over quality, believing no elite prospects were available at 12. Again, that's a fair stance to take. The picks at those positions — Georgia safety Lewis Cine, North Dakota State receiver Christian Watson and Oklahoma linebacker Brian Asamoah — would have made a nice addition to Hutchinson had the Lions stayed put.

But as good as that trio is, no one in it has the elite upside of Williams, and Holmes was able to finagle a second-round pick in the deal that netted him a much-needed depth piece for the defensive line in Kentucky's Josh Paschal.

Paschal provides interior pass rush, which the Lions lacked last season, and fits with the "build a monster" philosophy Holmes espoused last year when he took Penei Sewell at No. 7. In the past 15 months, the Lions have spent four picks on defensive linemen in Hutchinson, Paschal, Alim McNeill and Levi Onwuzurike, and signed two others — Romeo Okwara and Charles Harris — to significant deals.

I don't know how good the D-line will be this fall, and I thought the value at 46



Trading up for Jameson Williams could push the Lions' draft class from good to great.

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was in taking a different defender instead, someone like Georgia linebacker Nakobe Dean (if he was medically cleared) or Penn State safety Jaquan Brisker.

But Paschal is powerful player who adds something to the front, and the Lions added safety depth with Kerby Joseph in Round 3.

CMU

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field team, the cost is at least \$1 million," Davies said. "In the MAC, for competitive golf, is about half that."

The investigation comes six months after a complaint was filed by Russell Dinkins, the executive director of the Tracksmith Foundation, which has played a part in reinstating previously cut track programs at William & Mary, Clemson, Minnesota and Brown.

Dinkins said the investigation could go away quickly should CMU decide to reinstate its program.

"Our ask is simple: We want the men's track and field program back due to the opportunities afforded along racial and socio-economic lines, and so it's simple," Dinkins told CMU's student newspaper, Central Michigan Life. "The university, if they want this investigation to go away, they can make it go away tomorrow. They can bring back the men's track and field program."

Davies reinforced the university's commitment to diversity.

"With all our sports — and throughout our university — diversity inclusivity, accessibility and student success are always top priorities," Davies said. "We are committed to ensuring open pathways and exceptional learning and competition opportunities for every student."

CMU hired Kevin Jennings as its men's golf head coach in October. The Benton Harbor native led the men's and women's programs at Prairie View A&M, a historically Black university.

As of Thursday, Davies said the program had pledges from three people of color among the eight current commitments.

Davies said the decisions to cut track and add golf were separate, with the latter not serving as a succession plan.

"These were two separate decisions," Davies said. "We looked at many different opportunities and looking at the financial side, the competitive side, how would they fit in the MAC? How would they fit in within our footprint? And the student success opportunities that would prevail."

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Yzerman's to-do list extends beyond hiring new coach

Helene St. James Detroit Free Press
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Steve Yzerman is used to being busy: In a span of a three days in mid-April, the general manager flew from Detroit to Tampa, Florida, back to Detroit the next day, and the day after that, to Germany to scout at the U18 World Championship.

Now his business will keep him closer to home, as the Red Wings have entered another long offseason. They won their final game Friday to finish 32-40-10 and 74 points, well below the 100-point minimum that all eight playoff teams in the Eastern Conference reached.

The Wings' season was marked by first-half promise and second-half demise. Chief on Yzerman's to-do list is hiring a new coach, after announcing Saturday he would not renew Jeff Blashill's contract.

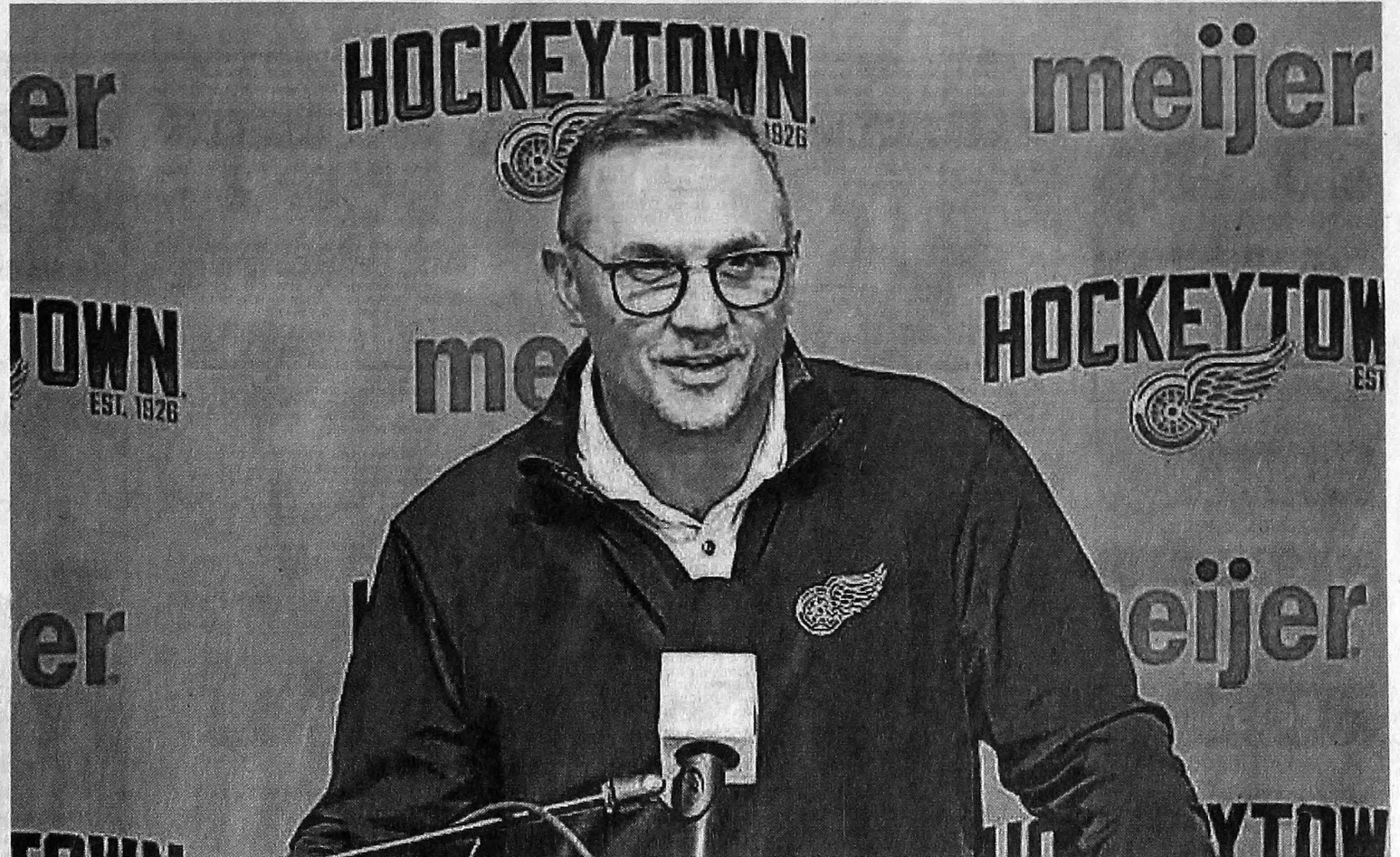
The tasks extend beyond the coaching situation, though. Here is a look at Yzerman's to-do list as he enters his fourth offseason in charge of the rebuild.

Exit meetings

These used to be conducted in person, but the pandemic has facilitated accomplishing them via video. Numerous players are headed out of town within a week or so, with a contingent going to Finland for the World Championship: goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (USA), forward Lucas Raymond and goalie Magnus Hellberg (Sweden), defenseman Moritz Seider (Germany), forward Pius Suter (Switzerland), and forward Jakub Vrana and defenseman Filip Hronek (Czech Republic). With some of the older players, Yzerman is expected to let them know whether there is interest in retaining their services.

Deciding on his free agents

Players eligible to become unrestricted free agents this summer include defensemen Marc Staal and Danny DeKeyser, forward Sam Gagner, and goaltenders Hellberg and Thomas Greiss. Yzerman made overtures towards resigning Nick Leddy, but he wanted a contract in the \$5 million range. That



Red Wings general manager Steve Yzerman in 2021. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

was far more than the Wings were considering, so Yzerman traded him. That leaves an opening for at least one veteran. Staal has been a good fit since arriving prior to the 2021 season. DeKeyser was waived multiple times over the past two seasons, signaling he doesn't have a future with the team. Gagner is another possibility to stay — 13 goals and 18 assists from an \$850,000 player is a pretty good deal. Greiss is a goner. Hellberg played one game; it came against the non-playoff Devils on Friday, so little can be read into that performance. Maybe he will be invited to camp to earn a job.

Finalize draft plans

The Wings will find out where their first pick in the 2022 draft falls when the lottery is held May 10. There will be two draws, one for the No. 1 pick and one for No. 2. After that, the order is determined by teams' regular-season records. The

Wings, who finished with the league's eighth-worst record, have 6% odds to get the No. 1 pick, and 12.4% odds to pick in the top two. The Wings haven't had the first overall pick since 1986 when they drafted Joe Murphy, and haven't had the second overall pick since 1971 when they chose Marcel Dionne. The Wings have 54.4% odds to pick eighth, 30% odds to pick ninth, and 3.2% odds to pick 10th. Forward Shane Wright, who has 32 goals and 62 assists in 63 games with Kingston of the OHL this season, is the projected No. 1 pick this summer; the Wings sorely need a guy who projects to be an elite center.

Assessing needs

While the Wings' amateur scouts are busy preparing final rankings ahead of the July 7-8 draft in Montreal, the team's pro scouts are readying travel plans for the playoffs. Every series is worth scouting to explore potential

trade scenarios or, more likely, preparing for free agency. Someone to keep an eye on, for example, is Carolina's Vincent Trocheck. The 28-year-old right-shot center is a pending unrestricted free agent. Trocheck isn't big (5-foot-10, 183 pounds) but he's skilled and just posted his fourth 20-goal, 50-point performance. He's worth considering as an option for a second-line center. The Wings also need a proven backup goaltender, and most likely will look to add another veteran defenseman even if Staal is re-signed. Defenseman Simon Edvinsson, the Wings' first-round pick from 2021, is expected to challenge for a job, but Yzerman has shown he won't fast-track a prospect he doesn't deem ready for the NHL. Edvinsson is considered on par with Seider, but Seider was a year older, already had an AHL season to his credit, and had starred in the Swedish Hockey League.

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed or electronic proposals will be received by the City of Westland's Housing Commission, 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland, Michigan 48186, on or before May 13th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

Independent Auditing Services

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
Controller

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CITY OF LIVONIA 2022-23 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Livonia is entitled to receive \$341,684 (estimated) of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2022 program year (July 1, 2022– June 30, 2023). The City has prepared a "2022-23 Annual Action Plan" covering the program period for citizen comment. The Annual Action Plan details how the City proposes to utilize its 2022 CDBG estimated entitlement grant of \$341,684 (estimated) in addition to \$411,000 in potential un-programmed funds from prior years and program income. The Action Plan is required by federal regulations in order for the City to continue to participate in the CDBG program.

The 2022-23 Annual Action Plan proposes the following activities to address those priority housing needs with 2022-23 CDBG estimated grant funds of \$341,684 in addition to \$411,000 in potential un-programmed funds from prior years and program income received:

• Rehabilitation Projects	- \$192,684
• Property Acquisition/Rehabilitation	- \$131,000
• Public Service activities:	
- Senior Transportation Program	- \$52,000
- Mental Health Counseling Program	- \$4,000
- First Step – Domestic Violence Program	- \$25,000
- Emergency Utility Assistance Program	- \$5,000
• Maintain/Manage City-Owned Rental Homes	- \$90,000
• Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative	- \$70,000
• Economic Development	-
• Public Facilities Improvement/Maintenance	- \$100,000
• Fair Housing Initiative	-
• Overall Grant Administration	- \$83,000

Other Programs:

- Ongoing administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Public Housing modernization through the Capital Fund Grant program
- Provide referrals to the homeless and persons with special needs for shelter and other available services.
- Provide referrals to Counseling Agencies for persons seeking assistance with foreclosure and purchase of affordable housing

Copies of the 2022-23 Annual Action Plan are available for review, by appointment, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Livonia Housing Commission Community Development Office located at 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia MI 48150. Written comments regarding the 2022-23 Annual Action Plan should be emailed to: CDBGComments@livonia.gov. Comments will be received for a period of not less than 30 days, but not after 4:00 p.m. June 3, 2022. The Action Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or about June 10, 2022.

Brandie Isaacson, Housing Director
Maureen Miller Brosnan, Mayor

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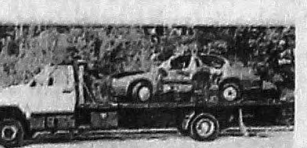
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2. Specifying the design and validation requirements for various motor, sensor, and motor control products for automotive driveline applications.
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5. Using software modeling, simulation and testing tools including Matlab/Simulink, Vector CANape, Psipice, to aid the design and verification of electric motor, sensor, and motor control products.
6. Performing bench testing to evaluate product concept, performance as well as electrical and mechanical interface to overall system.
7. Supporting the software implementation of motor control algorithms, motor thermal models and diagnostic strategies.

Position Requires: Bachelor's Degree in Electrical or Electronic Engineering, or equivalent foreign education, and 5 years' post baccalaureate progressive experience working the electric motor and controls development field is required. 5 years of experience is required in each of the following:

1. Automotive electrical and electronic product development.
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3. Product analysis, including stack-ups, DFMEA, Finite Element Analysis, Design for Assembly and Manufacturing studies, and Noise, Vibration, and Harshness studies.
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Engineering & IT

American Axle & Manufacturing has openings for Sr. Analytical Engineer - Multibody Dynamics at its ATDC location in Detroit, Michigan.

Job duties include:

1. Developing and conducting physics-based and high-fidelity analytical modeling of multi-body dynamics models of driveline products, including mechanical/electric drivelines, drive axle, PTU, propshaft;
2. Using ADAMS, MatLab, Simulink and other CAE tools to evaluate product performance, identify risks, and provide design recommendation through design optimization studies in order to ensure product meets customer specifications.
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Position requires: Master's degree in Automotive Engineering or Mechanical Engineering, or related field, or foreign equivalent education, and 2 years' experience working in the automotive field. Two years of experience is required in each of the following:

1. Conducting analytical modeling of multi-body dynamics;
2. Using ADAMS, MatLab, Simulink, and Romax;
3. Using CAD tools Spaceclaim, NX or CATIA;
4. Lab test design, setup and data acquisition;

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9. Manage outside contractors, vendors and OEMs for new equipment purchases and approvals along with guiding their technology development.

Position requires: Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering, or a related field, or foreign equivalent education, and 8 years' experience working in the automotive controls industry. 8 years' experience is required in each of the following:

1. Engineering design and development of mechanical and electrical layouts for controls
2. Testing new traceability technology used in automotive manufacturing
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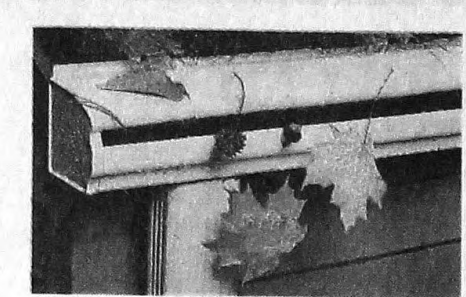
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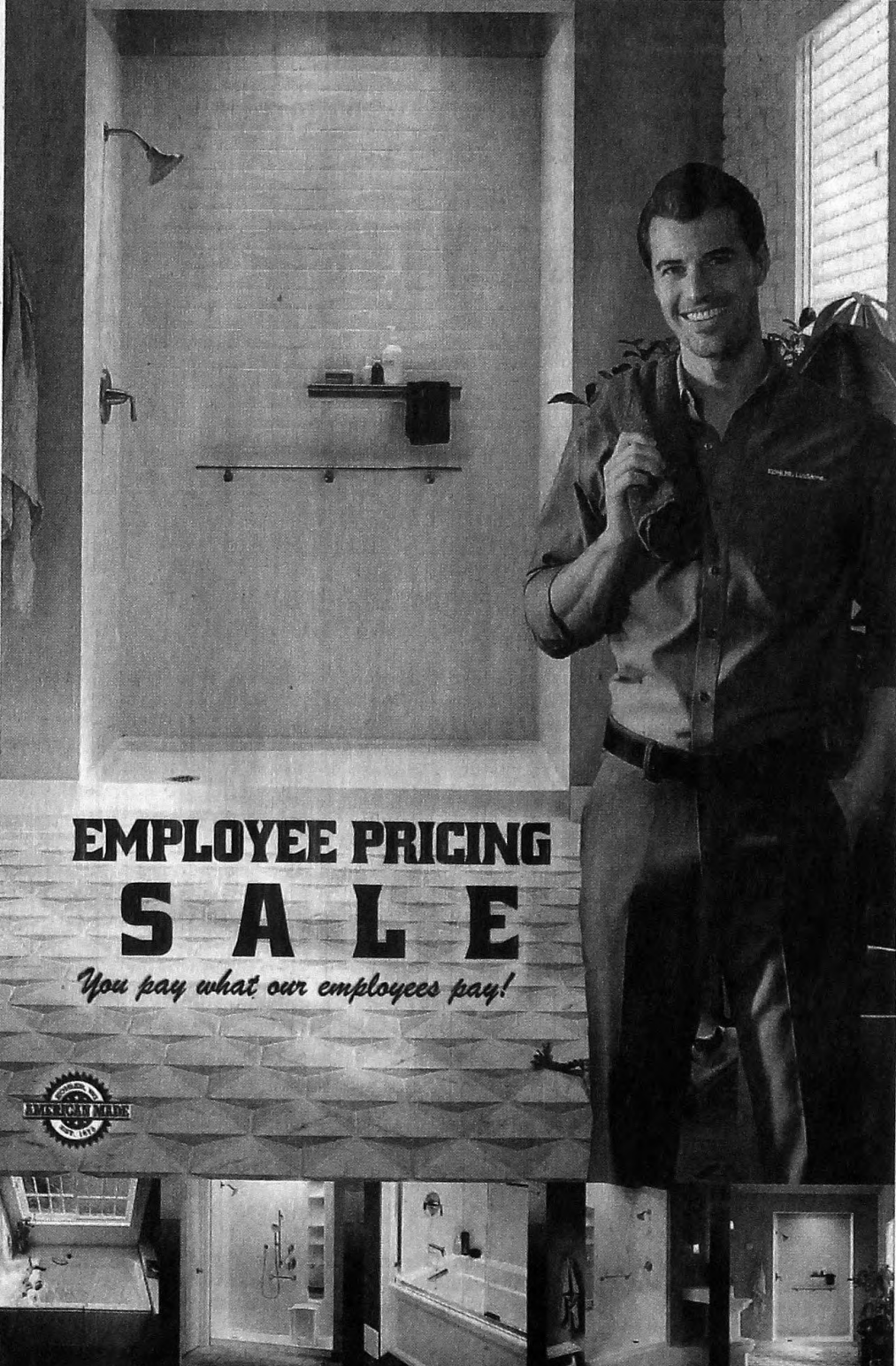
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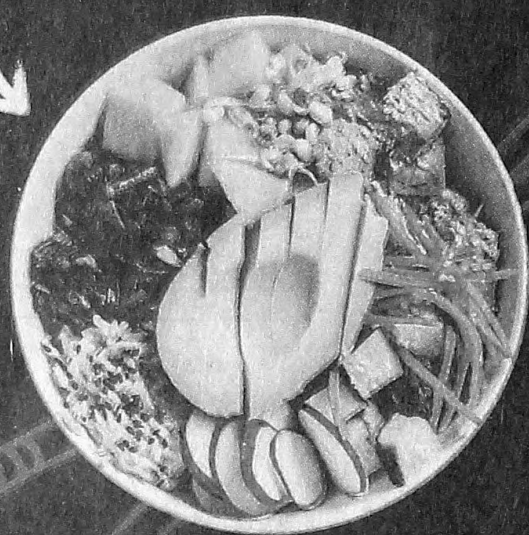


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