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AG announces murder charges in Stislicki case

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Attorney General Dana Nessel had one message for the family of Danielle Stislicki on Tuesday afternoon in Lansing.

"Two years is a very long time to wait for this," she said. "We are going to be prosecuting your daughter's killer, and

we will not rest until she gets the justice she deserves."

Nessel announced Tuesday during a press conference in Lansing that the man accused of killing Danielle Stislicki, former Berkley resident Floyd Galloway Jr., would face first-degree premeditated murder charges in her death. The charges come more than two years after Stislicki, 28, disappeared and



Stislicki

became one of metro Detroit's most talked-about cases.

Stislicki went missing Dec. 2, 2016, from the MetLife office in Southfield where she worked. Her vehicle was later found at her Farmington Hills apartment, though there was no sign of her

anywhere. Massive public campaigns of "#FindDani" took over social media, with fliers hanging across restaurants and billboards across metro Detroit.

The case eventually turned into a homicide case as police felt she had been killed. Her body has still not been recovered.

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English Gardens administrators, managers and local dignitaries shared in the ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday. SUBMITTED

English Gardens opens sprawling new facility

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Spring sprung three weeks early Friday morning at the sprawling new English Gardens location on Ann Arbor Road in Superior Township.

As the morning sun shone brightly through the floor-to-ceiling transparent windows behind them, several English Gardens administrators and managers were joined by local dignitaries for a ribbon-cutting ceremony that officially christened the the 19-acre site that features a 12,000-square-foot retail space and 12,000-square-foot enclosed greenhouse.

Billed as the 10th-largest garden center in the United States, English Gardens is taking over the space formerly occupied by Plymouth Nursery.

"We had a store in Ann Arbor, but we

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English Gardens' massive outdoor space will soon be filled by a huge selection of landscaping items. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Nankin Mills upgrade set for this year

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The Nankin Mills Interpretative Center at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland is receiving a major facelift to its exhibit space beginning this week.

The space, now occupied with some fake trees and design work straight out of the 1990s, will feature a new water tank and displays showcasing the region's native creatures.

"This big tree will come out. We're going to put in a turtle pond," said Elizabeth Iszler, chief planner and designer for Wayne County Parks. "People have always commented that the turtles look sad in the plain tanks."

"So this will be part of the centerpiece."

The center will open with the new pond and update many of the graphics and information.

Many of the animal displays that were in the adjoining hallway will now be a part of the space as well.

"When you walk in, all of the animals will be together in these areas here," Iszler said.

In addition, information will be available about other county parks, including Bell Creek Park in Redford, Elizabeth Park in Trenton and the Wayne County Family Aquatic Center in Detroit.

The renovation is the first major work at the interpretative center, which serves as the headquarters for Wayne County Parks, since it opened in the mid-1990s.

Work is budgeted at just more than \$771,000 in the space, which is being done utilizing county park millage dollars.

"We kind of looked at some other nature interactive centers, but we're just trying to do it uniquely, based on some input from our design team," said Alicia Bradford, director of Wayne County Parks.

Some changes will also allow for services be done from an exterior window, perfect for those who bring their dog to the park and can't bring them inside.

"Behind there, there's actually a window that we're going to adapt to make it a walk-up window from the outside," Iszler said. "This way they can walk up to the window with their dog and get their license to get to the dog park."

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Westland police seek liquor thieves

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Westland police are asking for the public's help in identifying two men believed to have stolen liquor from pharmacies across the city.

Police say the two men entered the CVS at 6501 S. Wayne on Feb. 17 and walked out with several liquor bottles in a cart without paying for them. The suspect was later

seen entering an apartment complex near Hunter and Yale.

Another incident took place Feb. 21 at the CVS at 7250 N. Venoy. There, the same suspect, along with another individual entered the store and loaded two shopping carts with liquor bottles. They left without paying for them.

Police say the first suspect appears to be about 21 years old, stands between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-9 and weighs between 160-180 pounds. The suspect had short hair and a mustache. In the first incident he was wearing a Detroit Tigers hooded sweatshirt and camouflage pants that were white, gray and black. In the second incident, he was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with a small logo over the left chest area and black pants.

The second suspect is described as about 21 years old with a thin build and possibly a beard and mustache. He was wearing a black hat with white



One of the suspects wanted by Westland police in connection with the theft of some liquor from CVS pharmacies. COURTESY OF WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

lettering, a black and red shirt or coat with unknown white graphics on the front, red pants and light-colored shoes.

Anyone with information should call Westland police at 734-467-7956 or 734-467-7914.

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Farmington Hills discusses allowing marijuana shops

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Could Farmington Hills be the next community to opt out of allowing recreational marijuana shops after the passage of Proposal 1 last fall? Discussion by the city council makes it a possibility.

The city council discussed the issue in a study session Monday night at Farmington Hills City Hall. While no votes

or motions were made, it seemed the council intended to move forward with an ordinance that would opt the city out of allowing such shops within city limits.

"The idea of just jumping into this two feet right now, for me personally, seems a little too quick, given that we don't know what the working group is," said Mayor Ken Massey.

Proposal 1, approved by Michigan voters in No-

vember, legalized small amounts of marijuana for recreational use and allowed for the growing of such plants for private use.

Voters of Farmington Hills overwhelmingly voted for Proposal 1's passage last November. Fifty-seven percent of voters cast "yes" ballots, which totaled 22,752 for the measure. Just 16,839 voted "no."

The council expects to review ordinances at a later date and enact them over a series of meetings.

Much of the discussion over allowing such shops involved additional money the city could possibly bring in. But some council members, including Knol, were skeptical of where those funds would end up.

"I think anyone who thinks this is a cash cow for the city is very mistaken," Knol said. "LARA (the state department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs) basically has a lot of discretion here to take whatever they need for the administration and enforcement."

"I see them using this funding as an opportunity to expand their bureaucracy."

**CITY OF WESTLAND
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 ON 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Westland for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 will be held on May 6, 2019 at 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

Richard LeBlanc
 City Clerk
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The AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian School, located at 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI, will have "Open Enrollment" from March 6, 2019 - March 27, 2019, between 9 AM to 3 PM, and on Sunday March 10, 2019 from 10 AM to 1 PM. For further information or special appointments, please call the school at 248.569.2988. Random selection drawing for new applicants will take place at the school on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 10 AM. Families of those selected will be notified.

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Westland recyclables get thrown out at dump after cost increases

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For years, it was more profitable for communities to push curbside recycling. But now, recent changes to international deals have led communities such as Westland scrambling to find partners to take those Amazon boxes and wine bottles.



Wild

Westland Mayor William Wild sent a letter to residents in February telling them the recycling center the city uses, Re-Community in New Boston, would increase the price of accepting recyclables from \$18/ton to \$80/ton, causing the city to search for an alternative.

Because of that massive price jump, the city has had to make the tough decision to haul the contents of recycling bins to the dump to save money. The city now pays \$28/ton to ship it to the landfill in Van Buren Township.

"It's affecting different cities differently. Eventually, every city is going to have to deal with it," Wild said. "We've been trying to negotiate a long-term deal with the recycling center for a while. They've been reluctant because of the market."

That's an issue plenty of communities could face in the future, as China banned the import of plenty of plastic beginning last year. Tougher standards for shipping recyclable materials may leave recycling centers scrambling.

While there was a proposal to send the city's recycled material to an incinerator facility in Detroit, the Westland City Council voted that proposal down at its Feb. 19 meeting after Westland residents and several residents in that part of Detroit complained.

Instead, the city has asked residents to continue filling their recycling bins, where they will still be picked up on schedule. Until a deal is struck with another provider, however, those items will head to the landfill.

Other communities affected, too

While the situation has changed dramatically in Westland, other communities have gotten letters from waste haulers about increased costs.

Wild said it's an issue being looked at by a task force as a part of the Conference of Western Wayne, including issues in nearby Canton Township.

In Livonia, which is in the middle of an eight-year waste-hauling contract with Green For Life, any increase in costs could affect the city's rollout of larger recycling carts, as was proposed last year.

Brian Wilson, assistant director of public works, said GFL sent the city a letter requesting a possible increase in fees collected to offset increased costs seen across the industry or to send materials to an incinerator.

The city has not discussed what could be done with recycling yet.

"It's something we have to take a close, hard look at before we change the program from its current form," Wilson said. "We as an administration would not be making a recommendation to city council for that investment."

"At this point, it's examination of what's really going on in these markets."

Wild said it's important residents use their recycling bins like they normally would, as a deal could be reached quickly and recyclables could resume heading to a distribution center.

But if it doesn't, it could spell issues for the city, as its refuse millage is currently at the max allowed under the Headlee Amendment — 2.4302 mills — and brings in \$3.7 million, Wild said.

Any attempt to override Headlee and restore the millage to 3 mills would require a vote. There's no talk yet of doing that, but Wild said there are plenty of issues the city will need to examine.

"If this turns into a long-term thing, we'll have to take a look at that," he said. "We're working continuously to try and come up with another plan."



Westland has asked residents to continue sorting recyclables as it looks for a company to take the waste. COURTESY OF CANTON TOWNSHIP

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 19-003**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

Section I. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY BE AMENDED PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 154.602 (SIGN DEFINITIONS) CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF ABANDONED SIGN FROM 180 DAYS TO 30 DAYS AND SECTION 154.611 (SIGN REMOVAL BY CITY ACTION) ALLOWING CODE/ORDINANCE OFFICER TO MAKE DETERMINATION ON ABANDONMENT AND CHANGING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS INVOLVEMENT TO HEARING CHALLENGE OF THE ORDINANCE OFFICER DECISION ONLY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section II. That if any of the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses contained in this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgement shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid. Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgement.

Section III. That this Ordinance, as amended, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law

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Matthew Miller
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Three events to check out this weekend

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While it's not quite time to chase leprechauns and kiss the Blarney Stone, this weekend is the perfect time to get ready to do just that.

There are plenty of things to do this weekend around town, and there's plenty of time to do them this weekend. Here are three events worth checking out this weekend across the Hometown Life communities.

Film festival in Farmington

Cinephiles rejoice: the Greater Farmington Film Festival has returned.

The annual festival runs today through Saturday at the Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River in downtown Farmington. The festival kicks off at 7 p.m. today with a showing of "The World Before Your Feet," directed by Jeremy Workman.

Also playing over the weekend are "The Rescue List," "Intelligent Lives," "Emanuel," "Midnight Traveler" and "The Devil We Know."

Wristbands are available for \$30 on the festival's website, as well as tickets for each individual film. More information and show times can be found at gffilmfest.com.



Children enjoy their pancakes at a maple sugaring event offered at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. A similar event will take place at Tollgate Farm in Novi on Saturday and Sunday, starting at 9 a.m. SUBMITTED

Highland Celtic Festival in Highland Township

If you can't wait to celebrate all things Irish next weekend, Highland Township will be the place you want to be this weekend.

The annual Highland Celtic Festival takes place Saturday at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Road in Highland Township. The first session begins at 2:30 p.m. and is designed for children and families.

The adult events kick off at 6:30 p.m. and will feature music from the Flint Scottish Pipe Band, Pat and Pub People and the Michigan Irish Dance Company. A traditional buffet of Celtic foods will be served to those

who purchase the meal, including shepherd's pie, corn beef and cabbage, cullen skink and Irish soda bread.

Tickets are \$25 for adults. More information, including ticket pricing for all members of the family, can be found on Eventbrite at eventbrite.com/e/highland-celtic-festival-2019-tickets-53555164940.

Maple tapping in Novi

Think spring at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook Roads this weekend.

Head to Tollgate Farms in Novi on Saturday or Sunday for some maple tree tapping and a pancake break-

fast. The events kick off at 9 a.m. each morning and go hourly until noon.

Kick off the morning with pancakes and sausage with some Tollgate maple syrup before heading out to see how the maple syrup process begins. Head out on a hay wagon out to the sugar bush to participate in a tree tapping, followed by a visit the colonial sugar camp.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children. Advance registration is required and can be done so at the Tollgate Farms website.

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"This is the perfect time to take advantage of one of our immediate and quick occupancy opportunities to get you into your new home this Spring or Summer," said Nadia Mekled, Senior Sales Manager. "We have everything you have been looking for in a new home, and a few things you didn't know you wanted!" she adds.

To take advantage of this opportunity offered only through this Open House Event, buyers must make a deposit between March 9 and March 17th, 2019. Incentives on quick occupancy homes will vary by community, so buyers should contact their community of interest and speak with a sales representative to learn more.

Selling Fast in Canton

Hamlet Pointe and Hamlet Meadows are located within the existing community of The Hamlet offering an exceptional location close to Plymouth-Canton schools, the Ford Road Shopping District, expressways, parks and the quaint Cherry Hill Village.

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immediate occupancy homes starting at \$474,995 are available as well as over quick occupancy opportunities. New builds start in the upper \$300,000s and offer two-story home designs and a new first-floor master suite design.

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Move-in Ready in Canton

A 4,050 sq. ft., 5 bedroom, 4 bath home is now available for immediate occupancy at Westridge Estates, the highly-coveted new community in Canton offering resort-style amenities, including a clubhouse with fitness room, gathering room, kitchenette, locker rooms, pools, sand volleyball court, children's play park and walking paths. Westridge Estates is located just south of Ford Road west of Ridge Road, and home prices start in the low \$500,000s. For more information, visit WestridgeofCanton.com or call 734-844-0279.

Villas in Ann Arbor

The low-maintenance villas at Kensington Woods, located on the north side of Scio Church Road, just west of Maple Road in Ann Arbor, are nearly sold out. Final villas feature immediate to quick occupancy and an exceptional list of included features in a stunning setting with pricing from the upper \$400,000s. For details, call



Visitors can tour a range of homes from finished models to homes under construction during this event.

(734) 224-6686 or visit Kensington-Woods.com. The sales center is located at the builder's North Oaks community at 3327 Nixon Road.

Move-in Ready in Ann Arbor

Two homes are available for immediate occupancy in the Village Collection at Trailwoods of Ann Arbor, starting at \$539,995. Other new builds start at \$399,995.

The Parkside Collection just released new large home sites. The spacious homes offer side-entry garages and start in the low \$500,000s. Trailwoods is tucked into a country setting with Ann Arbor schools, low township taxes, and city services. All homes offer an impressive list of features. Call 734-995-5503 or visit TrailwoodsOfAnnArbor.com for details. For mapping, use 229 S. Staebler Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

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The Villas offer first- or second-floor master suites, island kitchens, open layouts, loft space, and more. Several villas are underway for quicker occupancy priced from the mid-\$500,000s and there is still time to make interior selections.

The clubhouse features a fitness center, billiards, great room with fireplace, verandas overlooking the lap and wading pools, locker rooms and a play park. North Oaks is located minutes from the University of Michigan's north campus, the VA Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, and downtown Ann Arbor. Children attend Ann Arbor Schools with the elementary and middle schools just 3 minutes away. For details, call 734-224-6686 or visit North-Oaks.com.

Luxury Living in Northville

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Upgrade

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The interpretative center work is just one piece of the plan for improving Hines Park in northwest Wayne County.

Other projects this year include:

- Construct the Hawthorne Hollow Bike Park at the former ball diamond site at Hawthorne Ridge in Westland.

This park will serve as an extension of the mountain bike trails in the area. Cost is \$250,000.

- Construct the Ellsworth Boardwalk to con-

nect the Holiday Nature Preserve in Westland.

Funded partially through a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, will connect to Hines Park and allow for views of the Middle Rouge River. Cost is \$474,000.

- A new trailhead for the two mountain biking areas near Ann Arbor Road and Newburgh in Livonia.

Plans include a new parking lot for the trailhead. Cost is \$160,000.

- An Ann Arbor Trail connector in Hines Park through Westland and Livonia.

It will allow non-motorized vehicles and pedestrians to connect

along Ann Arbor Trail and within Oak Grove to Hines Park. Cost is \$116 million, though some is being covered through grants from the Michigan Department of Transportation and the DNR.

In total, about \$3 million in projects are being done in Hines Park this year.

Work on the interpretative center is beginning this week and is expected to wrap up by the end of September.

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Elizabeth Iszler, chief of planning at Wayne County Parks, goes over some proposed renovations of the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center on Feb. 20. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

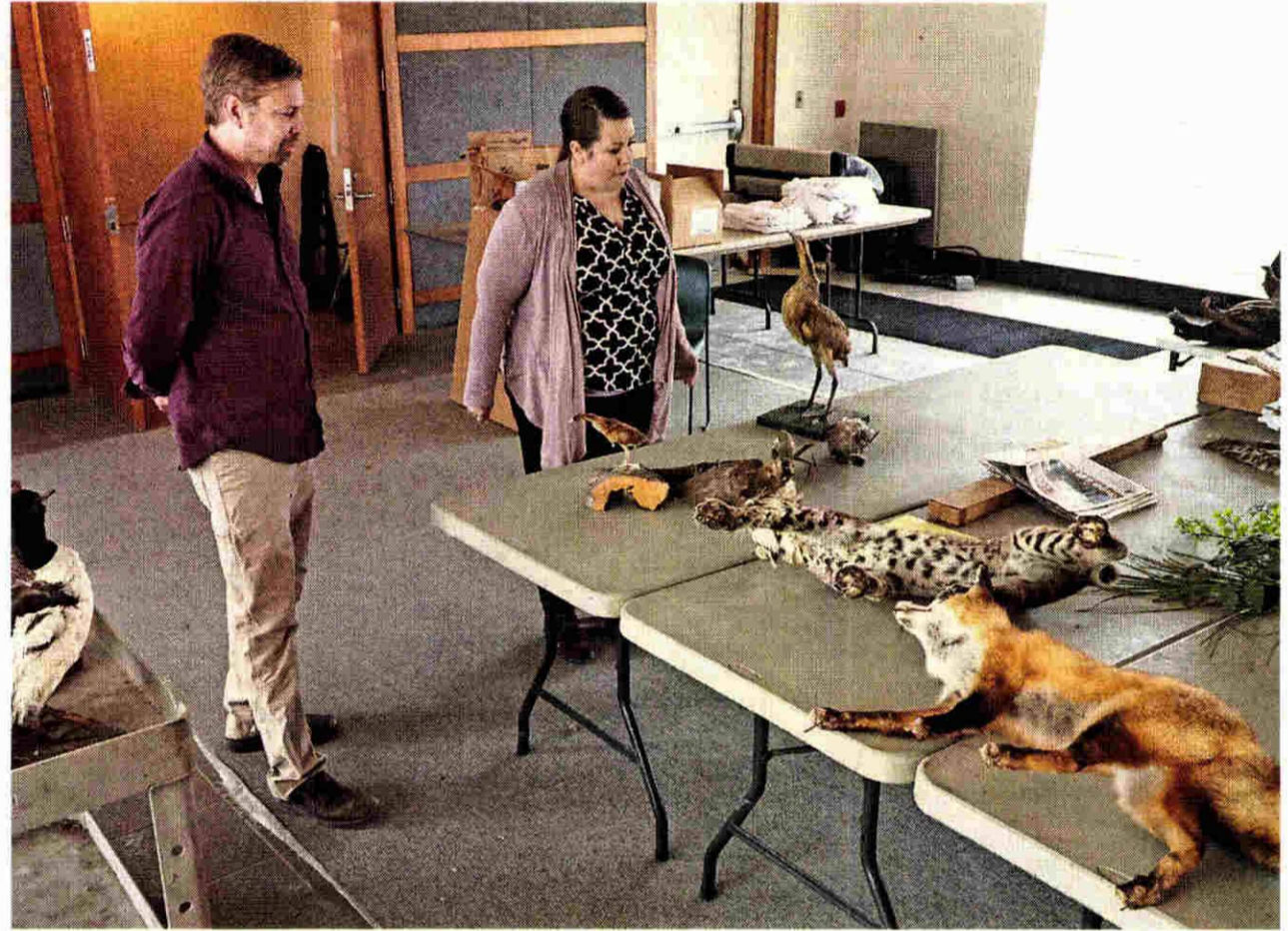
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Gardens

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lost our lease, which led to that site closing in January of 2018," English Gardens Vice President of Marketing Jennifer Youngquest explained. "Jeff Jones, whose family had owned Plymouth Nursery since the 1830s, was looking for an opportunity to retire and he knew we were looking to expand, so we acquired the business from him."

Plymouth Nursery remodeled its facility in 2008, an event that made English Gardens' transition to the 9900 Ann Arbor Road site smooth and relatively easy.

"Jeff did a great job building this place, which made it easy for us to move in," said English Gardens President John Darin. "Just change the sign, for the most part."

Darin admitted that his company's sixth location couldn't be in a better spot.

"Since our Ann Arbor store closed, we really didn't have a presence in the western Wayne County-Washtenaw County area, so this is perfect," Darin said. "This is a destination location. It's much larger than most of our other locations, so we're able to offer a wider variety of home-beautification merchandise."

A 50-year veteran in the garden-center industry, Darin has witnessed a greenhouse full of changes throughout his career.

"I'd say the biggest change for us over the years is that we're more of a lifestyle store," he said. "We don't just offer outdoor items. We offer a lot more indoor products as well."

English Gardens has been family owned and operated since it opened its first location in Dearborn Heights in 1954. With additional stores in West Bloomfield, Clinton Township, Eastpointe and Royal Oak, the company is becoming the undisputed lord of landscaping in southeast Michigan.

"Several people have told me today that coming into a place like this, especially when the weather is bad outside, is like walking into spring," Youngquest said. "It smells like spring in here and that appeals to people."

The Ann Arbor Road store will offer other a series of special services, including a garden pharmacy, where asso-



Taking advantage of some of the opening-day sales were, from left, Country Garden Club of Northville members Jackie Wiewiora, Sandy Petroskey, club President Marcia Mandell, Barb Sturtz and Jo Sillanpaa. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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ciates diagnose plant troubles and provide solutions, along with a patio furniture design center for custom orders.

The outdoor living department includes patio furniture and accessories, and garden décor such as fountains, statues, and garden art.

English Gardens will offer free weekly seminars and host monthly work-

shops and Kid's Club events.

Marcia Mandell, a Northville resident and president of the Country Garden Club of Northville, was impressed with the new store's variety of merchandise.

"It looks like it has everything," she said. "It's a very inspiring place."

News that English Gardens was opening a facility not far from his home was music to the ears of Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise.

"I was born and raised in Dearborn and lived 10 years in Dearborn Heights, so I have fond memories of my family visiting English Gardens," Heise said. "It's great to have you close to my home again and judging by the turnout today, you're going to have an outstanding base of customers."

Although the new site is currently hiring, a large percentage of its staff are former members of the English Gardens Ann Arbor store and the former Ply-

mouth Nursery.

Unlike many brick-and-mortar businesses, the landscaping industry should not be hurt by online purchasing, Youngquest said.

"We've found that, typically, when people want to buy plants and flowers, they want to touch and feel them before they pick something out," she said. "So far, to my knowledge there hasn't been a company that has been able to ship plants across the country."

"People like the experience of visiting garden centers, too. Places like this naturally put people in a good mood."

The Superior Township location will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday throughout the remainder of the winter season and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

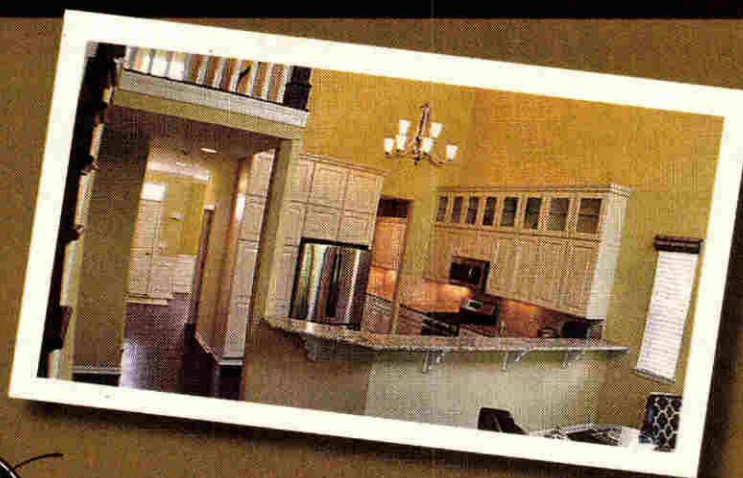
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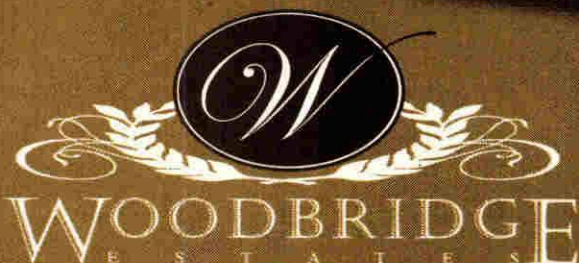


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Obituaries



Michael S. Himm

-- Michael S. Himm, age 65, passed away on Thursday, February 7, 2019. Born December 7, 1953, the son of Mary (Peak) Himm and the late William Himm. Survived by his mother, son Matthew (Julie) Himm, grandchildren Troy, Alayna, and Ethan; siblings William (Carol) Himm, Linda (Dennis) Pesonen, Jeffrey (Beverly) Himm, Laura Himm, Lisa (Thomas) Kalesayich, Deanna (Robert) DuBois. Preceded in death by sister Maureen (Paul) Cartwright. Graduated from Stevenson High School where he was a member of the varsity hockey team. Graduated from MSU with a degree in Business. Mike lived in the Cincinnati, Ohio area for over 30 years and will be remembered by all his many friends and family for his good humor, big-heart, and unselfish character.



Earl L. Smith

PLYMOUTH - Earl L. Smith of Plymouth, died March 2, 2019 at the age of 90. He was born on April 8, 1928. Earl was the beloved husband of the late Bonny Smith who died in 2016. Earl is survived by his daughter Lauren (John) Falcusan, his grandchildren Jansan (Chandler) Rhoads and Jordan (Valterri) Filppula, and his great grandchildren Jaxson and Easton. He was preceded in death by both of his parents and his siblings. Earl was a lifelong Plymouth resident and a prominent business owner in the community with many businesses and properties. Funeral Services were entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.



The family of Danielle Stislicki (from left Holly, Jillian, Ann and Richard) thank law enforcement and the Attorney General's office for their work during a news conference Tuesday in Lansing. Attorney General Dana Nessel filed first degree pre-meditated murder charges against Floyd Galloway Jr., for the murder of Danielle Stislicki, 28, who disappeared from a parking lot in December 2016 and has never been found.

MATTHEW DAE SMITH/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

Charges

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Galloway's name has been floated as a suspect almost immediately after Stislicki went missing. Searches were conducted at his Berkley home, as well as Hines Park in Wayne County, where Galloway attempted to commit a sexual assault back in 2016.

Nessel said she took an interest in the case after she took office in January. After several months of reviewing the evidence from the Farmington Hills Police Department, she decided to file the murder charge against

"Two years is a very long time to wait for this. We are going to be prosecuting your daughter's killer, and we will not rest until she gets the justice she deserves."

Dana Nessel
Michigan Attorney General



Floyd Galloway Jr. listens to a witness' testimony during a hearing in 2017 for a sexual assault case. FILE

Galloway. That came after speaking to Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper in mid-January.

"For me, I felt as though there was enough evidence to move forward on this case," Nessel said.

Special Assistant Attorney General Jaimie Powell Horowitz will prosecute Galloway. Horowitz has worked with Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy on several cases involving sexual assault and homicide.

'Times have changed'

Farmington Hills Police Chief Charles Nebus said 77 search warrants were executed in the search for Stislicki, the most ever for a single case in the history of the police department.

He said many departments provided assistance, including Berkley police, Southfield police, Livonia police, the Michi-

gan State Police, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and various other local, state and federal agencies.

"Thousands of hours of incredible law enforcement and investigative teamwork was done by hundreds of dedicated people," Nebus said. "The Farmington Hills Police Department could not have done this alone."

"This was an absolute 100 percent team effort."

Galloway was arrested in connection with the Livonia sexual assault in June 2017. He eventually took a plea deal in that case, agreeing to serve between 16-35 years in prison.

Michigan Department of Corrections records show he's locked up in the Alger Correctional Facility in Munising in the Upper Peninsula. His earliest release date in that case is 2033.

That date would be ex-

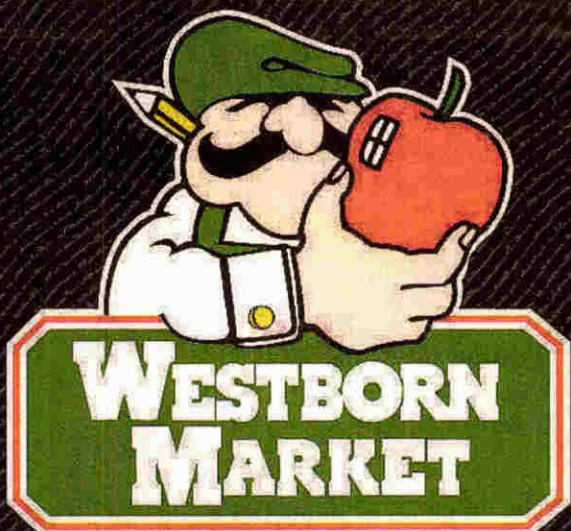
tended if Galloway is convicted on the first-degree murder charge: if found guilty, Galloway would face life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Stislicki's family attended the press conference, including her father, Richard; her mother, Ann; and her sisters, Holly and Jillian.

Ann Stislicki said the charges being filed this week are for all those who have missing loved ones but no body to prove their death.

"For today and moving forward, this is about Danielle Stislicki and the justice for not only her but for other families who are missing and who are told you can't move any farther because there isn't a body," Ann Stislicki said. "I look at this and times have changed."

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Holly and Jillian Stislicki hold hands Tuesday during the news conference.

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Ford Field, he became the 26th wrestler in Michigan history to win a fourth consecutive state title and the first to accomplish the feat from the high-powered Shamrock program, which one the team title last weekend.

But more significant than the rest, Davenport became the first African-American to win four in a row.

"In my opinion, the sport of wrestling is not a super-diverse sport," Davenport said. "There's not very many African-American wrestlers out there. And so, I've wanted to come along and inspire people and, hopefully, them seeing me be the first four-time African-American state champ they can try to bring wrestling to the Detroit Public Schools sys-

tem. You know, I just want to try and grow wrestling through my own community and my fellow African-Americans."

Only six wrestlers accomplished four state titles prior to the turn of the century, but another 20 — including Jordan

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PREP HOCKEY



While balancing on one skate, Spartan Joe Sharkey tries to get a hold of the puck. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Livonia Stevenson beats Howell for regional title

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The Livonia Stevenson Spartans are regional hockey champions.

The Spartans defeated the Howell Highlanders 3-0 in Saturday night's Region 15 final, despite a strong defensive performance by the Highlanders.

The low-scoring game was hard fought on both sides, but Stevenson's depth allowed it to overcome upset-minded Howell in front of a packed house at Novi Ice Arena.

"Hats off to Howell and those coaches and that group," Stevenson coach David Mitchell They did such a great job to help the Howell program really take a huge step forward in high school hockey, so congrats to them."

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The Livonia Stevenson Spartan hockey team gathers around their MHSAA regional trophy after defeating Howell 3-0 on March 2.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Wayne Memorial topples Canton to win district title

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It was not the night Canton had in mind.

The No. 3 high school team in the state according to MaxPreps, Canton entered postseason play with state championship aspirations.

Wayne Memorial, Canton's opponent in the District 20 final, however, had different plans for the Chiefs and dashed their championship hopes by defeating Canton, 55-50, to win the district title.

The Zebras took it to the Chiefs in the first quarter, getting out to an early 14-3 lead, but Canton eventually battled back to take a one point lead early in the fourth quarter. That lead quickly vanished, and Wayne held on for the win.

Wayne improves to 18-5 and advanced to regionals, where it was scheduled to play Detroit Catholic Central, which beat Northville in the District 18 final.

Visit hometownlife.com for results from the Wayne-Catholic Central contest, played after print deadline.

Canton ends its stellar season at 21-2.

"It's a rivalry with us and Canton," Wayne Memorial coach Nkwane Young said. "In 2017 we won the whole association and beat them twice. Last year, they beat us twice."

"We were looking forward to playing them in this game. (Canton) coach (Jimmy) Reddy does a hell of a job over there."

Here are three takeaways from the game:

First quarter dooms Canton

Wayne dominated the opening quarter. It wasn't until after the Zebras got out to a 14-3 lead that the Chiefs finally woke up, scoring the last four points of the quarter.

That deficit left Canton playing catch-up for the entire first three quarters, which played to Wayne's advantage.

The Zebras were able to sit starting point guard Isaiah Lewis for the entire second quarter after he got into foul trouble, which the team likely otherwise wouldn't have been able to do if it didn't have the lead it did.

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PREP HOCKEY

Brighton's reign ends in loss to OLSM

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ORCHARD LAKE — Even at the lowest moment of his Brighton hockey career, Tim Erkkila was able to express gratitude.

It's a career that won't be defined by a career-ending 2-1 loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's Thursday night in the Division 1 regional semifinals at St. Mary's Ice Arena.

Instead, Erkkila's time at Brighton will be remembered for the two state championships, the three trips to the state final and the soon-to-be three all-state honors.

Everyone's high school playing days end sometime. Brighton seniors just aren't accustomed to them ending in the middle of regionals week. It's been eight years since the Bulldogs exited before the regional final.

"I'm really fortunate to play in the Brighton program," Erkkila said after his 119th game, five short of the maximum that can be played in a four-year career. "It's obviously an elite program in the state. The coaches, the teammates ... I'm the luckiest guy in the world. There's no place I'd rather play in Michigan. In terms of development, these guys are as good as it gets. I feel extremely grateful to be from Brighton and to play for this organization."

To his coach, Erkkila will be remembered for his leadership during a trying season in which the Bulldogs started out 2-7 before going on a 5-0-1 run entering their final game.

"We're fortunate we had a player like Tim, who's our captain, our leader, a great character kid," Brighton coach Paul Moggach said. "He had the charac-

ter you wish you had in all 18 of them.

"Tim would hold them accountable. He had high expectations for himself, and he passed that on to the others."

Brighton (13-13-1) has been to three straight state championship games, but its season could have easily ended against St. Mary's in any of those seasons. The Bulldogs beat the Eaglets in the last three regional finals, 3-2 in 2016, 2-1 in overtime in 2017 and 3-1 last season.

"You hate to lose, but it's kind of a reminder of how hard it is to get to the place we're used to being," said Erkkila, who scored his 100th career point Tuesday against Grand Blanc. "For the guys who are coming back, it's a good lesson. They can take it into next year how hard they have to work throughout the season."

St. Mary's took a 1-0 lead on Kallen's 22nd goal of the season at 7:52 of the first period, then made it 2-0 when Preston Hazelton scored with 3:38 left in the second. Hazelton's goal came shortly after the Eaglets killed off three minutes of a major penalty.

The Bulldogs got back in the game when Noah Stanko scored with 59.7 seconds left in the second.

Brighton couldn't score again against senior goalie Preston Lenarcic, who made numerous huge saves. The Bulldogs held a 28-26 edge in shots on goal.

"You live for that as a goalie," Lenarcic said. "You dream about those at night, visualizing what you're going to do, the big save in bed. You finally get the opportunity to do it, go out there and do your best, and it happens."

Including the regular season, St. Mary's lost six straight times to Brighton. The Bulldogs won, 2-0, on Nov. 21.



Brighton's Tim Erkkila checks Orchard Lake St. Mary's Bryce Kallen to the ice in a 2-1 regional semifinal loss Feb. 28. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

"They've certainly been a nemesis for us over the years," St. Mary's coach Brian Klanow said. "It's always a good game when we play them. It was a good game tonight."

Brighton graduates eight of the 19 players on its roster, including both goaltenders. Junior Will Jentz, the team's leading scorer, leads the returning group. The loss ended Brighton's

streak of 21 straight seasons with a winning record.

"We had some injuries and guys who weren't available at times," Moggach said. "But I think we got a lot out of this team at the end. We came on late. But for a shot — who knows? — we would be going on to play at USA Arena again. It's tough for them, tough for us as coaches, but that's the way it rolls sometimes."

Hockey

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Stevenson advanced to Tuesday's state quarterfinal against Trenton which won the Region 16 final over Woodhaven. The Spartans improve to 21-5-1 with the win, while Howell ends its season at 15-13. Find results from Tuesday's game online at hometownlife.com.

"To the program, the players and the community (the win) is huge," Mitchell said. "Winning isn't easy. Winning's not normal. To do this year in and year out and build some consistency and stability, all the credit in the world goes to our players and their families and our staff. They work tirelessly. ... You can never take winning for granted because it's very hard to do."

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Goalie duel

Both goalies in this one were dominant. Howell senior Ethan Ryan may have allowed both of the game's goals that were scored on goalies (Stevenson's third goal came on an empty net by senior Adam Hillebrand), but you could make the case he was the best player on the ice for either team. He stopped shot after shot, making saves on more than a handful of breakaways and kept his team alive and in the game, despite Howell's lack of offense.

"Ethan Ryan was outstanding," Mitchell said. "He was everything as advertised. We knew going in that he was capable of stealing games for them and he almost did. He's one of the better goaltenders in the state and he showed that tonight. We put a lot of pucks his way and put a lot of pressure on him, he was absolutely outstanding."

For Stevenson, it was senior Eric Polzin who once again played a brilliant game to secure the win. He was the team's MVP in regional play, allowing a total of one goal in Stevenson's two wins.

"Eric Polzin was absolutely outstanding for us, I can't say enough about him," Mitchell said. "It was a great win. I'm happy for our guys."

Special teams decides it

The first goal of the game came with 5:31 left in the second period. Stevenson was on its first power-play of the game, only a few minutes after killing off a penalty of its own. Stevenson sophomore Ian Kimble received a pass from sophomore Ayden Adamic and took it right in front of the net. Kimble then dished it to sophomore Brendan Heard, who put the puck past Ethan for the goal. It was a highlight play, and with the way Ethan was playing, it was the only



A large scrum for the puck involving six players took about 30 seconds to clear. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Stevenson goalie Eric Polzin tracks the puck while Howell's Stefan Frantti creates traffic around the net.

way the Spartans were going to be able to get on the scoreboard.

"At this time of year, special teams are huge," Mitchell said. "We've been

working on them and working on them. What a great look by Ian Kimble to find Brendan Heard. Just a couple of sophomores that made a hockey play for us. It's been different guys stepping up, and a couple sophomores that see some pretty important minutes for us made a play."

Growing stronger

Just like the team's second round regional game against Plymouth, Stevenson seemed to grow stronger as the game went on. Howell's defense was incredible through two periods, and only faltered when it was short a man. In the third period, the Spartans continued to control the puck, firing shot after shot at Ryan.

They got their second goal of the game after winning a scrum in the Howell zone. Junior Jaron Anderson found senior Patrick McGowan who fired the puck into the net for the game's second tally. It came with 10:08 remaining in the final period.

Stevenson got its exclamation point as Hillebrand scored an empty net goal with 39 seconds to play.

"I thought we came out with the same type of energy that we did on Thursday, but we sustained it and built on it and got better as the game went on," Mitchell said. "I felt we got stronger, I felt our d-zone limiting their chances, and they have so much firepower up front with (Graham) Hassan and (Stefan) Frantti and guys that can make plays."

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Detroit CC knocks off Northville, wins district

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The Detroit Catholic Central boys basketball team defeated Northville, 44-41, in the District 18 finals Friday night.

The victory sent Catholic Central to regionals, where the Shamrocks to face District 20 winner Wayne Memorial, which beat Canton, 55-50, Friday night. That game was scheduled for Tuesday at Ypsilanti Lincoln.

It was a defensive battle all night long, which saw neither team take a lead larger than four points until the fourth quarter when Catholic Central pushed it to six.

It was 7-6 Shamrocks after the first quarter and 19-18 CC at the half.

"It was a defensive game for sure,"



The Detroit Catholic Central basketball team celebrates its win. JOHN BRADY

Catholic Central coach Brandon Sinawi said. "It was back and forth. It was an-

other battle for us in this district. Hats off to Northville, they had a really good

season, especially down the stretch. Our guys late in the game were able to find a way to come out with a win."

With around 20 seconds left, Catholic Central made a layup to go ahead by one point. A defensive stop and free throws sealed the win.

Senior Justin Rukat scored 16 points for the Shamrocks in the win. They go to 16-6 with the victory, while Northville concludes its season at 18-5.

"We're prepared for everybody in our regional," Sinawi said. "We have film on everybody. I haven't seen Wayne live, but we're going to break them down and get a good idea for how we can match up and put our kids in a good position on Tuesday."

"They're a well-coached team and athletic with good guard play, so it's going to be a good battle."

Basketball

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Elite guards, but big men decide it

Both teams had elite guard play.

Canton was led by star senior B. Artis White, who scored 14 points. He was the Chiefs leader all night long, as he has been all season. Fellow senior Vinson Sigmon scored 10 points and senior Kendall Perkins also added 10. Canton's perimeter play has been one of the best in the state this year, but Wayne chose to attack the Chiefs inside.

"B. Artis White is a hell of a player, probably the best player in the state besides Romeo Weems," Young said. "We knew we had to contain him. We knew we couldn't play them man-to-man because their guards are too good."

Lewis, who showed off his own elite talent by scoring 12 points in limited minutes due to foul trouble, led the Wayne back court. The front court was where the Zebras did most of its damage, out rebounding Canton and dominating the lane. Senior Dreyon O'Neal

scored a game-high 15 points and was aided by senior Chris Dobessi-Tindane who added 14. Senior Cartier Muse-Suber was also effective, scoring 10 points before fouling out.

"We thought we had an advantage inside, we beat them on the boards," Young said. "We told ourselves if we can keep the game in the 50's, we can beat them. That's what we did."

Comeback falls short

Canton charged back into the game in the second half, ultimately taking a brief lead.

Wayne was able to bounce right back, taking the lead for good midway through the final quarter. It was a raucous atmosphere, with both coaches and fan-bases loud and involved. The home court advantage may have given Wayne the extra little bump it needed.

"We just had to be disciplined," Young said. "We know we have a good team, we lost to Howell on our home court, we won the East Division, we thought we should've played Canton last Friday. We told our guys, hey let's go out and win districts on our own court. ... It's a big win for us."



Wayne's Cartier Muse-Suber goes for a rebound against Canton's Liam Radomski. TOM BEAUDOIN



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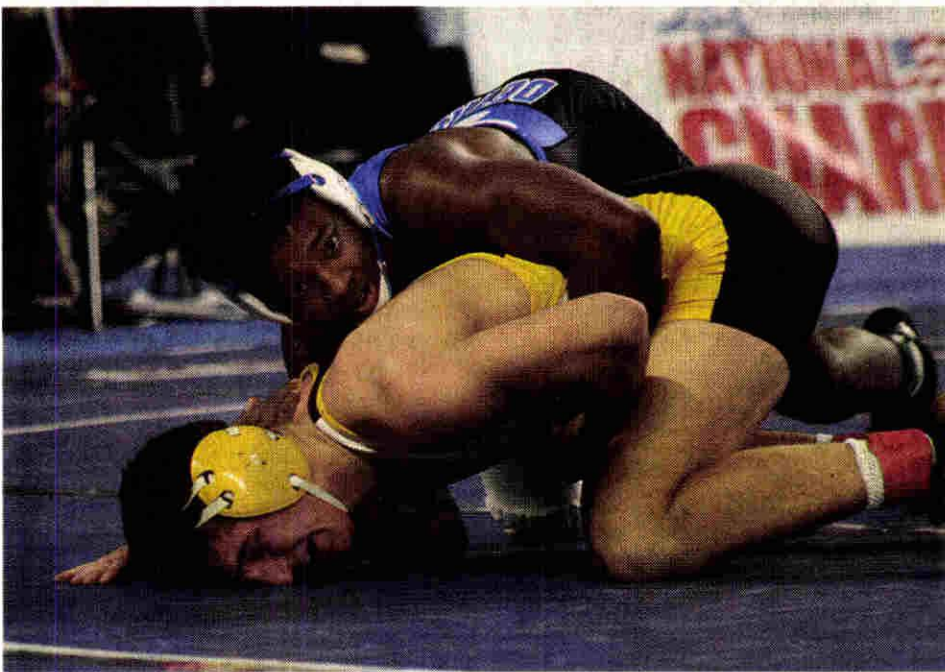
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Kevon Davenport of Novi Detroit Catholic Central wins his fourth consecutive state championship with a 7-3 decision over Vic Schoenherr of Bay City Western on March 2 at Ford Field. TOM LANG/SPECIAL TO DETROIT FREE PRESS

Wrestler

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Hamdan of Hudson in Division 4 on Saturday — have reached the milestone since 2000. Two wrestlers did it last year, too: Jarrett Trombley of Corunna and Lake Fenton, and Brandon Whitman of Dundee, each winning titles from 2015-18.

"It's pretty much every eighth-graders goal coming into high school," Davenport said about earning four championships. "Everyone thinks, 'I want to be an Olympic gold medalist,' but there's steps on the way. There's winning state titles. There's winning national titles. So, I felt like I collected something along the way towards my ultimate goal of being the best in the world."

Hamdan, after earning a pin in 55 seconds at 135 pounds over Logan Zell of New Lothrop, became the first to do so from his school as well, which is an equally storied program. His next step is wrestling at Michigan State.

"It's pretty cool, it's a great honor," he said about being Hudson's first four time winner. "I've seen all these greats do it before me. I've looked up to them since I was really, really small. That's

why I came out here with a (20-year-old) singlet to so how much (prior Hudson players) meant to me."

At 119 pounds in Division 1, Macomb Dakota senior Nick Alayan beat defending champ Andrew Chambal of Davison. Chambal beat Alayan the prior year in the finals.

"Last year I was very nervous; this year I just went out there and had fun with it," Alayan said after a 6-4 win. "I really don't even remember what I did in the whole match. I just went out there and everything was just instinct. I was just feeling my way through it. I didn't even know time was up."

As Davenport celebrated his historic day, he didn't have to do it alone.

Teammate Steven Kolchegg got things rolling for Catholic Central with the program's first of seven state titles on the day in the heavyweight class. He beat Mahdi Hazime of Dearborn Fordson, 4-0.

Next up was Joshua Edmond at 135 pounds, who successfully defended his title. At 140 pounds, defending champ Derek Gilcher beat his own teammate, Marc Shaeffer, 7-2.

At 152 pounds, Cameron Amine won his third state championship, senior Easton Turner took the 189-pound crown before Brendin Yatooma grabbed the 215 bout.

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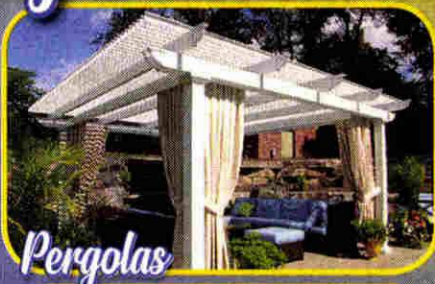
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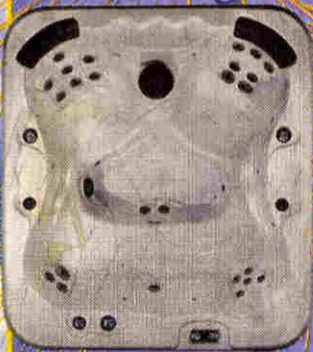


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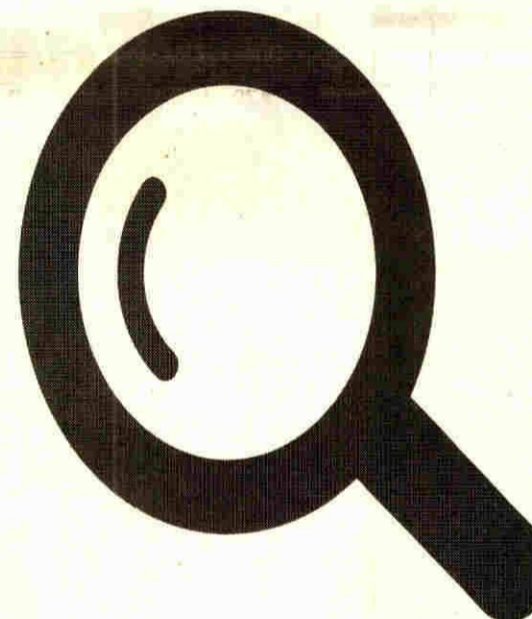
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