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Records may be sealed in Stislicki case

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Records may be sealed in the case against Floyd Galloway Jr., who is accused of murdering Danielle Stislicki, the Farmington Hills woman who went missing more than two years ago.

A 9 a.m. Friday motion hearing has

been scheduled before Judge James Brady in the 47th District Court hearing in Farmington Hills.

The media will not be allowed to be present, according to a court clerk supervisor.

Attorney General Dana Nessel announced in March that Galloway would face first-degree premeditated murder charges in Stislicki's disappearance.

Her body has never been recovered. She was reported missing Dec. 2, 2016, from the MetLife office in Southfield where she worked. Her vehicle was found at her Farmington Hills apartment, but there were no signs of Stislicki, then 28.

Galloway, a former Berkley resident,

was the last person seen with Stislicki.

He is serving a prison sentence for trying to sexually assault a runner in Hines Park in Livonia. If convicted of killing Stislicki, he faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

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Canton 7 GDX theater set to close

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Teary-eyed emojis dominated the Canton 7 GDX Facebook page following news that the decades-old Canton Township movie theater will be closing for good May 9.

A manager of the Planet Fitness franchise located at the intersection of Hanford and Canton Center roads in Canton confirmed that the gym will be relocating to the former home of the theater; however, no details were available.

Known for its customer-friendly service, competitive ticket prices and addictive buttery popcorn, the theater has been a Ford Road entertainment staple for more than 20 years

Dearborn dispatcher Brian Black stares at rows of monitors as he handles 9-1-1 calls April 4. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Dearborn to route 9-1-1 calls for Westland, Wayne

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They said it would be all or none, and potential cost savings are pushing Westland, Wayne, Inkster and Garden City into the expanding coverage area of Dearborn's consolidated dispatch center.

Dispatchers from those communities are preparing to work at the state-ofthe-art center on July 1.

They are getting cross-trained so, at any given moment, they can dispatch for their own cities, Dearborn or Melvindale, which Dearborn started dispatching for in 2018.

Their collective dispatching is supposed to mean quicker response times, especially for those high-speed chases, natural disasters and other events that cross boundary lines.

Simultaneously, the communities

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Dearborn 911 Dispatch Center's Lt. Jack Lengyel talks about how the city has organized its call center to accomodate more dispatchers and communities.

staple for more than 30 years.

Theater manager Michelle Diehl said the entire movie-theater industry is undergoing a downsizing, in part due to the popularity of streaming options like Netflix.

"The sense of community in Canton is spectacular, and it's been special to be a part of that," Diehl said. "The people who come in here are just looking to have a good time. They're always in a good mood. It's different than, say, retail, where people are more on a mission. Here, they hang out, watch a good movie, create a memorable experience."

Breeding ground for romance

The theater has been the place where several romances have bloomed — and not just on the screen.

Diehl shared several instances of proposals — and one marriage-saving scenario that unfolded in the darkened theaters.

"One man, who was already married, wanted to do something special for his wife because their marriage was going through some problems," Diehl said. "So he made a video for her. We played it in one of the theaters, and when they walked out when it was over, they were arm in arm and she was crying."

Diehl also said at least one pair of employees met at the theater, chose the site for the wedding proposal and are married to this day.

Heartbreaking announcement

News of the closing was heartbreaking for Arica Hankins, whose

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Canton 7 GDX employee Kayla Boye, left, accepts payment from longtime customer Chris Kurth. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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first date there with a certain young man from Ann Arbor in 2013 was life-changing.

"I met a man named Jason at the Canton 7 for our first date on Aug. 7, 2013 — a day I'll never forget," she said. "We both arrived at the theater a half-hour early so we could talk and get to know one another better.

"The movie was 'Two Guns' with Mark Wahlberg and Denzel Washington. After the movie, we hung out in the lobby, played air hockey and talked some more ... before finally walking out to the parking lot and talking some more."

Arica and Jason were married a few months later and recently celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary.

"We were planning on holding our 10th wedding anniversary get-together at the theater," she said. "We were going to treat all our friends and family members to tickets and set up a table of food in the lobby.

"Sadly, that won't be happening now,



Arica and Jason Hankins met on a first date at the Canton 7 GDX six years ago. They are now married. SUBMITTED

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Michelle Diehl Manager, Canton 7 GDX

but we are going to get back there for at least one more movie."

As much as the experiences she's enjoyed at Canton 7, Hankins will miss the popcorn.

"The very best!" she said. "When I'm in Canton, going to Target or Walmart, I'll stop in the theater just to buy a bucket of popcorn.

"It's that good!"

The Canton 7 holds near-and-dear memories for Canton resident Jessica Tashman.

"I saw my first movie in this theater," she said. " 'Beauty and the Beast.' I'm going to miss ... Canton 7. Thanks for the memories."

Diehl said the movie that stood headand-shoulders above the rest when it came to the fastest sellout was a surprise to her and to her fellow manager

Jennifer Polzin.

"It has to be 'Frozen,' " Diehl said. "We're a family-oriented theater, so I guess it shouldn't have been that big of a surprise, but the speed at which it sold out was amazing."

Other recent movies that attracted large crowds included "The Dark Knight" and "Black Panther."

But the best may be yet to come, Diehl said.

" 'Avengers: Endgame' is already selling out in advance (it debuts April 26)," she said. "Usually, when a movie sells out, it's 10 minutes before it starts. This movie hasn't even opened yet."

Gift cards will be honored by the theater until its final day, Diehl confirmed.

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are supposed to save thousands of dollars per year - perhaps up to \$400,000 a year — after the first 12-month period accounts for some transitional tasks.

"No matter how you shake it, the city is going to be saving a significant amount of money," said Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong at a March 19 meeting where the council agreed the city would rely on Dearborn - not Westland - for dispatching. "The technology they have is amazing. It will make our officers' lives easier."

Westland began dispatching for the three other communities in 2013 for the same reasons now driving them into Dearborn's fold: better resources, equipment and response times, along with savings for their municipalities.

Dearborn's 2016 consolidation proposal to Westland shook up the status quo. Some elected officials were concerned the larger communities of Westland and Wayne would not be fairly charged.

Then talks became more affable. These days, everyone seems to be embracing Dearborn's consolidated dispatch center if it means saving money and enhancing services.

"More and more communities have been combining dispatch services," Westland City Council President James Godbout said. "As the technology changes, the ability to staff and train and maintain equipment and people becomes a bigger and bigger challenge."

Westland City Council formally agreed to move toward Dearborn's services in February.

The others followed Westland's lead in March.

During that first year of July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, Westland is supposed to pay about \$738,000 to Dearborn, compared to approximately \$534,000 for Inkster, \$329,000 for Wayne and \$244,000 for Garden City. A small percentage of those costs is supposed to be for future upgrades.

Wayne's police chief is forecasting a savings of up to \$2,000 a month.

"Welcome to the Family" reads a sign at the Dearborn Administrative Center. The names of communities - Dearborn, Melvindale, Westland, Wayne, Inkster

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Ryan Strong Wayne Police Chief

and Garden City - extend from the branches.

manages the dispatch center. He foresees his staff of 25 dispatchers growing to 37.

The additional dispatchers will be paid more if not as much as their home communities were providing.

Lengyel expects the call load will double from last year's 79,000.

More people and more calls means more stations set up with several computers and monitors.

The city received a grant of a few million dollars to build a state-of-the-art dispatch center for Dearborn and surrounding communities.

Police Chief Ronald Haddad hopes Dearborn Heights and Allen Park come on board.

'The money we save is incremental," Dearborn Police Lt. Jack Lengyel Haddad said. "The benefit is the greatly enhanced technology, the sharing of information between our cities. We have serial crime that hits all of our communities on a regular basis. It would be much easier to discern than being isolated by yourself."

Diana Welchman was celebrating the eve of her retirement when she admitted to still having concerns about her employer dispatching for four more communities.

"The Dearborn dispatchers dispatch for two cities now," she said. "They're going to have to learn four more cities. It's going to be a challenge. It's going to happen. (But) it's probably going to be a difficult transition."

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Dearborn Police Chief Ronald Haddad shows off his department's new Emergency Command Center in its Administrative Center building on Michigan Avenue. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM





Reported theft from vehicles on the rise in Livonia

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More than \$2,000 worth of tools recently was stolen from an Ortonville man's work truck when he visited the Home Depot on Middlebelt Road in Livonia.

According to a March 26 police report, the man parked his vehicle and attached trailer about 30 spaces from the store's lumberyard around 10 a.m. He noticed the tools were missing

when he returned a half-hour later.

A \$40,000 piece of Bobcat construction equipment — vanished from a work site in late March.

Police said in a March 25 report they were dispatched to Mayfield Street around 10 a.m. by the owner of Devonce Construction in Sterling Heights because the Bobcat was missing.

Livonia police also have been investigating reports of cars being rummaged through and sometimes missing money and other items.

On March 25, a Williams Street couple told police both of their Ford F-150 trucks had been raided for credit cards, cash left in the console and more. Reports of rummaging evidence were taken April 4 on Fairway and April 2 at several Yale Street locations.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Livonia police at 734-466-2470, or Crime Stoppers of Michigan at 1-800-SPEAK-UP.

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Man charged with trying to hire killer

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A Livonia man has been arraigned on a felony homicide charge for allegedly asking a male acquaintance to kill his girlfriend's husband.

Scott Fraser Porter, 48, was arraigned earlier this month in 35th District Court in Plymouth on the felony charge of solicitation of murder and two felony counts of using a computer to commit crime.

He faces up to life in prison if he is convicted.

Porter appeared in court Friday to request a lowering of his \$500,000 bond. The request was denied.

"The facts of this case alone are



extremely egregious," Wayne County prosecutor Ashley Ciaffone said. She said Porter hired an employee from Loc Performance Inc. on Haggerty Road, along with an undercover police officer,

to kill his girlfriend's husband.

Ciaffone said in court Porter did something similar with his ex-wife. Porter once worked at Loc Performance, where he apparently started to make his approaches.

Ciaffone read a sample text message sent from Porter's phone: "I want it done without the family around, but at this point I really don't care."

"This is an individual ... that is so des-

perate, judge, that he doesn't even care if there's a family, if there's witnesses around, when these individuals are supposed to be carrying out this murder that he's asking to happen," Ciaffone said.

She added that an investigation continues regarding Porter and his exwife.

Township public safety officials declined to comment. Wayne County prosecutors say an investigation by the Plymouth Township Public Safety Department led to the arrest.

Porter remains at the Wayne County Jail. A competency evaluation has been scheduled for him.

He is next scheduled to be in court June 12.

Police arrest man stopped with loaded gun in car

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Farmington Hills police say they wanted a closer look at a vehicle's paper version of a license plate when officers pulled the vehicle over April 7 near Grand River and Purdue avenues.

The 28-year-old driver from Detroit told police he recently purchased the car from VIP Auto Sales Inc. He had placed his paper license plate in the rear window.

He and his front seat passenger said they were driving to Novi to visit the driver's mother.

When police asked for paperwork, the man apparently began to "frantically" look around. Police asked if he had any weapons when he reached toward the driver's door panel.

Another officer found a handgun loaded with a seven-round magazine in the glove box. The driver said his friend possibly left the gun in the vehicle. Two holsters and ammunition also were discovered.

The man was arrested and has been arraigned on a felony charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

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Officer taps in to signing skills on recent call

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Livonia police officer William Hardin relied on his signing skills — and helped a deaf man home — when someone recently called about a stranger walking through the neighborhood.

It was after midnight, and the responding officers quickly realized the young man walking near Meadlowlark Street and Garden was deaf.

Hardin, who has served his local police department for four years, surprised the others when he started signing.

"Home?" Hardin asks the other in a Facebook video post. "Where do you live? Down here? OK. Well, just hang on for a second."

He was able to let his colleagues know the man was on his way home from work. He had taken a shortcut through someone's yard.

Hardin learned sign language as a child. He had deaf neighbors, and his mother wanted him to communicate with the family.

He declined to comment, but the

Facebook post said he surprised his partners.

"This quickly resolved the call for service," it read. "Officer Hardin sent the young man on his way with a thumbs up. We give Officer Hardin two thumbs up for his ability to perform sign language."

The incident happened in late March.

The video was posted April 11.

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Celebrate Easter at these weekend events

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Easter: It seems really late this year, doesn't it?

But it could be even later: Easter, the day Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, is a movable holiday on the calendar. For most churches, it typically falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. It can be as early as March 22 and as late as April 25.

Point is, Easter is later this year, and hopefully that means the weather will cooperate with all your holiday plans. If you're still looking for something to do to get into the holiday spirit, check out one of these three events happening around town.

Egg hunt in Livonia

Rotary Park will be the "it" spot in Livonia for children looking to pick up some sweet Easter treats this weekend.

The annual egg hunt at the park, located at Six Mile and Hubbard in Livonia, will play host once again to the annual egg hunt. Children 10 and under are encouraged to come with their parents to hunt for eggs in the city's largest park.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and runs through 11:30 a.m. at the park. The hunt begins at noon. After the little ones are done searching for eggs, they will be able to visit with the Easter Bunny.

For more information, contact the Livonia Parks and Recreation department at 734-466-2900.

Marshmallow drop in Westland

A Wayne County tradition will soar over the Westland sky Friday.

The annual Marshmallow drop returns Friday morning to Nankin Mills Park, 33275 Edward Hines Drive. A helicopter will fly over the park at 11 a.m. and release thousands of marshmallows for youngsters of all ages to run and pick up. Be sure to bring a special bag or basket to collect marshmallows once they land.

For those who can't make it to Westland, a drop will take place at 9 a.m. Friday at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.

For more information, visit the Wayne County parks website.



There are several fun, family-friendly Easter events happening this weekend across the region. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE PHOTOS

Kensington egg hunt

If you'll be in western Oakland County and want to spend Easter weekend with some live animals, Kensington Metropark is where you'll want to take the family.

The park, 4570 Huron River Parkway in Milford Township, hosts its annual Fun on the Farm: Egg Hunt at 11a.m. Saturday at the Martindale Beach.

Bring the kids for the annual egg scramble, enjoy visiting with farm animals and get photos taken with the Easter Bunny.

Cost is \$5 per child and children under a year old are free.

A Metroparks pass is required for entry to the park. For more information, visit metroparks.com.

South Lyon egg hunt

South Lyon's egg hunt, organized by the South Lyon Kiwanis Club, is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. That event takes place at Volunteer Park, 2162 N. Dixboro Road.

The Kiwanis Club of South Lyon will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Volunteer Park. The event is free to the community and open to all ages. Easter Bunny, fire trucks, police and more will all be on hand for the kids to enjoy.

The egg hunts themselves will begin at noon, divided by age with differing start times.

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PCCS surveys shape future of schools

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If it were even the slightest bit practical, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools could have rented out Little Caesars Arena for an evening and invited its staff and members of the district's 18,000 families to stop by to fill out its annual staff and parent climate survey.

Instead, for the fourth consecutive year, the district's decision-makers have distributed the brief but essential questionnaire via email and the district's website with hopes that all — or at minimum a majority — of school employees and parents of current students dedicate a few minutes of their time to check a few boxes.

"The data we collect from the surveys

is used for every major decision the district makes from that point forward," said Nick Brandon, the district's executive director of communications and marketing. "The response rate we've gotten the first three years has been excellent because the respondents trust that their feedback is going to a good purpose."

Brandon said the survey's questions are revised each year based on topics that are currently affecting the district.

"Lately, a lot of people are expressing concern about keeping class sizes at a manageable rate," he said. "One year, in the wake of school shootings across the country, it was security at our schools.

"By taking this 10- to 20-minute survey, staff and parents can do a lot to help the district handle some large and complex issues going forward."

The survey launched April 8 with a deadline set for April 22.

Once the results of the survey are compiled by Washington, D.C.-based K12 Insight, they will be available to the public on the PCCS website.

The questions on the employees' survey address topics including governance and leadership, teaching and assessments, resources, school operations, and safety.

All responses received by the district are completely confidential, Brandon emphasized.

"K12 Insight's final reports, which will be available in the spring, will include only the overall findings, not individual comments or responses," he said.

Customer leaves without paying, goes to police station

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Canton Police were on "civil standby" when they tried to resolve a recent food fight at Szechuan Restaurant on Ford Road.

Police said in a report a customer ate all of his food but only paid a portion of his bill. The customer had asked to speak to the manager, who apparently asked the customer to wait until he could talk.

The customer walked out of the restaurant and visited police headquarters to say an agreement could not be reached.

The restaurant had no interest in prosecuting a case. Instead, they wanted the bill paid.

Police visited the restaurant to watch the customer pay the bill.

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Police continue to investigate killing of 21-year-old mother

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Novi police continue to investigate the April 7 fatal shooting of a 21-yearold mother, Tia Joe.

Police Sgt. Kevin Gilmore said Monday no arrests have been made. He declined to comment on what may have happened before Joe was killed and her infant son was critically injured.

Authorities have ruled Joe's death a homicide. Police were dispatched to the Oakland Glens mobile home community at 13 Mile and Novi roads shortly before 4:30 a.m. April 7.

Joe was pronounced dead at the scene. Her son was critically injured.

Neighbors have said they heard screaming and calls for help before the police arrived.

Joe lived in a mobile home with her mother and son. According to neighbors, the family kept to themselves. Joe sometimes sat outside in a vehicle with a man.

A \$15,000 GoFundMe campaign is underway to help the family pay for Joe's burial and her son Braxton's



Novi police found a woman's body at this Rousseau Drive home April 7. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

medical expenses. Police said last week the child was in stable condition.

"Thank you for anyone who can and will help," the GoFundMe page reads.

Another suspicious death happened at the mobile home park in January 2018. Derrick Dixon was sentenced to 35-80 years in prison after entering a no-contest plea to a seconddegree murder charge.

His wife, Heather, 32, was found fatally strangled in their home.

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Ivywood charter school finds home in Plymouth

Ivywood Classical Academy announced it will open in the fall of 2019 at 14356 Genoa Court, Plymouth, near M-14 and Beck Road.

"When we walked into this building, we knew it was where Ivywood Classical students would thrive," Tyler Horning, Ivywood Classical Academy board president, said. "As a former training center, the building is currently divided into classrooms, making it easy to imagine children engaging in learning and wonder."

For the first year, Ivywood will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The school building will have 10 classrooms, a library, flex space and a cafeteria, all backing up to a wooded area. The building will allow for expanding space to accommodate a growing student population.

Ivywood Classical Academy was founded with the sole purpose of providing a free classical liberal arts education to students in the areas of Plymouth, Northville, Livonia and beyond, organizers said.

Classical liberal arts education focuses on teaching the whole student with a concentrated focus on math, science, history and literature. Ivywood has partnered with the Barney Charter School Initiative for curriculum and teacher training.

"I believe that public education is a cornerstone of any community, and our community lacks an option for students and parents looking for a classical liberal arts education," Jim Musgrave, Ivywood Classical Academy board member said. "Ivywood Classical Academy will fill that void and introduce a whole new generation of students to the good, the true and the beautiful. I am honored to be a part of a team that is dedicated and passionate about this mission."

The school is accepting students and teacher applicants. It plans information events April 24 and May 6 and 21. Visit ivywoodclassicalacademy. com for more information.





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Woman's invention empowers the disabled

Farmington Hills mom creates magnetic buttons

Micah Walker Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Last year, Gina Adams and her 15year-old daughter made a visit to the mall. They two spent hours visiting sev-



eral shops, measuring hundreds of shirts and buttons as research for Adams' latest venture: magnetic buttons. The Farmington Hills

Adams

resident and single mother of two is the founder and CEO of

Wareologie, a company that designs products for disabled people. The startup's first product is Buttons 2 Button, set to launch in June. The magnetic adapters can be attached to buttondown shirts for those with limited hand dexterity.

People with arthritis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or repetitive stress injuries, or those recovering from surgery, can struggle with the simple task of buttoning up.

Installing the adapters is simple. One magnet is attached to the shirt button while the other is placed over the buttonhole, instantly closing the shirt. While initially applying the buttons to clothing may require assistance, said Adams, it's easy for people to button up after that.

"This way, people can really express themselves and be their own, unique individual," said Adams.

The idea

Adams got the idea of magnetic adapters a couple of years after seeing her stepfather lose dexterity as the result of Parkinson's. Previously, she'd seen people struggle when she was a ski instructor to disabled people when she was living in Colorado working for The North Face.

"Living out in Colorado helping people ski, I realized that apparel made for able-bodied individuals does not work for people with disabilities, and that was over 25 years ago," she said. "It wasn't until my stepfather got Parkinson's that I realized, 'Nobody has done this yet? Nobody has addressed this issue?' "

Limited dexterity is one of the most common symptoms of a disability, such as those living with arthritis. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 24 million people are limited in their activities with arthritis.

The plan

Adams began outlining her plan while pursuing a master's in business administration at Wayne State University. She said many of her classes helped her develop her business model, and has gained support from her advisers.

One of those supporters is Edward Kim, a professor who teaches entrepreneurship and innovation at the university. Kim has since joined the Wareologie team as an adviser.

Along with receiving guidance from Wayne State, Adams joined Lawrence Technological University's Centrepolis Accelerator program last year, which is part of the school's LTU Collaboratory initiative. The innovation center helps startups by connecting business leaders with mentors, corporate contacts, workshops, and technologies.

The director of the Centrepolis Accelerator, Dan Radomski, is also an advisory member of Wareologie.

Rounding out Adams' team is Chief Innovation Officer James Murtha, Chief Operating Officer Rochelle Osbourne and adviser Siobhan Gregory.

Buttons 2 Button has been in development for almost two years. To ensure the buttons can endure a cycle in the washing machine and dryer, Adams ordered corrosion-resistant magnets embedded in plastic.

The magnetic buttons will come in sets of nine, since most shirts have seven buttons on the front and two on the cuffs, said Adams. The price of a set will be \$30. The entrepreneur knows the product is a little pricey, but said the company has to start making revenue first before she can bring down the cost.

Raising money

To raise money for the company,

Adams participates in pitch competitions for startups. In February, she attended the Empower Change Michigan Competition for social venture enterprises created by women.

Adams won the launch prize of the competition, where she was awarded \$7,500. She said the grant is helping her buy the first 100 sets of buttons that will soon be tested by occupational therapists.

Next month, Wareologie will create a crowdfunding campaign with a goal of \$10,000.

"I'm nervous because I've been told that people who support crowdfund campaigns are younger people who want tech gadgets," she said. "We're hoping this younger group will see the benefits and purchase for a loved one like their grandparents or parents."

Adams is also hoping the magnetic buttons will attract caregivers.

"Not only does our product provide value to the user, but also to the caregiver because it's restoring time," she said. "So you have senior living facilities that spend countless hours dressing their clients, and now their clients can dress themselves."

Ready to launch

Adams and her team plan to present Buttons 2 Button for the first time in June at the Abilities Expo in Chicago, an event that features disability products, as well as workshops, sports and other activities.

Preorders are available on the company's website, buttons2button.com.

"Maybe this will be something that can help 5,000 people," said Adams. "It's better than where I was yesterday. It's just about helping people; that's what keeps me going."



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Cheers! Bartender's drink goes national

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Inside the "Cheers"-esque Rusty Bucket restaurant in Northville, everybody knows bartender Graeme Mc-Donald's name.

Now, thanks to a magical blend of ingredients the 20-year veteran of mixology created, everybody also knows McDonald's cocktail: the Blackberry Kentucky Mule.

A native of Canton and an employee at the Northville Park Place Rusty Bucket, McDonald's creative juices out-performed over 100 other bartenders' entries to win the chain restaurant's inaugural Associate Cocktail Feature competition.

McDonald's cocktail will be served throughout April — and possibly beyond — at all 23 of the Rusty Bucket's locations in Michigan, Ohio, Florida, Indiana, North Carolina and Colorado.

"There goes one now," McDonald said on a recent Friday afternoon, pointing at an inviting pinkish drink being delivered to a customer at the Northville Rusty Bucket.

"It was definitely a good feeling when I found out I won, especially knowing that there were 23 final entries (one from each of the chain's restaurants)," Mc-Donald said. "When you've been doing this as long as I have, you start getting your creative juices flowing when it comes to thinking about creating new cocktails.'

When it came to selecting the ingredients and slapping a name on his creation, McDonald used a multistep approach.

The blueberries go along with the spring season and Kentucky is obviously famous for bourbon," he explained. "I didn't want to get too fancy with the name, but I wanted it to be catchy.

"As far as testing the cocktail before I came up with the final ingredients. I was lucky enough to have our general manager and regional manager here at the right time to help me finalize it."

As an added bonus to his victory, McDonald's image



Northville Township Rusty Bucket bartender Graeme McDonald, of Canton, stands with his Blackberry Kentucky Mule cocktail. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Graeme McDonald Bartender

will appear on the table tents - the tent-shaped cardboard promotional ads placed on tables throughout the Rusty Bucket's restaurants - throughout the month.

The Blackberry Kentucky Mule vaulted past its 22 competitors by "going over well" at a Jack Daniels event held at the chain's Charlotte, North Carolina, site.

Magic ingredients

Flavored with fresh lime juice and simple syrup, along with the above-listed ingredients, the drink is shaken with Woodford Reserve Personal Selection Gary's Blend No. 14.

It's topped off with the ginger beer and blackberry garnish to give customers a refreshing spring alternative on the traditional Moscow Mule.

The Rusty Bucket franchise has become synonymous with award-winning cocktail creations. It was recently honored with a pair of VIBE Vista Awards in the multi-unit chain division in best overall and best spirits program.

McDonald takes pride in connecting regular customers' faces with their drinks of choice.

"I'm not great with names, but when a regular comes in and says, 'The usual,' I know what he or she is referring to," he said. "After doing this for as long as I have, I don't think I could start working in a typical office, in a cubicle.

"I'm a people person, so this job is perfect for me because I'm able to interact with people daily. Every day is fresh and new."

If an opportunity presents itself down the road, Mc-Donald said he would jump at the chance of creating an encore to his ultra-popular initial entry.

"After mixing other people's drinks all these years, it's kind of nice to be on the other end and coming up with my own stuff," he said.

McDonald's cocktail will be served at all Rusty Bucket locations throughout April or until the batch of bourbon runs dry.





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Monster Jam trucks roam Cedar Point

Frank Witsil Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Cedar Point's newest thrill, Monster Jam Thunder Alley, will put you inside a monster truck to experience a freestyleinspired course.

The Sandusky, Ohio, amusement park announced the new ride Thursday.

It aims to let you feel the engine's raw power and tires' traction as you tear it up in the Grave Digger, Max-D, Megalodon, Zombie and El Toro Loco, some of the most popular trucks.

And, the park said, it also will give you a chance to build a mini Monster Jam truck.

"We are thrilled to be working with Cedar Fair on Monster Jam Thunder Alley," said Kenneth Feld, the CEO of the Feld Entertainment, the company putting on the Monster Jam experience at park. "Over the past 10 years, our strategy has been to evolve Monster Jam into a brand that reaches our fans yearround."

Monster Jam Thunder Alley debuts at Cedar Point on May 18 and runs through June 30.

The event also is scheduled to open at Kings Dominion in Doswell, Virginia, on July 20 and run through Sept. 2; and then open at Dorney Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Sept. 14 through Nov. 3.



Grave Digger, one of the trucks slated to be at Cedar Point, gets some air at Monster Jam 2018 at Ford Field. CHRISTOPHER M. BJORNBERG/SPECIAL TO THE FREE PRESS

Entry to Monster Jam Thunder Alley is included in park admission, the amusement park said. Some features of the event, however, may require advance reservations or an additional fee.

Cedar Point is offering discounted, unlimited admission for a limited time for \$59.99 - a deal since daily admission passes start at \$49.99. It will be valid from May 11 through June 30. It doesn't include Cedar Point Shores or parking.

Other new attractions at the park include Forbidden Frontier on Adventure Island, an immersive experience for interactive gaming and Steel Vengeance, the park's newest roller coaster.

Woman arrested at Canton Meijer found with cocaine

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Canton police recently arrested a Meijer shopper for alleged cocaine possession.

According to a report, officers were dispatched to Meijer on Ford Road the afternoon of April 8 because of a disorderly woman.

An acquaintance outside the store said the woman had gone inside for makeup.

Police eventually talked to her and found out there was a warrant for her arrest in Walker.

Police placed her in the patrol vehicle, where she was searched.

Something wrapped in plastic dropped from her pocket. Police suspected narcotics, which they said field tests later confirmed.

Officers said the woman became unruly, saying she was suicidal and banging her head against the caging inside the patrol car. She was transported to a local medical facility because of a self-sustained cut to her forehead.

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



Matthew Lyson holds his duck, Coconut, who was rescued as a duckling along a road near Walled Lake. Lyson and his wife, Theresa, run the Michigan Duck Rescue out of their Northville home. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Gifted chicks, bunnies often end up unwanted

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PINCKNEY - April 9, 2019, age 83 of Pinckney. Beloved husband of Elaine (nee Rich) for 64 years. Loving father of Tom, Dana (David), and Holly (Kip). Dear brother of Kenneth (Eileen), H. Neil (Shirley), Scott (Jean), and sister-in-law of Mary (Joe) Bagnasco. Proud grandfather of Al-



exander, Erin (Jacob), and Kyle; as well as greatgrandfather of Olive and Griffin. Cherished uncle of several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service was held on Saturday, April 13 at St. George Lutheran Church, Brighton. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. George Lutheran Church Building Fund, 803. W. Main St. Brighton, MI 48116.

Duncan served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956 in Japan. He then graduated from Eastern Michigan University in June, 1959. Duncan taught high school and coached basketball, football, and track in Stanton, MI for four years after which he switched careers and joined the insurance industry until his retirement in 1997. Duncan was a member of St. George Lutheran Church in Brighton. He was an avid golfer and he served for 30-years as an usher for U.M. football games. Share a memorial tribute with the family at www.keehnfuneralhome.com



USA TODAY NETWORK

That fuzzy little duckling that seemed like a cute Easter gift will grow quickly.

So will the number of calls to Michigan Duck Rescue in the days and weeks after the holiday. The sanctuary near Northville has several hundred domestic ducks that roam the grounds during the day and at night, waddle en masse into the large barn where they sleep.

"'It's getting big now, I can't hold it in my hand. I can't have it in my house. It's pooping all over the place. ... I shouldn't have gotten it. Will you take it?' " said Matthew Lyson, who runs the sanctuary. "It's the same old story all the time."

Animal welfare groups and health officials have long warned against putting ducklings, chicks, and bunnies in Easter baskets. For one, live poultry can carry salmonella.

But there is also the stress that an annual influx of no-longer-wanted critters places on animal sanctuaries with limited resources.

"We do what we can to help as many as possible, then we get to a point to where there's just no more room," said Tim Patino, the president of Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary in Willis, near Ypsilanti. "We can't take them if there is no room."

The nonprofit sanctuary has more than 60 rabbits, all of which are spayed or neutered, on a 5-acre farm property that includes an adoptions barn and a medical facility.

"I think what happens is people are seeing all these TV commercials, they see all these cute Easter bunny type things, and so they want a rabbit at Easter and don't give it a lot of thought," Patino said. "They should make sure they're not an impulse buy, though. They are a 10- to 12-year commitment."

If someone calls and the sanctuary is full, Patino will tell the person to check back at a later date, list the rabbit on the site Petfinder or refer them to other or-

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Some people release unwanted ducks or rabbits into the wild, but domesticated animals are far more likely to fall prey to predators or illness than their wild counterparts.

Nancy Barr, assistant veterinarian for the State of Michigan, said rabbits, chicks and ducklings have unique and potentially costly — housing, nutrition, and health needs, so would-be buyers need to do their homework.

For instance, female rabbits that aren't spayed have a high likelihood of developing cancer.

Even chicks and ducklings that look healthy can carry salmonella, a bacteria that is shed through feces and can cause severe diarrhea and abdominal cramps in humans. Barr said young children are more susceptible to getting sick than adults because their immune systems aren't fully developed.

In 2017 and 2018, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued alerts about multi-state salmonella outbreaks linked to live poultry and an increase in the popularity of backyard flocks.

CDC officials advise people to wash their hands thoroughly after touching live poultry. The birds should not be allowed inside a house, and children under 5 should not handle chicks or ducklings without adult supervision.

Potential buyers should also take note of local ordinances that may ban or limit live poultry.

Driven by a love of ducks, Lyson started the rescue in 2006 and made it a nonprofit in 2014. He said he has stopped publicizing his address to discourage people from just dumping ducks on his property, like the person who left a handful of young ducks one of them dead — in a Tupperware bin outside his front gate.

Lyson and Patino said ducklings and rabbits can make good — even great — pets for owners who do research and are committed to providing proper care.

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Betty Weideman

- - Betty April 8, 2019 Betty was born on April 27, 1927, in Batavia, Illinois, to Virginia and Emil Benson. Two sisters and two brothers have all predeceased Betty, as did her husband, Bob, who she married in 1948 ahead of graduating with a B.S. in piano from Depauw University's School of Music. Betty and Bob had three children: Paul (Mary Margaret), Santa Fe, New Mexico; Drake, Pontiac; and Karen, Battle Creek. Betty's gift to the world was her musical ability, and she gifted it beautifully. As a 5-year old, she was identified with perfect pitch. Music was a constant in her life. Paul, Drake and



Karen all took music lessons. Betty delighted in playing the piano. She was the vocal music director at Plymouth Canton High School for 10 years, and in addition to leading various choral groups, she also played in the pit orchestra for Plymouth High School's annual musical under director Gloria Logan, which was a particular joy as Betty loved musical theater. Upon retiring to South Carolina, Betty played keyboard in the Dixie Keys band, accompanied the Key Koraliers chorus, and was one of a piano quartet, arranging some of their music on her Apple computer. Bob was her roady for these gigs! Upon relocating to Fox Run retirement community in 2006, Betty played piano on Thursday nights for the Ascot Happy Hour singalong, and she never needed any music. She also directed the Fox Run bell choir when it started. Betty is remembered with love by her three children, three grandchildren: Joshua, Kelly, and Jeff, and four great-grandchildren: Taylor, Camryn, Tess, and Abbey. Funeral service will be 2:30 pm Sunday, April 14, 2019 at Fox Run 41000 W 13 Mile Rd. Novi, MI. The Rev. Dr. Mary E. Biedron officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Library of Michigan Foundation P.O. Box 30159 Lansing, MI 48909 for Braille and Talking Book Program, or Detroit Symphony Orchestra 3711 Woodward Avenue Detroit, MI 48201 or The Music Fund North Congregational Church 36520 W 12 Mile Rd Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Don't forget spring cleaning for finances



Audits

Money Matters **Rick Bloom** Guest columnist

At times it may not feel like it outside, but it is spring, which means it's not a bad idea to do some spring cleaning of your financial records. I know some people save every bill they ever received. Why someone thinks they'll ever need their electric bill from 1995 is beyond me.

In addition, let's face facts — the more stuff you save, the more difficult it is to find something if you actually need it.

Therefore, since most of you have filed your tax returns, this is a perfect time of year to prune some of your financial records.

When it comes to taxes, at a minimum, you need to save your tax information for at least three years. The IRS typically has three years to audit your tax returns. Therefore, if you filed your 2015 tax return by April 15, 2016, it means that the IRS has until April 15 of this year to audit you for 2015.

The exception is if you severely unreported your in-

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come where they can go back seven years, or if there is fraud then they can go back indefinitely.

My general advice for people is that I would save my return and backup information for seven years and dispose any of the previous years' tax information other than the return.

I know people who have their tax information since the '70s and there's no reason to do that. Get rid of it; all it does is add to your clutter.

How long should you save monthly recurring bills

such as your cable or utility bills?

For many people they don't have to save those at all; after all, you can go online for those. However, if that's not your cup of tea, my recommendation is that you save just the last month's bill. Once you get the current bill and inspect it for accuracy, you can dispose of the last month's bill. I also don't have a problem if you dispose of the bill as soon as you pay it. After all, if you ever needed it, you could always get if from the company.

Every year when I renew my auto and homeowner's policy, I get a brand new policy. At that point in time, I dispose of my old policies. As far as I'm concerned, there's no reason to save old policies as all they do is take up space.

There are people who save every warranty for every item they ever purchased. It is important that if you own the item and the warranty is still in effect that you do save that item; however, why would you need your warranty for a refrigerator you purchased 30 years ago and you got rid of 10 years ago?

There is no reason. Once again, all it does is add clutter and we all have too much of that.

One last note, and that is when you dispose of items that may contain sensitive information like your charge card bills or backup tax information, it is important not to just throw them in the trash; those you should shred.

It would be much easier if you could just throw it is in the trash; however, we all know life is not that easy. Therefore, if you don't have a shredder, buy one; it's one of the best investments you can make.

For those of you who have lots of stuff to dispose of, you may want to look for one of those free shredding days offered by many cities. For example the BBB is having a free shredding event May 18. For more information, contact them at 248-799-0305.

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South Lyon senior soccer player Carmen Sweigard will lead her team against Milford in a charity game she planned.

South Lyon, Milford join to support charity

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KLAA names all-conference hoops teams

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The Kensington Lakes Activities Association (KLAA) has released its boys and girls basketball all-conference teams.

Numerous area teams are represented. Canton and Wayne Memorial led the way on the boys' side, with four selections each, while Wayne Memorial, Brighton and Hartland were tops on the girls' side with four picks each.

Each selection is listed below along with a quote from their head coach.

KLAA Boys All-Conference Team

West Division

Canton senior B. Artis White

"Four-year starter who has grown into a great two way player and without question is one of the best guards in the state. Is an outstanding person and teammate and has been a pleasure to coach." — Canton coach Jimmy Reddy

Canton senior Vinson Sigmon

"Three-year starter who has been an elite defender for all three years. His ability to handle the ball and score in different ways has been a great asset. He is a great person and is our team leader." — Reddy

Canton senior Kendall Perkins

"Kendall has really come on as of late and has been a big part of our team in scoring and rebounding. He is an outstanding young man with a bright future." — Reddy

Canton junior Ben Stesiak

"Ben has done a lot of the little things for our team and has the ability to knock down the open three. But his best attribute is his toughness and ability to complete." — Reddy

I Howell senior Josh Palo

"Phenomenal scorer and four-year varsity starter." — Howell coach Nick Simon

Howell senior Kip French

"Great leader and a true glue guy." —

Lyon boys soccer team has raised awareness for breast cancer through its pink-out game. The girls team hasn't held its own charity fundraiser.

This season, South Lyon senior Carmen Sweigard set out to change that.

She went to her coach, Brian Elliott in early March with an idea — to hold a charity game that raises funds for Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, and he enthusiastically supported her mission.

"I have to give credit to Carmen, she really is the brainchild of this whole thing," Elliott said. "She came to me and

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South Lyon will play Milford 6:30 p.m. April 23 at South Lyon High School. Funds will be donated to Mott Children's Hospital. PHOTOS COURTESY OF CARMEN SWEIGARD

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Howell junior Tony Honkala

"Can shoot from anywhere and is a solid shot blocker." — Simon

I Northville senior Steven Morrissey

"What a tremendous senior season for Steven. We often went as he did, and he scored in doubles every game starting in game five. He really understands the game and sees the floor tremendously well. Steven would score even more on some other teams, but balance was one of our strengths this year. We are certainly going to miss

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Franklin's Fournier signs to play baseball at Madonna

Andrew Vailliencourt Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

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Livonia Franklin senior Cal Fournier is in a pretty unique situation compared to most other high school athletes in the area. He plays outfield and catcher for the Franklin baseball team, where his dad Matt is the head coach. That hasn't stopped him from having an outstanding high school career, culminating in the opportunity to play baseball next year at Madonna — making his dad proud.

"He is a hard-working kid," Franklin baseball coach Matt Fournier said. "He always has been, and he gets that from his mom."

Matt added that while his son isn't

the biggest or strongest kid, he outworks people and has great athleticism.

Cal was named after Cal Ripken Jr., the former major league baseball player who was known as "The Iron Man".

Cal says he picked Madonna for a number of reasons, but knowing members of the team was a big factor.

"I talked to other Franklin kids that play at Madonna and they talked very highly of the program and the people around it," Cal said. "Obviously going on the visit and being on campus, it had a good feeling to it. It's right down the road from where I grew up which is a plus too."

He is a three-sport athlete at Franklin. He was a captain of the football team

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Howell's Kip French, right, and Canton's B. Artis White fight for the ball during a KLAA matchup. Canton won 74-62. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Teams

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having Steven in our program; he comes from a great family, and he and his two older brothers won a lot of games for us the past 6 seasons." — Northville coach Todd Sander

Northville senior Ryan Pumper

"Ryan has started all but two games for us (the first two his junior season) over the course of his fantastic career. He's extremely durable, and maybe the toughest player that I have ever coached. You definitely want Ryan on your team if you are in any type of competitive situation. He converted three out of every four shots he attempted from the floor and always drew one of the best players on defense for our opponents. We wish him the best." — Sander

Novi senior Jiovanni Miles

"Jio had a great all around year, and his most efficient games were our most efficient and successful games. He has a high basketball IQ, and he received the majority of attention against opposing defenses and still lead us in scoring." — Novi coach Chris Housey "Noah is asked to guard every teams best player and still is able to shoot and rebound at a high rate." — Griest

Plymouth senior Ryan Berger "Ryan has worked extremely hard to"

have a successful season this year. He was the focal point of many teams defenses and still was able to produce on a nightly basis. We will miss his steady presence on the block for the team next season." — Plymouth coach Mike Soukup

Hartland senior Kyle Hamlin

"Kyle has lead the Eagles in scoring and offensive rebounds this season. Has come up with big scoring games in wins this season." — Hartland coach Kevin Blouin

Salem senior Julius Nelson

"Julius plays with tremendous heart and energy and was our lead guard this season at both ends of the court. Defensively, he was very active in the passing lanes and always guarded the other teams best guard. Offensively, Julius lead our team in assists and had a good ability to get to the basket and finish around the rim." — Salem coach Robert Brodie

Honorable Mentions: Canton junior Jake Vickers, Howell senior Cody Deurloo, Northville senior Daniel McLaughlin, Novi senior Aryan Verma, Brighton senior Jacob Dunn, Plymouth senior Bryce Amison, Hartland senior Evan Metz, Salem senior Ben Dierker Cartier is the muscle on the team." — Young

■ Wayne Memorial senior Dreyon O'Neal

"Dreyon was the most gifted player on the team. He was a match up problem." — Young

■ Wayne Memorial senior Kenneth Bowie

"KJ was the general of the team." — Young

Belleville junior Connor Bush

"Third-year varsity player. Tremendous athlete who really improved his overall game second half of the season." — Belleville coach Adam Trumpour

Belleville senior Andrew Leamy

"Second-year varsity player. Excellent shooter who improved greatly as a defender his senior year." — Trumpour

■ Belleville junior Lorenzo Wright "Third-year varsity player. Lead guard who not only disrupted but scored for us. Often guarded the other team's best ballhander." — Wright

I John Glenn senior Joe Moon

"Four-year starter, always guards opponents best player regardless of position, has the ability to score in a multitude of ways - behind the arc, mid-range, post and in transition, arguably the best two way player in the state. Joe leads by example by having a strong work ethic, shown by him being the first in the gym and the last to leave, maintaining good rapport with his teammates and is well respected throughout the state." — John Glenn coach Rod Watts

Charity

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told me she was passionate about this cause and wanted to put a fundraising event together. 7

"I have a lot of pride. When you sign up to coach high school sports, you want to make an impact and obviously share your passion for the sport with your players, but even more important is to help make them better people and the fact that Carmen wants to raise money for such a great, noble cause, it just makes me feel pride. I'm very proud of her."

Now, after a month of planning, the event is coming together. South Lyon will play Milford 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, at South Lyon High School (the JV will play before the Varsity), and there will be giveaways, raffles, face-paint, cotton candy and more that all supports the children's hospital.

There will even be a special halftime show that fans can look forward to.

The game was originally supposed to feature South Lyon East, but it backed out due to scheduling concerns. Milford happily took its place.

"I reached out to Milford because a girl on our team knew their coach, and I played club soccer with two of their captains," Sweigard said. "Girls on our team knew girls on their team, and I thought this would be a great opportunity to bond with another school. Milford was all for it and has been nothing but supportive."

Sweigard set up a committee with players from both teams as well as a couple parents to help plan the event. They met three times. She's hoping that this event can become an annual one, and believes her team members that are returning will be able to continue it.

"I hope we do this every year with Milford," Sweigard said. "They're a great team and I hope we continue this every year and it grows and gets bigger."

At the game, both the face-paint and cotton candy will be available for donations. The team received a cotton candy machine thanks to Peter's True Value Hardware in South Lyon, and will have plenty available for fans. Bracelets can be purchased for \$1. Some of the giveaways will take place at halftime, and include packages from local businesses.

"I think it'll be a great game," Sweigard said. "We're on such good terms with Milford and I think it'll be a fun game. We have t-shirts, our jerseys will be t-shirts and it'll be lots of fun. It'll be competitive of course, but in the end we're all coming together for a good cause."

The team also has a tour scheduled this week to visit Mott Children's Hospital to meet some of the kids and see where their money is going.

Novi senior Jacob Clay

"Jacob ended the season as one of our best defensive players and one of our most valuable overall players. He is a student of the game, he willingly played multiple positions, and he always maximized his potential on both ends of the floor." — Housey

Brighton senior Keenan Stolz

"Keenan is a terrific low post player who is able to score against bigger defenders. He is a very good offensive rebounder that can finish in traffic." — Brighton coach Michael Griest

Brighton senior Noah Bennett

East Division

Wayne Memorial senior Isaiah Lewis

"He is a four-year starter, two-time Division Champ, Conference Champ and Association Champ and has a District Championship. He was a leader." — Wayne Memorial coach Nkwane Young Wayne Memorial senior Cartier

Muse-Suber

"He is a two-year starter on the team.

John Glenn senior Rennel Thrasher

"One of the best scorers in the conference - has the ability to score in a number of ways. Rennel has the ability

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Sweigard, who will play soccer at Trine University next year, says she hopes the game shows people that anyone in the community can make a difference.

"I think it shows that if you have an idea and you set your mind to it, you'll hit some obstacles, but in the end you can make it happen," Sweigard said. "There are people around you that will help you."

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Fournier

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and played basketball. Despite having college opportunities in football, he decided that baseball was his true favorite sport and chose that instead.

Through four games this season, Cal is hitting .400 with a double, triple and six RBIs.

Last season he hit .315 and in his sophomore season he hit .287.

One of his goals for this year is to hit .400 for the season. He also wants to win a city championship and win a district title.

He admitted that having his dad as a coach has its benefits, but that it also brings more pressure.

"It's cool because it's not something every kid gets to have, but it comes with a little more weight on your shoulders," Cal said. "Everything I do is magnified, just because he's my dad."

Matt said it's been a fun journey coaching his son and that as the season goes on and nears its end, he'll be able to reflect more upon the last few seasons.

"Our goal for all of our kids wasn't

"I talked to other Franklin kids that play at Madonna and they talked very highly of the program and the people around it."

Cal Fournier

On why he chose Madonna

necessarily to be a college athlete, that was a goal of his," Matt said. "His mom and I are both proud of him."

Both of his parents played college sports, his mom at Eastern Michigan and dad at Wayne State. Now, Cal will continue the family tradition while studying education.

Matt said that he wanted Cal to pick a school that lined up with what he wanted to study, since his baseball career can't last forever. He's happy he'll be close to home and thinks it's a great match.

"We've sent a number of kids over to that program, we have three that are playing for them right now, so there are some kids that he was teammates with that are already there," Matt said. "It was a nice fit for him."



Franklin's Cal Fournier signs to play baseball at Madonna next season. COURTESY OF MATT FOURNIER

Teams

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to take over a game, especially when the game is on the line. He is well respected throughout the KLAA." - Watts

I Livonia Stevenson senior Nick Knoph

"Nick was a great leader on and off the floor. A sensational scorer." - Stevenson coach Kareem Smartt

I Livonia Stevenson junior Evan Bradford

"Evan is a do it all player. Whatever is asked he tries to accomplish." - Smartt I Dearborn senior Ben Clark

"Two year starter and senior captain. Ben was our true leader both on and off the court." - Dearborn coach Kevin Barkoff

I Dearborn senior Alieu Kah

"Two-year starter and senior captain. Alieu was by far our most versatile player. He was asked to do a lot on the court for us - both offensively and defensively." - Barkoff

Fordson junior Zak Maisari

"Zak moved to the PG spot after an injury early this year and immediately led the team. He was the consistent offensive threat who could create for himself and others. He also made the big shots for us down the stretch." - Fordson coach Osama Abulhassan

I Livonia Franklin senior Chase Crespi

"Chase was our strongest scoring threat and played with emotion on both ends of the floor. Playing hard on both ends, he was able to manufacture points and force opponents into turnovers. Chase would be the other team's primary focus on the defensive end and was able to make plays." - Franklin coach Thomas Hurley

I Livonia Churchill senior Joel Forgacs

"Joel was one of our leaders and a do it all player for us. He was our go to guy on both ends of the floor. He played all positions 1-5 and would do anything the team required to help us be successful." Churchill coach James McCulloh

Honorable Mentions: Wayne Memorial senior Chayce Leslie, Belleville junior Brandon Jackson, John Glenn junior Xavier Miller, Stevenson senior Daley Cobb, Dearborn junior Niemer Hamood, Fordson junior Ryan Abbas, Franklin senior Jack Cronyn, Churchill senior Ethan Gyurnek

KLAA Girls All-Conference Team

West Division

Brighton junior Sophie Dziekan

"Sophie is a D-1 prospect who was our leading scorer and rebounder. She is also able to control the paint on the defensive end of the court. Sophie is verbally committed to Bowling Green State University." - Brighton coach Paul Ash

Brighton senior Lauren Brown "Lauren is a three-year varsity player. one of our captains, she lead

from her position. she can post up as well as drop the 3 pointer. Very coachable young lady." - Olszewski

Plymouth sophomore Kyra Brandon

"Kyra is our floor general. She sees the game and has a feel for the game better than any other player we have had. She's a dynamic passer and her ability to change speeds to quickly makes her a tough check. We always count on her to make the big play for our team in crunch time." - Plymouth coach Ryan Ballard

Plymouth junior Sydney McCaig 'Syd is tough to guard because she

can score from the three-point line, mid-range or in the post. She's crafty around the rim and is able to score in a variety of ways. We love her on defense because of her toughness and willingness to sacrifice her body to take a charge for the team " - Ballar

linois." -- Wayne Memorial coach Jarvis Mitchell

Wayne Memorial senior Jayah Hicks

"Second-year 1st team All-conference player. Has one of the best motors in the conference. Plays to the last bell. Signed with South Carolina State University." - Mitchell

Wayne Memorial senior Sammiyah Hoskin

"Sammiyah did a great job scoring and rebounding for us this year. Extremely craft utility player that can match up against anyone." - Mitchell

Wayne Memorial junior Makailah Zeigler-Griggs

"Emerged as one of the top juniors in the country this year, the 6'0 point forward has done a little bit of everything. She's committed to the University of Mitchell

ery game and is our lock down defender. She is the one we always put on teams best players when needed. Her length and ability with on and off the ball defense has been huge for us this season. She leads the team in points per game and is second in steals." - Stevenson coach Karen Anger

Livonia Stevenson senior Kimmy Freed

"Kimmy is a great 3/4 player. Her ability to block shots both on guard drives and on posts makes her hard to figure out for other teams. She is also the most accurate three-point shooter we have, leading the team in three-point percentage. Kimmy also leads the team in free-throw percentage, assists per game and rebounds per game." - Anger Livonia Churchill senior Maria

Targosz Maria is a four year starter who has really helped set the foundation of our team since I have taken over. A three year captain who is tough as nails and has been one of the best shooters in the league." - Churchill coach K'Len Morris Livonia Churchill senior Mary-**Clair Yost** "Mary-Clair is another four year starter who has been an anchor for our defense since day one. She brings a level of toughness and intensity that coaches love. She is a game changer on defense due to her versatility." - Morris



As Pioneer Ilena Garett, right, tries to guard her, Wayne Memorial player Jeanae Terry drives for the basket. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

sists and steals. She was our 2nd leading scorer. She has been a valuable leader on and off the court this season." -Ash

Brighton junior Isabella Vogt

"Bella is a thee year varsity player. She is 2nd in assists and 3rd in steals for our team. She has really improved her court awareness and defense." - Ash

Brighton junior Martha Pietila

"Martha is a two year varsity player. She is our best on-ball defender. She has done a great job taking our opponent's best guard out of the game." - Ash

Hartland junior Madi Moyer

"Madi is a junior who is currently our leading scorer through 18 games. Madi averaged 8.7 points per game and also grabs 6 rebounds per game. She also leads our team by being a captain." -Hartland coach Don Palmer

Hartland junior Nikki Dompierre

"Nikki is a junior who averages eight points per game and leads us in assists as well. She is our top defender and shoots 75 percent from the free-throw line. She also leads our team as a captain." - Palmer

Hartland junior Whitney Sollom

"Whitney started the season late due to an injury, but is now averaging 9.9 points per game and 6.9 rebounds per game. She has a great shot blocking ability and leads the team as a captain." - Palmer

Hartland freshman Amanda Roach

"Amanda is very talented and has scored 145 points through 17 games. She has a great ability to get to the basket off the dribble. She is an intense competitor who is already getting attention from numerous colleges." - Palmer

Howell junior Kaylee Wendel

"Kaylee is a three-year starter and captain. One of the toughest players I have ever coached." - Howell coach Tim Olszewski

I Howell sophomore Meagan Tuck-

"Meagan allows us some diversity

Novi junior Jenna Daschke

"Jenna is our point guard and leading scorer. She commands the defenses full attention and has lead a second half of the season team resurgence." - Novi coach Charles Aro

Novi senior Anna Beberstein

"Anna is a senior leader for us and does all the little things our team needs. She always guards the other teams best player and occupies great space in the middle on defense." - Aro

Northville junior Ellie Thallman

"Ellie was our top scoring threat. Solid jump shot but can also take you off the dribble. Led us in scoring despite missing three games. Made big plays when we needed them most." - Northville coach Todd Gudith

Salem sophomore Mattison Joyner

"As a sophomore Joyner has been an offensive and defensive spark plug for our program this year working hard daily. Joyner was our leading scorer this season. We are excited for her to step into a leadership role as a junior." — Salem coach Lauren Evans

Canton senior Carly Schwinke

"Carly is our go-to player and has played more minutes this season than any other varsity player. She always displays a positive attitude and will be attending the university of Michigan next fall." - Canton coach Robert Heitmeyer

Honorable Mentions: Brighton junior Elaine Halonen, Hartland sophomore Syd Caddell, Howell senior Allison Pennala, Plymouth junior Sophie Zelek, Novi senior Lauryn Burgess, Northville junior Morgan Thompson, Salem senior Lyniah Willson, Canton sophomore Noel Blain

East Division

Wayne Memorial senior Jeanae Terry

"One of the most versatile players in the conference. Four year starter that has engineered Wayne's resurgence. Has only lost five KLAA games in her four years. Signed with University of Il-

Dearborn sophomore Erin Moran "Erin is a hard working forward. She logs in a lot of minutes and is a rebounding specialist. Erin is always around the ball on defense and able to grab rebounds consistently." - Dearborn coach Eric Quine

I Dearborn sophomore Malak Alhajj

"Malak is a point guard that is able to create offense. Malak has improved throughout the season and had a very good sophomore season as her role was expanded." - Quine

Dearborn senior Sarah Campbell

"Sarah is a three year varsity player that plays the forward position. Sarah took on the leadership role as a senior. Sarah has progressed throughout the year and became a scoring, and rebounding threat." - Quine

I Fordson senior Rana El Husseini

"Rana is the constant team player who can take over any game. She is able shoot and break down defenses. She is one of the best point guards in the state and one of the best players in school history. She will leave Fordson owning just about every record and shattering the points record." - Fordson coach Saleh Abazeed

Fordson junior Diana Saleh

"Diana was a double-double machine for us this season. She was able to take her game to another level with a strong post game and would snatch any board that was in her vicinity. She was also a force on the defensive side, leading the team with 4 blocks and altering shots in the paint." - Abazeed

Fordson freshman Batoul Reda

'She really helped us reach another level once she was inserted into the lineup. She has an outstanding inside/out game and became our best on ball defender, where she was asked to guard the opponent's best player every night." Abazeed

I Livonia Stevenson junior Tara Bourdage

"Tara is a consistent scorer for us ev-

John Glenn junior Jasmine Edwards

"Jasmine is a three year varsity starter for us. She has shown that she can be our leading scorer, rebounder, and also the leader of her team in highly contested games. Jasmine has improved just about every part of her game which she has worked diligently on in practice and in the off season." - John Glenn coach Derrick Jordan

Belleville senior Che'Lyn Wilson

"Che' Lyn is an excellent competitor at both ends of the court. She is great at attacking the basket and creating for teammates as well a great on and off the ball defender." - Belleville coach Phil Freeman

Livonia Franklin sophomore **Hunter Conway**

"Hunter is a two year varsity starter that has bounced back from a knee injury last year. She is a smooth ball handler and finishes around the basket. Hunter rebounds well for her size and does an excellent job against pressure." Franklin coach John Santi

Honorable Mentions: Wayne Memorial sophomore Alana Micheaux, Dearborn junior Emma Obermill, Fordson senior Ayah Zaban, Stevenson junior Josie Piergentili, Churchill junior Kayla Osen, John Glenn sophomore Taylor Watkins-Johnson, Belleville senior Arianna Crout, Franklin freshman Erin Young

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OUTDOORS

Criticism follows bill that could repeal ban on deer, elk baiting

Jeremy Ervin Port Huron Times Herald **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Hunters may be allowed to bait deer and elk again if Senate Bill 37 becomes law. But the measure has drawn criticism, with opponents saying it could undermine the prevention of chronic wasting disease.

Baiting deer and elk was banned effective Jan. 31 by the Natural Resource Commission in an effort to combat chronic wasting disease.

The Natural Resources Commission is a seven-member, governor-appointed body that has the exclusive power to regulate the taking of game in the state, established by Proposal G in 1996. The commission is intended to use "principles of sound scientific management in making decisions regarding the taking of game," according to the proposal.

The bill was introduced on Jan. 16 and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. A legislative analysis was completed on April 8.

Michigan Untied Conservation Clubs **Executive Director Amy Trotter said the** group opposes the bill's bypass of the NRC's ban.

"This is in direct reaction to the baiting and feeding ban the NRC enacted because of chronic wasting disease," Trotter said.

Founded in 1937, the Michigan Untied Conservation Clubs' mission is to unite residents to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage, according to its website.

Trotter said the bill lacks clear parameters on the kind of feed or bait permitted, the time of year feed or bait can be used and other details. She also said the bill could set a precedent of the legislature getting involved in wildlife management issues, which are currently under the purview of the NRC.

"We don't believe that this should be a decision of the legislature," she said.

Sen. Curtis VanderWall, R-Ludington, is the bill's sponsor. He said he did ers and hunters in his community about



Baiting deer and elk was banned effective Jan. 31 by the Natural Resource Commission in an effort to combat chronic wasting disease. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

his own research on chronic wasting disease, and found he did not agree with the NRC's reasons for the ban.

"It's hypothetical that (CWD) can be transmitted through baiting," Vander-Wall said.

He said he regularly hears from farm-

the issue, and said he wants Michigan to have a strong hunting heritage.

VanderWall said he knows the issue is controversial, but his motivation is ensuring the health of the deer heard, hunting traditions and farmers' business. He said he believes the bait ban could further reduce Michigan's hunters, leading an an overpopulated herd.

"What's the difference to a deer if there's an apple under an apple tree or an apple under a maple tree?" he said.

To read up on the bill and track it's progress, check out its page on the Michigan legislature website at bit.ly/2U8XhEE.

OUTDOORS **Grand Traverse Bay** trout limit cut in half

Maryann Struman Detroit Free Press

day during the harvest season.

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Bad news for trout lovers fishing in Grand Traverse Bay.

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Lake trout harvest limits are required by a 2000 consent involving certain tribal governments, the federal government and the State of Michigan aimed at maintaining a sustainable harvest.

Last year, anglers were allowed to keep two 15-inch or larger lake trout per

The new one-trout restriction started Friday and remains in effect for the rest of the lake trout season, which ends Sept. 30.

The agency is encouraging anglers to target fish other than trout.

"Lake trout are not good targets of catch-and-release fishing, because about 40 percent of those that are caught and released won't survive to be caught again," said Heather Hettinger, a local DNR fisheries biologist.

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Students support teacher put on leave

Sean Bradley Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Hartland High School students said they plan to show up to the district's Board of Education meeting this week in support of Brian Morrison, a gym teacher and varsity baseball coach who is on paid leave after an incident involving a student.

Morrison has been on paid leave since March 3 after an incident on March 1 where he allegedly "roughhoused" with a student during gym class, putting the student in a headlock and ripping the student's shirt in the process, according to seniors Griffin Neuer and Michael Harris.

"It wasn't meant to be aggressive at all," Harris said of the incident. "He was messing around with him. He's just super friendly."

Morrison declined comment on the incident. Hartland Superintendent Chuck Hughes said last week that Morrison is on paid leave.

"Out of respect for the parties involved, the district is not at liberty to share details of a personnel issue," Hughes said Monday.

Aaron Bell took over as interim varsity baseball coach after Morrison was put on leave. Bell has been an assistant coach on the team for the past seven years.

On Friday, hundreds of students walked out of the high school in support of Morrison.

"It was more of showing support for a teacher who has put hard work and dedication into the schools," Neuer said Friday.

The walkout started about 9:45 a.m. and students left school and gathered at the baseball stadium. It lasted approximately 30 minutes and all students returned to class, Hughes said.

"We believe he's been treated unfairly," Neuer said. Harris was asked if it's OK for a teacher or faculty member to put their hands on a student in any way.

"To a certain extent, no. You really have to know him to understand," Harris said. "He would never put his hands on a student to cause them harm."



Hartland High School baseball coach and gym teacher Brian Morrison is on paid administrative leave after an incident where he allegedly "roughhoused" with a student during gym class, putting the student in a headlock. LIVINGSTON DAILY FILE

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DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 5/11/2019. You must set your appointment by 5/4/2019 and purchase by 5/11/2019. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Get \$300 off each window and \$700 off each patio door and either 12 months zero money down, zero monthly payments, zero interest or 3% off your entire order when you pay in cash, check or with a credit card when you purchase four (4) or more windows or patio doors between 4/1/2019 and 5/11/2019. The 3% discount for paying in cash check or credit card is taken after the other discounts in this promotion are applied. Financing offer subject to credit approval Interest is billed during the promotional period, but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. Financing for GreenSky® consumer loan programs is provided by federally insured, federal and state chartered financial institutions without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender or familial status. Savings comparison based on purchase of a single unit at list price. Available only at participating locations. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. License number available upon request. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. "Renewal by Andersen" and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of Andersen Corporation. ©2019 Anderser Corporation. All rights reserved. ©2019 Lead Surge LLC. All rights reserved.

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- Yard sign and window decals help deter crime
- Quickly connect to fire and emergency response
- May qualify for a homeowners insurance discount

WE'RE AVAILABLE 24/7- CALL TODAY! 313-241-9183

Ask about same-day installation! Reply By May 31, 2019





Monitored by ADT the #1 home security company in the U.S.

HOME SECURITY SYSTEM

FREE

850

***EQUIPMENT:** Equipment shown may require additional fees. GIFT CARD: \$100 Visa Gift Card fulfilled by Protect Your Home through third-party provider, Mpell, upon installation of a security system. Shipping and Handling Fee applies. EENSORS: Up to 15 senars free for pre-wired homes or up to 7 wireless sensors free, No substitutions allowed. Lakor charges may apply. BASIC SYSTEM: S99 Parts and Install. S6-Month Monitoring Agreement required at \$27.99 per month (\$1,007,64). 24-Month Monitoring Agreement required at \$27.99 per month (\$1,007,64). 24-Month Monitoring Agreement required at \$27.99 per month (\$1,007,64). 24-Month Monitoring Agreement required at \$27.99 per month (\$27.17). 16 for California. Offer applies to homeowners only. Basic system requires landine phone. Offer valid for new ADT Authorized Premier Provider customers only and not on purchases from ADT LLC. Cannot be combined with any other offer. The \$27.99 Offer does not include Quality Service Plan (QSP), ADT's Extended Limited Waranty. ADT Pulse: ADT Pulse interactive Solutions Services ("ADT Pulse") which help you manage your home environment and family lifestyle, require the purchase and/or activation of an ADT alam system with monitored burgins yervice and a compatible computer, cell phone on PDA with Internet and email access. These ADT Pulse services are not available in all geographic areas. You may be required to puga additional charges to purchase equipment required to utilize the ADT Pulse services 75.89 per month (\$2,123.64), including Quality Service Plan (QSP). GENERAL: For all offers, the form of payment must be by credit card or electronic charge to you checking or savings account, satisfactory credit history is required and termination of an ADT Pulse. Unable Pulse Systems Systems and the controling requires purchase and/or activation of an ADT pulse trained fram apply additional darge. Additional framing apply and additional darge. Additional darge applies. Certain packages require approved landline phone. Local permit frees m



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Wine & Beer Tasting

9TH ANNUAL CHARITY WINE & BEER TASTING

All proceeds from this event are dedicated to helping students achieve their highest potential.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 Tasting 7:00 - 9:30 pm

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