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## Canton owner objects to home demolition

### Vacant building on Lotz Road deemed 'dangerous'

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From a distance, the modest, one-story home at 870 Lotz Road in Canton Township appears benign.

Covered with gray aluminum siding and resting on a cement slab in the mid-

dle of a rural lot saturated at times by pudding water and other times surrounded with a layer of snow, the building looks about as threatening as a newborn puppy.

Looks are deceiving, however, according to Canton Township building officials, who have deemed the home

dangerous based on the standards of the township's 12-item dangerous-building ordinance.

Homeowner Jeanne Wyatt, her attorney David Nykanen and Joe VanEsley, a Canton-based real-estate agent who is working with Wyatt, pleaded with township officials to spare the home at a series of public hearings.

The home is vacant and properly secured, subtracting any danger factor

from the building, Wyatt and the representatives stressed.

After hearing testimony and collecting opinions from building officials and township attorney Kristin Kolb, the Canton Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously Jan. 14 to give the owner 28 days to demolish the structure.

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Scott Freeman, general manager of the Farmington Civic Theater in downtown Farmington, talks about how he and his staff keep the movie theater profitable and relevant in the age of online movie streaming. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## How small-town movie theaters stay profitable

**David Veselenak** Hometownlife.com  
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There are a lot of questions when it comes to deciding where to go for a night out at the movies.

Which theater has the best popcorn? Which has the best selection? Where do you feel like you're in a theater?

For many, the answers will lead to a major multiple-screen complex such as an Emagine or Regal Cinemas theater. But for others, the smaller, more intimate setting can make the experience all the better.

"The draw is the movie. Secondary is the theater," said Scott Freeman, general manager of the Farmington Civic

Theater in downtown Farmington. "There's a lot of people out there that like the smaller theater, that make the conscious choice to see it here."

While plenty of major movie theaters continue to pop up and expand across metro Detroit, several

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## Farmington sells historic Village Mall

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A historic building anchoring downtown Farmington has a new owner.

The Village Mall, at 33335 Grand River, has been purchased by Farmington Hills-based GLP Financial Group, which will relocate from its offices near 12 Mile and Halsted to the former Farmington State Bank Building after some renovations are made to the structure, which was originally built in the early 1920s.

GLP Financial Group plans to move its headquarters to the bank building and will have other outlying buildings, including the one at 33305 Grand River that contains several storefronts.

The company is acquiring the building from Farmington Holding Company, which has managed the property since 1975 after the Warner family purchased it back in the 1970s.

"Until the sale, the majority of the partners consisted of Warner family members who are thrilled that the property will be given a new lease on life," said David Cornwell, a managing partner representing Farmington Holding Company, in a statement released by the Farmington Downtown Development Authority. "They are optimistic that the proposed redevelopment of the property will be as positive for downtown Farmington as the original development was nearly 100 years ago."

GLP Financial Group has enlisted the services of Birmingham-based Biddison Architecture to revamp the space to bring the organization's headquarters to the site.

DDA Executive Director Kate Knight said work is expected to begin this year, though no timetable for opening was announced.

GLP Financial Group has several offices across the country, including in Texas and California. Here in Michigan, they operate in Farmington Hills, Muskegon, Holland, Grand Rapids and South Haven.

The company provides financial services, including retirement planning, asset protection and wealth management, among others.

Alex Kocoves, CEO of GLP Financial Group, said the company had looked across several communities to purchase a new headquarters, including

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## BioLife plans plasma donation clinic in Livonia

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One of the last lots at a major Livonia shopping center appears to have a tenant planning to come later this year.

BioLife Plasma Services, which ac-

cepts plasma from customers in exchange for payment, plans to construct a new clinic on the last remaining lot at Wonderland Village near Plymouth and Middlebelt roads.

The company, which has clinics across the country, received a recom-

mendation of approval from the city's planning commission to construct a 14,390-square-foot building at the site.

"The proposed BioLife would occupy the last remaining building pad

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in Southfield, Birmingham, Bloomfield and Pontiac. But the charm of the Village Mall building convinced them that was the spot to plant roots.

"We're really, really excited," he said. "You look at Plymouth and Northville, and Farmington has that potential."

The building was purchased for \$2.6 million, Kocoves said.

He said work is expected to begin in either March or April and could wrap up by the end of the year, de-

pending on what needs to be done.

Kocoves said they have also been speaking to the businesses that occupy the space and the surrounding area and have worked with them to make sure they still have a place in which to operate.

Having a good relationship with the surrounding businesses, Kocoves said, is crucial to the company locating in its new home.

"We are not outside investors looking for a rental property," he said. "That's going to be our home."

"We're living there and those people are our neighbors."

Knight said it's admirable to see GLP Financial Group do its best to work with those businesses currently inside the building.

She noted most of those businesses have been able to find other space to use within downtown.

A grant from Main Street Oakland County has been secured to help with relocation costs for those businesses.

Knight said GLP Financial Group coming to the downtown area is a great addition for the city.

"They are a great addition to downtown," she said. "They're concerned as stewards of this cool, historic property."

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Farmington State Savings Bank (now the Village Mall) opened at Grand River and Farmington Road on March 18, 1922. The lobby was marble and walnut and the vault door weighed more than 10,000 pounds. GLP Financial Group recently purchased the building from Farmington Holding Company, which has managed the property since 1975 after the Warner family purchased it back in the 1970s.

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If the home is not demolished within 28 days, the township will place a lien on the property and demolish the home at the homeowner's expense.

Kolb explained that a building can be labeled "dangerous" if it violates just one of the 12 listed items. The building at 870 Lotz Road has been vacant for over 180 days, a violation of the ordinance.

Township officials argued that the building has been in a state of disrepair for some time, scarred by extensive interior mold and exterior damage that is allowing water to seep into the house, and that the homeowner has failed to repair the structure since the initial dangerous building hearing was held June 4, 2019.

Nykanen countered by stating the paving of Lotz Road in 2016 ignited the flooding and mold issues because Wayne County covered up a large ditch near the road that drew the storm water away from the home.

Wayne County, Nykanen continued, says the paving project had nothing to do with the disrepair of the house.

"Am I surprised that the county takes no responsibility for the problems? No,

not at all," Nykanen said. "That's what I would expect them to say.

"I have signed affidavits from neighbors that the 870 Lotz Road property did not flood prior to the paving of the road and the covering of the ditch. The flooding started after the road was paved.

"It's common sense: The paving caused the problems."

Kolb emphasized that the township is required to follow its ordinances.

"Unfortunately, we can't base our decisions on common sense," she said. "We have to make objective decisions based on the laws, not subjective opinions."

Wyatt is caught in a catch-22, Nykanen said.

"The township has told her not to complete any more work on the structure until the flooding issue is resolved, but the county refuses to admit it caused the problem in the first place so it is not going to install a drain that could clear up the problem," Nykanen said.

When asked if a potential lawsuit against Wayne County was forthcoming, Nykanen said he couldn't comment.

"However, I will say that the decision to demolish this home will not go unchallenged," he said.

Another dangerous home in the township took much longer to raze: The charred remains of a home at 500 Me-



The vacant home at 870 Lotz Road in Canton has a date with the wrecking ball, but its owner is fighting the township over the issue. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

rion Drive in Canton were demolished in November, over a year after it burned.

"It took the township almost two years to demolish that house and they're only giving us one month," Nykanen said.

If the 870 Lotz Road structure is not demolished by the owner before the 28-day deadline expires, the township will pay upfront for the demolition out of the general fund. The lowest quote for that

demolition is \$4,860.

The township would then place a lien on the property and bill the property owner for the cost of the demolition. The contractor would perform the demolition service in accordance with all policies, permits and processes as stated in the demolition agreement with Canton.

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# Clinic

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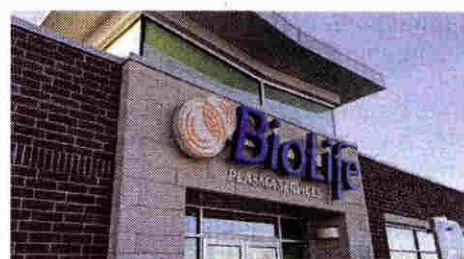
located on the far west end of the (shopping center)," said Mark Taormina, the city's planning director.

The plans, which were delayed from the fall, will now go to the city council, which has the final approval.

The council placed approval on its consent agenda for Feb. 10, which implies that the elected officials have no concerns with the plans and likely will approve it. Council members can pull the item off the consent agenda to discuss it further.

"This is such a needed kind of thing," Councilwoman Laura Toy said. "They've proven themselves throughout many different cities in the state. It sounds great."

Nick Slaughterbeck, an architect



BioLife plans to open a new plasma donation center on Plymouth Road in Livonia later this year.

MAUREEN WALLENFANG/USA TODAY NETWORK

with Cleveland-based Onyx Creative, said they've made some modifications to the building to better fit with the surrounding buildings.

"One of the worries we had heard was there was too long and too broad of a space. This facade was too bland and too monotone," he said. "As such, we've added more angulation and parapet,

more pushing and pulling in the facade."

It would be the first BioLife clinic to open in metro Detroit. Clinics currently operate in several other Michigan cities, including Grand Rapids, Grandville, Mount Pleasant and Marquette. More than 120 BioLife clinics operate across the United States.

The center accepts donations of plasma from clients in exchange for payment, which is done by putting funds on a reloadable debit card. Donated plasma is used to support a variety of uses, including hemophilia therapies, immune deficiency therapies and blood volume replacement.

"As the demand for plasma-derived therapies increases, BioLife is expanding throughout the United States to help meet that demand. Our new center in Michigan and the metro Detroit area is part of that overall national expansion," the company said in a statement to Hometown Life. "BioLife looks for areas

with a large population where it doesn't have a presence, real estate availability, and the amount of skilled staff nearby."

There's no exact word on when the clinic could be built, though the company has said it hopes to open there later this year.

If constructed, the clinic would join Walmart, Target, LA Fitness and several smaller shops in the Schostak Brothers Company-owned shopping center, which was built on the site formerly occupied by Wonderland Mall, which closed in 2004.

Planning commissioner Peter Ventura said he was happy with the updates provided by the builders of the clinic.

"I think the building plan as it stands today is much improved," he said.

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Livonia Councilman Jim Jolly proposed the ordinance. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

## Livonia poised to allow elected officials to vote while away on military duty

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Livonia City Council members who are deployed for military service may soon be able to participate in meetings remotely.

The idea was inspired by Councilman Rob Donovic's election in November 2019. Donovic, 27, is council's youngest-ever member and also serves in the Army National Guard as an II Bravo infantryman.

"Tonight it was really cool to see them taking that forward-thinking approach to allow people wanting to serve in multiple capacities," Donovic said.

The council voted 7-0 to consider an ordinance, which the city's legal department will draft to be voted on later.

Councilman Jim Jolly suggested the ordinance after Clerk Susan Nash and City Attorney Paul Bernier noted Michigan's Open Meetings Act allows for officials to participate in meetings remotely.

"It's great that this is one of these ways that technology enables us to more fully be a representative republic and have our people contribute, some-

times in more ways than one," Jolly said.

Donovic may or may not be the council's only member to serve in the armed forces while elected, but Jolly said he is certainly the only one in recent years.

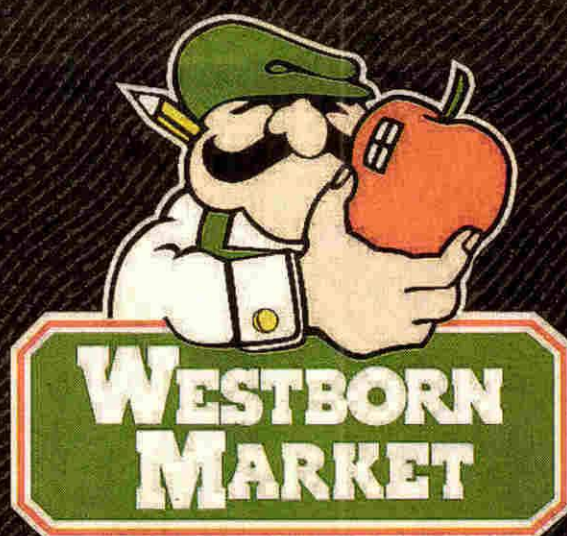
Jolly said the city would likely try to create a uniform procedure for remote participation if this is passed, but it would also depend on the deployed council member's resources at the time. Donovic said his orders are "constantly changing" and cannot be anticipated.

"I would presume that we're going to investigate the technology and see what works," Jolly said. "I think once we figure what that is, it'll probably be pretty steady going forward. But, it obviously would be subject to his access to technology on his side as well."

Donovic hopes the ordinance proposal and potential passage will inspire others to serve their community in more ways than one.

"I hope this motivates other people in the military to get involved in the community," he said.

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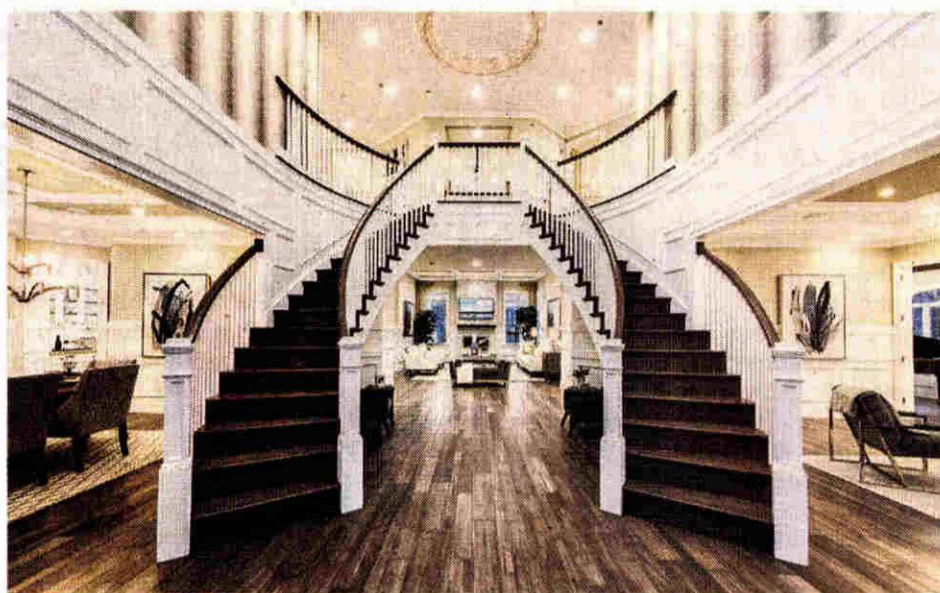
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# Theaters

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communities still hold on to the vintage feel of a bygone era. These movie theaters have survived for decades, even as the AMCs and MJRs dot the landscape. Facing a history of challenges including a world war, the advent of home video and the streaming video, several across the region have kept their doors open.

How do these theaters stand the test of time?

## Improvements are key

Most theaters in the area have seen their share of struggles over the years, even facing closure. But through it all – including the 2008 recession – they’ve found a way to reopen and thrive.

The South Lyon Theater in downtown South Lyon is a prime example. After opening in 1945, the theater at 126 E. Lake St. had several owners before it was foreclosed on for not paying back taxes in 2008. It was then purchased at a sheriff’s sale by an investment group that operated it until 2015, when it was purchased by Salem Township residents Debra and David Neil.

The changing demographics in southwest Oakland County are what Debra Neil attributes the theater’s recent success:

the Lyon area is one of the fastest growing communities in Michigan. Having the South Lyon Theater and its first-run movies is crucial to keeping people in town for a night out.

She’s hopeful the transformation happening in downtown South Lyon, with added restaurants and long-vacant buildings being occupied, will bolster the 173-seat theater.

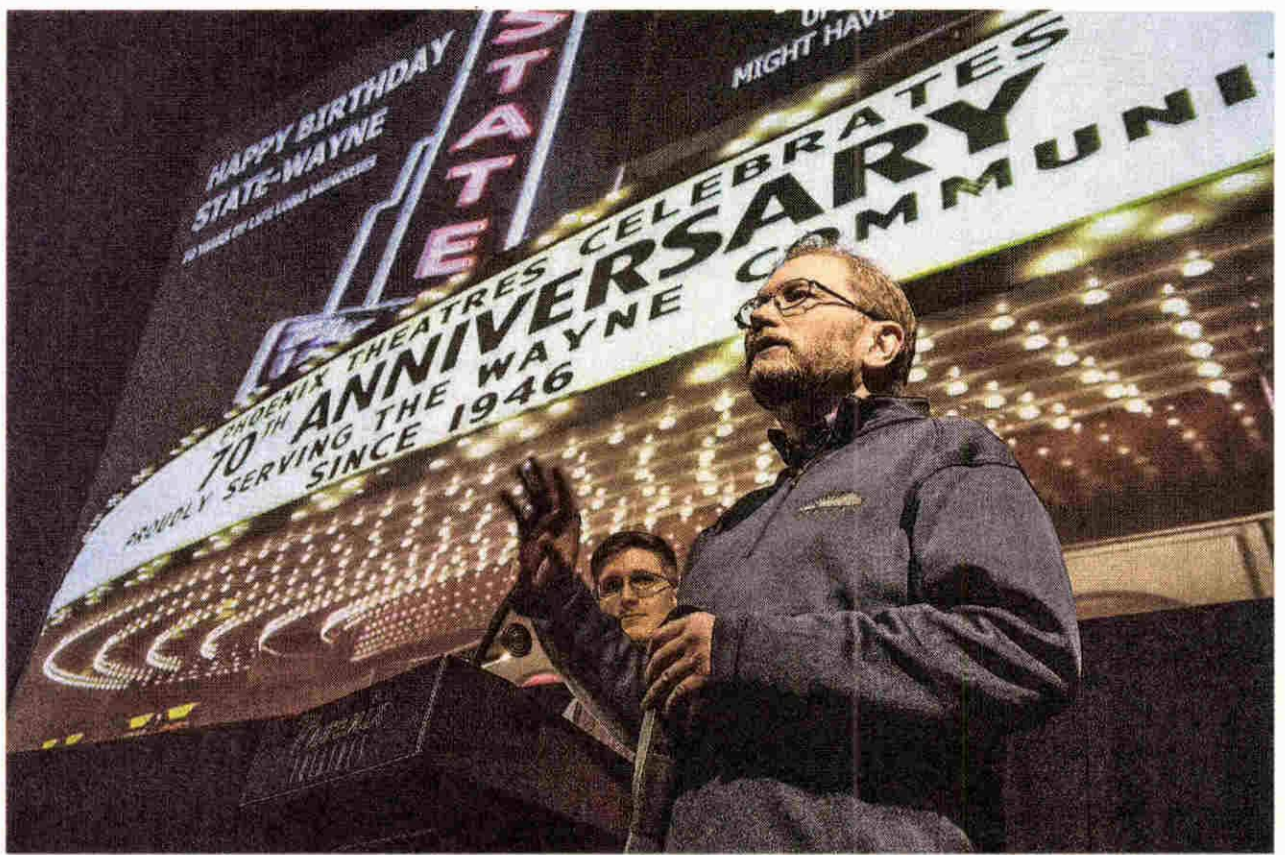
“I think a lot of people who live in this area that have to go out for entertainment and things, if we had the restaurants coming in downtown and we had something here, then they wouldn’t have to go somewhere else,” she said. “The community here is growing, so we’re looking for what the community needs.”

The Neils have had new seats installed and are expanding the theater’s special uses with events such as private birthday parties. The previous owners put in a digital projection system.

But those systems aren’t cheap and can affect a small theater. Freeman said the Farmington Civic Theater installed its upgrades in 2013 at a cost of \$150,000, no small feat for a two-screen theater owned by the city.

While the Farmington theater was able to keep the lights on, he knows that’s not always the situation.

“That’s what causes a lot of these theaters to fail,” he said. “It’s a big



Cory Jacobson, of Phoenix Theatres, and Shane Vida, general manager of the State Wayne Theater, talk about the theater’s history. The theater had been in business nearly 75 years before falling into disuse when the Farmington Hills-based company with movie houses in Livonia and Monroe and two outside Michigan stepped in. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

decision, but it was the only decision if we wanted to survive.”

Some theaters are keenly aware of those expenses and don’t mince words: they go straight to the public to ask for help. Such is the case at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth, operated by the nonprofit group Friends of the Penn after it was saved by a local group of investors back in 2005.

Ellen Elliott, the group’s executive director, said they didn’t have

room in the budget for major capital expenditures in recent years, so they’ve gone to donors to help keep the theater open. A list of donors is maintained on the wall as patrons enter the 402-seat theater that showed its first film just three days before Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941.

“We just wouldn’t be able to fix anything,” she said.

While most smaller theaters have stayed with the traditional movie theater seating, one local

historical movie house has upgraded, a standard the company owning it addressed throughout the theater chain’s locations.

Phoenix Theatres purchased the historic State Wayne Theater back in 2014 from the city of Wayne, which operated it for two years. The theater had been in business nearly 75 years before falling into disuse. That’s when the Farmington Hills-based theater company with movie houses in Livonia and Monroe

and two outside of Michigan stepped in.

In addition to upgrading the projection system, recliners were installed in recent years at the theater, 35310 W. Michigan Ave., to coincide with the work done at other Phoenix Theatres locations.

“People walk in and they don’t expect to find that at the State Wayne,” said Cory Jacobson, owner of Phoenix Theatres. “It’s a nice amenity.”

## What to show?

While the theater makes for a great spectacle, as Freeman said, the show itself is the star. The strategy of what to show on the big screen is a challenge for smaller theater owners, especially as studios demand larger cuts of sales.

Freeman said the average share of a ticket price that goes back to the studios in exchange for showing a film in the theater is roughly 42%. If a movie has been out for a long time and comes from a smaller company, that cut can be as low as 35%. A recent showing of “Frozen II,” the sequel to the 2013 Disney movie, commanded 65% of a ticket’s price.

That’s one reason the Civic shows films that are a month or two old: doing so allows the theater to keep a larger percentage of the revenue. It’s how the Civic carved its niche in the market as the place to see a movie a few weeks after it premieres.

“I would say that it’s a different approach and you have an audience out there that doesn’t mind waiting a little while for a movie, or they’ve seen a movie once already and they say, ‘I’d like to see it again, but I don’t want to pay \$10-\$12,’” he said.

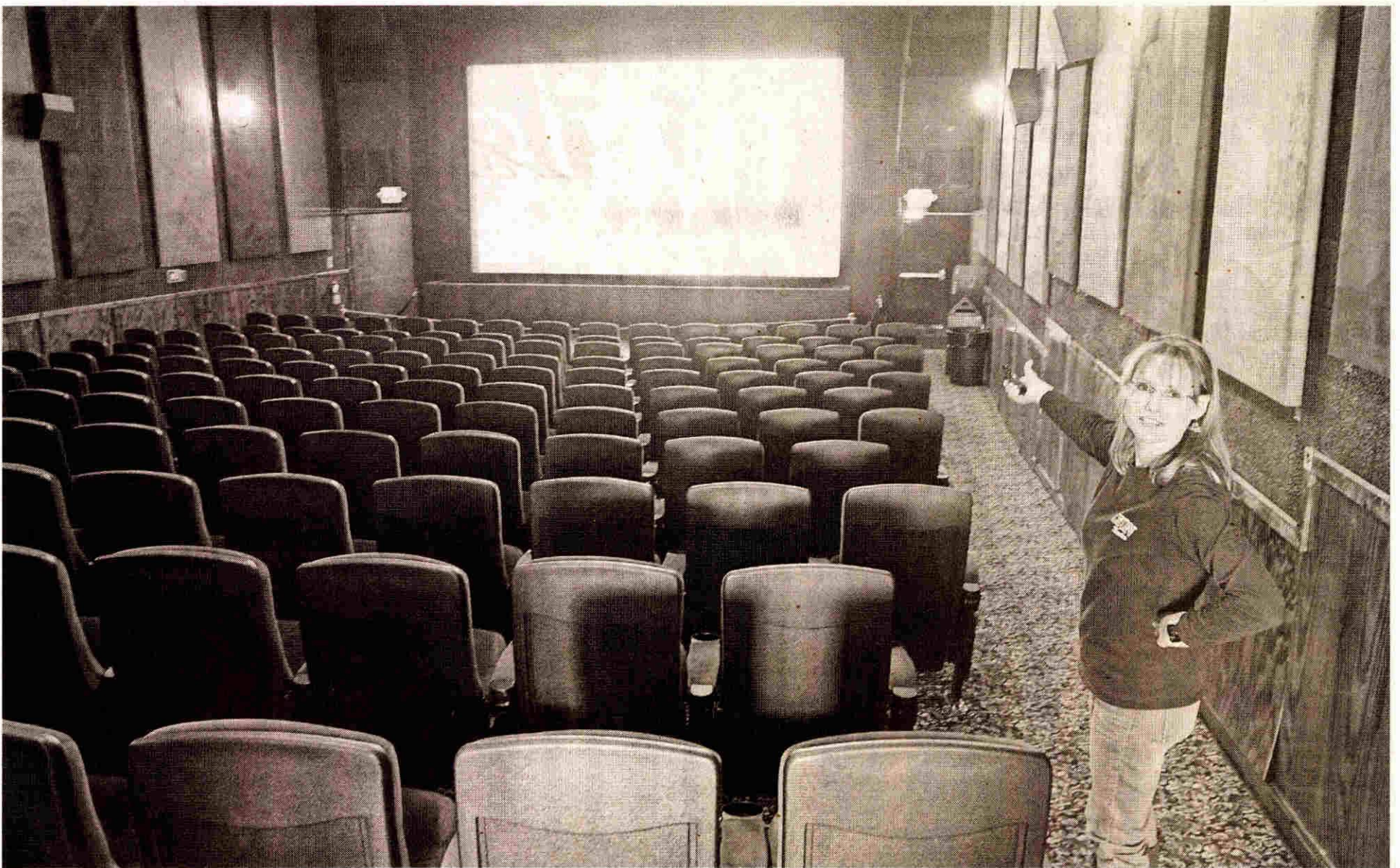
The Penn Theater takes the same concept and ups the ante: films showing each weekend at the Penn have typically been out for several months before they arrive to Plymouth. For example, “1917,” nominated for Best Picture at this year’s Oscars, won’t play at the Penn until the first weekend in April.

And if you plan on seeing something at the Penn at its \$3 ticket price, you had best head out the weekend it plays, because it won’t come back, even if there are multiple sellouts.

That has become the theater’s method of doing business and almost creates its own community of theater-goers, Elliott said.

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Debra Neil talks about the 3-D-capable screen at The Lake Street Theater in South Lyon. Tickets for 3-D movies there cost just \$2 more than the usual \$5-\$6 rate. The theater, built in 1945, seats 173. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Theaters

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They have some people who show up to the theater each weekend without knowing what's playing, just for the experience. They routinely sell out the theater using this method, having done so for "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "Ford vs. Ferrari."

"I think one reason we sell out the way we do is because people know if you don't come, you're going to miss it," Elliott said. "If we did holdovers and you really weren't sure and we did hold it for two weeks, you might just wait for the second week. That helps us to sell out."

But that strategy doesn't work for all small-town theaters. Neil still opts to be a first-run theater in downtown South Lyon, showing big-budget films such as "The Avengers" or "Star Wars" the first weekend they're available. This weekend, the theater will play "Little Women," also nominated for Best Picture at this weekend's Oscars.

Of course, having bigger films means committing to lengthier runs. "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" played in the theater as soon as it came out, but Neil had to commit to a four-week run where the movie set in a galaxy far, far away was the only thing showing.

"If Disney says you can't have 'Star Wars' unless you have it for four weeks, then I have to make a decision," she said. "It's a risk, because it's the last 'Star Wars.'"

### Evolving with the future

Even though the films are the stars of the experience, plenty of theaters have had to get creative to stay relevant.

In addition to films, many small-town theaters serve as a gathering space, hosting concerts, candidate forums, or community discussions such as one held last summer at the Penn Theatre to discuss the the Wilcox Mill.

Theaters have always served as community hubs, said Sue Boyd, director of the broadcast and cinematic arts program at Madonna University in Livonia. It's the little things those small theaters offer that can leave a lasting impact.

She recalls taking her daughter to the Milford Cinema Theatre years ago and telling the employees it was her daughter's first time at the movies. She got her popcorn for free that time.

"I think it's the personal touch that those theaters have," said Boyd, a Highland Township resident. "It's kind of like shopping from Amazon instead of your corner store."

Bringing back classic films is always a hit as well. The State Wayne has brought back "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" every month for a night screening. The strategy works at a theater like the State Wayne, as opposed to the Phoenix Theatre at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, where the group originally wanted to show the film, Jacobson said.

"I had remembered this film from 30 years ago. There was a group in town that was into it. They were looking for a place to do it," he said. "It sells out every time we play it."



Ellen Elliott, executive director of the nonprofit group Friends of the Penn, which owns the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth, punches a couple of tickets out of the World War II-era AutoMaticket machine.

**"There's a lot of people out there that like the smaller theater, that make the conscious choice to see (their movies) here."**

**Scott Freeman**  
General manager, Farmington Civic Theater

Concessions can play a big role. The prices for popcorn, pop and candy are typically higher to make up for the money from ticket sales that go to the studio, but the experience has changed. Bigger chains have brought on pizza and nachos and even bars serving mixed drinks, a trend many small theaters have eschewed in favor of the classics.

"When they come here (to the Penn) the first time, a lot of times, it's not the right place for people. They have high expectations for drinking beer and pizzas. We can't accommodate that," Elliott said. "But the fact of the matter is, if you can come and bring your family and not break the bank ... you can't beat that."

Bucking that trend will be the South Lyon Theater, where Debra Neil plans to obtain a liquor license and renovate the concession stand later this year.

"We're always looking to add more things," she said.

When it comes to keeping that small town charm, every theater owner doesn't know what the future will hold.

But one thing all these small-town theater owners agree upon is that the movie-going experience is unlike any other. That strength in community, Freeman said, is what keeps the motion pictures houses alive.

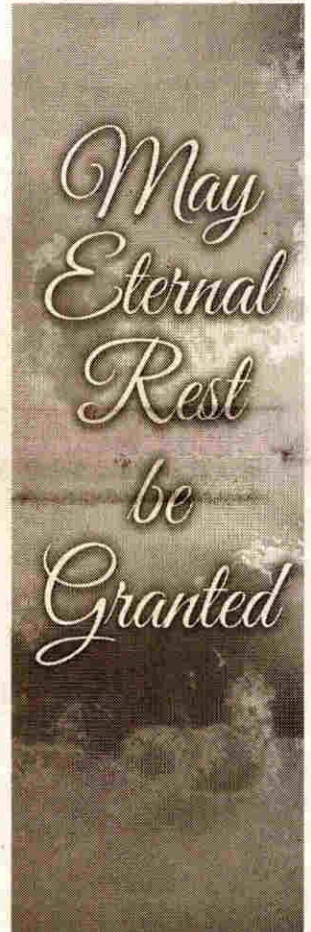
"When you go to a movie theater, people make that choice to get out and have that social environment. You hear people laughing, you hear people crying, that surprise that gets (you) scared at a horror flick. And you can't get that at your house," he said. "I think that's what drives many people, is that fun atmosphere that you can't get watching on a teeny-weeny screen."

"I think there's good life left in small theaters around America."

## Obituaries

### Beverly Jean Bailey

**PLYMOUTH** - Beverly Jean Bailey age 79, of Plymouth, died February 2, 2020. Born in Detroit to Samuel and May (nee Johnson) Gracey. Survived by husband Gary Bailey, children Greg (Pippa) Bailey and Christine (David) Drabicki, grandchildren Morgan (Carey), Jessica (Jeff), Taylor, Samantha (Jessie), Rachel, and Brooke, great-grandchildren Kaden, Joseph, Everly, Kylelar, Samuel and Nathaniel, and brothers Michael and Daniel Gracey. Beverly was preceded in death by her son Kevin Bailey, both of her parents, and sisters Patricia, Shirley, and Joan. Visitation Thursday, February 6, from 4-8 pm and Friday, from 2-8 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, 48170. Scripture Service Friday at 7 pm. Her Funeral Mass of the Resurrection will be Saturday, at 11 am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, 48170. In-state at 10:30 am. To view full obituary and leave a condolence, please visit [schrader-howell.com](http://schrader-howell.com)



### Christy L. Benbow

**FISHERS, IN** - Christy L. Benbow, 48, formerly of Muncie, IN passed away Saturday morning, February 1, 2020 at her home after a long courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

She was born on July 1, 1971 in Detroit, Michigan the daughter of Roy S. and Carol K. (Plump) McPhail and graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1989 and received her Bachelor's Degree of Science in Occupational Therapy from Western Michigan University in 1993. On April 21, 2007 in Muncie, IN, she married Brent L. Benbow.

Christy worked as a Pediatric Occupational Therapist at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, IN for over 25 years. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Montpelier, IN and was active in OVAR-Coming Together through their walks and events to raise awareness for early detection of ovarian cancer.

She loved to go camping, especially at National Parks; she enjoyed biking and spending time with her family and friends. Christy loved to travel, enjoyed music and going to Symphony on the Prairie.

Surviving are her husband of nearly 13 years, Brent L. Benbow of Fishers, IN; one son, Owen R. Benbow of Fishers, IN; her parents Roy and Carol McPhail of Livonia, MI; one brother, Ken B. McPhail (wife, Laura) of Grand Rapids, MI and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by one son, Bradley Thomas Benbow and her grandparents.

Funeral Services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020 at The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel, Muncie, IN, with Reverend Steve Walker officiating. Cremation will take place following services.

Family and friends may call at The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel, Muncie, IN, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2020 or one hour prior to services on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be directed to a scholarship setup for her son's education at <https://www.ugift529.com/> Ugiftcode H4R-34T.

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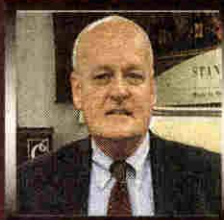
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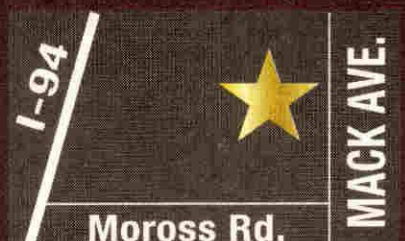


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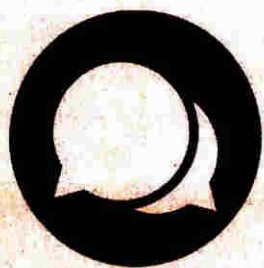
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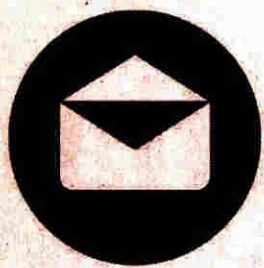
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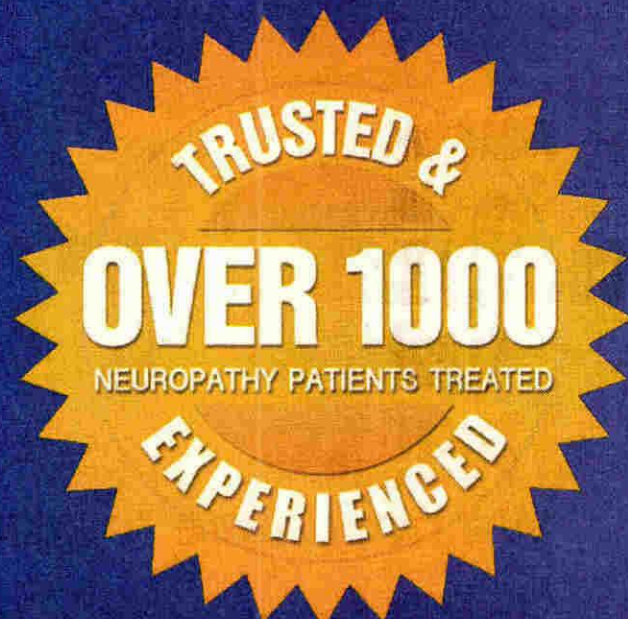
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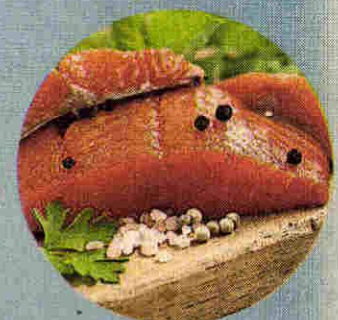
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# Sports

## PREP HOCKEY



Stevenson goalie Brenden Stroble keeps the puck tight to his left pad as Salem applies some pressure during game action Jan. 31 at the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase in Chelsea. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Canton finds momentum in hockey win against Birmingham

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Canton has not been used to low-scoring games. Winning three of their last four games, the Chiefs have averaged five goals in each of those games. However, facing an opponent in Birmingham Unified who averages 2.4 goals per game and allows only two goals per game, the Chiefs were forced to play the style of game the Falcons were used to.

In the opening game of the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase Jan. 29 in Chelsea, Canton (8-9) was able to use defense and limited offensive production to its advantage, beating Birmingham Unified (9-5-1), 3-1.

Here are three takeaways from the game:

### Defense reigns supreme

After allowing a combined nine goals in their last two games against Toledo St. Francis De Sales and Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, the Chiefs went back to the defensive prowess it had against Novi on Jan. 17: the team's only shutout of the season.

In the first period, Canton did not allow a quality area scoring chance for the Birmingham offense.

"I think Birmingham came out at us very strong and I think they compete very hard," Canton head coach Justin Maedel said. "They are just looking for their opportunity and their chance. We just kind of narrowed their chances."

In the second period, the Falcons had three power-play opportunities, something Maedel said the Chiefs have struggled to defend this season.

However, with a rotation of personnel, the head coach gave credit to the Canton defense for stepping up,

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# Livonia Stevenson surges past Salem, 5-1

Andrew Vaillencourt  
Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It didn't look good for Livonia Stevenson early.

In Chelsea for the Michigan Public

High School Hockey Showcase, the Spartans trailed fellow KLAA powerhouse Salem after one period of action. The second period was a whole different story, as Stevenson took over and surged past Salem to secure a 5-1 win at the Arctic Coliseum.

The win lifts Stevenson to 16-1-1, while Salem falls to 12-7 with the loss.

Stevenson entered the game ranked No. 1 in the state regardless of division by the Michigan High School Hockey

See STEVENSON, Page 3B

# Mercy basketball's past hints at future success

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Gary Morris, like many head coaches, is focused on the day-to-day journey of a season. The 15-year head coaching veteran at Mercy High School tries not to dwell on long-term goals or what "could be." The focus is on the next game.

But when looking at his current roster, he can't help but think back on 2013.

Finishing the regular season with a 15-6 record, the Marlins cruised through districts, beating each opponent by double digits. That success continued into the regional semifinals, beating Southfield-Lathrup by 19.

However, a five-point overtime loss to Detroit King in the regional final

thwarted the Marlins' chance of getting to the state semifinals.

But they had another summer.

Morris had no seniors on the team, so coming back in 2014 the squad advanced to the Final Four, losing in the state semifinal to rival and eventual champion Marian.

For Morris, the 2019-20 season is a lot like the 2012-13 season. This season's

team has no seniors, but five returning athletes, four of which are three-year varsity starters: Julia Bishop, Ellie Tisko, Alexis Roberts and Jillian Smith.

And while the journey remains the same, the expectation for this group, according to his head coach, is much higher.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# Plymouth girls hoops' Riley hits school record 7 3-pointers

Andrew Vaillencourt  
Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Plymouth basketball sharpshooter Ella Riley won last week's Athlete of the Week award after dominating both the competition and our poll.

Riley hit a school record seven three-pointers in her team's victory against Salem, finishing the game with 23 points. She's been a star for the Wildcats all season and is one of the best shooters in the conference.

She came in first place in our poll by receiving 24,084 votes (72.66 percent). She topped runner-up Bryn Sommerfeldt, a goalie for Farmington United hockey, who received 6,245 votes (18.84 percent). Northville basketball's Grant Mathiesen finished third with 2,660 votes (8.02 percent) while Salem basketball's Charlie Argust placed fourth and Brother Rice basketball's Curtis Williams finished fifth.

We caught up with Riley after winning and asked her some questions:

**You set a school record for threes in a game, how cool was that moment for you, and what has the reaction been from coaches and teammates?**

"It really meant a lot to me to finally accomplish this goal. During the summer, my dad and I always talked about beating the record, so it is great that I can actually say I did it. I continue to put in the extra effort to shoot in the offseason and before our team practices. Right after the end of the game, all of my teammates hyped me up and my coaches as well, which made the moment even better. I could tell Coach Ballard was just as excited, or maybe even more excited than I was."

**Who is your favorite athlete to watch (in any sport) and why?**

"I don't have a favorite athlete, but I really enjoy watching college basketball; especially, Michigan, other Big Ten schools, Duke, North Carolina and Notre Dame women's basketball. Watching college players compete helps me to develop my game and learn more skills. Also, it has always been a tradition to watch March Madness with my family."

**What is your favorite TV show and why?**

"My favorite TV shows are Keeping up with the Kardashians and Grey's Anatomy. I have always had an interest



Plymouth's Ella Riley hit a school record seven three-pointers in the Wildcats' victory against Salem. MICHAEL VASILNEK/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

in the medical field, and I like the actors in Grey's Anatomy."

**Outside of basketball, what are some things you like to do for fun?**

"Outside of basketball, I like to run, travel, spend time with my friends and family. Some of my favorite places I have been to are Chicago, Florida and Maryland. If I could travel anywhere in the world, it would be Ireland or Italy because a lot of my ancestors are from there."

**What year in school are you and what are your future/college plans? Are you hoping to play basketball after high school?**

"I am a junior in high school and I definitely plan to attend college when I graduate. I have always had an interest in the medical field, so I plan to study biology, to become a physician assistant, and possibly minor in Spanish. My main focus for college is academics, but if I am offered the opportunity, I would love to continue my basketball career into college."

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## HOMETOWN LIFE FEBRUARY SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Here is a look at how Hometown Life area schools are performing in winter sports such as boys basketball, girls basketball, hockey and wrestling. Please send game results and stats to [Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com](mailto:Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com) to keep the scoreboard regularly updated.

### Boys basketball

Jan. 31

Canton 51, Salem 34: Canton outscored Salem 24-8 in the first and fourth quarters combined, giving the Chiefs the win against park rival Salem.

Plymouth Christian 48, Novi Christian 45: Plymouth Christian overcame a nine-point deficit, upsetting Novi Christian for its fourth win of the season. Plymouth Christian was led by Nathan Etnyre, who led the team with 25 points, and Chibby Anwunah, who recorded eight blocks.

Livonia Stevenson 64, Dearborn 42: Evan Bradford (15), Evan Asante (11) and Luke Merchant (11) led Stevenson to its eighth win of the season and its fifth win in KLA East play against Dearborn.

Hartland 49, Plymouth 48: Despite 18 points for Jake Kuchka, Plymouth lost its seventh game of the season late in the fourth quarter.

### Hockey

Jan. 31

Detroit Catholic Central 7, Cleveland St. Ignatius 2: Catholic Central scored three second-period goals to give the Shamrocks their 13th win of the season and their fourth-straight win.

Kaden Hemme recorded two goals for Catholic Central.

Livonia Stevenson 5, Salem 1: Facing a one-goal deficit after one period of play, the No. 1-ranked Spartans scored four second-period goals to earn their 16th win of the season.

### Girls basketball

Jan. 31

Livonia Franklin 55, Belleville 51: Junior forward Erin Young led the Patriots to its fifth win of the season with 19 points. Senior guard Emily Esker added 10 points.

Farmington Hills Mercy 55, Dearborn Divine Child 48: The Marlins returned to the win column with a seven-point win against Divine Child. Julia Bishop recorded 17 points and nine rebounds for the Marlins, while Maya White added nine points and 10 rebounds.

## South Lyon East cheer team breaks school record

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The South Lyon East competitive cheer team has had a number on its mind since 2010: 694.28.

In the history of the team, the Cougars had never recorded a score higher than the one recorded 10 years ago.

However, that changed Saturday.

The South Lyon East competitive

cheer team finished in first place at the Lakeland Invite, recording a score of 728.22.

Head coach Julie Tilt was proud the South Lyon East cheer team not only reached the goal they had set, but exceeded it.

"Day by day they are getting stronger and more competitive," Tilt said. "It's a great time to be East."

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The South Lyon East competitive cheer team finished in first place at the Lakeland Invite on Feb. 1. SUBMITTED

## Mercy

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"It's just natural, you are going to think a little bit about if these kids continue to get better. That's the big thing, if they continue to get better, are they going to reach a ceiling?" Morris said. "Definitely, the kids that played last year are definitely better this year, individually and collectively."

Midway through the regular season, experience seems to be in Mercy's favor.

The Marlins have won 11 of 12 games, suffering their first loss of the season Jan. 28 to rival Marian on Jan. 28.

Despite the loss, Mercy basketball feels different. It opened the season with an 11-game win streak, beating the Mustangs for the first time since the 2016-17 season.

Roberts said it's due to knowing the strengths and weaknesses of her teammates.

Morris said improved team chemistry helps, too, allowing the Marlins to share the basketball, leading to seven different leading scorers in the first 11 games of the season.

All in all, it's a comfort that Mercy knows what it has. And, after this season is over, the Marlins will have it again next year.

"You don't have to worry about that



Mercy's Maddie Kenney gets a steal at mid-court and runs it back for a layup against Marian defender Sophia Mancini. ANDREW VAILLENCOURT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

senior night where you are letting seniors go on to the next chapter of their lives," Bishop said. "It's really great to be able to know that everyone's still going to be coming back and still being able to grow that bond that we have together already, and keep growing that one step at

a time.

"That happens each practice, that little one percent that we get better every time, and we know by the end of next year, who knows."

If Mercy added anything to its roster, it was more talent.

Roberts, a team captain, said this is the deepest Marlins team she has been a part of, giving them an advantage that many area teams do not have.

"You can put anybody out there, we can go out there and compete," Roberts said. "I feel like this is a really big advantage to any team that we play against because not every team can say 'We can play 10 players.'"

That advantage allows different players to step up at different points, from the four three-year varsity players to junior Madeline Kenney, who Bishop calls an "energy booster."

This, according to Roberts, takes the pressure off of every individual player on the roster.

"We don't have to score 15 a night," Roberts said. "We can relax."

Bishop, a team captain, put Mercy's mindset into a succinct statement: this year has potential, but if it doesn't end the way the Marlins want it to, 2020-21 can be just as great, if not better.

To Roberts, that's not pressure. It's a bittersweet opportunity Mercy is ready to take on.

"We're ready," Roberts said. "We have waited this long, and this is our opportunity to take advantage of it. I guess you will see."

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## Canton

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defending four man advantages in the first two periods.

"It's great out PK is working," Maedel said.

And that's what the Chiefs did.

Facing a man-advantage with 3:36 left in the second period, Chiefs senior forward Hugo Fonovic weaved his way through Falcon defenders, putting the puck in the back of the net for the first goal of the game.

However, holding a slim 2-1 lead at the end of the third period, Canton goalkeeper Ashton Queen stepped up, saving what would have been a game-tying goal with less than two minutes to go in the game.

"It really gets me rolling, like buzzing," Queen said. "It gets me hype like I want to play more, play harder for my team, and they do that for me."

### Kubitski does just enough

Tied at one after Birmingham Unified

forward Aidan Shannon tucked the puck past Queen with 18.3 seconds left in the third period, Canton forward Lenny Kubitski secured the win for the Chiefs.

With 14:09 left in the third period, the junior forward raced around the goal, poking the puck in the back of the net for the unassisted score giving Canton the one-goal advantage. And as the Falcons attempted to battle back in the final seconds, Kubitski scored again — an empty-netter — to secure the win.

### Figuring out how to win

When asked how the season has been going for Canton as a whole, Queen described it as "rocky."

For Maedel, in his first season as the Canton head coach after a five-year coaching stint with Salem Prep, it's the process of learning how to win, something the team has struggled to do all season.

Maedel said the two-goal win against Birmingham Unified could be a big momentum swing for the Chiefs heading into the back end of their regular season and into playoffs.



Birmingham United's Aidan Shannon scored the team's only goal in a 3-1 loss to Canton in the opening game of the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase on Jan. 29 in Chelsea. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Stevenson

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Coaches Association, topping Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central. Salem was ranked No. 4 in division one, and just outside the top 10 in the state super rankings.

"We have a day at a time mentality, it's cliché, I get it, but we want to win the day," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We wake up in the morning with a purpose and we want to have a purpose every day in practice and with every game. We try to build on every game, whether it's a positive or a negative."

The first period was all Rocks.

Salem was energized and was the first team to get on the scoreboard following a series of penalties by Stevenson.

First was Stevenson junior Carson Kleven, who was sent to the penalty box with 7:14 left in the period. One minute and 28 seconds later, junior Brenden Heard joined him teammate in the box,

giving Salem a 5-on-3 power play for 32 seconds.

The Rocks quickly took advantage, scoring 10 seconds later. Junior Dylan Grayshaw got the goal, with senior Alex Schaumburger tallying the assist.

"In the first period, we didn't keep it simple and didn't take our shots," Stevenson junior Nick Justice said. "In the second period, we made the plays that we wanted to and got pucks to the net, which turned out well for us."

Salem took that lead into the first intermission, but that would be the only positive the rest of the night for the Rocks.

Eight seconds into the second period, Salem picked up a penalty, putting the Spartans on a power play. They capitalized, tying the game at one at the 16:19 mark of the period. Stevenson senior Tanner Liptow scored the goal and was assisted by Justice and senior Adam Lumani.

"To come out and score early after being down, I think it got us to relax a little bit and got us going," Mitchell said. "The game ebbs and flows and it gave us

momentum coming out of the period. It was big to get that first goal."

Five minutes later, Stevenson had its first lead of the evening, as senior Jaron Anderson fired the puck past Salem senior goalie Rem VanWert. He was assisted by senior Seth Lause and junior Mark Stefanick.

The scoring didn't stop there.

Justice added to Stevenson's lead with 9:24 left in the period and was assisted by junior Ethan Waldo. Two minutes later, the Spartans scored again. This time it was junior Jack Smith. He was assisted by junior Tate Kovacs to make it 4-1 Spartans.

"I think we woke up a bit, our bench had more energy," Mitchell said. "Salem is a really good, top 10 hockey team, well coached, you know games are going to start off tight like that. Kudos to them, they were prepared for us and it just took us a while to get going. Overall, I'm happy with the effort."

With the game in hand, the third period only featured one more goal — also by Stevenson. Sophomore Adam Heard was credited with the goal and junior

Ayden Adamic got the assist. Five different Spartans scored goals.

"We're deep," Mitchell said. "We compete hard in practice, guys know their roles. ... We prepare our guys the same way from the top to the bottom. We want our guys prepared because you never know when their number is going to be called. We always love to see balanced scoring, it's a real positive to hear that."

The teams traded penalties throughout the period, but with about seven minutes left in the game, the Rocks picked up a five-minute major, essentially ending the game. Stevenson junior goalie Brenden Stroble earned the win.

Stevenson carry some lofty expectations into February with its No. 1 ranking, but it's something the Spartans are comfortable with.

"We'll be judged at the end of the year by how we finish," Mitchell said. "Right now, we're at a good spot. Our past players have built a pretty good culture at Livonia Stevenson."

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# CC wrestling dominates Observerland Invitational

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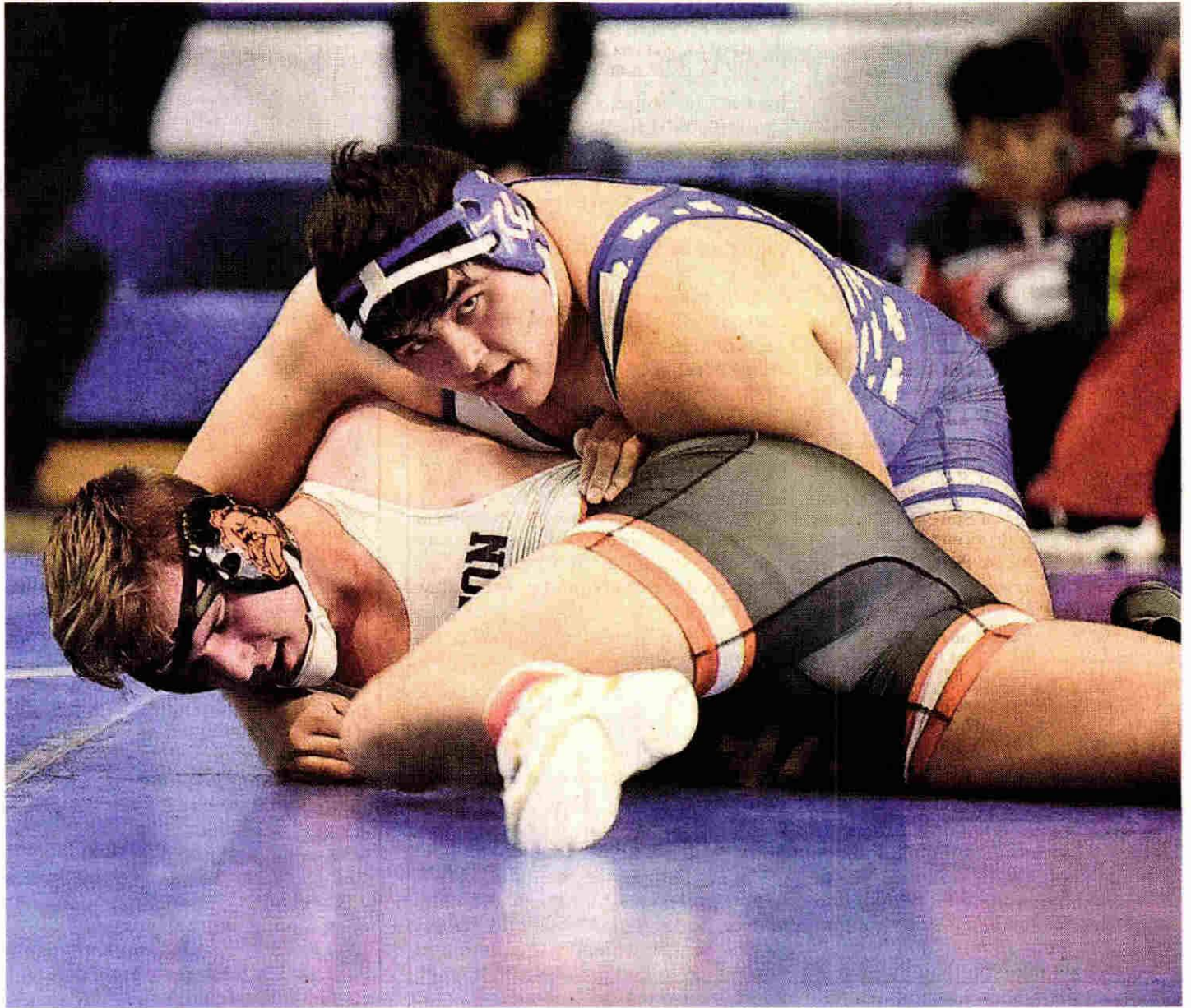
The Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team is back on top once again after throttling area opponents in the 29th annual Observerland Invitational at Livonia Churchill High School.

The Shamrocks won 11 of the 14 weight classes, and 11 of the 12 classes where they entered a wrestler. All 12 entrants reached their weight class's championship round.

CC finished with a team score of 389, well ahead of runner-up and last year's winner John Glenn, which finished with a team score of 217.

Last year, the Shamrocks only sent its CC White team to the Invitational and placed fifth. It was a different story this time around with its top wrestlers.

The highlight of the day was in the heavyweight final, which featured the state's top two wrestlers: CC's Steven Kolcheff (No. 1) and Livonia Franklin's Jake Swirple (No. 2). Swirple entered the day a perfect 41-0 on the season. Both raced through the bracket and met in the finals where Kolcheff won a 3-2 decision in overtime. There's a strong possibility that those two meet again in the individual state finals.



Catholic Central senior Steven Kolcheff pins Brighton's Luke Stanton. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Individual winners by weight class

**103:** CC's Drew Heethuis def. Northville's Josh Drake; third place: Canton's Brandon Watkins

**112:** CC's Anthony Walker def. John Glenn's Josh Mars; third place: Utica Eisenhower's Reese Willing

**119:** CC's Dylan Gilcher def. John Glenn's Ty Cowen; third place: Northville's Jack Gattoni

**125:** Rochester's Kavan Troy def. CC's Caleb White; third place: Churchill's Aidan Haupt

**130:** Franklin's Jager Kwiatkowski def. Churchill's Dan Bragiel; third place: John Glenn's Ayden Collins

**135:** Ortonville-Brandon's Bryson Gunn def. Grosse Pointe South's Alex Roth; third place: Churchill's Alex Wilson

**140:** CC's Camden Trupp def. Berkley's Luke Borman; third place: John Glenn's Charlie Kersten

**145:** CC's Josh Edmond def. Belleville's Connor Williams; third place:

Northville's Nick Gattoni

**152:** CC's Marc Schaeffer def. John Glenn's Shawn Brown; third place: Churchill's Mike Bragiel

**160:** CC's Logan Sanom def. Belleville's Blake Williams; third place: Farmington's Raymond Justice

**171:** CC's Derek Gilcher def. John Glenn's Justin Morrison; third place: Rochester's Anthony Piccirilli

**189:** CC's Manny Rojas def. John Glenn's Sadiq Sheikhmeeri; third place: Northville's Alex Lakowski

**215:** CC's Brendin Yatooma def. Canton's Guilian Bodiu; third place: Roches-

ter's Josh Smith

**285:** CC's Steven Kolcheff def. Franklin's Jake Swirple; third place: Rochester's Magd Boutany

### Team standings

- 1 Catholic Central 389.00
- 2 Westland John Glenn 217.50
- 3 Northville 114.50
- 4 Rochester 114.00
- 5 Livonia Franklin 113.00
- 6 Livonia Churchill 99.00
- 7 Belleville 86.00
- 8 Canton 76.50
- 9 Plymouth 64.00
- 10 Troy 59.00

- 11 Westland John Glenn B 58.50
- 12 Berkley 56.00
- 13 Ortonville-Brandon 55.00
- 14 Farmington 52.00
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- 17 Waterford Mott 48.50
- 18 Salem 46.50
- 19 Utica Eisenhower 38.00
- 20 Livonia Franklin B 20.00
- 21 Garden City 16.00
- 22 Livonia Stevenson 13.00
- 23 Wayne Memorial 5.00

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION  
FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020  
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF  
GARDEN CITY - WAYNE COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monday, February 24, 2020 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election in any manner other than in-person with the Local Clerk.

Partisan candidates for the following offices will be voted upon in the County of Wayne, City of Garden City:

Candidates for the following offices will be voted upon:  
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A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the City of Garden City City Clerk's Office or on the City website at <http://www.gardencitymi.org/>.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

**In Person:**

- At the City Clerk's office or at the office of any County Clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
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By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
6000 MIDDLEBELT ROAD  
GARDEN CITY, MI 48135  
734.793.1620

Telephone number:

**Qualifications for Registration**

1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
2. Resident of City of Garden City for at least 30 days.
3. Citizens of the United States.

**Note:** A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote once in person unless they have previously voted in person or are at least 60 years of age or are physically unable.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the March 10, 2020 Election is Saturday, March 7, 2020 until 3:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

Publish: February 6, 2020

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
ORDINANCE NO: A20-00##  
PROPERTY CONVEYANCE ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORITY OF CITY COUNCIL TO CONVEY OR AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY, HAVING ACQUIRED THE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY VIA DONATION FOR TAXES OWED; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

**THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I. AUTHORIZATION OF COUNCIL TO CONVEY PROPERTY**

Garden City having received a parcel of land via the donation for the cost of taxes owed. In furtherance of the objective of neighborhood stabilization, the City Council of the City of Garden City is hereby authorized to sell:

35-010-02-0391-000 Vacant Birchlawn for \$2,000.00 to Lawrence and Laura O'Connor

**SECTION II. PUBLIC NOTICE.**

The City Council of Garden City will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the conveyance of property.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

Publish: February 6, 2020



**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **February 26th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

**NETWORKING INFRASTRUCTURE RECONFIGURATION**

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at [www.CityofWestland.com](http://www.CityofWestland.com). The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams  
City Controller

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**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**  
**CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF LIVONIA**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any qualified elector of the City of Livonia who is not already registered, may register to vote at the Office of the City Clerk; the Office of the Wayne County Clerk; any Secretary of State branch office; or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote) and mailed to the Livonia City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at [www.expressSOS.com](http://www.expressSOS.com).

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local Clerk is **Monday, February 24, 2020**.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the Office of the City Clerk, located at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 at the following times:


- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, March 10th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sample ballots can be viewed at [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us) under the Clerk's "Vote Livonia" page or may be viewed at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote). You may also pick up a sample ballot in person at the Office of the City Clerk, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154. Telephone: (734) 466-2235.

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SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**February 24, 2020 and March 9, 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold Public Hearings at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on February 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The following projects are being proposed for the use of these federal funds for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021:

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low- to moderate-income and/or areas where 51% of the residents are of low- to moderate-income.
- To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG non-federally funded programs.
- To improve the quality of life for low- to moderate-income persons.
- To create affordable housing for low-income households.

ESTIMATED FUNDING	PROPOSED PROJECTS
\$20,000	Senior Services Coordinator
<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>Total Proposed Allocation (estimate)</b>

Everyone is encouraged to provide input regarding the proposed allocations of the CDBG programs. Documentation regarding the CDBG program is available at the Community Development Department, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan, 48135, (734) 793-1663.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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**CITY OF WAYNE**  
**WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE**  
**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE:

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any qualified elector of the City of Wayne who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Wayne City Clerk; the office of the Wayne County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote) and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at [www.expressSOS.com](http://www.expressSOS.com).

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is: **Monday, February 24, 2020**. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the Wayne City Clerk's Office, located at 3355 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, MI 48184 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday - Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday March 10, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the City of Wayne will be voting on the following office nominations, renewal, and proposals as presented and listed below:

**REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

**RENEWAL OF WAYNE COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY MILLAGE**  
Renewal of the millage for DIA services to the County at a rate of no more than the current 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 taxable value) on all real and personal property in the County. Do you approve the renewal of the 0.2 mill on all taxable property located within the County for a period of 10 years from 2022 through 2031?

**PROPOSAL NO. 1**  
Shall Section 10.1 of the Charter of the City of Wayne be amended so as to permit the extension of the levy by the City of an ad valorem tax in an amount not to exceed one mil for six (6) additional years, commencing in 2020 for the purpose of paying for police and fire services?

**PROPOSAL NO. 2**  
Shall Section 6.3 of the Charter of the City of Wayne be amended to make the term of office for the Mayor of the City of Wayne four (4) years, rather than two (2) years, beginning with the November 2020 Mayoral election?

**PROPOSAL NO. 3**  
Shall Section 7.1 of the Charter of the City of Wayne be amended to allow the City Council of the City of Wayne to start their meetings between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month?

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the Wayne City Clerk's office, 3355 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, MI 48184. Office: 734-722-2204. A Sample ballot may be viewed at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote).

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Tina M. Stanke, CMC  
Wayne City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION**  
For the Presidential Primary Election to be held on  
March 10, 2020  
City of Westland, County of Wayne

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Westland:

Please take Notice that any qualified elector of the City of Westland who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote) and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at [www.expressSOS.com](http://www.expressSOS.com).

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, February 24, 2020.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in-person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the City of Westland - City Clerk's office, located at 36300 Warren Road; Westland, MI 48185 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 7, 2020: from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On the ballot for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, will be the following office:

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Democratic Ballot or Republican Ballot (vote for 1)

The following proposals will be voted upon in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

**WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL**  
Renewal of Wayne County Art Institute Authority Millage

In 2012 the electors of Wayne County approved a 10-year millage to provide County residents with services from the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) through the Wayne County Art Institute Authority.

As a result of the millage, the DIA provides Wayne County residents with free K-12 school field trips including free transportation, free senior group programming with free transportation, and unlimited free general admission. To ensure transparency, the DIA submits to an annual independent audit and posts financial reports online.

To continue to provide revenue to the DIA, which will allow these DIA services for the residents of the County to Continue, the Art Institute Authority is permitted by law to seek a renewal of the millage at a rate of no more than the current 0.2 mill (20 cents-per \$1,000 taxable value) on all real and personal property in the County. Revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the Art Institute Authority and then transferred to the DIA as permitted by and for the purposes set forth in Public Act 296 of 2010. It is estimated that if approved and levied, this millage renewal would generate approximately \$8,500,000 in 2022.

Do you approve the renewal of the 0.2 mill on all taxable property located within the County for a period of 10 years from 2022 through 2031?

**CITY OF WESTLAND PROPOSAL**  
Sanitation Millage Ballot Proposal

Shall the City of Westland levy a new millage of up to 1 mill against all taxable property for a 10-year period, beginning with tax year 2020 and ending with tax year 2029, inclusive, for the purpose of funding recycling and garbage services, including, but not limited to, recycling, bulk pickup/disposal, yard waste collection, composting and, trash pickup/disposal? 1 mill is equal to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value, and which rate shall be assessed without further reduction by Section 31 of Article IX, State Constitution of 1963, and without further annual vote by the electorate. If approved, the full millage will raise approximately \$1,750,000 the first year it is levied.

A sample ballot may be viewed at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) or [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com)

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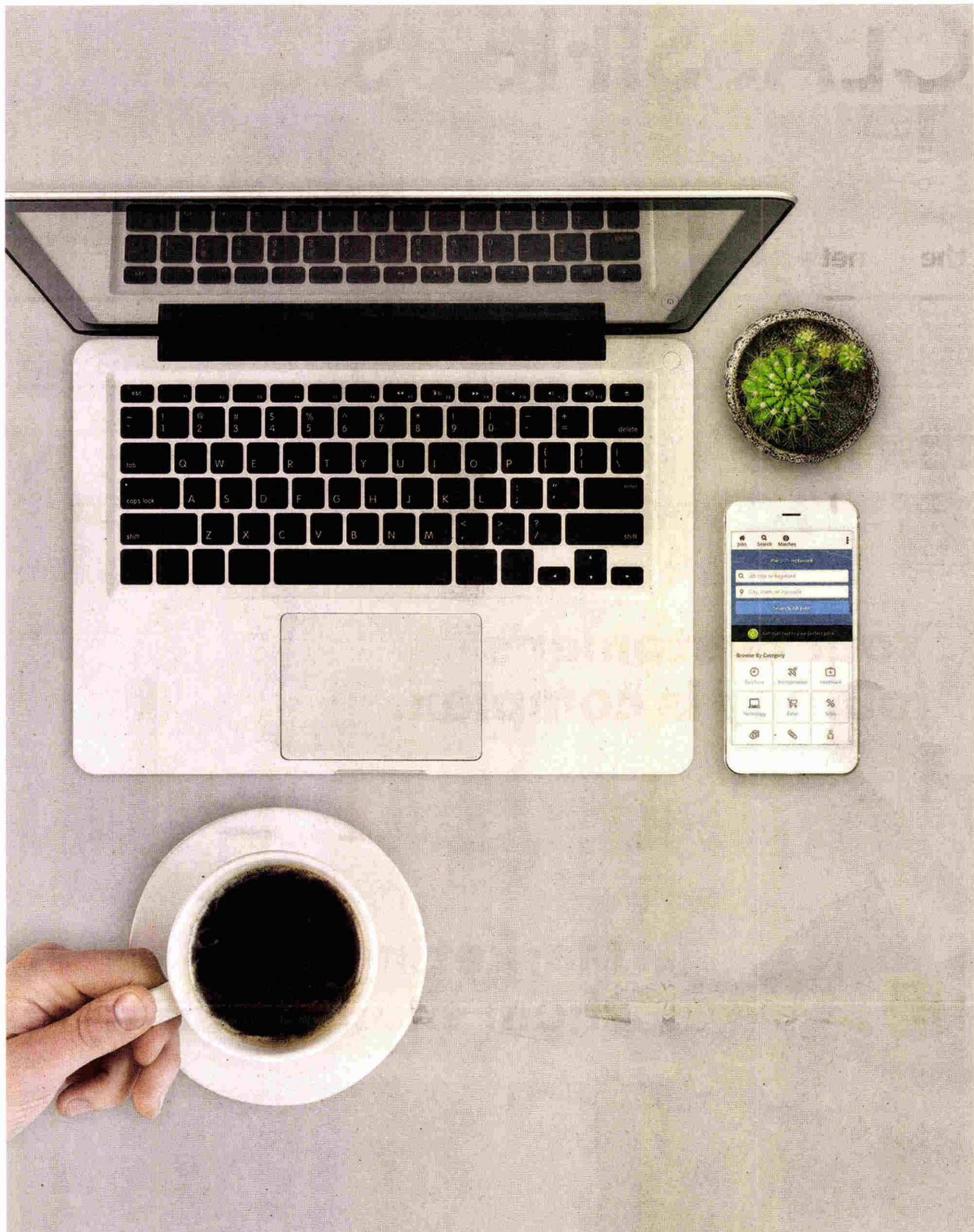
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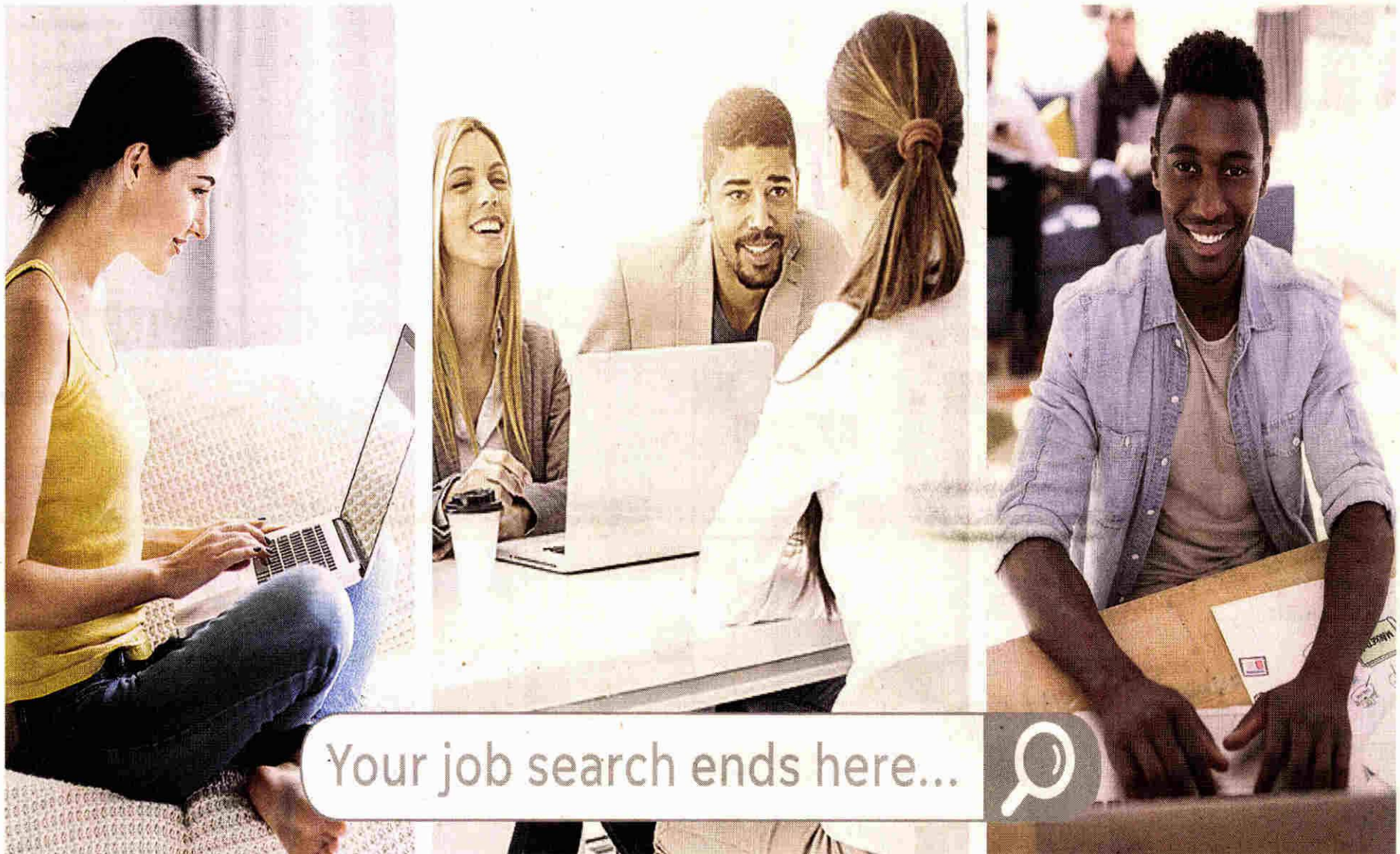
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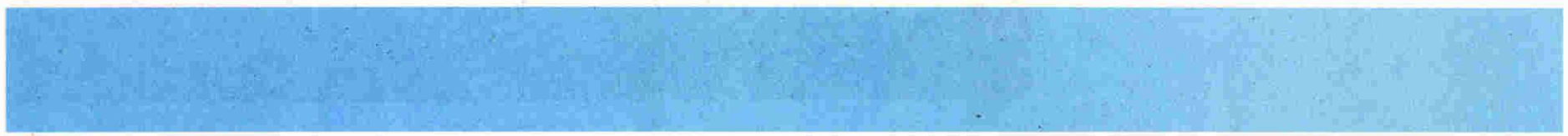
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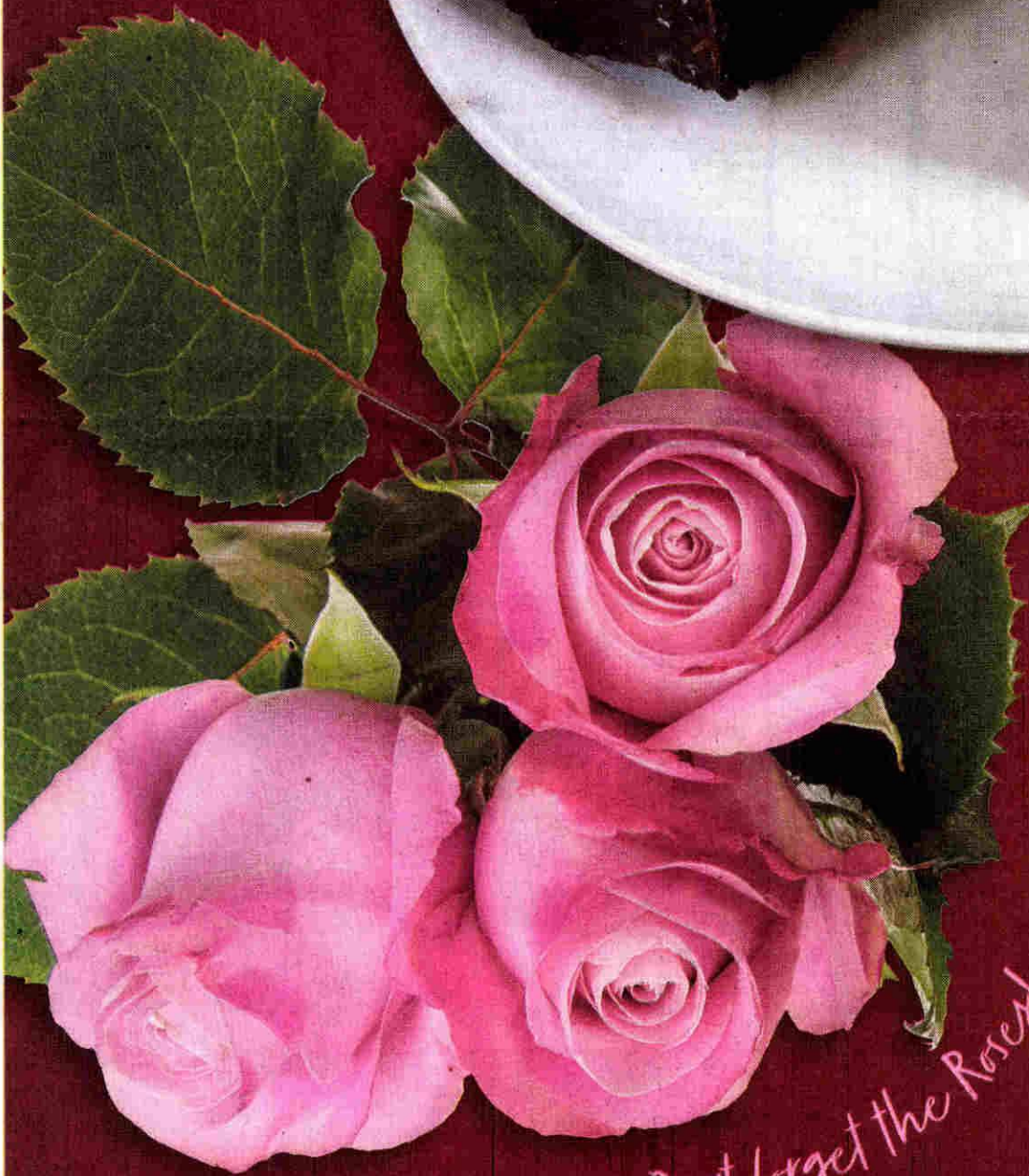
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