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Original Kmart building to be demolished

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Prep work is underway to demolish the first-ever Kmart building at 29600 Ford Road in Garden City. The building has remained vacant since closing in 2017.

Replacing the former department store on the western side of downtown Garden City will be an LA Fitness, which has acquired the property and plans to construct a gym on the site, said Kim Dold, Downtown Development Authority director.

The entire property will be demol-

ished, including the parking lot.

"They are starting work on it now," she said. "The whole building's coming down."

Dold said she was unsure of the time line for the project, including when the actual demolition would take place. She said LA Fitness had informed the city it would take about eight months before the gym could open.

Workers could be seen entering and leaving the building at the site Monday afternoon, with several vehicles in the parking lot.

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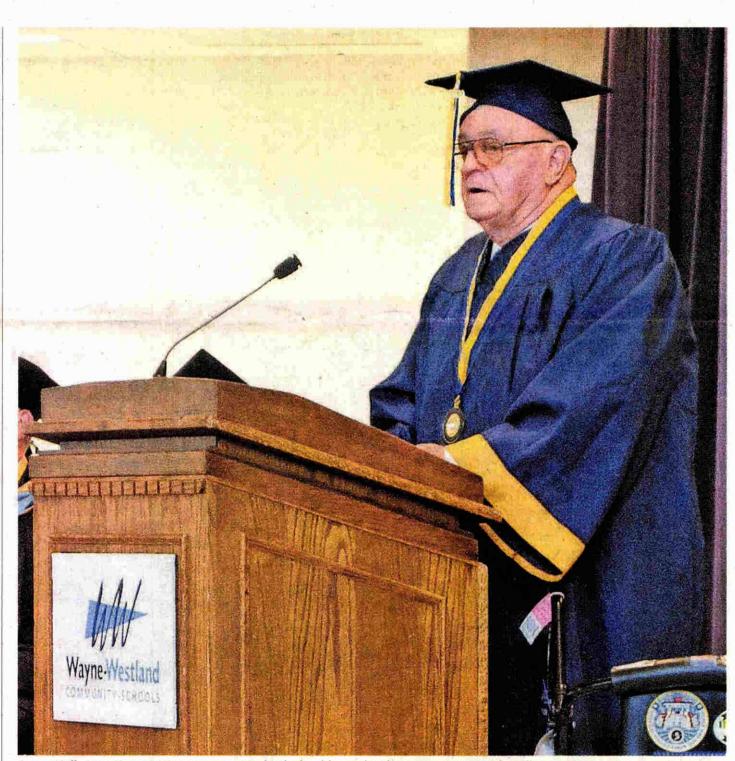
Report: 126 local eateries cited for violations in January

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What's going on at your favorite restaurant? You may – or may not – want to know.

Dining out is a huge industry and something nearly everyone does in the area. It's up to county health departments to make sure those restaurants are doing things to keep you happy and healthy.

They inspect – Oakland County does it in-house and Wayne County contracts with Sword Solutions – restaurants and other commercial kitchens during unannounced visits at least twice a year.



They're looking for priority violations: the ones that are the worst-ofthe-worst that include spoiled food, incorrect handling and unsanitary conditions. Those types of violations can make people sick.

In the Hometown Life area, 128 public kitchens were cited in January in Wayne County, and 132 places in Oakland County. This month, we've added another community in the region we haven't included in previous editions: Walled Lake.

Here's the summary report of how many establishments locally were cited with priority violations. Find the complete reports, including the list of restaurants and the specific violations, at HometownLife.com.

47 priority violations in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area

21 priority violations in Farmington and Farmington Hills

36 priority violations in Novi

Il priority violations in South Lyon and Lyon Township

14 priority violations in Milford and Highland townships

Three priority violations in Walled Lake

■ 23 with priority violations in Northville and Northville Township

■ 10 with priority violations in Plymouth and Plymouth Township

23 with priority violations in Canton

24 with priority violations in Wayne and Westland

■ 23 with priority violations in Livonia

Eight priority violation in Garden City

■ 17 priority violations in Redford Township

Avery Hall, 84, a Korean War veteran, speaks during his graduation ceremony at Taft Galloway Elementary on Feb. 28. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Korean War veteran, 84, earns high school diploma

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Avery Hall was just 17 years old when he dropped out of Wayne Memorial High School in 1953 to serve in the Korean War as part of the U.S. Army.

He went on to become a sergeant first class and had a 20-year career in the military, serving also in the Vietnam War.

Though he now lives in Oklahoma,

Hall came home to Wayne on Feb. 28 to finally receive his high school diploma, 67 years after he left school.

"Our nation owes a great debt to our veterans, whose service spans every decade and continues every day of our country's existence," said Wayne Mayor John Rhaesa during the ceremony at Taft-Galloway Elementary School. "Through untold service and sacrifice, America's veterans have secured the

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"Stay in school. Your education is very important. ... Mind your parents and your teachers, that's very important."

Avery Hall

Korean War veteran, speaking to fourth- and fifth-graders at Taft-Galloway Elementary School

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liberty which the Founding Fathers sought to establish.'

Hall was born in Nankin Township, which made up parts of what is now Wayne, Westland, Inkster and Garden City.

Since retiring from the military, Hall has lived in Oklahoma and was a school custodian there for 24 years.

He and his late wife of 60 years, Aloisia, raised five children together.

During his speech, Hall spoke directly to the fourth- and fifth-grade students in the room.

'Stay in school," he said. "Your education is very important. I worked at a grade school for over 20 years in Oklahoma. I spoke to fourth- and fifth-graders every year and I will tell you some of the same things I told them.

"Mind your parents and your teachers, that's very important. Your parents love you dearly."

Following the ceremony, a small

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group of students brought thank-you cards to Hall in appreciation of his service.

Hall also received accolades from Westland Council President Jim Hart and state Rep. Kevin Coleman (D-Westland).

Rhaesa even gave him a key to the City of Wayne.

"I think we can all honor individuals like Mr. Hall through our deeds and our words," Rhaesa said.

Though he's a little older than the average student, Hall can now say he was the first graduate of the Wayne-Westland School District's class of 2020.

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Korean War Veteran Avery Hall, who received his high school diploma at age 84 on Feb. 28, receives a thank-you card from a student after the ceremony.

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Kmart

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Posts for fencing to surround the property in preparation for demolition had also been erected.

Once constructed, the gym will join several other LA Fitness facilities in the area: two in Livonia, one in Plymouth Township and one in Allen Park.

Dold said the gym would most likely look similar to the LA Fitness constructed on Seven Mile west of Mid-

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The former **Kmart building** in Garden City, the first Kmart in the country, is slated for demolition. The property will become an LA Fitness. JOHN HEIDER/ HOMETOWNLIFE. COM

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Plymouth-Canton schools seek \$275M bond

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Calling March 10 a big day for the future of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools would be a massive understatement.

Epic would be a more fitting description.

That is the day that residents of Plymouth and Canton will vote on a \$275 million bond proposal the school district has painstakingly crafted in its attempt to positively affect every student in the district.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools produced a video intended to help explained its motivation for the bond.

In a nutshell, a successful vote will help fund facility and site improvements addressing equity of facilities, enhancing safety and security throughout the school district, furniture and playground upgrades, school bus purchases and addressing imminent infrastructure and technology needs at most facilities.

The district's history of fiscal responsibility should weigh heavily on voters' minds, Superintendent Monica Merritt said.

"The last time the district came out to ask our community for a bond election was 2013 and we have done some tremendous work for our students with that bond,"she said. "The facts show that we have been very fiscally responsible and good stewards of our taxpayers' money, which is evidenced by our unqualified bond rating and the fact that we're able to go out for bonds without high interest rates so we can invest in our schools."

Proponents of the bond emphasize that a successful vote will not increase taxes for Plymouth and Canton residents. Opponents, however, say a failed initiative would result in a tax savings as current bond payments approved in 2012 are about to expire.

The current bond is 4.02 mills, which would remain the same if the bond passes. If the bond fails, that would decrease to 2.37 mills, a reduction of 1.65 mills. A mill equates to \$1 for every \$1,000 in taxable value on a property.



Eriksson Elementary School, at left, would benefit from a successful bond vote March 10 with an expanded parking lot and more secure front-office space. A natatorium would be added to Plymouth High School, at right, the only P-CEP building without a pool. IMAGES COURTESY OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

Opponents argue that having the bond on the March 10 ballot is ill-timed given that it is the presidential primary election day geared toward Democratic Party voters, affecting voter demographics. Political pundits argue that tax-related issues are more likely to pass in a lower-attended primary.

Bond-proposal backers insist that people who care about the schools will show up at the polls regardless.

"With how easy it is to vote, please don't give me sob stories about off-(year) elections," said Canton resident Khalil Kandah. "We have no reason (not to vote) with absentee ballots in Michigan."

Bond orchestrators say they've whittled down the asking price and the number of projects to needs, not wants; opponents think a few big-ticket items like a new athletic stadium on the northeast campus of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus and a new pool at Plymouth High School are not necessities.

Another key argument is that a successful bond will boost property values; foes are insistent that many of the projects will take so long to complete that current residents may not feel the increased property values, as they may have relocated by then. "From my experience, public school ratings tend to be a distinguishing factor in determining home values," said Erik Wright, owner of Social House Realty.

Vickie Pavloff is all for the core features – existing building upgrades – in the bond proposal; it's the items she views as excessive wants that have her leaning toward a no vote.

"Ten-plus years ago, at the peak of a recession, too many Plymouth and Canton families lost their homes," Pavloff explained. "Today, far too many taxpayers are still struggling to stay afloat.

"Recession losses and the fact that wages haven't kept up with the cost of living for decades have made playing catch-up next to impossible for too many households. ... Taxpayers need a break."

Luke Haddad, a teacher at Discovery Middle School, is on the front lines of education. The needs vs. wants items in the bond are crystal clear.

"I would argue that a lot of these items are needs," Haddad said. "Safety-related is a need. Student Chromebooks are old and are breaking. ... I recently had to move some students and put buckets down during lunch duty because our roof was leaking."

Lane closures ahead for key Canton intersection

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There will be intermittent lane closures along Michigan Avenue near Beck Road in Canton, the Michigan Department of Transportation reported.

The closures, which are expected to continue through next week, are for the installation of infrastructure for new traffic signals at the intersection. The closures will run daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The crossover from eastbound Michigan Avenue to northbound Beck Road and the crossover from westbound Michigan Avenue to eastbound Michigan Avenue will be closed at certain times, but not at the same time. Traffic will be directed to adjacent turnarounds.

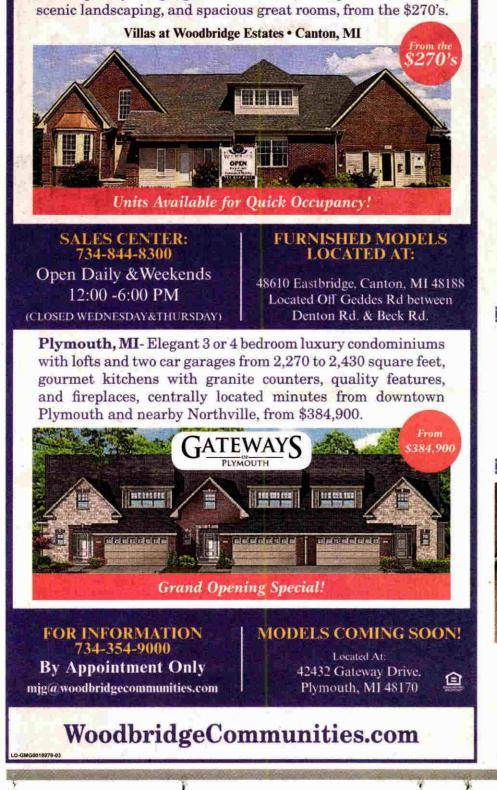
The contractor will return later this spring to install the traffic signal poles, new traffic signals and other components.



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City of Wayne voters to decide 3 local issues

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Alongside the presidential hopefuls, the city of Wayne's March 10 ballots will have three proposals for voters to decide.

The proposals deal with city council meeting times, mayoral terms and a tax renewal request that would benefit the police and fire departments.

Here's what to know before heading to the polls:

Police and fire millage

Proposal No. 1 would allow the city to levy up to 1 mill, or \$1 of every \$1,000 in taxable value on a property, for the next six years. Approval in next week's election would allow the millage to kick in with summer tax collection.

"We really need this renewal for the public safety just so we can keep things as level as they are," Mayor John Rhaesa said.

Police Chief Ryan Strong said the roughly \$350,000 generated annually by the millage funds a lot of operational costs for the two departments.

"Our main cost is personnel, so I would say it's mainly used to pay for the salary of police officers (for this department)," Strong said. "Other main expenses are the building, police cars, equipment, things like body armor, training for officers."

The city has one other 1-mill tax levy dedicated for police.

Mayor's term

Proposal No. 2 deals with the question of an extended mayoral term and originally was proposed by Councilwoman Kelly Skiff. Right now, Wayne's mayor serves a two-year term; a proposal passage would extend that to a fouryear term.

Officials have said passage of the proposal would not affect Rhaesa's term length.

Wayne residents will still head to the polls in November to vote on a mayor, and the term length will be based on the results of the March 10 proposal.

Rhaesa said the proposal would give all the elected officials the same amount of time in office.

"The mayor has to run every two

years where as the council has four-year seats, so that doesn't make a lot of sense," he said.

Council meetings

Proposal No. 3's passage would allow city council to start its meetings between 6 and 8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The meetings currently start at 8 p.m.

Rhaesa said earlier meeting start times could allow the community to get more involved.

Voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will vote on a tax renewal request for the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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Diversified portfolio a good antidote for market woes



Money Matters Rick Bloom Guest columnist

The coronavirus has caused uncertainty in the market and struck fear in investors. Fear causes investors to react irrationally and to make short-term decisions that can cause long-term harm to a portfolio.

As long as I've been in the financial world, I've always encouraged investors to have diversified portfolios. Diversified portfolios are meant to protect someone when fear grips the market. I have no idea when the markets will turn around; neither does anyone else. However, one thing I do know is that in any crisis we have been through, markets eventually turned around.

In fact, if you go back over the last decade or so since the end of the Great Recession in 2009, we have had over 20 or more drops in the market. After each of these drops, over a short time, the markets regained their strength.

What has also happened in each one of those downturns is that too many in-

vestors sold out and went to cash with the idea that once the markets rebounded, they would get back into the market. Unfortunately, what all too often happens is that those investors who bailed out never get back in the market and thus, never have an opportunity to recoup their losses.

In fact, there are still investors that bailed out during the financial crisis and, unfortunately, never got back into the market and missed an incredible run over the last 10 years. Investors who think they can time the market are mistaken.

Remember, when you time the market, you have to be right twice; once when you buy and once when you sell. Not even the greatest investors of our time have been able to do this.

Again, the reason you have a diversified portfolio is for times such as this.

I received a number of calls and emails from clients who are concerned about the recent retreat. My general advice to those investors is that they should stay the course and weather the storm. Again, downturns and market volatility are the norm. We have seen market crises before, and we will see them again. There is no reason to panic.

That doesn't mean an investor with a balanced and diversified portfolio is not going to see some losses. However, the losses will typically not be as severe as for people who do not maintain a balanced and diversified portfolio. When investors don't diversify, investing can be more like gambling, and what I have always believed about gambling is that they don't build those big, beautiful hotels in Vegas because people win.

Although we have seen market downturns, disruptions and retreats in the past, what is a new phenomenon over the last number of years is the way the media covers these disruptions. We see it all the time where the media overhypes an event and in many situations makes a mountain out of a molehill.

In Michigan, we see it all the time: every snowfall is going to be the storm of the century. Based on the hype, schools and public institutions close only then to get 2 inches of snow.

I'm not saying that the coronavirus is not a significant event, because it is. However, this is just a reminder that with social media and how mainstream media hypes stories, we must be cautious and not let short-term comfort cause long-term pain.

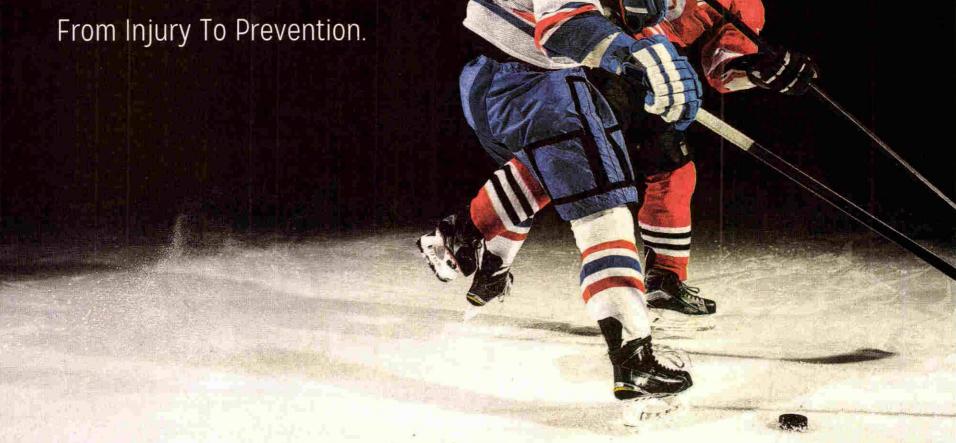
Another issue is what investors can do to take advantage of the current situation. One thing that many of you should consider is whether you should do a Roth conversion. With the markets taking a temporary retreat, you can potentially convert your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA at a lower cost. Remember, when you do convert, you have to pay tax on the amount you convert. Therefore, with the market temporarily down, you can take advantage of Roth conversions at a potentially lower tax cost.

I wish I knew when this crisis will end, but I don't, and neither does anyone else. However, as history has shown, we will get through this crisis, and investors who don't let fear and despair dictate their decisions will find that their short-term pain will result in long-term gain.

Good luck!

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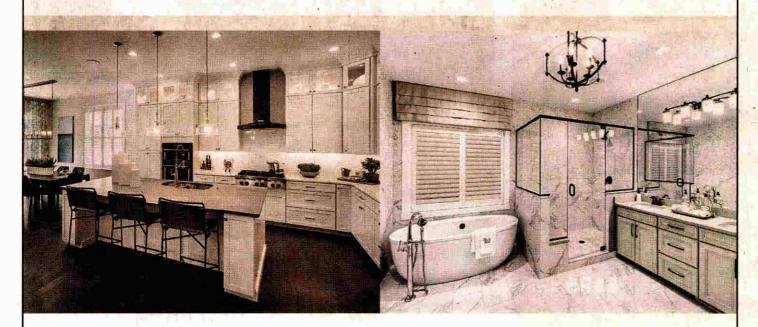
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Human trafficking seminar planned March 10 in Livonia

A seminar on human trafficking will be March 10 at the Livonia Robert and Janet Bennet Civic Center Library. The seminar will be hosted by Livonia CARES, a faith-based organization established in 2011.

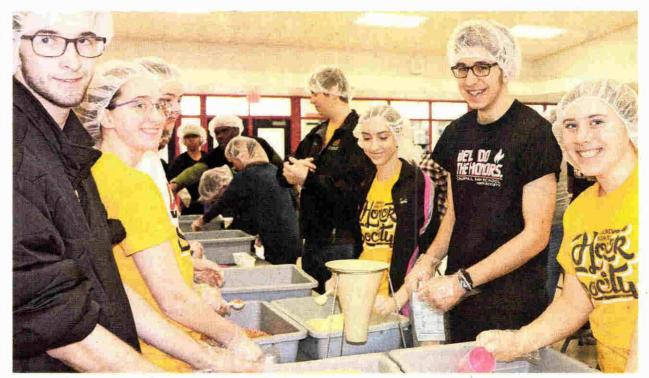
This event is aiming to pull human trafficking "out of the shadows" and give attendees tools to keep their loved ones out of harm's way.

The event will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Robert and Janet Bennet Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. There will be guest speakers, a survivor of human trafficking and a police officer from the Redford Police Department.

CARES is made up of local churches and organizations and was inspired by Christ's call to serve those in need. The group feels there is no greater need than to bring to light the issue of human trafficking. Human trafficking might feel like a faraway problem, but it happens in Michigan.

A large number of human trafficking cases involve the sexual exploitation of a child. The top recruitment method shows that it's usually someone the victim knows, such as a family member, a friend or someone posing as a benefactor.





Livonia Kiwanis, Churchill's National Honor Society and Key Club, and other families in Livonia teamed up with Kids Coalition Against Hunger to provide 20,000 meals for children and families in need. SUBMITTED

Churchill student clubs team up to fight childhood hunger

Liz Ballmann

Livonia Churchill High School student

Child hunger is one of the most pressing issues our society continues to face. Children locally as well as globally continue to suffer from undernourishment as a lack of resources bars them from receiving the nutrients that they need to grow and develop.

In an attempt to combat this issue, Livonia Kiwanis, Churchill's National Honor Society and Key Club, and other families in the community of Livonia paired up with Kids Coalition Against Hunger (KCAH) to provide 20,000 meals for children and families in need.

Each year, Churchill's National Honor Society is involved in two big events: Read Across America and Kids Coalition Against Hunger, an event paired with the Livonia Kiwanis.

KCAH is a relatively new organization and primarily partners with Kiwanis, but eventually branched out to include other organizations for private funding and involvement. Donald E. Burwell started the organization in 1998.

Burwell collaborated with Kiwanis, which applied for a grant through Eagles for Children, a non-profit organization committed to supporting local charities

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helping disadvantaged youth through partnerships with golf clubs. Eagles for Children received funds from the Western Golf and Country Club in Redford.

With these contributions, the coalition thrived and is now in its fifth year of operation.

Michael Burwell, executive director at KCAH; Emily Bagwell, president of Kiwanis; and Kira Gulledge, CHS NHS advisor, teamed up to create the event Feb. 8. Churchill students from NHS and Key Club volunteered alongside families and volunteers to create an operation that was as effective as it was inspirational.

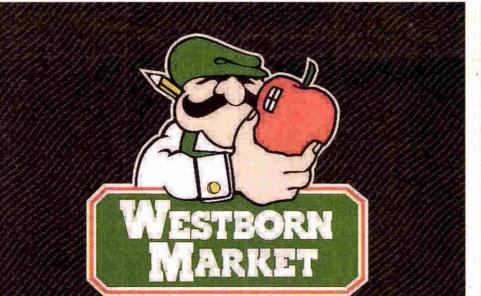
Volunteers worked in an assembly line setup; first measuring amounts of the food for the contents, then weighing and sealing bags to place in boxes to ship to shelters and families in need in the community.

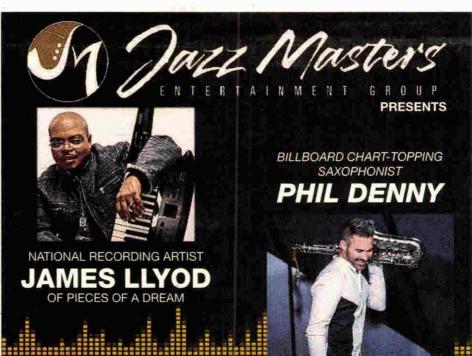
Overall, the volunteers packaged 20,000 meals in 2 hours.

Churchill's National Honor Society would like to extend a special note of gratitude to those who volunteered at this rewarding event.

Your help and dedication are greatly appreciated as the Kids Coalition Against Hunger can continue to reach additional families with malnourished children for support.

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Ex-Lakeland teacher sentenced to sobriety court

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An ex-Huron Valley Schools teacher did not shrink from his punishment Feb. 24, standing with firm posture as he was sentenced for 2018 and 2019 drunken driving incidents.

"Are you ready to start leading a sober and healthy lifestyle?" Judge Kelley Kostin of 52-2 District Court asked Michael Fletcher in her Clarkston courtroom.

"Yes, ma'am," he said.

Fletcher, 45, of West Bloomfield has since resigned from his job after he drove to Lakeland High School drunk the morning of Sept. 18.

His colleagues grew suspicious of Fletcher's behavior that morning and apprised the school resource officer. Fletcher confessed to drinking alcohol that morning. A test registered his blood-alcohol content as .354%, more than quadruple the legal .08% limit.

He was taken into custody because of that day's drinking, along with an episode in October 2018.

"So far, so good," his attorney Roberto Bihar said about Fletcher's attempts to turn his life around.

He said that Fletcher took the judge's lectures about his long-standing drinking problems to heart. He is set to live in a Milford sobriety home and has made an appointment for counseling.

"Well, congratulations!" Kostin said. "I'm happy to have you on board. I hope to work with you over the next 18 months and see you flourish.

"This is a big opportunity for you. When you came in, I wasn't sure you



Suhale, right, and Seetiara Manzoor have opened Heartwood Personalized Creations in Plymouth, where customers can choose from pre-cut or speciallyengraved wooden mememtos. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

New gift shop in Plymouth specializes in personalized items

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com

When it comes to business, Suhale and Seetiara Manzoor have taken a route few entrepreneurs choose.

While many businesses are closing their shops and migrating to selling only online, the Plymouth Township couple has done the opposite: they turned their



were going to get this far, to be honest with you."

She encouraged him to turn a negative chapter of his life into a positive future.

Jail remains an option if he cannot stick with the program. For now, he's on supervised probation for 18 months.

"I look forward to staying on the right track," Fletcher said after the sentencing. "I made a mistake."

For the 2018 incident, Fletcher pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated and failing to display a valid license.

For the 2019 episode, he pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of operating a vehicle with a blood-alcohol content of .17 or more and driving with a suspended license.

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Former Lakeland High teacher Michael Fletcher, left, stands with his attorney, Roberto Bihar, as Fletcher is sentenced to sobriety court Feb. 24 in Clarkston. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Frederick J. Beyer Jr.

Frederick J. Beyer Jr., age 65, passed away February 29, 2020. He was born July 1, 1954 in Oak Park, Illinois, son of the late Frederick Sr. and Rebecca Beyer. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer (DeVenny); his children: Joseph Beyer and Rebecca Beyer; and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his sister, Elizabeth Beyer, his parents and his second mom, Dottie and many aunts and uncles. He will be sadly missed by many friends and family. A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 6 at 11:00AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake Street, South Lyon. He will be laid to rest in Great Lakes National Cemetery. www. phillipsfuneral.com

Jim Preston

PLYMOUTH - March 1, 2020 age 75. Beloved father of Laurie A. Weide, and the late Jimmy Preston. Proud grandfather of Olivia Weide. Dear significant other of Judy McGill. Dear brother of Barb (Steve) Cook, Tim (Lou Ann) Preston, and Bob (Pam) Preston. Dear step-brother of Janey



(Denny) Alickson, Murlin Watne, and the late Karen Watne. Dear half brother to Pamela Preston-Mclanahan. Founding Partner of Remerica-Michigan. Jim loved spending time on Lake Erie, catching perch and walleyes. Visitation Sunday, March 8th 2 PM until the 4 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. A gathering will follow at the Plymouth ROC. Memorial contributions may be made to the Family Memorial Fund. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com



May you find peace in this time of sorrow.

online shop into a storefront, one of the newest in downtown Plymouth.

Meet Heartwood Personalized Creations, which opened in January at 580 Forest Ave., in the Westchester Square Shops. It occupies the space formerly held by the Macbench, a computer repair shop.

After operating as an online store in the mid-2000s selling laser-cut plaques and again just recently, the couple decided opening a storefront was crucial to showcasing their single-piece decorative wood designs.

"This is a very high-end product. The problem is, we were competing with people who were making plywood plaques on the internet that look just like ours were, but were a lot cheaper," Suhale said. "What we noticed was, unless we had a store where people could come, touch and feel our product, it was going to be that much harder to sell."

Customers entering the store are greeted with plenty of objects asking to be personalized. There are some bags and cups that can be personalized, but the majority of the shop focuses on wood, including decorative plates made from single pieces of maple, red oak and beech.

Using either lasers or CNC machines, the couple can add a personal message to the wood to make the perfect gift. Have a beloved pet? Snag the plaque of a dog and get their name engraved on it. Want to celebrate a Marine veteran's service? Pick up the plaque of the Marine Corps emblem and get their name emblazoned on it.

"Everything you see in the store is personalizable," Suhale said. "That's what people can do with every product in here."

The Manzoors can also use lasers to put a photographic image on wood.

The shop sells other gifts, including cheese boards with the skylines of several cities engraved on them. Smaller gifts are also available, including coasters created with images of local high Heartwood Creations has CNC-cut decorative wood plates for every branch of the military.

"What we noticed was, unless we had a store where people could come, touch and feel our product, it was going to be that much harder to sell."

Suhale Manzoor

Co-owner, Heartwood Personalized Creations, on choosing to open a brick-and-mortar shop

school sports teams and even wooden spatulas with sayings and other recognizable characters.

Suhale also works as an engineer consultant and attorney. Seetiara manages the shop day-to-day.

The Manzoors plan to setting up during Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth. They still sell items online at heartwoodpc.com as well.

The store is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Opening their shop in downtown Plymouth was crucial to the couple, who grew up in India. They aim to serve the community and determine the best needs for a shop like theirs, especially during the slower winter months.

"We live in this community. We wanted to be more a part of the community," Suhale said. "Our interest is to engage the pulse of the community and go from there."



Everett L. Hutsell

LIVONIA - Age 82, passed away Wednesday, February 26, 2020. He was born December 6, 1937, in Texas County, Missouri, the son of Harry and Marie (Robinson) Hutsell. Everett married Mary Jane Buchanan on September 20, 1969 in Hermiston, Oregon. During his career, Ever-



ett was employed as an Aerospace Engineer with McDonnell Douglas, General Dynamics, Boeing, Lear Jet and Ford Motor Company. Surviving is his wife of 50 years, Mary Jane; children, Stephanie (Dan) Sapakie, John Hutsell and Harry (Deanna) Hutsell; grandchildren, Michael Hutsell, Katrina Sapakie, Saniya Sapakie, Hailey Hutsell, Harrison Hutsell and Hunter Hutsell; brother, Donald Hutsell; sister-in-law, Sharon Hutsell and six nieces and nephews. Sadly, Everett was preceded in death by his brother, James and his parents. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Interment immediately followed at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. Memorial tributes suggested to the Disabled Veterans or the Salvation Army. heeney-sundquist.com





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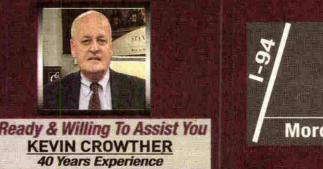
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Sports

CC wrestlers win fourth consecutive D1 state title

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The energy and the buzz were palpable.

Davison and Detroit Catholic Central wrestling went back-and-forth, vying for the Division 1 team state title. Nine matches in, the Shamrocks trailed by

one point to the Cardinals, 17-16, ahead qualifying him from the match after of the 189 bout between Manuel Rojas and Alex Facundo.

After Rojas fell, and Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock asked for an injury time out, the energy died with each passing moment that the Shamrocks sophomore stayed down.

Facundo was called for a slam, dis-

Rojas was deemed unable to finish by an doctor.

The Shamrocks took a 22-17 lead heading into matches with their two seniors at the top of the lineup: Brendin Yatooma and Steven Kolcheff.

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Churchill shuts out Franklin in regional hockey final

Andrew Vailliencourt Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

There's no love lost between KLAA rivals Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin.

The two programs battled Saturday night at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor for the right to play in the regional final against Chelsea and it was Churchill that came out on top, defeating the Patriots 2-0.

It's the third time the two teams played this season, with all three meetings ending in a score of 2-0. Each team winning one of those matchups.

"It's a night of redemption for us," Churchill coach Jason Reynolds said. "Franklin's program has improved tremendously over the course of the year. I have to tip my hat to coach Jim Neve and his entire coaching staff for the job that they've done with Franklin this year. They managed to get a win over us a few weeks ago, but to these guys' credit, it's galvanized them for this postseason run. We haven't lost a game since and I think we came into this game and this playoff series with a lot to prove. I'm proud of the energy, I'm proud of the effort, I'm proud of the discipline. It's a great opportunity for us to compete for a regional championship.'

Edmond uses Catholic Central to become dominant wrestler

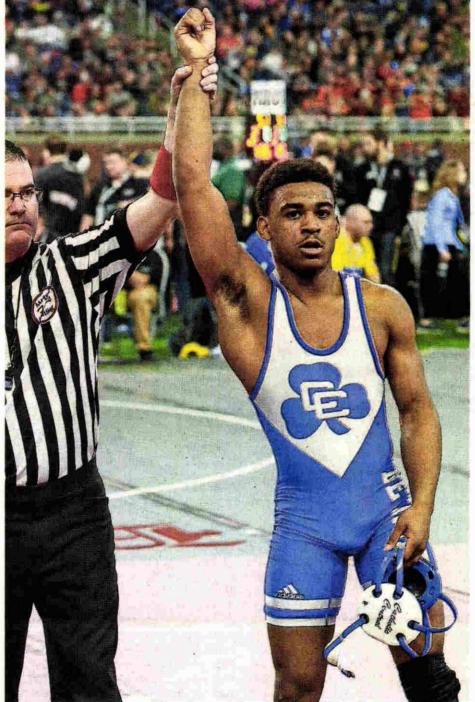
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To become a state champion, Josh Edmond had to lose.

Spending his freshman year at Orchard Lake St. Mary's with his older brother - a senior on the team - Edmond found success, advancing all the way to the Division 2 state final, but losing an 6-3 decision to Lowell's Austin Boone.

After the final, Edmond figured he had to pave his own way, define his own legacy to be the one whose hand was raised at the end of any future state title match.

For him, the Catholic Central wres-



tling program was how he was going to get there.

"I needed a place to kind of push me every day, not being the best person in the room, kind of learn, get beat up a bit and just grow as a wrestler and as a person," Edmond said. "I just felt like this is where I needed to be if I can reach my full potential as a wrestler."

Since transferring schools, Edmond is a two-time individual state champion at 140 and a three-time team state champion with the Shamrocks.

On Saturday at Ford Field, he will try for his third straight individual Division-1 state title before taking his talents to Columbia to wrestle for Missouri next season.

Edmond knows better than anyone what it takes to make the jump from a state finalist to a state champion. It did not start when he returned to the state finals for Catholic Central or any of the regular-season bouts before that.

It started on the practice mat.

Practice makes perfect

Edmond remembers his first practice with the Shamrocks.

He remembers entering "The Cave"

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Josh Edmond celebrates his second individual state title at Ford Field. COURTESY OF SCOTT CONFER

Churchill improves to 13-11-2, while Franklin finishes its season 10-17.

The Chargers got the scoring started just under six minutes into the game, when sophomore Nick Liebau put a shot past Franklin senior goalie Steven Hicks. He was assisted by junior Jimmy Targosz and senior Keith Peterson.

Meanwhile, Franklin had two opportunities on the power play, but was unable to capitalize, sending the Chargers to the first intermission with the momentum.

In the second period, Franklin got more aggressive, but that resulted in its first three penalties of the game, including one that lingered into the final period. Luckily for the Patriots, their defense held up and kept the game at a one-goal difference.

With 8:14 left in the game, Churchill senior Ian Wood notched the dagger, sending the puck into the net for the game's final goal. He was assisted by junior Justin Haydu and sophomore Connor Charron.

"Haydu fore-checked the puck well and through a puck out front, it

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Wrestlers

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Yatooma and Kolcheff each recorded a pin for the Shamrocks, securing their fourth-straight Division 1 team state title with a 34-23 win against Davison, and their eighth since 2010.

Hancock confirmed that Rojas had been sent to the hospital for a possible concussion, but made it clear that Kolcheff and Yatooma controlled Catholic Central's destiny when it came to a state title.

"Not the way we want to win a duel, period," Hancock said. "But our guys, without that, win by two. Very proud of the resiliency they showed, all right, and how they stuck it out, especially our seniors up top, Yatooma and Kolcheff."

Davison assistant coach Zac Hall head coach Roy Hall missed the state semifinal and final after a car accident — said the momentum inside Wings Event Center died after the Rojas and Facundo duel.

"I wish things would have worked out differently, and I wish it could have been handled on the mat," Zac Hall said. "I don't like that it had to go to that, I don't think anybody did."

Catholic Central secured seven wins in 14 matches against Davison in the state final, having previously beaten the Cardinals Jan. 22 in a dual-meet.

Camden Trupp, Yatooma and Kolcheff earned falls against the Cardinals, while Edmond added five points for the Shamrocks with a technical fall.

After his match, Edmond was docked one point for unsportsmanlike conduct after a celebration toward the Davison bench.

"I should have just walked off the mat and not celebrated, act like I've been there before," Edmond said. "But you live and learn."

Dylan and Derek Gilcher each earned three-point wins.

In the 145 match, Marc Schaeffer could not hold on to a win as Davison wrestler James Johnson recorded a takedown with one second left in the third period to secure the victory for the Cardinals.

Catholic Central's Logan Sanom could not get past Josh Barr. The Davison freshman won the 6-5 decision, remaining undefeated on the season heading into the individual state final.

Catholic Central wrestlers celebrate winning their fourth-straight Division 1 team state title. PHOTOS COURTESY OF SCOTT CONFER

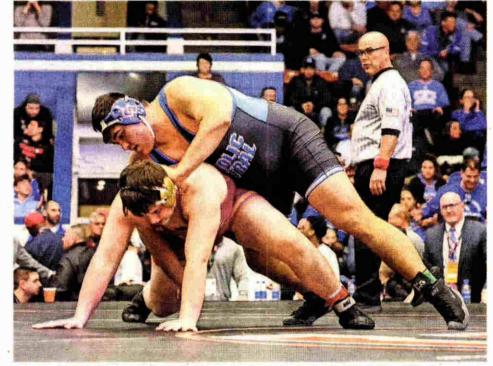
In the state quarterfinal against Macomb Dakota, Catholic Central earned a 58-15 win, winning 11 of 14 matches. In the state semifinal against Temperance Bedford, the Shamrocks were even more dominant, beating the Kicking Mules, 68-6, while winning 13 of 14 total matches.

Catholic Central finishes the season with one lost: falling to Montini, the No. 4 team in the country from Lombard, Illinois, earlier in the season.

"There's no way I can put it into any words how I feel right now," Yatooma said. "You can just see it on the faces of anyone around here, it's just something that can't be replicated."

Catholic Central will end its season Friday and Saturday at Ford Field in the MHSAA individual state tournament. The Shamrocks will have 14 participants wrestling this next weekend.

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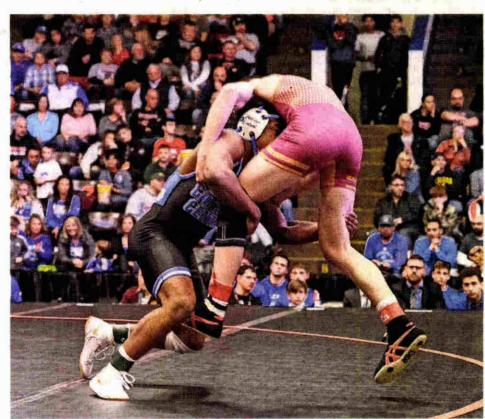


Steven Kolcheff and Tyler Jelinek go head-to-head in the Division 1 final.

Edmond

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— the Catholic Central wrestling gym for the first time, out of shape after the offseason. Cam Amine, a reigning state champion at 125 came up to him and said, 'You're going to be my partner today.'



speed: that is Joshua."

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When her son transferred to Catholic Central after his first year of high school, she said it was the first time Josh had an opportunity to step out by himself, going after something alone. It was the first time Josh would make the Edmond name known by his ability.

When it came to choosing a college to spend the next four years, Missouri proved to be the place where Josh Ed-

What ensued was an eye-opener for the sophomore.

"We were wrestling, scrapping a bit and we were in a super long go, Cam way bigger than me and I was gassed," Edmond said. "Cam just kept going, and I'm like 'Oh my God, this dude.""

Instead of feeling intimidated by the level of skill of his practice opponent, Edmond changed his mindset, realizing he had to go against Amine as much as he could to get better. To be pushed to be challenged, to be able to beat a state champion.

Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock said this was the first step in molding Edmond into the wrestler he is today: to normalize high-level wrestling on the practice mat.

"Josh needed to see that every day in our room and he had an opportunity to do that here at Catholic Central by wrestling with the likes of Amine, (Kevon) Davenport, (Derek) Gilcher and some of the state champions around his weight," Hancock said. "Every single day you get an opportunity to wrestle those guys in our room, so when you step on that stage at the state tournament, it's no different than being in this wrestling room, here."

Hancock was not very familiar with Edmond when he first stepped on the practice mat.

The Catholic Central head coach saw him wrestle in the Catholic League tournament with St. Mary's, but was not entirely sure what he was getting into when Edmond enrolled with the Shamrocks after his freshman year.

"It's surprising because he went to school where my wife had taught," Hancock said. "My wife actually taught him. I knew of him, but I didn't really know him too well."

But as he watched Edmond wrestle up to levels of Davenport and Amine, Hancock realized his approach with the newest member of the team: to harness Edmond's God-given explosiveness to achieve the level of success he was

Josh Edmond over Evan Herriman by Tech 25-10. COURTESY OF SCOTT CONFER

built for.

It did not take long for Edmond to fit right in with that expectation and that culture.

When watching Edmond wrestle, Logan Sanom, a Catholic Central senior at 152, realizes his teammate at 140 can do things on the wrestling mat he can't do.

According to Sanom, Edmond is super fast and quick. When he's on bottom, he's up right away, using a level of athleticism that is rare at the high school level.

Plain and simple, Sanom thinks Edmond is a freak, in the best way possible.

"He's the most entertaining wrestler in Michigan right now and, maybe, one of the most entertaining wrestlers in Michigan of all time. I really do believe that," Sanom said.

According to trackwrestling.com, Edmond is 65-0 since March 3, 2019, earning 28 pins and 20 technical falls.

In the MHSAA team wrestling state final, Edmond, moved to 135 by Hancock, earned a technical fall against Davison's Evan Herriman, getting up after the win, looking toward the Cardinals bench and doing a throat-slash sign.

While Edmond said he regretted the

gesture, Hancock said this was the kind of confidence he brings to the mat.

It's not arrogance, but a swagger that the head coach said sets the tone for the rest of his lineup.

"We grew up in a culture, and sometimes at CC, we try and hone in that swagger or hold it back. I don't want that. I want our guys to show that," Hancock said. "I want them to be excited, especially with wrestling being a combat sport. He brings that sense of confidence, that sense of swagger. He's not arrogant by any means, but guys around him feed off of that."

It's the time Edmond spends in the practice room that develops the level of swagger he has on the mat.

With that, he's confident in himself, saying that he is the best wrestler at 140 in the state.

That's a level of confidence he plans to bring to Missouri.

Legacy of dominance

Lisa Edmond describes her son as someone that is the same on and off the mat.

"What you see, that's Joshua," Lisa Edmond said. "He almost has one

mond could continue that process.

Edmond said the Tigers' wrestling program is the place where he can reach his full potential as a wrestler and as a person, finding ways to grow in a program that has seen a very successful recent history in the MAC conference.

Lisa Edmond explains this decisionmaking process as a perfect representation of who Josh is.

"He just kind of put everything in motion and he's a very focused individual and he just has, in his mind, the goals that he wants to reach," Lisa Edmond said. "He maps out the course he wants to take to achieve those goals."

Edmond says he watches a lot of wrestling, consistently comparing himself to the guys at the college level. He compares himself, picturing himself on the mat, thinking about what he would do if he was in that situation.

Even as he remains at the highschool level, he feels like he can compete with the guys at the college level if he was placed on the Missouri practice mat today.

"I think I can beat the guys, honestly. That's just how I feel," Edmond said. "I just feel that if I wrestle, I can wrestle anyone, if I wrestle to my full capabilities. That's just me."

That's what Edmond's legacy will be at Catholic Central: a confidence built from the successes of the past, a development of thinking that he can beat anybody because of the amount of time spent on the practice mat against statetitle contenders.

Some describe it as confidence, some describe it as arrogance.

But Edmond wants to be remembered for his dominance.

"I think it's just what you leave behind," Edmond said, "what they remember you for."

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Reaction to illegal slam call dampens CC state title emotions

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Detroit Catholic Central head wrestling coach Mitch Hancock posed with his team for a photo. The Shamrocks had just earned their fourth-straight state title, its eighth team state title since 2010. Hancock smiled half-heartedly, and left quickly.

It was not the way he wanted it to be won.

Hancock wanted it done in dominant fashion, without question. But to him, despite leaving with a 34-23 win against Davison, the Shamrocks left, seemingly, with questions left to be answered.

After nine matches, Catholic Central was down one point to Davison heading into the 189 bout between Manuel Rojas and Alex Facundo.

Trailing Facundo, 5-2, Rojas was hit, and fell to the ground. Hancock called for an injury timeout. A doctor ended the match, giving the victory to Rojas and Catholic Central after Facundo was called for the illegal slam.

A six-point swing. The Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo fell silent.

Catholic Central went on to win the meet with Rojas leaving for the hospital to be checked for a concussion.

But when Catholic Central would usually have been celebrating, many of the Shamrocks were stoic as they waited for the trophy.

At that point, the arena was not silent any more, as fans jeered the Shamrocks, yelling "cheaters" and "Manny, stay down."

Davison senior wrestler Jay Nivison turned toward the Cardinals fan section and yelled, "They're not even smiling."

As Hancock left the mat, he was visibly peeved.

"The booing and stuff is frustrating," Hancock said. "We have no decision in any of that. The doctor came out, evaluated him for a concussion, doctor made the call. I didn't make the damn call."

Hancock made it clear that the outcome of the Rojas match did not define the outcome of the overall meet, saying the Shamrocks would have won by two points if all things remained the same.

After Yatooma and Kolcheff secured the victory for Catholic Central, both Drew Heethuis and Anthony Walker lost the final two matches of the day by three points each, giving Davison a nine-point deficit after the Facundo loss.

But Davison assistant coach Zac Hall was thinking about momentum, what would have happened if the 189 bout would have continued.

After the meet against Davison, Yatooma was quick to side with Rojas.

"I know him, and I know he would never back down from a match," Yatooma said. "He wants to go out and wrestle and give it his all."

Catholic Central wrestler Josh Edmond was quick to admonish the Davison faithful.

"It's kind of disrespectful," Edmond said. "He's at the hospital, he's injured. It's pretty disrespectful to boo someone who's injured. It just shows what kind of people they are."

With no way of knowing what the outcome of the final would have been if the 189 bout sided with Davison, the Shamrocks stood with their medals and their Division 1 state title trophy.

It was spoken into existence by the sign on the door of Catholic Central's wrestling gym: "Through these doors walk the 2020 DI State Champions."

"When we come here, it's just a thing that we expect to happen," senior heavyweight Steven Kolcheff said. "Things happen in wrestling, and it's just a part of it."

It may have been expected for Catholic Central, but with the way Hancock looked at the trophy or posed for pictures after the state-title win, something still seemed off.

"Not the way we wanted to win the duel. Period," he said.

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Canton advances to KLAA championship on buzzer beater

Andrew Vailliencourt

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Entering March, Canton hadn't been on the right side of a buzzer beater since 2013. Now, the Chiefs have won two straight games at the buzzer.

In the KLAA conference tournament semifinal at Belleville High School, Canton built a 20-point lead in the second half before Belleville stormed back to tie the game with less than 20 seconds to play. Canton, scrambling with no timeouts and dealing with the shock of suddenly being in a tie game, was desperate.

Following a missed shot, Canton senior guard Ben Stesiak grabbed the loose ball and fired up a high-arcing shot from behind the basket just a fraction of a second before the final buzzer went off.

The Larry Bird-esque shot fell perfectly into the hoop and as the referees signaled the shot counted, Stesiak was mobbed in the center of the court by his teammates. He had just sent Canton to the KLAA championship game with a 58-56 victory over the Tigers.

Canton improves to 13-6 overall and 11-4 in the KLAA with the win, while Belleville falls to 15-2 and 14-1 in the league. Results of the KLAA championship game were not available before print deadline. Find who won the title at hometownlife.com.

"I'm super excited that we won and found a way to win on an incredible shot, but we didn't finish it like we should've," Canton coach Jimmy Reddy said.

Here are takeaways from the game:

Triples put Chiefs in front early

The first quarter started with a bang, as Belleville showed off its size and athleticism with a dunk by senior Connor Bush.

After that, however, the Canton defense caught fire as the Chiefs went on a 12-4 run before finishing the quarter up 15-8. It was three-point shooting that made the difference.

Canton senior Jacob Rubis make a three at the end of the first quarter, while senior Jake Vickers hit three triples and scored 15 first half points to power the Canton offense. Both of his first two shots were three-pointers.

The Tigers made a push during the second quarter, tightening the score before the Chiefs switched to a zone defense. The half ended with a Belleville foul on a desperation three by Stesiak, who then went to the free-throw line and made two of three attempts, giving Canton a 28-15 lead at the break.

Stesiak finished the game with 18 points, while Vickers scored 25.

Shooting beats size

Before the game even started, it was clear which team had the size advantage: Belleville. With eight players on its roster listed at 6-foot-3 or taller, it was going to be a challenge physically for the Chiefs, who really only have one true post player in Vickers.

Despite the height difference, Canton was the better shooting team, carrying its first half performance into the second half with a 7-0 run. That made it a 20-point margin in favor of the Chiefs.

Belleville responded, though, as Tigers sophomore Da'Jon Johnson hit his team's first three of the game with about four and a half minutes left in the third quarter. Belleville went on to make five triples in the second half.

"They're a super athletic team, it's tough to play against that length and athleticism," Reddy said. "We made an effort all week on offense to use fakes, ball-fakes, shot-fakes, because of their length and height."

Led by senior Lorenzo Wright, the Tigers continued to claw their way back into the contest, cutting Canton's lead to three with one and a half minutes left in the game. It was Wright who ultimately made a layup with under 20 seconds to play, tying the game at 56.

Wright finished the game with a team-high 19 points.

"He's very fast, very shifty and he's a great athlete," Stesiak said. "He's a great basketball player, he knows how to get to the rim. He's very crafty with everything he does. He's a great guard."

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Salem hockey secures regional final bid

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Salem head hockey coach Ryan Ossenmacher did not have any strategic plan or special pep talk for his team in the second-period intermission, coming in trailing 4-2 to Dearborn Unified.

The Rocks came into the final 17 minutes scuffling, having allowed two goals in the final two minutes of the second period off mistakes.

Ossenmacher, instead, pointed to the message he had instilled in Salem all year long: band of brothers.

"We said we have one last hill to climb," Ossenmacher said. "We weren't going to be on retreat. We weren't going to surrender. We were going to attack."

Anthony Gattoni, a defensemanturned-forward, attacked.

The senior found the back of the net with 12:13 to go in the Regional 8 semifinal, scoring the first of four third-period goals against Dearborn Unified (18-



Salem defenseman Anthony Gattoni charges after a puck near the boards. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

9-1) to secure a 6-5 win for the Rocks (17-10) and a date Wednesday against Northville in the regional final (after print deadline).

Having scored one of Salem's two goals in the second period, Gattoni said that first goal gave him and his teammates juice to finish the contest.

"This is real. We are not going to give up now," Gattoni said he thought after the first goal of the third period. "We've gone too far, we've put in too much work for this to go down the drain. We got all the boys together, and we got rolling."

After Nathan Zylik found the back of the net off a rebound to tie the game, Gattoni found daylight again.

With 3:09, the senior took the puck from Matt Rochuna, tucking it in for his third goal of the game, the first hat trick of his career.

"His speed is just dynamic," Ossenmacher said of Gattoni. "He plays at a level that most kids in high school can't reach, really any level. It's just a difference-maker for him and he's been big these past couple of games for us. I don't expect any different moving forward."

In the first two periods, Dearborn Unified gave Salem a run.

Thunderbirds senior forward Jason

Crossland scored each of the team's four goals in the first two periods.

But watching as the Rocks secured the win with an empty-net goal by forward Ethan Granowicz, Ossenmacher could not help but think that this is how winning hockey programs operate.

He wanted to lead Salem back to where it ended its season last year: the state quarterfinal after beating Northville, 3-2, in overtime in the regional final.

The Rocks head coach said that he hopes these types of games make Salem ready for what's ahead: a date with the Mustangs in the same spot as a year ago, with, possibly, Detroit Catholic Central waiting in the wings in the state quarterfinal, looking to end the Rocks' season like it did in 2019.

But Gattoni could not get past the band of brother concept.

He said with no daylight in between him and his teammates, Salem was continuing to climb its mountain.

Hockey

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squirted out to me and I shot one on net and it trickled in," Wood said.

Franklin beat Churchill the last time these two teams played, which served as a big motivating factor in this game.

"Truth of the matter is, I think this is the new Livonia rivalry," Reynolds said. "For a long time it was Stevenson and Churchill, but when we play on Thanksgiving Eve, I think it needs to be Churchill and Franklin now. We're two very prideful programs in the sense that we're the smallest schools in the KLAA now. We want to continue to show that we can compete at this level."

Churchill out-shot Franklin 40-18. Junior Bryant Riley made all 18 saves.

"This is a really hard-working team," Reynolds said. "We're not a team of superstars, we're not an incredibly deep roster, but these guys have a great bond in the locker room and it carries on to the ice."

Churchill and Franklin were both

knocked out of the playoffs in the first round last season, so this is a better result than 2019 for both squads. The Chargers, however, can win their third regional title in four years if they can get past Chelsea Wednesday (after print deadline).

"We've had an opportunity to see them a few times," Reynolds said. "We haven't played them this year, I know it's a different group from last year's team. It's a younger group in a bit of a rebuild. To their credit they've got some horses on their team that are really competitive, we certainly need to do our homework."

With one goal checked off the list, Wood said the focus turns to checking off another.

"It was one of our goals before the season to get back to the regional final," Wood said. "We're hoping we can come home with a wood mitten."

Contact reporter Andrew Vailliencourt at availlienc@hometownlife.com or 810-923-0659. Follow him on Twitter @AndrewVcourt. Send game results and stats to Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com.



Churchill's Nick Liebau celebrates his first-period goal against Franklin. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Meeting dates are as follows:

Date	Day	Appointment Time	Petition
March 12, 2020	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Organizational Meeting
March 16, 2020	Monday	10:00 a.m 9:00 p.m.	
March 17, 2020	Tuesday	10:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	
March 19, 2020	Thursday	1:30 p.m.	Wrap Up
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Your 2020 Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation and Property Classification will be mailed to you the first week of March 2020. The inflation rate, expressed as a multiplier, to be used in the 2020 Capped Value Formula is 1.019. The Inflation Rate Multiplier Calculation is outlined in Bulletin No. 17 of 2019 by the State Tax Commission on the State of Michigan website.

Letter appeals are to be accompanied by a completed Form 618 Petition to Board of Review L-4035. The Petition is available at www.michigan.gov/treasury - select Search Treasury - Forms [618]. Petitioner agents must submit, for each parcel individually, current letters with original signatures from your client properly authorizing you to appear for the property owner.

If you desire an appointment, please call the Assessment Department at 734-722-2000 Ext. 1014 Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

> Tina M. Stanke, CMC City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ELECTION PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, March 10, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Redford, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time.

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CITY OF WESTLAND

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI, March 25, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. The regularly scheduled meeting for March 18, 2020, was postponed until March 25, 2020. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in the City of Westland tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2907 - M. Soave - 8332 Hugh

Req. for two 20 ft. lot width variances and two 1,800 sq. ft. lot area variances from Ord. 248 in order to split an existing parcel into 2 separate lots for construction of 2 new single-family homes which would result in Parcel 1 & 2 each having a width of 40 ft. and each would comprise of 5,400 sq. ft.; whereas Sec. 7:4.2 requires a minimum lot width of 60 ft. and also requires a minimum lot area of 7,200 sq. ft.

Petition #2907 – D. McMillon – 38606 Canyon Drive Req. for two side yd. fence location variances from Ord. 226A-22 to install a 6' high privacy fence on the east side of the home facing the street, and a 6' high privacy fence on the west side of the home which is the street side; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed by a 6' high privacy fence and that no privacy fence shall be permitted on the street side of corner lots.

Petition #2908 - K. Dobbelstein - 36131 Melton

Req. for a side yd. fence location variance from Ord. 226A-22 to install a 6' high privacy fence that extends beyond the rear yard on the east and west side of the home.; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed by a 6' high privacy fence.

Petition #2910 - T. Ayers - 7655 Louise Ct.

Req. for a side yd. fence location variance from Ord. 226A-22 to install a 6' high privacy fence that extends beyond the rear yard on the west side of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed by a 6' high privacy fence.

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BID DOCUMENTS:

PROJECT:	Project Name and Project Number:
	Garden City High School 6500 Middlebelt Road Garden City, MI 48135
OWNER:	Garden City Schools 1333 Radcliff Garden City, MI 48135
PROPOSAL:	Contractors must submit a Proposal for: Proposal No. 1 Garden City High School
ARCHITECT:	French Associates, Inc. 236 Mill Street Rochester, MI 48307 (248) 736-8611 Contact: Keti Mitevska
DUE DATE:	Sealed proposals will be received until Tuesday, March 24th at 2:00 p.m. local time (the "Due Date") by the Owner, at the Garden City Schools Business Office, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud immediately. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.
	Sealed Envelope must include 2 copies of the completed Form of Proposal (section 00 4000), Familial Disclosure Statement, Iran Economic Sanctions Act and a Bid Bond (for Bids over \$50,000).

Any questions should be directed to the Architect's office

Bid documents will be transmitted via email only by the Architect to General Contractor's beginning on Tuesday,

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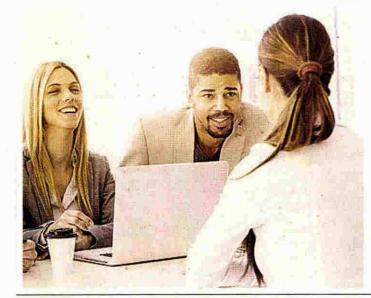
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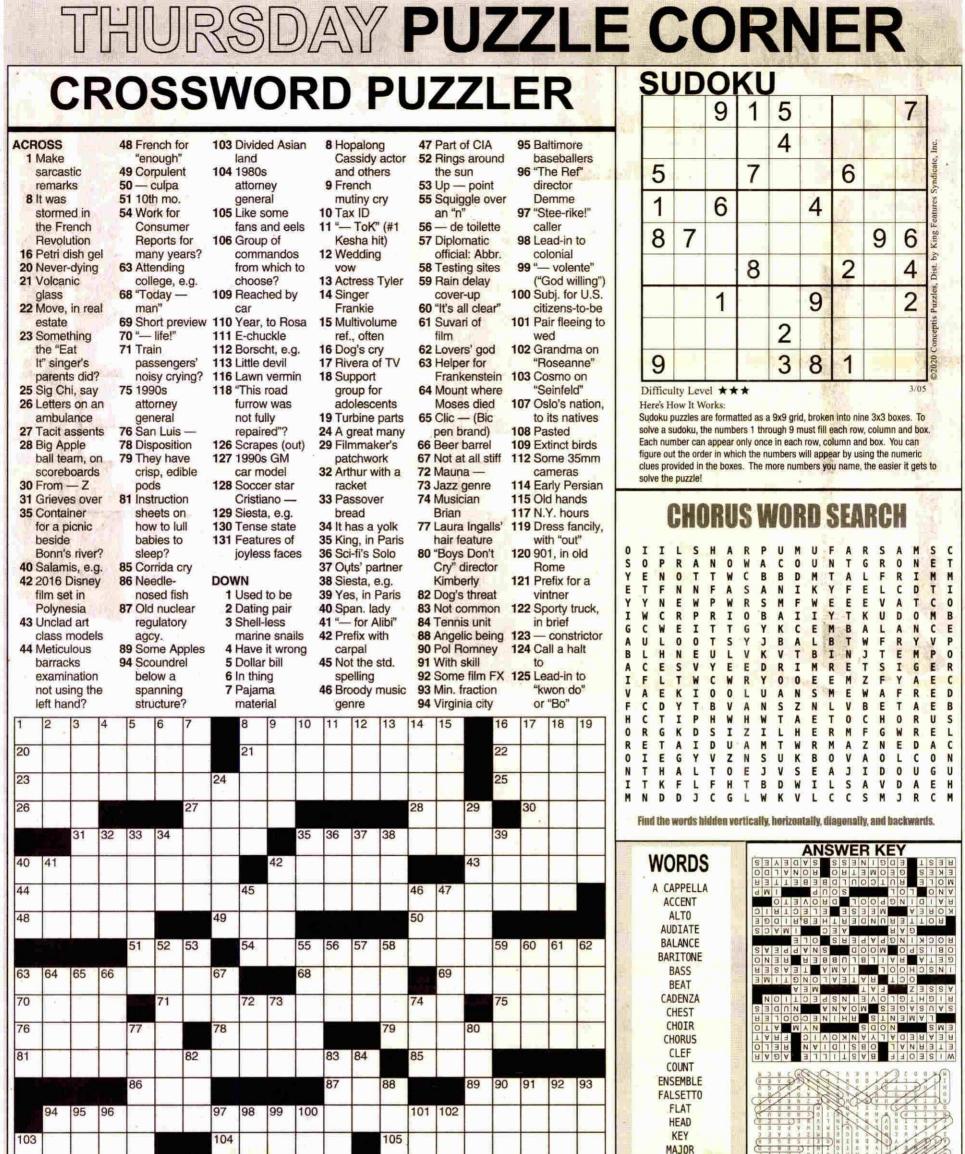
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