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Chugh-Sidhu elected PCCS board president

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Once the switching of seats and changing of positions had settled on election night for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education July 23, a familiar face on the dais had taken the reins of the presidency.

Following a 5-2 vote of her peers,

Anupam Chugh-Sidhu was elected to serve as the board's new president, succeeding Kate Borninski, who has been a member of the board of education in some capacity since 2015.

Moments after the shake-up, Chugh-Sidhu and Borninski traded chairs and positions. Borninski, the president since 2017, will serve as a trustee until her current term expires in 2020.



Chugh-Sidhu

"Congratulations, and come over and assume your new role," district Superintendent Monica Merritt said to Chugh-Sidhu.

Chugh-Sidhu lost her bid for a six-year term on the board during the general election in November 2018, but was

chosen to fill the void left when former board member Patricia Mullen resigned Nov. 20.

Chugh-Sidhu, who initially joined the board in December 2016, works as a technical instruction manager for Wayne RESA.

"Thank you for the support," Chugh-

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Mammography bus brings 3-D technology to patients

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It's a common occurrence for Henry Ford Health Systems employee Dianna Geldohf to become the target of the universal sign to roll down your window while she navigates her employer's hard-to-miss royal-blue vehicle throughout Detroit and its suburbs.

Geldohf is a driver/receptionist for Henry Ford's two-week-old Mammograms on the Move bus, a state-of-the-art vehicle that brings three-dimensional mammography technology to 11 communities throughout southeastern Michigan.

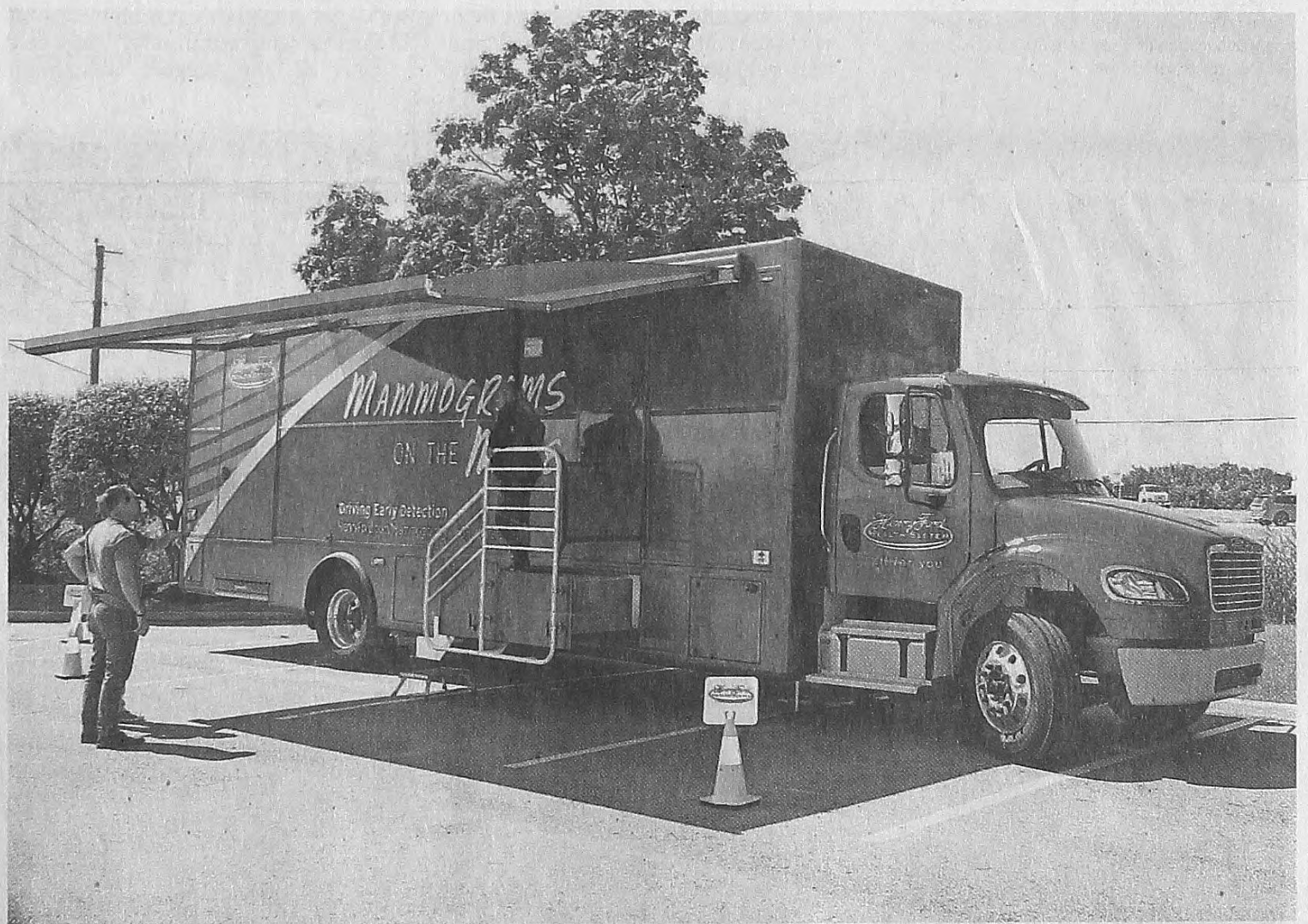
The vehicle was servicing patients July 24 at Henry Ford's Plymouth Township location when she took a break to talk about the program.

"It happens all the time: I'll be at a red light and the person next to me gives me the roll-down-your-window gesture," Geldohf said, making a circular motion with her hand. "They'll give me two thumbs up and say, like, 'Thanks for doing what you're doing! It's great!'"

While Geldohf doesn't perform the mammograms — that job belongs to on-board technicians like Carol Neill — she gets the idea: People dig the idea of making mammograms more accessible, thus increasing the chances of early detection of breast cancer.

"The No. 1 reason (for the bus) is we wanted to get the 3-D mammograms out to as many patients as possible," said Samantha Tunnecliffe, Henry Ford's supervisor of mammography. "We picked the locations the bus services based in part by the communities that had the highest non-compliance rates."

Once a patient steps into the vehicle,



Henry Ford Health Systems' new Mammograms on the Move mobile imaging unit visits a Henry Ford office on Beck Road near Five Mile in Plymouth Township on July 24. The unit serves 11 communities in the area. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"The No. 1 reason (for the Mammograms on the Move mobile imaging unit) is we wanted to get the 3-D mammograms out to as many patients as possible."

Samantha Tunnecliffe Supervisor of mammography for Henry Ford Health Systems

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Wayne County restaurant inspections for June

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Moldy food in the refrigerator. Personal medications found near food preparation stations. Raw food stored next to ready-to-eat foods.

These are just a few of the issues

found by health inspectors during restaurant inspections that took place throughout June in western Wayne County.

In June, third-party inspectors visited dozens of restaurants, churches, schools, senior living facilities and other commercial kitchens to make sure food

safety is a top priority.

Restaurants in the following communities listed "priority" violations, the most serious of violations.

Lesser violations include "core" and "priority foundation," which are not listed in the reports.

Priority violations are the ones that

can lead to foodborne illness.

Hometown Life reviewed the inspection reports for the month of June in Wayne County and found the following priority violations at eating establishments:

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President

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Sidhu said as she settled into the president's chair. "I want to thank the previous board presidents for laying the foundation for the great work that has been happening in Plymouth and Canton. I'd like to thank former President Borninski for her dedication to the board presidency over the past two years.

"Also, this is not about one person or individual role or title, but our collective work in making sure we put students first and looking at students' success as our priority. I know everyone at this table is focused and committed to that work."

Patti McCain, who is currently serving a term that runs from 2017-2022, was elected vice president of the board.

Doug Brooks was elected secretary and Patrick Kehoe will continue his role as treasurer.

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Vietnam Moving Wall coming to Livonia

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The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., is a powerful display that immortalizes the names of the 58,313 men and women who paid the ultimate price during the Vietnam War. For people around the country to experience the memorial's powerful display up close, The Moving Wall travels the country.

The Moving Wall is a half-size replica of D.C.'s memorial wall, and it's coming to Livonia's Ford Field Park on Aug. 8-12.

"This is a piece of history that is coming to Livonia," said Ted Davis, superintendent of Livonia Parks and Recreation. "It's a way to honor all of our veterans, but specifically Vietnam veterans."

Davis has been to the memorial in Washington, D.C. and said, even if people were not personally touched by the war, the wall is a powerful sight.

"You're struck by the enormity, the sheer volume of names," he said. "You look at all of those young men (and women) who, at the beginning of their lives, gave so much. It's incredibly impactful."

To make The Moving Wall's visit just as powerful, Livonia is going to lengths to pay proper respect to the people whose names are on the wall.

"We're going to have a motorcycle escort and I'm guessing we're going to have hundreds of motorcycles," said Dave Varga, Livonia's director of administrative services. "We're going to gather at Greenmead, go down Newburgh, across Seven Mile, down Merriman, across Farmington and then to Lyndon. So it's going to be about a seven-mile escort of the wall into Ford Field and we'll have firetrucks with the ladders up and flags hanging down as a sign of respect."

The wall is expected to open to the public around noon Aug. 8 and will remain open 24/7 with volunteer security guards at all hours.

There will also be more to experience than the wall itself. Ford Field Park will be filled with a veterans village, chaplains, crosses display, living encampments, daily ceremonies, military vehicles, United Services Organi-



Roush Industries built this float last year to promote the Vietnam Moving Wall's coming to Livonia. The exhibit is expected to open at noon Aug. 8. FILE

zation-esque shows and more. Livonia is selling commemorative T-shirts and challenge coins.

Since the idea to bring the wall to Livonia for the first time was brought up by city council candidate Brian Duggan a year and a half ago, the city has partnered with veteran groups and enlisted the help of Livonia AM Rotary member Joanna Hardesty to make the weekend special.

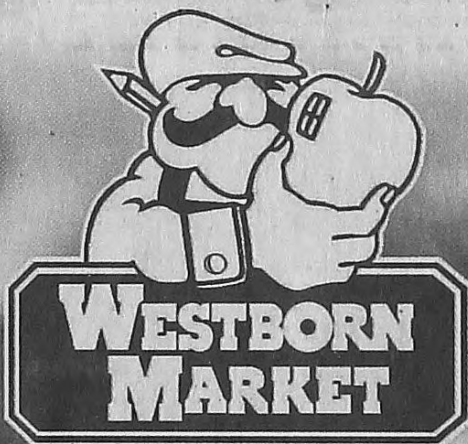
"It's an opportunity that, unless you go to Washington, D.C., you don't get. ... It's going to be a real community event. Each night, we have a guest speaker and we've got some fairly prominent people in the veterans community," Varga said. One of the biggest happenings

throughout the weekend will be the city's attempt to, with help from volunteers, read every name on the wall. Varga said some volunteers have signed up to read names for four hours.

"The goal is to read all 58,000 names," he said. "It's going to take a while, and we have a bell that the fire department provided. So we will ring a bell for each name. It's to pay tribute and honor, lest they be forgotten, the people who were there."

To learn more, visit the City of Livonia's website.

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Wayne-Westland school board implies interim superintendent still in charge

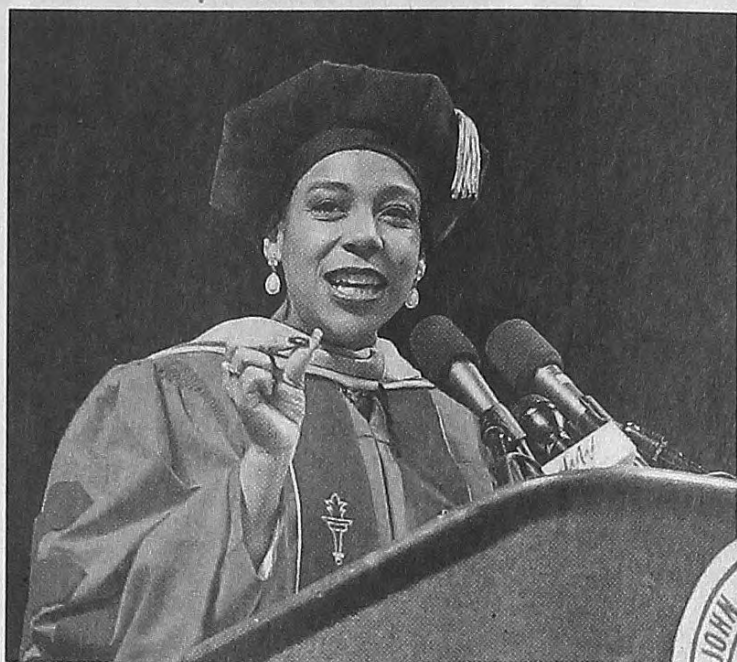
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Parents of school-age children and other community members in Wayne and Westland received a letter from Board of Education President David Cox on July 24, introducing them to Sue Carnell, who was appointed the district's interim superintendent July 11.

But, that doesn't comply with a court order that was issued to the district after Shelley Holt, the district's superintendent, filed a \$2 million lawsuit against the school district, school board and individual school board trustees. The case is before Judge Craig Strong in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The order states that while Holt's lawsuit continues, the district's investigation into allegations of abuse of power made against Holt — initiated June 20 — should be halted and Holt should return to her job. Holt had been put on paid administrative leave while the investigation was being conducted.

"As we look to start the 2019-2020 school year, the Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education is pleased to welcome Sue C. Carnell,



Ph.D. as interim Superintendent," the letter, signed by Cox, reads in part. "Dr. Carnell earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan. She earned both her Masters and Ph.D. from Eastern Michigan University in

Educational Leadership."

Anthony Adams, Holt's attorney, said he feels the letter goes against the judge-issued order that the investigation into Holt, which would include her being on paid administrative leave, be

A letter from Wayne-Westland Board of Education President David Cox implies that Sue Carnell is still serving as interim superintendent, despite a court order saying that Dr. Shelley Holt, pictured, must be reinstated to her former position.

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stopped.

"We don't agree with the substance of the letter posted by the Board," Adams said in an email. "Dr. Holt was removed from paid administrative leave by judge Strong. That order still stands. Nor is there any investigation pending against her. That order still stands as well. If there is an investigation underway, that would clearly be a violation of the judge's order subjecting the district to fines and contempt."

Adams also said there is an "understanding" between Holt and the district since that judge's order was made, though he declined to discuss what that understanding entailed.

A central office employee said Holt has not been back to work since the judge's order has been issued and that Carnell has been working as interim superintendent. The district filed an injunction regarding the judge-issued order on July 17. The district said it does not comment on ongoing litigation or investigations.

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Village Theater at Cherry Hill exhibit features stained glass-style paintings

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents Canton artist Susan Aitken's stunning stained glass-style oil paintings on display through Aug. 28.

"Contemporary Candescence: Beauty of Light & Color," will feature a free artist reception 7-9 p.m. today.

At first glance you will want to peer closer to understand what you are seeing. Color and technique combine to create the illusion of stained glass on canvas. Aitken, a contemporary realist painter, said her style is a modern interpretation of the 12th century art form of

stained glass. A combination of intricate line and luminous color, her oil paintings emanate elegance and serenity. Depicted is natural beauty as well as three-dimensional images such as garden sculptures and gargoyles within the framework of traditional stained glass.

The exhibit at Gallery@VT is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, and one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater and by appointment.

For more information, visit cantonvillagetheater.org.



A section of "Tranquil Garden," one of Canton artist Susan Aitken's works in the show. COURTESY OF SUSAN AITKEN

Inspections

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- 21 priority violations in Northville and Northville Township
- 11 priority violations in Plymouth and Plymouth Township
- 32 priority violations in Canton
- 27 priority violations in Wayne and Westland
- 47 priority violations in Livonia

The full list of June's priority violations can be found at hometownlife.com.

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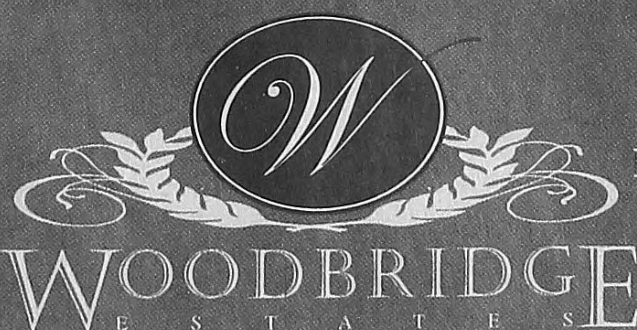


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Owners rush to exhume pets from Heavenly Acres cemetery

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On Mother's Day, Helen Boutorwick arrived at Heavenly Acres Pet Cemetery to find it boarded up and in disarray.

She didn't know the Genoa Township cemetery closed after its lease expired last year, placing the graves of thousands of animals in limbo.

Less than three months later, Boutorwick and the owners of approximately 74,000 animals buried at Heavenly Acres have been told they need to exhume the remains of their former pets or lose any claim to them.

They will each get a three-to-four-hour time slot to do so on one of nine predetermined days between now and early September.

On Wednesday, the cemetery was in a state of neglect with weeds and grass covering numerous graves.

A distraught couple looking for their dog's grave searched for more than an hour, unable to find the spot where Henry, a Yorkie, was buried 26 years ago.

They'd been given a plot number, but the plot markers lay broken on the ground.

'Gesture of goodwill'

Earlier this month, Boutorwick received a letter offering her "a final opportunity" to remove the remains of her late mother's cats and dog buried at the cemetery.

The letter stated owners would need to sign a waiver, agreeing not to pursue additional claims against the building or property before being allowed on the property.

In the letter, Brighton attorney Shari Pollesch, who represents the property owners, Carol Street Park Ridge, wrote the exhumation opportunity for owners was a "gesture of goodwill."

"There will be no exceptions made to the terms of the exhumation activities."



After searching throughout Heavenly Acres Pet Cemetery for close to an hour July 24, for the plot of their deceased dog, Henry, a couple gave up the search.

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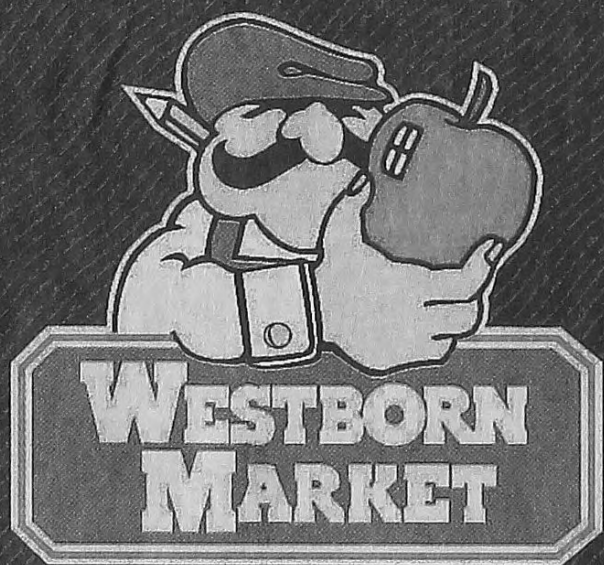


A plot at Heavenly Acres appears to have been excavated, presumably to collect the remains of a pet.



A pet owner walks a path July 24 to look for the plot where his dog, Henry, is buried. He and his wife were unable to find Henry's gravestone due to overgrowth. They had been hoping to exhume his remains and have them cremated.

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Samantha Tunnecliffe demonstrates how the mobile mammography unit's digital x-ray machine can be repositioned so it can image breasts from the top and sides. The machine renders Digital Breast Tomosynthesis images which can "see" better into tissue to spot potential tumors. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Bus

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they find it hard to differentiate from a normal doctor's waiting room. Geldohf is seated at a table behind a computer monitor, ready to register patients for the examination.

Once registered, patients are guided toward the back of the vehicle, which has been converted into a high-tech examination room.

Henry Ford rolled out Mammograms on the Move July 15. It has received rave reviews from patients who appreciate the convenience that eliminates visiting a hospital.

"A lot of patients communicate to us how they can just park near the bus, walk up a few steps, get examined and leave," Tunnecliffe said. "They're not surrounded by patients who may be sick, they don't have to navigate through hospital hallways."

"A lot of the patients have tell me, 'Whoever is in charge, thank them so much for me,'" Geldohf said.

Tunnecliffe explained the 3-D mammograms are more effective than two-dimensional versions because they al-

low radiologists to examine breast tissue "layer by layer" and can detect more invasive tumors.

The ultimate goal, Tunnecliffe shared, is to examine 20 patients per day at whichever site the bus is located.

"We get most patients in and out in about 10 to 15 minutes," Geldohf said.

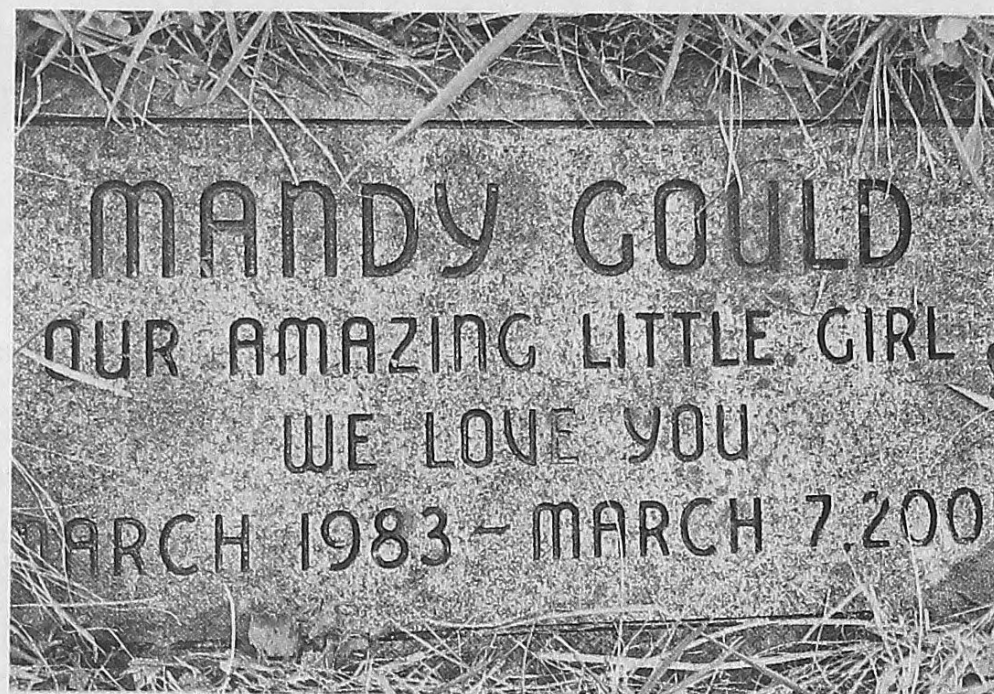
At the end of each day, Geldohf (or whomever is behind the wheel of the bus) drives to one of two sites (Henry Ford's West Bloomfield facility or Henry Ford Macomb) and with the help of a high-tech connection system, transfers the collected data into the hospital's data storage unit, making it accessible to radiologists to examine the next day.

"It usually takes about two hours to transfer all the data," she said.

Tunnecliffe said the down-the-road plan is to take Mammograms on the Move to community events where it could be utilized on a walk-up basis.

The mammogram buses are rare throughout the state, Tunnecliffe noted. Among the 11 communities served by the bus are Livonia, Plymouth and Milford.

Patients interested in utilizing the new service are encouraged to visit HenryFord.com/Mammography or call 248-325-3404.



The gravestone of Brenda Gould's dog, Mandy, who was buried at Heavenly Acres Pet Cemetery. PHOTOS COURTESY OF HELEN BOUTORWICK

Acres

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There will be no alternative dates offered," she wrote in her letter dated July 16.

Boutorwick called the letter "cruel." "When I got that letter I just lost it," she said. "They are acting like we have antique watches out there, not fur babies."

She does not plan to remove to remove the animals but wants the grave-stones her mother bought.

According to the letter, each pet owner must contact Pollesch's office to select a date from the nine days listed in the letter between July 24 and Sept. 7.

Pollesch did not respond to a request for comment. Owners are given three to four hours to have their pet remains or headstones removed and are only allowed to go to the cemetery once.

The letter is one result of a settlement between four pet owners: Diane Rousseau, Albert Holtz, Kimberly Goldstein and Sandra Reed; the property owners; and Linda Williams, who ran the pet cemetery prior to its closure.

As part of the settlement, the parties signed a non-disclosure agreement preventing them from commenting on the resolution.

The property's lease expired Sept. 30, "requiring a closing of the cemetery," Brighton attorney David Johnson wrote to Rousseau last year.

Johnson represents Linda Williams, who owned First Pet Care Services until it went out of business.

"We went to the bush and found the graves... I dropped to my knees in horror. My mother would be devastated," Boutorwick said.

She said her mom, Brenda Gould, made \$30,000 a year before her death in 2014 and had to save for years to be able to bury her pets in the cemetery. Boutorwick said it took her and her husband two hours to find graves in May, thanks to the hand-drawn map given to her by her sister. With the plot map withheld from the owners by attorneys for Linda Williams, she doesn't know if she will have enough time to retrieve the grave-stones, especially given the state of the grounds.

Attorneys for Linda Williams did not respond to a request for comment.

Lawsuit

In January the four pet owners asked now-retired Livingston County Judge David Reader to issue a temporary restraining order on the property preventing the animals from being removed or destroyed.



Brenda Gould plays with one of her dogs. Gould buried her pets in Heavenly Acres, which closed in 2018.

Reader signed the restraining order, and it remained in effect until the settlement.

Since January there has been a handful of court hearings continuing the order and the fight against Williams, Carol Street Park Ridge, Heavenly Acres Pet Cremation Services, Stone Investment and First Pet Care Services to preserve the cemetery.

The next scheduled court date is for July 31, with the final dismissal of charges scheduled for August.

Jill Daly, of Commerce Township, has several dogs buried at Heavenly Acres. She started a GoFundMe page last fall to help pay lawyer fees, raising more than \$3,000. Daly had one of her dogs for 17 years before burying him at the cemetery and buried another one there a few years ago.

She is not sure how she will remove her pets if she can't find a company to transport the remains.

"I just don't want to do it. I can't bear it," Daly said.

She said she doesn't understand why the company wants the land the cemetery is on as it is a "flooded mess."

"They think there is gold buried out there," she said.

Daly wishes someone in the community or the township had stepped in during the litigation process and helped. Now she said she has to decide what she will do with her pets when she removes them from the cemetery.

"I am not going through this again," Daly said. "We just want it done with. It's this ongoing nightmare - what's it gonna cost emotionally and financially."



Zereb and Sasha, two of Milan Emanuele's cats, are buried at Heavenly Acres.

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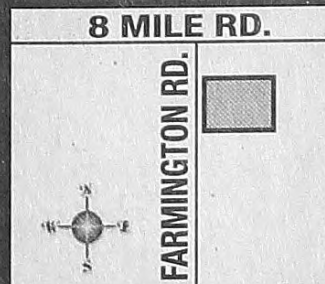
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Talk personal finance with college-age children



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It's hard to believe, but students will soon head back to college. If you have a child who is going away to college for the first time, it is important you have a conversation with your child about finances. I cannot stress enough how important this is. After all, when your child goes to college, they are an adult, with adult responsibilities.

It is important that as a parent you recognize that if your child runs into financial difficulty, it could be a stain on them that lasts for years, and could not only affect their personal finances, but also hinder them in obtaining employment. In the past, financial mistakes made in college were not very relevant; today, they are. In addition, you have to recognize that your student is going to be faced with all sorts of financial challenges.

They have to learn that just because a charge card company is giving them free stuff to sign up for, that doesn't mean they should take it. They have to learn there are no free rides. My philosophy is it's better that

your kids learn personal finance from you as opposed to the charge card companies, who will teach your child to spend, spend and spend some more.

Not every child going to college is faced with the same challenges. Some will need student loans and a job to make their way through school, while others will not have the same pressures. Therefore, you need to focus your conversation on the issues that are relevant to their individual situation. That being said, I believe there are some basics that every college kid needs to know. The first of these is how charge cards work.

It is amazing to me that so many kids don't understand how interest works or, if you only pay the minimum, how expensive using a charge card can be. Your job is to teach them those things so that they will think twice before they sign up for a new charge card or before they actually charge something on the card.

The lesson that I would teach them is that charge cards should be used for convenience and convenience purposes only and in addition, if you cannot afford to pay for a purchase when you receive your charge card bill, it's generally a clear sign that you cannot afford the purchase.

It's also a good idea to remind them that when you

use a charge card, you cannot be late on your payments. Not only is there the cost, but also the risk of it ending up on their credit report, which could impact them for years to come.

College kids also have to know there are consequences when they sign their name to a contract. Whether it is for a lease, phone service or cable, they need to understand the terms of that contract. They have to recognize that because they are adults, when they sign on the dotted line, they have responsibilities and obligations and if they don't live up to them there could be severe financial consequences.

When I went to college, society was not nearly as complex as it is today. Back then, no one was soliciting and enticing college students to sign up for charge cards, and no one ever heard of credit scores; today, those are realities. Therefore, as your child gets ready to go to college, whether it's for the first time or not, it is important that you sit down with them and have a serious conversation regarding personal finances.

Good luck!

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Some may receive up to \$20K in Equifax settlement

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Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Two years after the massive Equifax data breach, consumers may finally see some relief in a \$700 million settlement reached with regulators.

The proposed settlement would cover up to \$425 million to consumers for the time and money spent to protect themselves from the potential threats of ID theft or dealing with actual ID theft after the data breach was first announced in September 2017.

Michigan's share in the settlement is nearly \$4.64 million, according to Michigan Attorney

General Dana Nessel.

"Equifax failed to address a critical security issue that left the door open so hackers could access personal information for millions of people across the country," Nessel said in a statement.

Nessel called Equifax's actions "an unconscionable breach of trust by the company."

The proposed deal is the largest data breach enforcement action in history.

How would payout look for consumers?

It's possible that some consumers would get up to \$20,000 for lost time and money. But consum-

ers would need to go through hoops to get that kind of cash.

The deal calls for paying consumers \$25 an hour for up to 20 hours for time spent protecting personal information or addressing ID theft after the breach.

Costs that could be covered would include:

- Any cost of freezing or unfreezing credit reports at any consumer reporting agency, such as TransUnion or Experian, after the breach.

- Money you spent buying credit monitoring or ID theft protection after the breach.

- Up to 25% of the amount paid to Equifax for credit or identity mon-

itoring subscription products between Sept. 7, 2016, and Sept. 7, 2017. That would reimburse some expenses before the breach was announced. Equifax first discovered evidence of cyber crime, the company said, on July 29, 2017. The company said the unauthorized access took place from mid-May through July 2017.

- Any reimbursed costs, expenses, losses or charges you took on as a result of ID theft.

- Miscellaneous expenses associated with ID theft-related issues, such as notary, fax, postage, mileage and telephone charges.

Atlanta-based Equifax's data breach exposed key information, including Social Security numbers, that could be used by criminals aiming to take out credit in someone else's name.

The data breach made it far more important for consumers to actively pay attention to their credit reports to spot any fraudulent activity early in the game.

As part of the proposed deal, all U.S. con-

sumers would be able to request up to six free copies of their Equifax credit report during any 12-month period. That offer would begin Dec. 31, 2019, and last for seven years.

The free copies would be in addition to any free reports they're already entitled to receive under federal law.

Will Equifax pay a penalty too?

The proposed settlement deal doesn't stop at offering a payout.

Equifax is looking at a \$100 million civil penalty and other relief as well, according to a statement released by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Federal Trade Commission and state regulators.

Credit bureaus collect your data to sell to lenders and others to judge your creditworthiness. It's logical for consumers to expect something as sensitive as their Social Security numbers to be safe from hackers.

"This company's ineptitude, negligence, and lax security standards

endangered the identities of half the U.S. population," said New York Attorney General Letitia James in a statement.

How much is enough is debatable when you're talking about so much data put at risk. Some even call the restitution amount for consumers relatively modest.

"One huge concern is the long-term consequences of the Equifax breach," said Chi Chi Wu, staff attorney at the National Consumer Law Center. "The risk of identity theft is forever because our stolen Social Security numbers can be traded by hackers in perpetuity."

She noted that provisions to provide better data security measures are a start but should be applied to all credit bureaus, as well as other consumer reporting agencies that have personal and sensitive data.

After the Equifax data breach, Congress required Equifax, Experian and TransUnion to offer consumers a credit freeze, free of charge.

Consumers can still freeze their credit reports and may want to do just that if they're concerned about ID theft after the data breach, Wu said.

The proposed \$700 million agreement must be approved by the court, as part of a case filed in federal district court in the Northern District of Georgia.


After the court approves a settlement regarding Equifax, consumers can submit a claim at www.Equifax-BreachSettlement.com.

Consumers also could call the settlement administrator at 833-759-2982.

The Federal Trade Commission also has details on the claims process, including a suggestion to save any documents you have related to your efforts to avoid or recover from identity theft after the 2017 Equifax data breach. See ftc.gov/Equifax. You cannot submit a claim just yet.


"We encourage consumers impacted by the breach to submit their claims in order to receive free credit monitoring or cash reimbursements," said Kathleen L. Kraninger, the director for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

All affected consumers would be eligible to receive at least 10 years of free credit-monitoring services and at least seven years of free identity-restoration services.



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LPS board honors memory of Harris

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Following her untimely death on June 28, the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education took time to honor Jacqueline Harris at its July 24 meeting with a sympathy resolution for her family and friends. The resolution was unanimously passed.

Harris, better known as Jackie, was a transportation paraprofessional since

her hiring in 2012 for the district and rode school buses with some of Livonia's special needs students. Peggy Streffon, LPS' supervisor of transportation, said Harris loved her job and was a joy to be around.

"She loved her job and Jackie was great at her job," Streffon said. "She was so good with the kids and with the other staff members here. She will really be missed, I mean she was a wonderful person."



Harris

Harris was born on March 27, 1956, the mother of five daughters and the grandmother to a slew of grandchildren. Streffon said, whether family or friend, Harris will be missed by all those who knew her.

"She was a genuine human being," Streffon said. "She would tell it like it is, but always with compassion."

During the board meeting, Superintendent Andrea Oquist expressed her condolences to Harris' family.

"On behalf of a grateful district, we share our deepest sympathies with the family of Mrs. Harris and we will share this resolution along with a message from the board of education and our cabinet team with her family," Oquist said.

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How to protect yourself from ticks, mosquitoes

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Summertime in Michigan is peak season for ticks and mosquitoes.

The bugs aren't just annoying. Black-legged ticks spread Lyme disease and mosquitoes are a vector for diseases including West Nile virus.

Here's what you need to know about protecting yourself.

How to apply bug spray

Use an Environmental Protection Agency-approved bug spray or cream on exposed skin when you go outside. Apply insect repellent before sunscreen and be careful not to spray the repellent into your mouth or nose.

DEET and picaridin are active ingredients that protect against both ticks and mosquitoes.

Don't use repellent that contains DEET on babies under 2 months old. The American Academy of Pediatrics also advises against using products with DEET concentrations of 30% or higher on children of all ages.

Take special care to apply repellent near feet and ankles since mosquitoes love biting those areas. Another option is to wear clothing that covers as much

of your skin as possible. Mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk.

How to avoid ticks

You can avoid ticks by wearing closed-toed shoes while hiking. Light-colored pants will allow you to better spot a tick before it latches onto your body.

It's better to walk in the center of trails instead of wading through brush or woods where ticks congregate.

Lyme disease spreads to humans via bites from blacklegged ticks, also known as deer ticks or bear ticks. You're unlikely to catch the disease if you remove a tick within one to three days, so it's a good idea to check your body daily. You should check your dog, too, after it spends time outside.

Remove a tick with tweezers and then wash the area with soap and water. If you see a tick, you can help scientists identify the species by submitting a picture to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Call a doctor if you experience a rash or flu-like symptoms after being bitten by a tick.

Many patients recover completely if treated with antibiotics soon after contracting Lyme disease.

Lyme disease on the rise

Lyme disease is a growing concern in Michigan.

Last year, Michiganders reported 262 Lyme disease cases to the state.

Before 2016, the state had not seen more than 200 cases in a single year, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Data on Lyme infection is not yet available for 2019, said Lynn Sutfin, an MDHHS spokeswoman.

How mosquitoes spread West Nile

Mosquitoes are another six-legged vehicle for infectious diseases and, in Michigan, that includes West Nile Virus.

Michigan has seen West Nile outbreaks every summer since 2002, although the likelihood of contracting the virus is still very small on an individual level.

Mosquitoes tested positive for West Nile this summer in Saginaw and Oakland counties. A goose in Kalamazoo County also contracted the disease this year. There have been no 2019 cases documented in Ingham, Eaton or Clinton counties.

West Nile can lead to headaches, fever, confusion and muscle weakness.

Is this a bad summer for mosquitoes?

Mosquitoes thrive in warm, humid weather. Because June was rainy but chilly, mosquito populations were down at the start of the summer. Researchers noticed mosquito levels 70% below 40-year averages when they trapped the bugs in Michigan's thumb area, said Ned Walker, a Michigan State University entomologist.

Michigan's mosquitoes have since hit normal population levels since the weather warmed up this July.

Mosquitoes spawn in warm, wet weather but the disease tends to spread most rapidly in warm, dry weather, Walker said. His research has focused on how standing water fuels the spread of West Nile.

Mosquitoes flock to the stagnant water that pools in the catch basins at the sides of roads. When it rains, that water is flushed out. Without much rain, that dirty water just pools, creating a mosquito's paradise, Walker said.

He recommends draining your backyard of standing water, dumping out bird paths, maintaining swimming pools and cleaning out gutters.

"People are very good at creating habitats for mosquitoes," Walker said.

Police: Canton parking lot fight leads to gun draw

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One male punched another and the stricken man drew a handgun during a July 10 felonious assault in Canton.

Police said in a report no one was injured, but they arrested the gun owner, a 48-year-old Canton man.

He has been arraigned on a felonious assault charge, along with a weapons charge. His bond was set at \$5,000.

Police interviewed the arrestee, along with his accusers, a female and male, the day of the incident. Here's what they said happened.

The couple said they pulled into the Kroger parking lot, 1905 N. Canton Center Road, around 7 p.m. July 10.

They honked their horn when the gun owner's truck didn't pull into a space or proceed. Shavrnock apparently raised his middle finger and then pulled toward their vehicle. He allegedly started to curse at the couple.

The couple asked him to calm down

and said they only wanted him to move. He was driving away when he started calling the female names.

He apparently then stopped when someone associated with the other vehicle asked him to.

The other male approached the vehicle and punched him. He told police he feared for the couple's safety after he heard his companion mention that the other driver had a gun.

"He immediately observed a black handgun pointing at his face," the police report said of the punching male. "He stated that he immediately put his hands up."

The couple backed away. They reported their side to police, who later located the gun owner at his home, who admitted to pulling out the gun because he felt threatened. He said he never put a finger on the trigger. Police confiscated the gun.

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Canton mother, son fight over lost key

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A family dispute over a lost key resulted in Canton police accusing a son of abusing his mother July 4.

He was arrested on a domestic violence charge that afternoon because his wheelchair-bound mother said he sat in her lap and began pushing her chest during an argument.

He apparently grabbed her wheelchair's joystick, preventing her from moving. During the incident, she was able to push the chair forward, forcing him off her lap.

The son drove away. Police were able to stop him while they were traveling to the mother's home near Palmer and Haggerty roads.

Police arriving at the mother's home stated they saw she had a red mark on her chest.

She apparently had refused to hand over a new key to her son's vehicle after he lost the old one and they had to call a locksmith.

The son couldn't pay immediately. His mother took care of the locksmith's cost, but she didn't want to hand over the key.

The son told police he never assaulted his mother and she has pressed false charges against him in the past.

A witness said he never saw the man punch his mother or assault her in any way.

In other July Fourth incidents, police were dispatched to resolve arguments over fireworks near Cherry Hill and Haggerty roads around 10 p.m. and near Beck and Geddes roads, at around 9:30 p.m.

Two groups of neighbors had reproached someone for shooting off fireworks in the earlier incident, asking that person to relocate.

The situation escalated into name calling and threats of violence.

The arguing parties disbanded in each case.

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Northville grad swims with sharks

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The theme song from "Jaws" was the last thing swimming through the mind of Northville native Molly Duda when she dove into the shark-infested waters off the coast of the Bahamas.

A participant in a biology of sharks field experience at the Bimini Biological Field Station, the 2017 graduate of Northville High School embraced the protection-free opportunity - "Look, Ma! No cage!" - to get an up-close and personal feel for the misunderstood sea creatures.

"Honestly, I thought I'd be more scared than I actually was," said Duda, who is pursuing a degree in marine science at Coastal Carolina University. "My professor has been doing this for over 20 years, so I figured if he's still around, it must be OK."

"We're told that when feeding the sharks, they can get a little wild and aggressive, so we needed to keep our distance. But the species of sharks we were swimming around aren't known for being aggressive toward humans."

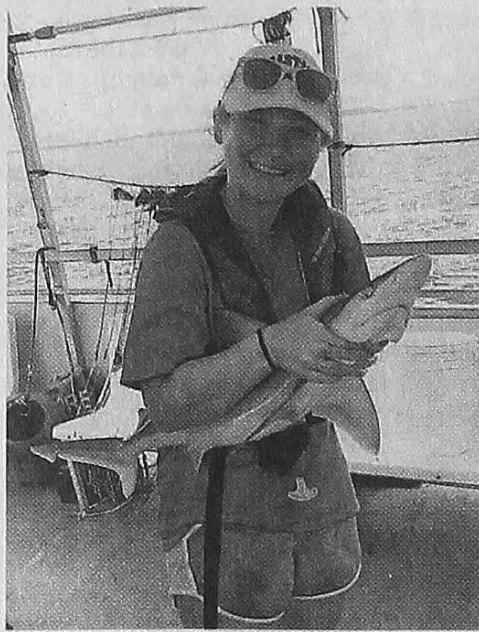
What led Duda from the landlocked community of Northville to the marine-biology paradise off the coast of Bimini in May?

"I've always loved animals," she said. "During my junior year of high school, I took a trip to Florida and saw a manatee. I thought they were the coolest things; that kind of sparked it."

"I later attended a two-week marine biology camp at Duke University, where I conducted research, heard lectures and even dissected a shark. That kind of solidified my passion for marine biology."

Duda was one of 17 Coastal Carolina students who participated in this spring's four-credit Maymester course, which features typical college course work as well as untypical experiences like personal encounters with several species of large, actively feeding and free-swimming sharks.

"We also got an opportunity to swim near a stingray," Duda revealed. "I was probably more scared of that than I was with the sharks."



Molly Duda, a student at Coastal Carolina University and a Northville graduate, holds a baby sandbar shark. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Sharks, in general, get a bad rap, Duda said, and not just because of the series of Jaws movies.

"Usually, the only times the media talks about sharks is when there's an attack on a human," she said. "The truth is, these are so rare and the odds are so low that you're going to get attacked by a shark."

"Most species of sharks are bottom feeders, so they're rarely near the surface where humans are swimming."

"You can actually decrease the odds even more of an attack by not swimming at night and by avoiding getting in the water near dusk or dawn, because that's when they usually feed."

Ideally, Duda would love to turn her passion for sharks into a full-time job.

The Bimini Biological Field Station offers opportunities for graduated students to return as volunteers or interns.

"They also have paid positions at the lab, which I would love," she said.

Duda is the daughter of Chris and Lindsey Duda of Northville.

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Duda gets up close and personal with a shark off the coast of North Carolina.

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Westland woman recalls her environmental activism

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It was May 2, 1991, and Katherine Paré's son Christopher came home from the school day at Cooper School with a letter from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. It said the school was built on the site of a former landfill and the soil was contaminated with banned carcinogenic pesticide DDT, along with arsenic, mercury and more.

Paré's mind immediately went to the playground her son played on every day, and she was terrified.

"My first reaction was to be afraid because batteries could be in that landfill," she said.

Livonia Public Schools was given 15 days to start cleaning the area, and Cooper's 350 students started attending school at a nearby middle school. But Paré wanted to make sure the site wouldn't put anyone else in danger and fought to have a warning sign put up.

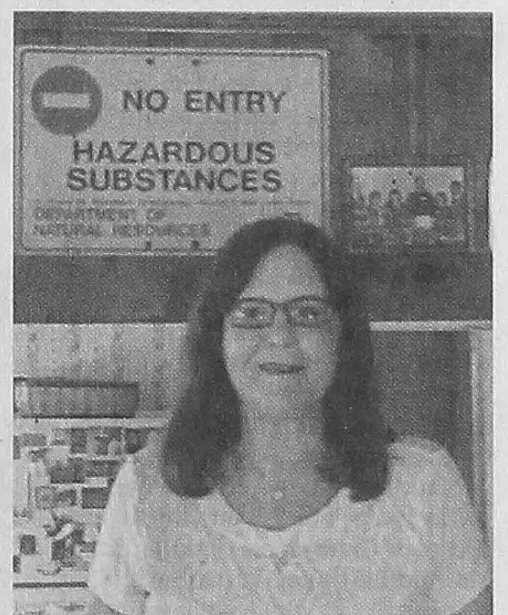
"People were going onto the site, and until the site got totally fenced they were going to put signs up," she said. "I said the signs need to go up because I do not want people going out there and digging."

The sign went up and the site underwent cleaning for the past 28 years. Now that the area is clean and Paré has grandchildren in high school, the hazardous waste warning sign she fought to have put up was returned to her this spring. It hangs in her and her husband's den in North Carolina, where they keep Michigan memorabilia and license plates.

"This is something that I feel Nana and Papa did, and we didn't do it just for our children. We did it for other children," Paré said.

Paré is happy to have the sign back. "Every day I was either in Lansing, Livonia, attending a meeting or at a seminar to find out information," Paré said. "I also traveled to Washington, D.C., to speak to our senators and representatives."

Throughout her beginning days as an environmental activist, Paré encountered officials including former President Bill Clinton, whom she met twice,



Katherine Paré in her North Carolina home with the sign she fought to have put up over 25 years ago. PROVIDED

and wrote letters to former President George H.W. Bush. By the time she met Clinton and contacted Bush, she was fighting to make sure no more schools could be built on or near former landfill sites.

Paré and her partners in activism eventually got a bill passed barring such construction, which she affectionately refers to as the Cooper School Bill, but it was eventually repealed.

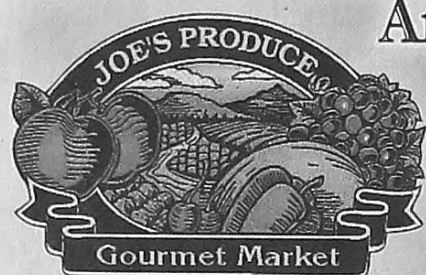
She never lost her spunk, though. The former Westland resident, now a grandmother, gets involved with local causes whenever she can.

"Your government can be used, but only if you use them, to get something done. They will not always tell you the truth, so you need to do the research."

Cooper School, which was at 28611 Ann Arbor Trail, remained boarded up for years during cleanup and was demolished in 2005. The site now sits empty.

Livonia Public Schools now operates Cooper Upper Elementary School, at 28550 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, across the street from where Cooper School was located.

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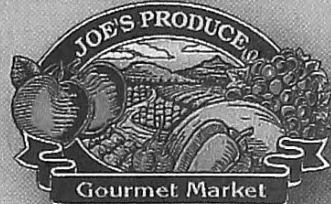


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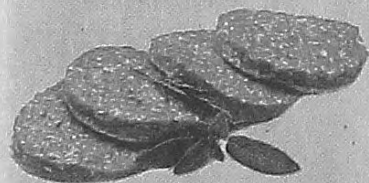
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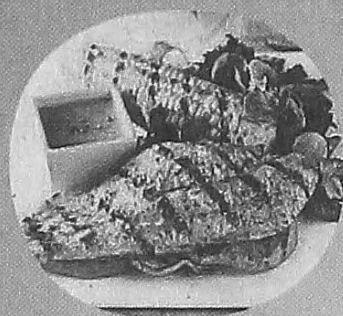


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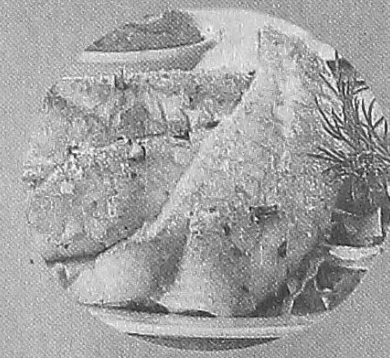
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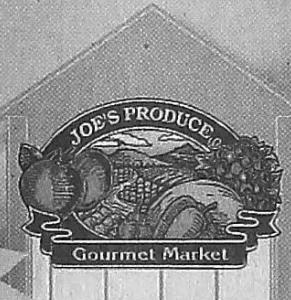
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Aidan Chapman, 5, hangs out with his big buddy, Jake Youvon, during the sixth annual Sunshine Skills and Drills football camp July 26 at the PCEP football field.
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Camp brightens lives of kids with special needs

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Late Friday afternoon in one corner of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools varsity football field, children with special needs raced through a "gauntlet" of Plymouth High School

football players who were playfully swinging pool noodles at their giggling, purple-shirted buddies.

On the opposite end of the same end zone, campers squared off in blocking drills against Wildcats three or four times their size ... and you can probably guess who won those trench battles

(think David vs. Goliath).

As the nonstop fun unfolded throughout the sixth annual Sunshine Skills and Drills camp, the event's seed-planter stood near midfield soaking it all in while wearing a Plymouth Wildcats No. 10 jersey.

Sophomore Connor Sherman, a

quarterback on the Wildcats' junior-varsity squad this season and the architect of one of the area's most feel-good events of the summer, came up with the idea for a football camp for kids with special needs when he was in fourth

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Detroit Lions football camp coming to Novi

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The Detroit Lions are continuing their summer football camps for boys and girls in Michigan.

The team is coming to Novi on Aug. 3-4, where it will hold a camp at

Novi High School from 8:30 a.m. to noon both days.

Here are details for the mini camp:

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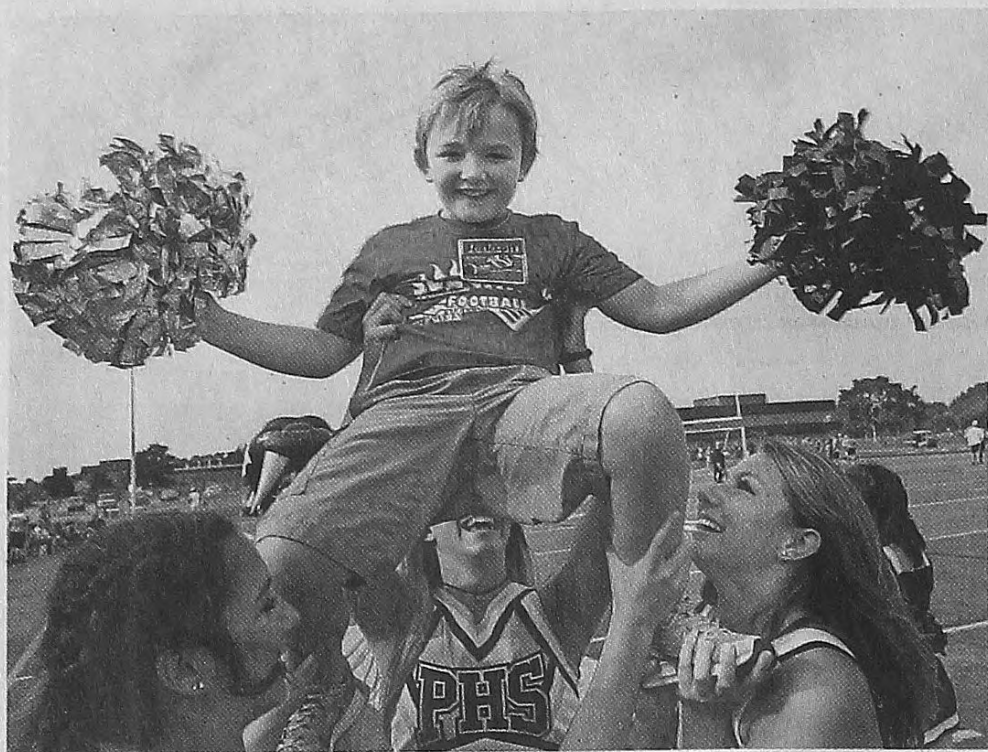
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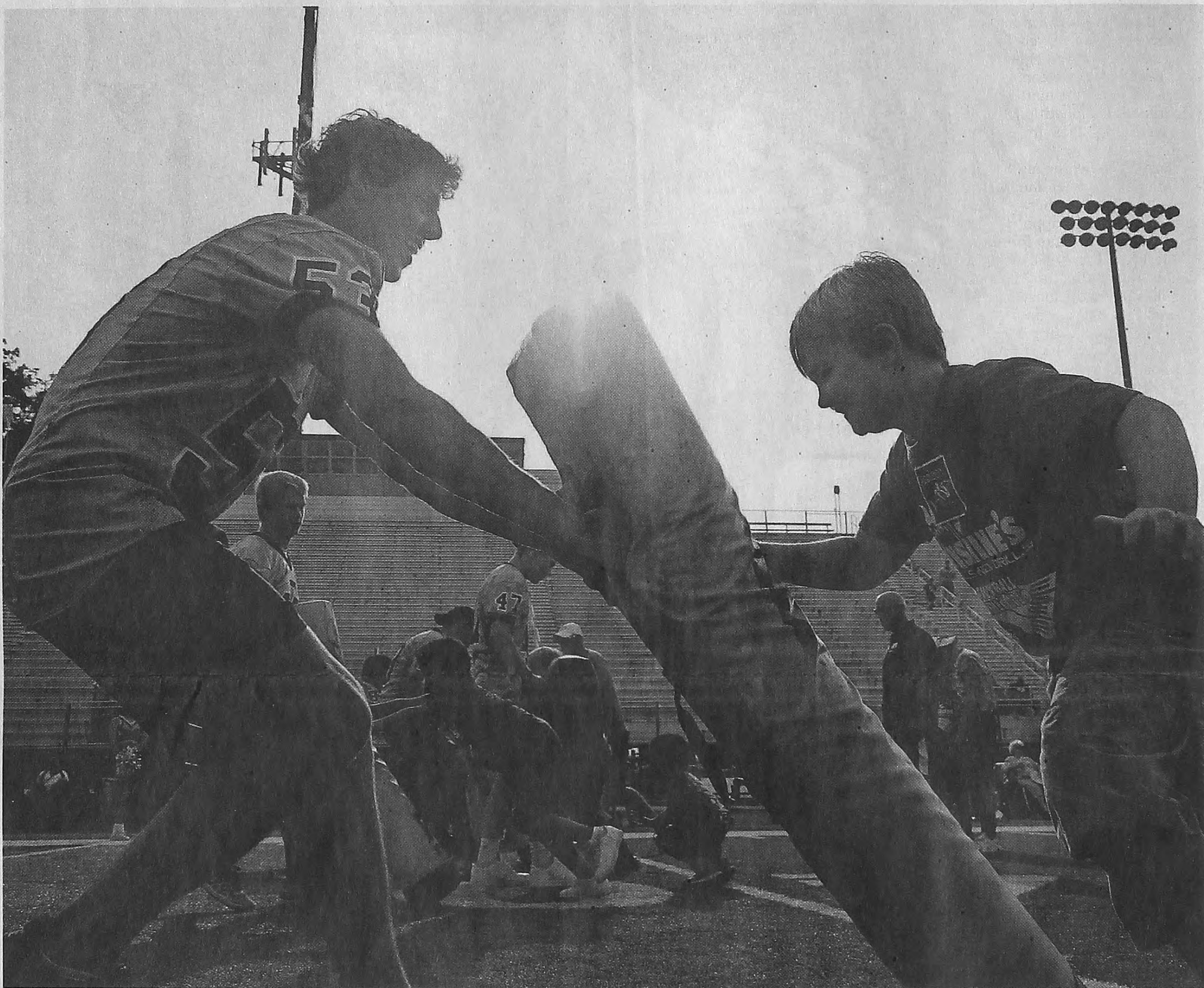
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At left, Jackson Dingess, 8, helps the Wildcat cheerleaders during the Sunshine Skills and Drills football camp July 26 at the PCEP football field. Dingess got a lift from some of the team, including Alaina Beadle, right. At right, a Plymouth player adjusts a camper's football pads. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Dingess, right, works on a blocking drill with his big buddy, Alec Beshears. "This gives our players an opportunity to be a leader and a person that other people look up to," said second-year Plymouth coach Brian Lewis, who observed the camp for the first time this year and came away impressed.

Camp

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grade at Dodson Elementary School in Canton.

"The assignment was called 'Genius Hour' and the students in Connor's class were asked to come up with an idea to make the world a better place," said Plymouth-Canton Community Schools educator and Wildcats assistant football coach Brian Rochon, explaining the camp's origins.

"Connor had played football and baseball since he was 6 years old and he wanted to give every kid a chance to do what he likes to do. This is the sixth year. I kind of run the football side and Connor's parents organize the T-shirts, trophies and all the other stuff. If this is mine and Connor's legacy, then I'll be perfectly content."

The camp, which draws as many as 50 participants each summer, consists of two hours filled with football-related drills, non-stop camaraderie between campers and players, and post-camp trophy presentation to the 40-something co-MVPs.

"The kids' disabilities range from Down Syndrome to cerebral palsy to autism," Rochon explained. "A lot of the campers are from Plymouth and Canton, but we also get some from as far away as Wyandotte, Clarkston, Ohio and Windsor."

"We set up stations and adapt the drills based on what the kids are able to do, so for the little, little kids, the quar-



Sean Britt, right, gives a piggy-back ride to a Sunshine Skills and Drills camper.

terbacks and receivers station turns into a chance for the kids to play catch with the big high school kids.

"This camp lets the parents see their kids have a great night and — when you're dealing with kids who have a bunch of needs — some kids don't have a lot of great nights."

"For the parents, it's nice for them to

be able to sit back in a lawn chair and watch their kids run around with a smile on their face and not have to worry about all the other things they usually have to think about."

Watching his then-fourth-grader's mind's idea come to fruition has been a dream come true for Sherman, who is set to be a quarterback on Plymouth's

junior-varsity football team this fall.

"Just seeing all the happy faces and watching all of my teammates coming out to support this ... it's just very sweet," Sherman said.

Sherman is no stranger to people who navigate life with special needs.

"I have a great uncle with Down Syndrome, so I was introduced to it at a very young age," he said. "And I have a neighbor who teaches special education at Dodson. I've always thought everyone deserves to do something they enjoy, no matter what obstacles they may face."

Second-year Plymouth coach Brian Lewis observed the camp for the first time Friday night and came away impressed.

"This gives our players an opportunity to be a leader and a person that other people look up to," said Lewis. "It's great for the campers, the players and for the community. It's nice to be able to give back."

Senior starting quarterback Nick Downs has participated in the Sunshine camp for three years now and his admiration for what the event accomplishes grows each summer.

"It's so cool when all the players walk in, the kids see us and their eyes just light up," Downs said. "One of my favorite memories is from two years ago. There was a little camper who, while doing the blocking drill, was just barreling us big guys over and having the time of his life."

"That's what this is all about."

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Farmington Hills Harrison closing saddens alum Funchess

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Farmington Hills Harrison High School was the home of Michigan's most decorated football program, but after 49 years, a state record 437 wins and 13 state championships, the school closed following this past school year.

But of the hundreds of talented players to play for the Hawks over the years, one is making sure their home field still sees potential NFL talent played on it.

Former Hawk, Michigan Wolverine and current Indianapolis Colts receiver Devin Funchess held his fourth annual free youth football camp at Harrison recently.

"I was kinda sad just because we had the biggest school in the district," Funchess said prior to his camp Saturday. "But it is what it is, life moves on."

Funchess, who played for Harrison from 2010-11 under legendary coach John Herrington, welcomed kids from ages 5-13 to his alma matter for a day of fun, drills and competition. Many of the kids were returnees from last year's camp.

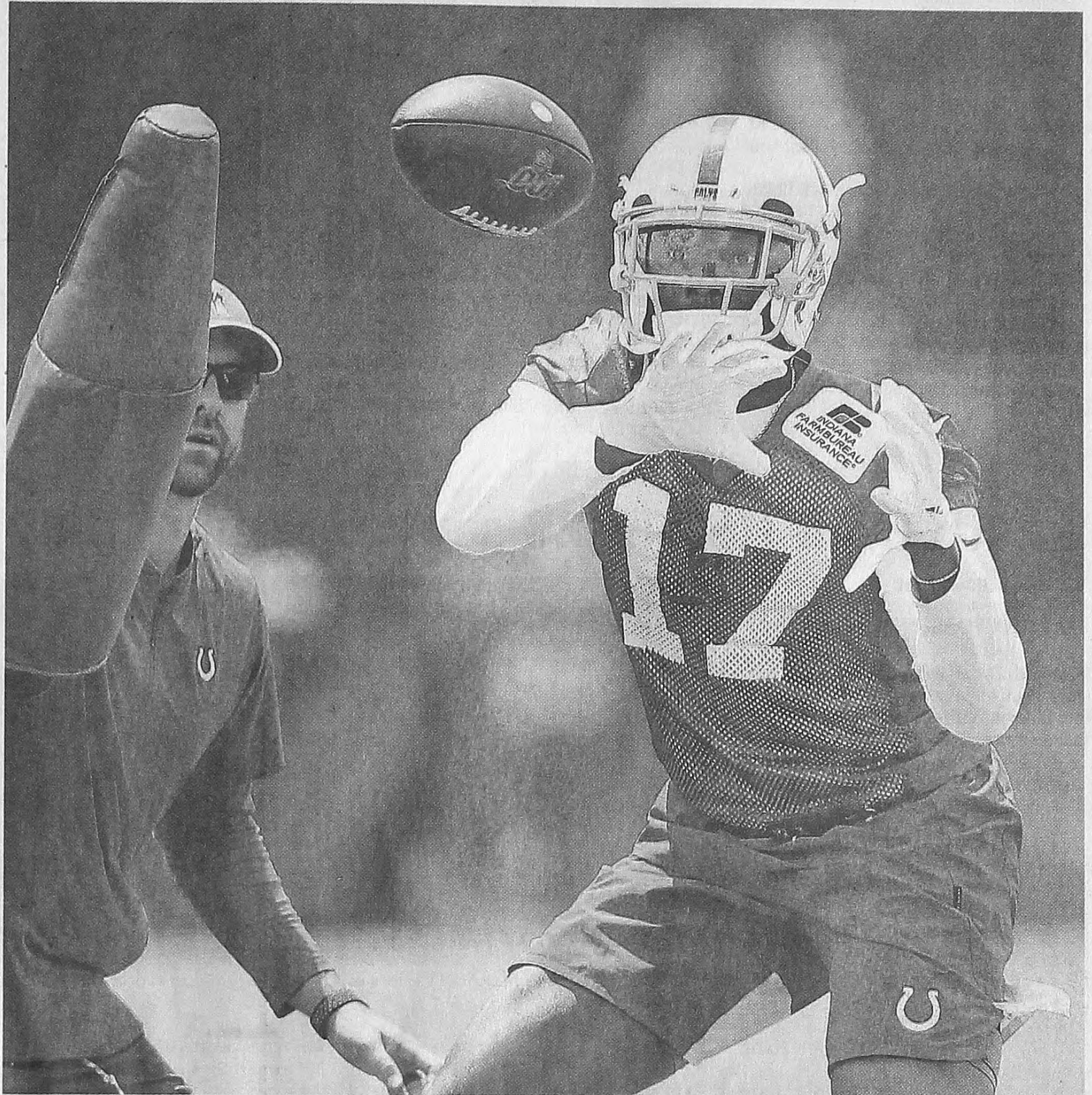
Sherry Labadie, the mother of one of the campers, said her daughter had the choice between Funchess' camp or another one that was happening the same day. It was a no-brainer for her.

"She loves the drills, being around the kids and having fun," Labadie said. "She likes Devin the most."

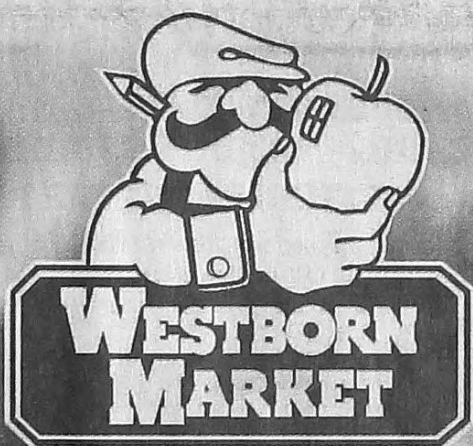
Funchess, who was accompanied for part of the day by his friend, NFL superstar Todd Gurley, took pride in his camp. He hoped to instill good values and teach the fundamentals of the game.

"I just want to teach the youth more about the game and life as well," Funchess said. "I want to put in their heads that they're more than just an athlete."

Funchess' camp put the once-lively field to good use. And who knows: Maybe that green and yellow turf was touched Saturday by a youngster who could become a football standout in the future.



Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Devin Funchess, who is a graduate of Farming Hills Harrison High School, said he "was kinda sad, just because we had the biggest school in the district," when he found out the school was closing this year. MATT KRYGER/INDIANAPOLIS STAR



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South Lyon East has 17 seniors sign letters of intent

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South Lyon East High School held a signing ceremony at the end of the school year to honor the 17 student-athletes that have signed to play sports in college this fall.

Five of the 17 were unable to be in the photo:

- Sadie Storm – ice hockey, Post University
- Summer McEvers – tennis, Edinboro University
- Anthony Aloisio – baseball, Davenport University
- Luke Holden – lacrosse, Adrian College
- Nick Harvath – lacrosse, Umass Lowell

Here are the other 12, going left to right starting in the back row of the photo:



South Lyon East is sending 17 seniors to play sports in college. SUBMITTED

- Hunter Williams – football, Albion College
- Hunter Sutton – lacrosse, University of New England
- Christopher Kaminski – football, Eastern Michigan University

- Jace Gerlach – baseball, Hope College
 - Logan Bursick-Harrington – baseball, Eastern Michigan University
 - Jake Brigmon – lacrosse, Concordia University
- Front row from left to right:
- Jonathon Carter – football, Northwood University
 - Tiffanie Hollingsworth – soccer, Eastern Michigan University
 - Emma Loveland – softball, Grand Valley State University
 - Kearra DeJack – co-ed cheerleading, Trine University
 - Sophia Bolden – volleyball, Gardner Webb University
 - Domenic Angelosanto – football, Concordia University
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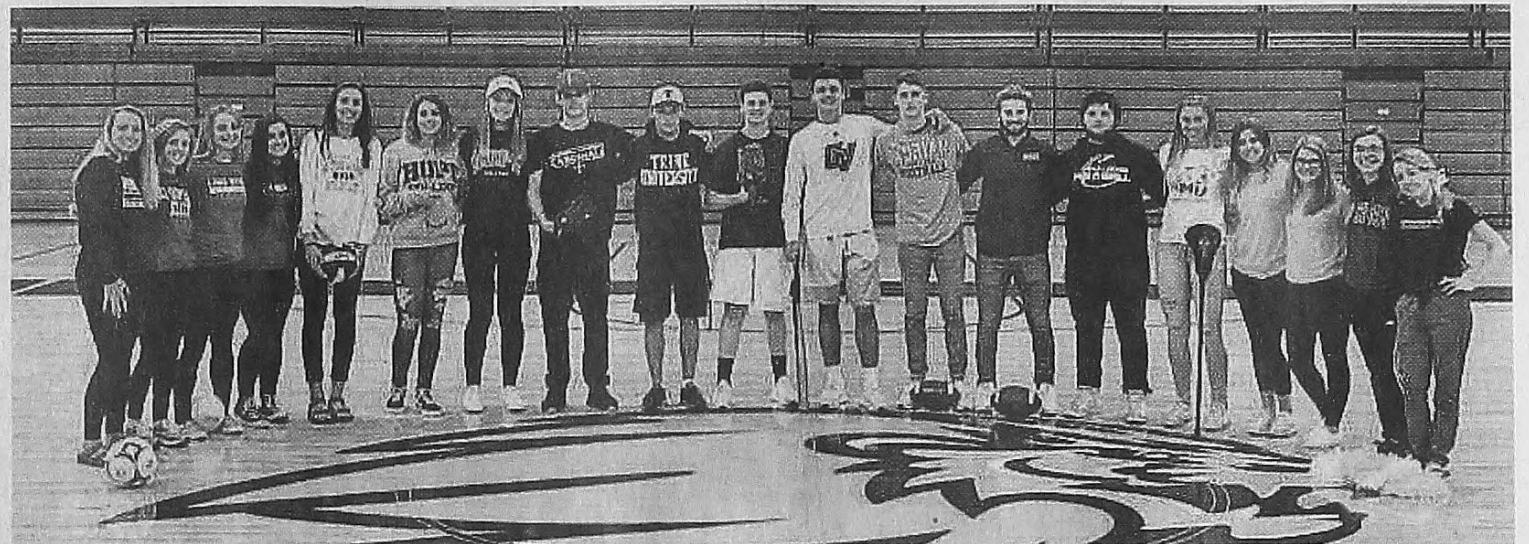
South Lyon HS has 20 seniors sign to play college sports

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South Lyon High School had 20 seniors sign to play college sports at the conclusion of the school year. They will all start their new adventures this fall.

Here are the 20 student-athletes, listed with their school and sport:

- Nate Logan – Grand Valley, baseball
- Sean Cassel – Spring Harbor, baseball
- Colton James – Trine University, baseball
- Brandon Martin – Concordia University, baseball
- Savannah Hoin – Michigan, cheer
- Leah Locklear – Western Michigan, cheer
- Cara Younkin – Michigan State, dive
- Julia Vess – Lake Superior State University, golf
- Olivia Spaller – Madonna, bowling
- Ian Goins – Albion, football



Twenty South Lyon High School seniors will be playing college sports this fall. COURTESY OF SOUTH LYON ATHLETICS

- Michael Gassner – Adrian, football
 - James Haddock – Adrian, football
 - Lauryn Rygiel – Northern Michigan, lacrosse
 - Taylor Vitori – Madonna, lacrosse
 - Emily Kurt – Hope, swim
 - Avery Covert – Hope, swim
 - Carmen Sweigard – Trine University, soccer
 - Abbey Durecki – Northern Michigan, volleyball
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Big Ten Media Days are in the rear-view mirror, which means we're just weeks away from the kickoff of the college football season.

College football season in the state of Michigan is king — whether you cheer for Michigan or Michigan State. With each new season comes new expectations, and they couldn't be much greater for the Wolverines.

Michigan should have high expectations for 2019. It should be considered the favorite to win the Big Ten, it should have the best chance of Big Ten teams to make the College Football Playoff, and it should beat Ohio State.

There has not been a season with Jim Harbaugh at the helm where things line up better for the Wolverines, and it's time that Harbaugh bring a Big Ten title to Ann Arbor.

Michigan returns the Big Ten's best quarterback in senior Shea Patterson, who was good last season, but should take a bigger leap forward this year in the team's new offense. Having an elite quarterback goes a long way, and when you take a look around the conference at the other quarterbacks, you can't help but feel pretty good about U-M's situation.

New offensive coordinator Josh Gattis brings some risk as a first-time play-caller, but Harbaugh allowing Gattis to call the plays is important and means Michigan is building the offense around its strengths — elite playmakers at wide receiver and a quarterback that performs better in an up-tempo scheme.

The offensive line is the best in Harbaugh's five years in Ann Arbor and may be the best unit in the entire conference, which can boost an unproven rushing attack.

In other words, the offense, which has struggled over the last few seasons, shouldn't be a problem this time around.

The defense has plenty of NFL talent to replace, and it won't be easy, but fans should have enough confidence in defensive coordinator Don Brown to make the adjustments needed and that the younger players will step up as their predecessors did. There's talent there, just not a lot of experience.

The Wolverines have proven to be one of the higher quality teams in the country over the last few years, but haven't been able to put themselves in the elite category, which most people would define as a playoff team or a conference champion. Michigan hasn't even made a Rose Bowl, which doesn't carry quite the same weight as it used to thanks to the new playoff system.

It's time for all of that to change. The schedule this season is one of the most difficult in the entire country — something being glossed over by many. Athlon Sports has it ranked as the most diffi-

cult in the Big Ten and the No. 9 toughest in the nation.

However, having a difficult schedule can lend itself to a strong playoff resume. The best part about Michigan's schedule this year is that it plays its three rivals, Ohio State, Michigan State and Notre Dame, all at home.

All three games will be incredibly challenging, but all are winnable. Michigan simply has more talent and should be a stronger team than MSU, while Notre Dame and OSU will be closer to Michigan's level. Playing Notre Dame later in the year instead of in September should also be an advantage, as U-M has a tendency to start the season slow.

They key to everything though — a Big Ten championship, playoff berth, a season fans will finally label as a true success — comes down to Ohio State. Frankly, it's unfair that an entire season is judged on one game, but when you've lost 14 of the last 15 games to the Buckeyes, it's understandable why fans would become obsessed.

There will never be a year (at least in the immediate future) where Michigan has a better advantage over Ohio State.

The Buckeyes have a first-year head coach and a first-year quarterback, that while talented (five-star transfer from Georgia), is unproven. They lost a slew of star players again to the NFL on both sides of the ball and are generally considered a much bigger unknown than in previous seasons.

There should be no excuses this time around. Michigan should have the edge in nearly every key area and has home-field advantage.

Michigan has been close to achieving its goals in three of Harbaugh's four years. It's been in the playoff conversation, it's been considered a contender for the Big Ten, but has not come through in the clutch against top opponents.

This season it's time for the talk to end and for Michigan to produce a Big Ten champion. Anything less is a failure.

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Northville native named to Academic All-Patriot League golf team

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Bucknell senior and Northville native Katie Childers was of five student-athletes chosen for the Academic All-Patriot League Women's Golf Team.

In addition to being Bucknell's No. 1 player throughout the 2018-19 season, Childers carries a 3.70 cumulative grade-point average in biomedical engineering.

Childers set a school record with a 76.1 scoring average during the fall season, and she wrapped up the full season with a 76.9 mark.

Highlighted by an even-par 72 in the second round, she finished T-19th at this year's Patriot League Championship at Independence Golf Club in Virginia.

Childers was an All-Patriot League performer as a junior in 2018, when she finished in a tie for fifth place at the conference championship.

This is Childers's second consecutive appearance on the Academic All-Patriot League Team. The Dean's List student also earned a spot on the five-person squad last year.

Off the course, she is a National Academy of Engineering Grand Challenges Scholar and a participant in the Bucknell Athletics Leadership Institute. She is also a founder and leader of Bucknell's community service affinity house.

In addition to Childers, Boston University's Annie Sritragul, Lehigh's Reagan Jahn, Navy's Morgan Frazier, and Richmond's Lizzie Reedy were named to the Academic All-Patriot League Team. Jahn was voted the Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

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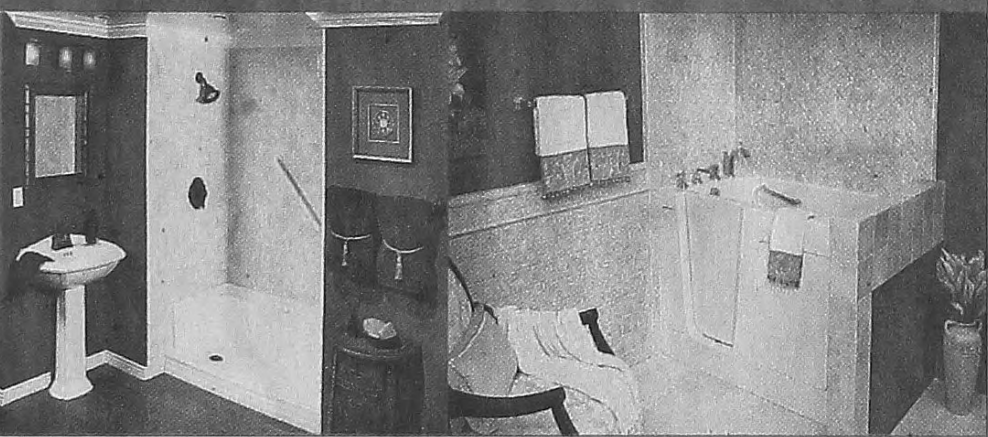
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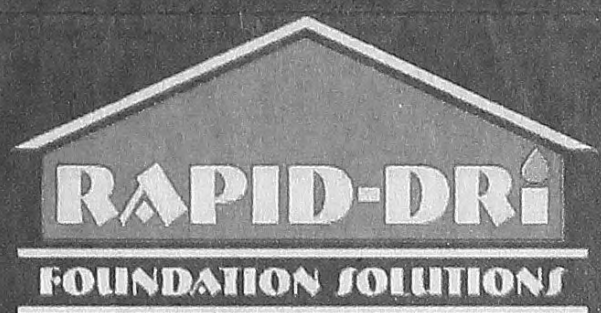
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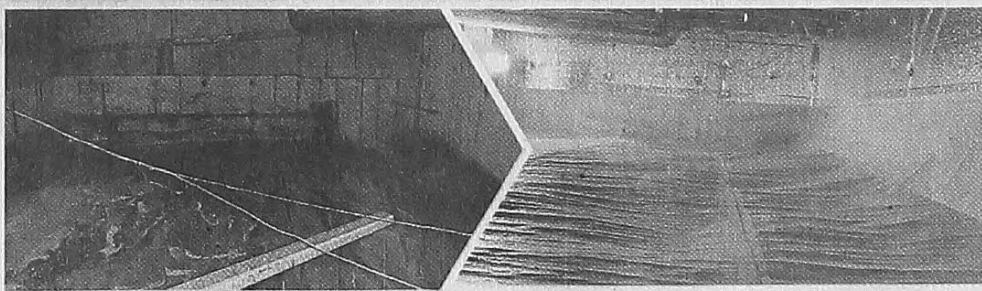


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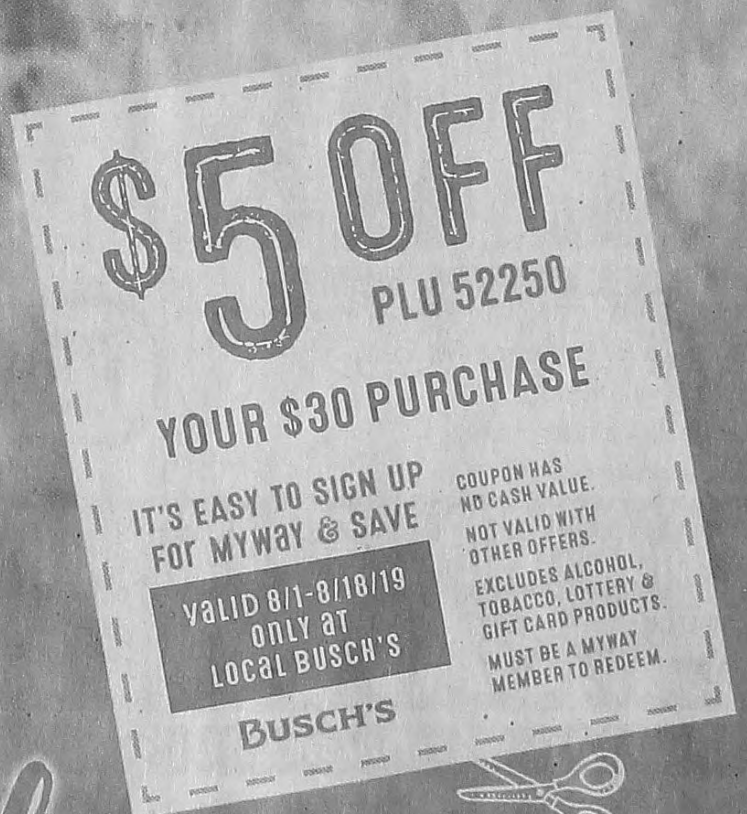
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