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## Chamber plans #LoveLivonia party

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Livonia Spree is a local institution, and some people are upset it's been canceled for a second year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

But, the Livonia Chamber of Commerce is stepping up with a smaller,

adults-only, one-night event that will bring neighbors together for some good-natured fun.

The #LoveLivonia Party is for community members 21 and older to enjoy a night of food, live music and drinks. Power Play Detroit, a cover band, and Twistin' Tarantulas, a rock band, will perform, and O'Malley's Irish Pub will

provide food and beverages.

"We're just trying to get friends and neighbors together for a night after everything we've been through," said Dan West, the chamber's president and CEO. "With Spree not here, we wanted to replicate it for just one night."

West said, logistically, it was easier to plan with short notice an adults-only

event with musical acts than securing insurance for kid-friendly games and rides would have been. The chamber put the event together in about a month.

Spree organizers have said the festival takes months of planning, and uncertainty surrounding the pandemic

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## A day at Blue Line Farms



Angela French, who runs Blue Line Farms with her husband, Edward, demonstrates how some of their goats may jump on the backs of goat yoga participants. Their hooves, she says, are good release mechanisms for tight muscle groups.  
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## Goat yoga, daytime visits and hosting events part of daily life

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Angela French didn't even have a pet fish as a kid.

Now, she and her husband, Edward, have two pigs, 12 goats, three ducks, one dog, 44 chickens and, as she says, "three human children."

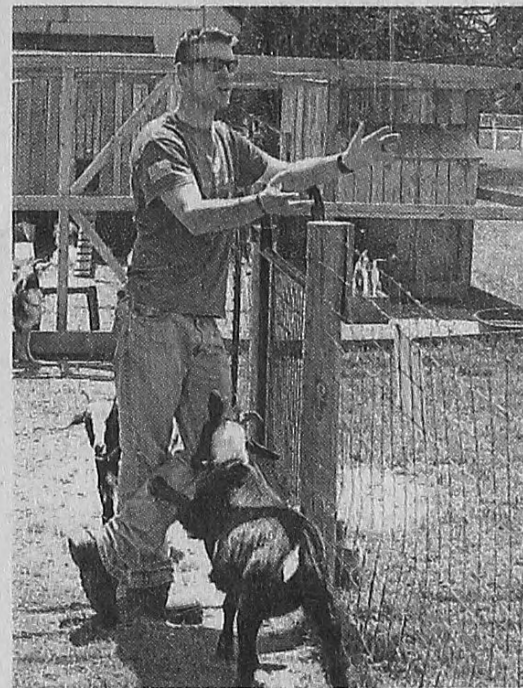
Together, the couple runs Blue Line Farms in their backyard. The urban farm, near Six Mile and Merriman, offers goat yoga, daytime visits and private events. From busy Six Mile Road, passersby might have no idea it was even there if not for the sign.

Angela said a friend's idea to offer goat yoga is what started everything. About 40 people attended a recent session with the goats.

"That kind of set everything in motion," she said. "It was like a snowball effect. We started goat yoga and our egg sales went crazy, and then we started selling soaps and then we started doing farm visits."

The couple especially enjoys having children out to the farm. Their goats and chickens "love people," and they've never had any issues.

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Edward French talks about his work.

## Survivor of cancer, heart failure and COVID-19 stays upbeat

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The more life throws at Dennis Brant, the more steely the 50-year-old Canton resident's resilience becomes.

As a steady rain fell on Brant during a recent interview outside the Canton Public Library and thunder rumbled overhead, the glass-is-half-full optimist didn't flinch.

"Honestly, I shouldn't be alive today," he said. "But I love life and I love people, so I keep fighting."

Heavyweight bouts with cancer — a cancerous tumor that grew to the size of a football in his chest was vanquished with nine months of powerful rounds of radiation and chemotherapy 12 years ago — and an ongoing decade-long battle with heart failure has left Brant in dire need of a heart transplant.

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## Bubble tea shop opens in Plymouth comic store

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A lot has gone right for the Ashkar family and its bubble tea business. One of the latest successes came when the family arrived in downtown Plymouth.

After opening Z's Bubble Tea in Dearborn Heights in 2019, the family saw enough business to justify a second shop. Having lived in Canton Township previously, they began looking last summer in nearby Plymouth for a space. After seeing the space currently occupied by Detroit Barber Co., they walked into the nearby State of Comics to ask if they knew anything about the space next door.

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# Group protests mask use in Livonia schools

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A large group of parents and students are urging Livonia Public Schools to drop any mask mandate in the fall.

The group showed up at a school board meeting Monday, filling the meeting room and an overflow room. Though the group was large, most did not speak during public comment.

Recently, groups in the South Lyon, Huron Valley and Birmingham school districts, among others, have staged similar demonstrations.

"I'm here to express my concern over the health of the kids wearing masks," said Paulette Olah, a parent of a high school student in the district. "I don't think it's healthy, and I actually feel bad that I haven't spoken up more about it until now."

Parents and students argued masks are ineffective at preventing the spread of COVID-19 and infringe on students'



A group of parents and students want Livonia Public Schools to end its mask mandate in the fall. Protestors filled the meeting room and an overflow room. SHELBY TANKERSLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and staff's rights. The Center of Disease Control (CDC) recommends masking, hand washing and distancing as ways to

prevent COVID-19.

Livonia requires masks in all buildings for students and staff regardless of

vaccination status.

"I believe it is unsafe, it's illegal and that the board has overstepped its authority by taking away a parent's choice to choose a medical intervention for their children," said Reina Vendramini, a mother of three Livonia students.

School board President Colleen Burton said the district continues to follow CDC guidance for unvaccinated individuals.

"(CDC) recommendations still stand due to the fact that the majority of students in our buildings each day are not yet fully vaccinated, as until very recently they have not been eligible to do so," she said.

But, Burton and other members of the board said they are hoping for a swift return to normalcy as well.

"I assure you all we are anxiously looking forward to the day, hopefully very soon, when COVID is a thing of the past and school can go completely back to normal," Burton said.

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## I-96 sandbagger sentenced to prison

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Interstate 96 sandbagger David Vincent-Charles Garcia could not evade prison with a courtroom apology. Judge Victoria Valentine sentenced him to 47 months to 15 years in prison for throwing objects at cars causing serious impairment, assault with intent to do great bodily harm and malicious destruction of personal property.

The judge granted victim Cindy Eckley's wish for prison time.

"I was very relieved to see that the judge took this seriously," Eckley said after the June 15 proceeding.

The Livonia woman was driving home the night of Oct. 4 when she approached the Old Plank Road overpass in Lyon Township and saw a man with sandbags lined up along the bridge.

At least one made contact with Eckley's Chevy Camaro. She suffered per-

manent vision damage in her left eye, and she can no longer do intricate work like she once could at her Frame Works gallery in downtown Plymouth.

She has battled insurance companies while watching Garcia deal with the charges he pleaded no contest to earlier this year. At one point, he tried to claim insanity.

"I am profoundly sorry," Garcia, 42, said during his Zoom sentencing. "I will never be able to forgive myself."

His attorney Andrew Mikos had argued that the Brighton man was best suited for Oakland County Jail, since the facility is where he would have the best chance of paying restitution while working on a tether.

Mikos also shared that Garcia was abandoned by his mother as a child and was abused by his father and uncle.

The attorney said his client suffers from being two Davids. The one he knows is helpful, considerate and genuine. The one in trouble has drinking

problems and needs treatment.

Garcia was arrested soon after the sandbagging incident. He had hitched a ride and given vital information to his driver, who then called 911. He had a blood alcohol content of .089% - a tad over the legal .08% limit - when taken into custody.

"This is a true case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Mikos said.

Prosecuting attorney Jessica Blanch agreed that Garcia's childhood was terrible.

"(But) he's unpredictable," she said. "He's assaulting people he doesn't even know and they're random acts of violence."

Another hearing is supposed to start determining restitution. While Eckley's convinced she will not see any money from Garcia, her struggles with a car insurance company have eased.

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The front of the building now occupied by ETAS in Northville Township. COURTESY OF ETAS

## Tech company moves from Ann Arbor to Haggerty Road

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A need for being closer to potential employees and clients resulted in another tech business relocating to western Wayne County.

ETAS, a company that handles software and software security predominantly in the automobile industry, recently moved its Americas headquarters from Ann Arbor to a new facility at 15800 N. Haggerty, located in Northville Township but with a Plymouth mailing address.

The move, which constituted relocating its offices and its nearly 100 employees, allows the company to be closer to a bigger population center.

"Ann Arbor, while it has a lot of pluses, it's far from a lot of our customers. That was one of the main drivers," said Eric Cesa, general manager for the Americas for ETAS. "Finding talent for us is one of the other main drivers."

"We can pull from a significantly higher pool of people to fill the openings that we have and what we expect to have."

The company finalized its move earlier this month, operating in an industrial building on Haggerty north of Five Mile.

With the changing work environment, especially after remote work be-

come a norm during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the new space will allow for more open-ended working among employees, Cesa said.

"Our goal from the beginning was to create a much more collaborative space," he said. "We're all really out in the open, promoting team environment, trying to facilitate that communication amongst the organization."

The company has locations across the globe, with most of its employees in the Western Hemisphere being located in Michigan. It also has offices in Waterloo, Ontario, and in São Paulo, Brazil.

It's not expected all employees will be at the facility at one time, save for special meetings or any company events, Cesa said. Without having everyone there on a regular basis, it allowed the company to not need as much space as it would have required in the past.

Instead of leasing a full floor and an additional half-floor of the building as was originally thought, the company only occupied one floor.

"Maybe COVID sped up what was going to happen in the industry anyways," Cesa said. "It was clear that we weren't going to expect everybody to be in the office every day."

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# Survivor

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Brant was also infected with a coronavirus (not COVID-19) in 2019 that caused a scary case of arrhythmia, a condition that causes the heart to beat with an irregular or abnormal rhythm.

Yet, the sun is always shining in the world occupied by Brant, who continues to run his own construction company and is training to run a 5-kilometer race despite the life-sustaining presence in his chest of an LVAD (left ventricular assist device) and a defibrillator.

What is Brant's message to people who are feeling a little uptight these days?

"I'd say don't get upset about the guy who cuts you off in traffic," he said. "The world we live in now is turning into such a combative environment. People don't know how lucky they have it. If you want to be rich, enjoy your good health."

### Picture of health

At first glance, Brant looks healthier than a vast majority of 50-year-olds. The 6-foot-2, 185-pound former college football player greets people with a firm handshake and a genuine smile.

Brant is the proud father of three children: Skylar, who recently graduated from Southern Indiana University with academic honors, is pursuing a medical career; Caden, a graduate of Salem High School, works full-time for his dad; and Ava, a 2021 graduate of Brighton High School.

"My children are awesome," he said, beaming. "They were young when all my health issues first started, so they've been through a lot, seen a lot. Skylar would sit in with me and my cardiologist, learning about the plans moving forward. I think that inspired her to get into medicine."

Brant has faced adversity head-on. Following the surgery in which doctors inserted the LVAD in his chest, he was hospitalized in Henry Ford Hospital's intensive care unit for several months, necessitating his re-learning how to walk and re-use his muscles.

His weight dropped from 230 to 130. "First of all, the doctors didn't think I'd survive the (12-hour) surgery," he said. "When I did get to go home, I started gradually working out, using soup

cans as barbells, doing leg-lifts while sitting in my wheelchair. I eventually got to where I could drive over to the high school with my wheelchair (in the car's trunk) and take steps in the parking lot, taking more and more each time.

"I'm perfectly healthy now, except my heart doesn't work. Small detail."

He smiled, showing he hasn't lost his sense of humor.

"When I was first put on the heart transplant waiting list, the doctor said it usually takes an average of 15 months to get a heart," Brant said. "That was 15 months ago, although transplant surgeries were delayed four or five months due to COVID. It should happen, but nothing is guaranteed in life."

Brant said he struggled with heart disease until 2018 when he decided to seek treatment at Henry Ford Hospital.

"Henry Ford saved my life," he said. "I wouldn't be here without God and Henry Ford Hospital. After a while, you know that if you do what they tell you to do, you're going to live."

Brant, who played football at Eastern Michigan University, was the epitome of health until he started feeling tightness in his chest and experiencing shortness of breath in 2008.

He said his physician downplayed the symptoms because he was relatively young and appeared fit — until it was too late.

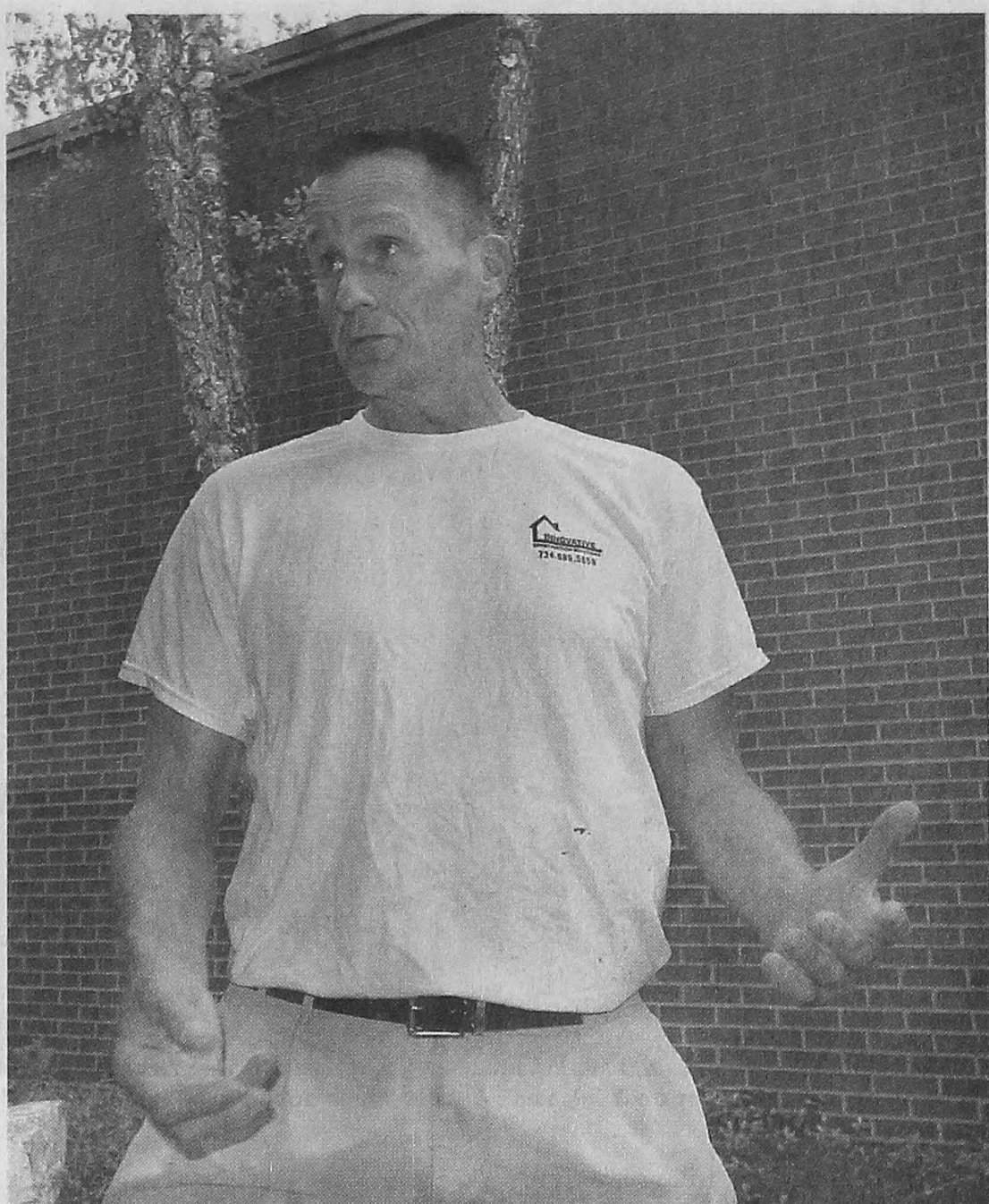
"Over and over again, they told me it was probably a pulled muscle, allergies, anxiety," Brant recounted. "A simple chest X-ray would have probably caught the tumor when it was the size of a pea. One day I went into tachycardia and my heart rate was in the 200s (between 60 and 100 is normal). Luckily, I made it to a Canton urgent care where they did a CAT scan. They told me, 'You have a problem' and they sent me to U of M."

Although Brant defeated the cancer, he said a chemotherapy drug that was used caused cardiotoxicity, which led to his decade-long battle with heart disease and a life-changing transplant that could be only months away.

Two months after his heart transplant, his goal is to run a second 5K.

"When people ask me what it's like waiting for a heart transplant, I tell them I don't think about it, I just live," Brant said. "I try to go through life making positive ripples."

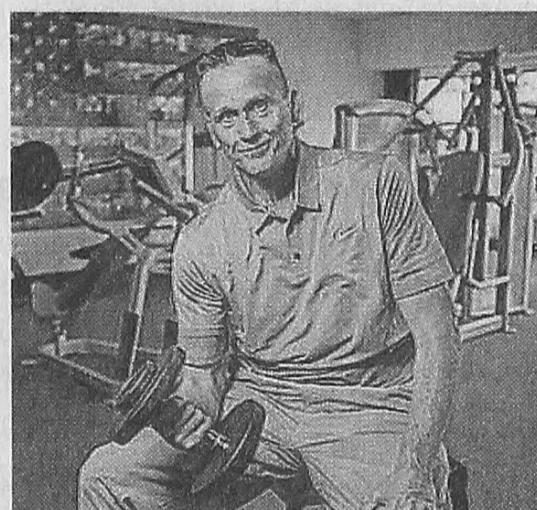
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Dennis Brant talks about his bouts with cancer, heart failure and COVID-19, none of which stopped him from running his own construction company and training for a 5K. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

**"Henry Ford saved my life. I wouldn't be here without God and Henry Ford Hospital. After a while, you know that if you do what they tell you to do, you're going to live."**

**Dennis Brant**



Brant works out regularly. COURTESY OF HENRY FORD HEALTH



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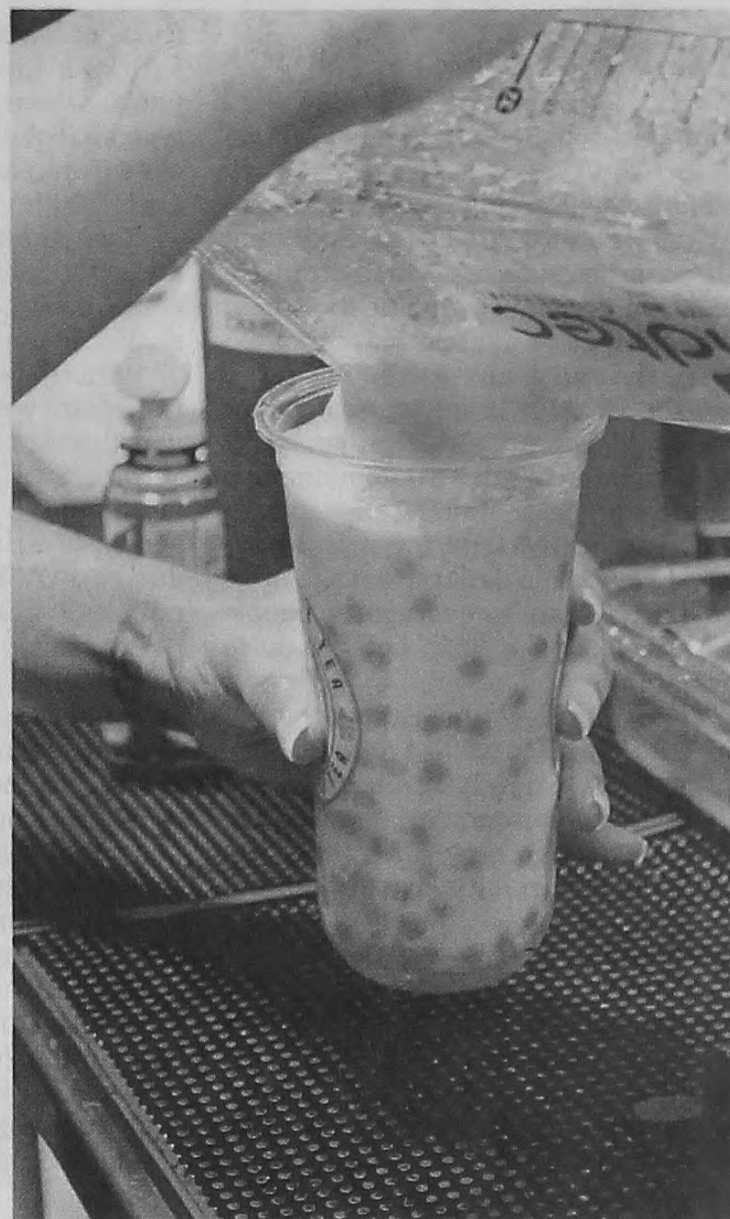
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ZeZe Saad of Dearborn preps a Drink at Z's Bubble Tea in downtown Plymouth. At right, a drink is poured. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Bubble tea

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"He was like, 'Well I have this spot up front of my store and I have no idea what to do with it,'" said Zeinab Ashkar, who owns the shop with her husband, Fadi, and is its namesake.

The bubble tea shop operates in the front end of the comic shop at 575 Forest Ave. Drinks include fruit tea, milk tea and coffee boba, as well as ice tea and more. Some foods, such as mochi ice cream and macarons, are also available.

Ashkar said she's fully embraced the location in the front of State of Comics, decorating the walls with comic panels celebrating all things bubble tea.

The seals for the bubble tea cups even have comic-like panels on them as well, a result of what has been shipped to them from Taiwan.

The shop specializes in crafting every drink made to order, Ashkar said. Tea is brewed and tapioca is made every few hours, keeping everything as fresh as possible. The most popular drink at the Plymouth shop has been a taro coconut blended with tapioca.

"It's really, really good," she said. "We actually serve it in ice cream now."

The shop is open noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; noon to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Online ordering is also available.

Adding the shop to the front space of State of Com-

ics, said president and CEO Ryan Hetkowsky, was a great choice that he hopes brings some new life to that part of downtown Plymouth.

"It has relieved some pressure of filling a space we had no current use for that will continue to attract new customers into our building," he wrote in an email. "Our hope is with State of Comics, Z's Bubble Tea, Detroit Barber Shop, and Barrio all in a row on Forest Avenue, that the four of us can really revive Forest Avenue and make it 'the place to be' for years to come with exciting entertainment, food and drinks."

Bubble tea has become a growing beverage trend. It's not uncommon to see teenagers come by with their computers and sit in the cafe, Ashkar said.

She said plenty of people who know their shop in Dearborn Heights make the drive to Plymouth to check out the new space. When customers find out it's located in the front of a comic shop, they get even more excited, Ashkar said.

"We get a lot of people who love comics and love bubble tea," she said. "We complement each other."

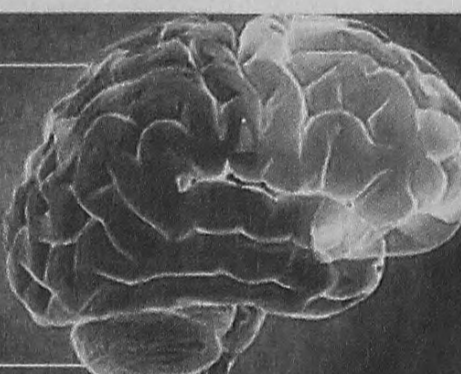
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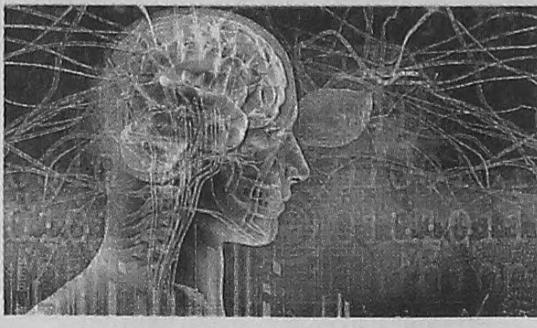
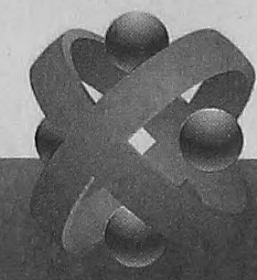
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Kayla French, 13, hangs out with Bucky, a Nigerian dwarf goat, at her home.  
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## Farm

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"I really enjoy seeing the kids come and not wanting to leave," Edward said.

Adults love seeing the goats, some of which are about a month old, as well.

"You can't be in a bad mood and watch our babies hopping around," Angela said. "Like, it changes your mood."

The couple suspects the novelty of an urban farm draws some people in. Though the Frenches have about two acres, the area is more suburbia than farmland.

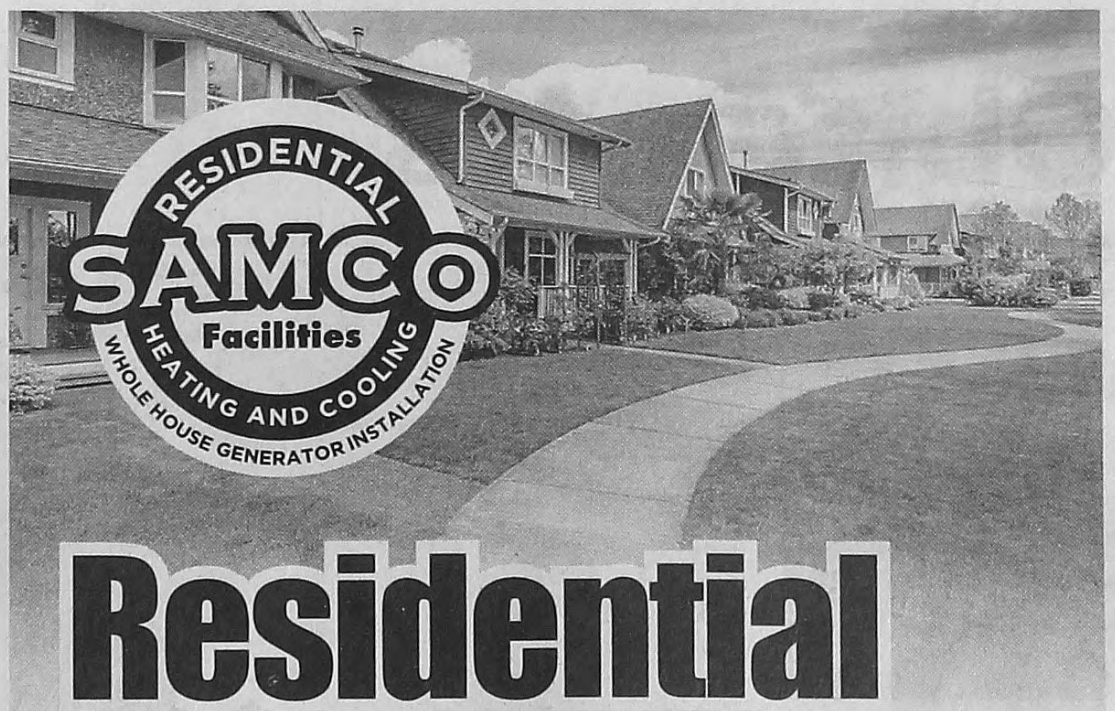
Edward and Angela both have day jobs — he's a police officer and she's a realtor. But, Blue Line has still managed to reach a point where it's paying for itself. Looking forward, the couple hopes to expand what they offer.

The Frenches would like to use their small garden to sell veggies, salsa and Bloody Mary mix eventually. But until then, the couple sees their small, backyard farm as a proving ground of sorts.

"The urban environment limits what we can do a little bit, but we're also learning so much by doing it on this smaller scale," Angela said. "We're a lot more conscious about cleaning stuff out because we have neighbors pretty close."

Blue Line happens to be in an area of the city that, years ago, was largely rural. Now, Roperti's Turkey Farm on Five Mile Road is the only thing like it left. As a lifelong Livonian, Angela is happy to have brought a little bit of the country back to the city.

"Livonia used to be farmland. All back here used to be horse fields," she said. "It's kind of cool to bring that back and be able to do it."



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## Party

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made preemptive planning nearly impossible.

The festival is awaiting a noise waiver from city council, but it scheduled for a final decision June 28. The party is set

for 6-11 p.m. July 30 at Livonia's Ford Field.

"This started less than a month ago when it appeared the state's restrictions related to outdoor gatherings were going to end," West said. "It's a chance for people in Livonia to get together."

Tickets are \$10, and people can buy tickets online at the chamber's website, [livonia.org](http://livonia.org).



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The Westland House will serve what is being referred to as the Forgotten middle market of senior care and housing. These income bracket folks who are the typical retirees of the Detroit area have modest income and assets that have been overlooked by new expensive assisted Living developments.

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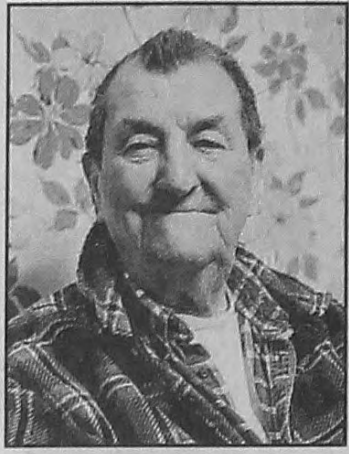
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We have computer programs that we can utilize to do a personalized financial analysis and show families how assisted living can be affordable and not out of reach to these middle-income senior Schott Said. We will be conducting community seminars and advertising and hope that people will take advantage of this service. We hear many seniors tell us that they do not want to be a burden on their children. We can help them alleviate that fear by providing the housing care and support they need and in obtaining the financial assistance they may be due.

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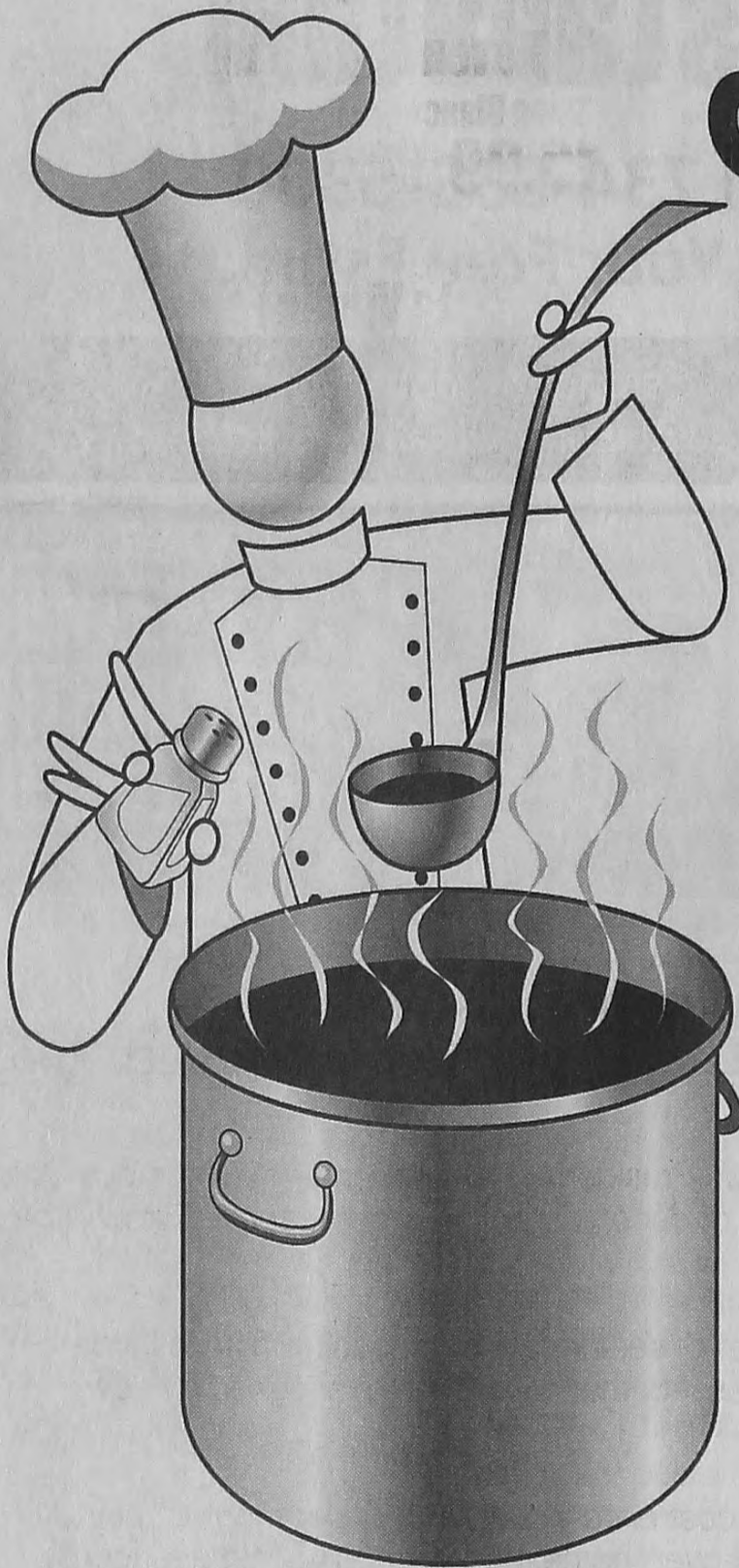
**BUCKNER** - Ed Buckner, age 85 of Farmington Hills, passed on June 12, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Lucy. Survived by 8 children, 17 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 1 brother and 1 sister. Memorial Visitation Saturday, June 19th, 11am until time of Memorial Service 1pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)

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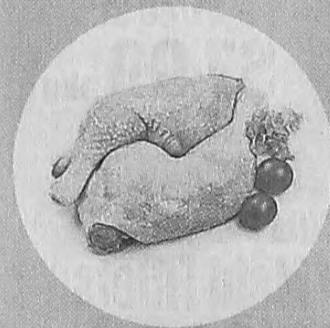
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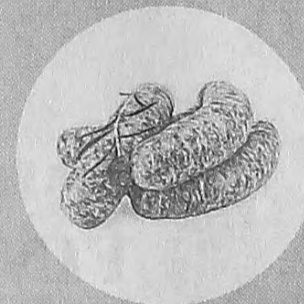
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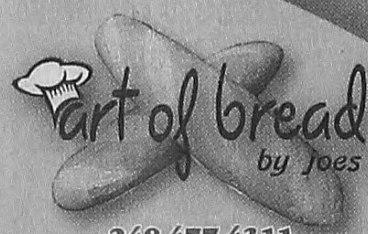
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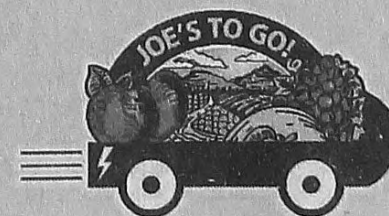
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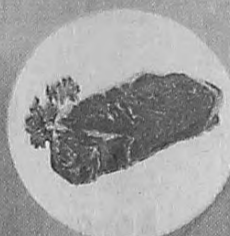
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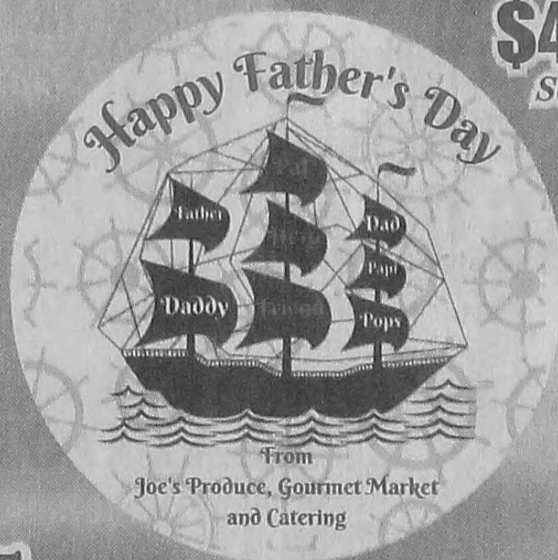
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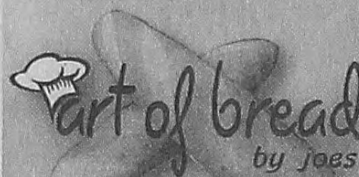
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# SPORTS

## Brother Rice captures 15th state lacrosse title



Brother Rice coach Ajay Chawla talks to the team before they take on CC. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Luke Dudley wanted to leave it all on the field for his final high school lacrosse match.

And the senior attacker proved instrumental in propelling Birmingham Brother Rice to its unprecedented 15th MHSAA Division 1 boys title in 16 tries with a 14-9 win on Saturday over Harland at Parker Stadium in Howell.

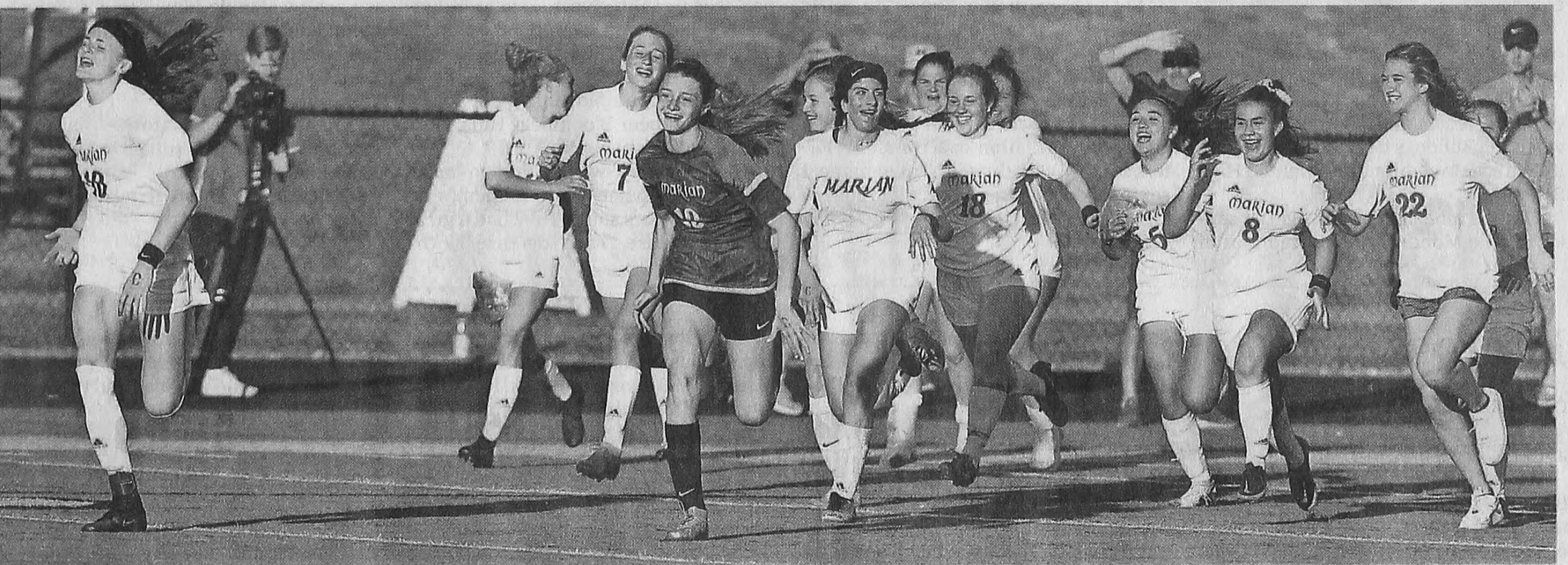
Dudley made it a memorable farewell with four goals and an assist as the Warriors (18-2) used a 6-0 third quarter run

to subdue the Eagles (22-2), who were making their first state finals appearance.

Rice captured the 2019 D1 title, but didn't get a chance to defend it in 2020 because of the pandemic.

"Obviously last year was devastating, but it kind of made this season even better," Dudley said. "Not playing for a while and get that ring makes it even better than it would have been. It was obviously a tough year. We knew we had to come in with a chip on our shoulder

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The Marian bench races to join their teammates on the field after defeating Dearborn Divine Child 3-0 on June 15, 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Marian soccer team wins return to D2 state final

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Before Marian's state semifinal game against Catholic League rival Dearborn Divine Child, senior Maria Askounis watched a video of herself from sophomore year.

"State championship day is like Christmas," Askounis heard her younger self say. "Honestly, it's better than

Christmas for me because I get to play the sport that I love."

In her four years at Marian, Askounis and the rest of the senior class came in not knowing what it's like to end a season without a state title, winning three straight; a streak that was only stopped by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It's a streak that the Mustangs (12-3-1) will have a chance to continue, beating Dearborn Divine Child (17-5), 3-0, for

a spot in the Division 2 state championship game.

The state championship game is something Caroline Flynn has never experienced. But she played an important role at getting the Mustangs back to East Lansing.

After scoreless 10 minutes had elapsed against the Falcons — an opponent the Mustangs beat and lost to in the regular season — Flynn found her-

self in a perfect position to set senior midfielder Lauren Briggs up for success.

"I could feel it right when I hit it that I knew it would be a good one and I know we had a chance," Flynn said, hitting the cross in a spot where Briggs could tap it in for the score.

With four minutes to go in the first half, Flynn saw it was her turn to put one

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## Landon Macek brings team-first mentality to Livonia Stevenson baseball

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com  
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As Livonia Stevenson finished up its regular season and transitioned into playoff mode, Landon Macek could see a difference in his teammates.

In his first year on varsity, the Spartans senior watched as the team learned through mistakes at the beginning of the year and slowly began to minimize those mistakes over the course of the regular season.

"I would say that everyone is starting to take it a bit more seriously," he said. "I would say it's another level, another step to take in that we're going to have to be the best team that we have ever been this entire year to be able to compete at this level.

"We know our best game, we know our worst game. We know what to do to have our best game."

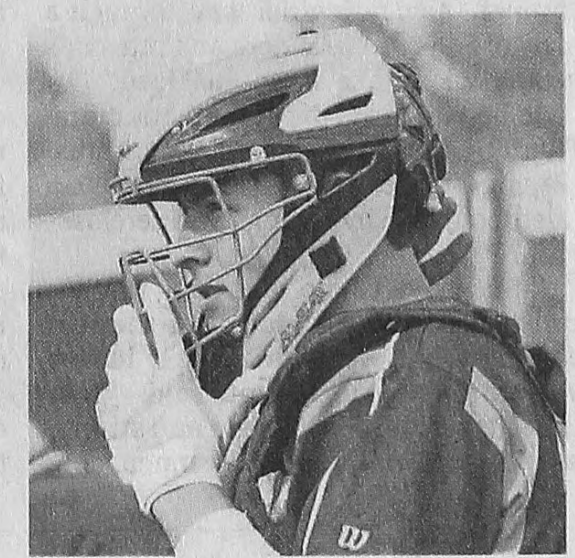
At Stevenson, what it takes to have the team's best game is something Macek was not used to when he first joined.

There was a level of strategy to it. Instead of focusing on the individual pitcher or batter, baseball blossomed into a team sport under Spartans head coach Rick Berryman.

It's small ball, it's constantly moving runners and not trying to be the hero. Macek said he sees it even when he's in the dugout watching.

"I talk to Coach and I'm like, 'Let's run this. This would work right now,'" Ma-

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Stevenson's Landon Macek prepares to go back behind the plate on May 13. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Brighton's Gabby Mainhardt scored four goals during an 18-5 victory over Bloomfield Hills in a state semifinal lacrosse game June 9.

## Bloomfield Hills falls in girls lacrosse semifinals

Bill Khan Livingston Daily  
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As they walked off the field two years ago following another loss in the Division 1 girls lacrosse state championship game, Brighton's players vowed to return the next season to write a different ending.

Some of those players never got the opportunity, losing their senior seasons to COVID-19 restrictions last year.

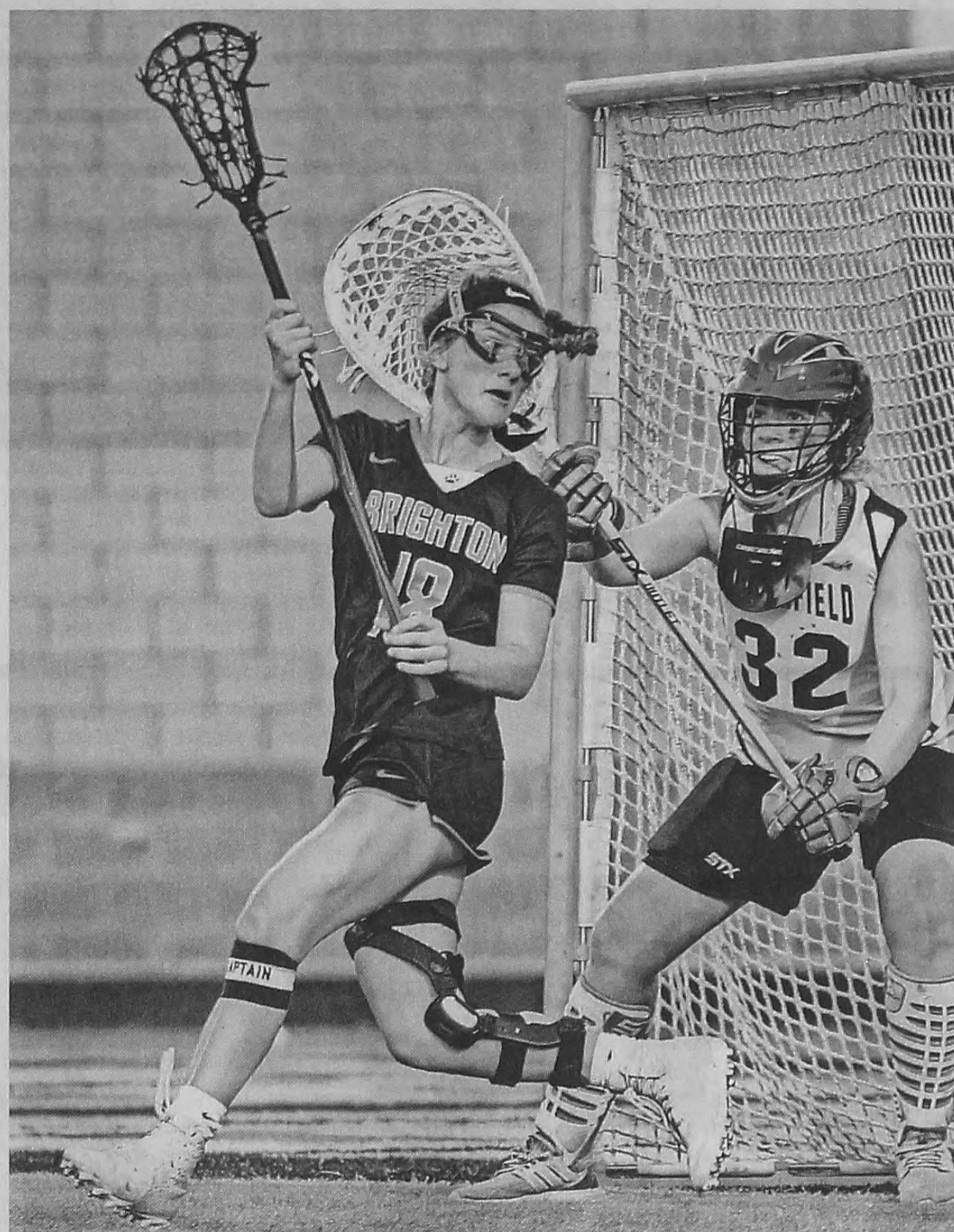
For those who remained, the dream was deferred an extra year until June 16 when the Bulldogs beat Bloomfield Hills 18-5 in a state semifinal at Brighton High School.

"It feels amazing," said Brighton senior Sophie Mondro, who scored four of

Brighton's six goals in the 2019 championship game. "I'm just so grateful for this opportunity. Our team has worked our butts off to get here. Like every single one of us deserve this. We did this for the seniors who didn't get a season last year. It's just amazing to be able to go to states again."

Rockford won the two state finals against Brighton handily, 25-5 in 2018 and 21-6 in 2019. Rockford extended its streak of state championships to eight after beating Brighton in the finals.

"We knew last year was going to be a good year," Brighton coach Ashton Peters said. "We graduated 10 phenomenal seniors. Most of them went off to college and played lacrosse, so we were really disappointed.



Brighton's Sophie Mondro scored four goals in an 18-5 win over Bloomfield Hills in the state semifinals. PHOTOS BY TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

The Bulldogs' past state finalists weren't as dominant throughout the postseason as this year's group. Brighton has outscored five opponents during the playoffs 102-30, the closest game being a 17-11 victory over Northville in the regional championship game.

Brighton beat Bloomfield Hills, 16-2, in the season opener on April 7.

"I knew they were going to make strides from when we saw them, and they did," Peters said. "They had a great moving offense. Their defense in the

midfield was unbelievable.

"Those were things we noticed when we were watching film. The girls knew coming into this game Bloomfield's gotten better, so we need to be better. We need to play better than we did our first game against them."

Brighton jumped out to a 9-3 halftime lead and built its advantage to 12-3 with 18:56 left in the game.

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## Lacrosse

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and that's what we did."

Hartland took a 5-3 lead late in the first half, but Rice tallied two quick goals to end the second period and then went on a six-goal run to take control. Hartland would never recover after being shut out in the third.

"We've got guys who can step up and score the ball," Dudley said. "We went in there, talked it out, we knew what we had to do, come out gritty and get gritty goals and that's what we did."

It was the fifth state title for Brother ice coach Ajay Chawla, whose team went undefeated against Michigan schools. The Warriors' only losses this spring were to Ohio teams Cleveland St.

Ignatius (9-7) and Columbus Upper Arlington (11-7).

"We reminded them of what they could do," Chawla said of his halftime talk. "They've never lacked heart or hustle, and energy this year. What we lacked a little bit at times this year was a little execution and we just weren't executing. We started to execute there in the second half and you could see what kind of a team we can be when we do execute."

### Division 2

The Battle of Grand Rapids went to a familiar power.

Senior Ted Campbell paved the way with six goals as East Grand Rapids recorded its sixth title in school history with a 12-10 victory over Ada Forest Hills Eastern on Saturday in Howell.

The Pioneers (20-2), who defeated Forest Hills Eastern in an earlier season meeting (7-6 in overtime), led from start to finish in making its 11th state finals appearance while winning its first D2 crown since 2018.

East Grand Rapids made a coaching change just prior to the state playoffs when assistant Adam Brant took over in the interim for Rick DeBlasio, who had guided EGR to back-to-back D2 state crowns in 2017 and 2018.

"This team is just so resilient, they're an incredible group of guys," Brant said. "I don't have any details other than the athletic director asking me to help and try and lead the team to victory. I've been with the team all season and I've been with the program for 12 years. So, I was familiar with everything that was going on. I played for East as a player, so I knew what to expect from the admini-

stration and the parents. It was a burden that we had a talented group of players that could win it all and that was the goal at the start of the season and just wanted to continue on that path, and we did."

Campbell, who tallied a team-best 62 goals on the season, was the offensive catalyst.

"I just try and get everyone fired up to play every day, and make things as fun as possible, and if it's helping the team score goals, that's what I'm going to do," said Campbell. "None of the emotions have hit me yet. I'm just enjoying it."

East Grand Rapids goalie Adam Hall also made 10 saves in the victory.

Forest Hills Eastern (15-6), which held a 35-29 advantage in shots, got a hat trick from John Morgan while Ethan Johns had collected assists.

## Soccer

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through, navigating her way through a slew of Falcons defenders and putting a score back to take a two-goal lead.

In her first taste of postseason action, Flynn said it has been great to continue playing with so many close friends and a talented group including 12 underclassmen.

"It feels really good knowing that we can do very well this year and in the next coming years, we will definitely have a very strong team," Flynn said. "Over time, it will just get stronger and stronger and I can't wait to see how much more

we can develop."

While being a senior, goalkeeper Isabel Toma is in the same boat as the underclassmen: making the team as a junior, but having her first taste of Marian action this season.

Toma and the rest of the Mustangs defense has continued to hit its stride during the playoffs. After recording only three shutouts in the regular season, Marian has recorded a five-game shut-out streak in the postseason, outscoring teams, 23-0, in the tournament.

"It feels like I've been playing forever, honestly: playing every day, having specific goalie training is just awesome," Toma said. "I really feel confident about everything, positioning, saving everything."

While Marian had a trip back to East Lansing secured, Askounis saw a chance late in the game to seal the win and start the celebration early.

The senior took a ball over her head at midfield, beat a Divine Child defender and put the ball through the net at the last moment to secure the three-goal victory.

With that came the excitement of what comes next for the Mustangs, along with the pressure of continuing the tradition and the precedent set before many members of the team joined the roster.

Askounis thought differently. Her focus is on that "Christmas Day" attitude she set her sophomore year, but now with the expectation of what she ex-

pects to get.

"I try not to think about the pressures," she said. "I more think about the fun side of it. I get to go play with my family for one more time in a Marian uniform."

"I know that if I go and I play my hardest, good things are going to come out of it."

Marian was scheduled to take on Spring Lake in the Division 2 state championship 4 p.m., Friday at Michigan State University.

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## Macek

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cek said. "You kind of can develop a better aspect of what should be done and what shouldn't happen. It's a new look for baseball and I enjoy it."

It's a strategy that helped the Spartans secure a KLAA title against Hartland: using movement on the base paths from a few timely hits, walks and errors to come back and beat the Eagles with a walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Macek knows he didn't win the KLAA title for Stevenson by himself. And he wouldn't have it any other way.

When he first joined the Spartans, his

sole purpose was to be there for his teammates to do what he needed to do to achieve the collective goal. Macek wanted the high school baseball experience that his father had.

"My dad was a very big baseball guy and I always kind of looked up to him," Macek said. "I enjoyed watching his highlights from his high school and hearing stories through all of his friends. It was kind of what I wanted to do."

While Macek admitted that both of his sports at Stevenson are remarkably different in practice — baseball and football — the overlap remains of people playing for each other, doing certain jobs for those around you to not let the overall team down.

Team success is what makes Steven-

son baseball run effectively. To Macek, it just comes down to the younger players buying in, putting their personal success aside and playing to be the best teammate on the field.

To the senior, this is what high school sports should be about, even after he leaves at the end of the season — shifting his focus to trade school.

This is where the life lessons come from.

"I always say that sports, especially at Stevenson, it's a lot like life," Macek said. "You learn, you grow up through the sport. You learn how to be a teammate, how to be respectful and responsible, how to work hard. You learn how to let go and pretty much all your basic life skills through sports."

### Athlete of the Week poll results

Macek won Hometown Life's Athlete of the Week poll the week of May 24, earning 15,279 (52.53%) of the 29,087 total votes cast.

Bloomfield Hills track and field sophomore Gabrielle Jeffries earned 12,401 votes (42.63%).

South Lyon East softball player Madie Patton finished third, Novi track and field senior Matthew Gustitus finished fourth and Seaholm track senior Audrey DaDamio finished fifth.

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# Bradshaw sets tone, South Lyon dominates DeWitt in D1 quarterfinal

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When Ava Bradshaw stepped onto the field in the Division 1 state quarterfinal against DeWitt, she could feel the electricity in the air: the roar of a capacity crowd at Novi's softball field, the weight of meaning behind what a win would bring.

But when the South Lyon freshman stepped into the circle, it was go time. It was time for war.

She set down each of the first three Panthers hitters with ease, striking out two before her first trip to the dugout. With each strikeout, Bradshaw struck the same pose. She took one step forward toward the plate and screamed: an intimidation factor toward the opposing batters, a battle cry igniting a fire to the seven players behind her.

It's something that South Lyon had seen in the freshman all season, the momentum she carried just in her right arm. And it's something that proved to be a factor leading South Lyon to a 7-0 win against DeWitt for a trip to East Lansing for the Division 1 state semifinal.

"We know she's going to compete," South Lyon head coach Dan DePaulis said. "She's done it all year. She's been in the circle for us, she works her butt off and we're very comfortable with her being in the circle knowing she is going to compete and give us a chance to win."

The South Lyon offense rewarded Bradshaw's first-inning dominance with an early lead, using four-straight baserunners to open the first inning to score four runs on three hits — including an RBI single by Emily Johnson and a sacrifice fly by Julia Duncan — and an error.

The Lions added two more in the bottom of the second off an RBI triple by Grace Walters, who finished the game with two hits, two runs and an RBI, and an RBI single by Johnson: one of three

RBI singles on the day for the sophomore.

Other than an RBI triple to open the third inning, Bradshaw kept the DeWitt offense silent, throwing seven shutout innings, striking out 12, feeding off the momentum the South Lyon offense was giving her back.

"The momentum, we just always try and swing it back on our side. It was always on our side the whole game," Bradshaw said. "We were trying (to be) really aggressive the whole game. On offense, we were scoring. On defense, we were making them not score."

DeWitt head coach Adam Nolen said Bradshaw was easily the fastest pitcher his team had seen all year in the circle, practicing their timing and trying to get ahead of her fastball.

"Our kids did everything they could," Nolen said. "We practiced and prepared for it. She was just too good."

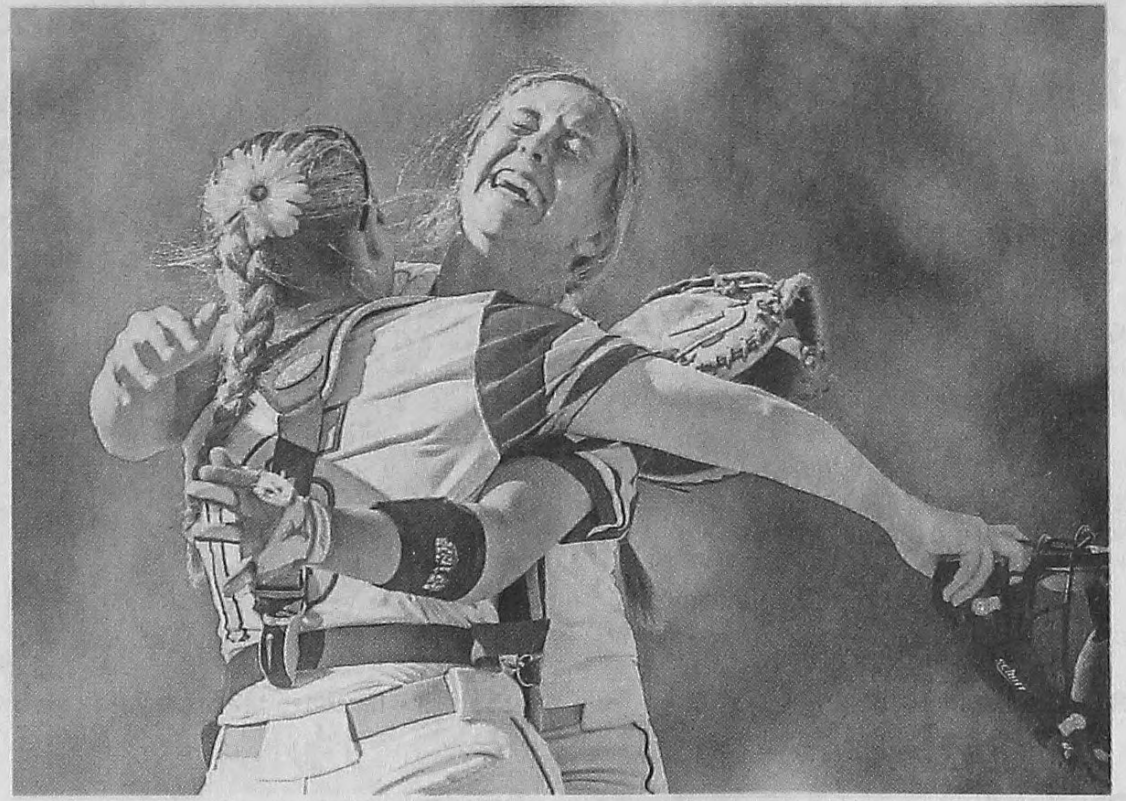
DePaulis knows Bradshaw's been one of the main keys to the Lions' success throughout their playoff run.

However, he knows players like Walters and Johnson, along with senior Ella Vitale, who scored two runs on three singles while adding a heads up play at first base in the third inning — throwing out a runner at the plate to ensure DeWitt remained scoreless — have been just as integral.

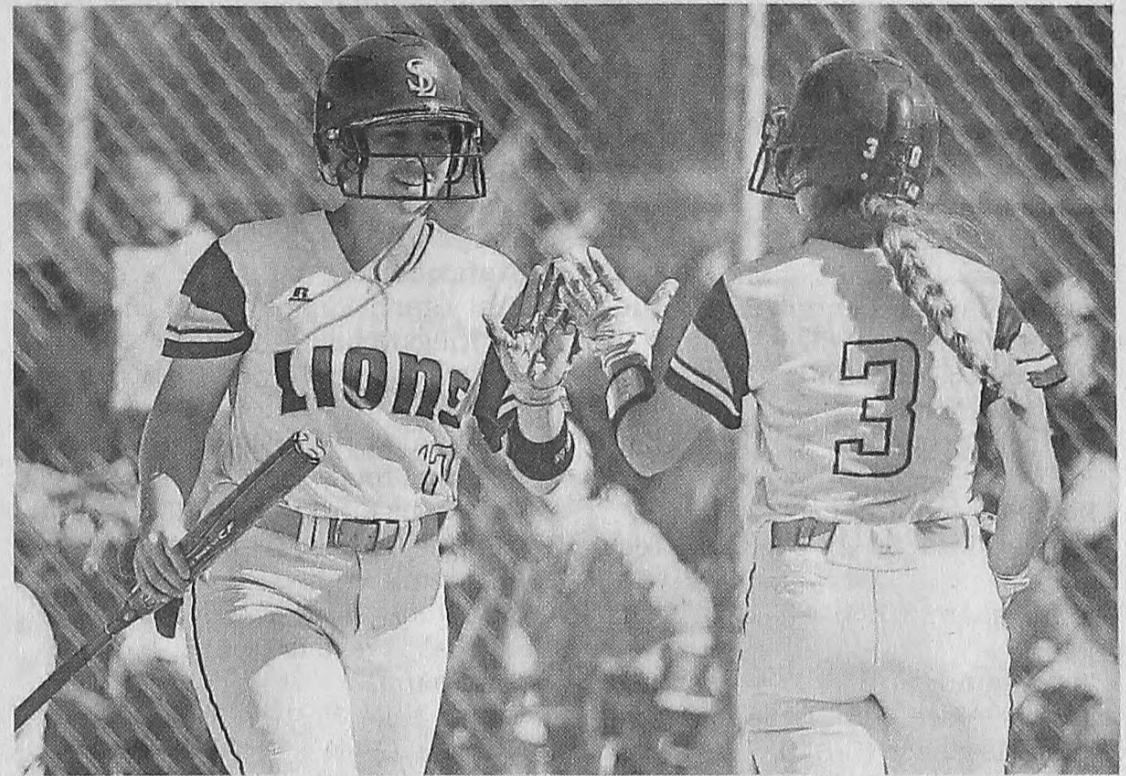
"They feed off of Ava. This team has really rallied around her," DePaulis said. Ava gets a lot of credit, and she deserves that credit, but they are also picking up the ball behind her and having great at bats and they are scoring runs for her. It's really been a team effort this whole playoff run."

Through six playoff games, South Lyon has outscored opponents, 44-4, recording four shutouts. Simply put, the Lions have been dominant, combining the recipe of timely hitting, pitching and defense to lead to a long run.

It's a recipe, Bradshaw feels, is continuable even as South Lyon makes the



South Lyon's pitcher Ava Bradshaw, right, hugs catcher Madison Mckenzie after beating DeWitt in the state quarterfinal game on June 15 at Novi High School. PHOTOS BY NICK KING/LANSING STATE JOURNAL



South Lyon's Eleanor Vitale, right, celebrates her run against DeWitt with teammate Ava Bradshaw in the fourth inning on June 15.

trip to East Lansing.

"We have a great team and everything, and this is just unbelievable how awesome we have been playing," she said. "At the same time, I have full confidence."

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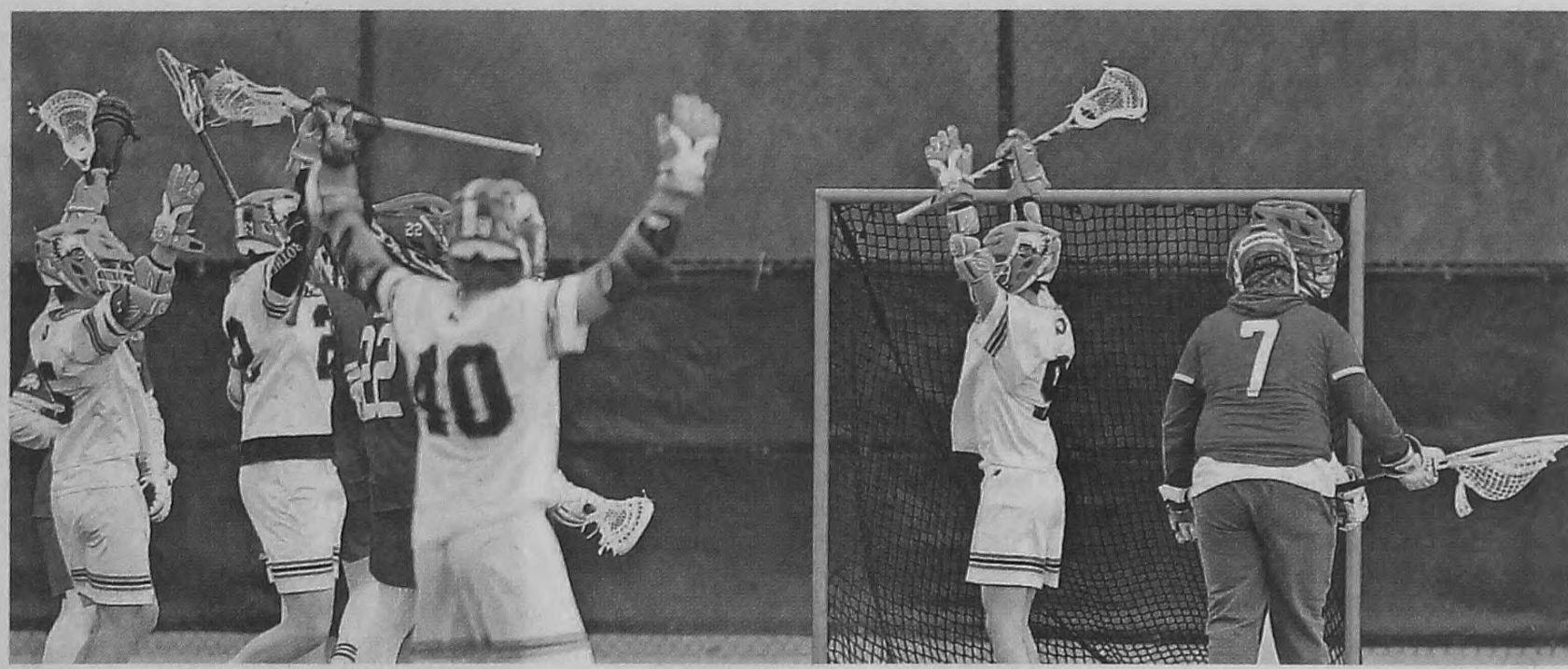
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# 2021 Michigan high school lacrosse playoff scoreboard

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The Michigan high school lacrosse season wrapped up this past weekend with the state finals June 12 for both boys and girls.

Here's a look at how Hometown Life area teams fared in the 2021 playoffs.



Brother Rice lacrosse team players celebrate a goal. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Boys lacrosse

### Division 1

- State final**  
Brother Rice (18-2) 14, Hartland (22-2) 9
- State semifinal**  
Brother Rice (17-2) 9, Lake Orion (14-5) 1  
Hartland (22-1) 18, Detroit Catholic Central (11-6) 7
- State quarterfinal**  
Brother Rice (16-2) 20, Northville (10-5) 5  
Detroit Catholic Central (11-5) 17, Midland Dow (14-7) 14
- Regional 6 — Seaholm**
- Regional final**  
Brother Rice (15-2) 10 Birmingham (12-6) 7
- Regional semifinal**  
Brother Rice (14-2) 22, Cass Tech (7-6) 0  
Birmingham (12-5) 14, U-D Jesuit (5-9) 2
- First round**  
Brother Rice (15-2) 36, Sterling Heights Stevenson (0-8) 0  
Birmingham (11-5) 22, Warren Cousino (2-7) 1
- Regional 5 — Troy Athens**
- Regional semifinal**  
Rochester Adams (10-3) 11, Bloomfield Hills (6-6) 8
- First round**  
Bloomfield Hills (6-5) 19, Rochester Adams (4-10) 7
- Regional 7 — Macomb Dakota**

- Regional final**  
Detroit Catholic Central (10-5) 10, Macomb Dakota (14-4) 5
- Regional semifinal**  
Detroit Catholic Central (9-5) 18, Port Huron (10-4) 0

### Division 2

- State semifinal**  
East Grand Rapids (19-2) 9, Detroit Country Day (13-4) 8
- State quarterfinal**  
East Grand Rapids (18-2) 16, Cranbrook Kingswood (6-11) 2  
Detroit Country Day (13-3) 8, Okemos (11-5) 6
- Regional 14 — North Farmington**
- Regional final**  
Cranbrook Kingswood (6-10) 17, Royal Oak Shrine Catholic (13-1) 5
- Regional semifinal**  
Cranbrook Kingswood (5-10) 15, Walled Lake Western (6-8) 5
- First round**  
Walled Lake Western (6-7) 16, North Farmington (2-10) 6
- Regional 15 — Grosse Pointe South**
- Regional final**  
Detroit Country Day (12-3) 17, De La Salle (11-8) 4
- Regional semifinal**  
Detroit Country Day (11-3) 22, L'Anse Creuse (10-4) 4
- First round**  
Detroit Country Day (10-3) 22, Bishop Foley (0-12) 0

## Girls lacrosse

### Division 1

- State semifinal**  
Brighton (14-4-1) 18, Bloomfield Hills (13-5) 5
- Regional 3 — Troy**
- Regional final**  
Bloomfield Hills (13-4) 20, Utica Eisenhower (10-6-1) 4
- Regional semifinal**  
Bloomfield Hills (12-4) 16, Birmingham (8-5) 4
- First round**  
Birmingham (8-4) 23, Chippewa Valley (6-10) 2: Abbie Caza led Birmingham with seven goals, while 10 players contributed goals in the win.  
Bloomfield Hills (11-4) 17, Troy Athens (8-6-1) 3
- Pre-regional**  
Birmingham (7-4) 19, Grosse Pointe South (4-7) 10  
Bloomfield Hills (10-4) 15, Grosse Pointe North (0-7-1) 0

### Division 2

- State final**  
East Grand Rapids (20-1) 15, Cranbrook Kingswood (12-7) 11
- State semifinal**  
Cranbrook Kingswood (12-6) 23 Mercy (7-7-1) 12
- Regional 7 — Detroit Country Day**

- Regional final**  
Cranbrook Kingswood (11-6) 14, Detroit Country Day (15-1) 13
- Regional semifinal**  
Cranbrook Kingswood (10-6) 26, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (10-7) 2  
Detroit Country Day (15-0) 20, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (8-4) 4
- First round**  
Detroit Country Day (14-0) 15, Marian (7-4-2) 10  
Cranbrook Kingswood (9-6) 25, Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett (11-5) 4
- Pre-regional**  
Detroit Country Day (13-0) 18, Warren Regina (1-11) 3  
Cranbrook Kingswood (8-6) 21, Auburn Hills Avondale (1-10) 1
- Regional 6 — Ann Arbor Skyline**
- Regional final**  
Mercy (7-6-1) 19, Ann Arbor Skyline (10-6) 11
- Regional semifinal**  
Mercy (6-6-1) 16, Farmington (8-7) 5
- First round**  
Farmington (8-6) 16, North Farmington (4-7-1) 4  
Mercy (5-6-1) 24, Dexter (3-7) 9
- Pre-regional**  
Mercy (4-6-1) 20, Walled Lake North-ern (9-4) 0
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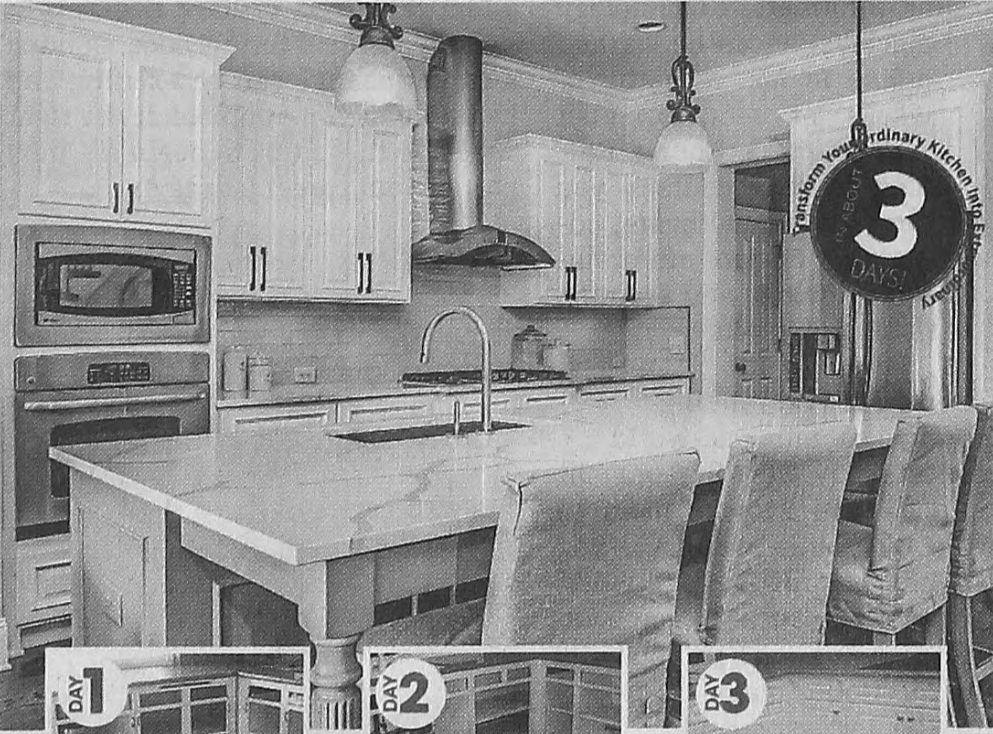
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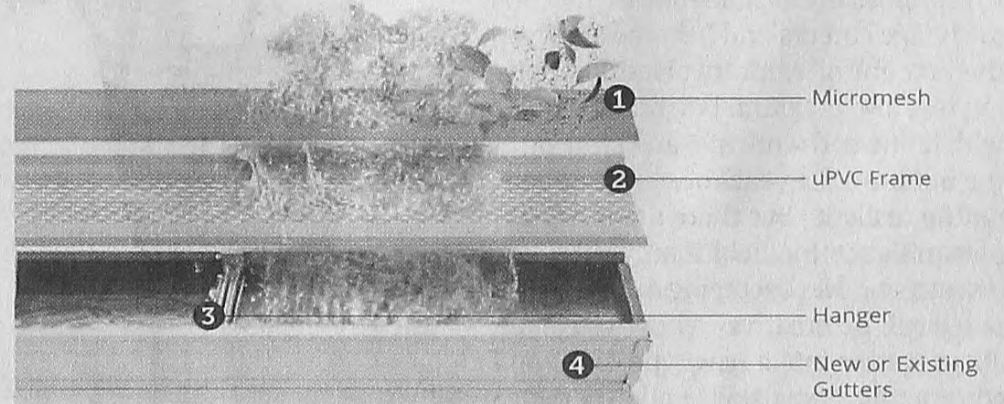
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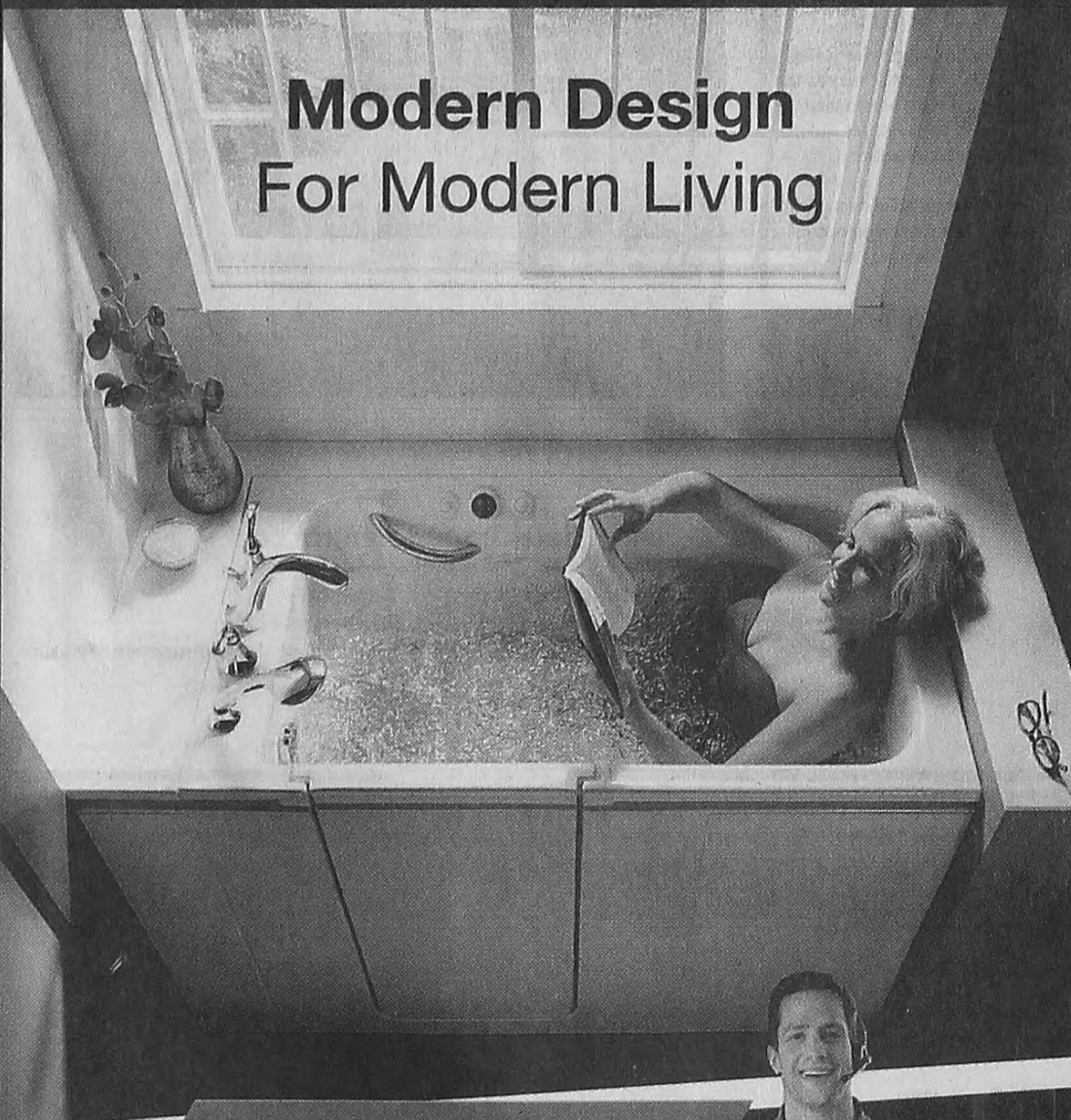
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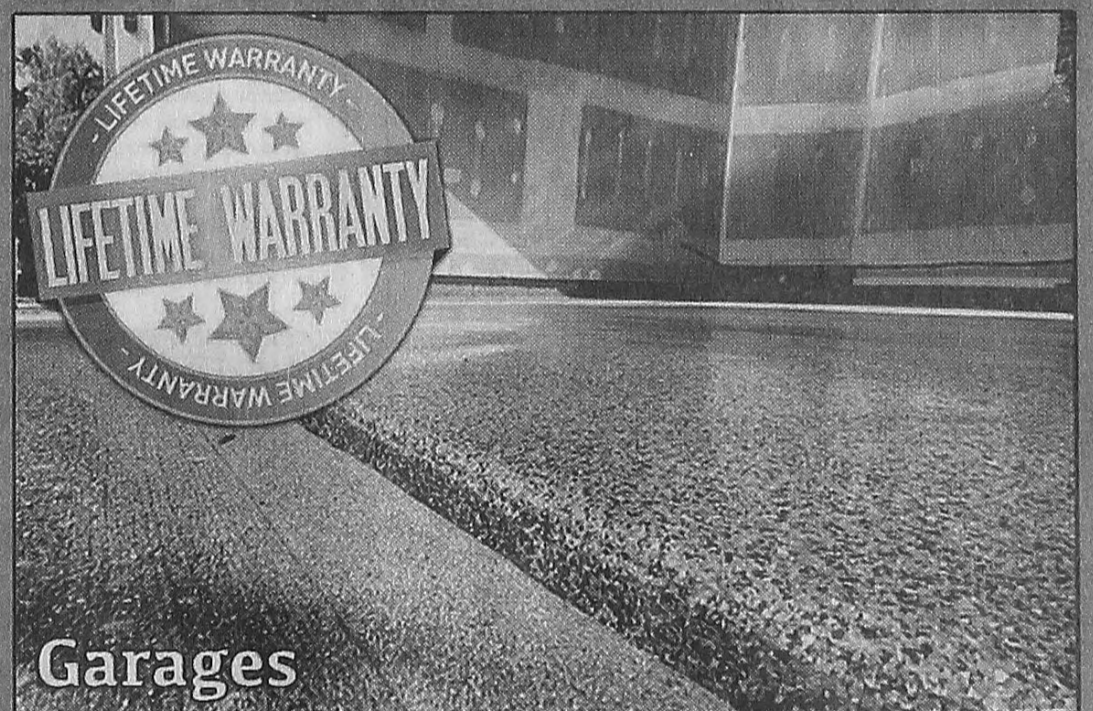
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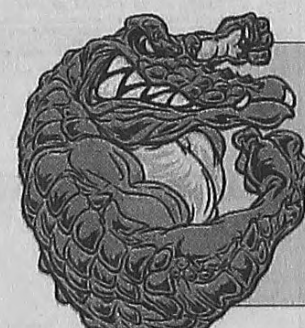
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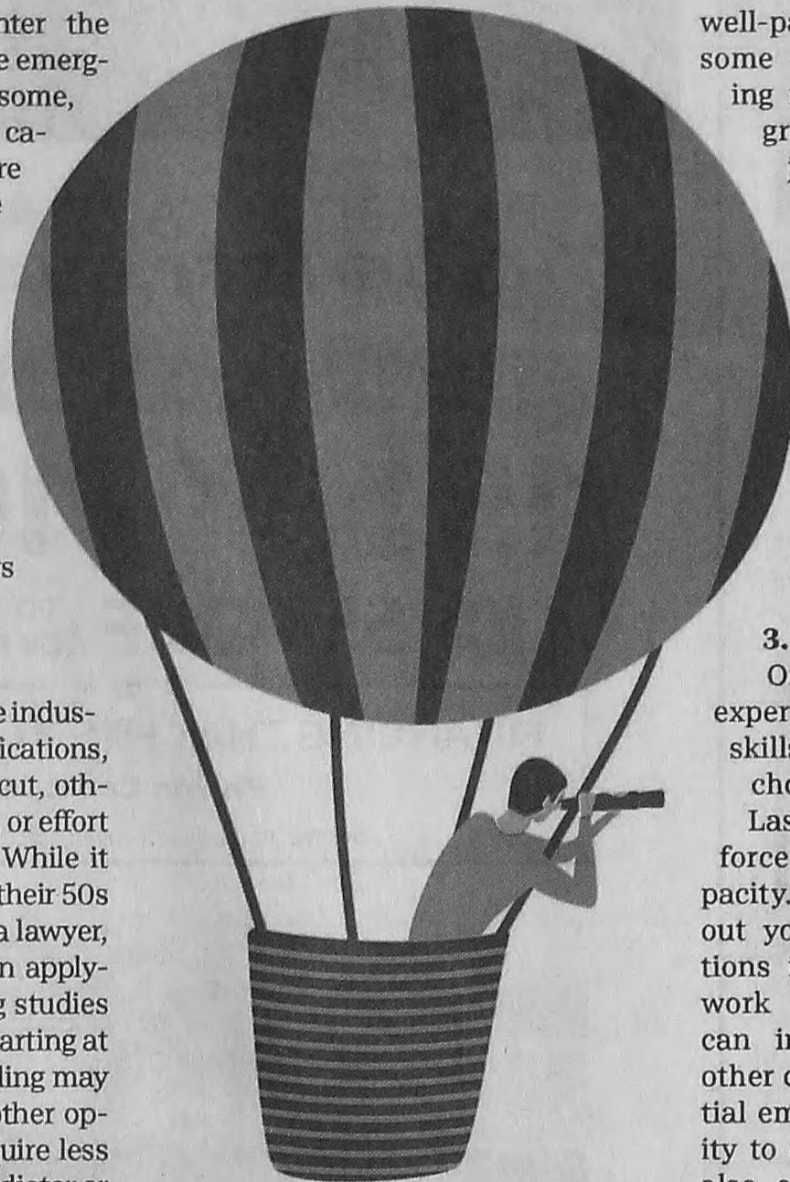
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As Americans begin to enter the post-pandemic world, many are emerging with new priorities. For some, that means reexamining their career choices in search of more flexible work hours, more meaningful work, or simply something new.

But switching industries can be difficult—especially when the robots parsing your online resume, or the human hiring managers, do not see your past experience as directly relevant to their open roles. Here are a few ways to make it easier:

## 1. Be Realistic

While you can jump into some industries by acquiring online certifications, taking classes, or taking a pay cut, others may require more time, cost, or effort than you are able to sacrifice. While it isn't impossible for someone in their 50s to change careers and become a lawyer, the amount of work involved in applying to a law program, balancing studies with home and work life, and starting at the bottom after years of schooling may not be realistic. But there are other opportunities in the field that require less investment, like becoming a mediator or paralegal. Be creative in how you think about getting into a new type of job and consider how past skills and experience may help get your foot in the door.



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There are many exciting and well-paying jobs that only require some specific education or training rather than a full college degree. Some of these "new collar jobs"—which include roles like drone pilots, photo editors, and information technology specialists—can be learned online in just a matter of weeks or months. Visit ZipRecruiter's Course Catalog to find courses you can take in healthcare, education, design, information technology and security, marketing, and more.

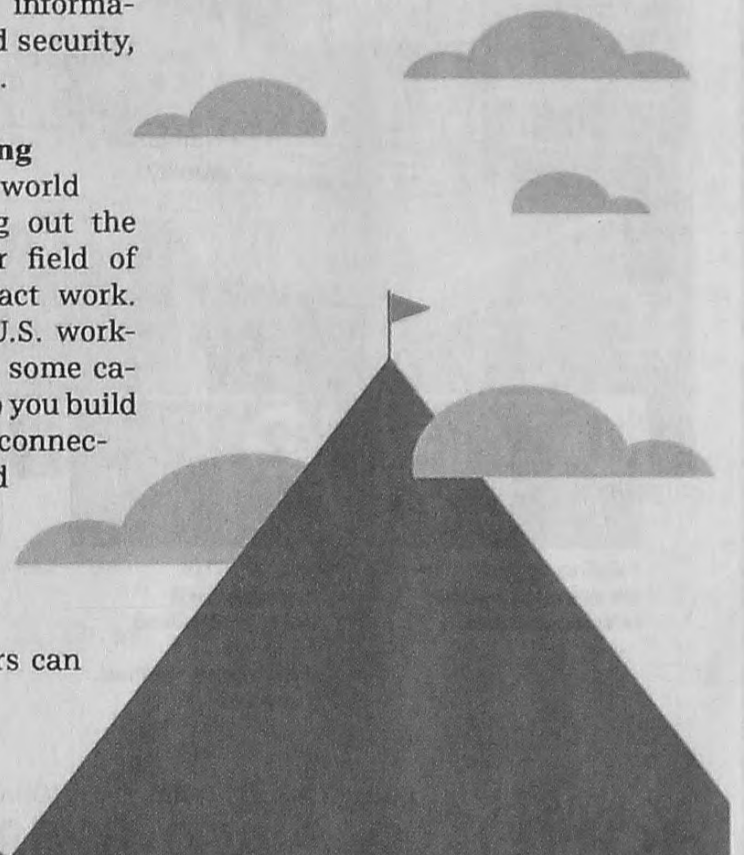
multiple projects, while building skills. A good place to find clients is on freelancing platforms like Upwork, Fiverr, Toptal, DesignHill, and 99Designs. You might also be able to find industry-specific platforms by searching online.

Whether you graduated from school a few years ago, or have been working in your field for decades, making a career change can be exciting and lucrative, if you approach it the right way. Use these tips to begin the next part of your career journey!

## 3. Consider Freelancing

One way to gain real-world experience is by building out the skills you have in your field of choice by doing contract work.

Last year, 36% of the U.S. workforce worked freelance in some capacity. Freelancing can help you build out your portfolio, make connections in the industry, and work with people who can introduce you to other clients and potential employers. The ability to make your own hours can also enable you to keep your current job, or take on



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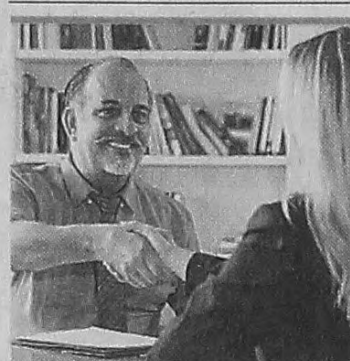
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

### Super Crossword

TINKERING WITH THE ELEMENTS

#### ACROSS

- 1 Austrian peaks
- 5 MLB stat
- 8 Mitch who wrote "Tuesdays With Morrie"
- 13 Three-tone chords
- 19 Toxin-fighting fluids
- 20 Critter treater
- 21 "The king," in France
- 22 Popular social news website
- 23 Extracted element #79 with a big hammer?
- 26 Renée of silent films
- 27 "Science Kid" of PBS
- 28 Reinforcing eyelet in a hole
- 29 Go out on —
- 31 Chilling stuff
- 32 Unfeeling
- 34 Element #16 that's causing difficulty?
- 37 Owls' prey
- 38 Carrere of "Jury Duty"
- 41 Fleming and McKellen

- 42 "August: Osage County" playwright Tracy
- 43 "That celestial object seems to be composed of element #5"?
- 48 Tartan wearers, e.g.
- 50 Some dashes
- 51 Neighbor of Lithuania
- 52 Off-road rides, in brief
- 53 Before now
- 56 Sea rovers plundering element #6?
- 60 Big road rig
- 63 Bismarck-to-Austin dir.
- 64 — Tomè
- 65 Overcomes
- 66 Shawls, e.g.
- 68 ICU worker
- 71 Genetic ID
- 73 Small sample
- 74 Very virtuous
- 77 Gaudy scarf
- 79 Suffix with peace
- 82 Prattle
- 83 "Quit asking about my supply of element #83"?
- 88 Stew tidbit

- 89 Birch, e.g.
- 90 "Impossible for me"
- 91 Small sample
- 94 Twyla of dance
- 96 Element #30 in a medicine cabinet?
- 98 "George & —" (old talk show)
- 101 Special glow
- 103 "FWIW" part
- 104 Gets the total
- 105 Element #18 found in a city opposite Vancouver?
- 110 Lightish sword
- 111 Hub city for Israel's El Al
- 112 Bad-smelling
- 113 Narcissist's quality
- 117 Biol. or anat.
- 119 Combo punch
- 121 Element #29 collected by actress Loni?
- 124 Ancient Crete native
- 125 To the point
- 126 ET's ship
- 127 Gershon of "Face/Off" (1990 Alan Alda film)

- 129 Great Lakes tribespeople
- 130 Go bad
- 131 Crumb toters

- 37 Fannie —
- 38 Rows
- 39 Lands in el océano
- 40 Subsided
- 44 MLB stat
- 45 Raw rock
- 46 Toys — (kids' chain)
- 47 Bears, in Spain
- 49 Suffix with opal
- 52 Loads
- 53 Put to shame
- 54 "I — run!"
- 55 First stage
- 56 Brought (in), as music
- 57 Voguish thing
- 58 Rear, at sea
- 59 Make it to
- 60 Boggy area
- 61 Bert's friend
- 62 — Carta
- 67 Surreptitious
- 69 Double-reed instrument
- 70 Bovine critter
- 72 Aziz of "Master of None"
- 75 Very little bit
- 76 Small raisin
- 78 Actress Kendrick
- 80 "— one to complain ..."
- 81 Accolades
- 84 Disavow

- 85 Net automaton
- 86 I, to Wilhelm
- 87 Hanks of film
- 91 Slice-serve motion
- 92 Not proper
- 93 Windows 10 runners
- 94 Blasting inits.
- 95 To the middle point
- 96 Drinking spot
- 97 Microwave
- 98 Poise
- 99 Canadian dollar coin
- 100 Passionate
- 102 Comedian Gilda
- 106 Long spans
- 107 Fliers in V's
- 108 Ugly beasts
- 109 Tel. book collection
- 110 Angsty rock genre
- 114 See 123-Down
- 115 News
- 116 Kilt sporter
- 118 Nest egg funds, for short
- 120 How- (DIY books)
- 122 Soft & —
- 123 With 114-Down, it includes the Brit. Open

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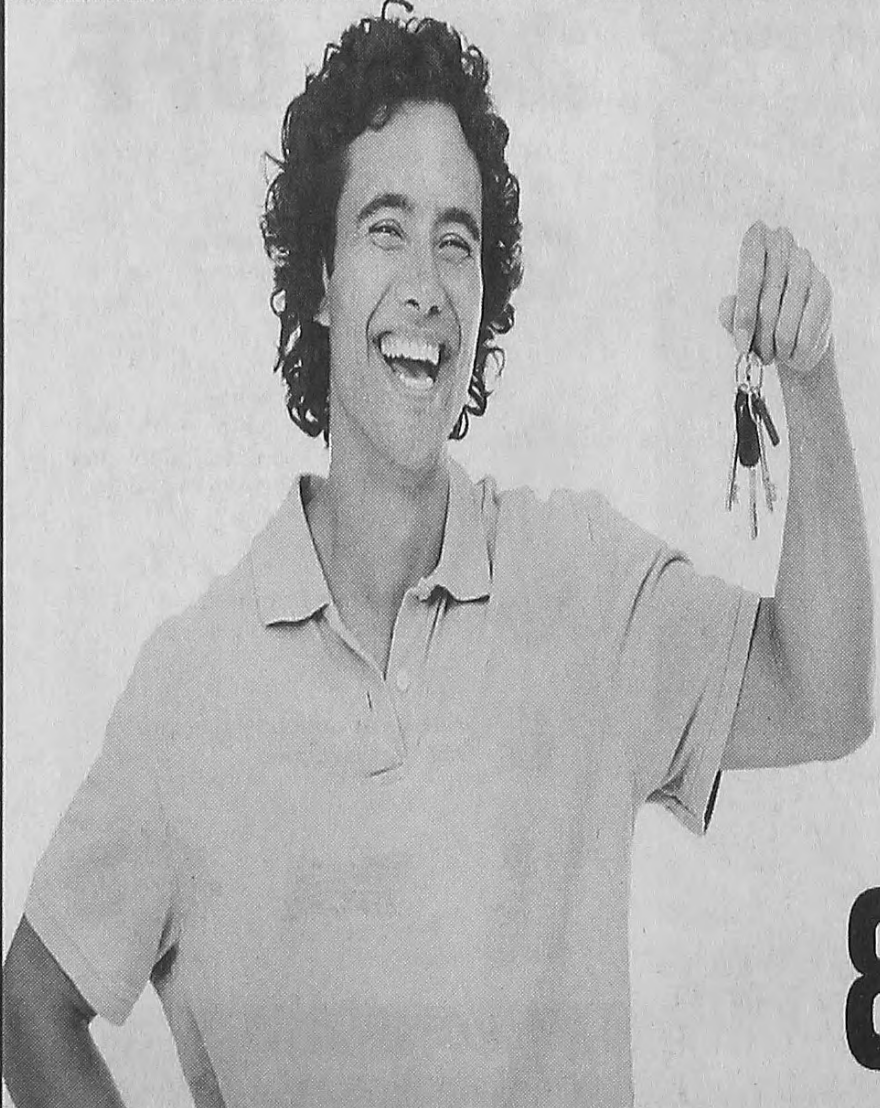
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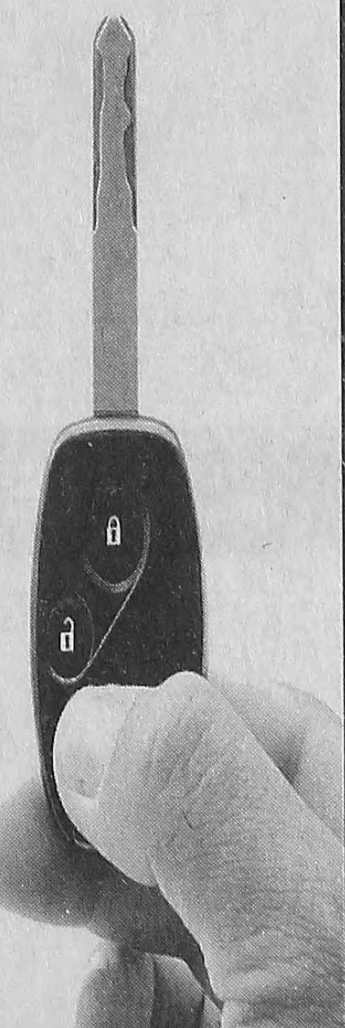
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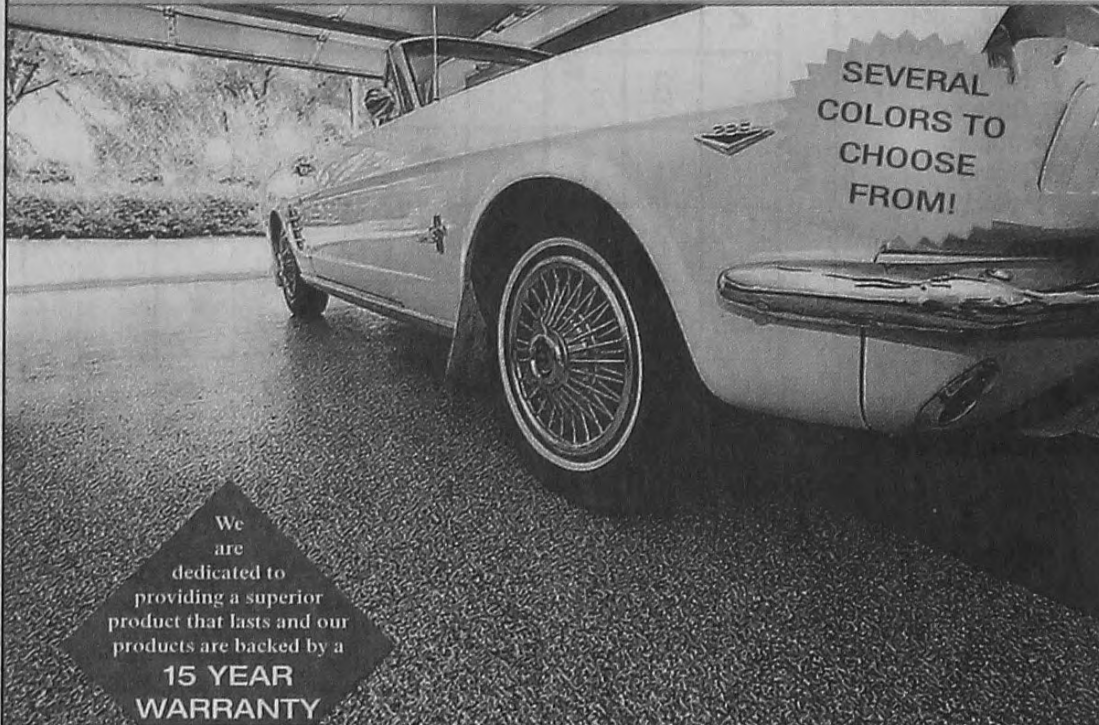


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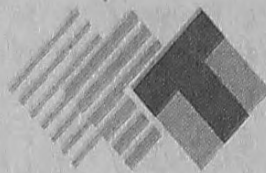


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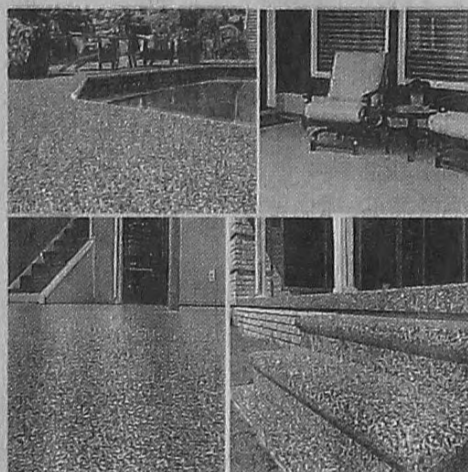
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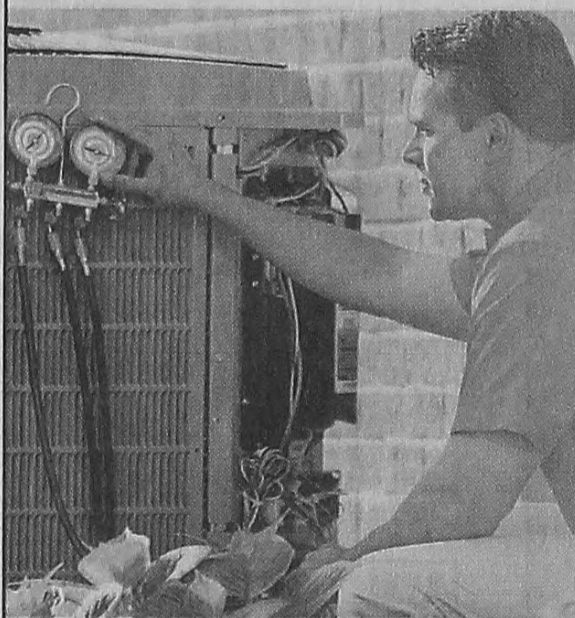


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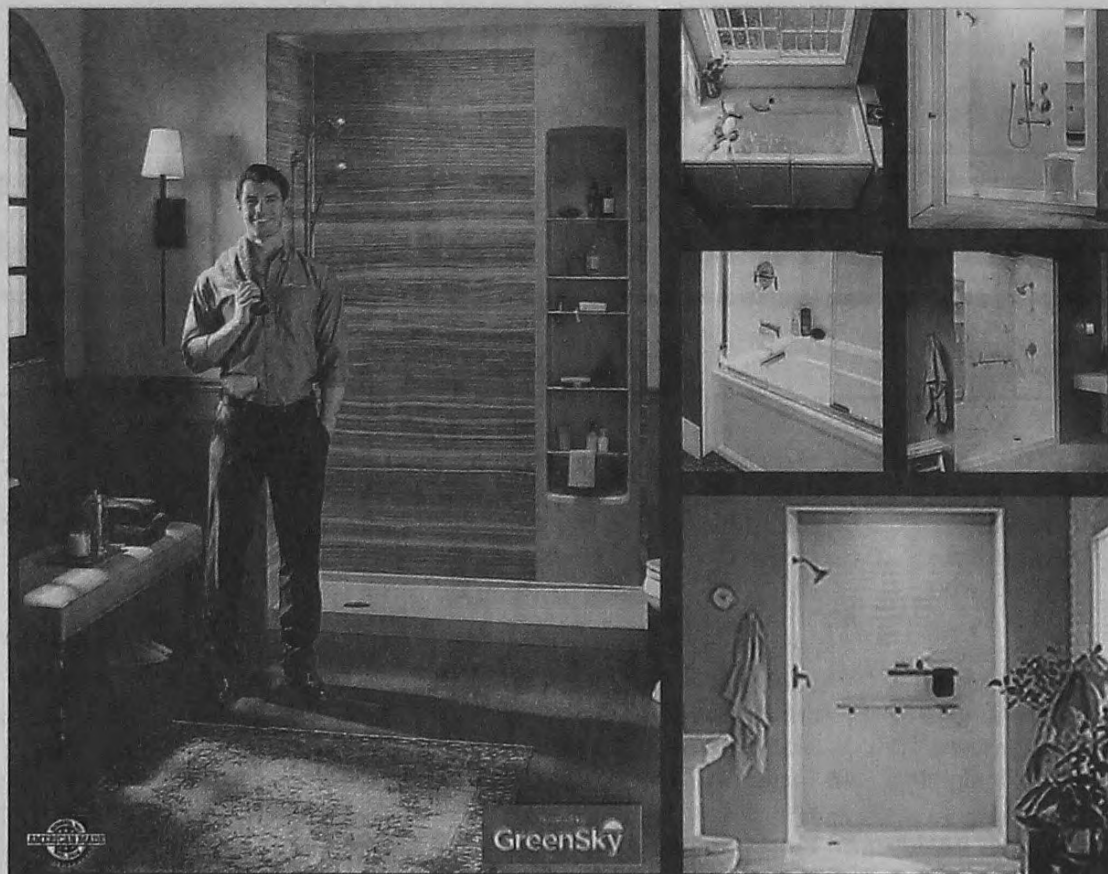
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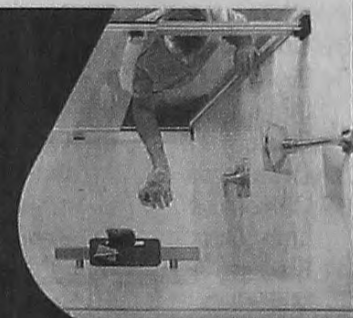
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