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Sears in Westland closing its doors

Store is retailer's only location left in Michigan

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Sears, the behemoth that was once the largest retailer in the United States, is set to close its final Michigan department store in the coming months.

Signs posted at the Sears store at the Westland Shopping Center indicates the store at the mall at Wayne and Warren roads is closing its doors. Signage indicates merchandise is marked down 15% to 50% off throughout the store.

Plenty of items remain for sale as of

dant on the first floor, and the second floor had many appliances and more.

The closure marks the end of a chapter in the Great Lakes State for the oncebooming department store. Sears once operated many stores across Michigan, only to have the numbers dwindle in recent years. The company, which was bought in 2005 by Kmart, filed for Ch. 11

Tuesday afternoon: clothing was abun- bankruptcy in 2018 and liquidated dozens of stores across the country.

The company has slowly closed stores across the state in recent years, closing Sears in communities such as Novi at Twelve Oaks Mall and Troy at Oakland Mall. It closed its store at Seven Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia last

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Farmington Hills resident Nick Kokenos, left, talks about customizing a Dodge RAM ProMaster 3500 van with his girlfriend, Erica Battle, right, so they can live in it as they travel across the country. PHOTOS JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Farmington Hills couple turning van into tiny home

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The United States is a place with extremes, whether it's the cold, the hot, the wild, the rural and the metropolitan. Frankly, Nick Kokenos and Erica Battle aren't sure what part of the country they want to settle down in.

So, they're building a home they can use to travel the country for a year and find the perfect place to live.

"We figure we're going to take a year, travel the country, see where we maybe really do want to live," Kokenos said. "And if we love the van and want to live out of it longer, it's open-ended and we can just park it."

The couple recently bought a RAM ProMaster 3500 van they plan to outfit so they can eat, sleep and bathe in it. The lease at their Farmington Hills apartment is up in November, so they plan to finish the renovation by then.

The many #VanLife Instagram pages

inspired them, too.

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Kokenos and Battle plan to spend most of the summer customizing the van.

"We've seen all the stuff on Instagram about people doing this, and we tossed around the idea for a while. Finally, we just decided to do it."

Nick Kokenos

Plymouth's **Art In The** Park set for **July 9-11**

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Whenever a COVID-19 restrictionsrelated press conference was about to air this past spring, organizers of Plymouth's 2021 Art In The Park event huddled around a television screen like members of a college basketball team anxious to find out if they had made the NCAA tournament.

"You could have filmed a reality show, watching us sit around the TV, waiting to hear if restrictions were going to be lifted, continued, whatever," quipped Raychel Rork, director of the wildly-popular summer art festival held in downtown Plymouth every year except one (2020) since 1980.

"When the governor announced that restrictions for outdoor events would be lifted beginning June 1, we erupted in joy. Art In The Park is such a big event, we had to plan all year as if it

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Livonia commission denies plan for car wash

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The Livonia Planning Commission has hosed a plan to put a car wash along Six Mile in the city.

The proposed plan would put a Tommy's Express Car Wash on the site of the former Bank of America building at 37276 Six Mile east of Newburgh. The property has been vacant for several years.

But the city's planning commission has slowed that proposal down, recommending denial of a rezoning request for the property, the first step in constructing such a facility. Reasons include additional car washes already

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Guest columnist

Fla. high-rise collapse is a wake-up call for all condo boards

Q: As a co-owner in a high-rise condominium, the recent condominium collapse in Florida has me on edge. What do you recommend that condo boards and co-owners take away as lessons from this tragedy?

A: First, it should be noted that this is a developing story, and information continues to come out regarding who knew what and when, so it may be premature to blame anyone for this horrible accident. However, it is important to take this opportunity to reflect on best practices for all condominium boards of directors.

Condo boards have an absolute obligation to maintain, repair, and replace the common elements of their condominium, notwithstanding the cost of doing so. Unfortunately, too many condo boards believe that their job is to spend as little money as possible, whatever the cost.

That may or may not be a reflection of the position of a majority of the coowners, but regardless the board should be trying to make the condo project a better place to live, which includes properly ensuring that it is structurally sound.

Do not put off addressing structural issues, period. Hire the appropriate engineers and other experts to do the work that is needed. If the money is not in your reserves, consider an additional assessment and speak with a lender about financing options.

This is a wake-up call for every person on a condo board. They have not only a civil legal and fiduciary responsibility to do the right thing, but they may also be held criminally liable for gross negligence embodied in a manslaughter charge.

Perhaps the courts will be more inclined to take immediate action when claims of lack of diligence in maintaining and replacing community or condo structures are brought to the courts' attention. And perhaps board members will now be more open to the advice of their attorneys who have preached doing the right thing.

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Michigan Labor Day tradition to return on Mackinac Bridge

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Grab your friends and put on your walking shoes because the Mackinac Bridge Walk is back this summer.

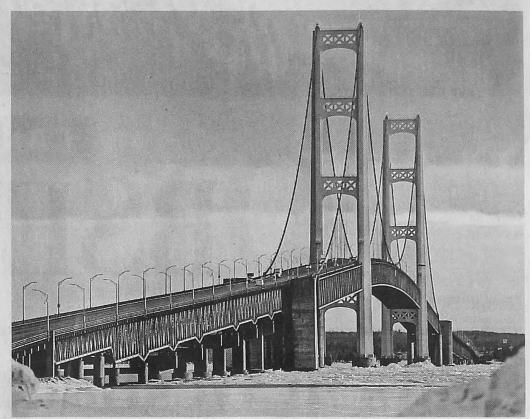
The event, which was canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will take place on Sept. 6.

The event, which began in 1958, usually garners 25,000-30,000 participants, according to a news release.

Beginning at 6:40 a.m., participants will have the chance to walk one of the largest suspension bridges in the world.

Walkers can start at either end and walk all the way across or turn back at the halfway point and return to their starting city. Since participants can start from either end, there will be no buses driving people from one side to the other.

"Before the walk was canceled last year, we had two successful years of starting the event from both St. Ignace and Mackinaw City, which makes us confident in continuing those options in 2021," said Kim Nowack, Mackinac Bridge Authority executive secretary. "Overall, the event went so smoothly, and we heard so many supportive comments about the new arrangements."



Traffic moving along the Mackinac Bridge seen from the Upper Peninsula. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer will join the walk at 7 a.m. starting at St. Ignace and walk to Mackinaw City.

The bridge will be closed to traffic

from 6:30 a.m. until noon, and walkers must reach the midway point by 10 a.m. or they will be turned back.

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Westland mayoral candidates discuss views

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

The four candidates for Westland mayor have four different visions to lead the city forward.

Voters will choose between Daniel Beier, Councilwoman Tasha Green, Edward Pruett and Mayor Bill Wild in the Aug. 3 primary election. The top two vote-getters will move on to the November general election.

Westland's mayor serves a fouryear term in a non-partisan position. The mayor makes \$121,574 annually.

William Asper also filed to run for mayor, but was removed from ballots because the city determined he isn't a Westland resident.

Hometown Life sent candidates questionnaires seeking information on the candidates' backgrounds and platforms. Each question was given a word limit, and answers exceeding that limit were cut short.

Here's where the candidates stand on the issues:

What do you see as the most pressing issue facing Westland? What will you do about it?

Beier: The most pressing issue for Westland is that of attracting young families to the area. From businesses moving to schools closing. To combat this I will advocate and pursue incentives that will entice business owners to come to our city as to entice young families to our area.

Green: The failure of accountability by the mayor and several within his administration. While the mayor falsely states that he's had "15 balanced budgets," the city blew the budget every year and never stayed within budget terms. Bloated contracts for campaign donors, ongoing nepotism and continual lawsuit settlements plague our city.

Pruett: The most pressing issue: including the community. For too long, the brilliance of the community has been excluded and disregarded, leading to all Westland community issues. We must intentionally include the community (panels, legitimate commissions, face-to-face conversations,

From left, Daniel Beier, Edward Pruett





From left, Daniel Beier, Edward Pruett, Tasha Green and Bill Wild. COURTESY PHOTOS

other innovative, community-connecting mechanisms), even if we disagree, to see true success everywhere.

Wild: The lack of a modern recreational center and recreational opportunities for our children and seniors. I will use federal ARP funds to transform the vacant Marshall School to create a first class recreation center, possibly in partnership with the YMCA, that could serve residents of all ages.

What should Westland do, if anything, to better support the existing business community and attract new business?

Green: Establish an incentive program to occupy commercial space. This will fill empty space and provide much needed tax revenue. There are large companies willing to move their head-quarters from other states. I'm currently

in discussion.

Pruett: We must retain, and re-engage with, current businesses and create an environment that attracts new businesses. Our community often has to go outside of Westland to enjoy life within Westland. Why?! "The Revive, Revitalize, and Re-engage Development Plan" (a welcoming economic and community plan) is the crucial first step needed.

Wild: First priority will be to help our local businesses rebound from the pandemic by continuing to utilize federal recovery funds. A major focus will be to continue to fill and redevelop vacant commercial buildings and storefronts. Reimaging Westland Mall property as a future city center will play a major role.

Beier: To ensure that businesses don't leave our community we must be proactive in their needs. This includes not charging property tax interest when a government mandated shutdown must incur (etc.). For new businesses we should offer property tax incentives to help them get their feet off the ground.

What is one issue that is not on the current administration's agenda you would champion if elected?

Pruett: True transparency and accountability hasn't been a demonstrated agenda item for this current administration, leading to unnecessary lawsuits, redundancies in paid positions, etc. The community has had to bear the financial burden of these continued failed decisions. True transparency and

accountability will create an atmosphere of expected success and trust.

Wild: A new focus will be on diversity, equity and inclusion. I recently seated the city's first DEI commission and will hire a full time director of DEI. As we continue to reinvest in our community it will be through the lens of community wealth building, meaning investments that benefit everybody.

Beier: Double-dipping is the issue in which I would address if elected. I do not believe it is fair for current members of the administration to receive a government pension whilst also working towards another government pension. Especially whilst pensions in the private sector are sparse.

Green: I will remove mayoral authority to appoint a city prosecutor and allow Westland residents to elect their own prosecutor. We pay the city prosecutor nearly one million dollars annually for the dual role of city attorney and city prosecutor. Lucrative appointments of that magnitude encourage loyalty to who's signing the...

Anything else to share?

Wild: To voters, results matter. As mayor I have delivered financial stability, solved our unfunded pension debt, built a new city hall & fire station, remediated central city park and created the farmers market, H20 Zone & Play Planet. We also created the Jefferson Barns community center and reinvested in every

Beier: I'm asking you all for your support to return Westland to its former glory!

Green: Since joining city council, I have never voted against the interest of my residents or covered for actions of my colleagues that I believed placed our residents in a position of disadvantage. My loyalty has always been with the residents of Westland and that's where it always will be.

Pruett: The community gets their government back- Implementing programs, like "The Heart of Westland" (connecting resources), "The Value Add Plan" (adding value and investing back) and "The RRR Development Plan," we begin rebuilding trust and a path to success. Modernizing the safety departments begins transforming Westland into a community-focused, supported community.

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PUBLIC NOTICE PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING
July 20, 2021
7:30 P.M.
TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its Regular Meeting on July 20, 2021. The meeting will be offered electronically. Interested persons may access the Zoom and Conference Call as follows +1 312 626 6799 or 1 646 518 9805, https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84949591404. Meeting ID: 849 4959 1404, Passcode: 99536543. Please see agenda on website www.plymouthlibrary.org. The agenda will be posted by July 17, 2021

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Plymouth Twp. gas station owner accused of price gouging agrees to pay fine

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A Plymouth Township BP gas station owner accused of price gouging has agreed to pay a \$2,000 fine.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced June 24 that the \$2,000 will be paid to the State of Michigan with \$1,700 of the amount will be offered as reimbursements to customers who can prove they purchased gas from the gas station at 39600 Ann Arbor Road on May 18.

The state is retaining the \$300 for investigation costs.

"I am encouraged by this outcome, which offers an opportunity for consumers to be made whole," Nessel said in a statement. "Our consumer protection team will continue to seek action against entities that take advantage of customers."

The agreement between the state

and the gas station owner is available in Ingham County Circuit Court.

Nessel announced last month that her office was receiving reports that the BP gas station, just east of Interstate 275, was listing regular unleaded gas for \$3.899 per gallon and premium gas for \$4.899 per gallon. Prices were nearly a dollar more than other gas prices in the area.

An employee then said the gas station was cooperating with the investigation

GasBuddy.com listed a June 24 noon cash price for the station of \$3.49 per gallon for regular unleaded gas, compared to the Detroit average of \$3.16 per gallon.

For a reimbursement, consumers must complete the state's online complaint form or by calling 877-765-8388.

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Former Farmington priest faces more CSC, gross indecency charges

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A former metro Detroit priest tied to Farmington and Wyandotte Catholic churches is facing numerous charges for alleged sexual and indecent activity in the 1970s.

Gary Berthiaume, 80, was arraigned June 25 on two second-degree criminal sexual conduct charges in Farmington Hills' 47th District Court, amounting to a total of three such 15-year felony CSC charges.

He also was arraigned that day in Southfield's 46th District Court on two felony gross indecency charges, which carry maximum prison sentences of five years.

The charges stem from allegations of abuse involving young teen victims around the time Berthiaume served as a St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wyandotte and Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington.

Berthiaume is scheduled for more court appearances in July. His attorney Michael J. Smith could not be immediately reached for comment.

The former priest was arrested in September at his home in Warrenville, Illinois, about 30 miles west of Chicago.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has said someone reported that the Archdiocese of Detroit priest assaulted him at the church's rectory when he was 14 in 1977.

"We remain indebted to the courageous survivors who share their stories and therefore allow our clergy abuse team to pursue criminal charges in court," Nessel said in a statement. "We must ensure justice is served against those who use their powerful positions to prey on others who seek guidance and trust."

So far, Nessel's investigation has resulted in criminal charges for 11 individuals, including Berthiaume, with ties to the Catholic Church. The clergy abuse team recently secured its fourth conviction.

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Farmington Hills PD makes transparency dashboard

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In an effort to increase its own honesty, the Farmington Hills Police Department plans to launch a transparency dashboard in early to mid July on its website. The public will be able to view data surrounding service calls, citations, arrests, use of force by officers in response to resistance, employee misconduct allegations and arrest origin.

The dashboard will be one of the most comprehensive of its kind in the region, matched only by Ferndale, said Police Chief Jeff King.

Other local municipalities like Livonia, Westland, Novi and Northville have similar dashboards. Farmington Hills' dashboard will use Oakland County's Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System, or CLEMIS, to compile data.

"The focus there is to increase transparency in our community on our department conduct and operations," King said during a presentation to city council June 28. "Arrest origins is a unique report that my staff and I created to give our citizens an idea of what types of arrests we're making. It's not the types of crimes, but how we're finding them"

The dashboard will also include data surrounding the race, age and gender of those involved in complaints, employee misconduct, service calls and arrests. Mayor Pro Tem Jackie Boleware pointed out service call data, which includes everything from traffic stops to welfare checks, will help paint a picture of bias or the lack thereof among officers.

"I'm happy to see that we're moving in this direction to post this information on our dashboard," she said.

King made note the use of force tab should give the community a better understanding of how the department works. Though force, according to King, is uncommon in Farmington Hills, people will be able to see explanations of the department's policies and investigative procedures. Every officer that uses force in response to resistance writes an incident report, even if mul-

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Jeff King Police chief, Farmington Hills

tiple officers were at the same call.

In 2019, the department investigated 67 uses of force in response to resistance, which can include an officer drawing his or her firearm, out of nearly 37,000 service calls.

"This will greatly assist us in working with our community, increase our transparency and allow our citizens to have a better insight into what we do, how we do it and the operations of the Farmington Hills Police Department," King said.

People will also gain a better understanding of department operations through employee misconduct allegation data. The tab will compile complaints received at the station, by phone or by email and show their resolutions. In 2020, the department investigated 21 employee misconduct complaints, three of which resulted in suspensions longer than a day.

"Our department investigates all complaints of employee misconduct to determine if allegations are valid and if any appropriate action is needed," King said.

Officials shared King's hope a dashboard will improve and maintain the department's relationship with the community.

"I think this is a move in a great direction for transparency," Mayor Vicki Barnett said. "I'm really excited to see it."

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Hills Police plan to launch a transparency dashboard that will allow the public to view data on service calls, citations, arrests, use of force by officers in response to resistance, employee misconduct allegations and arrest origin. JOHN HEIDER/ **HOMETOWNLIFE** COM



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Art In The Park

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was going to take place. We put a lot of time and effort into something that we weren't sure was even going to happen."

The 41st Art In The Park is officially scheduled for July 9 (11 a.m. to 8 p.m.), July 10 (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and July 11 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) in downtown Plymouth. Approximately 400 artists from 31 states are expected to attend, Rork said.

"The lion's share of the phone calls we've received since we announced it's a go has been from artists all across the country asking, 'Are you sure?' and saying, 'We're hearing ominous reports about (COVID-19 cases) in Michigan.' But we've assured them it's happening and that it will be better than ever."

The confirmed return of an art lover's Shangri-la was emotional for its orchestrators because the bitter taste of last summer's canceled event has been lingering on their figurative taste buds for a solid year.

"Last year was awful," Rork said. "It was just sad—not just for the artists and organizers, but for every-body involved ... the company that provides the golf cars, the guys who make the french fries, everybody.

"The pandemic was especially hard on the artists, some of whom had to find new jobs so they could cope



Plymouth Art in the Park Director Raychel Rork, left, and Co-Director Kathy Dryja mark off dimensions for booths in and around Kellogg Park in Plymouth in preparation for the art festival, slated for July 9-11.

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financially. Some of them still haven't gotten back to their passion of creating art. On the flip side, there are people who, because of working from home or whatever, finally found more time to pursue their dreams of becoming an artist. For that reason, there will be quite

a few first-timers at this year's event."

Rork revealed the 2021 event will look a little different than 2019, but that's not necessarily a bad thing.

"Restaurants on Main Street have the extended patios, so we'll have to reconfigure our layout a little bit," she said. "And the Kellogg Park fountain is being rebuilt. But compared to not having an event at all, well, those are minor inconveniences."

In addition to the hundreds of artists' booths that will populate downtown Plymouth, the three-day festival will include live entertainment and art demonstrations, a hands-on kids mural and an ongoing chalk masterpiece.

"And a different group will be painting people's bodies into a canvas," revealed the event's official press release. "From practical to surreal, witty to extravagant, there is bound to be something for everyone."

Art In The Park started in 1980 when a group of 30 artists congregated in Kellogg Park to display and sell their work. It has since transformed into Michigan's largest art festival.

Visitors are encouraged to utilize the event's roundtrip shuttle service that runs continuously all weekend from Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The shuttle fee is \$3 with kids under 12 riding free.

For more information, visit the event's website at artinthepark.com.

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Van

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"We travel a lot and we do a lot of camping," Kokenos said. "I have a Jeep, too, and we end up doing a lot of car camping out of that with a blow-up mattress. We've seen all the stuff on Instagram about people doing this, and we tossed around the idea for a while. Fi-

nally, we just decided to do it."

Battle, noting neither she nor Kokenos has any construction experience, said they're relying on "YouTube university" and expect it to be a learning process. The van will include everything from a bed and couch to a fully-functioning kitchen and bathroom.

Once it's built, the two plan to visit Battle's family in North Carolina and then see where the road takes them

"We'll probably see some family for the holidays,"

she said. "So, I guess we'll start out east."

The couple, both bartenders, enjoy travel and spent much of 2020 exploring Florida and Washington. Kokenos said moving into a van will certainly require some downsizing, but it won't be anything they can't handle.

"We definitely have to downsize, don't get me wrong, but it's not like we have a huge house with kids and a ton of stuff," he said. "Who knows? We might live in it forever."

Sears

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year, leaving just the Westland and Grandville locations open. The Grandville location has also since closed, which left Westland as the lone Sears department store left in Michigan.

There was no word on when the store would close for good. A going-out-of-business license hung in an exterior door of the store issued by the city indicates the license is good through July 19, though it's possible that license could be extended.

A message seeking comment on the Westland closure was sent to TransformCo, Sears' parent company.

Sears Hometown stores, which are separate from the department store brand, continue to operate in smaller communities across the state. Several smaller Sears Outlet stores operate across the state, including in Livonia and Taylor. Those stores are owned by American Freight.

The company's Kmart presence in Michigan is also nearly non-existent. Kmart — which first opened in

Garden City — has one store open in the state, located in Marshall.

The closure of Sears marks yet another major departure from the Westland Shopping Center at 35000 Warren. In addition to several smaller shops closing their doors in recent years, another department store, Macy's, closed its doors in the mall back in 2017, a space that remains empty. A message was left at the mall seeking comment on the Sears space.

The closure of Sears will leave J.C. Penney and Kohl's as the lone department stores at the mall.

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Car wash

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in the area, as well as how such a facility would fit into the city's new master plan.

"I'm not a supporter of your petition for a couple of reasons. There are at least three car washes already in town between 1-3 miles away from this location," said Commissioner Peter Ventura. "This is not the character of this area. I'm not supporting C-2 zoning here, because it allows uses that are out of character with the surrounding uses of this site."

Jordan Jonna of Bloomfield Township-based AF Jonna Development told the planning commission the car wash would be unlike the other car washes in the city. He said it would have a modern look, complete with glass ceilings and have the ability to reuse several gallons of water per wash, making it more environmentally-friendly.

"We have a new development here of a car wash," Jonna said. "It's a unique car wash. We feel like it's a very strong brand.

"From our end, it fits into the community really, really nicely and we're excited about having this in front of you right now."

If approved, it would be the latest Tommy's Express Car Wash in metro Detroit. Based in Holland, the company operates car washes in several states. One other wash operates in metro Detroit, located in Lake Orion. The company's website indicates another car wash is coming soon to West Bloomfield Township.

When it came to fitting the city's master plan, Jonna cited another development his company was involved in: the mixed-use property along Haggerty between Seven Mile and Eight Mile that resulted in a new shopping center and luxury apartments.

He said that was never planned in that area originally, but brought in a concept that appears to work. He said he believed the car wash would be a similar success near the Six Mile and Newburgh intersection.

"It was out of the box. And thank goodness it works," Jonna said. "It doesn't always fit the mold, and that's what makes areas good and great."

The commission voted 5-1 during its June 15 virtual meeting to recommend denial of the rezoning for the property, which is needed to have the car wash constructed on the site. With the recommended denial, the project may still happen: the city council has the final word on issues of rezoning and could make a decision to move it forward at a future meeting. There's no word on what meeting the city council could take up the issue.

If zoning were to receive approval, it's expected a site plan would also need to go before the planning commission for its review and recommendation. That plan would also need approval from the city council before work could begin.

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Obituaries

Mary Renaud

LAWRENCEBURG, IN
- Mary Renaud, 84, of
Lawrenceburg, Indiana,
passed away on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. She
was born September 27,
1936 in Rising Sun, Indiana, daughter of the
late Clarence and Bertha
(Wingate) New.

Mary was a member of the United Methodist

Church in Florence Kentucky. She enjoyed the outdoors, loved animals and liked to cook. She was an avid reader sometimes reading multiple books at a time. She worked as the Head Cook at Livonia Schools in Livonia Michigan.

She is survived by her 2 sons, Greg Renaud of Powell, TN, Alan Renaud of Keaau, HI; 2 brothers, Clarence "Buddy" New of Circleville, OH, Gene New of Cincinnati, OH; 2 sisters, Dorothy Koons of Aurora, IN, Ruby Dennis of Dillsboro, IN; and her 3 grandchildren, James, April, and Journey.

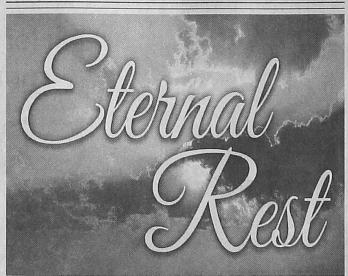
She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Bertha New; husband, Ronald Renaud; son, Gary Renaud; and her sister, Eleanor Rodgers.

Family and friends will be received on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 from 5 pm to 8 pm at Fitch-Denney Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at Fitch-Denney Funeral Home, Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 11 am, with Pastor David Grout officiating. Interment will be Thursday in the Parkview

Cemetery, Lavonia, Michigan.

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Karen K. Widiger

Karen K. Widiger passed away June 24, 2021 at the age of 77. She was the loving wife of the late Alex ('10) for 40 years; devoted mother of Krista (Mark) Wortman and Wendy (John) Brookhouse; cherished grandmother of Brandon and Lauren Wortman and Joel and Blen Brookhouse; dear sister of



Brookhouse; dear sister of Ken Kjoller and Jan Kjoller, sister-in-law of George, Susan, and Tom Widiger; dear niece of Verna Drennen and Norma Carlsen. She also leaves many close recent and lifelong friends. Karen Kay was born in Sylvania, Ohio to Stanley and Helen Kjoller. She grew up in Sylvania and attended Bowling Green State University where she received her bachelor's degree in education. After graduation, Karen moved to Midland, Michigan for her first teaching job. It is in Midland that she met the love of her life, Alex Widiger. The couple dated briefly before tying the knot on August 22, 1970. They were soon blessed with their first daughter, Krista. Their second daughter, Wendy, was born shortly after. Karen was a part-time elementary school educator as she raised her daughters. The family lived in Lexington, Sterling Heights and eventually settled proudly into their final home in Canton. Karen loved to travel, frequenting Cancun and Colorado to visit family and ski. Hawaii and Europe were also on the list of places visited with her love. Karen was an active member of Newburg United Methodist Church and was well liked by her fellow parishioners. Karen enjoyed spending holidays with her family, she was a loving and caring grandma. She took an interest in each grandchildren's events and loved to chat with them and get to know their lives. Karen was selfless and caring, always wanting to catch up and connect with her daughters. Her loving and caring soul will be dearly missed. A Memorial Service for Mrs. Widiger will take place on Sunday, July 25th, at 3:00 pm at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. In lieu of flowers, and in honor of her selfless life, Memorial Contributions to the Salvation Army of Michigan or the Salvation Army Bed and Bread Club are appreciated. www.

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Jean Laura Bidner

Jean Laura Bidner beloved mother, spouse and dear friend of many passed away peacefully on Sunday May 30, 2021 6:40pm at her home in Farmington Hills MI. She passed on with her daughter and husband holding her hand.

Formerly of Livonia, MI and Madison, WI. Jean was born August 8, 1960 in Milwaukee, WI. Growing up in Madison she was an accomplished Girl Scout, Debater, Prose, and was fluent in French. She graduated top of her class from LaFollette HS and went on to earn a BA from the University of Wisconsin where she met her husband on Halloween 1979.

She later earned a Masters in Industrial Relations, also at UW.

Her career spanned the Public Mediation Center in Madison, Container Corp in Chicago doing contract bargaining and then with the State of Wisconsin as a labor bargainer. These positions allowed Jean to use her analytical skills and her ability to bring different sides together and articulate their positions. That, and with her forceful nature rewarded her with success.

On moving to Michigan in 1994 she opted to stay at home to raise her family, a fact that she took immense pride in. Along the way Jean was also an educator, she worked at Adelphi Business School in Chicago and Sienna Literacy Center in Detroit. After her children graduated high school she worked at the Little Valley Tub with her daughter forging even stronger bonds with her children.

Jean loved playing piano and listening to music, cooking her treasured recipes, spending time with her family, and talking with anyone and everyone about their lives and the chaos the world brought that day. She had passion for her children's activities, serving as an administrator of youth sports and being the registrar for LYSC for several years. She helped produce and acted in several Livonia Civic Choirs productions. She was an inspiration to all that knew her, supporting and motivating anyone who was in her orbit. Most of all, she loved her family who cherished all the years spent with her

Surviving her are her husband of 42 years David, two children Robert and Katie. Her parents, Mourad and Bobby and her brother John Arganian

July 10th, please contact the family for details.

May 13, 1944 – June 17, 2021

Carl M. Fredericks, a long-time resident of Car-

Bonnie L. Lucas

HARBOR SPRINGS - Bonnie L. Lucas, 86, of Harbor Springs, Michigan, died June 28, 2021.

Bonnie was born on November 6, 1934, in Pontiac, Michigan, the daughter of Dorothy Frederick (Ostrander) and her loving grandparents, Charles and Gertrude Ostrander.

She grew up in Pontiac and attended school at Pontiac High School, graduating in 1952. She worked at GMC Truck & Coach where she met

Richard Lucas. On October 29, 1955, they were married and

started their family. They were happily married for 65 years until Richard's death in April 2021 and now are reunited again.

Bonnie was active in the Birchwood Women's Association and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Springs. She enjoyed needlework, golf, and baking, especially a wide assortment of delicious Christmas cookies. For decades, she lovingly created the sweets for family and friends and knew each person's favorite. She also was an avid gardener and loved traveling the world with Richard, devouring the history of places they visited as much as the sights.

Bonnie was most proud of being a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was loved and adored by her family. She encouraged them in all their pursuits and applauded their efforts. When the internet was introduced, Bonnie never hesitated. She eagerly learned the technology and kept her family connected with emails and updates.

She is survived by her children, Steven (Annette) Lucas, Karen (Kevin) Mercer, Roger (Jennifer) Lucas and Linda Newman; grandchildren, Stephanie Lucas, Ryan Lucas, Michelle (Grant) Robison, Leslie (Josephine) Mercer-Dermawan, Daniel Mercer, Sean Lucas, Charlotte Lucas, William Lucas, Rachel Newman, and Lucas Newman; one great-grandchild, Simon Robison; and many nieces and nephews.

Bonnie is preceded in death by the love of her life, Richard Lucas; her mother, Dorothy (Ostrander) Frederick; grandparents, Charles and Gertrude Ostrander; and siblings, William Frederick, Donna Watson and Barbara Reid.

The family extends its heartfelt thanks to the team at Blissful Home Care for their wonderful and loving care of Bonnie, especially Donna Beach who helped Bonnie fulfill her final wish of a magnificent garden.

Private family services will take place on July 3, 2021. Bonnie will be laid to rest next to her husband, Richard, at Lakeview Cemetery in Harbor Springs. Memorial donations in her memory should be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs or a charity of your choice.

Carl M. Fredericks

Carl had a deep and long-standing love of the Arts and Education, no doubt influenced at an early age by his father, Marshall M. Fredericks. As a teenager, Carl spent several summers in Scandinavia, which added to his appreciation of art and world view. His support of the arts included serving as a Member of the Advisory Board at the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum at Saginaw Valley State University, which was created to protect and preserve his father's legacy and noted works such as Spirit of Detroit, the Man and His Universe Fountain, and the Cleveland War Memorial. Carl was also proud to serve for many years as a Trustee at the Oceanside Museum of Art.

Carl dedicated substantial time to serving local educational institutions. This included several years as a Member, Dean's Advisory Board at National University Business School, and Member, of the Dean's Advisory Council, CHABSS at California State University San Marcos.

Carl and his wife Christina were married in 1985. Together they enjoyed travelling and spending time each year in Hawaii and Palm Desert, where Carl enjoyed many rounds of golf with friends from all over the world.

Carl was a great son, husband, sibling, uncle, great uncle, colleague, and friend to many. He is survived by his twin brother Chris, and sisters Fran, Roz, and Suki and a number of nieces and nephews. He will be remembered for his intelligence, wit and generosity. Carl loved people and people loved him. He also loved to laugh, and make people laugh. In his family, Carl was affectionately known as the goofy uncle that the children all loved. Carl found humor everywhere, and he would not mind acknowledging that he could not pronounce his own name when he was very young, saying "Gabo" instead of Carl. It just may be that Carl was already beginning to craft humor for his family.

In keeping with Carl's wishes, he and Christina will be laid to rest alongside his parents in a family plot in Michigan. In lieu of flowers, Carl's family suggests a donation to the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum at Saginaw Valley State University. A celebration of life will be arranged for a later date in San Diego and his many friends will be encouraged to attend and share





and who miss her immensely.

A memorial get-together remembering and celebrating her life will be on

Gifts in lieu of flowers in her name may be made to Greenmead Historical Society, Henry Ford Home Hospice or Sienna Literacy Center.

diff-by-the-Sea, local business leader, and tireless supporter of the arts, passed peacefully at his home with friends at his side. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 33 years, Christina Fredericks. Carl was raised in Birmingham, Michigan, by his beloved parents, Rosalind C and Marshall M Fredericks. He attended Quarton Elementary School and went to high school at Cranbrook Schools, class of 1962. He studied Economics at Denison University, class of 1966, and went on to study International Finance at Columbia University Graduate School of Business Administration, earning

his MBA in 1968. Carl served as an Instructor in Finance at the University of Florida from 1968 to 1970. Carl began honing his Finance skills very early in life. He and his siblings

would put on puppet shows for the neighborhood children, and Carl always would be the money man, issuing tickets and collecting fees. Carl began his business career in 1970 working for City National Bank of Detroit in their International Banking Department. He was primarily responsible for loans and relationships in Western Europe, including the United Kingdom and Scandinavia. Carl lived in London for several years and was the branch manager and COO of City National Bank's London Branch. His career also included time in Copenhagen, Denmark, New York, NY, and Newport Beach, CA where he was Vice President of Investments at Westinghouse Credit.

In the 1980s Carl started his own investment banking firm in San Diego, named Fredericks & Associates, and became a staple of the local business community. Carl assisted many local companies secure capital to pursue their goals and left lasting impressions on those he assisted, many becoming lifelong friends and colleagues. He was often referred to as the most networked person in San Diego, generous with his time and advice. He also served on various Boards of Directors including the Board of XATA Corporation for memories of their times with Carl. 1998 to 2011.



Keeping track of financial well-being saves headaches later



Money Matters Rick Bloom Guest columnist

It is amazing how fast time goes. Here we are, already at the end of the second quarter of 2021. Twice a year, it is critical to take a picture of where you are financially; the end of the second quarter is the perfect time to look at your financial health. Personal finances cannot be put on autopilot.

Like a garden, it requires constant maintenance and attention. Two documents that I think accomplish this are family balance sheets and cash flow statements. These documents, I believe, are important in order to keep track of your financial well-being.

Let's start with the family balance sheet. As I have mentioned in the past, this is a simple document listing all of your assets and liabilities. Assets less liabilities equal net worth. By creating a family balance sheet at least twice a year, you are able to understand if your finances are moving in the right direction.

Building a family balance sheet is not difficult. For the great majority of you, most of your assets will be financial assets such as stocks and bonds and mutual funds, and you will soon receive statements with the quarter-end value of your investments. If you've never created a balance sheet, doing the first one takes a little time. However, the time spent is well worth it.

We have heard a lot over the last month or so about rising inflation. Prices have increased at the grocery store, at the gas pumps and just about everywhere else. In fact, according to the government, last month inflation was at its highest rate in over a decade. That being said, the real issue is what is your individual inflation rate? The way the government calculates inflation is not necessarily relevant to you and me. Our individual inflation rate is totally different than what the government reports. Building a cash flow statement allows you to keep track of your individual inflation rate.

A cash flow statement is nothing more than a listing of what comes into the family and what goes out. By comparing the cash flow statement today with the ones you completed in the past, you will be able to see what your individual inflation rate is. After all, we all don't buy the same goods or use the same services. That is why your next-door neighbor's inflation rate may be totally different than yours.

Once you understand your personal inflation rate, you can do some fi-



The end of the second quarter is the perfect time to look at your financial health. GETTY IMAGES

nancial planning. For example, if you're considering retirement, it is important to know how your costs are increasing year to year. Unfortunately, many people retire without quantifying their increased cost of living, which causes problems down the road. I recommend that you get into the habit of doing cash flow statements every six months. The benefit is that you will be more in tuned to your living expenses, which can help you be more efficient in

handling your money. The key to creating a

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statement is to be honest with yourself. Particularly, when it comes to the cash flow statement, you need to make sure you're accounting for all your expenses. For example, if income is \$5,000 a month and you claim your expenses are \$3,000 a month, that means you should be saving \$2,000 a month.

If you're not saving \$2,000 a month then you know you're not accounting for all your expenses. Particularly, as you make plans to retire, it is important that you have a handle on your expenses.

Creating a family balance sheet and cash flow statement is imperative to your financial wellbeing. We live in a time where things change rapidly, and these changes can impact our personal finances. I believe understanding your financial health also translates to improved overall health. After all, we all know the burden and stress finances put on those with financial difficulties.

Take care of yourself and your loved ones and spend the time completing a personal family balance sheet and a cash flow statement.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a feeonly financial advisor. His website is www.bloomadvisors.com. If you would like Bloom to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomadvisors.com.



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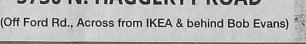




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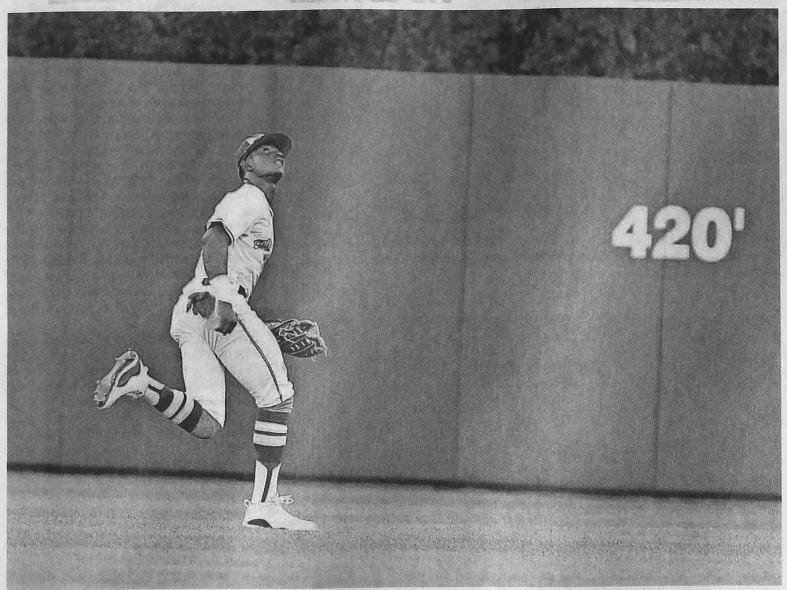
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SPORTS



Country Day's Saborn Campbell dashes after a fly ball near at Comerica Park. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Metro Detroit seniors shine in MHSBCA All-Star Game

Colin Gay

Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Brother Rice senior Blaise Wilcenski didn't get a chance to play in the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches As-

sociation East-West All-Star Game at

Comerica Park. But he had a chance to

have that big-league experience. Wilcenski ran with a catcher and a coach to the Detroit Tigers' home bullpen to warm up for his outing, likely scheduled to come later in the game

than what ended up being a five-inning, rain-shortened affair.

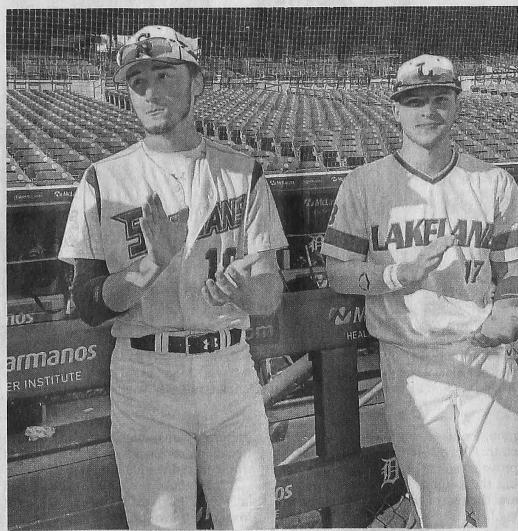
Ever since he was a kid, he said, he had thought about playing baseball at Comerica Park. While Wilcenski had the chance multiple times in a Brother Rice uniform, that bullpen session made this one feel different.

"It's crazy," Wilcenski said. "You just sit there and hear the zip of the ball coming in and the echo and all the pops, it's incredible."

In five innings, Wilcenski and the rest of the East All-Star team — made up of mostly Division 1 commits from the metro Detroit area — squeaked out the win against the West team, 2-1, in five

Wilcenski's teammate, senior righthanded pitcher John Locker, was no

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Livonia Stevenson's Aiden Arbogast, left, and Lakeland's Kevin Krill wait for the start to Monday's Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East/West All Star Game at Comerica Park.

Jackson Tinsley helps return Birmingham United lacrosse's winning culture

Colin Gay

Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Baseball was never fast enough for Jackson Tinsley.

He wanted to play a game that was always moving, similar to football in the fall or basketball in the spring. He found his answer at his brother's lacrosse games when he was young, starting to play for the Birmingham youth program in third grade.

By middle school, Tinsely, a goalkeeper, began to stand out and play competitive club lacrosse, seeing the potential of the sport outside of Michigan, deciding to take it more seriously.

It was a seriousness that helped bring Birmingham United back to its winning ways, earning 12 wins in both the 2019 and 2021 seasons and ending a streak of three consecutive losing seasons for the program.

It's a seriousness that Tinsley will bring to the next level, signing with Bentley University to play Division 2 lacrosse starting next season.

Tinsley could see how far Birmingham United lacrosse had come from his freshman year. At goal, the senior allowed 6.1 goals per game in 2021, allowing double-digit totals only four times: all losses.

When he first started playing lacrosse, Tinsley gravitated toward midfield and attack, but he stepped into a role that his team needed and never left, even when it took time to

'It was definitely stressful," Tinsley said. "Just seeing the ball and getting used to reacting to the ball, it was not being scared of the ball. It definitely took some time to get that

Heading into his senior year, Tinsley wanted to see Birmingham - a team of lacrosse players from both Groves High School and Seaholm High School — continue to progress and was eager to take the field.

Part of that was to give Brother Rice a fight.

The perennial state champion and

city rival - who took home the 2021 title - ended Tinsley's freshman season in the first round of the 2018 playoffs, 13-1. In 2021, the Warriors were looking to do something similar in the regional final.

"To be honest with you, we really went into the game with the mindset of why not us," Tinsley said. "No instate team had beaten them, and that's what our coach really liked to say. We knew if we wanted to win a state championship, we had to get through Brother Rice, so we kind of

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Here's who made the MHSSCA All-State teams

Colin Gay

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The Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association has announced its All-State teams from the 2021 season.

Here's a look at who made the cut from the Hometown Life area.

Division 1

First team

Mercy shortstop Grace Nieto Mercy second baseman Maggie Mur-

Mercy third baseman Kendall Spivey South Lyon third baseman Grace Walters

South Lyon East catcher Lauren Sei-

South Lyon pitcher Ava Bradshaw Milford utility player Samantha

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Novi pitcher Reganne Bennett

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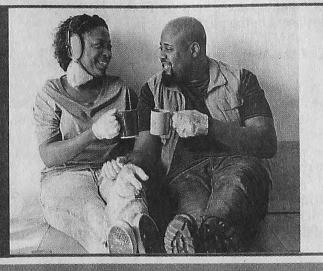
Detroit Country Day pitcher Lola Bagby

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Seniors

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novice to that pitching mound. And he showed it against some of the best hitters from the west side of the state: pitching two scoreless innings and striking out three — all looking.

"I don't really pay attention to who I'm facing," Locker said. "It's more of what I can do myself, be confident and do what I got to do."

This was Locker's mentality throughout his senior season with the Warriors, leading them as their No. 1 starter, to the program's third-straight Division 1 state semifinal appearance, losing to Grand Blanc in the final.

Now Locker's focus is on getting his arm and his body in the best shape possible ahead of officially joining Michigan State baseball in the fall.

"I think we have a good group of guys," he said of the Spartans. "I like everyone I've met. I expect to work hard, but also have fun and play with a good team"

Wilcenski has not picked a college program, but said he feels that trust will be a huge factor wherever he chooses to go, something he's seen in his time with the Warriors.

"The brotherhood is one thing that we talk about a lot at Brother Rice," Wilcenski said. "I guess you could see that that translated from our school to not only our school, but to life as a whole. The way they have taught us that brotherhood — that we all work for each other and that guy is going to have out back up or down — it's incredible."

Stepping up behind the plate

Being a catcher in an All-Star Game was kind of awkward for Lakeland senior Kevin Krill.

He said he likes to know his pitchers to a degree before he goes behind the plate, but that the situation called for something different.

"All these guys are so good," Krill said.
"You just tell them where to put the ball and they put it there. It can be a lot more fun than just catching your average high school pitchers.

Catching four of the five innings played, Krill helped keep the West All-Stars offense at bay, limiting the lineup to one run on two hits. At the plate, he walked in his only at bat.

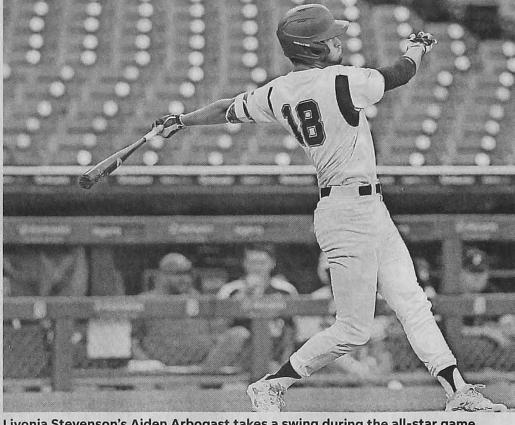
This game was more than just about statistical success for the Lakeland senior. It was about showing up in a dugout filled with Division1prospects, and feeling like he had a place, something he said he wanted to experience before officially joining the baseball team at Oakland University.

"I think I learned how close it really is between me and the guys that are supposed to be the tippity top," Krill said. "It's really close and it's an awesome atmosphere to be around. I think it's a good one to get exposed to before college."

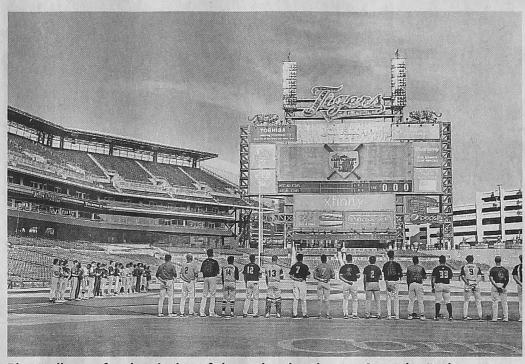
Krill felt Lakeland helped prepare him for that next level.

Lakeland head coach Brad Farquhar played him significantly in both his freshman and sophomore seasons, finding his stride as a senior for a team that finished 34-5-1, setting the record for most wins in school history and winning its third-straight Lakes Valley Conference title.

"It's been amazing how successful we were, besides the COVID year, all four years," Krill said. "Thankfully, I have had one of the best — in my opi-



Livonia Stevenson's Aiden Arbogast takes a swing during the all-star game. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Players line up for the playing of the national anthem at Comerica Park.



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nion, the best — high school coach in the state. He's given me the opportunity to prove myself at an early age... Just having the support from Coach Farquhar and the rest of the staff, it's been amazing."

g. And in his final game in a Lakeland uniform, even though he had the chance to call his own pitches, Krill said those throwers didn't give him much say.

"They shake me off a lot," Krill said laughing. "Pitchers in these games want to call their own pitches."

'I love the big lights'

Saborn Campbell had the MHSBCA All-Star Game on his radar since freshman year.

While playing at a tournament in Georgia, the Detroit Country Day senior recalls watching former Yellowjackets and current University of Tampa first baseman John Malcom play in the game, putting himself in that place.

Campbell fit right in, leading off the bottom of the first inning with an infield single, beating an overthrow from the shortstop in his only at bat of the day.

"I love the big lights, I love the big stage," Campbell said. "The dream is always playing pro baseball, so being able to play in a pro stadium this early in my life, it just sets the tone for my future."

In his first season back from injury, Campbell worked his way back, helping Detroit Country Day to a record of 15-5 before losing to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the Division 2 district final.

"It was everything I hoped for," the senior outfielder and second baseman said. "We ended up losing, but I was able to have a good season, I made a lot of new friends, a lot of young guys I was able to mentor. It was a great season all around."

The lights will only get bigger for the Detroit Country Day senior starting next season, committing to Stanford. But he feels like if he just stays within himself, he should rise to the occasion.

"I just have to stay focused and not really get overwhelmed," Campbell said. "Just stay within myself and play my game. Stay true to myself and play my game and have fun."

Goal achieved

Aidan Arbogast worked his way to playing at Comerica Park Monday night.

The All-Star Game was something of a motivational tool, using it as fuel as he worked out ahead of his senior season at Livonia Stevenson in the winter months. So when he took the field, it was a surreal moment for the first baseman and pitcher.

"It just felt really cool playing on this big of a field," Arbogast said. "Like a Major League Baseball field in an actual game with other D1 commits, it's pretty cool."

In his only at bat, Arbogast struck out, also going out to field in the sixth inning before the game was called due to weather. But his at bat was something that didn't surprise him.

"This is the type of pitching you are going to see at the college level," Arbogast said. "It's this type of velo. It's going to help me and my teammates."

The senior's bat and arm helped advance Stevenson to the regional semifinal before the Spartans lost to Brother Rice, ending their season. But Arbogast said he'll never forget the energy Stevenson cultivated in the dugout as 2021 continued.

"All of us came together, we didn't really know what we were going to have," Arbogast said. "We all came together, played very well throughout the year."

Starting next season, Arbogast will continue his baseball career at Mid Michigan Community College, something this All-Star Game, he said, helped him prepare for.

"I think it's going to help push me to get better and better," Arbogast said. "And I'm going to be there with them."

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Tinsley

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kept that in our minds the whole season.

"They are the standard. They are very high, so we really tried to get to that standard."

Birmingham United fell short, but gave Brother Rice a fight, giving the Warriors its closest game against an instate opponent since June 8, 2019 with a 10-7 loss.

"I think that really says a lot about how our program, over the past four years, has developed, how our players have changed the culture of the team and how we have gotten back to the roots of our program back in 2002, 2012, those teams that were really, really successful," Tinsley said.

"That's really what we were aiming for. We were aiming for bringing back that Birmingham United championship culture that we haven't seen in awhile."

Since Tinsley started playing lacrosse, he said it's grown tremendously across the state, watching as more youth, club and high school programs have started.

He said it's one of the top teams for the sport in the Midwest, but pales in comparison to the teams he has faced in the past out on the East Coast.

That's the talent level Tinsley will see when he goes to Bentley, having played in tournaments and seen the lacrosse culture in full form.

In his final summer before leaving for Massachusetts, the senior goalkeeper said he will be working to be ready to go in the fall.

"I'm definitely going into it with the mindset that it's going to take a step up," Tinsley said. "Everyone there was a decorated high school lacrosse player, everyone was a star player.

"I may have to take a step up from what I've played in the past."

Athlete of the Week poll results

Tinsley won Hometown Life's Athlete of the Week award the week of June 7, earning 11,133 (51.53%) of the 21,604 votes cast.

Canton senior goalkeeper Lauren Kubacki finished second with 9,583 votes (44.36%).

Novi track and field senior Miles Brown finished third, South Lyon East track and field senior Drake Willenborg



Birmingham United goalie Jackson Tinsley makes a pass.

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finished fourth and Northville senior soccer player Emma Bowman finished fifth.

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The Michigan high school baseball season is a wrap, following the June 19 state finals

Here's a look at how area teams finished during in the 2021 playoffs.

Division 1

State semifinal Grand Blanc 9, Brother Rice 1

State quarterfinal Brother Rice 3, U-D Jesuit 2

Regionals Regional final Brother Rice 7 Brownstown Woodhaven 2 Portage Central 7, Detroit Catholic Central 5 Regional semifinal Ann Arbor Skyline 3, Plymouth 1 Detroit Catholic Central 13, Walled Lake Northern 4 Detroit Western 13, John Glenn 0 Detroit U-D Jesuit 7, Groves 6

Districts District 16 - Plymouth District final

Brother Rice 6, Livonia Stevenson 1

Plymouth 8, Belleville 6 District semifinal Plymouth 9, Canton 0 Belleville 7, Salem 6

First round Canton 4, Ypsilanti Lincoln 0

District 13 - Milford Walled Lake Northern 5, Lakeland 4

District semifinal Lakeland 7, Milford 1 First round Milford 2, Walled Lake Central 1

District 14 - Northville District final Detroit Catholic Central 12, Novi 6

District semifinal Detroit Catholic Central 2, South Lyon East 1 Novi 12, South Lyon 9

First round Novi 3, Northville 2

District 19 - Dearborn District final John Glenn 9, Dearborn Edsel Ford 2

District semifinal John Glenn 4, Wayne Memorial 2 District 24 - Royal Oak District final Groves 12, Warren Mott 3

District semifinal Groves 8, Berkley 1

District 21 - Livonia Franklin Livonia Stevenson 5, Livonia Churchill 4

District semifinal Livonia Churchill 7, Livonia Franklin 1 Livonia Stevenson 4, Farmington 1 First round Livonia Churchill 10, Redford Thurston 0 (6 innings)

District 22 - Brother Rice District final Brother Rice 8, West Bloomfield 3

District semifinal West Bloomfield 4, Seaholm 3 Brother Rice 10, Bloomfield Hills 3 First round Brother Rice 6, North Farmington 3

Division 2

District 58 - Orchard Lake St. Mary's District final Orchard Lake St. Mary's 10, Detroit Country Day 1

District semifinal Detroit Country Day 21, Madison Heights Lamphere 4 First round Madison Heights Lamphere 16, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 6

District 54 - Dearborn Divine Child Dearborn Divine Child 18, Garden City 7

District semifinal Garden City 12, Melvindale 7

Regional semifinal Ottawa Lake Whiteford 9, Plymouth Christian Academy 2

District 124 — Plymouth Christian Academy Plymouth Christian Academy 13, Lutheran Westland 0 (5 innings)

District semifinal Plymouth Christian Academy 15, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran 0 (4 innings) Lutheran Westland vs. Whitmore Lake; 12 p.m., June 5

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2021 MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER PLAYOFF SCOREBOARD

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The Michigan high school girls soccer season concluded June 18-19 with state finals held at Michigan State in East Lansing.

Locally, Marian and Country Day won state titles. Here's a recap on how area teams fared doing in the 2021 playoffs.

Division 1

Regionals Regional 2 — Livonia Stevenson Regional semifinal Hartland (17-4-1) 1, Novi (10-7-4) 0

Regional 3 - Ann Arbor Skyline Ann Arbor Skyline (17-2-1) 2, Canton (9-6-5) 0

Regional semifinal Canton (9-5-5) 3, Belleville (14-4-1) 0 Districts District 13 — Berkley **District final** Troy (9-5-2) 2, Bloomfield Hills (5-5-2) 1

District semifinal Troy (8-5-2) 3, Groves (13-7-1) 0 Bloomfield Hills (5-4-2) 5, Royal Oak (11-5-6) 0

Groves (13-6-1) 1, Seaholm (11-5-2) 0; 20T: The Falcons beat the Maples, 4-3, in the shootout to earn the win.

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District 11

District final

Canton (8-5-5) 2 Salem (15-1-3) 1

District semifinal Canton (7-5-5) 8, Livonia Churchill (8-9-2) 0 Salem (15-0-3) 1, Plymouth (3-12-4) 0

Livonia Churchill (8-8-2) 2, Livonia Franklin (6-10-1) Canton (6-5-5) 4, Dearborn Heights Crestwood (6-6-2) 0 Plymouth (3-11-4) 6, John Glenn (5-12) 0

District 10 — Brownstown Woodhaven First round

Taylor (10-5) 7, Wayne Memorial (1-13) 2 District 7 — Waterford Mott

First round Walled Lake Northern (8-4-1) 1, Milford (5-6) 0 West Bloomfield (8-8-1) 3, Lakeland (5-9-3) 2

District final Novi (10-6-4) 1, Northville (12-9) 0

District 8 - Northville

District semifinal Novi (9-6-4) 2, Mercy (8-9-2) 0 Northville (12-8) 2, Livonia Stevenson (11-3-2) 1

First round Mercy (8-8-2) 8, North Farmington (2-8-1) 0 Novi (8-6-4) 2, Farmington (5-9-3) 0 Northville (11-8) 3, South Lyon (6-9) 0

Division 2

State final Marian (13-3-1) 3, Spring Lake (15-4-2) 0 State semifinals Marian (12-3-1) 3, Dearborn Divine Child (17-5) 0

Region 6 - Trenton Dearborn Divine Child (17-4) 3, South Lyon East (13-2-3) 2 South Lyon East (13-1-3) 8, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore (5-12-2) 0

Regional 7 — Goodrich Regional final Marian (11-3-1) 5, St. Clair (15-4-3) 0

Regional semifinal Marian (10-3-1) 1, Dewitt (17-2) 0

Districts District 23 — Dearborn Divine Child District final Dearborn Divine Child (15-4) 6, Garden City (12-4-1) 0

District semifinal Garden City (12-3-1) 5, Redford Thurston (5-10) 0

District 21 - Tecumseh **District final** South Lyon East (12-1-3) 3, Pinckney (14-3) 1

District semifinal South Lyon East (11-1-3) 3, Milan (11-4-2) 1

District 25 - Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood

Marian (9-3-1) 8, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (12-3-2) 0

District semifinal Marian (8-3-1) 8, Holly (5-8) 0 Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (12-2-2) 5, Madison Heights Lamphere (8-8-2) 1

Division 3

State final

Detroit Country Day (17-2-2) 3, Boyne City (21-2-2) 0

State semifinals Detroit Country Day (16-2-2) 1, Williamston (16-3-1) 0

Region 10 — Detroit Country Day

Regional final Detroit Country Day (15-2-2) 4, Warren Regina (10-7-1) 0

Regional semifinal Detroit Country Day (14-2-2) 2, Grosse Ile (15-3) 1

Districts District 39 — Pontiac Notre Dame Prep District final Detroit Country Day (13-2-2) 1, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (10-6-3)

District semifinal Detroit Country Day (12-2-2) 6, Clawson (13-4-1) 0

Clawson (13-3-1) 8, Livonia Clarenceville (3-14) 0

Division 4

Region 14 — Riverview Gabriel Richard Regional semifinal Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (9-2) 3, Plymouth Christian Academy

Districts District 54 — Plymouth Christian Academy **District final** Plymouth Christian Academy (14-4) 3, Ann Arbor Greenhills (4-14)

District semifinal Plymouth Christian Academy (13-4) 8, Lutheran Westland (3-5-1)

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2021 MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL PLAYOFF SCOREBOARD

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The Michigan high school softball season is done, complete with South Lyon winning the division 1 title June 19 at Michigan State in East Lansing.

Here's a look at how area teams did in the 2021 playoffs.

Division 1

State finals South Lyon 5, Allen Park 0

State semifinals South Lyon 8, Grandville 4 Allen Park 9, Mercy 5 State quarterfinals South Lyon 7, DeWitt 0 Mercy 8, Macomb Dakota 5

Regionals Regional 4 — Howell Regional final South Lyon 8, Ypsilanti Lincoln 1

Regional semifinal South Lyon 9, Hartland 3

Regional 5 - Allen Park

Regional semifinal Livonia Churchill 15, Allen Park 0 (3 innings)
Regional 7 — Lakeland Regional final Mercy 14, Clarkston 4 (5 innings)

Regional semifinal Clarkston 12, Groves 1 (6 innings) Mercy 5, Walled Lake Northern 4

Districts
District 14 — Northville District final South Lyon 5, South Lyon East 0 District semifinal South Lyon 7, Salem 0 South Lyon East 7, Plymouth 0

First round South Lyon 8, Canton 0 Plymouth 5, Northville 4

District 17 — Livonia Franklin Livonia Churchill 15, Redford Thurston 0 (3 innings)

District semifinal Livonia Churchill 18, John Glenn 5 Redford Thurston 3, Wayne Memorial 0

First round Livonia Churchill 1, Livonia Franklin 0

District 28 — Groves District final Groves 22, West Bloomfield 2

District semifinal West Bloomfield 16, Seaholm 5 Groves 8, Bloomfield Hills 7

District semifinal

District 26 - Livonia Stevenson District final Mercy 7, Farmington 1

Mercy 3, Novi 2 Farmington 8, North Farmington 0 First round Novi 2, Livonia Stevenson 1 (8 innings)

District 25 — Milford District semifinal Walled Lake Northern 2, Lakeland 1 Milford 17, Walled Lake Central 2 (3 innings)

Division 2

State quarterfinal Chelsea 3, Detroit Country Day

Regionals Regional 13 — Flat Rock Regional semifinal New Boston Huron 6, Garden City 1

Regional 14 — Detroit Country Day Detroit Country Day 11, Melvindale 0 (5 innings)

District 52 — Dearborn Heights Annapolis

District final Garden City 7, Dearborn Divine Child 0

District semifinal Garden City 12, Dearborn Heights 1 (5 innings)

District 53 — Wixom St. Catherine District final Detroit Country Day 12, Livonia Clarenceville 0

District semifinal Livonia Clarenceville 16, Marian 5 Detroit Country Day 5, Wixom St. Catherine 0

District 59 — Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

District semifinal Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 18, Cranbrook Kingswood 0 (3 innings)

Division 4

District 121 — Plymouth Christian Academy **District final** Whitmore Lake 13, Lutheran Westland 0 (5 innings)

District semifinal Lutheran Westland 19, Plymouth Christian Academy 8

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Academic All State

Division 1

Ella Taub – Seaholm Jane Appel — Bloomfield Hills Elissa Simmons — Plymouth Abby Vasilnek — Plymouth Meganne Skoug — Salem Ally Aikens — Salem Ciara Braska — Farmington Delanie Butler — Farmington Lily Morrissette — Farmington Jaclyn Carrannanto — Milford Samantha Knapp — Milford Alana Hoffert - Milford Penny Devine — North Farmington Ella O'Neill — North Farmington Caitlin Hoffman - Northville Kelsey Komprous - Northville

Lauren Sciborski — South Lyon East Laney Czajkowski — South Lyon East Isabella Caza — Groves Taegen Lemberg — Groves Rylee Wilson — Groves Grace Ozog — Livonia Stevenson Sophia Bater — Livonia Stevenson Riley Cook — Livonia Stevenson Madelyn Latham — Livonia Franklin Hailey Rons — Livonia Franklin Jacklyn Kirwan — Livonia Franklin **Division 2** Kate Schira — Detroit Country Day **Division 4** Alessandra Barker - Plymouth Christian Academy

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South Lyon's Grace Walters, right, celebrates her run against DeWitt with teammate Ava Bradshaw in the second inning June 15 during the state quarterfinal game at Novi High School. NICK KING/LANSING STATE JOURNAL







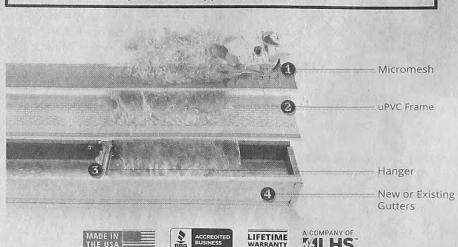
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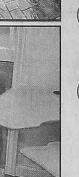


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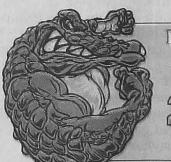
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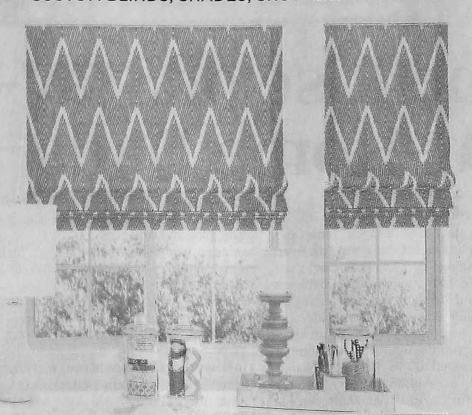


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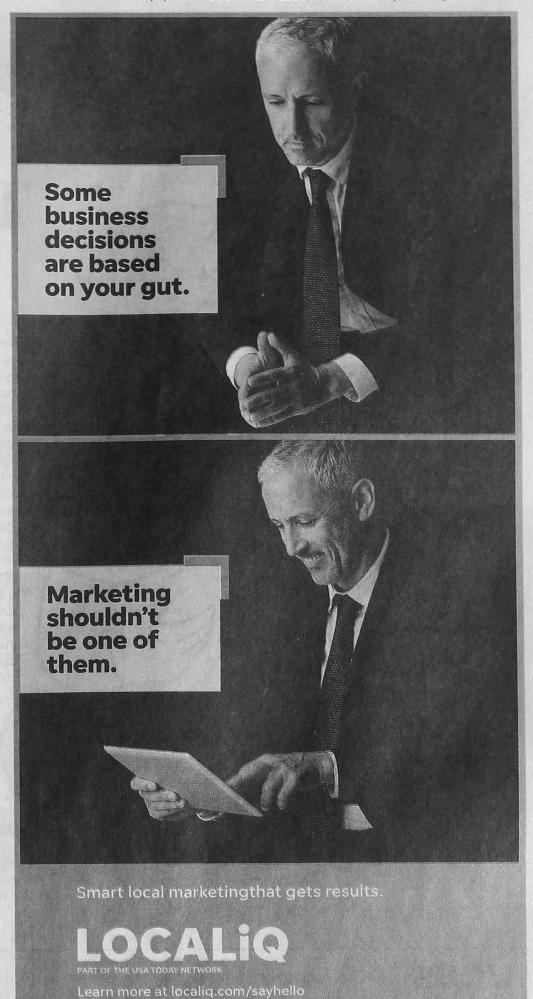
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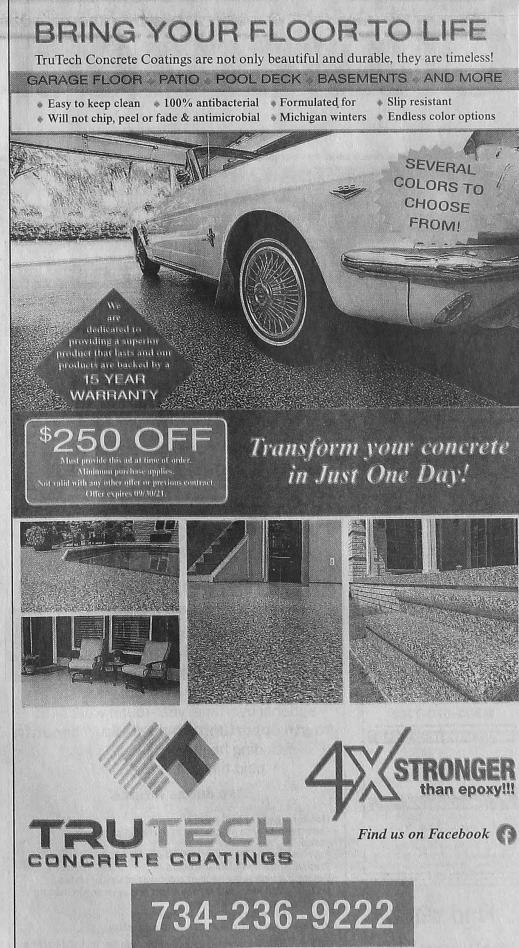
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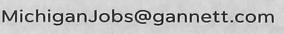


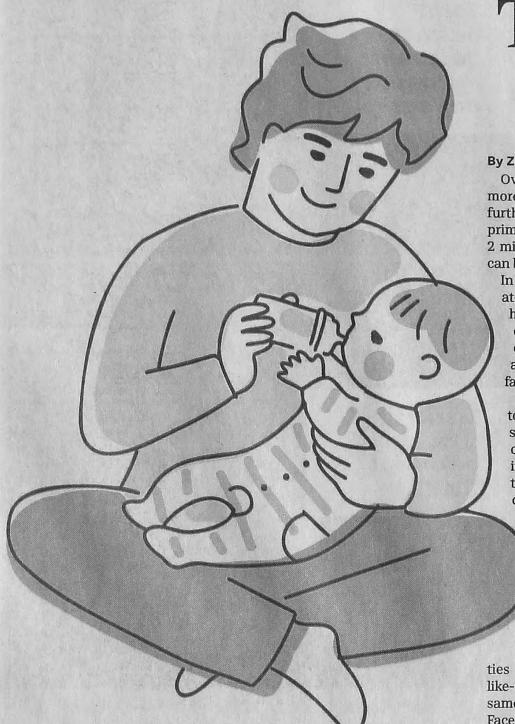
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The Rise of Stayat-Home Dads

By Ziprecruiter.com

Over the past few decades, more and more men have been taking that title even further, making "stay-at-home dad" their primary role. In fact, somewhere between 2 million and 7 million fathers in the U.S. can be considered stay-at-home dads.

In 1989, men made up 10% of all stayat-home parents. By 2016, that number had increased to 17%. Given the changes the U.S. workforce went through during the Covid-19 pandemic, there is a good chance the number of full-time fathers may continue to grow.

Staying home over the past year, due to reasons like remote work and widespread unemployment, gave Americans a chance to reexamine their priorities, including their careers. For some, that may mean giving up meetings and commutes to focus on child care and running the household instead.

Since many fathers may be taking on the role of stay-at-home dad for the first time, here are some resources that can help with the transition:

SOCIAL MEDIA

There are many online communities where stay-at-home dads can find like-minded people who not only share the same job title, but other interests as well. Facebook Groups, most of which are private, have forums for stay-at-home dads

who are also excited about topics like home repair, blogging, and geek culture. Following hashtags like #stayathomedad on Instagram, Twitter, or TikTok serves up a steady stream of advice, encouragement, and memes. And if you're a Redditor, you can share experiences-and read about others-at reddit.com/r/StayAtHomeDaddit.

THE NATIONAL AT-HOME DAD NETWORK

The National At-Home Dad Network was founded in 2003 by three dads who were part of a great local playgroup and wanted to create a resource for other fathers around the U.S. to find their own. Over the past 18 years, it has grown to provide resources that support dads, whether they've been at-home for a while, or are new to the role. The network offers webinars, ways to connect with other dads, and tools to plan meet ups and playdates with other stay-athome fathers.

HOMEDADCON

HomeDadCon is a convention, now run by The National At-Home Dad Network, that will celebrate its 25th anniversary this October. The three-day event brings together primary care dads from across the country to hear from doctors, psychologists, and authors speaking on topics like fatherhood and child psychology. It's also an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with other stay-at-home dads from across the country.

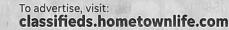
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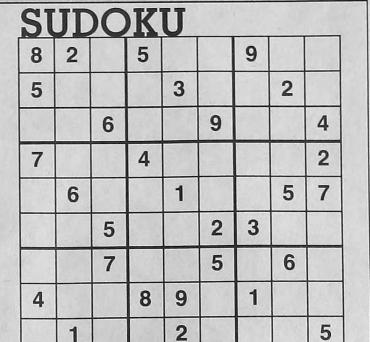
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