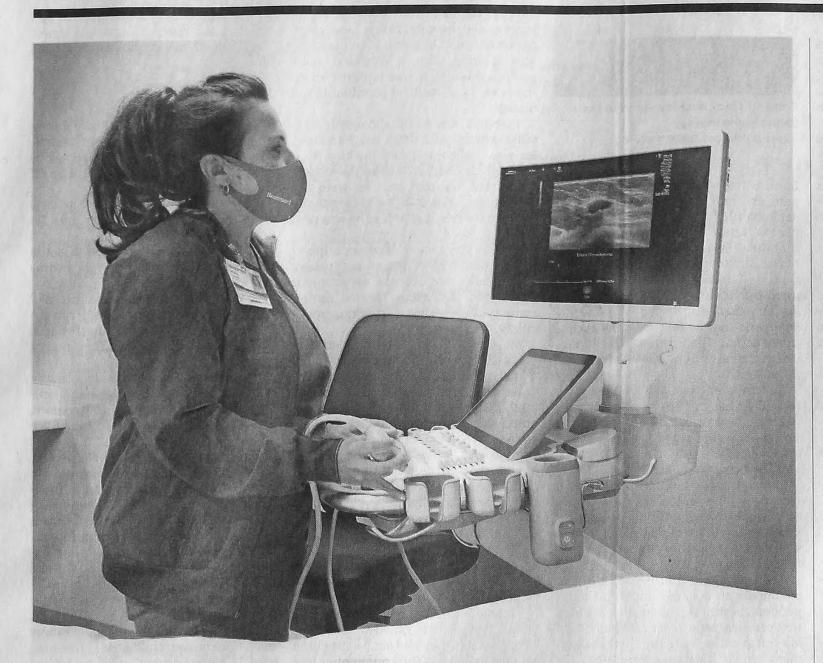
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Beaumont Wayne Breast Care Center ultrasound technician Maria Ciavaglia checks out the equipment in one of the center's exam rooms. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

New breast care center open at Beaumont Wayne

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It's about to get easier to get mammograms at Beaumont Hospital in Wayne. The Southfield-based health care system recently showcased its latest addition to the Wayne hospital at 33155 Annapolis: a brand-new breast care center designed to allow for greater access to services for patients. The center, located in an eastern wing that formerly housed administrative offices, has three tomosynthesis mammography machines, up from one at the former breast care center that operated across the street from the hospital. Three breast ultrasound rooms and four exam rooms are also part of the center, as well as a bone density testing suite.



Three local intersections rank among state's most crash prone

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Michigan Auto Law, a law firm specializing in car, truck and motorcycle accidents, released its annual list of Michigan's 20 most dangerous intersections. Intersections in Commerce Township, Redford Township and Farmington Hills made the top 10.

Martin Parkway at Pontiac Trail in Commerce was named number four, Schoolcraft Road at Telegraph Road in Redford clocked in a number five, and 14 Mile Road at Orchard Lake Road took the seventh spot.

The list is based on crash data from the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center.

"Our goal is driver safety," said Steven Gursten, president of Michigan Auto Law. "We give drivers this information so they can plan alternative routes if possible, and to be aware of the extra caution needed when driving in these areas."

Last year, Martin Parkway at Pontiac Trail had 110 crashes and four injuries, while Schoolcraft at Telegraph saw 108 crashes and 27 injuries.

14 Mile at Orchard Lake sits near the board of Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield Township, but the intersection, which is a roundabout, is in Farmington Hills. The area saw 89 crashes and 11 injuries last year.

"We have lots of accidents at that roundabout," Farmington Hills Police Assistant Chief Dan Rodriguez said. "We're glad there are no fatalities, and the good thing is that because it is a roundabout, there's less fatalities.

Rodriguez said 14 Mile at Orchard Lake is by far the city's most dangerous intersection, and it's because of high traffic volume. The intersection is bordered by several large shopping centers and a few restaurants. Due to the intersection's high crash volume, the department has increased presence there. Rodriguez said keeping an eye on speed and staying in their designated lane would help drivers stay safe, especially in roundabouts. "We recommend people slow down, read signage and yield the right of way," he said. "I know roundabouts are newer to us here in Michigan, so they tend to make people nervous."

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Beaumont Hospital Wayne opened its Breast Care Center on June 23.

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Wife of fired Westland police sergeant takes on city hall

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Ron and Tracy Buckley were together when he received a call prompting them to turn their attention to the television.

He was a jail commander and police sergeant for Westland, a Wayne County city that had erupted in racial discord earlier in the year due to the death of William Marshall, a 35-year-old Inkster man taken directly to the jail - not the hospital - after ingesting cocaine.

Protesters had taken positions outside the police department following the death, and the city already agreed that a \$3.75 million settlement for Marshall's family was its best recourse.

Watching together, almost a year after Marshall's Dec. 10, 2017, death, the Buckleys learned Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy was charging the law enforcer who had worn a badge for nearly three decades with involuntary manslaughter and misconduct in office.

They were stunned, never expecting the charges.

'We had no idea," Tracy Buckley said. "I just remember saying to Ron, 'It's going to be OK, Ron. You did not do anything wrong.

"We were immediately in fight mode. There was no other option. He didn't do anything wrong. We knew what had happened. I remember him telling me, 'But Tracy, they (the arresting officers) knew that he had eaten the crack cocaine.' "

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On Oct. 4, 2018, Buckley — an older law enforcer known by his family to be kind, caring, honest, patient, straight forward and mild-mannered — was arraigned on the charges and terminated. Jedrusik then said an internal investigation determined he failed to follow departmental policies with Marshall.

While several other officers played roles in Marshall's arrest and lockup, Buckley was the only officer arraigned. Tracy Buckley defends her husband as a political scapegoat maliciously chosen to ease pressures placed on the city.

"It was devastating," confessed the clinical obstetric anesthesiology nurse for the University of Michigan. "They just ripped his life — his 28-year career — out from under him. He's been without a job this whole time. It has been horrible."

Three years and some serious court battles later, Ron Buckley has failed to land any of the 17 or so law enforcement and security positions he's pursued. He and his family have struggled with depression and other consequences. Buckley filed a wrongful termination suit against the city in federal court.

But Tracy Buckley cannot stop fighting for some resurrection of her husband's honor. During a hot election year with four mayoral candidates running, she is being vocal about wanting Westland residents hold Mayor Bill Wild and Police Chief Jeffrey Jedrusik accountable for the police department's onand-off tarnished reputation.

"They're two peas in a pod," she said.

Fighting City Hall

Jedrusik started with the department in 1995 and has spent about a decade as chief. His annual salary is \$115,785.

Wild spent years on City Council before he was elected to the mayor's office in 2007. Westland's elected mayor makes \$121,574 annually.

They often appear side by side at community events, and their partnership is appalling to Buckley.

Ron and Tracy Buckley can be a winning combination, too, as they've proven with an apparently successful marriage and three children whom they're proud of.

Yet they come back every time Jedrusik, Wild and others have shared the city's point of view: That Buckley mistreated Marshall and used unlawful force when he was at the jail.

Jedrusik responded by email: "Ron



Ron and Tracy Buckley stand in their Saline home in May. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Buckley had some responsibility in the pain and suffering that William Marshall endured during the final hours of his life. I have no hesitation in finding that the Grievant (Ron Buckley) treated Marshall discourteously and insolently, that his conduct brought the Department into disrepute, that he neglected his duty, that he neglected William Marshall, and that he failed to take appropriate action. The Grievant's attitude is clear from his actions, his inactions and his speech."

Jedrusik emphasized that Buckley took his employment grievance to an independent arbitrator, who upheld the termination and ruled that the Westland Police Department acted appropriately by firing the police sergeant.

Buckley said the arbitration was a necessary step for the federal lawsuit. She remains upset with police and human resources administrators, whom she said committed numerous violations during arbitration.

Wild, seeking a fourth term, kept his comments to a minimum: "The independent arbitrator found Ron Buckley was properly terminated. He has a civil lawsuit pending and any further comment would be inappropriate at this time."

Just politics?

Ron Buckley was a law enforcer who had reaped commendations and awards before Marshall died. He even received his department's Life Saving Award in May 2018, months after the jail incident.

Tracy Buckley's reasons for saying he became a scapegoat and victim of a conspiracy are numerous. They include that he was the only officer tagged, that Black residents were protesting what they knew of police conduct, that everything seemed fine until he was terminated and that he wasn't offered some form of administrative leave, which she said prevented him from reclaiming his job upon acquittal.

According to his federal lawsuit, which came after the police sergeant was cleared of felony charges, the officers knew that Marshall had ingested cocaine but didn't take him to the hospital.

Ingesting cocaine is a known health danger and department policy at the time stated hospitalization was more important than booking if an overdose was possible. Also, a Westland paramedic's evaluation was required when the severity of medical conditions was unclear.

Marshall was found apparently convulsing in the jail's detox cell. Paramedics were called and told Buckley, who was not the highest in the jail's command that day, that seizures were not happening. Marshall was eventually taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Politics and race relations continued to commingle in Westland as Buckley continued to work for the department. Two Black men were Tasered during summer 2018 arrests, sparking more outcry.

While Buckley was terminated that fall, a district court judge dismissed his manslaughter charge in January 2019.

Several months later, in November 2019, a Third Circuit jury in Detroit acquitted him of the misconduct charge.

"Never for a moment did I doubt Ron would be acquitted," his wife said. "I knew he had not done anything wrong. I didn't care what the video looked like. I didn't care what anyone said. The fact that we fought the charge was shocking to them."

Her husband was 53 years of age when Marshall died, which she said probably made him an ostensibly easy target.

"I truly feel that they believed that he would just go out quietly," she said. "They felt like they had such a nice little scheme in place — they might offer him a plea deal and he would take it because we couldn't maybe afford to fight it or that he would be convicted and he would just go quietly."

Backing the blue ... from within

Tracy Buckley said Westland police officers have continued to support her husband. They've also shared stories about other firings within the ranks and other officers who deserved discipline but obviously never received it.

Former Sgt. Timothy Horvath, who said he was terminated earlier this year after an arrest became physical, is the

latest supporter. He said surviving the Westland Police Department depends on who you are. He remembers when Ron Buckley

was implicated in Marshall's death.

"I think they railroaded Ron," Horvath said. "I've heard people within the union and within the membership and within command positions say, 'Hey, we'd rather have one go down than many.' There's clearly a coverup.

"They threw Ron under the bus and ran that bus over him multiple times. They ruined his credibility (and) his life."

The future

Ron Buckley sat with his wife during much of the interview at their Washtenaw County home. He spoke occasionally but his comments were strictly off the record.

He and his wife testify to having a close family bonded by their love for each other.

If the city's attorneys try to settle with the Buckleys, the family will be wary.

"Financially, this has devastated us," the matriarch conceded. "We're not going to sell out, that's for sure because they put us through hell. They put us through hell."

Despite watching his family struggle with accusations from Westland officials and Wayne County prosecutors, Blake Buckley is heading to the police academy.

He's always wanted to help people. As he matured, he experienced a call to protect his community and those around him. He won't let his opinions of the Westland Police Department steer him from his professional aspirations.

There's a far distance, he said, between the man his father is and the one Jedrusik keeps trying to paint. He's adamant that anyone who knows his father would agree with him.

"He's been a great role model for me ever since I was a child," the young man said. "He was a decorated officer. He had an amazing career. That's something that I myself want to try to replicate."

U.S. District Court may be the last place that gets to decide whose version of the truth survives — the Buckleys' or the City of Westland's.

The defendants in Buckley's lawsuit are the city and the police department's Jedrusik, Brian Miller, Randal Thivierge, Jason Blanchard, James Starks, Jason Neville, James Compton and Derek Gomez.

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Intersections

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The top spot went to 18 1/2 Mile Road and Van Dyke Avenue in Sterling Heights, which has 131 crashes and eight injuries last year.

Middlebelt Road at Schoolcraft Road in Livonia and Ford Road at Haggerty Road in Canton were also listed among the most dangerous, at 13 and 16 respectively.

Here's a breakdown of the top 10:

1 18 1/2 Mile Road at Van Dyke Avenue, Sterling Heights — 131 crashes and 8 injuries

2 11 Mile Road/I-696 at Van Dyke Avenue, Warren — 124 crashes and 33 injuries

3 U.S. 131 at Wealthy Street, Grand

Rapids — 114 crashes and 23 injuries 4 Martin Parkway at Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township — 110 crashes and 4 injuries

5 Schoolcraft Road at Telegraph Road, Redford Township — 108 crashes and 27 injuries

6 Burton Street Southwest at U.S. 131, Grand Rapids — 89 crashes and 23 injuries

7 Orchard Lake Road at 14 Mile Road, Farmington Hills — 89 crashes and 11 injuries

8 12 Mile Road at I-94, Roseville – 88 crashes and 31 injuries

9 Telegraph Road at 12 Mile Road, Southfield – 88 crashes and 20 injuries 10 Connor Street at I-94, Detroit – 79

crashes and 21 injuries

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A crushed merge sign at Orchard Lake and 14 Mile attests to the intersection's danger caused by a lot of vehicles entering a very busy roundabout. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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"It expands our physical footprint, which allows us to have increased access to so many more patients who need and are asking for this kind of diagnostic testing," said Tammy Scarborough, the president of the Beaumont hospitals in Wayne, Trenton and Dearborn. "The opportunity that we have in capturing more and more patients and having them have the preventative test earlier on means that over the years, we'll save thousands of lives by being able to capture these potential cancers early on and be able to provide the treatment that we need to get them well."

The hospital hosted a preview of the \$5 million facility June 23, with representatives from the hospital giving tours of the new space and what it offers. It's more than double the size of the former center, going from 2,900 to 6,625 square feet. Expanding it will allow the hospital to triple the number of daily appointments.

The addition comes after a rough time during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, one that specifically affected the Wayne hospital. The facility was completely shut down last spring as the pandemic reared its head with Beaumont officials keeping it as a potential reserve hospital for COVID-19 patients. It reopened after several weeks of being closed.

Seeing Beaumont make a multi-million dollar investment into the city's hospital is a major step, said Wayne Mayor John Rhaesa.

"It's a great sign to see that this is going forward. This has been in the works for a long time," Rhaesa said. "I'm on the community advisory board and we've been talking about it for a long time."

As for the old breast care center across Venoy, Scarborough said it will remain with Beaumont Health and serve some sort of clinical purpose, but said that its future use had not yet been determined.

The new breast care center is one of the largest across the health care system, which also has hospitals in Farmington Hills, Royal Oak, Troy and elsewhere.

The new breast care center won't be affected by the talks of the health care provider's merger with Grand Rapidsbased Spectrum Health, which became public June 17. That merger would combine the southeast Michigan and western Michigan health care providers into the state's largest.

Scarborough said the investment into the hospital shows Beaumont's desire to continue treating patients across western Wayne County.

"I think what it says to the community is what we all feel and believe and do every day here, is that we are completely committed to our community," she said. "That we are here to care for our patients, to make sure that we provide them the most innovative and best quality care that we can.

"As we invest in our campus and in the surrounding communities, it's really about making sure that the care is local and the care is provided in a way that provides access, quality and a longterm commitment to the health of the community."

Redford Union school board seeks new member

Courtesy of Redfor Union Schools

Are you interested in becoming a Redford Union trict School Board Member? The Board of Education is seeking applications for the current vacant Board position. Trustee Harry Kick recently resigned his seat.

An individual will be appointed to fill the vacant position until the November 2022 elections have been held and certified and a newly-elected individual has been sworn in to fill the remainder of this position's term

To be eligible, you must be:

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A registered voter in Redford Union School Dis-

- At least 18 years of age
- A citizen of the United States

 A resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days

The deadline to apply is 4 p.m. July 16. Submit a letter of interest to Jackie Warren at warrenj@redfordu. k12.mi.us

For more information, please visit the district's website, redfordu.k12.mi.us.



The Redford Union Board of Education is seeking applications for a new member. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Pizza Boxx opens in former Mama Vera's location in Livonia

David Veselenak

Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICH.

When looking for a spot for his newest pizza shop, Ron Matti said Livonia was the perfect choice.

After months of cleaning and preparation, Matti opened his latest venture, Pizza Boxx, in mid-May.

Located at 15385 Merriman in the space formerly occupied by Mama Vera's pizzeria, the takeout restaurant serves up pizza, salad, wings and other foods for hungry guests.

"The reason I decided to come out here is because I love the neighborhood," Matti said. "Livonia looks pretty nice and clean."

Matti bought the business earlier this year and waited for Mama Vera's to wind down its operations.

He then closed the space for two months to clean and remodel, including adding his brand's décor in the front lobby.

Most of the equipment Matti acquired from the previous pizza shop, though he said he brought in a pressure cooker as well.

It's not the first pizza shop Matti has ran. He said he previously owned

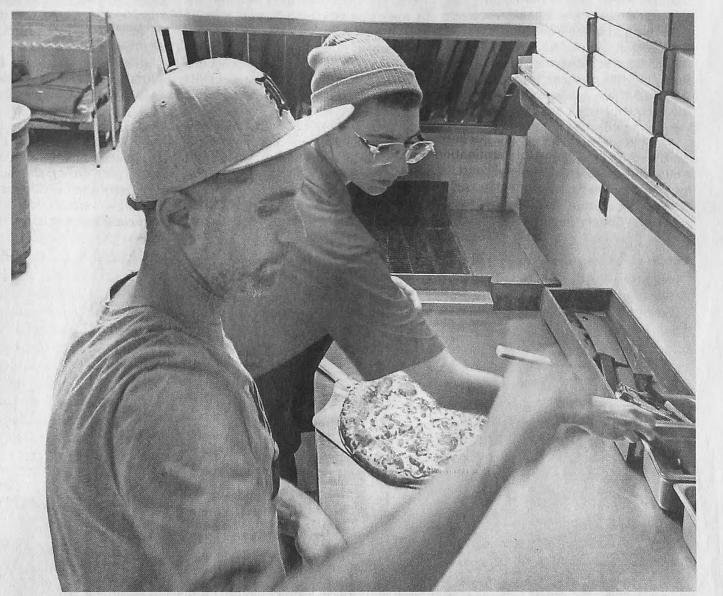
Some of that effort has been hampered, he admitted, due to the lack of employees that he and other businesses are currently seeing.

"It's hard for me to publish the advertisement for me to get it where I want it to get it at, but I don't want to embarrass myself because I don't have the help," he said.

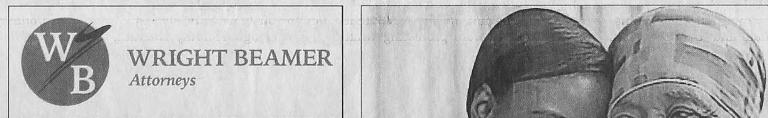
The shop is open from 10 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. Orders can be called in now; Matti said he hopes to have online ordering in the future.

More information on the restaurant, including a menu, can be found on the shop's website, pizza-boxx-livonia. business.site.

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Ron Matti and Aaron DeFrank team up to finish cooking a pie at Pizza Boxx in Livonia on June 22. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

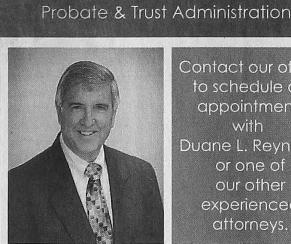


pizza places in both Detroit and Warren, though ended up selling them several years ago.

In Livonia, Matti has brought back the Pizza Boxx name but offers plenty more than that: he said he's gotten plenty of orders for non-pizza items from area customers.

"It's insane," he said. "I can't keep up with the ribs, salads and rib tips and subs. They sell like crazy."

Matti said he aims to market his new shop by passing out door-to-door flyers mostly, the method he said he's found to be most effective.



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Wayne County COVID-19 cases rise

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New coronavirus cases leaped in Michigan in the week ending Sunday, rising 29.5% as 1,256 cases were reported. The previous week had 970 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked 36th among the states where coronavirus was spreading the fastest on a per-person basis, a USA TODAY Network analysis of Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the latest week coronavirus cases in the United States increased 10.4% from the week before, with 92,148 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 1.36% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 28 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Michigan reported no cases or deaths the weekend of Juneteenth after reporting some the previous weekend. This will shift those cases and deaths into the following week, making week-toweek comparisons inaccurate.

Many places did not report cases and deaths around the Fourth of July, which would shift those cases into the following week and make week-to-week comparisons inaccurate.

Wayne County reported 373 cases

and 10 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 220 cases and 10 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 166,071 cases and 5,169 deaths.

Oakland County reported 105 cases and five deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 131 cases and five deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 118,774 cases and 2,447 deaths.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Branch, Kent and Baraga counties. Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 373 cases; Kent County, with 244 cases; and Oakland County, with 105. Weekly case counts rose in 27 counties from the previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Wayne, Monroe and Ottawa counties.

Michigan ranked 24th among states in share of people receiving at least one shot, with 51.6% of its residents at least partially vaccinated. The national rate is 54.9%, a USA TODAY analysis of CDC data shows. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which are the most used in the United States, require two doses administered a few weeks apart.

In the week ending Sunday, Michigan reported administering another 113,900 vaccine doses, including 41,068 first doses. In the previous week, the state administered 113,854 vaccine doses, including 46,569 first doses. In all, Michigan reported it has administered 9,467,173 total doses.

Across Michigan, cases fell in 40 counties, with the best declines in Oakland, Clinton and Gratiot counties.

In Michigan, 50 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 97 people were were reported dead.

A total of 1,000,375 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 21,009 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 33,717,567 people have tested positive and 605,526 people have died.

Note: In the Johns Hopkins University coronavirus data, cases and deaths for the Michigan Department of Corrections and the Federal Correctional Institution separately from Michigan counties.

The USA TODAY Network is publishing localized versions of this story on its news sites across the country, generated with data from Johns Hopkins University and the Centers for Disease Control. Contact Mike Stucka at mstucka@gannett.com.

Driver pulls BB gun along M-14 in road rage incident in Plymouth

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Two drivers traveling along eastbound M-14 in Plymouth Township became embroiled in a road-rage conflict involving the threat of gunfire.

State troopers said on Twitter their confrontation happened July 5 near M-14 and Ridge Road. One of the drivers allegedly drew a BB gun and pointed it at the other.

The other driver told troopers he saw the gun bearer throw the weapon into thick brush along the highway once they were through arguing with each other.

A K-9 unit located the weapon about five hours later.

Prosecutors are reviewing the incident for possible felonious assault charges.

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A rendering of the 65,000-square-foot Hindu temple proposed to be built at Nine Mile and Napier in Lyon Township. PROVIDED BY DRN ARCHITECTS

Plans call for moving proposed Hindu temple to Lyon

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Architect Doug Necci has had a hand in designing several Hindu temples since his first one in Troy in 1980.

Now he hopes to build one in Lyon Township.

Necci presented plans for a new 65,840-square-foot Sri Bhaktha Hanuman Temple at the Lyon Township Planning Commission's June 28 meeting.

"A lot of this is dictated by priests and sculptures in India," Necci told the commission. "It's fascinating to have learned (about) and been able to do this. I know these buildings are unusual, and it's not unusual for the public to be afraid of the unknown."

The temple would indeed be one of the most extraordinary structures ever built in the township and is proposed for a residential district on 11.67 acres at the northwest corner of 9 Mile and Napier roads.

The proposed building would include seven towers, the tallest of which reaches more than 83 feet. As a religious institution, such spires are exempted from needing to meet building height ordinances.

Religious facilities are allowed in residential districts, although a special land use is required. The project as proposed needs a variance for lot coverage, as it far exceeds the ordinance's maximum of 25% of the total land space.

Township Planner Brian Keesey said the project's proposed lot coverage is 39%, or 46% if a dedicated right of way is not included. The average height of the building (excluding towers), is also about two feet higher than the 25-foot limit in the ordinance, but commissioners seemed amenable to granting that variance, as the building's parapet would hide HVAC equipment situated on the roof.

Keesey noted there were also no traffic concerns from the Road Commission for Oakland County regarding the project.

Vijayaraghavan Rengachary, founder of the Sri Bhaktha Hanuman Temple in Farmington Hills, applied for the special land use permit to build a temple at the 22675 Napier Road property in May. The applicants own the land.

In a letter to the township, Rengachary explained the site is geographically well-centered for the communities it hopes to serve with a "very unique and modern temple which will be a sacred place for the community to gather and benefit religiously and spiritually."

He added that he is confident some of the current temple's 5,000 registered devotees would even consider relocating around the temple premises and noted that the floor plan includes several religious idols that will cater to the larger community as a 'one-stop shop.'"

The facilities would offer a place for prayer, as well as include teaching/ learning facilities for all ages and a banquet hall. The building would be constructed for a maximum capacity of about 900 worshippers. The highest attendance is expected on three separate Indian holidays, including Diwali, during which shuttle bussing to the site is anticipated.

Sadashiv Mallya, a member of Sri Bhaktha Hanuman Temple, told the planning commission that over the past four years in Farmington Hills, the congregation had outgrown two small, existing buildings.

"We need a plan that can welcome all Hindus and people of all religions," he said. "We want to serve the entire community regardless of creed and welcome all with equal love and warmth... Our vision is a new temple with all magnificent deities, a unique travel destination for Hindus and non-Hindus from all over the country."

Necci said in his plans for the building, he followed Vastu Sastra, ancient design principles for temples, to which geometric rules are adhered to as closely as possible.

In India, each statue would have its own building, but in Lyon it would be Americanized, with 12 deities contained within the temple, seven of which would have a tower above them. One of the statues, currently in the Farmington Hills temple, will be placed on a pedestal, reaching 21-23 feet in height. Necci said three additional statues have been ordered from India and are also expected to find a home in the new temple.

Before that can happen, the lot coverage issue needs to be resolved. A public hearing is planned for July 12, after which the planning commission could take action.

Lot coverage was cited by the planning commissioners as the primary issue. A few also cited minor issues that could be easier to address, including fewer ornamental trees and more deciduous trees, as well as sidewalks to run the length of the property frontage.

Commissioner Ron Pennington agreed lot coverage is a problem, but called the building beautiful, as did several of his fellow commissioners.

"It's cool. You don't get to see many things like that built anymore," he said.

Commissioner Branko Mitkovski concurred.

"The building looks gorgeous," he said. "I lived by the one in Canton. It was always quiet. My only concern is lot coverage."

Commissioner and Township Treasurer Patty Carcone said she had done a lot of research on the religion to be practiced at the temple and called it "interesting and eye opening."

She suggested a reduction of the 301 parking spaces to the 287 required by ordinance could help with lot coverage. She also cited several mega churches in the area, including in Brighton and Oak Pointe in Novi.

Attorney Carol Rosati advised the planning commission near the beginning of the meeting to keep in mind RLUIPA, the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, which prohibits them from making decisions that "would substantially hamper or discriminate or treat on unequal terms from other facilities."

"RLUIPA requires you to dive into far deeper analysis than you would for any other land use application," she said. "Recognize that RLUIPA exists and when making a decision... ask are you substantially burdening their ability to exercise religious beliefs. We don't get to pick and choose as a community what is a legitimately religious belief or part of a religion."

After the meeting, Necci said he believes any issues, including lot coverage, can be resolved. One possible solution is purchasing three additional acres by the applicant, which is currently under discussion.

The architect said it is not possible to scale down the size of the building.

"The floor plan requires a certain amount of space around each of the deities," he said. "We have designed it to be the size it needs to be and nothing more... We don't want to argue, we want to do the best we can and hope they will recognize that there is no church around that will only have 25 percent because of their parking lot. It's more like 40 percent."

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Joyce Esther Day

GAINESVILLE, GA - Joyce Esther Day, age 83, of Gainesville, Georgia, formerly of Detroit and Livonia, Michigan. Dear wife of the late Ronald G. Day. For full obituary please see: http:// memorialparkfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/ joyce-esther-day

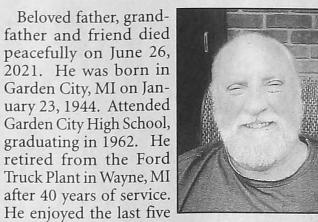


Chamra and Corie Fauer

In loving memory of Chamra and Corie Fauer.

Sisters who loved each other and their mother dearly. They meant the world to their mother. The girls enjoyed bowling, dance, music and swimming. Chamra and Corie were actively involved in their church and loved their church family. They made this world a better place. A Celebration of Life will be held in their memory on Friday, July 16, 2021 at 12 Noon Grace Baptist Church 280 E Lincoln St Birmingham MI

Emil B Fronek



years living in Fenton, MI. Emil was incredibly intelligent and creative; he could put an engine in a car one day and weld a sculpture the next! In his younger years, he loved hunting and fishing with his buddies, scuba diving with his dad and riding motorcycles. In his later years, he became more eccentric with his long hair, long beard and unique style. His signature scent, patchouli, entered the room before he did! Always the life of the party, his dry sense of humor and quick wit will be missed by all who knew him. The last two years of his life were filled with one medical issue after another, however, he handled it all with grace and dignity and he never missed an opportunity to turn on the charm with the nurses! He dearly loved his dog "Baby". She will be cared for by family. Emil leaves behind his three children: Eric Fronek (Jen), Lisa Scott (Larry) and Curtis Ayers (Michele). Affectionately known as Big Grandpa, he leaves behind 5 grandchildren: Madelyn Fronek, Lily Fronek, Damien Clark (Teresa), Paige Scott and Tyler Scott. Emil was preceded in death by his father, Emil W Fronek, his mother, Martha Shephard and his sister, Fay Wright. A memorial service is not scheduled at this time.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



Jeannette Marie Kalosky

Kalosky, Jeannette Marie May 10, 2020 Age 78. Loving mother of David (Lori), Daniel (Lorie), Kevin (Masha), Carolyn, Gary (Joan), and Keith. Dear grandmother, "Mooma" to some, of Jillian (Jim), Caitlin (Kevin), Sterling, Brendan, Gabrielle, Vanessa, Halle, Morgan, Anastasia, and

Cheyenne. She lived for her grandchildren, and would do anything for them. Sister of Robert (Margaret), James (Judith), Marilyn, and sisterin-law of Judy. Jeannette is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and raised Jeff (Kellie and son John), and Val (John and daughters Lauren, Catherine) after her sister Shirley died. Jeannette was predeceased by her parents: Harvey Burke and Edna (Bartz) Burke, brother Harvey, sister Shirley, great nephew Dylan, Boyfriend Art Yarmak, ex-husband David Kalosky. Her six kids were her life, her family was everything to her. Once they were old enough, she went to work at Crowley's in Farmington Hills selling men's suits and then at Jacobson's at Laurel Park. Jeanette raised her children in the Bel-Aire subdivision in Farmington. She was kind and compassionate to everyone she met, she touched many lives and many people wanted to be her friend. She was an avid Tigers fan and took her kids to Tiger Stadium on many occasions. She played golf when she was still physically capable but then resigned to watch it on TV every weekend. She loved listening to Willie Nelson, Pavarotti, Motown, Bob Seger, Neil Diamond, and Rod Stewart, so she was cool. Her brother Jim, thought she had the most beautiful smile and would just like to hear her say one more time, "shut up, Jimmy!" A Celebration of Life will be held 12:30 pm Sunday July 11, 2021 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48375 with visitation from 11 am until time of service. Memorial contributions may be directed to National Multiple Sclerosis Society www.nationalmssociety.org

A loving tribute



Hiroshi Tsurui 97, passed away peacefully

Hiroshi Tsurui

on June 30, 2021. Born in San Ramon, California on July 4,1923.

Just before High School graduation in 1942 he and his family were sent to Topaz, Utah internment camp. Retired from Ford Motor Company. He worked at the Wayne and Wixom assembly plants as a line repairman. He had a green thumb from his early farming days. His backyard garden produced an amazing crop that he shared with everyone. He was a world traveler and avid photographer.

He lived on Clinton St. for over 60 years. In later years he lived at Waltonwood Carriage Park in Canton.

Hiroshi was preceded in death by his wife Aiko and son Michael. Mourned by second wife Pearl, daughter Bonnie (Lawrence), grandson Eric Franka and a large extended family.

Services were held through Harry J Will Funeral Home.

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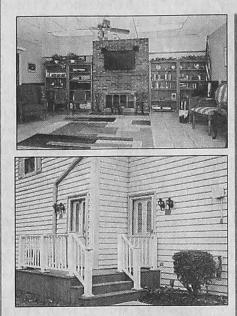
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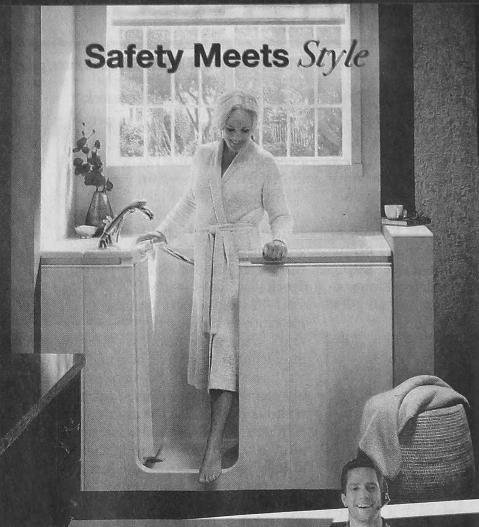
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Anavia Battle competes in the Women' 200 Meters Semi-Finals during day eight of the 2020 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team Trials at Hayward Field on June 25, 2021 in Eugene, Oregon. STEPH CHAMBERS/GETTY IMAGES

Wayne Memorial graduate's growth leaves her confident heading into 2021 Games in Toyko

Colin Gay

Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Thomas Gibson remembers when a future Olympian returned to Wayne Memorial to get some work in. 200-meter at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials to punch a ticket to the 2021 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Heading into the Trials — the biggest race of her life — Battle wasn't nervous, which shocked her. Anxiety was something that held her back in the past, she 22.54, Karen Dennis saw a mature runner. The Director of Track and Field and Cross Country at Ohio State saw what the senior could do after her development emotionally and physically since she joined the program as a freshman in 2017.

911 calls: Kivlenieks said to be conscious after hit

Audio from 911 calls to Novi police paint a distressing picture of the fireworks incident July 4 that led to the death of Columbus Blue Jackets goaltender Matiss Kivlenieks.

Kivlenieks was at the Novi home of Manny Legace, the former Red Wing

and now goalie coach for the Blue Jackets, according to the Columbus Dispatch, when he was struck by a misfired firework.



Three 911 calls describe what happened **Kivlenieks** and Kivlenieks' rapidly deteriorating condition.

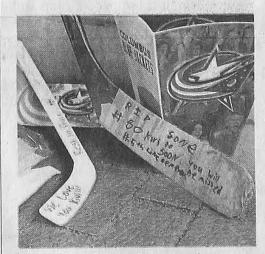
"Fireworks misfire," one caller said in describing the incident. Asked whether the person was conscious, the caller replied, "He's conscious, he's conscious."

"Hey we have someone who was hit by a firework can you come here immediately?" asked the second caller. The dispatcher replied, "We're already aware of it. Is he awake and talking to you?"

"He's breathing, we have a nurse here. He's breathing but he's doing not very good," the caller answered.

The dispatcher replied, "They're on their way, just stay there."

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It was the same personable and down-to-earth person he remembers when she graduated in 2017. But even in the short 15-minute conversation he had with his former athlete in August 2020, Gibson could tell Anavia Battle was on a mission.

"She was disappointed that the Olympic trials had been canceled," Gibson recalled. "But she said something along the lines of 'That's OK. I've got it for next year anyway. Just another year I can get better."

Battle did get better, using a personal-best time of 21.95 seconds in the said, getting the best of her in big moments.

Instead, Battle was more relaxed heading into the 200-meter final at the Trials than she has ever been, feeling brand new with a confidence she only recently embraced.

"Each time I elevate, I get more comfortable," Battle said. "Mentally, I get more comfortable. I feel like I'm mentally prepared for this.

"I wouldn't be here unless I was meant to be here."

As Battled raced, securing her spot by beating her outdoor college record of Dennis saw a runner who was confident in her preparation and in her ability to compete against the best.

"Once you have done that over the years, you get a little more battle-tested," Dennis said. "The more battle-tested she got, the more confident she got."

Flipping a switch

Battle's confidence did not come naturally.

She recalls how she would follow her

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Columbus Blue Jackets fans leave flowers and hockey sticks with personal messages on them at Nationwide Arena to honor goalie Matiss Kivlenieks. He died Sunday when he was struck by a fireworks mortar shell.

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Vote for Hometown Life's female athlete of the year

Colin Gay

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The 2020-21 Michigan high school sports season is complete.

In the Hometown Life area, we saw high-level performances across the board, from the soccer fields to the volleyball courts, and many successful athletes to showcase.

But there can only be one athlete of the year.

After sifting through a long list of worthy candidates, Hometown Life decided on six finalists. Now, it's up to you to decide who will be named as our female athlete of the year.

Voting takes place online at hometownlife.com andwill close at noon July 20. We will announce the winner later this summer. There is no limit to the number of votes, so vote early and often for your favorite player.

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Vote for Hometown Life's male athlete of the year

Colin Gay

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The 2020-21 Michigan high school sports season is complete.

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Battle

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brother, Montel Hood, now a sprinter at Mississippi State, to his AAU track practices with coach Jamal Johnson. Track was not something she wanted to take too seriously. Gibson remembers seeing that during her freshman season at Wayne Memorial: recognizing the talent, along with a lack of understanding of what it took to become better.

By Battle's junior season at Wayne Memorial, Gibson saw that switch flipped. The aspirations became more real to the young runner with thoughts of state titles and Division 1 scholarships on her mind.

Battle began to run with those aspirations in mind, too, shifting her mindset in practice. Instead of work, it became a break from everything going on outside of the track.

"We would just have fun in practice," Battle said. "That's what it's mostly about because if you're not having fun, then what are you doing?"

As Battle had fun, she found success, winning a state title in the 100-meter as a senior with a 11.95, while also setting school records in the 100- and 200-meter — she beat the previous record by nearly two seconds — while also breaking Wayne Memorial records with the 4x400- and the 4x200-meter relays; all of which still stand.

The former Wayne Memorial sprinter got to a point where, she remembered, her Zebras teammates who were in her heat would joke around, saying they didn't want to run.

"What's the point?" Battle recalls hearing with a laugh.

But that was just the start, Gibson said, reminiscing on how Battle used to run literal laps around area competition, finding her stride that was incomparable to anything he had seen.

"You would see in the dual meets that all of a sudden, she would blow people out of the water, when you are winning a 100-yard dash by 15 yards," Gibson said. "That's where it was like, 'Wow.'

"Then Jamal would remind me, 'Yeah, she's not even in shape yet."

That level of competitiveness didn't stop when Battle got to Ohio State.

Instead, the accolades continued: earning Big Ten Track Athlete of the Year in 2020 and Freshman of the Year in 2018, while bringing home five individual Big Ten conference titles for the Buckeyes.

In Battle, Dennis knows she has a "thoroughbred:" pure talent on the track with a work ethic to improve and with aspirations to become one of the best to ever race in Columbus.

Even with the talent, the coach still saw a level of fear in Battle, especially on the national stage. But with each finish, each championship, each award and trophy earned, Battle's paralyzing doubt waned, instead pushing confidence to the forefront, allowing herself to relax and let her ability do the work.

"The thing about it is once you show Anavia, 'Hey, you've beaten these people time and again,' or 'The people that seem to have better times than you, they seem to have those times three years ago...' Once you know that, 'Now, I'm running some of the best times in the world,' then that gives you a sense of satisfaction, confidence and comfort in your confidence level, to know, 'You know what, I am pretty doggone good,'" Dennis said.



Anavia Battle competes in the Women' 200 Meters Semi-Finals during day eight of the 2020 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team Trials at Hayward Field on June 25, 2021, in Eugene, Oregon. STEPH CHAMBERS/GETTY IMAGES

'Anavia's the future'

Battle was not nervous heading into the biggest race of her life. And ahead of the 2021 Olympic Games, as the races get bigger and bigger, she doesn't see that nervousness returning.

The former Wayne Memorial sprinter has always had faith in herself. She said she knows if she trains hard, if she listens and if she is mentally and physically healthy, she will be in good shape to follow what her grandmother instilled in her.

"My grandma always told me if I'm going to do something, make sure I am the best at it," Battle said. "I feel like anywhere I go, I'm going to trust my training to get to the highest point that I can get to."

In Battle, Gibson sees what she came from: seeing a young runner that had the talent to do anything she wanted learn how to improve on the track and later turn into an aspiration for runners who are in the same spot she was.

In Battle, Gibson sees the potential of Wayne Memorial.

"How many people do you know that say, 'I'm going to be a professional basketball player; I'm going to be a professional football player; I'm going to be a professional runner?' And then, who actually makes it? There are so few people," Gibson said. "And to know the person and to know that was her goal when she was a late junior, early senior, it's really cool to see."

Dennis sees the future in her senior sprinter, knowing that Battle has done everything necessary to have that professional career in track and field if it's something she wants to pursue.

"Anavia is the future in track and field," Dennis said. "The future is hers and she can go as far as she wants for as long as she wants because she's young and she's extremely talented and she's getting more and more comfortable in these uncomfortable competitive environments."

All Battle is focused on is the next race.

Even as it's clouded by the majesty and prestige of the Olympic Games, the Inkster native knows she belongs there.

She knows she belongs in Tokyo.

"I feel like this is a new step, a new journey, a new door that has been opened for me," Battle said. "When journeys come, they bring expectations and new experiences, but I think I'm ready for it all. I know I am."

Contact reporter Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com or 248-330-6710. Follow him on Twitter @ColinGay17. Send game results and stats to Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com.

911 calls

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A third caller told Novi police to "come to the house right now." The caller said "hit with fireworks" in describing what happened, adding "he's getting ready to go into convulsions."

Lt. Jason Meier told the Free Press that the calls came in around 10:13 p.m. and paramedics arrived to the scene in 4 minutes and 38 seconds where they found Kivlenieks unresponsive. Kivlenieks was transported to Ascension Providence Hospital in Novi, where he was pronounced dead, Meier said.

Police appear to have redacted some of the audio from the phone calls, including the location of the incident.

While Novi police said an initial investigation indicated that Kivlenieks died after he slipped and fell while fleeing a hot tub following a fireworks malfunction, an autopsy performed July 5 found Kivlenieks died from chest trauma from a fireworks mortar blast.

Dr. Ljubisa Dragovic, Oakland County's chief medical examiner, performed the autopsy and said that Kivlenieks was struck in the left side of his chest by the fireworks mortar shell. Dragovich said Kivlenieks sustained "extensive" external injuries along with his fatal internal injuries.

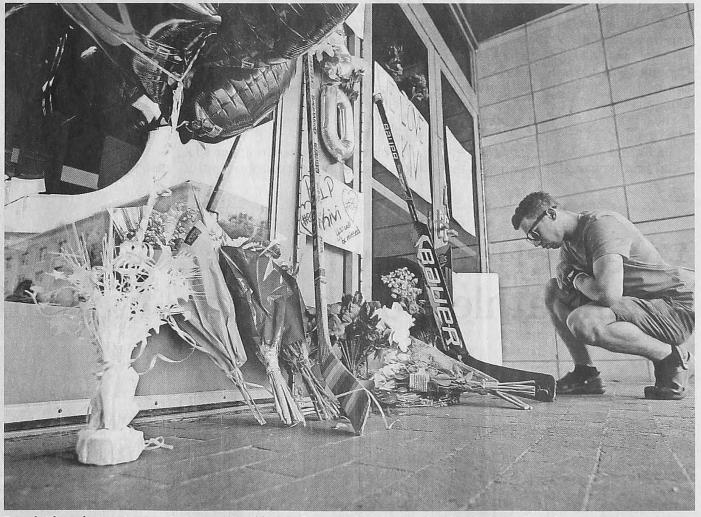
Meier said that a set of fireworks were launched off a grassy area that included nine different firework tubes. "After the seventh shot, it tipped and then the eighth shot went over the hot tub and that's when people started to scramble and it was the last shot that hit Mr. Kivlenieks," he said.

Police do not currently believe that the individual who launched the fireworks was consuming alcohol, Meier said.

Kivlenieks traveled to Novi with Blue Jackets goalie Elvis Merzlikins, his close friend and teammate, to celebrate the wedding of Legace's daughter, Sabrina Legace — a nurse who lives in Grand Rapids.

Kivlenieks and Merzlikins talked last week about an upcoming trip to Michigan to celebrate the July Fourth holiday with Legace, but did not mention the wedding, which had a Hawaiian theme and included guests dressed in Hawaiian attire, including Kivlenieks and Merzlikins.

The Free Press has left multiple voice and text messages for Legace since Monday but they have not been returned. A man in the driveway declined to speak with a reporter.



Derek Slane inspects the shrine made of items fans are leaving at the doors to Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio, in honor of Columbus Blue Jackets goaltender Matiss Kivlenieks. COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Meier said that Novi Police have launched an investigation into Kivlenieks' death and. that no illegal activity has been discovered thus far.

"We're still investigating it as an accident," Meier said. When the investigation is complete, police will consult the prosecutor's office, he added.

Ahead of the Fourth of July weekend, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission urged those celebrating to practice fireworks safety. The commission found a 50% increase in deaths and injuries from fireworks-related incidents in 2020 compared with the previous year. The COVID-19 pandemic led many cities to cancel their fireworks shows, leading to an uptick in fireworks sales as Americans put on their own displays.

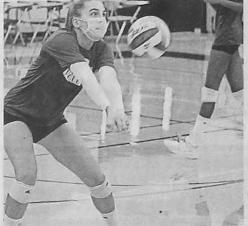
At the age of 20, Kivlenieks, a Latvia native, signed

a three-year contract with the Blue Jackets in 2017 after he was named USHL's Player of the Year and Goaltender of the Year following a strong season with the Sioux City Musketeers. He was 24 when he died.

Clara Hendrickson reports for the Detroit Free Press. Brian Hedger reports for the Columbus Dispatch.

Staff writers Christine MacDonald and Helene St. James contributed to this report.

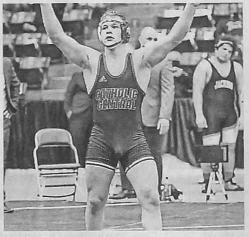
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Wayne Memorial's Alanna Micheaux. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Female

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The Candidates

Audrey DaDamio, Seaholm, cross country/track and field

In her senior season at Seaholm, Audrey DaDamio could not really be stopped.

In the fall, the Stanford commit fin-



Seaholm's Audrey Dadamio. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

rial, basketball

All Alanna Micheaux seemed to do at Wayne Memorial was win.

In four seasons, the senior helped the Zebras win 82 of its 98 total games, advancing as far as the state semifinal round of the playoffs in both her sophomore and senior seasons.

As a senior with Wayne Memorial, Micheaux shined, averaging 27.4 points and 14 rebounds per game, serving as the Zebras' main scoring threat in and around the paint area as one of two seniors in the starting lineup.



Brother Rice's Udodi Onwuzurike. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Male

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The Candidates

Udodi Onwuzurike, Brother Rice, track and field

After second- and third-place performances in the 100-meter and 200meter in each of the regional races, Udodi Onwuzurike stepped up when it mattered most.

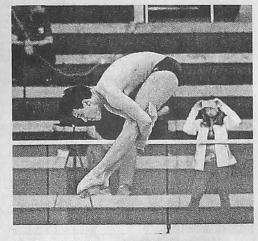
The Brother Rice senior and Stanford commit earned state championships in both the 100- and 200-meter races, breaking the state record with a 21.01 200-meter in the preliminary race.

Onwuzurike holds the Brother Rice record in both the 100-meter and 200meter dashes, which he set as a senior.

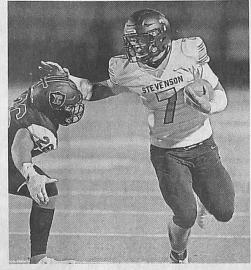
Caden Woodall, Livonia Stevenson, football

Caden Woodall seemed to run the Livonia Stevenson offense.

The Spartans senior broke the school's single-season rushing record with 1,581 yards on 140 carries, scoring 25 touchdowns on the ground, while also throwing a touchdown. Woodall broke the Spartans' single-game rushing record three times — his highest being 354 yards in one game — while also setting the school record with six touchdowns in one game. On defense he recorded 24 tackles, two pass deflections, three sacks and a safety for a team that finished 4-4 in the KLAA East.



Seaholm's Kameron Liberman. COURTESY OF KAMERON LIBERMAN



Stevenson's Caden Woodall. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ron Center's goalkeeper in the final 10 seconds of the Division 2 state championship to give Brother Rice its sixth title in school history.

Hamady finished his senior season first-team Division 2 All State.

Kameron Liberman, Seaholm, swim and dive

Kameron Liberman met expectations in 2021.

Heading into the season as the topranked diver in Division 2, the Seaholm senior diver won the state title, earning 523.15 points for first place by 62.95 points.

ished in first at all but one of her cross country races for the Maples, earning her first Division 1 state title of the 2020-21 school year with a 17:46.1 finish — a 5:43 pace — beating second-place finisher Ann Arbor Pioneer freshman Rachel Forsyth by more than nine seconds.

In the spring, the wins kept on coming for DaDamio. She failed to lose a race in the 800-meter, the 1,600-meter and the 3,200-meter during her highschool season, earning a state championship in each of those three events, while also setting a personal record in the 800-meter at 2:11.95 and the 1,600meter at 4:44.38

Shannon Kennedy, Marian, golf

Shannon Kennedy had a streak to uphold.

Heading into her senior year at Marian, she had already brought home two Division 3 individual state titles in her first three years with the program, earning a Division 2 state title her freshman season by three strokes and adding a Division 3 individual trophy her junior year by three strokes.

Leading Marian to its secondstraight Division 3 team state title, the Michigan State commit tied Grand Rapids Christian's Ryann Breslin at 70 through regulation, securing the firstplace finish on the first playoff hole.

The senior was named Miss Golf by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association for the 2021 season.

Ava Brizard, Marian, volleyball

Ava Brizard made some noise up front for the Mustangs.

In her junior season at Marian, the NC State volleyball commit totaled 598 kills, 412 digs, 37 blocks and 35 service aces, recording a .492 kill percentage and a .395 hit percentage.

Brizard helped lead Marian to a Division 1 volleyball state title, helping the Mustangs to a record of 37-5, winning each of their last 10 games to end the 2020-21 season, while taking 28 of the final 32 sets.

The Marian junior was also named as the 2020-21 Gatorade Michigan Volleyball Player of the Year and was named first-team All State.

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Alanna Micheaux, Wayne Memo-

In Wayne Memorial's Division 1 state semifinal loss her senior season, Micheaux led the way with 29 points making 13-of-20 from the field — and 17 rebounds.

Micheaux, a Minnesota commit, was named to the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's "Best of the 'Best'" team.

Macayla Harris, Salem, soccer

Macayla Harris was a huge part of why Salem girls soccer was so difficult to stop in 2021.

After winning 16 games combined in her freshman and sophomore seasons, Harris helped the Rocks to their first KLAA title in 34 years, winning 15-of-18 games and losing only once: a 2-1loss to rival Canton.

For a Rocks team that averaged three goals per game, Harris was a major reason why, ending her senior season with nine goals and five assists, being named to the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association Dream Team.

Harris will play soccer at Ashland University starting next season.

Ava Bradshaw, South Lyon, softball

Ava Bradshaw's first taste of high school softball didn't prove to be much of an adjustment.

The freshman struck out 329 batters in 186.1 innings of work, posting a record of 24-4 — including four no-hitters — with a 1.12 ERA and a .140 opponents batting average. At the plate, she had a .410 average with six home runs and 30 RBI.

In South Lyon's final two games of the season — the Division 1 softball state semifinal and state final — Bradshaw allowed two earned runs on eight hits and two walks in 14 innings of work, striking out 21 against Grandville and Allen Park.

Bradshaw was named first-team All-State by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association.

Contact reporter Colin Gay at cgay@hometownlife.com or 248-330-6710. Follow him on Twitter @ColinGay17. Send game results and stats to Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com. Woodall, who was named first-team All-State in Division 2, will play football at Harvard starting next season.

Alec Hamady, Brother Rice, hockey

Alec Hamady started his senior season as just one of many offensive weapons for Brother Rice hockey.

The forward recorded 12 points in 14 games — five goals and seven assists including two two-assist efforts against Port Huron Northern and Grosse Pointe North.

But when it came to the playoffs, Hamady flipped a switch.

The Warriors senior forward recorded three goals and four assists in the final five games of the 2021 season, including a score between the legs of ByLiberman, who is signed to dive at Michigan next season, gave Seaholm its only individual state title in 2021, helping the Maples to their fourth state title in the past 24 years

Manny Rojas, Detroit Catholic Central, wrestling

Manny Rojas continued the dominance that he started as a sophomore.

The junior Detroit Catholic Central wrestler wrecked havoc at 189, finishing the season with a record of 33-2, winning his second state title with a 11-5 win against Traverse City Central sophomore Remy Cotton.

In the last two seasons, Rojas has lost three times in 78 matches.

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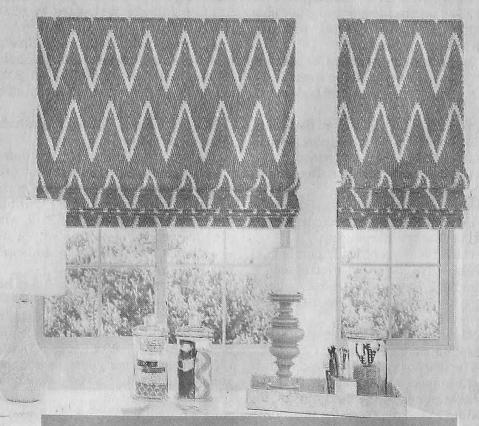
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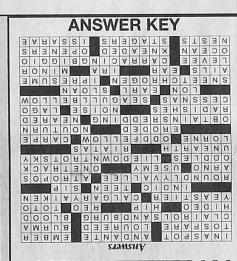
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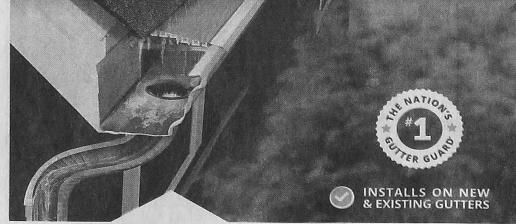
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