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Westland's primary election results

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It's official: Westland voters will chose between incumbent Mayor Bill Wild and Councilwoman Tasha Green in the mayor's race this November.

Most Westland voters cast their ballot by mail, but the city had over 10,500

voters during Tuesday's primary election. According to the clerk's office, a local primary doesn't usually draw that kind of interest.

Residents who voted said it's a right they feel is important to exercise.

"It's what you're supposed to do," said Jennifer Diederichs, who cast her vote at Schweitzer Elementary Tuesday. "You can't just sit back and not vote."

Aside from narrowing the mayor's race, voters also narrowed the council race and decided a library tax request.

All election results are unofficial until certified by the Wayne County Board of Canvassers.

It's Wild vs. Green for mayor

The city's current mayor and one of

its council members will face off for the city's top job this fall.

Wild drew the most votes with 6,763. He drew near 4,000 more votes than his three challengers combined. Danine Flowers, a resident who cast her vote for the mayor, said she likes the direction the city is headed in.

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CRUMBLING CONDITIONS



Homeowners along Oak Manor Court in Canton have dealt with a crumbling concrete road for years now and are hoping for a fix. This is the corner of Oak Manor and Swanmere. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Canton neighbors 'embarrassed' by condition of subdivision's streets

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The streets in Essence Uke's Canton Township neighborhood aren't like those in war-torn Europe in the mid-1940s.

In some cases, they're probably worse.

Tattooed with steady streams of patched-up craters and crumbled chunks of concrete that resemble a

chewed-up checkerboard in aerial photos, the section of Sunflower subdivision Uke resides — just southeast of the intersection of Beck and Warren roads — is tough on the eyes, tougher on the undercarriages of cars that navigate the area.

"I was raised in Detroit and I never saw roads like this in the city," said Uke, shaking her head as she stood near neighbor Kortney Saxena on the curb of East Oak Manor Court. "The most frustrating part is the embarrassment. I'll

have family from Detroit over and they say, 'Oh my gosh! You spent all this money for a home and the roads aren't any better than ours!'

"And then you tell them how much you pay in property taxes and they say, 'Are you crazy?'"

When Saxena and her husband purchased a home a short drive from Uke's five years ago, she admittedly didn't notice the rough condition of the

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Region grapples with repeated DTE power outages

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A storm with straight-line winds of more than 70 mph last month perhaps unsurprisingly took out power to thousands of DTE Energy customers in metro Detroit.

But with restoration delays of not just hours, but days, and with outages happening more frequently, some residents and officials in cities including Novi, Livonia and Farmington Hills have had enough.

"It's more than an annoyance. Our neighbor is on oxygen and she doesn't have backup tanks right now because there's a shortage," Livonia resident Anastasia Oravec said. "We had to power two households with our little generator. Basically, nobody got any sleep because my husband has to add gas to it every two hours."

Oravec is one of thousands in the region who have faced repeated DTE power outages the last month. Oravec said her power has gone out seven times and one outage lasted 46 hours.

She says she's repeatedly contacted DTE, but no luck.

"It's like they know they have the monopoly and they just don't care," Oravec said.

DTE, which provides power for about 450 communities in Michigan, did not respond to multiple direct requests for comment.

Fallen tree limbs to blame

In Novi, city officials summoned a company representative to a city council meeting last month for an explanation and solutions.

Jennifer Whitteaker, DTE Government Affairs Liaison to municipalities

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in Oakland County, attended the July 12 meeting, just two days after Mayor Bob Gatt's power had been restored after several days without electricity.

Gatt noted that he had a portable generator to keep his refrigerator going, but knew people who had lost hundreds of dollars' worth of food and also cited the problem as a safety issue for those who rely on ventilators, including his niece.

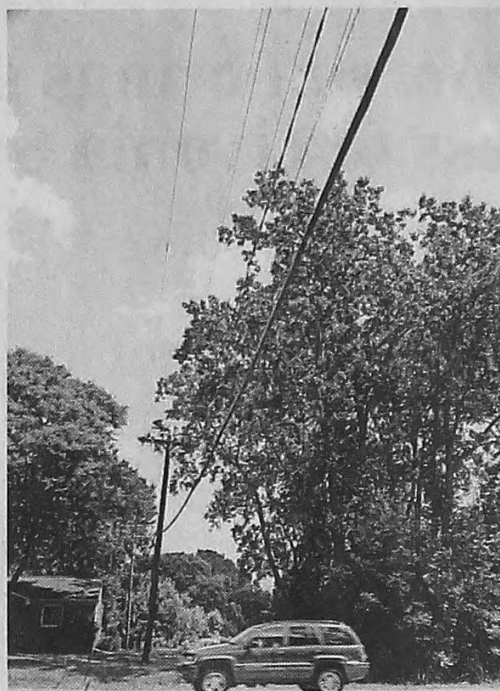
Whitteaker apologized for the length of time it took to restore service following the July 7 storm that caused significant damage, with 1,000 downed power lines and many broken poles resulting from tremendous damage to trees, including ones completely uprooted.

"I've been with the company for nearly 30 years and this is one of the largest storms I've seen and a lot of damage we just didn't expect," Whitteaker said. "During most storms, crews try to restore (power) quickly and safely before we make permanent repairs."

She explained that DTE crews had to remove trees and large limbs from wires before the lines could be put back in service.

Estimations for restored service were often incorrect as crews discovered more damage and was also affected by a lack of resources to address the extent of issues.

Gatt noted his subdivision had also suffered extended power outages in May and January as well. The problem, he and several councilmembers noted,



After neighborhoods along Meadowbrook in Novi have suffered repeated power outages there is talk of a need to trim trees near power lines. Here a number of power lines go across Meadowbrook north of Nine Mile. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

seemed to occur more frequently in the southeast portion of the city, including the Willowbrook, Meadowbrook Lake and Village Oaks areas.

Councilmember Laura Marie Casey said major subdivisions shouldn't lose power for extended periods twice or more in a year and asked how DTE "triages" and decides who gets power returned first.

Whitteaker explained that the company prioritizes all essential services,

including police, fire and hospitals. One-man crews are sent out to survey areas, determining the amount of help and materials needed and the urgency of the situation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Staudt said he lives in a sub with underground power lines, but said more needs to be done preemptively with trees that "have completely overwhelmed" power lines and poles to the point where the utility equipment isn't visible.

Whitteaker said DTE is investing in tree trimming as part of the company's maintenance program.

Month-long struggle

Still, the utility's actions aren't coming fast enough.

Two weeks after Whitteaker's presentation, Gatt said the problem remained, with additional outages reported with subsequent storms. He had looked into what the city could do, including taking it up with a state or federal authority.

That is action Farmington Hills Mayor Vicki Barnett has already done, filing a complaint to the Michigan Public Service Commission. In Farmington and Farmington Hills, wind and storm damage was so severe Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency to streamline cleanup efforts.

"It's related to the ongoing outages and our difficulty dealing with DTE," she said during a recent council meeting. "They've received hundreds of complaints, but we are probably going to be one of the first cities to complain."

Other local officials, including State Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia) and

Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan say they're advocating for their community to get priority in tree trimming. Oravec said her neighborhood isn't scheduled for trimming until next year.

"I am pushing for this area to be prioritized because, again, five and six (outages) in a month is an untenable situation," Pohutsky said.

With trees in Novi "out of control" particularly in the Willow Brook, Meadowbrook Lake and Village Oaks subdivisions, Gatt and city officials agreed they "owe it to the residents to do something" and are examining their own tree trimming program.

"We need to show DTE we appreciate their efforts, but we need them accelerated, and if that can't happen in a timely fashion, we need to trim the trees ourselves," he said.

No matter what the solution ends up being, Pohutsky said it's important to fix. Around 109 Livonia resident told her they're facing issues and are concerned about oxygen tanks, frozen breast milk and lost food.

"Obviously it's inconvenient. Obviously, it's hot," Pohutsky said. "Nobody wants to be without power. A lot of people have lost a lot of food because their refrigerator goes out. But even more than that, in some cases there are folks who rely on oxygen and when the power goes out, their oxygen goes out."

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streets.

"We had saved money for so long so we could live in a nice neighborhood like this, I guess I was so in love with the house at first that I didn't focus on the streets," said Saxena. "After we signed all the purchasing documents, I decided to drive back to look at my new house; I was so proud. That's when I realized how bad the roads were; but I thought to myself, 'Oh, they'll fix them soon.'"

"Once we moved in, though, we'd start seeing patching crews two to three times a year, filling in the potholes. Honestly, the condition of the roads wasn't on my checklist when we were looking for a house in Canton. I mean, it's *Canton*. You better believe it will be on my checklist the next time we move."

During her quest to get the scarred-up streets permanently fixed, Uke learned the ultimate blame for the rocky roads rests with the developer that built the section of her subdivision in the early-1990s.

"They used bad concrete way back then and it's been like this ever since," Uke said. "That doesn't help us now, though, because the developer got his money and is long gone and we're still living here with these messed-up roads. It's gotten so bad, I've seen neighbors mix their own asphalt and patch the potholes themselves."

Uke's mission to fix Sunflower's damn roads has at times resembled a wild goose chase.

"When I called the Township, they told me it's a Wayne County thing," she said. "When I call Wayne County about getting the roads permanently fixed, they say I have to work with the Town-



Canton residents Kortney Saxena (left) and Essence Uke stand along a deteriorating section of Swanmere Road in the Sunflower subdivision. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ship. My homeowners association says it's the county's responsibility."

Canton Township offers residents a local road matching program that helps alleviate costs for residents who are willing to pay for long-term subdivision street repairs. However, the program requires a hefty up-front deposit that makes Uke hesitate.

"How are we going to convince all of

our neighbors to pitch in more money for a program like this, especially considering how high our property taxes are to begin with?" Uke said.

Saxena and Uke shared anecdotes of how the horrible street conditions are negatively affecting their lives.

Driving their motorcycles on the gravel-infested Swanmere Road outside her home is a dangerous endeavor for



The deterioration of Canton's Swanmere Road can be seen from this aerial photo taken by Google Earth. COURTESY OF GOOGLE EARTH

her and her husband, Saxena noted.

"There are so many small concrete rocks in the road, it's not safe for some people to sit on their front porches because big trucks will drive by and their tires will shoot the rocks toward the houses," Uke said. "And we had to get rid of our (Chevrolet) Traverse because the roads were damaging the undercarriage."

One resident of Sunflower revealed on the subdivision's Facebook page that every spring he walks along his street and fills buckets with pieces of broken-up concrete.

Saxena lamented how her home ownership chapter of the American dream has been tarnished by the nightmarish streets that line her subdivision.

"When you buy a home in a nice neighborhood like this, you expect the surroundings to look a certain way, you know?" she said. "What you don't expect is when family and friends visit your first home for the first time and their first comments are about how bad the roads are."

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Results

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"I like what he's doing with Westland," Flowers said. "He's sprucing up Westland and making it look like a more vibrant city."

Wild said he's moved by the support he received Tuesday.

"I'm feeling really good. I've really enjoyed serving as mayor, and it was really rewarding to see the support after all these years," he said.

Green, a current councilwoman, was the next most popular candidate among voters. She got 2,500 votes.

"She looks like she's for change and she's been in the city council," voter Rashan Neal said. "I think she's really looking to help us out."

Green said she's looking forward to continuing the campaign.

"I feel excited about what's to come," she said. "It's clear I have a lot of work to do to drive out the vote, but I'm very optimistic going into the fall."

The race's other two hopefuls, Daniel Beier and Edward Pruett, fell short

with 1,015 and 213 votes, respectively.

The mayor's position is nonpartisan and draws a \$121,574 annual salary.

Council pool pared to eight

Residents are sending three incumbents — James Godbout, Jim Hart and Peter Herzberg — as well as newcomers Debra Fowlkes, Melissa Sampey, David Cox, Antoinette Martin and Sarah Austin onto the city council general election in November.

Candidates received the following vote totals. Winners are in bold.

Sarah Austin: 2,172

David Cox: 2,523

Michael Delph: 1,967

Debra Fowlkes: 3,280

James Godbout: 4,311

Jon Haddad: 1,289

Candi Halton: 2,002

Jim Hart: 4,564

Peter Herzberg: 4,499

Antoinette Martin: 2,410

Josh Powell: 1,624

Melissa Sampey: 2,660

Angela Anderson, a candidate who dropped from the race, received 1,733 votes.

City council members are paid \$17,368 with small increases for the council president and president pro tem. Once the new board is seated in 2022, members will chose a president and president pro tem from among themselves.

Library millage passes

Voters approved the Westland Public Library's proposed 10-year, .85 millage rate. 5,418 people cast approving votes, and 4,972 were in dissent.

"I voted for the millage because I think education is important," said Shannon Rowe, who voted at Edison Elementary. "It's my daughter's first year in the district — she's going to John Glenn — and education is so important. If it's a couple of dollars on my winter taxes, so be it."

The millage is expected to generate \$14 million in 2022. Funds will go toward operating costs like staffing, programming and book purchases.

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Van Gogh experience expands

Immersive art exhibit to run through Oct. 3 due to its popularity

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"Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience" has extended its Detroit run at the TCF Center through Oct. 3 because of its popularity and sold-out crowds, the event company 313 Presents said. The exhibit was originally scheduled for an Aug. 15 close.

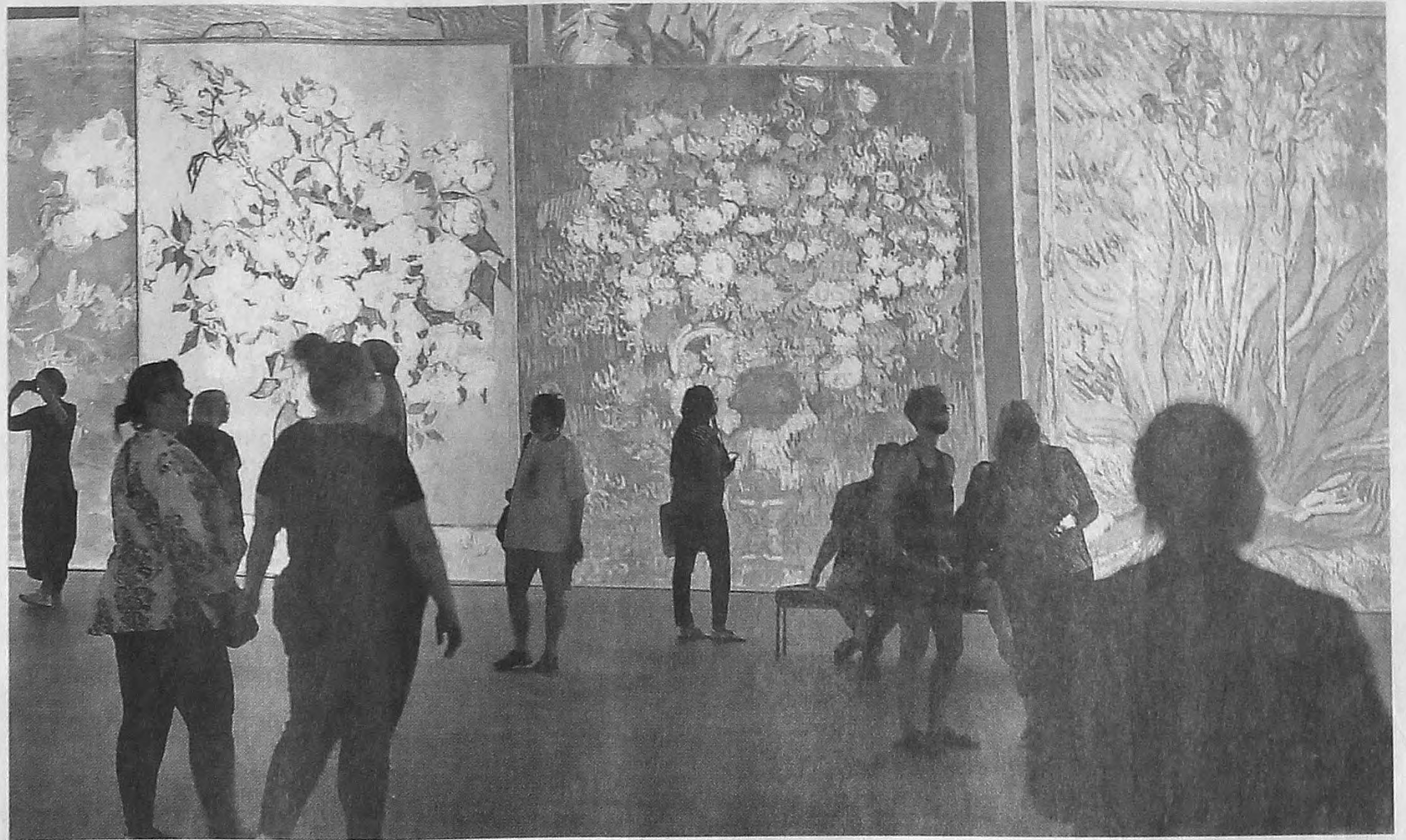
Not only have additional dates been added but daily admission times have also been expanded. Tickets can be purchased at vangoghdetroit.com.

The exhibit frees iconic artworks from their frames and employs animation, visual projections and a music score to allow visitors to walk into the worlds Van Gogh created.

Visitors tour through a history of the 19th-century painter's famously dramatic life and are surrounded by more than 300 of his paintings and sketches, which animate and undulate and drift around on all sides. They fill the floor, the columns and every wall. The entire affair is set to an evolving soundtrack of modern and classical music. A particularly stunning moment sees "The Starry Night," painted one stroke at a time. It magically comes to life with glowing moon and stars and gently lapping waves as a Miles Davis ballad purrs.

Though his artwork is the draw, the Dutch post-impressionist's own words are the star of the show. Quotes and passages are featured from decades-long correspondence with his brother Theo. Nearly a thousand such letters survive, and guests are treated to the painter's innermost thoughts on his work, life, depression, love, family and approach to art.

"The attendee response has been overwhelmingly positive for the Van Gogh exhibit, both in person and online," said Karen Totaro, TCF Center general manager. "People are exhilarated by the experience and invite their friends and family to see it all across our



People walked through the Interactive Beyond Van Gogh exhibit featuring many of the artists' famous works and quotes at the TCF Center in Detroit. The exhibit lasts about 30 minutes and his work shown in time-lapse on several screens and the floor. KIRTHMON F. DOZIER, DETROIT FREE PRESS

social media channels. What is so fun to watch is senior couples coming all dressed up and dancing in the spiraling lights or little ones chasing the beams of light across the floor. ... It is all so magical."

A visit to the exhibit at any given hour on any day can find giggling toddlers transforming into would-be ballerinas twirling across the floor, couples of every shape, age and racial makeup stealing kisses and multigenerational families posing for selfies.

One couple even decided to get married there. Charity Smith and Connor Barnes tied the knot in the main exhibit hall during a brief ceremony Sunday afternoon. With an officiant to preside and their mothers by their sides, the two celebrated their love amid Van Gogh's artwork because the bride is a lifelong fan.

"My fiancé and I had planned to get married in 2023 and have a big wedding," Smith said by phone two days before the ceremony. But we'd been discussing ways to elope, and we had tickets to 'Beyond Van Gogh.' ... I've loved Van Gogh all my life since I was a little girl, and my fiancé knew that, and he thought: 'What cooler opportunity?'"

"We reached out to (the organizers) because why not? A couple of weeks later, I heard back from them, and they agreed to let us get married there!"

Exhibit designer and creative director Mathieu St-Arnaud is delighted by the Detroit response.

"We are thrilled, deeply touched and humbly honored by the audience's positive reaction and enthusiasm. We wanted to create a very personal and awe-inspiring experience for the audience, so when we feel the appreciation, it's the

most wonderful feeling in the world. It's why we do what we do, why we get up in the morning!"

Totaro estimates approximately 50,000 people had visited the show.

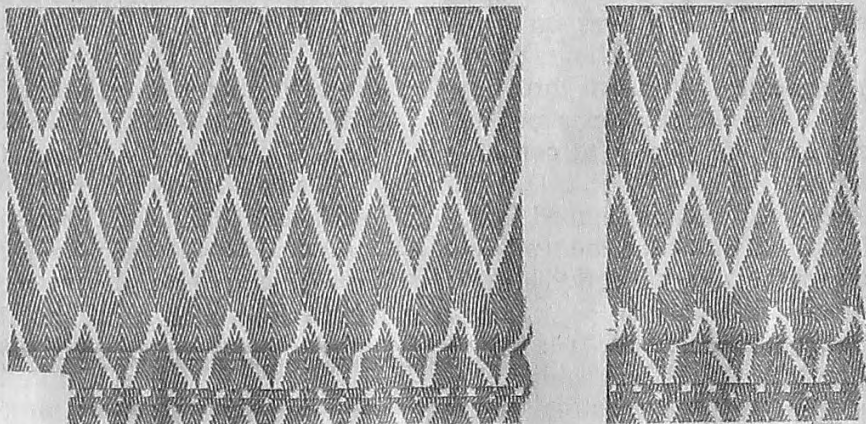
The extension puts the closing date within weeks of the opening of another traveling Van Gogh exhibit. "Immersive Van Gogh Detroit" opens Oct. 21 and runs through February 2022 with a location still to be announced. But right now, all eyes are on the TCF Center as "Beyond Van Gogh" ticket sales continue to boom.

"Online ticket sales are brisk and selling out," said Totaro. "We are very happy to extend the dates of this event and let people know events are back in Detroit. The more people come downtown, the more they will feel comfortable returning to public events. This was a perfect segue back to business for us."



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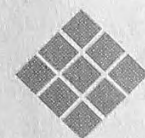
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Redford police promote one woman to lieutenant, two others to sergeant

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Three women were promoted within the Redford Township Police Department, a noteworthy incidental celebrated at the community's Aug. 3 National Night Out celebration.

17th District Judge Karen Khalil swore in new lieutenants Jennifer Mansfield and Mike Cracchiolo and new sergeants Michelle Crandall and Emily Fitzsimmons.

Cracchiolo really was the odd man in the group.

Chief Nick Lentine doesn't recall ever promoting so many women at one time. "They tested well. They finished

where they finished," he said. "It just so happened that this all happened at the same time. It was really - I don't want to say coincidence to minimize the significance of it - but it was just where they placed at their testing and we had this many openings at the same time. It resulted in everybody getting promoted at the same time."

Mansfield has been with the department for 15 years and hopes to keep excelling within the department of about 60 law enforcers.

"This is great. I love this community. All of us love this community," she said. "It's great to step into a leadership position and be able to help guide the department."

"I still have so many years left. You



The National Night Out celebration included three women being promoted. Here, new Lt. Jennifer Mansfield is sworn in by 17th District Judge Karen Khalil. Standing nearby is Redford Township Police Chief Nick Lentine. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

never know. I'm hoping to make captain and maybe even chief one day. We'll see."

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Veronica Conway pours orange topping on a frozen drink at the Biggby Coffee shop on Plymouth Road east of Middlebelt in Livonia. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Another Biggby Coffee café opens in Livonia

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The Caramel Marvel has made its return to southeast Livonia.

Biggby Coffee has returned to the Plymouth/Middlebelt intersection after closing its café several years ago in Wonderland Village. The new café, located across the street from the former shop, opened in early July.

"We're part of the community. I grew up here," said Ed Buison, a Livonia resident who owns the shop with his wife, Eileen. "If I can help the community in any way, even moreso, I'm going to try."

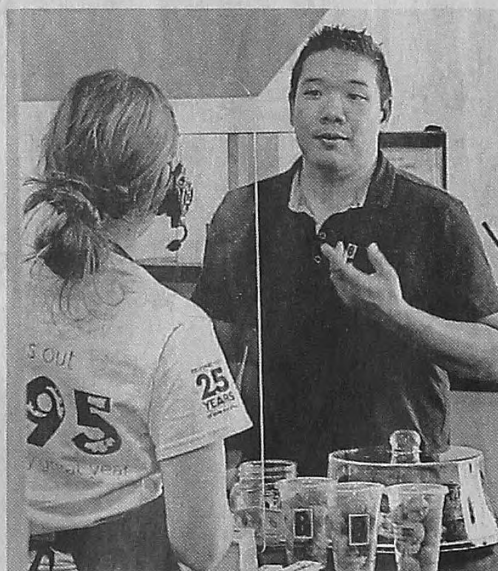
Buison, a Stevenson High School grad who also owns the Biggby Coffee at Ann Arbor and Newburgh roads in Livonia that opened in 2014, spent months working on getting the proper approvals from the city last year to locate his new franchise of the Lansing-based coffee company at 29223 Plymouth Road.

At issue was the drive-thru, crafted to specifically fit the coffee shop and its need for customers seeking a more convenient option to pick up their cup of joe. After working with the city, drive-thru plans were added, allowing caffeine-hungry customers a way to drive around the building to place their order and drive up to the window.

Inside, the shop serves up the classic drinks Biggby customers will recognize, including espresso and frozen drinks. It also serves up Fraser Tea, the Livonia-based tea company that landed in Biggby Coffee shops around the country last year as its tea provider.

Inside the new café is a new look for the traditionally orange-clad sitting area. It has several tables and a pair of booths for those looking to sit and work inside, as well as a study room that can be reserved for several people. Buison's other café also has a study room, which has become one of the more popular features of that space. Those looking to reserve the room for study groups or meetings will soon be able to do so on the shop's website.

The former Biggby, under different ownership, operated a drive-thru across the street. It closed several years ago and is now occupied by



Ed Buison, an owner of the new Biggby Coffee shop in at Plymouth/Middlebelt, speaks to an employee at the new shop July 7. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Smoothie King. In addition to several Biggby Coffee shops in Livonia, the company has locations in Westland, Farmington Hills, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Redford Township, South Lyon, and New Hudson.

The new shop isn't the only big change for the Buisons' business in the near future: Buison said he still hopes to relocate his Ann Arbor Road/Newburgh location west of its current spot and into a vacant building in the shopping center just west of McDonald's. He said that move could happen by the end of the year.

The shop opening comes at a time where redevelopment will come at a fast pace in that part of Livonia. Planned directly across the street from the new coffee house is the redevelopment of the shopping center that will contain a Chick-fil-A restaurant. Having that new development, Buison said, will help lift up the area, something he believes his new shop is doing as well.

"That's going to revitalize the property across the street; we're filling out this side. It's going to be awesome," he said. "It's going to draw more people in because it's going to be a nicer place to be."

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Dairy Queen planned for lot on Five Mile near Haggerty

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Peanut Buster Parfaits could be on their way to Northville Township.

The township received plans for a new Dairy Queen restaurant at 40570 Five Mile seeking approval to build. If eventually constructed, it would mark the first Dairy Queen in the Northville area.

The plans call for a new building on the property on Five Mile west of Haggerty next to George's 5 Barrel Liquor & Market. The site would have space for seating both inside and out and would also have a drive-thru.

"We're very excited to be moving forward with this project," said Todd Haidous, one of the proposed operators for the site.

The project was reviewed by the township's planning commission for a special land use during its meeting July 27 at Northville Township Hall. While the plan was eventually approved by a 4-2 vote, some commissioners and members of the public had some concern over the development. Those concerns circled around noise and disturbances to those who live near the site, especially given a few lower-impact businesses that already surround the area.

Dean Stacer, who lives on nearby Park Lane, said business hours were an issue, especially for a drive-thru.

"That's very late. Eleven is too late in my opinion," he said. "I'm concerned about that."

Some commissioners agreed, including Eric Lark, who cited the residential makeup of that area of Northville Township.

"I don't think there's a reason to be open past 10 o'clock," he said. "I don't know what the other commissioners think, but that's my opinion."

Haidous — who also operates Dairy Queen locations in Dearborn, Hillsdale, Coldwater and Angola, Indiana — said he is willing to work with the township to help screen the drive-thru and help keep disturbances away from the residents. When asked about possibly eliminating the drive-thru to make it more of a walk-up stand, Haidous said most business is now being done through the drive-thru. With the COVID-19 pandemic, that model is expected to continue for some time.

He also said those hours are important to Dairy Queen to operate under.

"When it comes to the drive-thru and drive-thru hours, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., we do that in the wintertime and then we push that back one hour in the summertime to 11 p.m.," Haidous said. "That one hour honestly does make a difference for us."

In the end, the planning commission opted to limit the hours to run until 10:30 p.m., splitting the difference between 10-11 p.m. After a year of operation, the petitioners could return to the planning commission to propose pushing those hours back to 11 p.m. if there are not any issues once operating.

Township Planner Jennifer Frey told the commission they would also see the project return for a site plan review again in the future.

Dairy Queen franchises operate in several locations across the region, including in Farmington Hills, Redford Township, Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Canton Township, Novi, Milford Township, Highland Township and Bloomfield Township. Plans for a new Dairy Queen were also recently reviewed in Livonia.

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New fee for Whole Foods delivery

Sue Selasky
Detroit Free Press
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Amazon Prime members who order groceries from Whole Foods Market for delivery are in for an added fee starting soon.

In an email on Friday to its Prime members, Amazon, the parent company of Whole Foods Market, stated it would add a \$9.95 service fee to grocery deliveries. Amazon is tacking on the fee in six markets, including Detroit.

The new charge starts Aug. 30 and Amazon said it was adding the fee to avoid raising product prices.

Amazon referred to the added charge as a "pilot program," according to a spokesman in an email to the Free Press.

"This service fee helps to cover operating costs so we can continue to offer the same competitive everyday prices in-store and online at Whole Foods Market," Amazon said in the email sent to Prime shoppers.

The added delivery charge will help the e-commerce giant cover equipment and other costs associated with grocery delivery.

Amazon also cited that a service fee is common at similar companies.

Grocery pickup is still free for Prime members.

Amazon shook up the grocery industry when it bought Whole Foods Market in 2017 for more than \$13 billion. Soon after Amazon offered deals such as the free-delivery deal for Prime members on orders of \$35 or more as well as other discounts.

As customers relied on grocery delivery and pickup services because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Amazon said its Whole Foods Markets delivered more than three times as many orders in 2020 than it did in 2019.

Now, Amazon said it is seeing a shift between online orders and in-store visits. It also said that the average basket size has increased since January.

"We are investing in initiatives and technology to make the in-store shopping experience more convenient and rewarding," the spokesman said.

The five other markets that will see the delivery fee are the metro Chicago and Boston areas; Portland, Maine; Providence, Rhode Island, and Manchester, New Hampshire.

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Obituaries

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Rosetta Maddick

PLYMOUTH - Rosetta Mae Maddick, a resident of Plymouth, passed from this life on July 27, 2021, at the age of 91. Rosetta was the beloved wife of the late Ellery "James," and dear mother of Susan B. Carroll (Brian), Steven, and Evelyn Ruiz (Ralph Atencio). She was the cherished grandmother of Megan Carroll, Conrad (Betsy) Ruiz and Lauren Pienta. The family has entrusted care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton (734) 981-1700. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com.



Bevis Becker Richardson

Bevis Becker Richardson, 87, passed away unexpectedly at home on July 30, 2021.

Bevis was a labor and delivery nurse at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne Michigan for many years. She was a devoted member of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, MI. She served as Financial Secretary and chief weeder of the berm. She volunteered for the Canton public library and sewed sock monkeys and quilt squares for the Freedom Village Scholarship program. She was well known for her love of a good glass a wine, traveling the world in search of a beach and a place to snorkel, her skills as a seamstress and her famous Yorkshire pudding.

Bevis is survived by her husband of 66-years Ralph, her sister: Lois (Dean), her children: David (and Laura), Lois Kolada (and Paul), Peter (and Wendy) and Timothy (and Michele), and grandchildren: Jeffrey, Brynn, Amanda, Jennifer and James.

She was preceded in death by her parents Robert Becker and Muriel 'nee Rice Becker.

A memorial service will be held on September 9, 2021 at 11:00am at First Presbyterian Church in Holland, Mich.

Memorials may be directed to Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, Mich. or First Presbyterian church in Holland, Mich. For more information, or to sign an online register book, please visit dykstrafuneralhome.com



Randall William Berry, SR

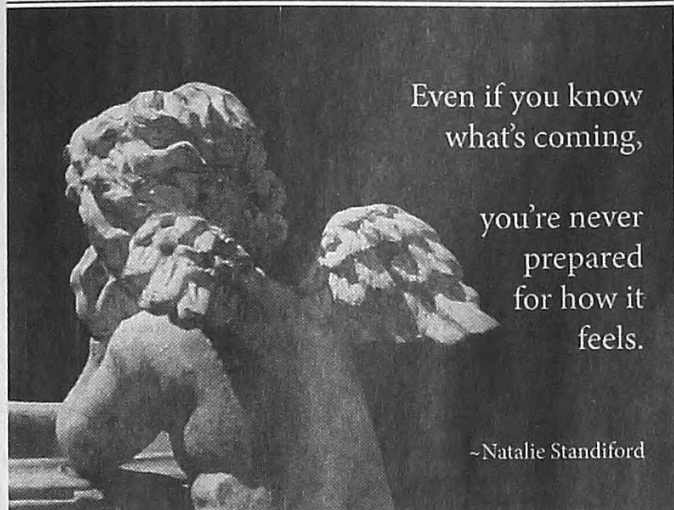
LEBANON, TN - Age 69 of Lebanon, TN passed away on Monday, July 26, 2021. He was preceded in death by parents, Russell and Alice Ruth Berry; brother, Rick Berry; sister, Patricia Berry and sister-in-law, Patricia Berry.

He is survived by sons, Randall (Heather) Berry II and Christopher (Carrie) Berry; brother Russell Berry; and grandchildren, Samantha Berry, Carly Berry, and Christopher Berry II.

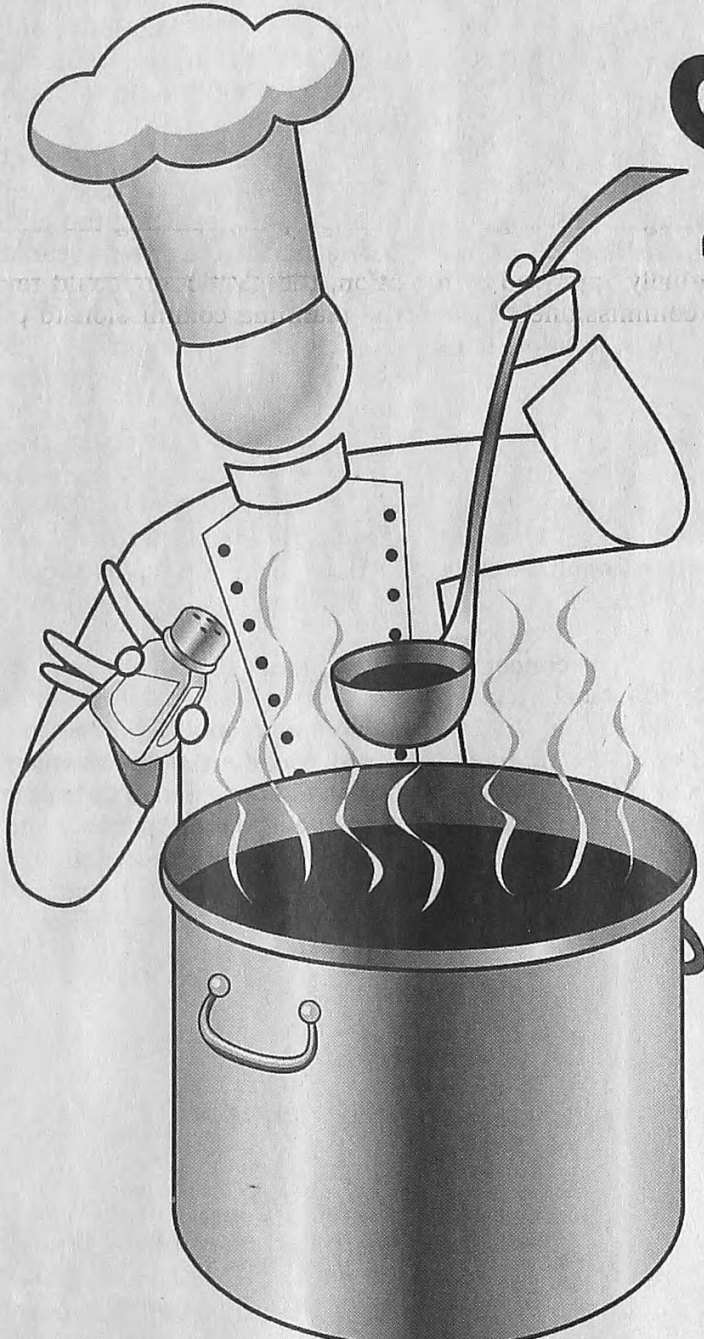
Mr. Berry was an Army Veteran. He worked in construction for Walbridge in Detroit, Michigan for over 30 years and then recently for Certified Construction Services out of Nashville. He enjoyed the outdoors, spending his time hunting, fishing, and golfing.

There will be a private family gathering at a later date.

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Save me a slice

Novella's Pizza scores new restaurant at Ford Field

David Veselenak

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There's a new reason to head to Ford Field and watch the Detroit Lions this upcoming football season. And it has nothing to do with the product on the field.

Novella's Pizza, the shop which first launched in 2018 in New Hudson, announced its plans to open a location inside the football stadium in downtown Detroit at the end of August.

The deal, which Novella's owner Brandon Davis said has been in the works since before the COVID-19 pandemic, is one he and the rest of the Novella's team are excited about.

"This has been in the works a long time," he said. "It's pretty wild and random how it worked out."

He said a Ford Field representative reached out to them after trying their pizza and thought it would be a good fit for the stadium the Detroit Lions call home. After some back-and-forth, Davis said they came to a "handshake agreement" before the COVID-19 pandemic was declared.

The deal was delayed as the pandemic continued and wasn't made official until after it was confirmed that events with large crowds would return to Ford Field once restrictions were lifted.

The stand in the stadium expects to open Aug. 27 for the Lions preseason game against the Indianapolis Colts, Davis said. He said they won't be open for the Lions' first preseason game against the Buffalo Bills Aug. 13, as that takes place during Milford Memories and Davis said that event needed their attention.

Milford Memories is scheduled for Aug. 13-15.

Not everyone will have access to Novella's on game days, however: the restaurant is opening in a section of the stadium dedicated to certain members, which will be restricted to fans in certain sections for Lions games and concerts. Davis said he believes the restaurant will be open to the entire stadium for other events, such as the Quick Lane Bowl and monster truck events.

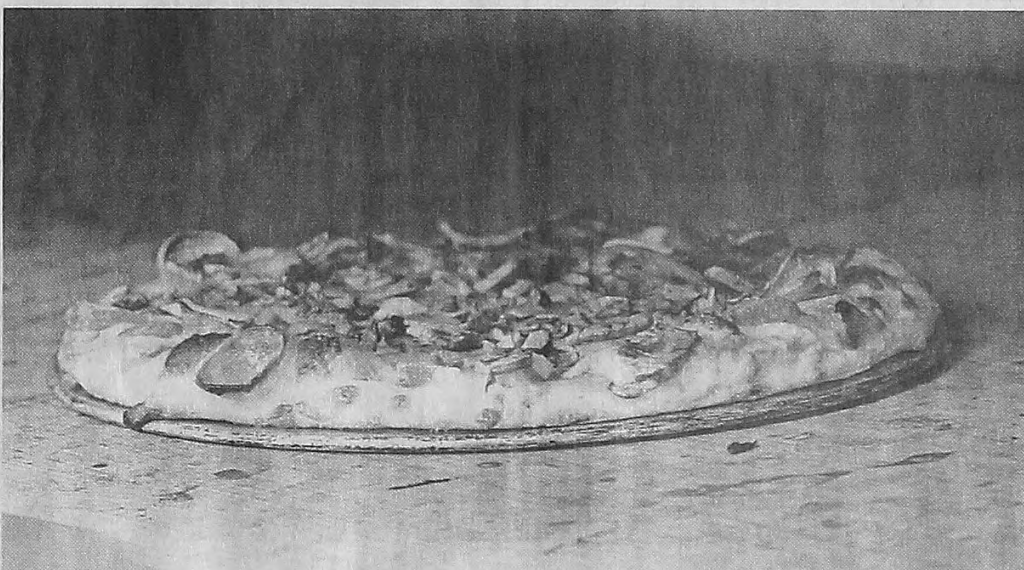
Once open, he expects to have 3-4 types of pizza, all small hand-tossed pies. He said he expects to offer garlic knots and is working in crafting a special Lions-themed pizza for the space. Novella's currently offers a few pizzas at its two locations named after Detroit sports legends from teams including the Red Wings, Pistons and Tigers.

The expansion news is just the latest move for the western Oakland County pizza shop. It opened a restaurant in downtown Milford earlier this spring, which also serves up drinks.

Bringing Novella's to Detroit, Davis said, is something he hopes expands the pizzeria's name recognition. Opening up a new segment of metro Detroit to its



Novella's owner Brandon Davis takes a pie out of the oven at their Milford location on July 27. Novella's will be opening a location at Ford Field in Detroit in time for this year's Lions' games. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

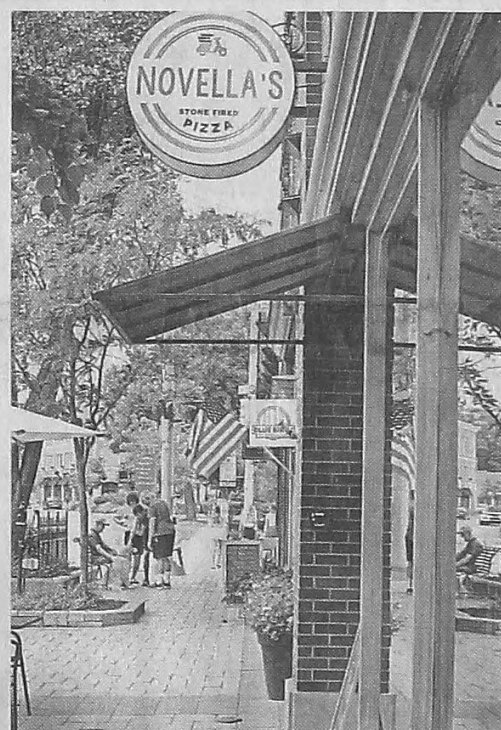


A Novella's pepperoni and mushroom pizza in their Milford location's oven. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

award-winning pizza is the next logical step to possibly expanding even farther. "Our goal is to continue to grow and expand and we can use this for that," Davis said. "Only good things can come from it."

"Who knows what that next step is going to be."

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Novella's pizza at 426 N. Main in Milford. Novella's will be opening a location at Ford Field in Detroit in time for this year's Lions' games. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Neighbors continue to raise issue over proposed Livonia apartments

David Veselenak

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Neighbors who live south of Wonderland Village in Livonia continue to speak out against a proposed apartment complex development on a piece of vacant land in the shopping center.

Several residents who live in the neighborhood south of the development near Plymouth and Middlebelt roads spoke out against the project at the July 27 planning commission meeting at Livonia City Hall, where a rezoning request was to be heard.

Stephen Weldon, who lives near the center, said the redevelopment of the site, which is owned by Livonia-based Schostak Brothers, is something the residential neighbors have had issues with for years. He said it dates back to when Wonderland Mall was first demolished and the new shopping center was proposed.

"I see that this is the ongoing petition that we keep facing in the southeast corner of Livonia here. Every time Schostak has tried to do something, we've faced, as a community, planning commission,

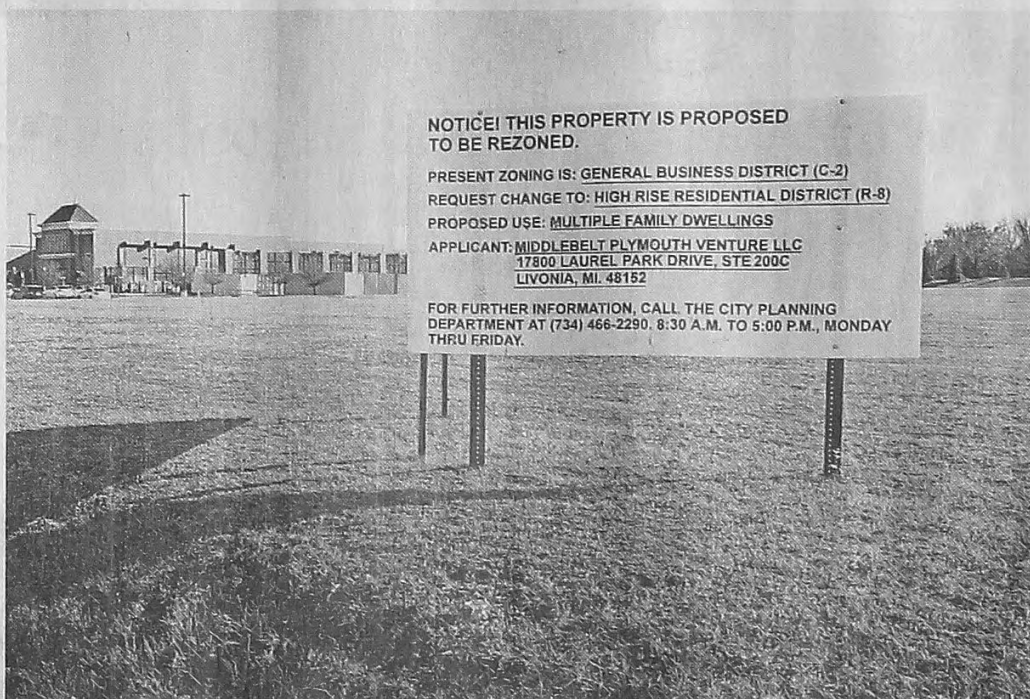
the city (councilmembers) and the mayor, ... all seeming to go against what the community wants."

The property in question is the empty lot located between Walmart and LA Fitness on the west side of the shopping center. The land has been vacant for many years and was proposed late last year to the planning commission to construct high-rise apartment buildings on the 11 acres.

While there were plenty of residential comments heard during the meeting, the developer asked the commission to table the item to a future, undetermined date to work on a few things regarding the development.

"We would like the opportunity to further study our current plan and those comments, which requires additional time," said Stephen Duczynski, the company's vice president of development and construction. "Putting it simply, we have more work to do."

The request for the property would be to change the zoning from C-2 General Business to R-8 High Rise Residential. Once the planning commission makes a decision, the city council has the final say on the rezoning. Typically in Livonia,



Apartments might be coming to this property in Livonia's Wonderland Village along Plymouth Road near Middle Belt. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

if the city council indicates it will allow a change of zoning, it will hold a first reading and hold the final rezoning until it receives a site plan. Once a site plan arrives, oftentimes the council will then hold a second reading and approval on the rezoning.

Victoria Kowaleski, who lives on Orangelawn, said it doesn't make sense to construct residential units in the middle of the shopping center. Having high-rise apartments look down on backyards, she said, wasn't what she or her neighbors wants.

"This is unfeasible. This man, this developer is asking for an oasis of residential property, surrounded but backed up by a neighborhood," she said. "My neighbors and I are totally against this."

"This time, hear us and stand up for us. Your taxpayers. The people who pay the salaries of the people who work for Livonia."

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High-end sneaker shop opens in Westland

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Darrell Harrison has gone from selling shoes on the street to selling them in a storefront. Harrison recently opened Privileged Kicks — a high-end sneaker shop at 6623 N. Wayne Road in Westland — designed to sell some of the top-end sneakers made by companies such as Nike, Adidas and more.

Beginning on his own is a regular pathway for those looking to break into the sneaker business, Harrison said.

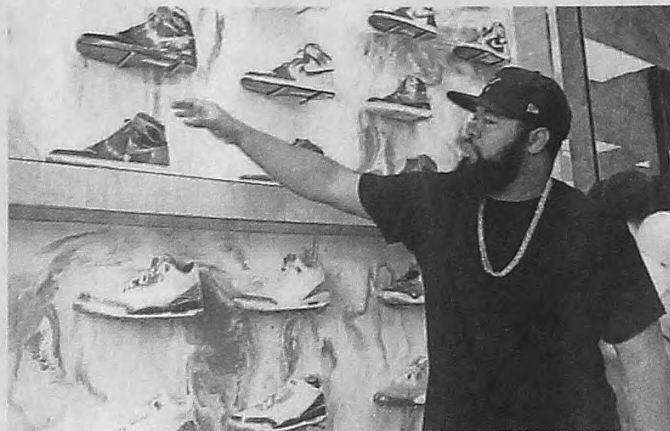
"A lot of people do it, and it's getting bigger and bigger and bigger," he said. "It's a multi-billion dollar industry."

Harrison worked to open he shop in the Westland Plaza shopping center for several months, dating back before the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered businesses and construction projects for most of last spring.

"This has been in the works for the past year," he said. "As soon as (Gov. Gretchen Whitmer) lifted some restrictions, I got to work on it."

Once work could begin, he began working to reconfigure the space, which formerly held BoRics, to fit his brand. The shop has a higher-end feel, with high-quality materials used around the store and even custom artwork adorning the walls.

Opening along Wayne Road in Westland is the perfect spot for Privileged Kicks, Harrison said, due to there not being a lot of similar sneaker shops such in



Privileged Kicks owner Darrell Harrison shows off some of his Westland store's display of Nike and Air Jordan shoes. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Privileged Kicks shoe store at 6623 N. Wayne Road. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the area.

"I just think Westland is a great place," he said. "I think it's a city on the rise and I think there's just a huge market for sneakers in Westland."

The shop's current hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. More information can be found on the shop's Instagram page @privilegedkickswestland.

When it comes to sneakers, Harrison said they're about confidence. Having a nice pair of shoes, he said, is no different than having a nice set of clothes.

"People like to feel good," he said. "When you wear a

nice pair of shoes and get a compliment, they feel good about themselves.

"It's like an empowering kind of thing." Contact reporter David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.

Livonia AM Rotary moves festival to September

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It's back.

The Livonia AM Rotary Club will hold its annual festival again Sept. 16-20. Like many other events, it was canceled last year because of the pandemic.

"We're hoping for three days of good weather," Bob Carris, the club's immediate past president, said.

The event is a family-friendly carnival complete with rides, games and concessions.

Livonia City Council officially approved the event at a recent meeting. AM Rotary had planned the event for July 30 through Aug. 8, but needed to switch vendors because of staffing shortages. It will be held at the former Sears parking lot in Livonia at the corner of Seven

Mile and Middlebelt roads.

Carris said, even with a new vendor, most festival-goers won't notice any difference.

"Everything, to most people, should look very the same," he said. "I don't know of any dramatic changes."

The event is the club's biggest fundraising effort of the year, and Carris said it's a big reason the club is so involved in the community.

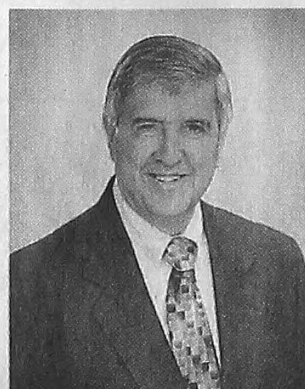
"It used to be, and still hopefully will be, our most major fundraiser for the whole year," Carris said. "Last year, we didn't do any fundraising at all because of COVID and we're looking to raise some money so we can do good works in Livonia and the surrounding areas."

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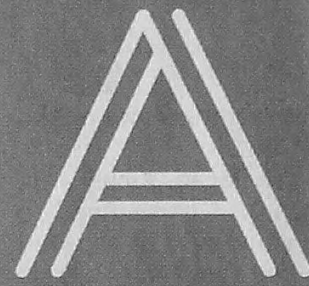
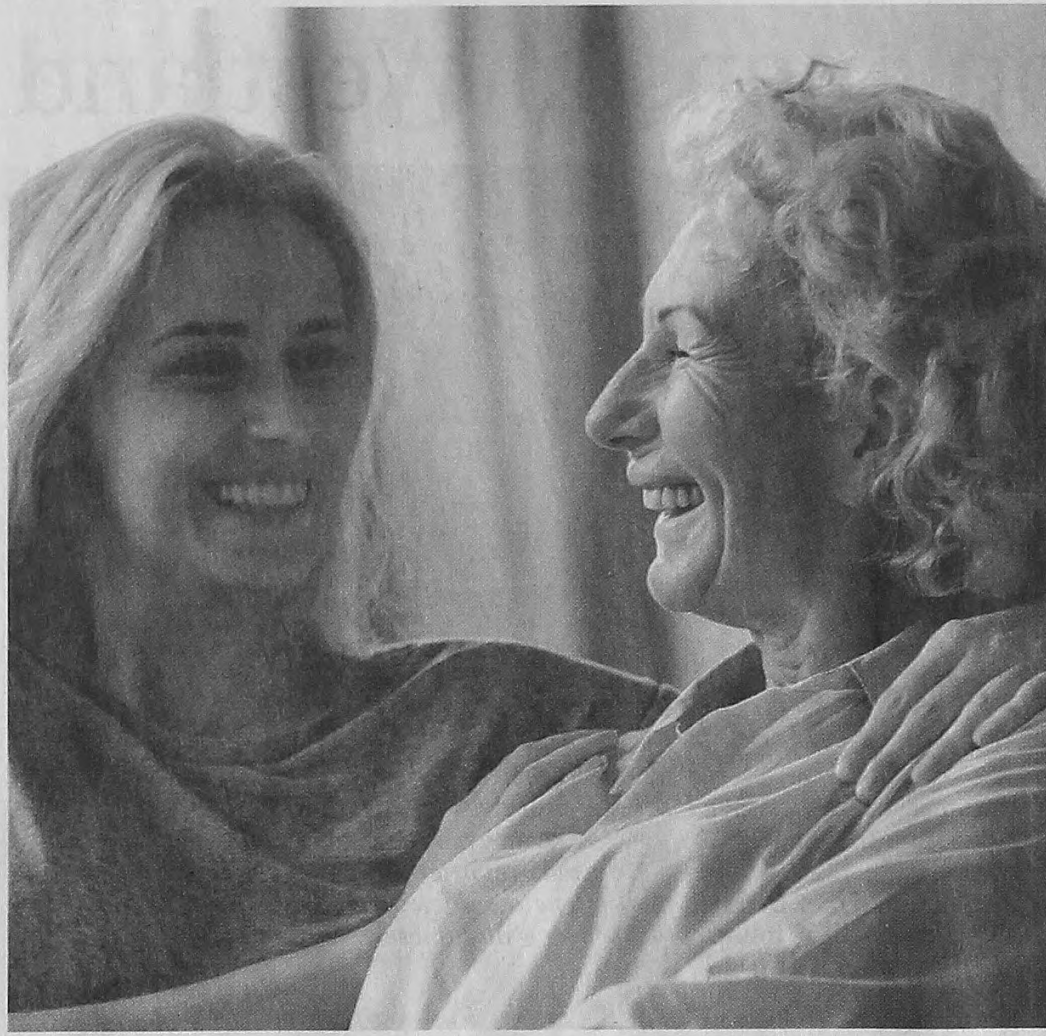
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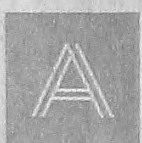
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SPORTS

Plymouth realizes how big football can be with Sunshine Camp

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The familiar stage was set: Plymouth football players in their jerseys, the inflatable Wildcat on the side of the field begging to be run through, varsity cheerleaders lining the sideline.

The final Friday night of July was just a taste of what would eventually be-

come routine at the end of August.

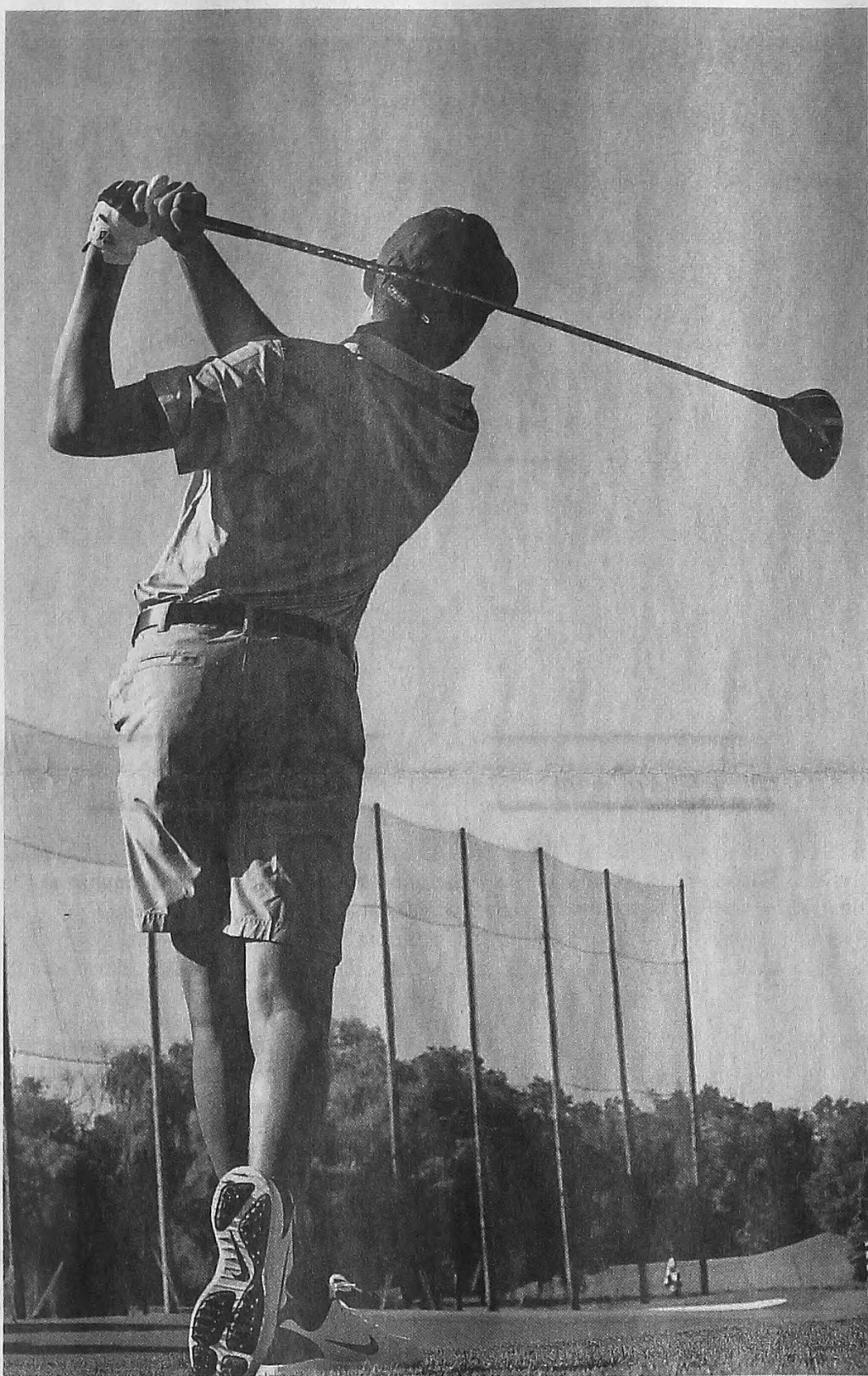
But this Friday night was different. Before Plymouth could experience the routine of the upcoming season, as fall camp quickly approaches, the players would experience how special football could be for a group that couldn't be on the field like they could.

It wasn't a new idea. Senior quarter-

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Sunshine's Football Clinic counselors and campers "bring it in" at the start of the night's activity. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Troy Watson tees off on the driving range at St. John's. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Troy Watson brings golf prowess to Livonia Stevenson

Colin Gay
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Troy Watson was 12 years old when his golf putt attracted the attention of the man who would be his future coach.

Curt Hay, Livonia Stevenson head boys golf coach, was leading a practice session at Oasis Golf Center in Northville Township when he saw the young Watson working on his short game.

"I went over and asked him if he would demonstrate for my seniors, so I could point out everything that I wanted them to do," Hay recalls. "I said, 'This kid's got a pure putting stroke. I want these guys to try and copy it.'"

"It didn't work anyway." Three years later, Hay received a letter from Troy Watson, an incoming freshman at Stevenson High School, introducing himself and saying he's looking forward to playing for his team in 2021. As he read the letter, all the Spartans coach could think of was, "I wonder if that's the same kid I met at the Dome?"

In his first year at Stevenson, that 12-year-old putter turned 15-year-old freshman shined for the Spartans, leading the team to its first state finals appearance since 1998, finishing first on the team with a 161 - shooting a 76 on the second day.

For Watson, that's the base, something to build off of. His offseason is spent on the driving range and the golf course with his father, Damon, as well as mother and two siblings, each improving at the game that united each of

them from an early age.

For the Watson family, golf has always been a family affair.

Passing down the love of golf

Damon Watson remembers his father playing golf. He never really went with him - laughing that he used the game to get away for a little bit - but he was aware of the sport starting at age 8, first picking up his own clubs at 14.

To him, golf became the ultimate equalizer.

"I felt like I could play with doctors and lawyers, even though I wasn't one of them," Damon said. "I wasn't in high society, but when I was on the golf course and beating them on the golf course, they wanted my number and they wanted to see how I could play with them again. It made me feel good. It gave me confidence about life."

When Damon Watson started his family at 36, he was eager to start passing his love of golf down.

"The moment Troy was born, the day of, I put my finger in his grip and the first thing I could think of was golf," he said.

Those thoughts continued, as he bought his son a set of toy golf clubs for his third birthday, and watched as Troy put four balls straight into the hole with no coaching whatsoever. Damon even found himself waking up randomly and telling his wife he had a dream that Troy and his brother Damo were going to be "stars" on the course.

The father set the course, beginning

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Bradshaw brings high expectations to South Lyon softball field

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Ava Bradshaw just helped South Lyon softball to its first state title in school history and she's already back to work.

The incoming sophomore's travel season just ended, playing across the country, focusing more on her personal development while also playing for

something bigger than herself: her team, her friends; something her freshman season with the Lions brought to light.

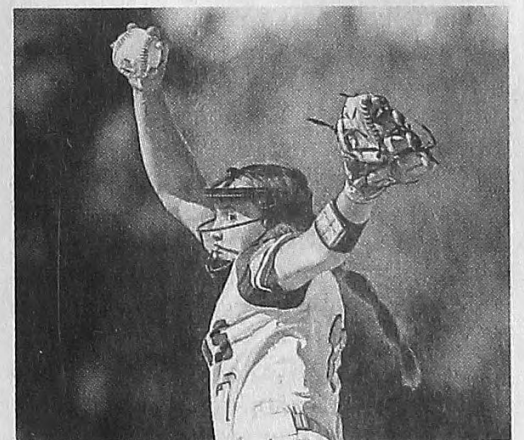
Bradshaw's already been noticed in Michigan. In her 186.1 innings as a pitcher, she struck out 329 batters compared to 51 walks, posting a 1.12 ERA and an opponent batting average of .140. At the plate, the freshman hit .410 with six home runs and 30 RBI, helping her win Hometown Life's 2020-21 Female Ath-

lete of the Year award.

But Bradshaw has goals that surpass state borders. It's something her first season at South Lyon only furthered. It's the reason why she works five-to-seven days a week in the weight room or on the field.

"I think if I work as hard as I possibly can, I can do anything I set my mind to," Bradshaw said.

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South Lyon's Ava Bradshaw pitches to a DeWitt batter in the sixth inning during the state quarterfinal game at Novi High School. NICK KING/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

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Hartland, Brighton girls win national wrestling championships in Fargo

Bill Khan

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Eliana Bommarito of Hartland and Sabrina Nauss of Brighton have put together incredible resumes on the wrestling mat, winning titles at the state, regional and national levels.

For each, capturing championships at the junior and 16U nationals at the Fargodome in Fargo, N.D., last month top their personal lists.

Bommarito, who will be a senior at Hartland this fall, won the junior (18-and-under) national championship at 225 pounds.

Nauss, entering her sophomore year at Brighton, won the 16-and-under title at 180 pounds and placed third moving up an age group at junior.

"That was probably one of the most amazing experiences I've ever had, because it was insane," Nauss said. "Having the spotlight on you, having your coaches in your corner and just to put everything I had at the end of my season into that last match, it was great.

"I've won some, but not as big as what Fargo is."

It was the first trip to Fargo for Bommarito, who is gunning for her fourth girls state championship this winter. Last year's tournament was canceled because of COVID-19 restrictions.

"It definitely felt a little more nerve-racking, because I knew there would be a lot more different competition and I knew this tournament was the most serious tournament I've been to," Bommarito said.

"It was definitely something I was in disbelief about. It was my first year, I was super nervous. Usually I rely on my strength rather than technique for wrestling females. These girls were equally as strong, if not stronger. It was different challenges. That was super hard."

Bommarito allowed only one point in her four matches, winning two via pins, one by an 11-0 decision and one by injury default.

She pinned Lexie Cole of Missouri in 2 minutes, 34 seconds in the championship match.

"It was definitely nice to see different competition, different wrestlers," Bommarito said. "I really enjoyed my finals match, because the girl I wrestled was

not about heavy hands, so I could actually try to attempt some leg attacks, even though I'm not the best at them. It was nice to get some different moves in."

Nauss won her first two matches at 16-and-under with first-period pins before beating Kiara Ganey of Illinois by technical fall in 3:17.

In juniors, she lost 14-13 in the quarterfinals to Alivia White of Washington before battling back to finish in third.

"It was good to see some of the girls, a lot of them who are seniors," Nauss said. "I got to see some girls who are high up in the rankings.

"I need to get my conditioning back up and get my stamina back up. I also need to get better at just defending and shooting in more on these bigger girls."

Brighton coach Shawn Scott said the Bulldogs have had only one other wrestler reach the championship match at Fargo, that being two-time state champion Luke Ready in 2014. Ready was the runner-up that year.

"Besides Super 32, Fargo is the toughest freestyle tournament in high school to win," Scott said. "Winning Fargo means you're No. 1 in the country at that weight class you compete in."

Bommarito and Nauss are excited that the next girls high school tournament will be under the umbrella of the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the first time. The MHSAA announced in May that it will add an individual girls tournament with 14 weight classes.

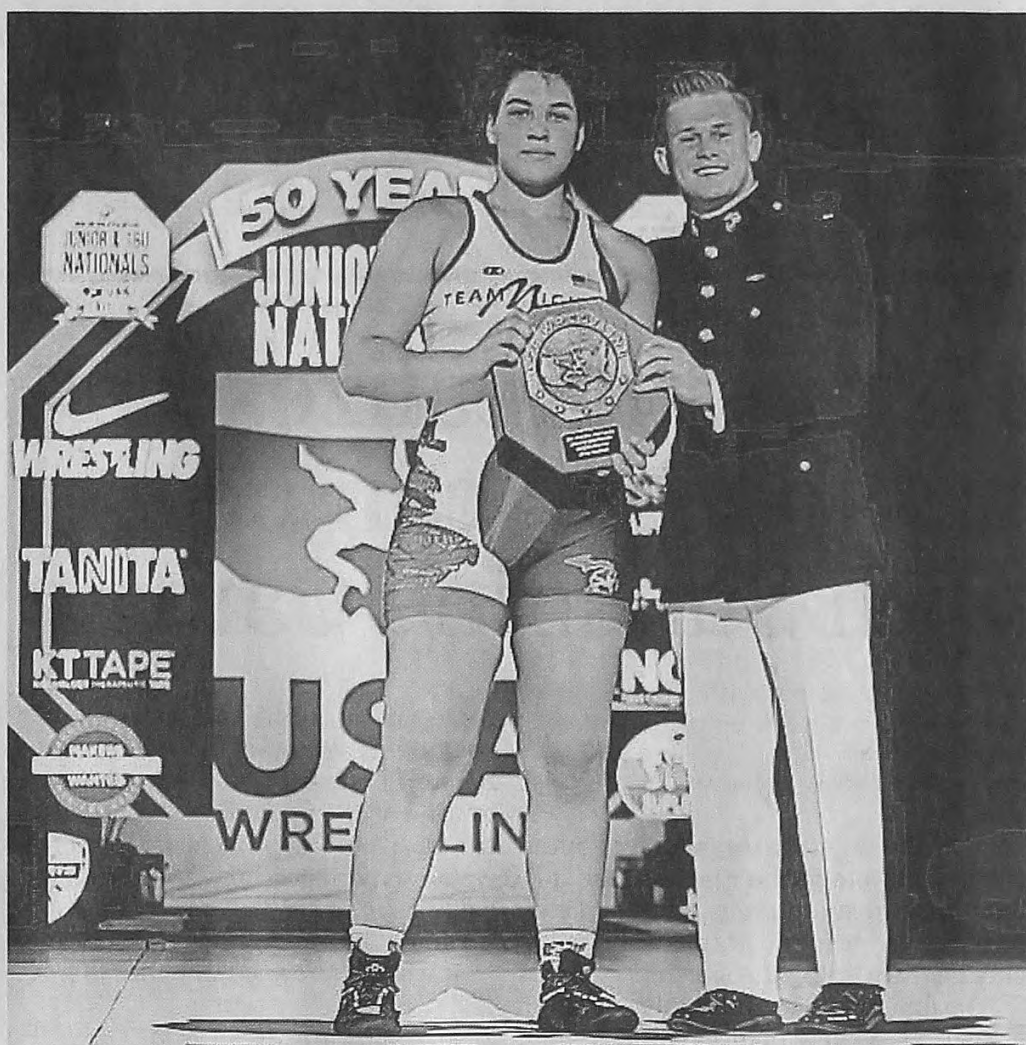
The first three girls high school tournaments have been conducted by the Michigan Wrestling Association. The first two were held at Adrian College, while Michigan Revolution Training Center in Highland hosted the event last winter.

"That's going to be crazy, just to be able to compete with them at Ford Field and be alongside the guys," Nauss said. "That's a huge step for Michigan. It'll be great. It was amazing to hear that."

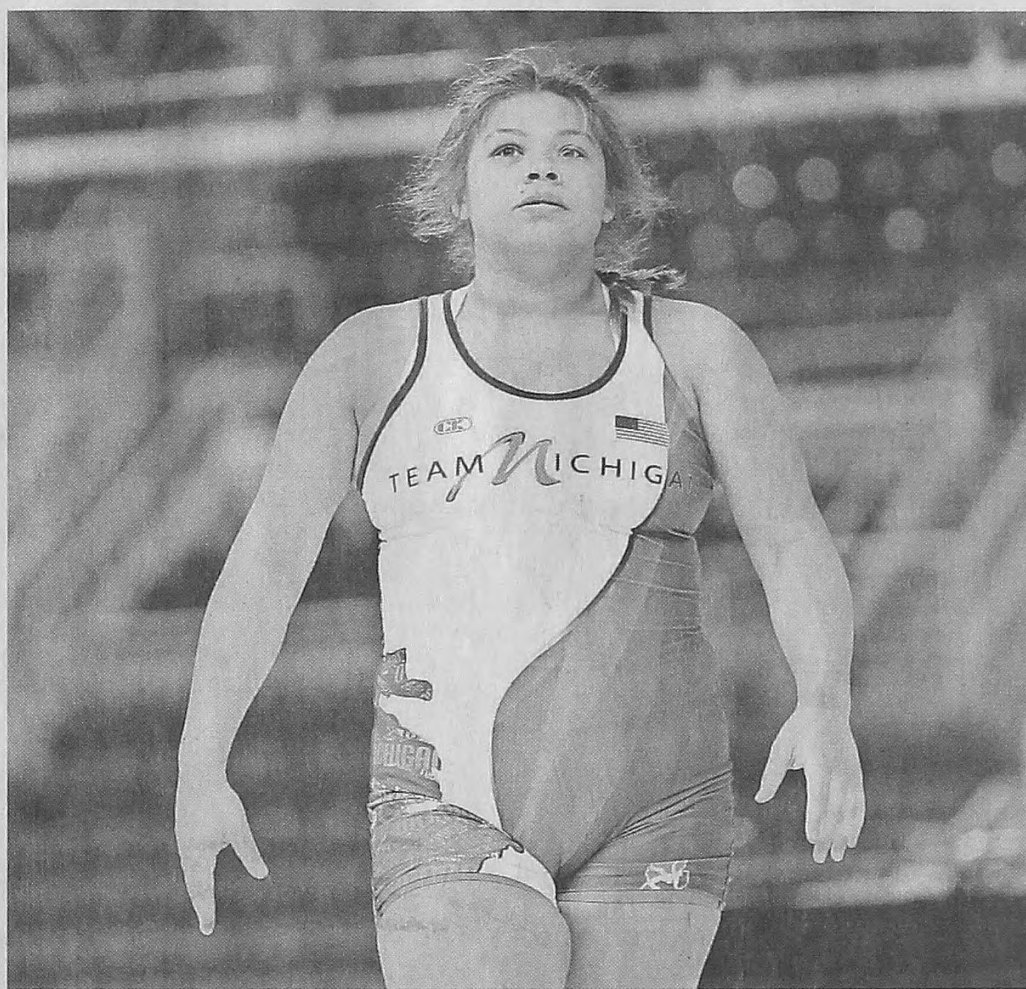
The only drawback, Bommarito said, is that girls must choose to compete in either the girls or boys individual tournament. They've previously been allowed to compete in both.

"A lot of girls enjoy being able to wrestle both the male and female state tournaments," she said.

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Eliana Bommarito of Hartland won the junior 220-pound division at the national wrestling tournament in Fargo, N.D. COURTESY PHOTO



Sabrina Nauss of Brighton won the 180-pound 16-and-under championship at the national wrestling tournament in Fargo, N.D. COURTESY PHOTO

Bradshaw

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Team-first mentality

South Lyon head softball coach Dan DePaulis heard about Bradshaw coming into the 2020-21 school year, hearing whispers from the travel softball community about how good she was. He saw her in action for himself, immediately raising the bar for what the Lions could do in the spring.

At the start of tryouts, DePaulis separated each of the players by class, saying it's a reset for everyone involved, eventually separating players between JV and varsity teams.

Bradshaw, he said, never assumed where she was going to go. She wanted to earn the respect.

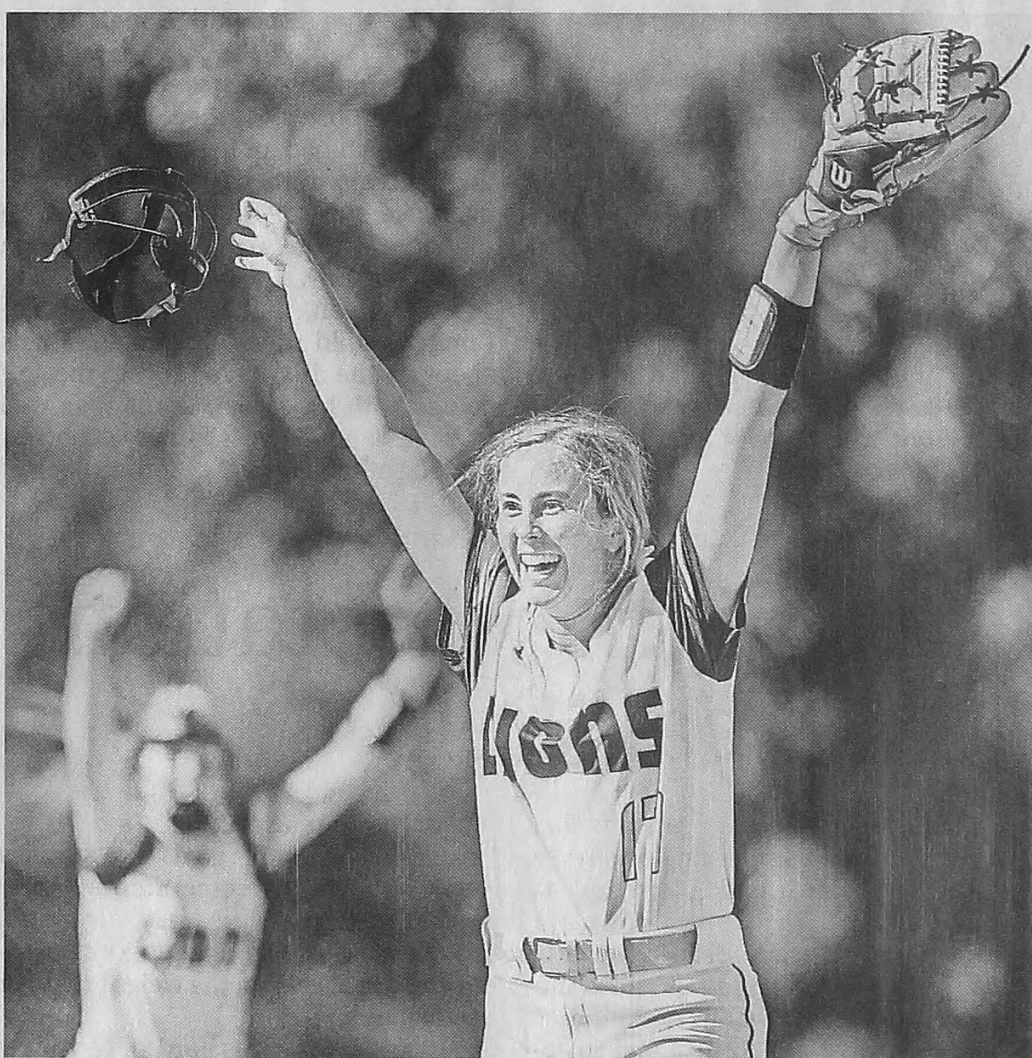
"She came in humble. She knows she's good and she's a competitor and wants to win. But she's not cocky in that way and very respectful to the upper-classmen," DePaulis said. "She just fit in right away."

In the Bradshaw house, being a good teammate is a non-negotiable. Scott and Calli Bradshaw, Ava's parents, encouraged her, saying that's all that's going to matter in the long run. And in her first season with the Lions, that's the kind of approach DePaulis saw her take, developing the overall team chemistry to new heights.

Bradshaw said South Lyon was united together, focused on the same goal of fighting back when it needed to and not letting up, something she said really helped them get to that state final against Allen Park and get them over the hump.

"We had worked really hard to be there," Bradshaw said. "We deserved to be there. But we weren't overconfident, necessarily. We knew we worked hard to be there, we deserved to be in that dug-out and we wanted to win it because we had gotten that far."

Bradshaw's individual focus was getting better in the pitcher's circle, con-



South Lyon's pitcher Ava Bradshaw celebrates after beating DeWitt in the state quarterfinal game on June 15 at Novi High School. NICK KING/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

tinuing the process of learning to pitch instead of just throwing that she started from her first practices in travel ball; putting an emphasis on moving the ball and throwing off-speed pitches to mess up opposing hitters.

DePaulis said Bradshaw and the South Lyon pitching coaches talk constantly about how she is attacking hitters.

"I think that's what takes her to the next level is not only does she throw hard and has good movement, but she also is thinking about 'How can I get kids out? How can I attack them and what are their weaknesses?'" DePaulis said.

"She's going to be a great coach one day, I'll put it that way. We'll do scrimmages and stuff and we'll have her just mess around and call pitches for the other pitchers. She knows how to call a game; she knows how to attack hitters."

Focusing on the long-term

Bradshaw's clear that while she's only heading into her sophomore year, her softball goals don't stop at South Lyon.

"I think playing for a team and winning for our school is inspiring to want to play college even more and just my love of the game," she said.

Watching her pitch, it's something Scott Bradshaw sees his daughter striving for.

He said she takes the time to send emails to college coaches, putting her name out there, while also honing her craft to be the best pitcher she can be.

"I think with her metrics and velocity and things like that, I think she has the ability to play at the next level. It's just a matter of how high and how refined," Scott Bradshaw said. "She's really developed the speed that will get all the colleges noticed; 67, 68. That's started. (It's) already in motion. Now it's about where she ends up."

To DePaulis, it's not a question whether Ava Bradshaw will get noticed by a Power 5 program. It's when.

But instead of just her waiting for SEC, ACC and Big Ten coaches to call when they are able to – even though the head coach knows they are already watching her – the pitcher is taking initiative, joining the Lady Dukes 18U team down south, joining a staff filled with Division 1-committed pitchers.

"She's choosing not to be comfortable," DePaulis said. "You tie that all together and you can see why she has so much success because she has that right mindset of 'how can I get better and how can I compete every day.'"

Bradshaw likes to stay in the present, though. She still finds it strange that her and her high school team didn't lose to end their season. She said she keeps feeling there's more games to play.

There are. South Lyon is returning its top six batters in its order ahead of the 2022 season, with goals to make it back to Lansing. But the incoming sophomore knows that's still far away. Achieving those goals come later.

"Like my first year, just trying to stay consistent, keep having a plan," Bradshaw said of her goals for her sophomore softball season. "Keep getting better for me and for the team."

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Load sharing: Cunningham, Hayes '1A and 1B' as Pistons ball-handlers

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After the Pistons won the NBA draft lottery, Cade Cunningham began studying his new team on YouTube.

Of course, Cunningham was a month away from being drafted by the Pistons. But he wanted to get a head start. He pulled up full games and highlights to get a feel for his soon-to-be-teammates, and how his game could fit alongside them.

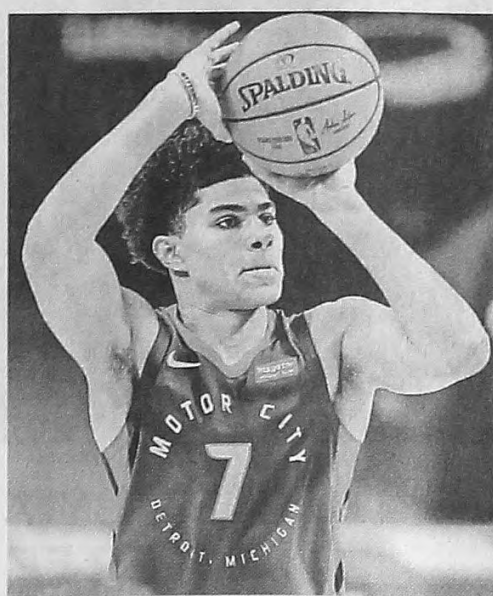
Cunningham had his first chance to use what he learned on Monday during his first practice with the summer league team. The group will practice all week before leaving for Vegas on Friday for the five-game slate, beginning Sunday.

After a long pre-draft process that prevented him from getting any five-on-five work in, he said it was fun to be able to get back into the offseason swing.

"I want to get a flow for the team, I want to get a feel for everybody on the team," he said. "I know what the number one pick perception is coming in, so the biggest thing for me is to come in and reassure the team that I'm about playing winning basketball instead of just trying to live up to the hype or whatever. I want to be able to blend in, get a good flow in the offense, get the ball moving, things like that so that we can play good basketball and then move forward."

Head coach Dwane Casey will have plenty of time to evaluate Cunningham and figure out how to maximize his impact before the season tips off in October. But certain aspects of that process are pretty straightforward. Cunningham, a 6-foot-8 playmaker who can do everything on offense and defend multiple positions on defense, won't be hard to work into the game plan.

The Pistons run a scheme with a lot of overlap in responsibilities between point guard, shooting guard and small forward. Last season, Casey often spoke of the Pistons embracing the modern, positionless-approach to basketball. With Cunningham in tow, he wants to go



Like Cade Cunningham, Pistons guard Killian Hayes, above, is a playmaker who can also defend. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

even further in that direction.

It helps that Cunningham's potential running mate, Killian Hayes, is also a playmaker who can defend. Cunningham and Hayes will be 1A and 1B as ball-handlers, Casey said. He doesn't want to hand more responsibility to one over the other. Both of Detroit's lottery picks under Troy Weaver are being handed the keys.

"Everybody has a role, but again, it's playing basketball," Casey said. "It's not anything complicated and that's one thing I don't want to do is overthink. 'Well this guy's gotta do this, this guy's gotta do, no. It's basketball. We have certain roles for the one, two and three that are interchangeable and should be interchangeable, which will make those guys more difficult to guard. But (Cunningham is) comfortable doing anything, whether it's pick-and-roll, off the ball, defending a two, defending a three, he showed it today."

Casey said he isn't sure where their comfort level will be while sharing the floor together, but that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"We want them comfortable playing, but a little bit of being uncomfortable is good," Casey said. "I like them being uncomfortable right now. It's a time to be uncomfortable. Trying to get those guys a rhythm playing together, 1A and 1B, is not new. It's nothing that hasn't been done before. Getting a rhythm more than being comfortable is the terminology for what we use."

Summer league roster coming into focus

Because the NBA canceled last year's summer league due to the pandemic, most of Detroit's young players have yet to participate in one. It places extra importance on this year's summer league, which will run from Aug. 8-17, from a developmental standpoint.

Isaiah Livers, the 42nd pick of the 2021 draft, and Isaiah Stewart will sit out of summer league due to injury. Livers is recovering from a foot injury suffered during the Big Ten tournament, while Stewart is close to returning from an ankle injury during his time in Las Vegas with the USA Select Team.

Chris Smith, who signed a two-way contract with the Pistons last week, will also miss summer league as he continues to rehab an ACL injury suffered while at UCLA in January.

Otherwise, the Pistons should have a pretty stacked roster. Cunningham, Hayes, Saddiq Bey, Sekou Doumbouya, Luka Garza and Balsa Koprivica are all expected to attend. Koprivica is expected to join the team after the NBA clears Detroit's trade with the Charlotte Hornets.

Saben Lee and Frank Jackson, who were tendered qualifying offers last week and currently are in restricted free agency limbo, could also join. The summer league team will be coached by assistant coach JD DuBois.

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Camp

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back Connor Sherman came up with the idea for Sunshine Football Camp when he was in fourth grade; simply pairing a Plymouth football player with a child with special needs, guiding them through non-contact football drills and cheering them on.

But for Dana Bowen, it was something she had never seen before.

Her son, David, loves sports, whether it's playing with the Miracle League baseball team or playing football in the backyard.

David Bowen has Edward's Syndrome or Trisomy 18, a chromosomal abnormality that has led to 34 surgeries and causes him to use a wheelchair.

Plymouth senior guard and defensive end Charlie Tams' job was to make David a football player for a night, leading him through drills with a football in his hands.

"They don't know how much this means to our kids to be a part of this," Dana Bowen said. "Just to feel, not normal, but just to feel the excitement and being happy."

Stephanie Smyth, whose two sons Kolby and Kash have autism, said it's huge for her children to interact with young people instead of just being left by themselves.

"I think there's a misconception that these kids want to be left alone to their own space. But that's not actually it at all," Smyth, whose sons have been participating in the camp for years, said.

"They just want to know what reward they are going to get if they are interacting with somebody," she said. "What these guys are doing is they are engaging with them and encouraging them and motivating them to communicate with people even more."

"We can't just be in a place of tolerance anymore. There needs to be engagement and involvement and willingness to want to interact. This takes it a step further from 'We can tolerate special needs people,' to 'We're not afraid. We see you. You matter, and we want you to be a part of our community.'"

Sharing the glory of Friday nights

Brian Rochon knows this opportunity can be hard for Plymouth football players to grasp at their age. The former Wildcats assistant coach and current Livonia Churchill assistant has been helping Sherman develop the camp since its start.

Rochon sees the impact of a simple non-contact football camp, seeing the smiles on the kids' faces and the love from each hug he receives. But he knows that's something that may not click for every player.

"For the Plymouth players, it's an opportunity to show some humility and to show some community service," Rochon said. "The first time that we ask them to do this, a lot of them are a little skeptical... As much as I say, 'Guys, this is going to be your favorite night of the summer,' and they are always super skeptical. But the first time they do it, they want to come back."

Participating in his third camp, Tams led David Bowen from drill to drill, culminating in a run through the inflatable Wildcat at the end of the night, breaking a paper banner and receiving a trophy.

Tams knows the impact the two hours has on his team, making everyone come together for a common cause, uniting them around something bigger than themselves; seeing how big football can really be.

But all those feelings come later, during the dog days of August, as the players run the same drills they did at Sunshine Football Camp at full speed with that first game at Brighton on their minds.

In the present, on that given Friday night, it's not about them. It's about their "buddies," and making sure they feel like champions.

"They see the glory of us playing on Friday nights," Sherman said. "Just for them to have that for a night, it's super special for everyone involved."

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Watson

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to teach his 3-year-old the game he loved.

"It was not easy," Damon Watson said. "I just had to use mathematics. 'OK, we're going to hit 100 golf balls a day.' I added them up: 'That should be so many a month and so many a year, so by the age of 4, he should have so many golf shots in. He should be one of the best in the country at that point.' And that's what happened."

"We never gave up. If I only had \$10 in my pocket, it was going to the range. We were coming out here hitting balls."

Incrementally, Troy Watson began to improve on his game, traveling the country, winning multiple tour league championships by the age of 6. Until the age of 10, Damon Watson said his son was the top player in the state of Michigan in his age group.

Troy Watson doesn't remember much about how he learned the game of golf at that age. He admits it made an impact on him, defining his relationship between him and his father.

"Every time he talked to me about how he plays golf and how he learned from the game and what he did, it just puts motivation in me to get better," Troy Watson said. "I'll always enjoy playing golf and I'll always enjoy hearing those stories from my dad."

Shift of mindset

Golf success followed Watson into high school.

In his first year with the Spartans, the freshman kept his scoring average in the mid-70's, finishing 10 of 16 events as the lowest-scoring Stevenson golfer along with earning KLAA All-Conference honors.

But his mindset had to change. Golf was always an individual game to Troy Watson. He had to learn that his play affected those around him, something Damon Watson saw from the first tournament at Detroit Country Club.

"He got up on his own and he started doing drills that he hadn't done in a couple of years," Damon Watson said. "The morning of the first tournament, he doesn't want to let his teammates down or his new coach. That type of newness for the game to him ignited him and brought an energy he really hasn't shown for a while."

Troy Watson said it was a different



Troy Watson has high expectations for Livonia Stevenson after the team made its first state finals since 1998 this past season. COURTESY OF CURT HAY

type of atmosphere — working together as a team, evolving together and picking up his teammates — that made him step up out of his comfort zone, showing a level of determination and dedication that made him a leader in his first season.

That dedication and determination have turned to confidence. Watson's targets for his next season are to win a regional and finish All-Conference and top 10 in his class at the state finals, each of which he calls "easy goals."

"It did set some expectations for our team," Troy Watson said of his freshman season. "We know we can do this. We did this this year and we can do it the next year, maybe even better."

Who's next?

Watson's preparation for 2022 has already started, months after his first high school season ended.

It's a family affair: Damon Watson, accompanied by his wife Joan Nobert, drove Troy, Damo and their daughter Carolyn — who are both on track to play for the Spartans in the near future — to Carl's Golfland in Plymouth to get some work in on the driving range.

Each of them lined up next to each other, taking swing after swing, like Troy used to do when he was younger;

only the balls now travel farther and farther. Damon Watson's goal for Troy is to increase the distance of each ball, averaging over 300 yards instead of 270.

Damo's goal is to match his brother Troy. But Troy knows that his 12-year-old brother is already close to, if not matching, his ability, as is his 9-year-old sister.

"My brother, he's 12 right now... he's better than me than when I was 12," Troy said.

Troy pushes Carolyn and Damo to be better, and vice versa. Golf unites the three, bringing them closer most of the time, while also drifting them apart due to increased competition.

But the potential of each of his children is something Damon Watson really can't wrap his mind around at this point. All he can do is watch as they each take their swings on the driving range.

"I just try and take it one day at a time and continue with our principles and values as a family," he said.

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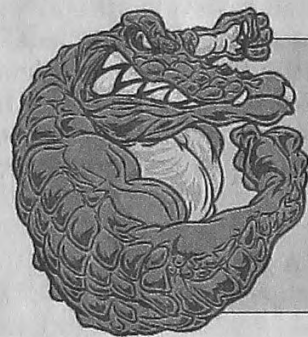
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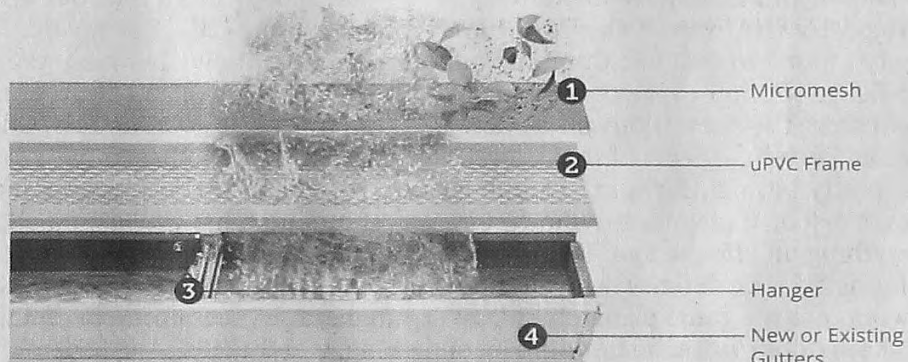
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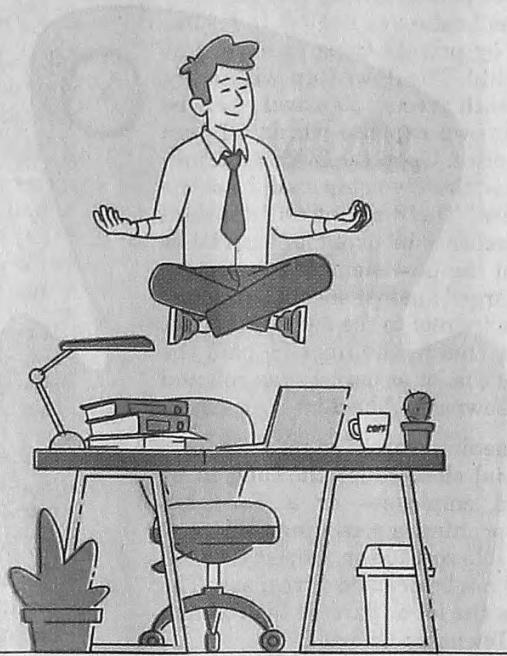
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Job News Roundup

By ZipRecruiter.com

This article provides a roundup of recent news stories related to employment.

- **Employers are offering sign-on bonuses to overcome hiring challenges.** For example, Sea World is offering \$1,000 bonuses to food and beverage workers. The city of Houston is using \$3,000 bonuses to attract garbage truck drivers. And Disney is offering \$1,000 sign-on bonuses for workers at its theme parks, just nine months after laying off 32,000.
- **Almost one in five young adults in the U.S. was neither working nor studying in the first quarter of 2021.** That's up 24%, from a year earlier, before many lost their jobs or deferred college enrollment during the Covid-19 pandemic. The figures are based on a report released this week by the Center for Economic Policy and Research. (*Bloomberg*)
- **Connecticut legalizes recreational marijuana.** On June 22, Connecticut became the 19th state to legalize recreational marijuana—and the fifth to do so just this year. (*New York Times*)
- **The percentage of workers testing positive for marijuana rose in 2020, and is up 44% since 2016.** That's according to Quest Diagnostics, one of the country's largest drug-testing laboratories. The highest positive rates for marijuana use were among accommodation and food services workers. (*Wall Street Journal*)
- **San Francisco will require all city employees to be vaccinated.** The



city of San Francisco said on June 23 that it would require all 35,000 of its employees to be vaccinated against Covid-19 or risk losing their jobs. As of Monday, June 28, city employees will have to show proof of their vaccination status within 30 days. City officials will allow workers to request exemptions on medical or religious grounds, but will redouble efforts to get every employee vaccinated. (*New York Times*)

• **A court has ruled that Indiana must continue to pay federal unemployment benefits.** Indiana canceled enhanced federal unemployment insurance benefits on June 19. But on

Friday, June 25, a judge granted a preliminary injunction and ordered that the state must continue to pay the federal government's unemployment benefits, arguing that the benefits are "instrumental in allowing Hoosiers to regain financial stability." Making the opposing argument, Indiana Governor Holcomb says that jobs are plentiful, the state unemployment rate is just 3.9%, and Indiana businesses are struggling to find workers. (*NBC5 Chicago*)

• **Kentucky announces re-employment bonuses.** Kentucky plans to continue paying federal unemployment benefits through September 6., but it also joined a small list of states offering return-to-work cash incentives. The state will pay up to 15,000 Kentuckians who are on unemployment insurance a \$1,500 bonus for rejoining the workforce by the end of July, using leftover funds from the CARES Act. Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Montana and Oklahoma have introduced similar programs. (*ABC News*)

• **Nevada is enacting a Right-to-Return Law for certain laid-off workers in the tourism industry.** Beginning July 1, under the Nevada Hospitality and Travel Workers Right to Return Act (SB 386), certain employers in the casino, hospitality, stadium and travel industries who have 30 or more employees must offer their former employees, who were laid off or furloughed due to the COVID-19

pandemic, the opportunity to return to work. (*SHRM*)

• **New York amended its HERO Act to give employers in the state a bit more breathing room.** Initially, the law would have required the New York Department of Labor to publish workplace health and safety standards by June 4, but the deadline has been extended to July 5, after which employers have 30 days to adopt a disease prevention plan, and 60 days to share it with staff. (*SHRM*)

• **New York City wants to ban fast-food restaurants from firing workers without cause, but the law could be blocked before it goes into effect.** Most workers in the U.S. are at-will employees, which means their employment can be terminated with or without cause at any time. A new law in New York City banning at-will employment for fast-food workers is scheduled to go into effect on July 5, but is widely expected to be blocked by the courts. (*New York Law Journal*)

• **The Colorado Supreme Court struck down 'use-it-or-lose-it' vacation policies.** The court ruled that Colorado employers must pay employees for earned but unused vacation pay at the end of their employment. Employers are not required to offer paid vacation time to employees. But if they do and employees earn paid time off, it will be considered as wages and employers will be obligated to pay departing employees for the vacation that they earned. (*SHRM*)

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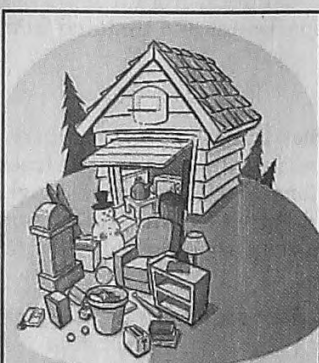
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Super Crossword HIDDEN STAIRS

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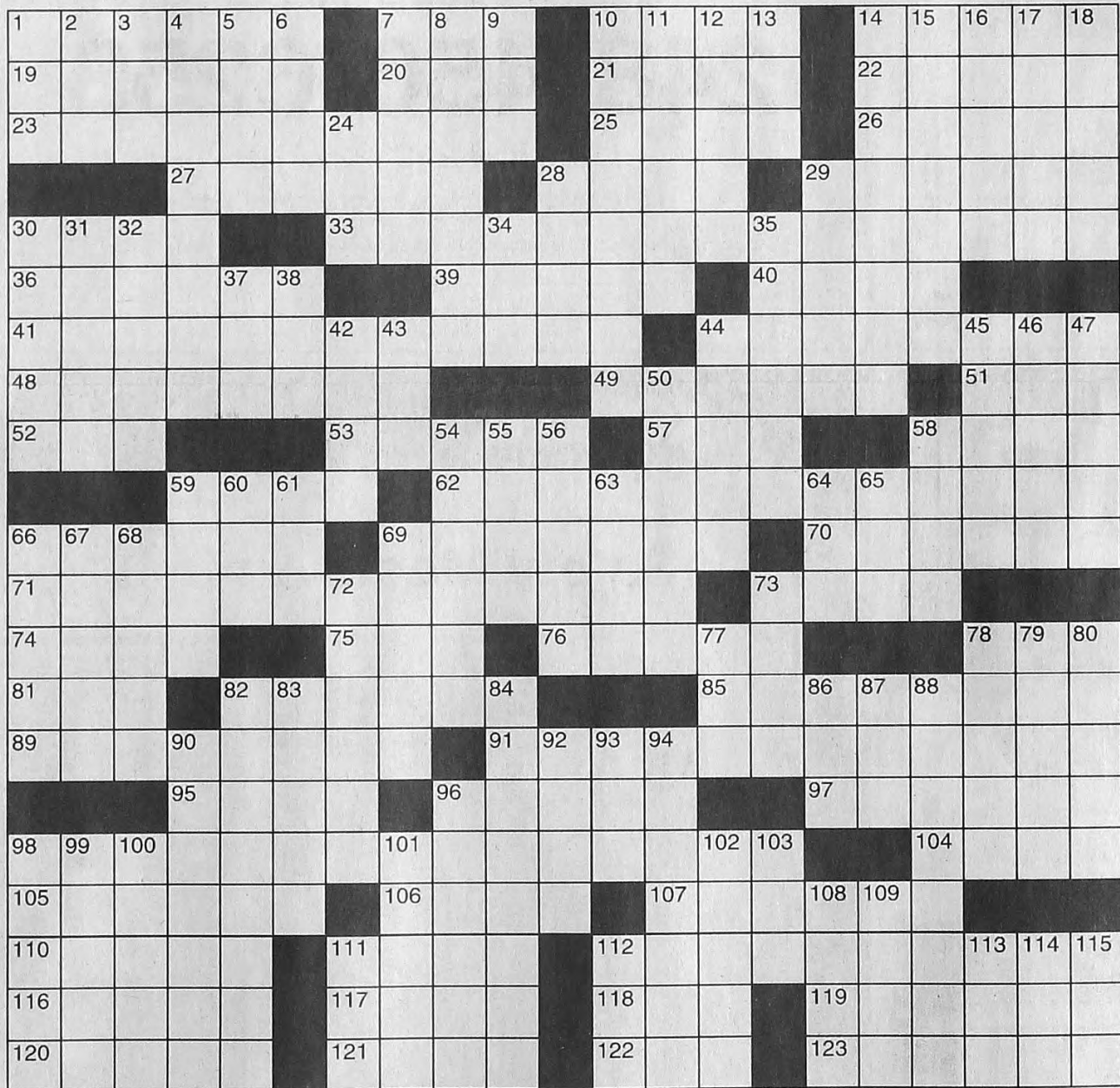
- 1 Hindu monks
- 7 Gorilla or gibbon
- 10 Baby doll call
- 14 Ignominy
- 19 Wound antiseptic
- 20 Nothing
- 21 Chilled
- 22 Tabloid VIP
- 23 Long poems in which animals speak and act like humans
- 25 Figure skater's jump
- 26 Drizzles, e.g.
- 27 Beethoven specialty
- 28 Much-shared GIF, maybe
- 29 Murmur continuously
- 30 Bodega, e.g.
- 33 Detecting of sweetness, flavor, etc.
- 36 Spiny-crested lizard
- 39 Place atop
- 40 Not busy
- 41 Installments of TV series that were not preserved
- 44 Biology and ecology, e.g.
- 48 It may be loose-leaf
- 49 Clan carvings
- 51 "— found it!"
- 52 Pub. houses hire them
- 53 One of the Judds
- 57 Cannes' Palme —
- 58 Actress Lena
- 59 Iris' place in the eye
- 62 Hindu social classes as they relate to government affairs
- 66 Cherishes
- 69 Taverns
- 70 Lord's home
- 71 1 Peter and Timothy, in the Bible
- 73 Armory stuff
- 74 Sister of Luke, in sci-fi
- 75 Seville cheer
- 76 Masterful
- 78 Fan noise
- 81 In time past
- 82 Dry gully
- 85 Road part for cyclists
- 89 "Huzzah!"
- 91 Crusty, cheesy brand in the frozen food aisle

DOWN

- 1 Salinger's "love and squalor" girl
- 2 Philosopher with a logical "razor"
- 3 Surrendered
- 4 In landfills
- 5 Get a look at
- 6 ET and such
- 7 Dried out
- 8 Sea demigod
- 9 Future pupa
- 10 Pre-'91 world power
- 11 Enter ... or what each of seven long answers in this puzzle has
- 12 Prepare to pray, say
- 13 Go higher
- 14 Old Olds
- 15 Conductor of impulses
- 16 Composer Camille
- 17 Saint- —
- 18 In time past
- 19 Age-verifying docs.
- 20 Trees that tremble
- 21 Sis, say
- 22 Adversity

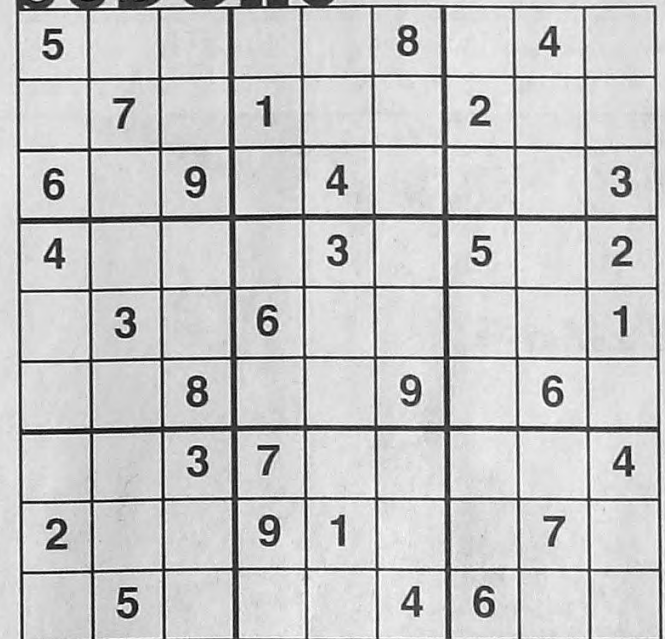
HIDDEN STAIRS

- 3 Org. for a periodontist
- 4 Say wrongly
- 5 Gung-ho on
- 6 In view
- 7 Ekberg of Hollywood
- 8 Blue Period artist Pablo
- 9 Overhead rails
- 10 Highway distance marker
- 11 Keen insight
- 12 Rhythm
- 13 Lumber tool
- 14 High ethical standards
- 15 Encourage
- 16 Court excuse
- 17 — Park (Edison's lab site)
- 18 Jed Clampett player Buddy
- 24 Singer Benatar
- 28 Parcel (out)
- 29 Make obscure
- 30 Pooh creator
- 31 Put up — fight
- 32 Undergoes oxidation
- 34 TV's Turner
- 35 Orator of old Rome
- 37 Neighbor of Colo.
- 38 GI address
- 42 Scottish isle
- 43 Pop music of Jamaica
- 44 Quits
- 45 Eyelashes, anatomically
- 46 Give the boot
- 47 Awareness
- 50 Danish port
- 54 Irish playwright Sean
- 55 Ale grain
- 56 Capri, e.g., to a Capriote
- 58 Filmmaker Preminger
- 59 Stellar bear
- 60 Dog healer
- 61 Ending for journal
- 63 Three- — sloth
- 64 NASA moon lander
- 65 Ending for journal
- 66 Insurer with a duck mascot
- 67 San — Bay
- 68 Stellar hunter
- 69 Grain storers
- 72 Redcap, e.g.
- 73 On the job
- 77 "POV" aier
- 78 Fogs
- 79 Open, as some jackets
- 80 John Irving's "A Prayer for Owen —"
- 82 Armories
- 83 Freeway exit inclines
- 84 Came to pass
- 86 Tavern cask
- 87 Green gp.
- 88 Adds pep to
- 90 Take revenge
- 92 "Behold!" to Brutus
- 93 Brutus' lang.
- 94 Sent forth
- 96 Ukraine city
- 98 Goes on foot
- 99 "George & —" (1990s talk show)
- 100 "Yes, —!" ("For sure!")
- 101 Actor Davis in many Spike Lee films
- 102 Creme-filled cookies
- 103 Puppy bite
- 108 Funny Fey
- 109 Wallet singles
- 111 Internet ID
- 112 — Lankan
- 113 Fury
- 114 Comedian Rickles
- 115 USNA grad.



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SUDOKU



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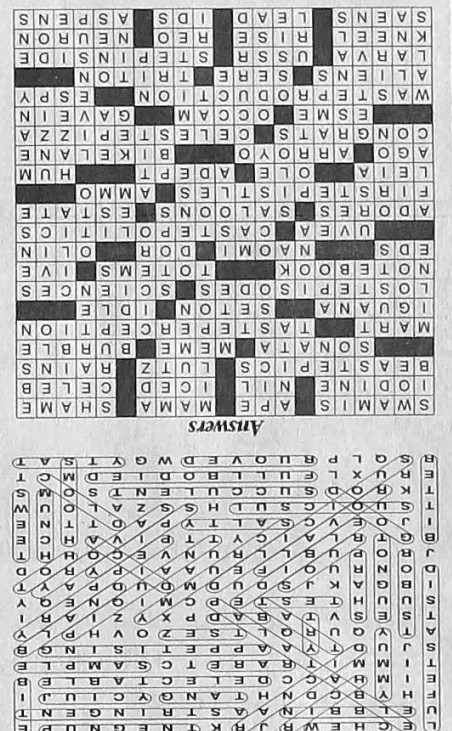
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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.



ANSWER KEY

- ACID
- APPETISING
- ASTRINGENT
- BAD
- BITE
- BITTER
- BLAND
- CHEW
- COLD
- DELECTABLE
- DELICIOUS
- DEVOUR
- DISTASTEFUL
- EDIBLE
- FLAVOR
- FULL-BODIED
- GOOD
- HOT
- JUICY
- LUSCIOUS
- MUNCH
- NIBBLE
- PALATABLE
- PEPPERY
- PIQUANT
- PUNGENT
- RANCID
- RARE
- RICH
- ROBUST
- SALTY
- SAMPLE
- SAVORY
- SCRUMMY
- SHARP
- SMOOTH
- SOUR
- SPICY
- SUCCULENT
- SWEET
- TANG
- TART
- TASTY
- TEST
- TONGUE
- TRY
- YUMMY
- ZEST



9	3	3	9						
4	6	4	8	4	2	1	5	7	5
2	4	6	9	1	3	8	7	5	
8	3	3	7	6	5	1	2	4	
1	2	8	4	5	9	3	6	7	
9	3	6	2	7	4	8	1		
4	7	8	3	1	5	9	2		
6	8	9	5	4	2	7	1	3	
3	7	4	1	6	9	2	5	8	
5	1	2	3	7	8	9	4	6	



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GET A JOB
FIND A HOUSE
BUY A BOAT
FIND A TREASURE
GET A MASSAGE
HIRE A HANDYMAN

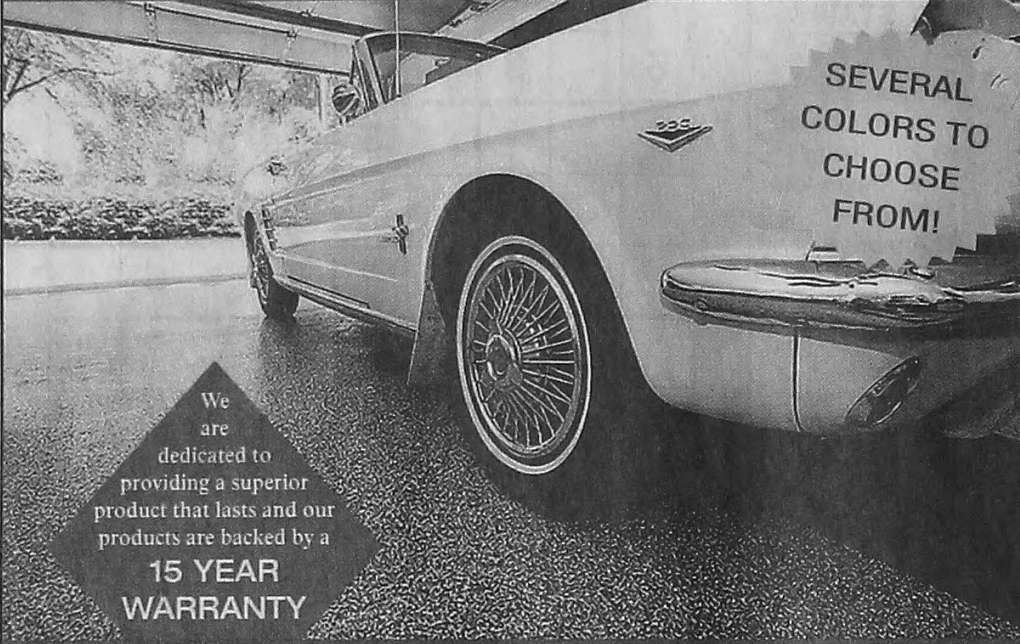
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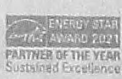
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